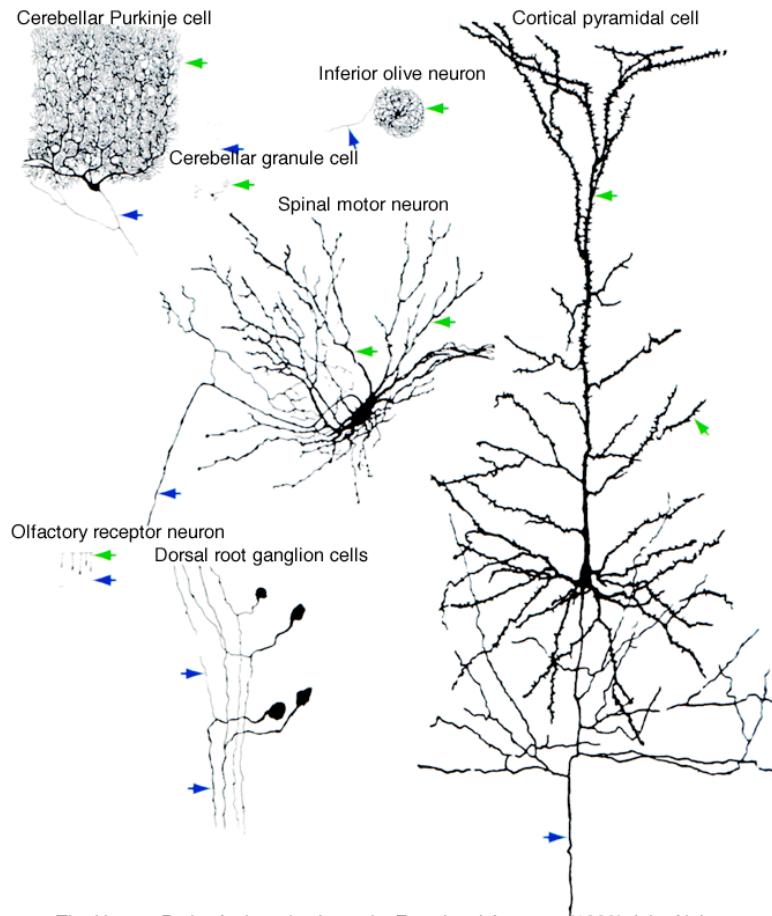


## Part A: Biophysical models of Single Neurons. (7 classes)

Using the simulation package NEURON, we will explore the effects of membrane currents and neuron morphology on the responses of neurons to stimuli.

