

2021 Fall "Physiology"

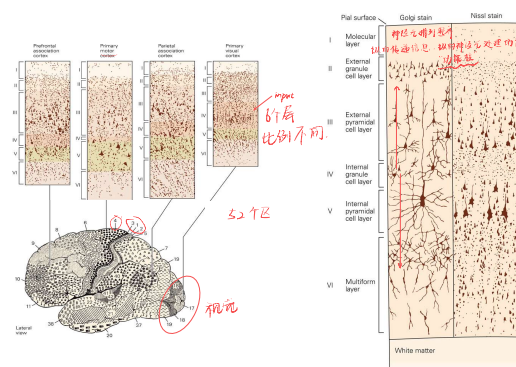
电信号如何在一个 cell 上传递

Neural Signaling: Cable Theory

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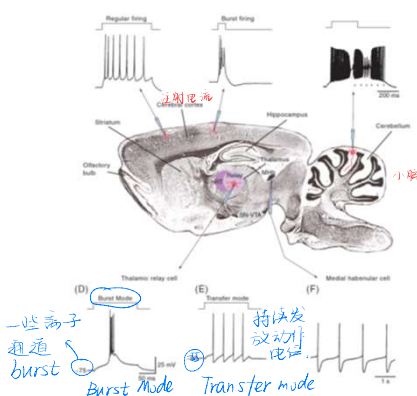
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Structure of the Cortex

