

# Hodgkin-Huxley Piecewise Deterministic Markov Process

## Hodgkin-Huxley Context

The Hodgkin-Huxley piecewise deterministic markov process is a model introduced by Alan Hodgkin and Andrew Huxley in 1952 with the paper "A quantitative description of membrane current and its application to conduction and excitation in nerve (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/12991237/>).". The Hodgkin-Huxley model targets the initiation and propagation of an action potential in a neuron (e.g. current carried through a neuron with ions penetrating or charging its membrane).

As such, the capacitive current or capacitance flowing through the neuron's membrane is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= C_m \frac{dV}{dt} + I_{ion} \\ C_m \frac{dV}{dt} &= -I_{ion} \\ I_{ion} &= g_{Na} m^3 h (V - E_{Na}) + g_K n^4 (V - E_K) + g_L (V - E_L) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- $I$  is current per unit area
- $C_m$  is the capacitance (constant)
- $V$  is the membrane voltage/potential
- $I_{ion}$  is the current source caused by the Sodium (Na), Potassium (K) and other leaking (L) ions
- $g_i$  is the electrical conductance of voltage-gated  $i$ -ion channels of the gates  $m$ ,  $n$ , and  $h$
- $E$  is the equilibrium potential (voltage sources) of the gates associated with Sodium (Na), Potassium (K) and other leaking (L) ions

The Hodgkin-Huxley equation above is complemented with the following three differential equations:

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

The rate constants  $\forall i \in \{Na, K, L\}$ ,  $\alpha_i$  and  $\beta_i$  are rate functions estimated by fitting empirical functions of voltage to the experimental data in the Hodgkin-Huxley paper such that:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_n &= 0.01 (V + 10) / \left( \exp \frac{V + 10}{10} - 1 \right), \\ \beta_n &= 0.125 \exp (V/80), \\ \alpha_m &= 0.1 (V + 25) / \left( \exp \frac{V + 25}{10} - 1 \right), \\ \beta_m &= 4 \exp (V/18), \\ \alpha_h &= 0.07 \exp (V/20), \\ \beta_h &= 1 / \left( \exp \frac{V + 30}{10} + 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

In the original model, Hodgkin and Huxley established that there were three identical activation gates  $m$  and one gate  $h$  to explain the Sodium (Na) current, and four identical activation gates  $n$  for the Potassium (K) current.

## Simulating an example Hodgkin-Huxley PDMP

### GOAL

We are interested in implementing the Hodgkin-Huxley model described above with one hundred gates/doors of each time ( $m$ ,  $h$ , and  $n$ ).

As such, we will first implement the original model shown above, using  $m$ ,  $h$ , and  $n$  as inputs to modulate the HHPDMP outputs. Then we will implement the example with 100 doors of each type.

# METHOD

## Setup:

We consider 3 types of doors  $m$ ,  $h$ , and  $n$  such that:

- With  $t$  a given timestep,  $\forall i \in \{m, h, n\}$ ,  $N^i$  is the number of doors  $X_t^i$  of type  $i$
- Each door of type  $i$  has two states 0 and 1 with respective transition probabilities:

$$\forall i \in \{m, h, n\}, \mathbb{P}_i(0 \rightarrow 1) = \alpha_i(V_t) \\ \mathbb{P}_i(1 \rightarrow 0) = \beta_i(V_t)$$

We consider  $\hat{m}_t$ ,  $\hat{h}_t$ , and  $\hat{n}_t$  the respective proportion of open doors of each type such that:

$$\hat{m}_t = \frac{1}{N^m} \sum_{i=1}^{N^m} X_t^{m,i} \\ \hat{h}_t = \frac{1}{N^h} \sum_{i=1}^{N^h} X_t^{h,i} \\ \hat{n}_t = \frac{1}{N^n} \sum_{i=1}^{N^n} X_t^{n,i}$$

The regimes of a Hodgkin-Huxley PDMP corresponds to the *whole* state  $(\frac{k^m}{N^m}, \frac{k^h}{N^h}, \frac{k^n}{N^n})$  or  $(\hat{m}_t, \hat{h}_t, \hat{n}_t)$  where  $\forall i \in \{m, h, n\}$ ,  $k^i$  corresponds to the number of open doors (i.e.  $X_t^i = 1$ ) The dynamics of  $(\hat{V}_t)$  between the jumps is:

$$C_m \frac{d}{dt} \hat{V}_t = -g_L(\hat{V}_t - E_L) - \bar{g}_{Na}(\frac{k^m}{N^m})^3 \frac{k^h}{N^h} (\hat{V}_t - E_{Na}) - \bar{g}_K(\frac{k^n}{N^n})^4 (\hat{V}_t - E_K) \\ = -g_L(\hat{V}_t - E_L) - \bar{g}_{Na}(\hat{m}_t)^3 \hat{h}_t (\hat{V}_t - E_{Na}) - \bar{g}_K(\hat{n}_t)^4 (\hat{V}_t - E_K)$$

The jumps for each type of door occur at rates:

$$\hat{m}^t \text{ jumps to } \begin{cases} \hat{m}^t - \frac{1}{N^m} & \text{at rate } N^m \beta_m(\hat{V}_t) \hat{m}_t \\ \hat{m}^t + \frac{1}{N^m} & \text{at rate } N^m \alpha_m(\hat{V}_t) (1 - \hat{m}_t) \end{cases} \\ \hat{h}^t \text{ jumps to } \begin{cases} \hat{h}^t - \frac{1}{N^h} & \text{at rate } N^h \beta_h(\hat{V}_t) \hat{h}_t \\ \hat{h}^t + \frac{1}{N^h} & \text{at rate } N^h \alpha_h(\hat{V}_t) (1 - \hat{h}_t) \end{cases} \\ \hat{n}^t \text{ jumps to } \begin{cases} \hat{n}^t - \frac{1}{N^n} & \text{at rate } N^n \beta_n(\hat{V}_t) \hat{n}_t \\ \hat{n}^t + \frac{1}{N^n} & \text{at rate } N^n \alpha_n(\hat{V}_t) (1 - \hat{n}_t) \end{cases}$$

With rates  $\alpha_m, \alpha_h, \alpha_n, \beta_m, \beta_h$ , and  $\beta_n$  as stated in the original paper:

$$\alpha_n = 0.01 (V + 10) / \left( \exp \frac{V + 10}{10} - 1 \right), \\ \beta_n = 0.125 \exp (V/80), \\ \alpha_m = 0.1 (V + 25) / \left( \exp \frac{V + 25}{10} - 1 \right), \\ \beta_m = 4 \exp (V/18), \\ \alpha_h = 0.07 \exp (V/20), \\ \beta_h = 1 / \left( \exp \frac{V + 30}{10} + 1 \right). \\ \text{(as previously stated)}$$

## Simulation method:

We rely on a so-called “rough algorithm” such that, given small time steps  $\delta$ , we perform the following update at each time step:

$$\hat{V}_{t+\delta} \approx \hat{V}_t + \delta \frac{d\hat{V}_t}{dt}$$

Where:

$$\forall i \in \{m, h, n\},$$

$$N^i = 100$$

$$\hat{i}_{t+\delta} = \begin{cases} \hat{i}^t & \text{w/ proba. } 1 - \delta \cdot N^i \cdot [\beta_i(\hat{V}_t) \cdot \hat{i}_t + \alpha_i(\hat{V}_t) \cdot (1 - \hat{i}_t)] \\ \hat{i}^t - \frac{1}{N^i} & \text{w/ proba. } \delta \cdot N^i \cdot \beta_i(\hat{V}_t) \cdot \hat{i}_t \\ \hat{i}^t + \frac{1}{N^i} & \text{w/ proba. } \delta \cdot N^i \cdot \alpha_i(\hat{V}_t) \cdot (1 - \hat{i}_t) \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{V}_t = \frac{-g_L(\hat{V}_t - E_L) - \bar{g}_{Na}(\hat{n}_t)^3 \hat{h}_t(\hat{V}_t - E_{Na}) - \bar{g}_K(\hat{n}_t)^4(\hat{V}_t - E_K)}{C_m}$$

And where the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  rate functions are taken from the original paper along with the following parameters:

TABLE 3

Constant (1)	Value chosen (2)	Experimental values		Reference (5)
		Mean (3)	Range (4)	
$C_M$ ( $\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$ )	1.0	0.91	0.8 to 1.5	Table 1, Hodgkin <i>et al.</i> (1952)
$V_{Na}$ (mV)	-115	-109	-95 to -119	p. 455, Hodgkin & Huxley (1952a)
$V_K$ (mV)	+ 12	+ 11	+ 9 to + 14	Table 3, values for low temperature in sea water, Hodgkin & Huxley (1952b)
$V_i$ (mV)	-10.613*	- 11	- 4 to - 22	Table 5, Hodgkin & Huxley (1952b)
$\bar{g}_{Na}$ (m.mho/cm <sup>2</sup> )	120	{ 80 160	{ 65 to 90 120 to 260	Fully analysed results, Table 2† } Hodgkin & Huxley (1952a)
$\bar{g}_K$ (m.mho/cm <sup>2</sup> )	36	34	26 to 49	Fresh fibres, p. 465†
$\bar{g}_i$ (m.mho/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.3	0.26	0.13 to 0.50	p. 463, Hodgkin & Huxley (1952a) Table 5, Hodgkin & Huxley (1952b)

\* Exact value chosen to make the total ionic current zero at the resting potential ( $V = 0$ ).

† The experimental values for  $\bar{g}_{Na}$  were obtained by multiplying the peak sodium conductances by factors derived from the values chosen for  $\alpha_m$ ,  $\beta_m$ ,  $\alpha_h$ , and  $\beta_h$ .