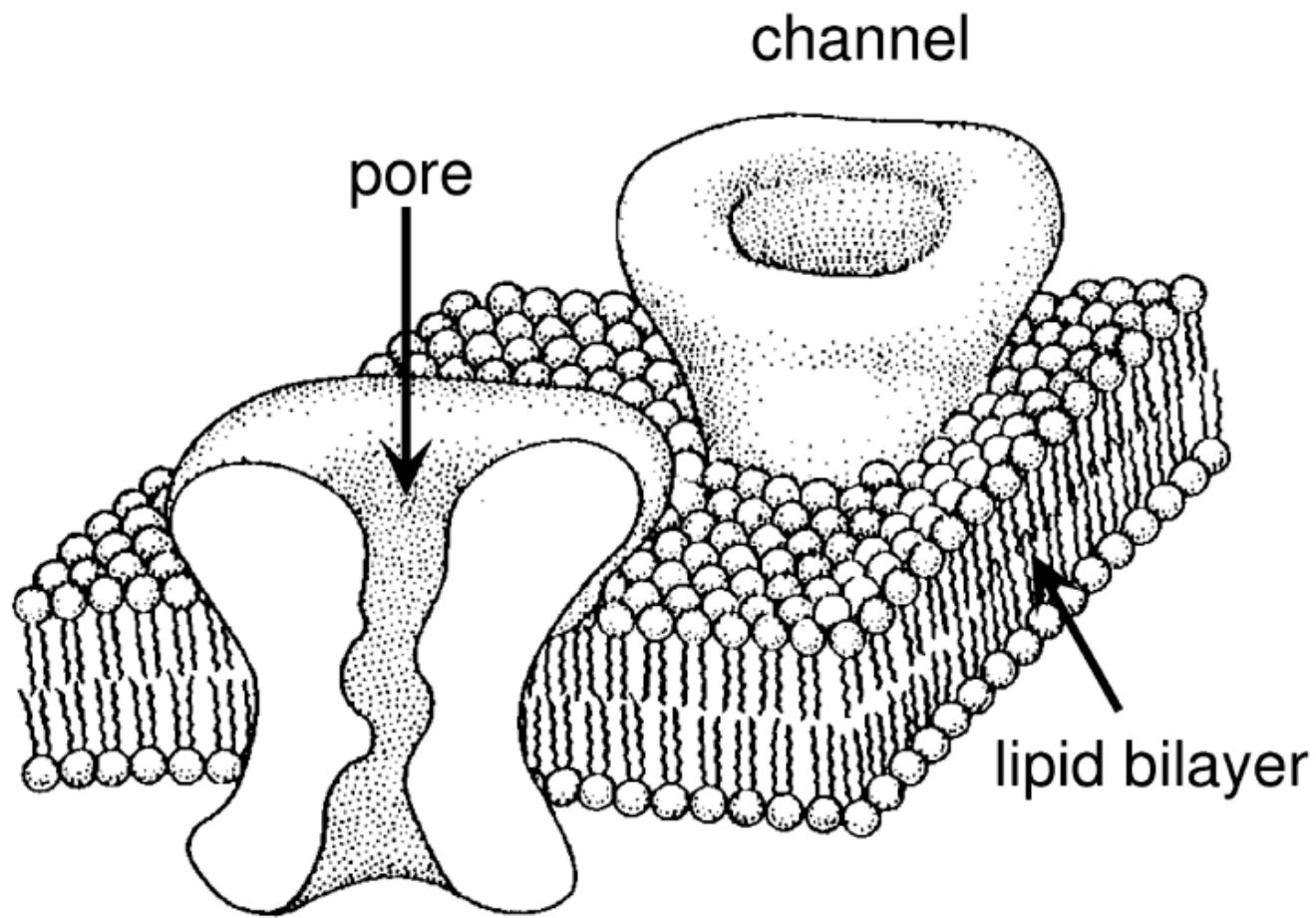


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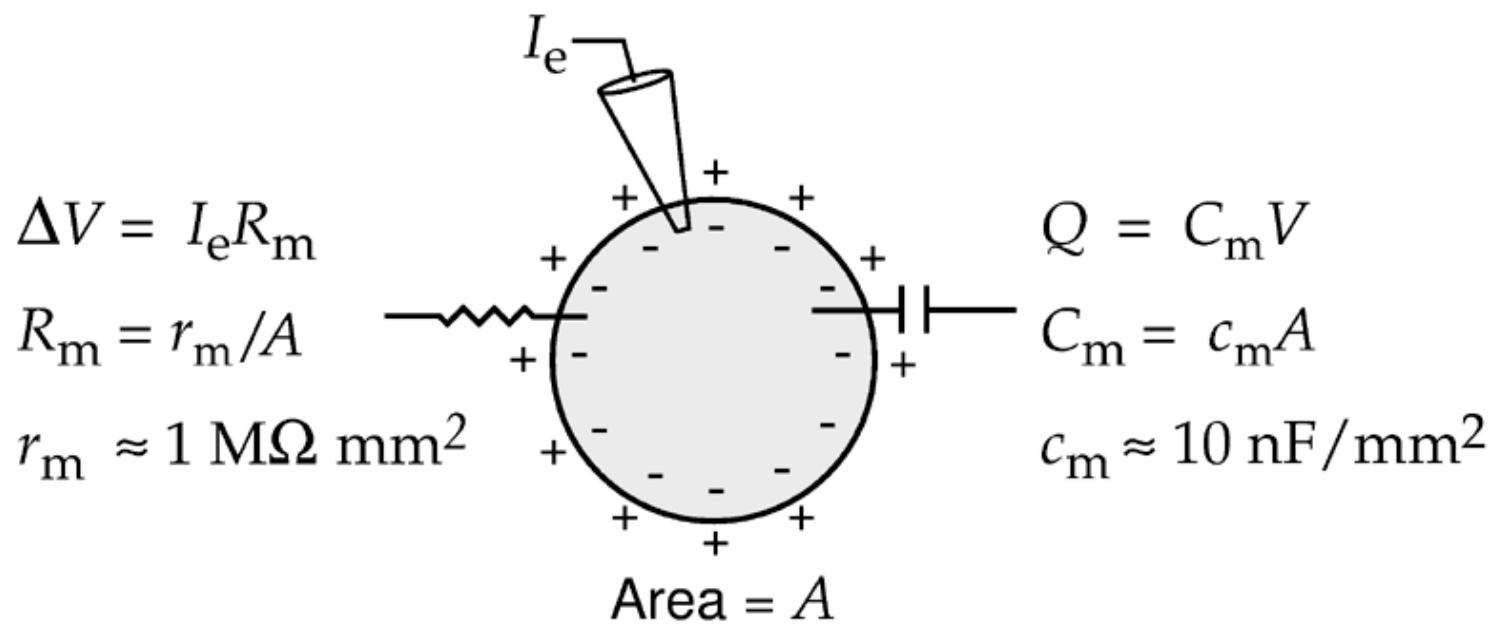


