# Electrophysiology

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### Today's lecture is from





# lons set the equilibrium potentials



$$E_{\rm ion} = \frac{RT}{zF} \ln \frac{[\rm Ion]_{out}}{[\rm Ion]_{in}}$$
$$E_{\rm ion} \approx 62 \log \frac{[\rm Ion]_{out}}{[\rm Ion]_{in}} \quad (\rm mV)$$

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Equilibrium Potentials

Na<sup>+</sup> 
$$62 \log \frac{145}{5} = 90 \text{ mV}$$
  
 $62 \log \frac{145}{15} = 61 \text{ mV}$ 

$$K^+ \qquad 62 \log \frac{5}{140} = -90 \text{ mV}$$

$$Cl^{-} -62 \log \frac{110}{4} = -89 \text{ mV}$$

Ca<sup>2+</sup> 31 log 
$$\frac{2.5}{10^{-4}}$$
 = 136 mV  
31 log  $\frac{5}{10^{-4}}$  = 146 mV

# Zeroth order picture of a spike



## Ion channel conductances depend on voltage



 $I_{\rm K} = g_{\rm K} \left( V - E_{\rm K} \right) \quad I_{\rm Na} = g_{\rm Na} \left( V - E_{\rm Na} \right), \quad I_{\rm Ca} = g_{\rm Ca} \left( V - E_{\rm Ca} \right), \quad I_{\rm Cl} = g_{\rm Cl} \left( V - E_{\rm Cl} \right)$ 

 $I = C\dot{V} + I_{\rm Na} + I_{\rm Ca} + I_{\rm K} + I_{\rm Cl}$ 

 $C\dot{V} = I - g_{\text{Na}}(V - E_{\text{Na}}) - g_{\text{Ca}}(V - E_{\text{Ca}}) - g_{\text{K}}(V - E_{\text{K}}) - g_{\text{Cl}}(V - E_{\text{Cl}})$ 



## Patch clamp protocols



A note on units:

[g] = Siemens (nS, pS) or S/cm<sup>2</sup> or S/uF

 $C_m \simeq 1 \text{ uF/cm}^2$ , always

## Leak conductance



# Cartoon of a sodium channel



What is the steady-state activation function of a voltage-gated ion channel?

closed 
$$\stackrel{+V}{\longleftarrow}$$
 open

Define *m* = P(open)

$$\frac{m}{1-m} = K_{eq} e^{\frac{qv}{k_B T}} \qquad \text{Assuming +V favors open state}$$

$$m\left(1+K_{eq}e^{\frac{qV}{k_BT}}\right)=K_{eq}e^{\frac{qV}{k_BT}}$$

$$m = \frac{K_{eq} e^{\frac{qV}{k_B T}}}{\left(1 + K_{eq} e^{\frac{qV}{k_B T}}\right)} \qquad \times \frac{K_{eq}^{-1} e^{-\frac{qV}{k_B T}}}{K_{eq}^{-1} e^{-\frac{qV}{k_B T}}}$$

$$m = \frac{1}{\left(1 + K_{eq}^{-1}e^{-\frac{qV}{k_BT}}\right)}$$
 Define:  $K_{eq}^{-1} = e^{\frac{qV_{1/2}}{k_BT}}$   $k = \frac{k_BT}{q}$ 

$$m = \frac{1}{\left(1 + e^{(V_{1/2} - V)/k}\right)}$$

## Simple single-channel model

$$C\dot{V} = I - g_{\rm L}(V - E_{\rm L}) - \overbrace{g_{\rm Na} m_{\infty}(V) (V - E_{\rm Na})}^{\rm instantaneous I_{\rm Na,p}}$$

 $m_{\infty}(V) = 1/(1 + \exp\{(V_{1/2} - V)/k\})$ 



## Phase diagram of simple model



## Persistent sodium current model shows bistability





# Saddle node bifurcation



## **Basins of attraction**



## Hysteresis



## How does a tissue polarize?





## Quadratic integrate and fire neuron

 $\dot{V} = I + V^2$ , if  $V \ge V_{\text{peak}}$ , then  $V \leftarrow V_{\text{reset}}$ 



## Classes of voltage-dependent behavior



This cartoon only models ion channel 'steady-state' behavior. Over very short time channel activation kinetics are important. Over very long times channel inactivation and recovery kinetics are important.