Function implementations:

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# Declares all intermediary rate functions alpha_i and beta_i

# Alpha and Beta rate function from original paper
am <- function(V) 0.1*(V+25)/(exp((V+25)/10)-1)
ah <- function(V) 0.07*exp(V/20)
an <- function(V) 0.01*(V+10)/(exp((V+10)/10)-1)
bm <- function(V) 4*exp(V/18)
bh <- function(V) 1/(exp((V+30)/10)+1)
bn <- function(V) 0.125*exp(V/80)

# Declares the V-differential function
dvdv <- function(V, Vl, Vna, Vk, gl, gna, gk, m, h, n, C) {
  -1/C * (gl*(V-Vl) + gna*m^3*h*(V-Vna) + gk*n^4*(V-Vk))
}

# Declares a generic function to update m, h, or n
update <- function(i, Ni, V, alpha, beta, delta) {
  # Draws uniformly a RV, and computes the jump probabilities
  proba_down = Ni*beta(V)*i*delta
  proba_up = Ni*alpha(V)*(1-i)*delta
  uniform_draw = runif(1, 0, 1)
  # Checks whether a jump occurs or not
  if (uniform_draw <= proba_down) {
    return(i - 1/Ni)
  } else if (uniform_draw <= proba_down + proba_up) {
    return(i + 1/Ni)
  } else {
    return(i)
  }
}

hodgkin_huxley_PDMP <- function(
  time_length, timestep,
  C,
  Vl, Vna, Vk,
  m, h, n,
  gl, gna, gk,
  Nm, Nh, Nn,
  am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
  V, Vr=0
) {
  ### Hudgkin Huxley PDMP function using a rough algorithm
  ### relying on jump probabilities at given small timesteps delta
  # Declares the return space
  V = + V - Vr # negative depolarization in mV
  interval = matrix(seq(0, time_length, timestep))
  V_seq = matrix(rep(V, length(interval)))
  m_seq = matrix(rep(m, length(interval)))
  h_seq = matrix(rep(h, length(interval)))
  n_seq = matrix(rep(n, length(interval)))
  # Performs the iterative update per timestep
  for (i in 2:length(interval)) {
    # Updates m, h, and n
    m_seq[i] = update(m_seq[i-1,], Nm, V_seq[i-1,], am, bm, timestep)
    h_seq[i] = update(h_seq[i-1,], Nh, V_seq[i-1,], ah, bh, timestep)
    n_seq[i] = update(n_seq[i-1,], Nn, V_seq[i-1,], an, bn, timestep)
    # Updates V
    V_seq[i] = V_seq[i-1,] + timestep*dvdv(
      V_seq[i-1,], Vl, Vna, Vk, gl, gna, gk,
      m_seq[i,], h_seq[i,], n_seq[i,], C
    )
  }
  # Plots the resulting simulation
  par(mfrow = c(2, 2), mar=c(2.8,2.5,2.5,2), mgp=c(1.8, 0.75, 0))
  # OF NOTE: the paper displays the V values as its negative
  # see example graph page 537 here:
  # https://physiology.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/hodgkinhuxley1952\_0.pdf
  plot(interval, -V_seq, type="l", col='red',

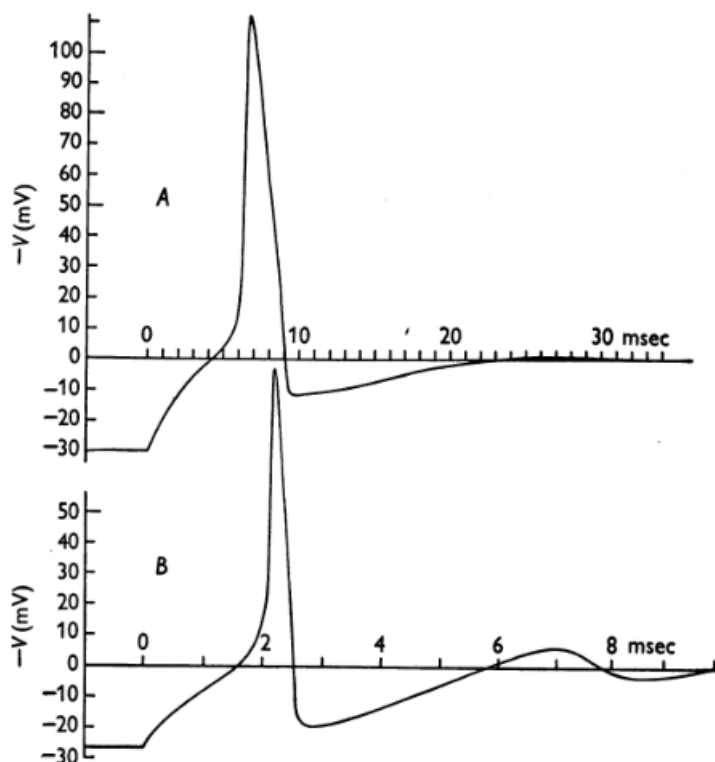
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    xlab="mS", ylab="-V(mV)")
plot(interval, m_seq, type="l", col='blue',
      xlab="mS", ylab="Proportion open m gates")
plot(interval, h_seq, type="l", col='green',
      xlab="mS", ylab="Proportion open h gates")
plot(interval, n_seq, type="l", col='purple',
      xlab="mS", ylab="Proportion open n gates")
title = paste("Simulation results over", time_length, "(milliseconds)\n",
              "with a timestep of", timestep, "(milliseconds)")
mtext(title, side = 1, line = -29, outer=TRUE)
# Returns
return(list(
  "timesteps"=interval,
  "V"=V_seq, "-V"=-V_seq,
  "m"=m_seq, "h"=h_seq, "n"=n_seq
))
}

```

Of note, up until now, we have shown the modeling of  $V$  (in microVolt  $mV$ ). In the original paper, the authors then switch to data visualizing the modeling of  $V$  via its inverse  $-V$  such as in page 537 here ([https://physiology.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/hodgkinhuxley1952\\_0.pdf](https://physiology.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/hodgkinhuxley1952_0.pdf)) and reproduced below:



As such, the function declared above returns both  $V$  and  $-V$  but will only display graphically the latter to keep with the original paper's format.

## RESULTS - Simulation with the Rough algorithm

Declaring the general parameter space:

Parameters	Value	Note
length	100	milliseconds
timestep $\delta$	0.01	milliseconds
$C_m$	1	taken from original paper
$V_l$	-10.615	taken from original paper
$V_{Na}$	-115	taken from original paper
$V_k$	12	taken from original paper

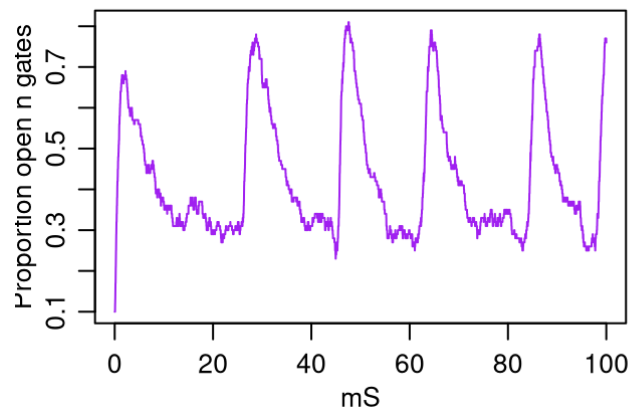
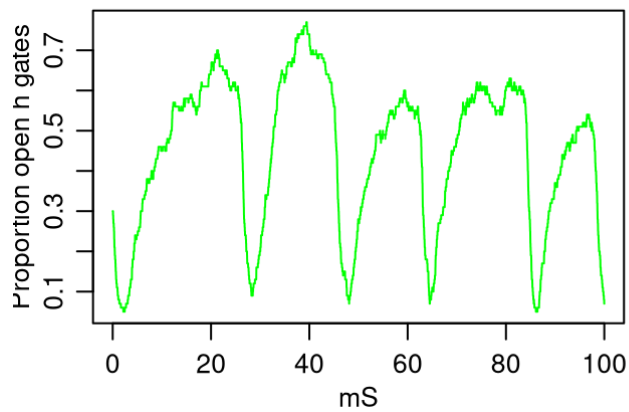
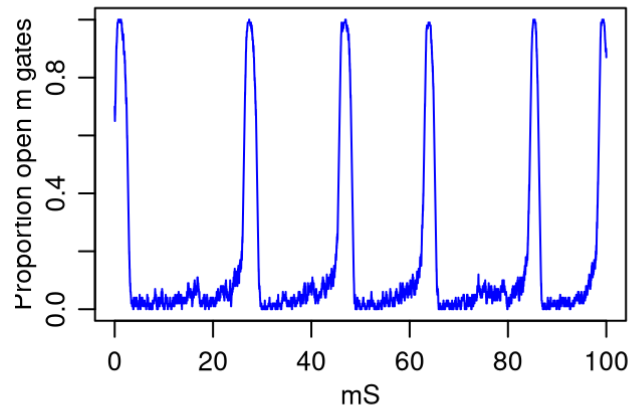
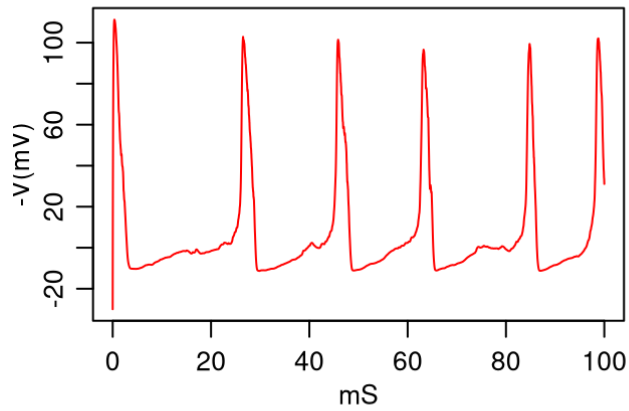
Parameters	Value	Note
$m$	0.7	arbitrary choice
$h$	0.3	arbitrary choice
$n$	0.1	arbitrary choice
$g_l$	0.3	taken from original paper
$g_{Na}$	120	taken from original paper
$g_k$	36	taken from original paper
$N_m$	100	arbitrary choice
$N_h$	100	arbitrary choice
$N_n$	100	arbitrary choice
$V$	30	taken from original paper
$V_r$	0	taken from original paper