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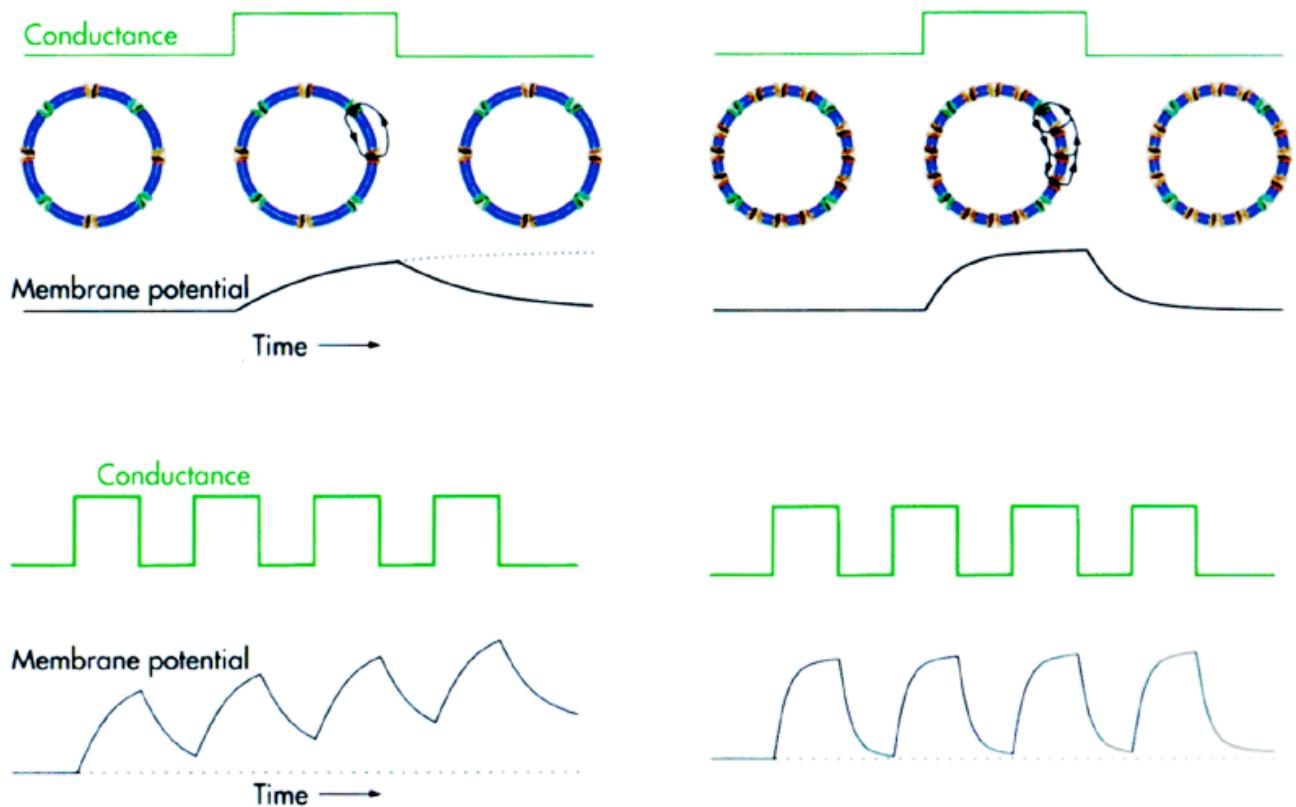
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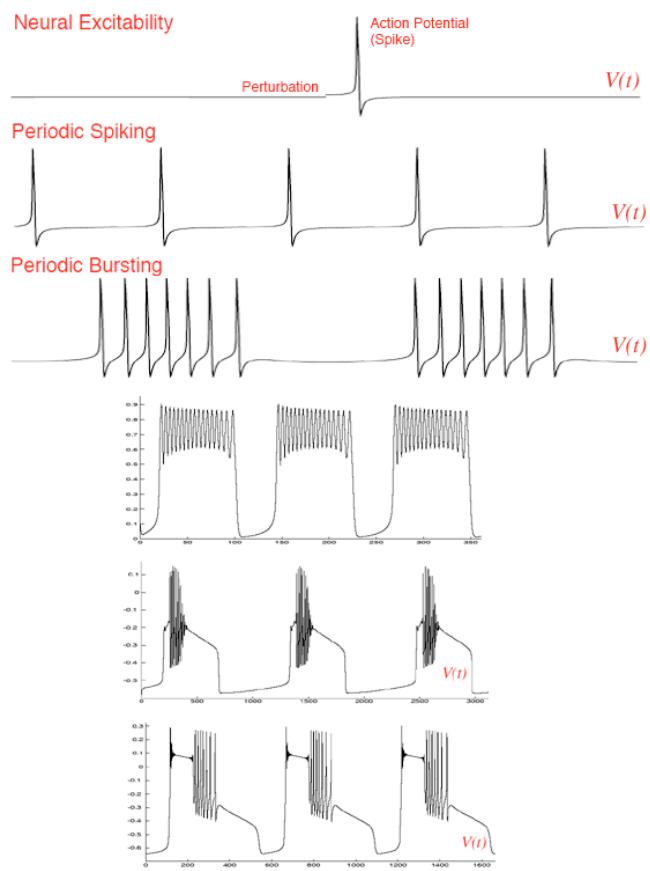