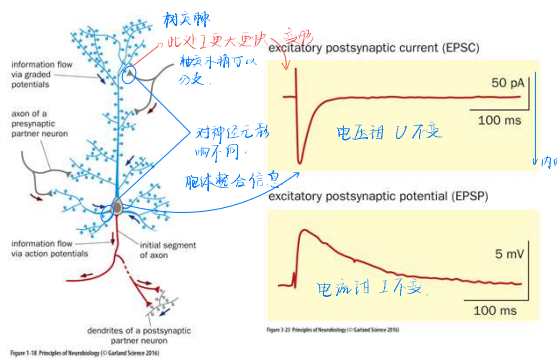


除了嗅觉其他的感受都需要经过丘脑中转
睡眠时丘脑细胞处于bursting的状态，丘脑门控，信息无法进入大脑皮层

Diverse Neuronal Activity Patterns

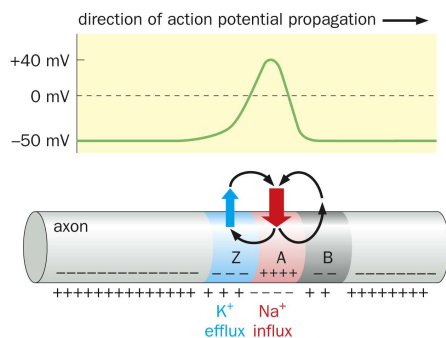


Flow of Neural Signal

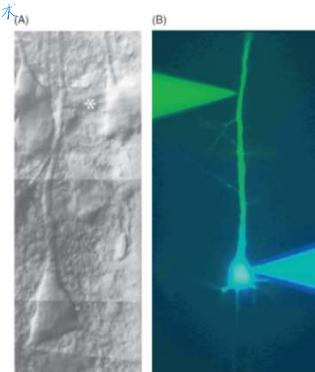


Propagation of Action Potential

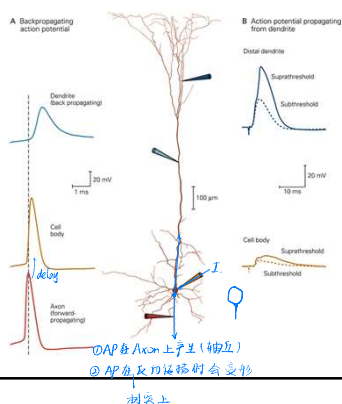
单向传递：钠通道的不饱和



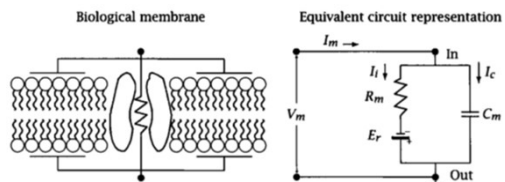
Dendritic Recording

Sakmann's Lab.
膜片钳技术
钳制电压

Back Propagation

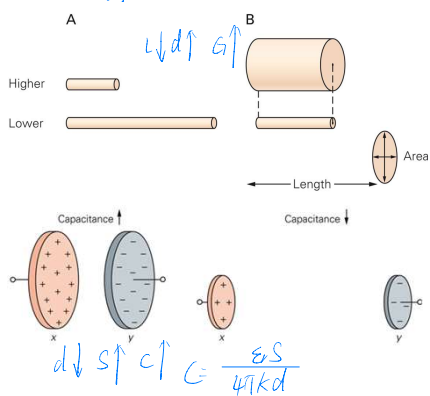


Passive Properties of the Neuron



Neuron: Resistance + Capacitance

Conductance 电导



Passive Properties of the Neuron

Element	Symbol	Unit	Physiological magnitude
Battery (V)		Volts (V)	1 mV = 10^{-3} V
Resistor (R)		Ohms (Ω), $g = 1/R$ (Ω^{-1} or Siemen)	1 G Ω = $10^9 \Omega$
Capacitor (C)		Farad (F)	1 pF = 10^{-12} F

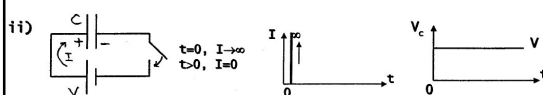
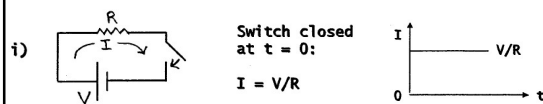
Current (I): 1 Ampere (A) = 1 Coulomb/sec
 1 μ A = 10^{-6} A, 1 nA = 10^{-9} A (magnitude of whole-cell memb curr)
 1 pA = 10^{-12} A (magnitude of curr through a single ion channel)

Cell membrane: 1 μ F/cm² (0.01 pF/ μ m²)

$$= 10^6 \text{ pF} / 10^8 \mu\text{m}^2 \quad \text{电容} \leftrightarrow S$$

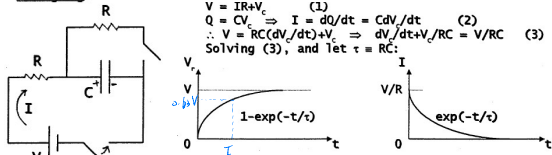
神经元可等效为:

- A. 电阻和电容的组合
- B. 电感和电阻的组合
- C. 电导

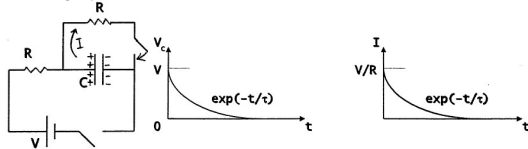


Time Constant

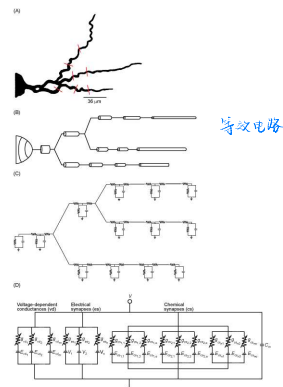
Charging:



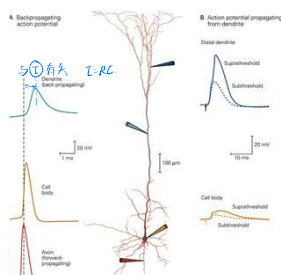
Discharging:



Cable Theory



Cable Theory



Time constant is independent of cell size

$\tau = R_m \times C_m$
 $R_m = \frac{\rho_l}{A}$
 $C_m = \frac{C_0 \times A}{d}$
 $\tau = R_m C_m = \frac{\rho_l}{A} \times \frac{C_0 \times A}{d} = \frac{\rho_l C_0}{d}$
 $\Rightarrow R_m = 10^3 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$
 $C_m = 10^{-6} \text{ F} \cdot \text{cm}^2$
 $\tau = 1 \text{ ms}$ (AP)

Passive Properties of the Neuron

Table 2-1: Time and length constants of axons, dendrites, and muscle cell

Fiber	Diameter (μm)	Length constant (mm)	Time constant (ms)
Squid giant axon ¹	500	5	0.7
Lobster nerve ¹	75	2.5	2
Frog muscle ¹	75	2	24
Apical dendrite of mammalian cortical pyramidal neuron ²	3	1	<20