```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 100    # arbitrary choice
timestep     = 0.01   # arbitrary choice
C            = 1      # paper OG value (resting potential 0)
# Conductance levels
Vl           = -10.613 # paper OG value (resting potential 0)
Vna          = -115    # paper OG value (resting potential 0)
Vk           = 12      # paper OG value (resting potential 0)
# Initial open proportions
m            = 0.7     # arbitrary choice
h            = 0.3     # arbitrary choice
n            = 0.1     # arbitrary choice
# Conductance values
gl           = 0.3     # paper OG value (resting potential 0)
gna          = 120     # paper OG value (resting potential 0)
gk           = 36      # paper OG value (resting potential 0)
# number of doors
Nm           = 100     # arbitrary choice
Nh           = 100     # arbitrary choice
Nn           = 100     # arbitrary choice
# Membrane displacement potential (negative depolarization)
V            = 30      # arbitrary choice (original paper has V starting around 30)
# For V, see page 536 here:
# https://physiology.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/hodgkinhuxley1952_0.pdf
Vr           = 0       # paper OG value (resting potential 0)
```

Varying the timelength with a given timestep of 0.01:

```
simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
    time_length, timestep,
    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
    gl, gna, gk,
    Nm, Nh, Nn,
    am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
    V, Vr
)
```

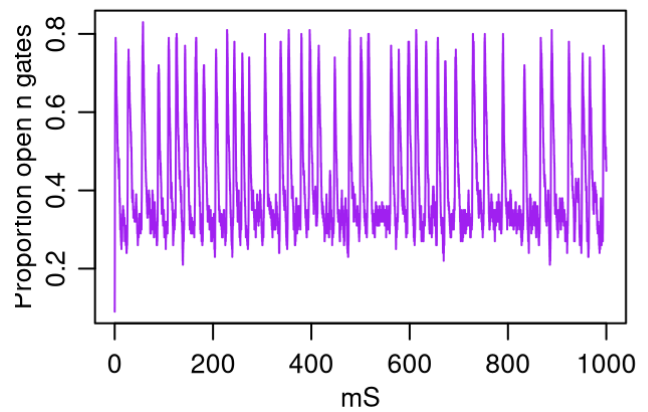
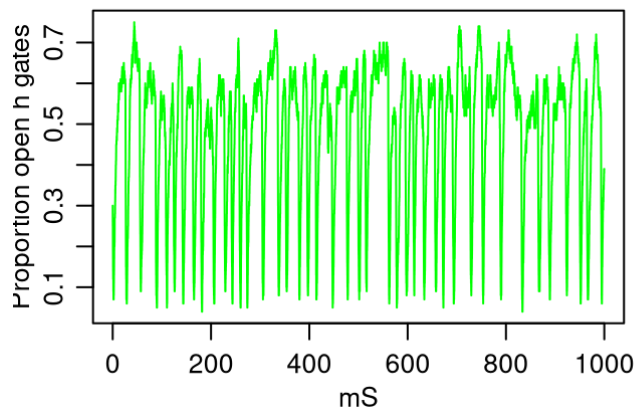
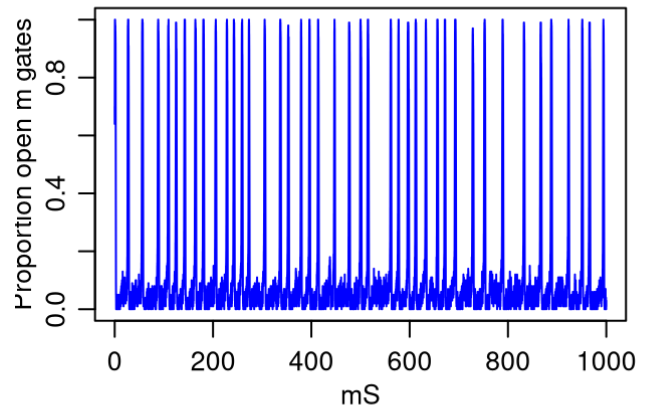
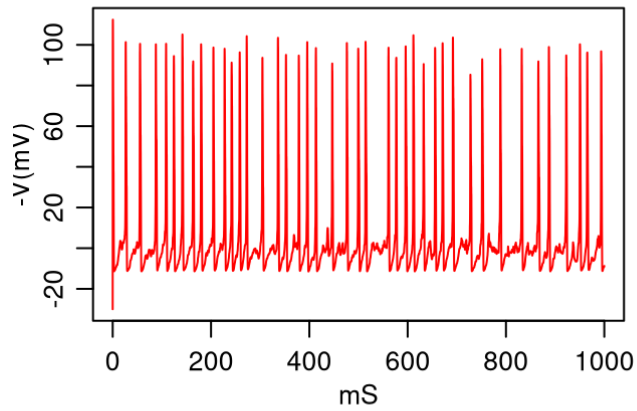
Simulation results over 100 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.01 (milliseconds)



```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 1000 # arbitrary choice

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
    time_length, timestep,
    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
    gl, gna, gk,
    Nm, Nh, Nn,
    am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
    V, Vr
)
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Simulation results over 1000 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.01 (milliseconds)