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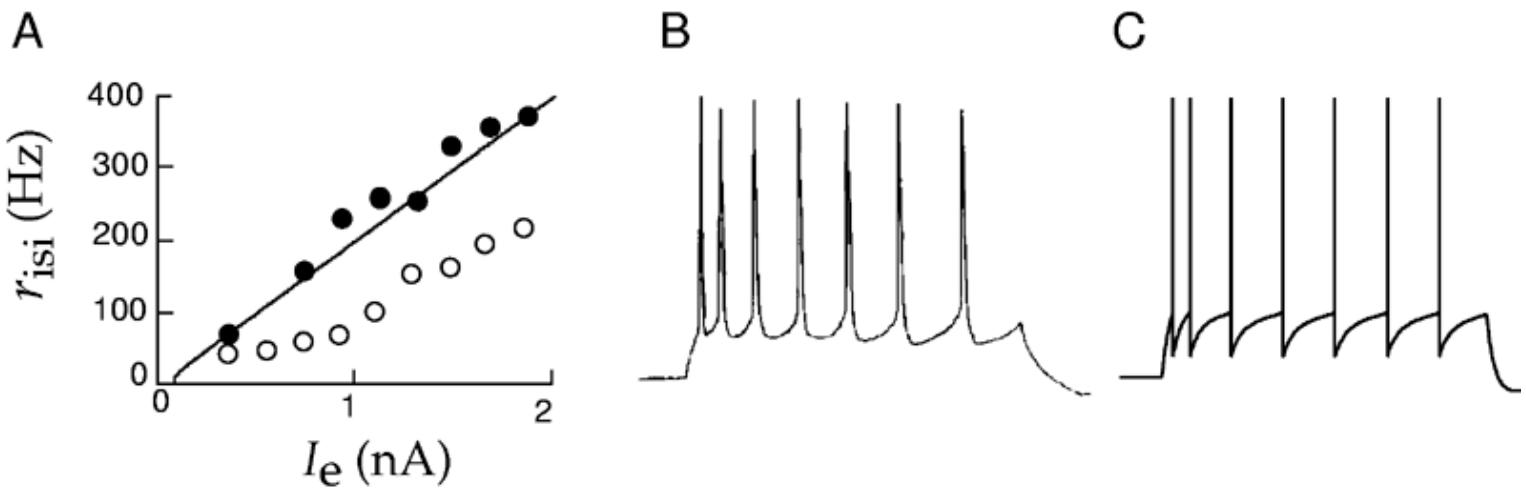
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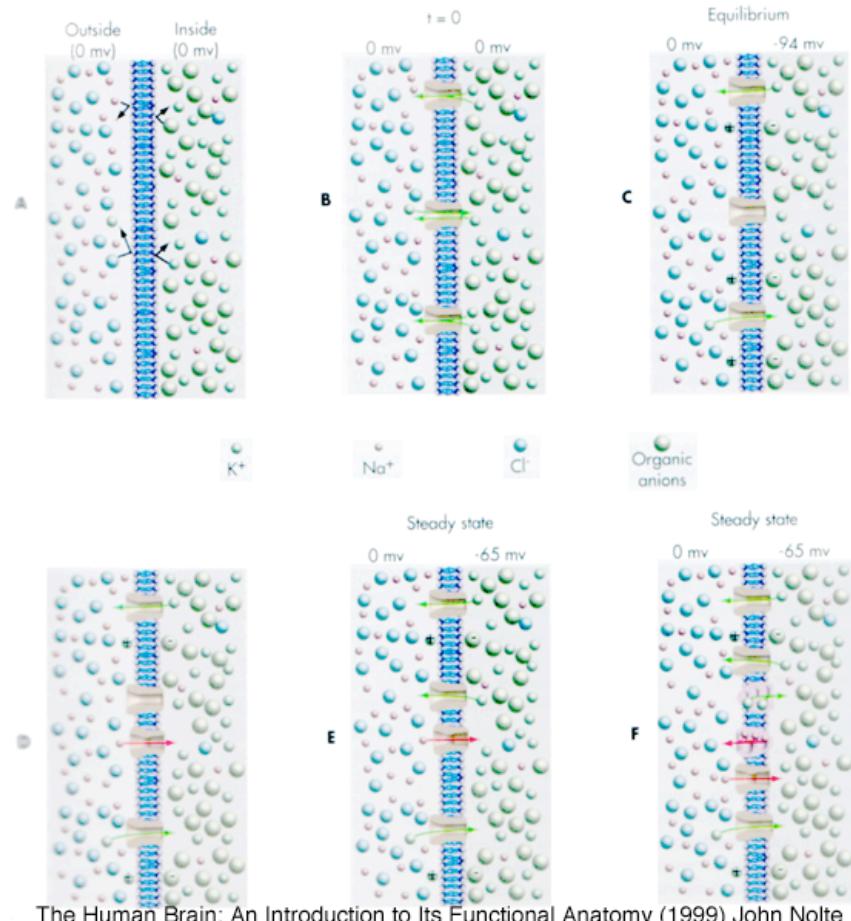


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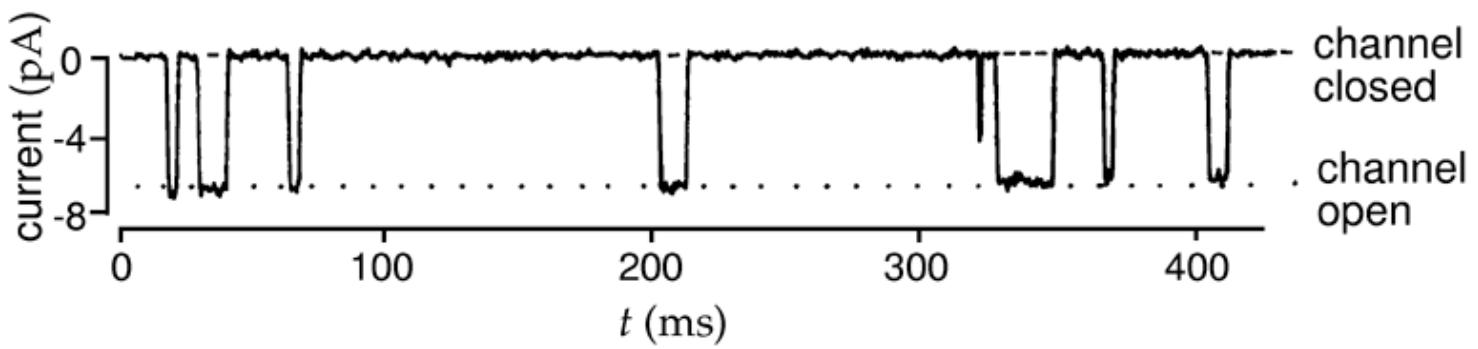