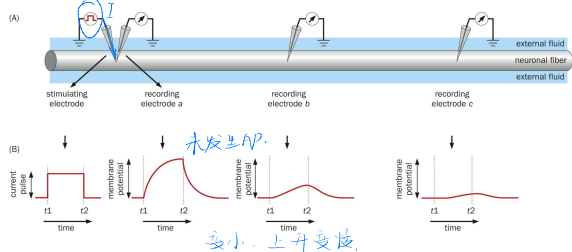
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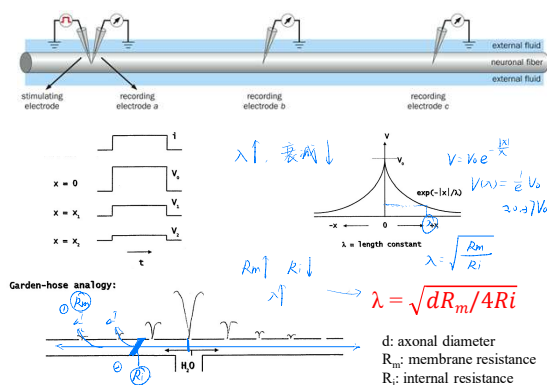
Table 2-1 Principles of Neurobiology (© Garland Science 2016)

$R_m \uparrow \rightarrow \tau \uparrow$ slow response
 $R_m \downarrow \rightarrow \tau \downarrow$ fast response
 反应快 信号可靠

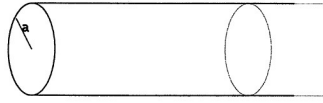
Passive Properties of the Neuron



Space Constant



Size Effect:



$$r_{in} \propto a^{-1}, r_o \propto a^{-2}$$

Thus $r_{input} \propto a^{-1/2}$, or larger diameter gives lower axon input resistance

And $\lambda \propto a^{1/2}$, or larger diameter gives farther spread of signal on axon

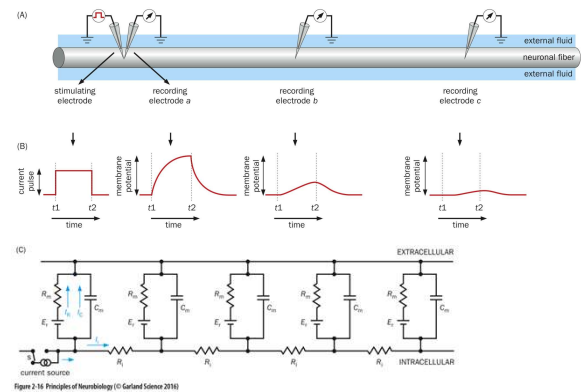
Some real examples:

$\lambda = 13 \text{ mm}$ for squid giant axon (1 mm diameter)

$= 0.2 \text{ mm}$ for mammalian nerve fiber (1 μm diameter).

Both short compared to axon length, \therefore need active conduction.

Passive Properties of the Neuron



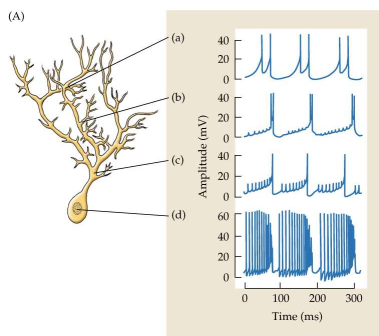
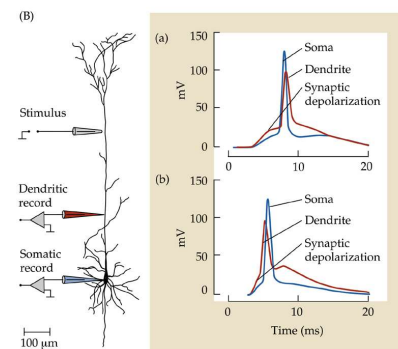
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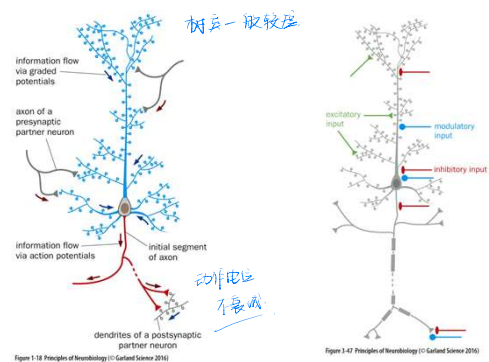
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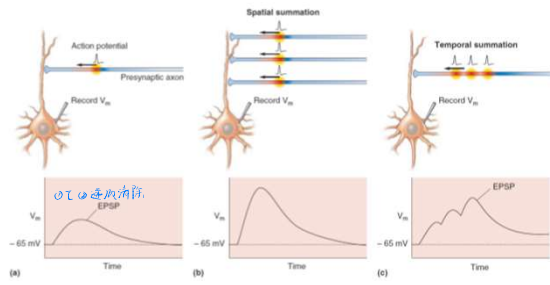
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Distribution of Synaptic Inputs



Synaptic Integration



Temporal and Spatial Integration