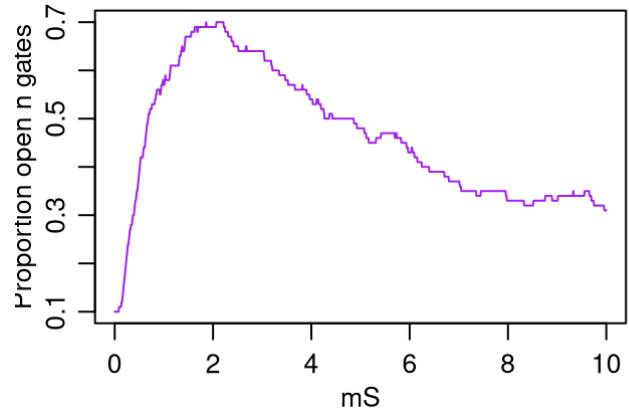
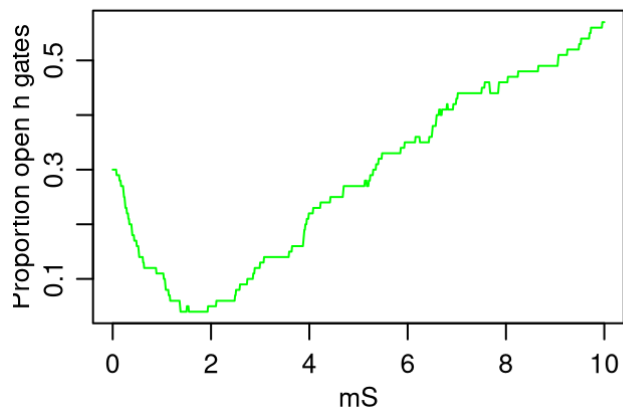
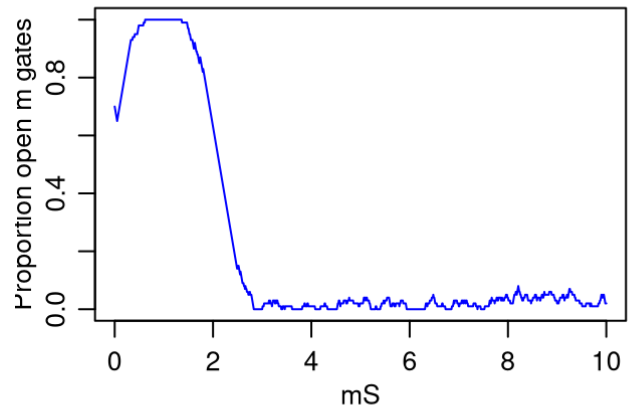
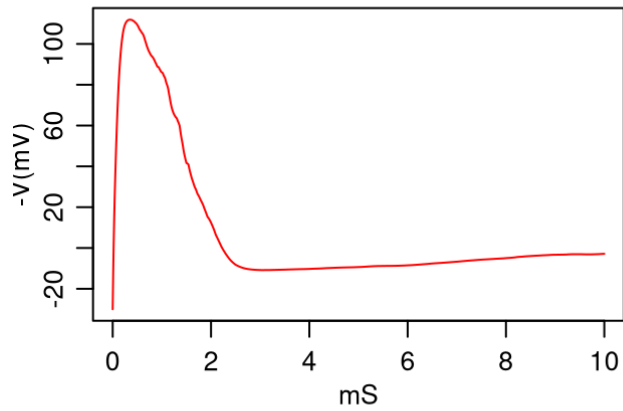


```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 10 # arbitrary choice

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
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    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
    gl, gna, gk,
    Nm, Nh, Nn,
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    V, Vr
)
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Simulation results over 10 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.01 (milliseconds)

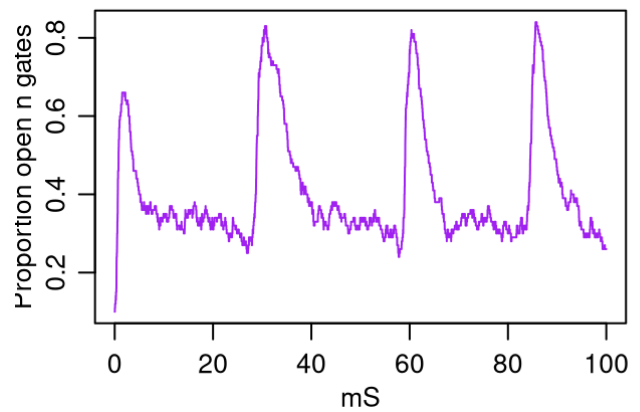
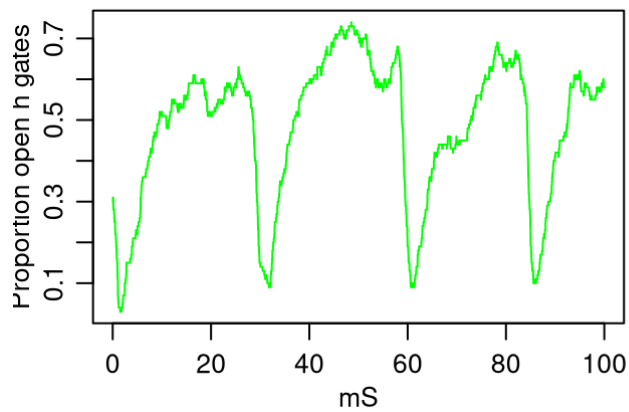
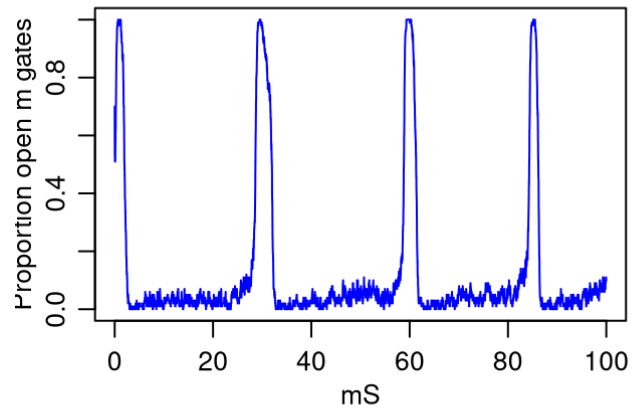
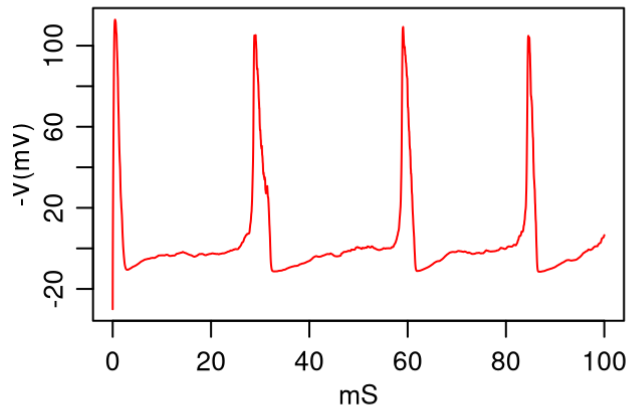


Varying the timelength with a given timestep of 0.001:

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# Declares parameters
time_length = 100 # arbitrary choice
timestep    = 0.001 # arbitrary choice

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
    time_length, timestep,
    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
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    am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
    V, Vr
)
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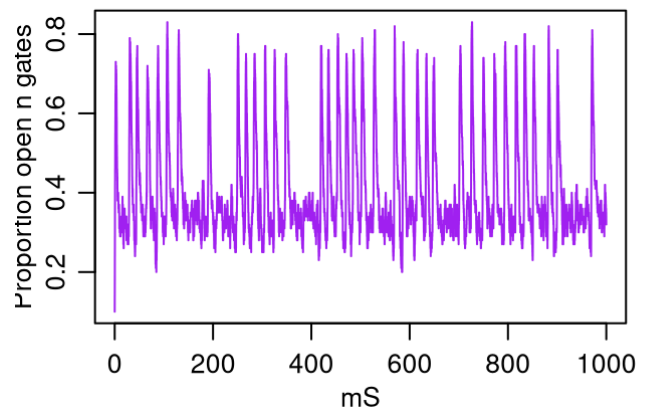
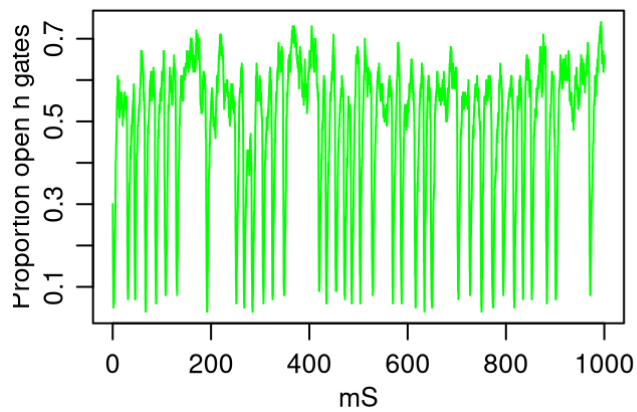
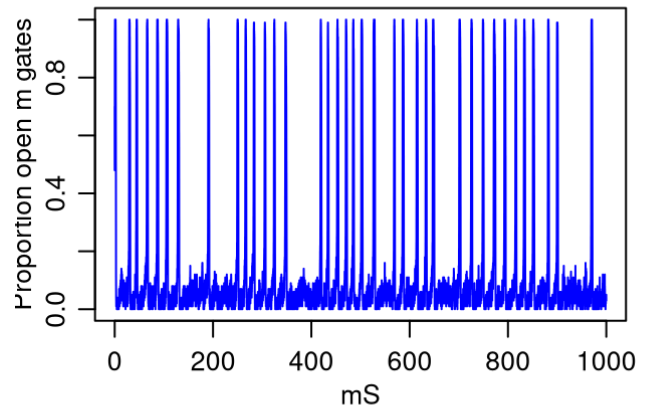
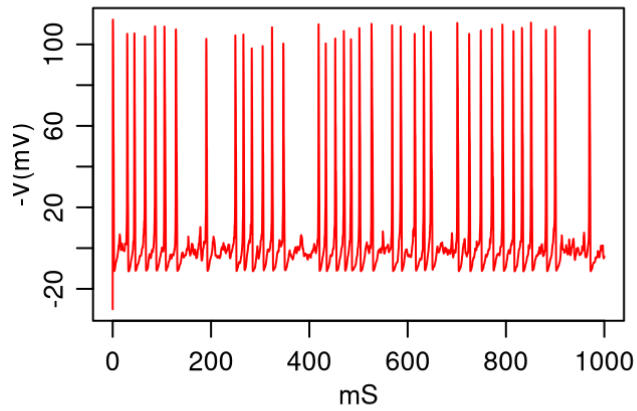
Simulation results over 100 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.001 (milliseconds)



```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 1000 # arbitrary choice

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
    time_length, timestep,
    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
    gl, gna, gk,
    Nm, Nh, Nn,
    am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
    V, Vr
)
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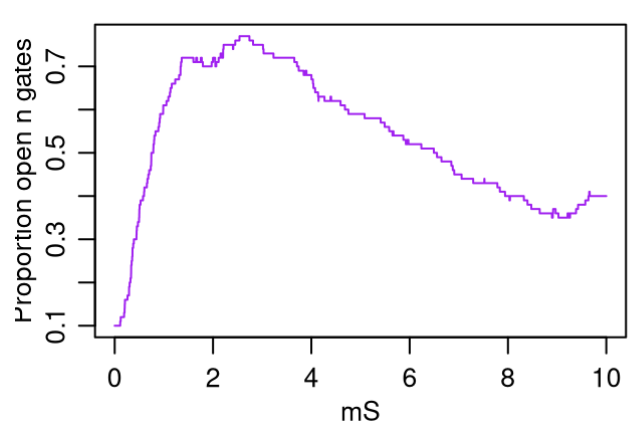
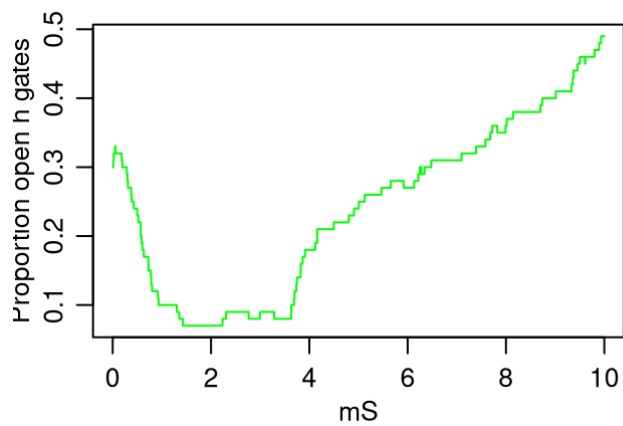
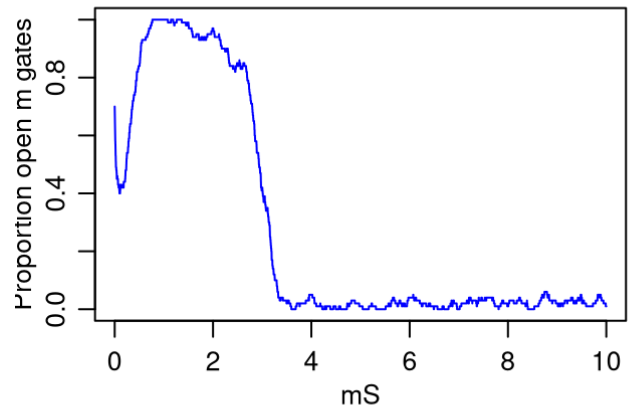
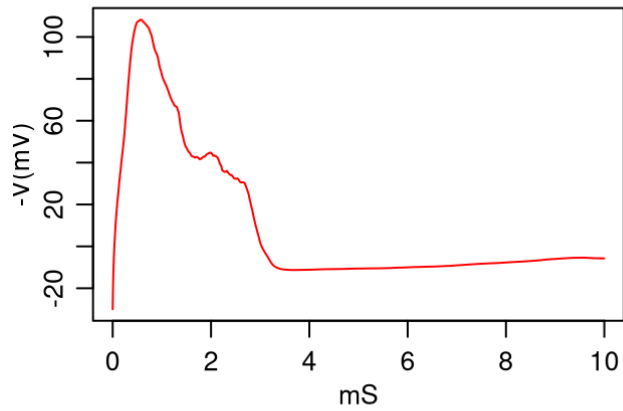
Simulation results over 1000 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.001 (milliseconds)



```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 10 # arbitrary choice

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
    time_length, timestep,
    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
    gl, gna, gk,
    Nm, Nh, Nn,
    am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
    V, Vr
)
```