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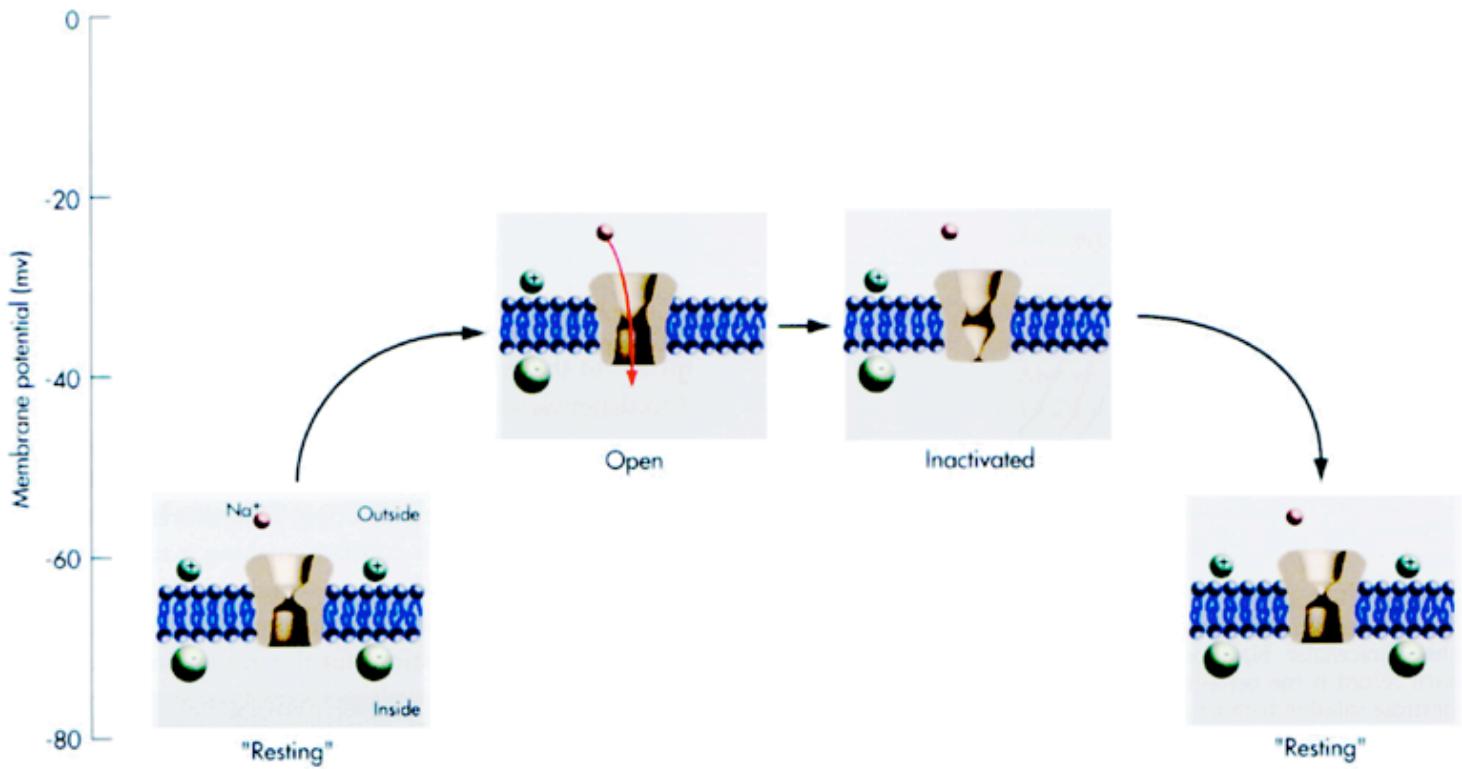


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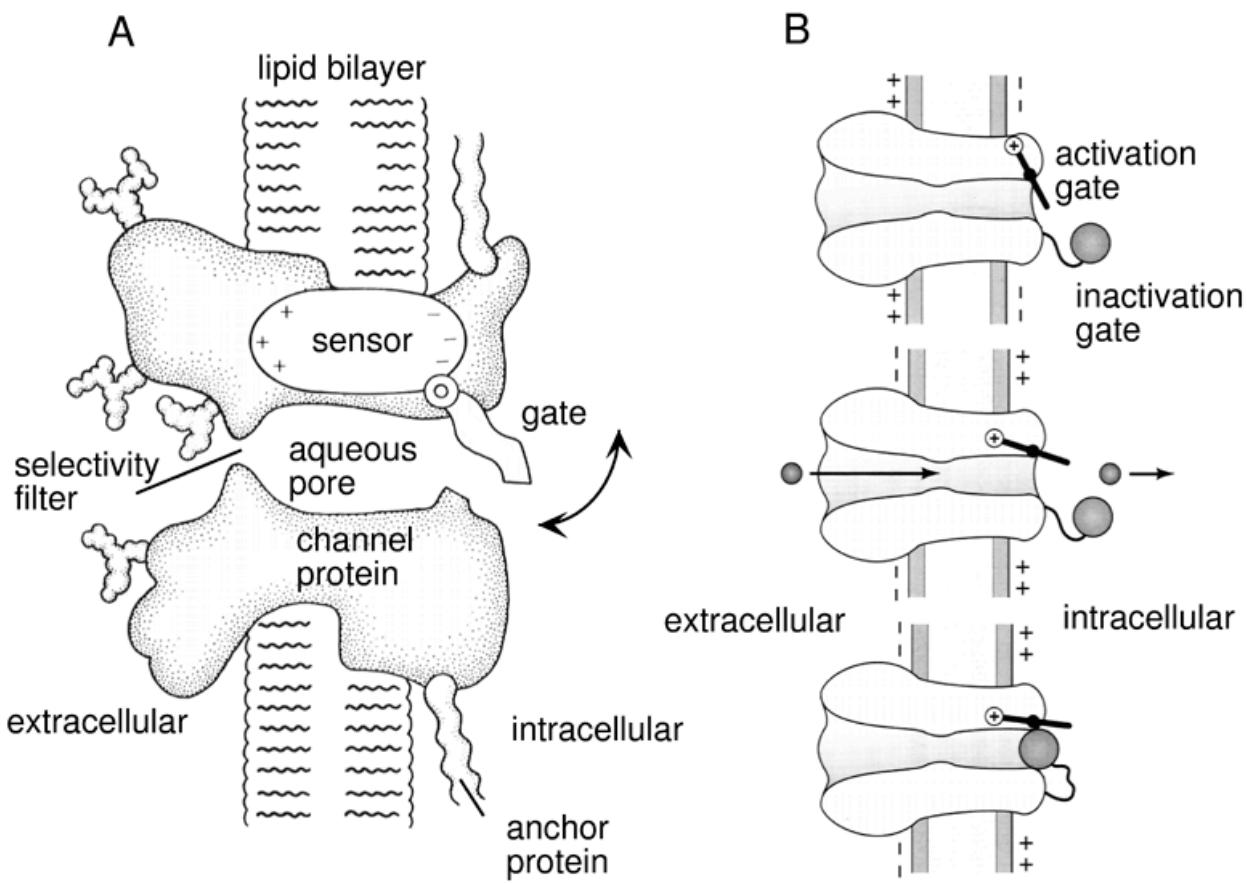