Simulation results over 10 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.001 (milliseconds)

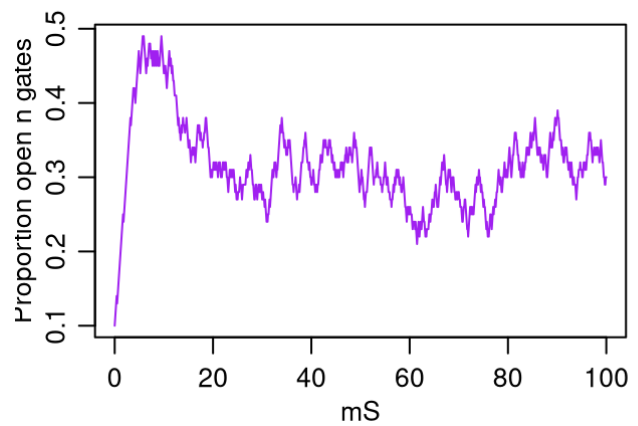
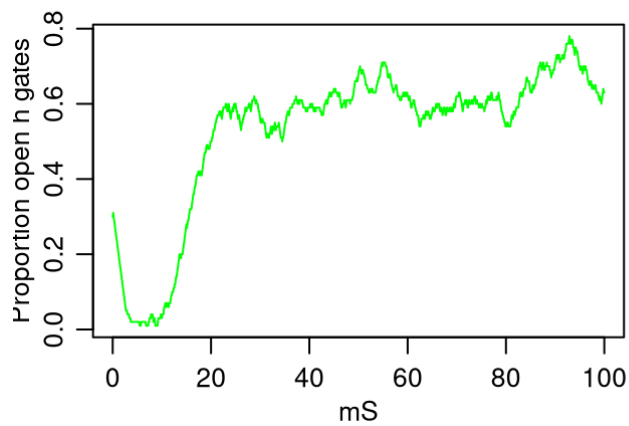
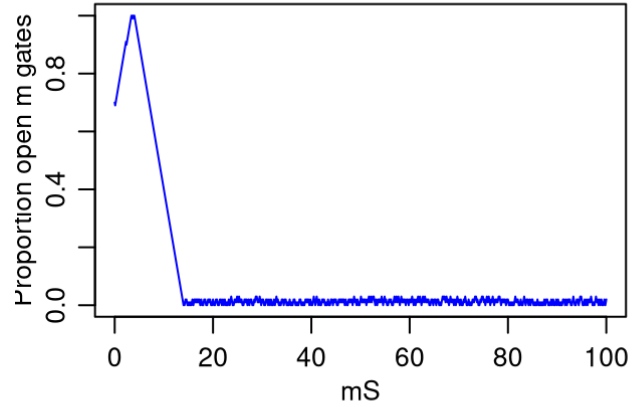
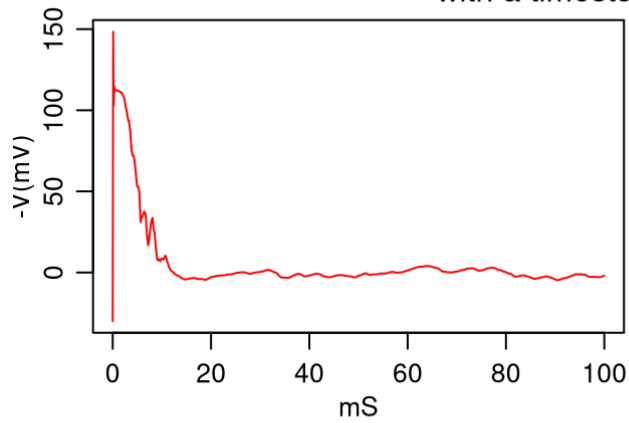


Varying the timelength with a given timestep of 0.1:

```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 100 # arbitrary choice
timestep    = 0.1 # arbitrary choice

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
    time_length, timestep,
    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
    gl, gna, gk,
    Nm, Nh, Nn,
    am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
    V, Vr
)
```

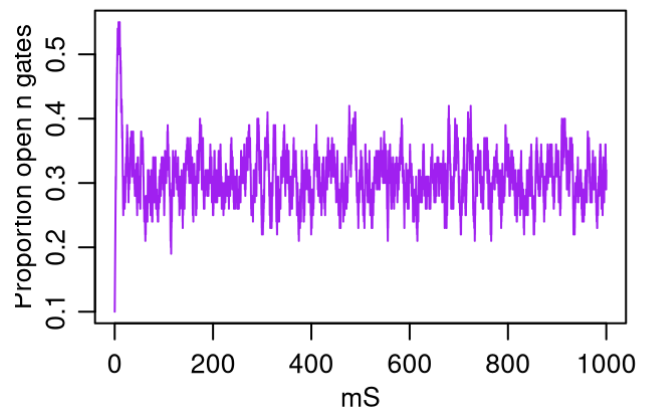
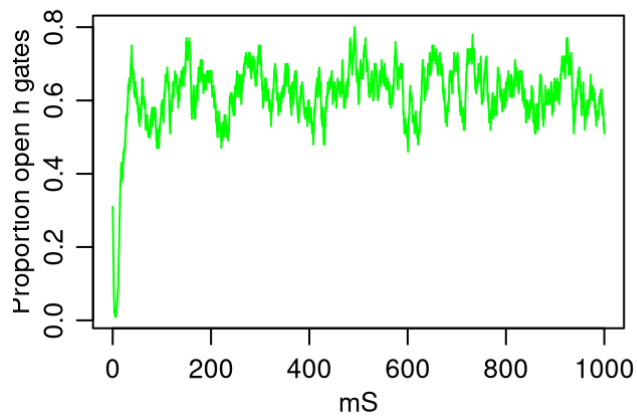
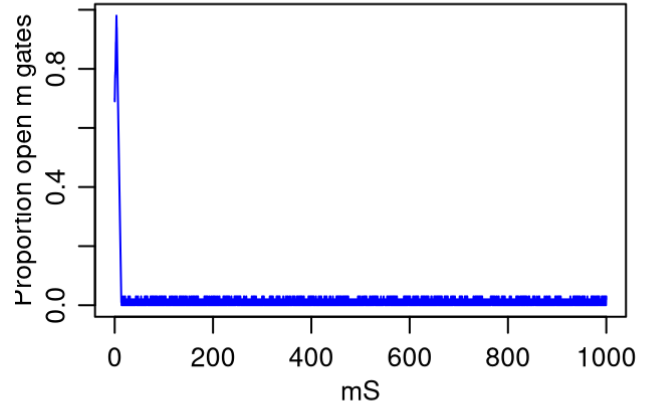
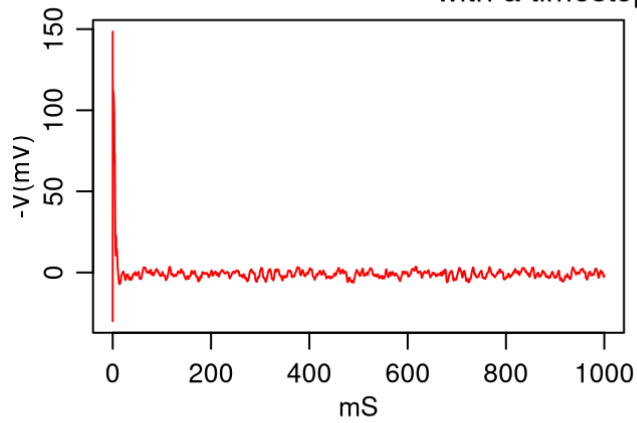
Simulation results over 100 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.1 (milliseconds)



```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 1000 # arbitrary choice

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
    time_length, timestep,
    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
    gl, gna, gk,
    Nm, Nh, Nn,
    am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
    V, Vr
)
```

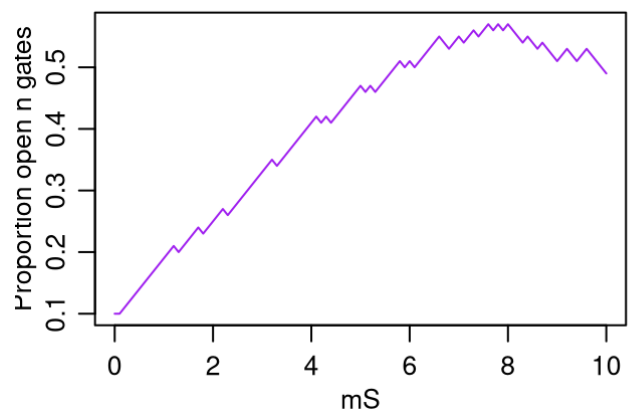
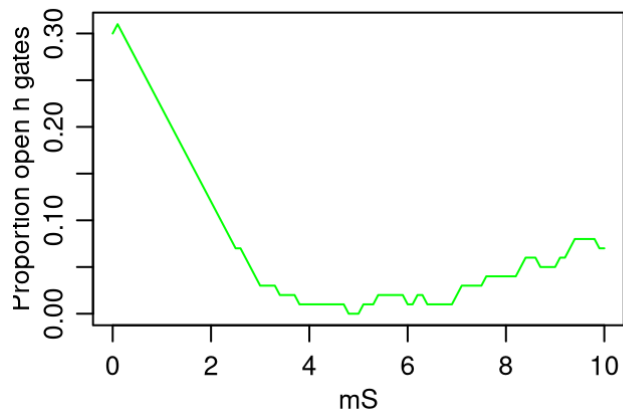
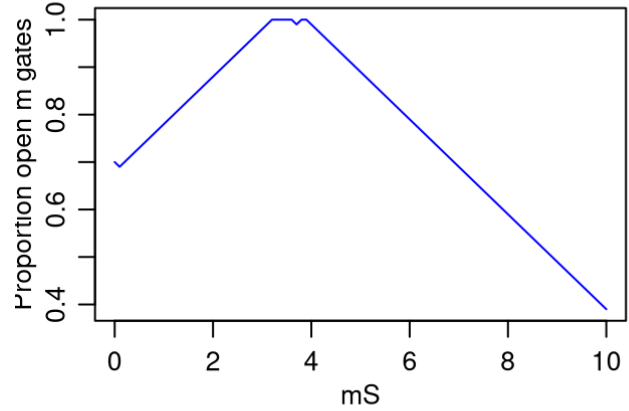
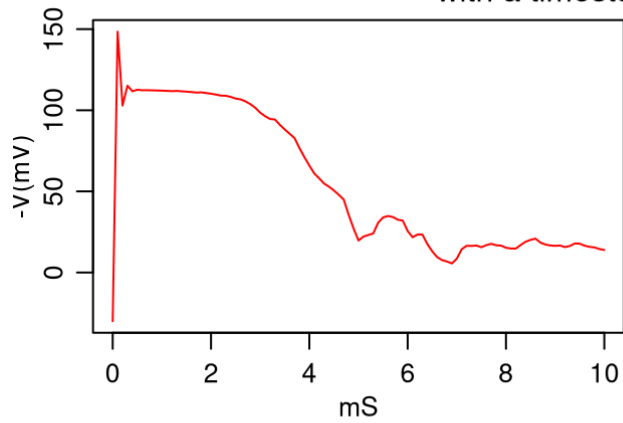
Simulation results over 1000 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.1 (milliseconds)



```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 10 # arbitrary choice

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
    time_length, timestep,
    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
    gl, gna, gk,
    Nm, Nh, Nn,
    am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
    V, Vr
)
```

Simulation results over 10 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.1 (milliseconds)

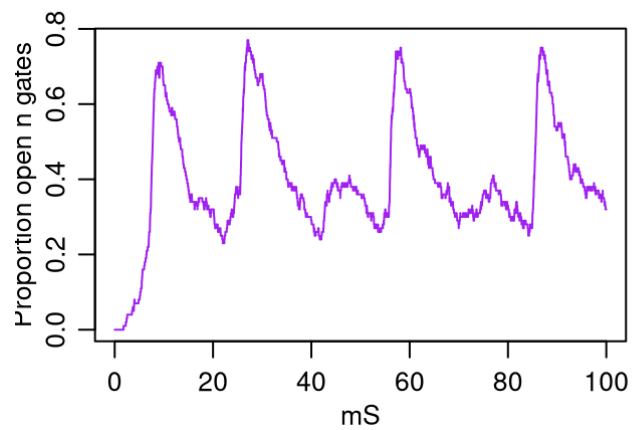
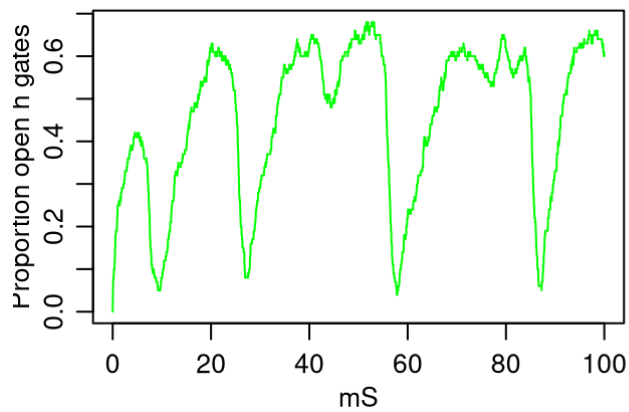
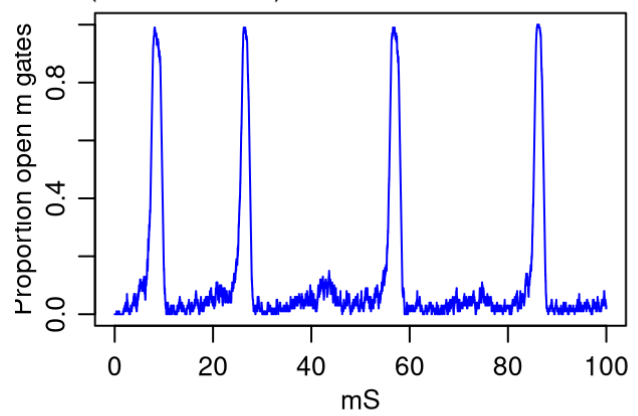
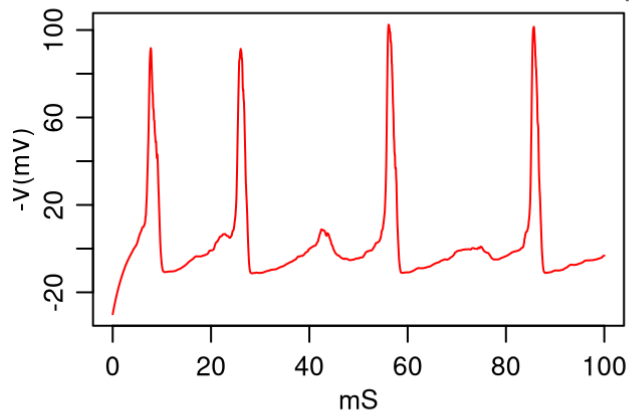


Varying gate conductance parameters:

```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 100 # arbitrary choice
timestep = 0.01 # arbitrary choice
# Initial open proportions
m = 0 # arbitrary choice
h = 0 # arbitrary choice
n = 0 # arbitrary choice

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
    time_length, timestep,
    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
    gl, gna, gk,
    Nm, Nh, Nn,
    am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
    V, Vr
)
```

Simulation results over 100 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.01 (milliseconds)

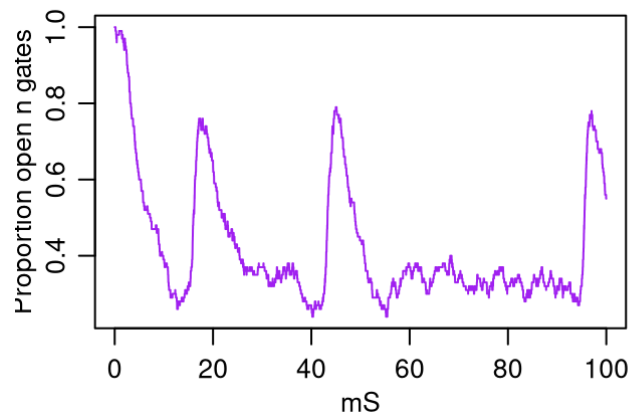
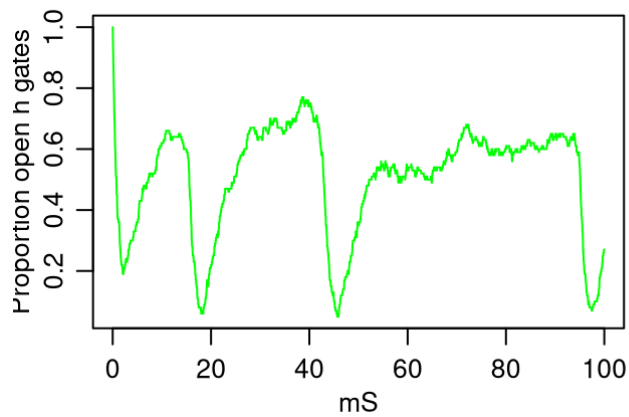
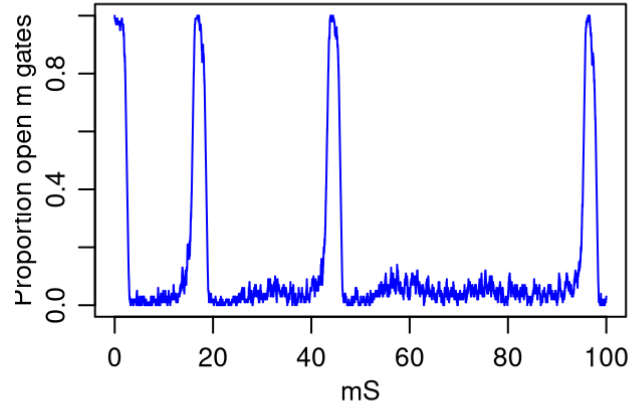
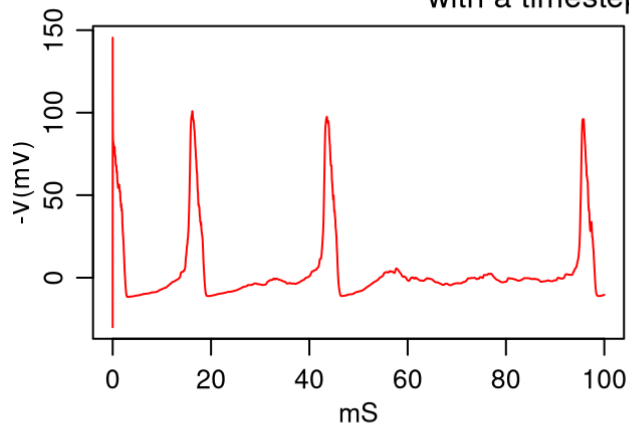


```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 100 # arbitrary choice
timestep = 0.01 # arbitrary choice
# Initial open proportions
m = 1 # arbitrary choice
h = 1 # arbitrary choice
n = 1 # arbitrary choice

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
    time_length, timestep,
    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
    gl, gna, gk,
    Nm, Nh, Nn,
    am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
    V, Vr
)
```