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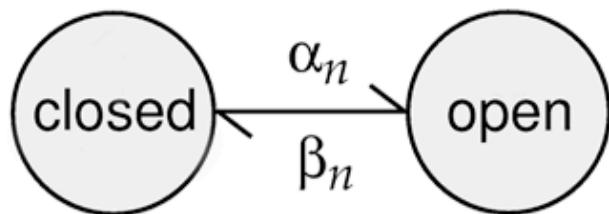
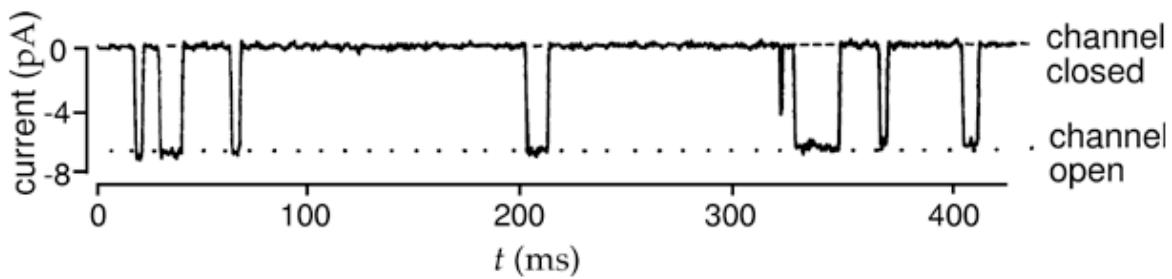
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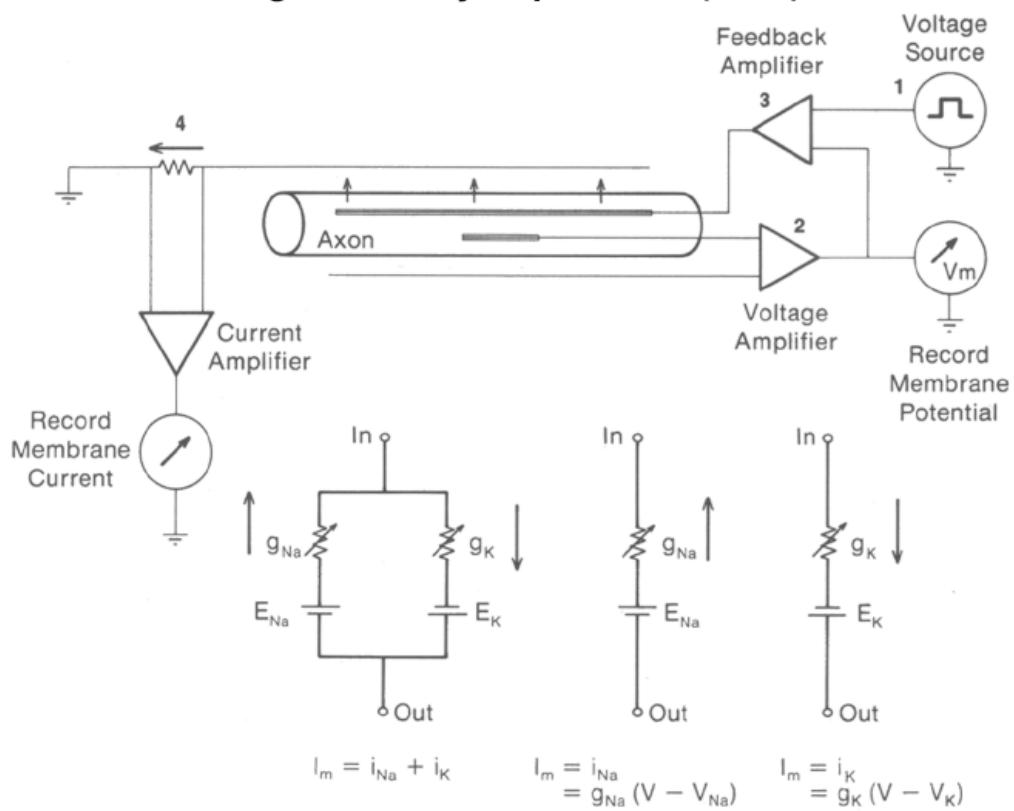
### Two-State, Linear Model of a Channel



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

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## Hodgkin-Huxley Experiment (1952)