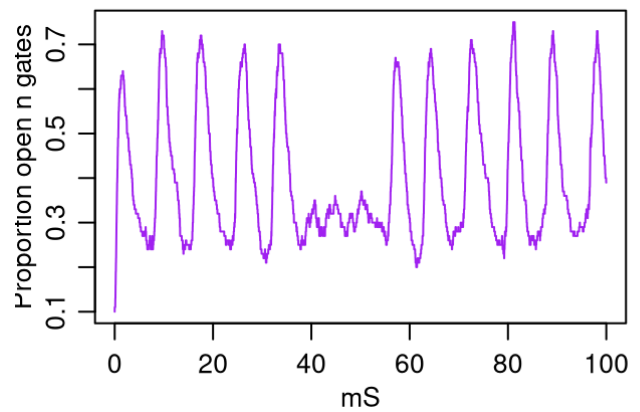
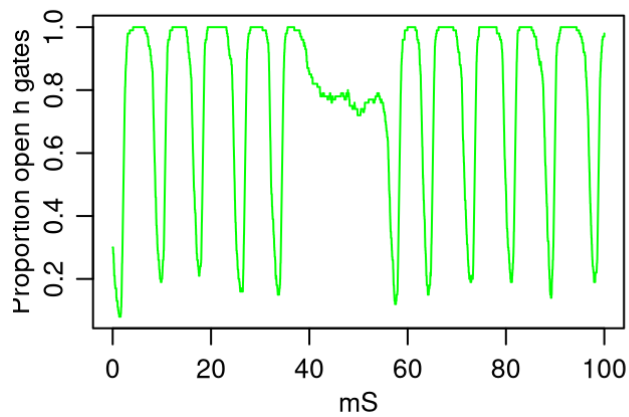
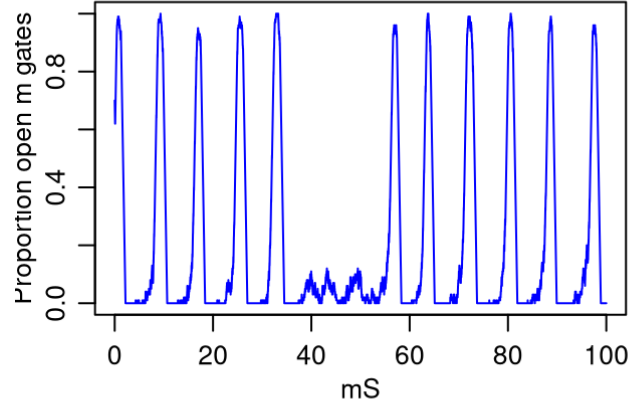
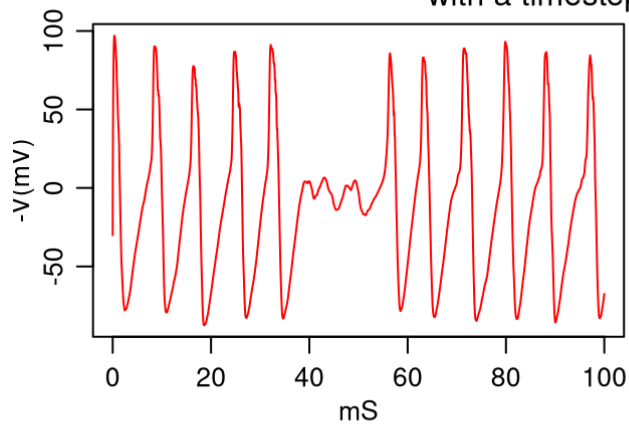
Simulation results over 100 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.01 (milliseconds)



```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 100    # arbitrary choice
timestep     = 0.01   # arbitrary choice
# Initial open proportions
m            = 0.7    # arbitrary choice
h            = 0.3    # arbitrary choice
n            = 0.1    # arbitrary choice
# Conductance levels
Vl           = -100
Vna          = -100
Vk           = 100

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
    time_length, timestep,
    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
    gl, gna, gk,
    Nm, Nh, Nn,
    am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
    V, Vr
)
```

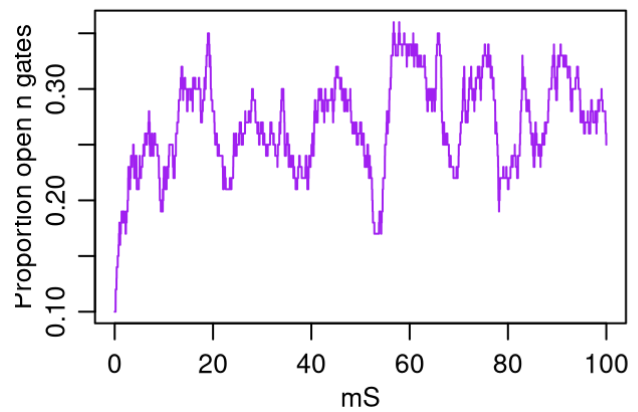
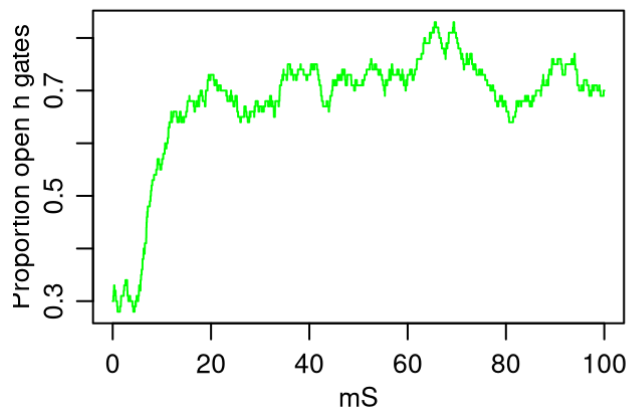
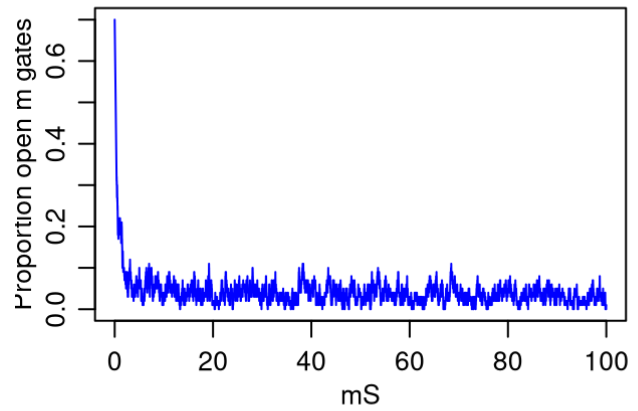
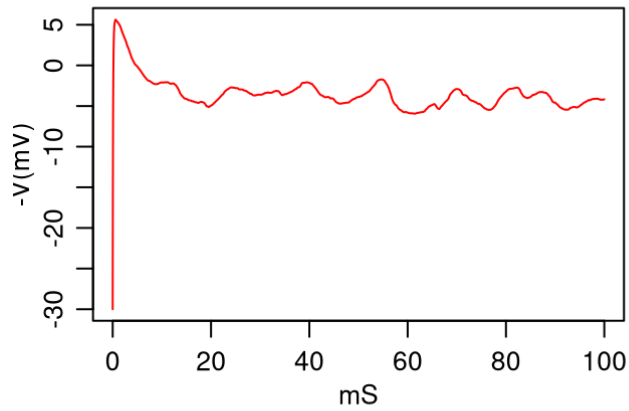
Simulation results over 100 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.01 (milliseconds)



```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 100    # arbitrary choice
timestep     = 0.01   # arbitrary choice
# Conductance levels
Vl           = 0      # arbitrary choice
Vna          = -10    # arbitrary choice
Vk           = 10     # arbitrary choice

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
    time_length, timestep,
    C,
    Vl, Vna, Vk,
    m, h, n,
    gl, gna, gk,
    Nm, Nh, Nn,
    am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
    V, Vr
)
```

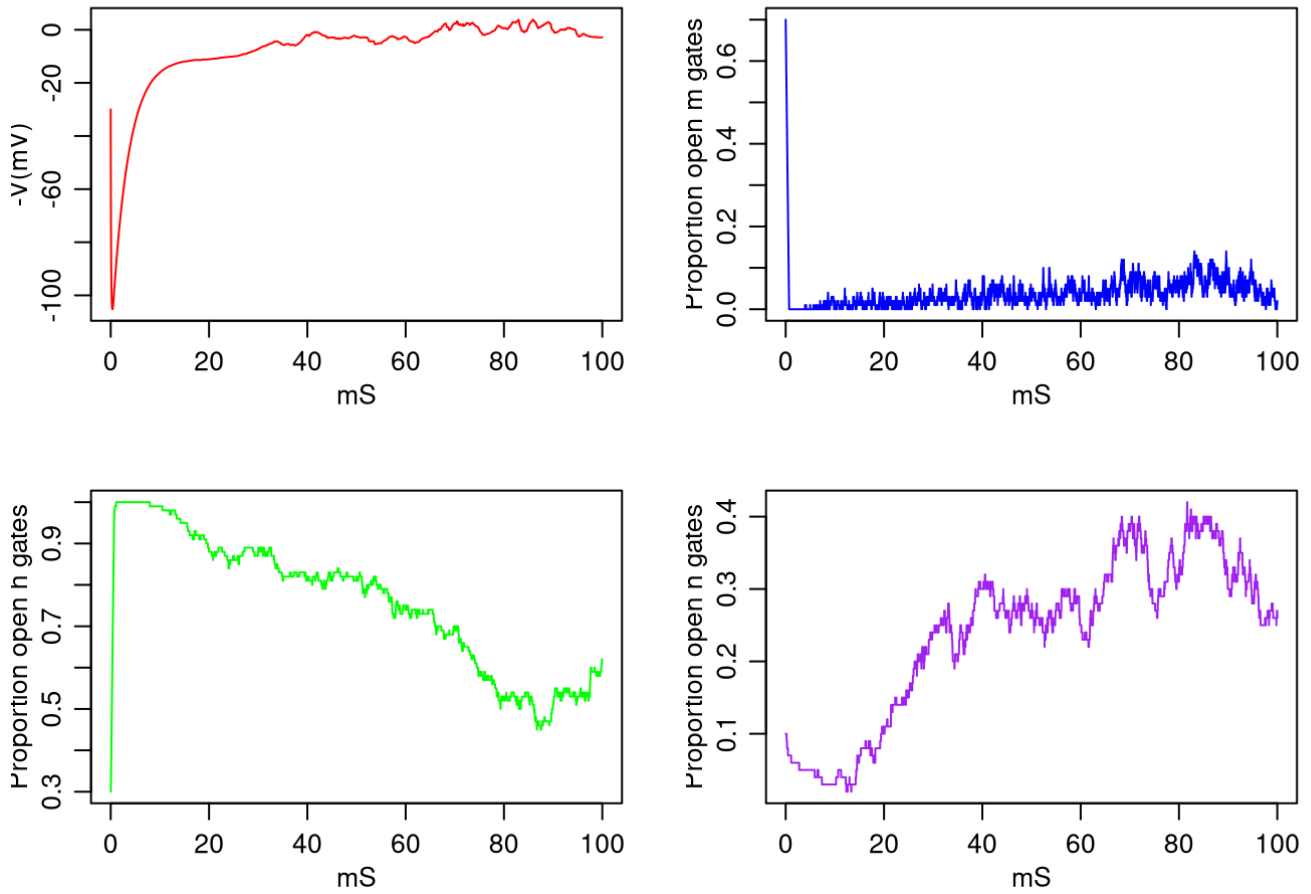
Simulation results over 100 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.01 (milliseconds)



```
# Declares parameters
time_length = 100 # arbitrary choice
timestep = 0.01 # arbitrary choice
# Conductance levels
Vl = 10.613 # arbitrary choice
Vna = 115 # arbitrary choice
Vk = -12 # arbitrary choice

simulation = hodgkin_huxley_PDMP(
  time_length, timestep,
  C,
  Vl, Vna, Vk,
  m, h, n,
  gl, gna, gk,
  Nm, Nh, Nn,
  am, ah, an, bm, bh, bn,
  V, Vr
)
```

Simulation results over 100 (milliseconds)  
with a timestep of 0.01 (milliseconds)



## COMMENTS

Starting with the following baseline set of parameters:

Parameters	Value	Note
length	100	milliseconds
timestep $\delta$	0.01	milliseconds
$C_m$	1	taken from original paper
$V_l$	-10.615	taken from original paper
$V_{Na}$	-115	taken from original paper
$V_k$	12	taken from original paper
$m$	0.7	arbitrary choice
$h$	0.3	arbitrary choice
$n$	0.1	arbitrary choice
$g_l$	0.3	taken from original paper
$g_{Na}$	120	taken from original paper
$g_k$	36	taken from original paper
$Nm$	100	arbitrary choice
$Nh$	100	arbitrary choice
$Nn$	100	arbitrary choice
$V$	30	taken from original paper
$V_r$	0	taken from original paper

We can observe the following:

- Given a simulation timestep  $\delta$  of 0.01 or 0.001 milliseconds, we find that we have, in general, a simulated spike every 20 to 30 milliseconds.
- Increasing the timestep  $\delta$  to 0.1 milliseconds alters the behavior of the rough simulation – indicating that the function might not work at high timestep resolutions:
  - Only one spike is generated
  - The spike's shape differs from other setups with a smaller/finer  $\delta$
- Given a simulation timestep  $\delta$  of 0.01 and a simulated length of 100 milliseconds, we find:
  - Setting the initial proportions  $m$ ,  $h$ , and  $n$  to either 0 or 1 does not seem to affect the general behavior of the simulation after a few steps as the proportions' behavior seem to converge back to what was observed in the very first simulation
  - Modifying the ion capacitance  $V_L$ ,  $V_{Na}$ , and  $V_K$ : strongly affects the simulation's behavior
    - Increasing each value  $V_L$ ,  $V_K$ ,  $V_{Na}$  by an order of magnitude seems to double or triple the number of generated spikes
    - Reducing these values or nullifying them leads to an absence of spikes and a capacitance  $V$  hovering around 0
    - Inverting the values  $V_L$ ,  $V_K$ ,  $V_{Na}$  as stated in the original paper also leads to an absence of spikes and a capacitance  $V$  converging towards 0

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DIFFERENTIAL MODEL WITH THE SIMECOL LIBRARY

Exported from the R-bloggers (<https://www.r-bloggers.com/2012/06/hodgkin-huxley-model-in-r/>) website, it is possible to perform a Hodgkin-Huxley dynamic simulation (here with Ordinary Differential Equations (ODE) from the simecol library (<http://simecol.r-forge.r-project.org/>)).

We note that the provided rate functions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  differs from the original paper.

```
# install.packages("simecol")
library(simecol)
```

```
## Hodgkin-Huxley model
HH <- odeModel(
  main = function(time, init, parms) {
    with(as.list(c(init, parms)),{

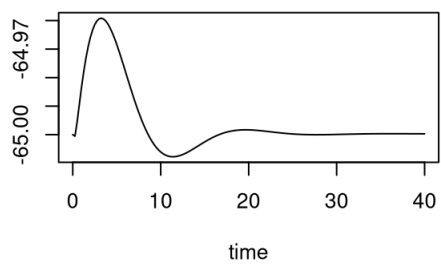
      am <- function(v) 0.1*(v+40)/(1-exp(-(v+40)/10))
      bm <- function(v) 4*exp(-(v+65)/18)
      ah <- function(v) 0.07*exp(-(v+65)/20)
      bh <- function(v) 1/(1+exp(-(v+35)/10))
      an <- function(v) 0.01*(v+55)/(1-exp(-(v+55)/10))
      bn <- function(v) 0.125*exp(-(v+65)/80)

      dv <- (I - gna*h*(v-Ena)*m^3 - gk*(v-Ek)*n^4 - gl*(v-El))/C
      dm <- am(v)*(1-m) - bm(v)*m
      dh <- ah(v)*(1-h) - bh(v)*h
      dn <- an(v)*(1-n) - bn(v)*n

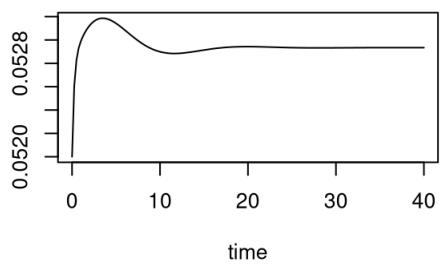
      return(list(c(dv, dm, dh, dn)))
    })
  },
  ## Set parameters
  parms = c(Ena=50, Ek=-77, El=-54.4, gna=120, gk=36, gl=0.3, C=1, I=0),
  ## Set integrations times
  times = c(from=0, to=40, by = 0.25),
  ## Set initial state
  init = c(v=-65, m=0.052, h=0.596, n=0.317),
  solver = "lsoda"
)
```

```
HH <- sim(HH)
plot(HH)
```

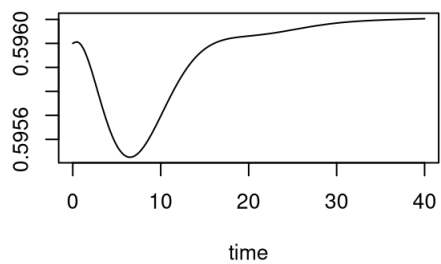
**v**



**m**



**h**



**n**