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## Hodgkin-Huxley Circuit

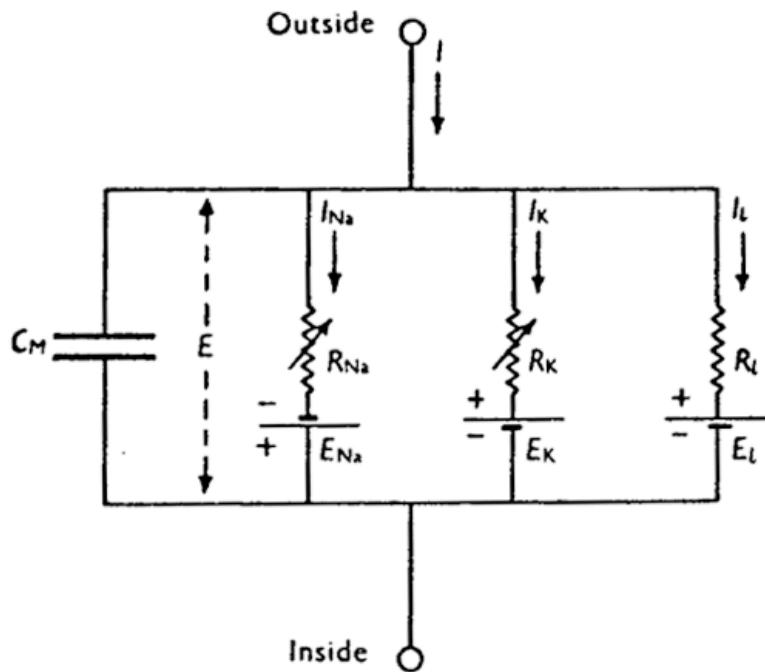
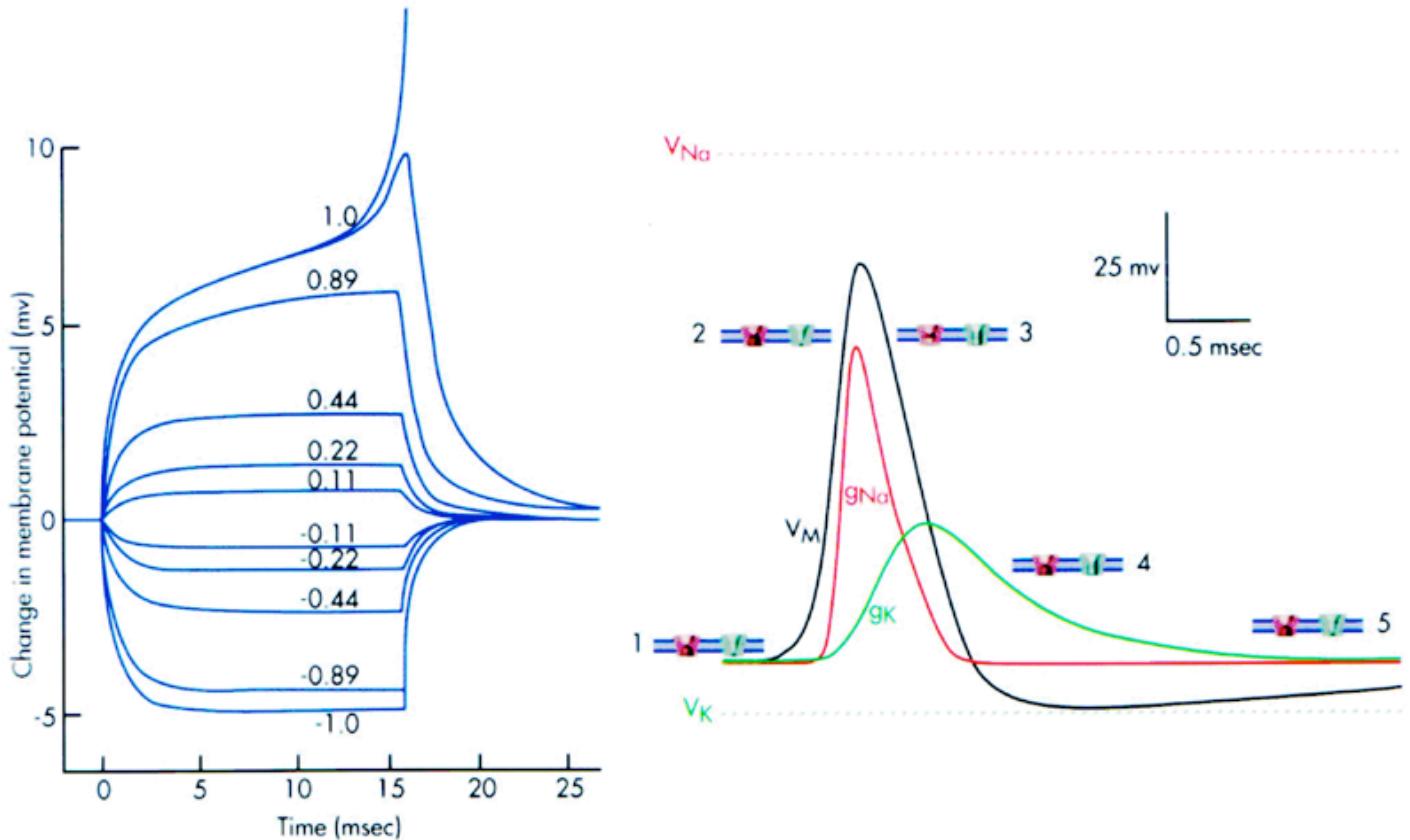


Fig. 1. Electrical circuit representing membrane.  $R_{Na} = 1/g_{Na}$ ;  $R_K = 1/g_K$ ;  $R_L = 1/\bar{g}_L$ .  $R_{Na}$  and  $R_K$  vary with time and membrane potential; the other components are constant.

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### Hodgkin-Huxley Equation

$$C \frac{dV}{dt} = I - \bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h (V - V_{Na}) - \bar{g}_K n^4 (V - V_K) - g_L (V - V_L)$$

injected current      sodium current      potassium current      leak current

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \alpha_m(V)(1-m) - \beta_m(V)m \quad \frac{dh}{dt} = \alpha_h(V)(1-h) - \beta_h(V)h$$

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

## Hodgkin-Huxley Equation II

$$C \frac{dV}{dt} = \sum_a g_a (V - E_a) + I_{ex}$$

*membrane currents*  
*injected current*

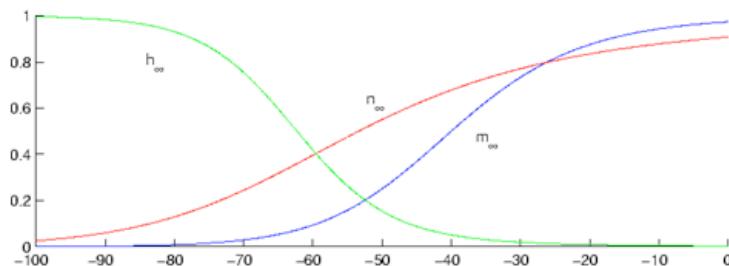
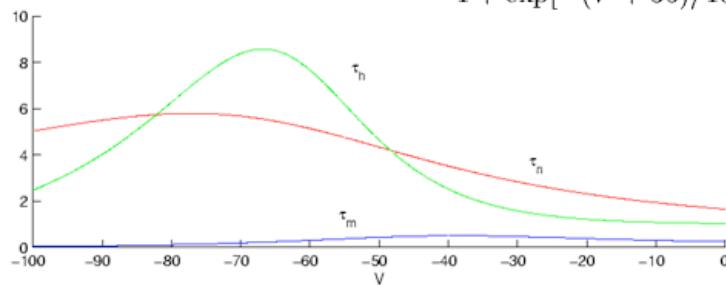
$$g_a = \bar{g}_a x_a^{n_a} y_a, \text{ and } \frac{dx_a}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_{x_a}} (x_a^\infty - x_a)$$

$$x_a^\infty = \alpha_{x_a}/(\alpha_{x_a} + \beta_{x_a}) \text{ and } \tau_{x_a} = 1/(\alpha_{x_a} + \beta_{x_a})$$

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### Hodgkin-Huxley Rate "Constants"

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_n(V) &= \frac{0.01(V + 55)}{1 - \exp[-(V + 55)/10]}, & \beta_n(V) &= 0.125 \exp[-(V + 65)/80], \\ \alpha_m(V) &= \frac{0.1(V + 40)}{1 - \exp[-(V + 40)/10]}, & \beta_m(V) &= 4 \exp[-(V + 65)/18], \\ \alpha_h(V) &= 0.07 \exp[-(V + 65)/20], & \beta_h(V) &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-(V + 35)/10]}. \end{aligned}$$

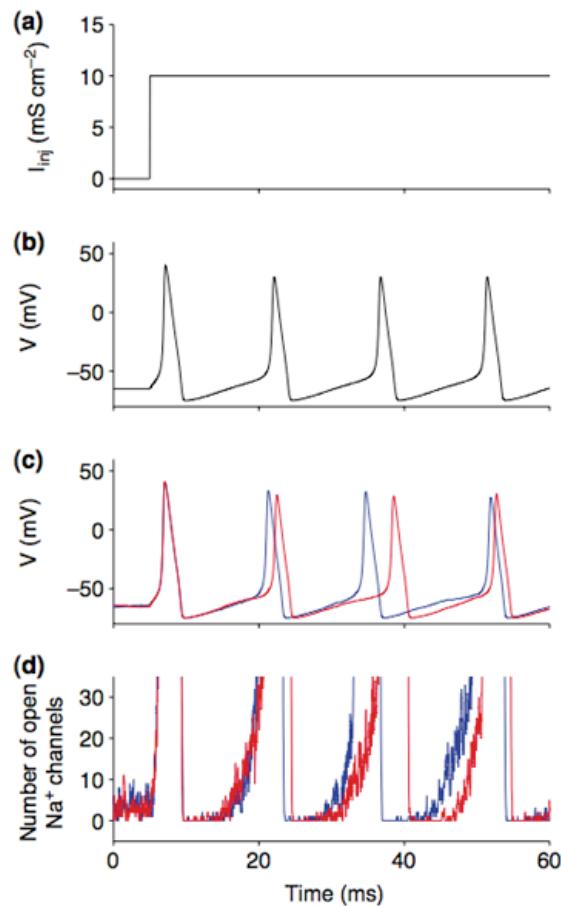


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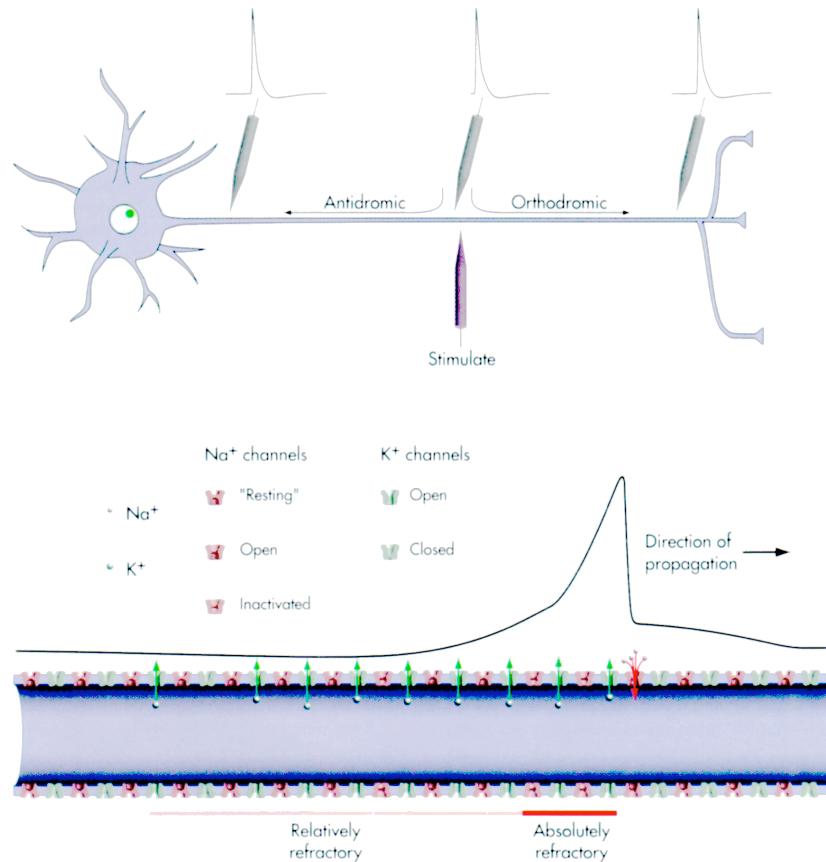
## Channel Noise Introduces Jitter into the Spike Response

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## Hodgkin-Huxley Equation

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