## (More) realistic neuron model



## Stable limit cycle



## Analyzing stability around 2-D fixed points

Arbitrary 2-D vector-field

$$\dot{x} = f(x, y)$$
  
 $\dot{y} = g(x, y)$ 

$$f(x,y) = a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + \text{higher-order terms},$$
  

$$g(x,y) = c(x - x_0) + d(y - y_0) + \text{higher-order terms},$$

$$a = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0), \qquad b = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0),$$
$$c = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0), \qquad d = \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$$

## Linearized dynamics around a fixed point

Let:

 $u = x - x_0$ 

$$w = y - y_0$$

The dynamics then become:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \dot{u} \\ \dot{w} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} a & b \\ c & d \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} u \\ w \end{array}\right)$$

Let:

$$L = \left(\begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array}\right)$$

So:  $\dot{U} = LU$  The solution is:

$$\boldsymbol{U}(\boldsymbol{t}) = \boldsymbol{e}^{Lt}\boldsymbol{U}(\boldsymbol{0})$$

Define:  $\tau = \operatorname{tr} L = a + d$ 

 $\Delta = \det L = ad - bc$ 

The qualitative dynamics depend on the eigenvalues of L:

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\tau + \sqrt{\tau^2 - 4\Delta}}{2}$$
$$\lambda_2 = \frac{\tau - \sqrt{\tau^2 - 4\Delta}}{2}$$

## **Classification of equilibria**



## Types of fixed points



# Include Na<sub>v</sub> channel inactivation



Na<sub>v</sub> Activation

Na<sub>v</sub> Inactivation







# Optical electrophysiology in engineered cells



Na<sub>V</sub> 1.3, 1.5, 1.7, 1.9

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### Ion channel dynamics described by two-state gates

Recall for a two-state system:



 $k_f$  and  $k_b$  depend on voltage:

$$k_f = k_f^0 e^{\frac{\alpha q (V - V_{1/2})}{k_B T}} \qquad \qquad k_b = k_b^0 e^{-\frac{(1 - \alpha)q (V - V_{1/2})}{k_B T}}$$

## **HH** Equations

$$C\dot{V} = I - \overbrace{\overline{g}_{\mathrm{K}}n^{4}(V - E_{\mathrm{K}})}^{I_{\mathrm{K}}} - \overbrace{\overline{g}_{\mathrm{Na}}m^{3}h(V - E_{\mathrm{Na}})}^{I_{\mathrm{Na}}} - \overbrace{\overline{g}_{\mathrm{L}}(V - E_{\mathrm{L}})}^{I_{\mathrm{L}}}$$

$$\begin{split} \dot{n} &= (n_{\infty}(V) - n)/\tau_n(V) , \\ \dot{m} &= (m_{\infty}(V) - m)/\tau_m(V) , \\ \dot{h} &= (h_{\infty}(V) - h)/\tau_h(V) , \end{split} \qquad n_{\infty} &= \alpha_n/(\alpha_n + \beta_n) , \qquad \tau_n = 1/(\alpha_n + \beta_n) , \\ m_{\infty} &= \alpha_m/(\alpha_m + \beta_m) , \qquad \tau_m = 1/(\alpha_m + \beta_m) , \\ h_{\infty} &= \alpha_h/(\alpha_h + \beta_h) , \qquad \tau_h = 1/(\alpha_h + \beta_h) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \alpha_p(V_m) = p_{\infty}(V_m)/\tau_p & \alpha_n(V_m) = \frac{0.01(10-V_m)}{\exp\left(\frac{10-V_m}{10}\right)-1} & \alpha_m(V_m) = \frac{0.1(25-V_m)}{\exp\left(\frac{25-V_m}{10}\right)-1} & \alpha_h(V_m) = 0.07\exp\left(\frac{-V_m}{20}\right) \\ \beta_p(V_m) = (1-p_{\infty}(V_m))/\tau_p & \beta_n(V_m) = 0.125\exp\left(\frac{-V_m}{80}\right) & \beta_m(V_m) = 4\exp\left(\frac{-V_m}{18}\right) & \beta_h(V_m) = \frac{1}{\exp\left(\frac{30-V_m}{10}\right)+1} \end{array}$$



# Spatial structure of membrane voltage





Rall, Wilfrid. "Branching dendritic trees and motoneuron membrane resistivity." *Experimental neurology* 1.5 (1959): 491-527.

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1302937/

## Cable equation for a membrane tube



**Material properties:** 

$$r_m=rac{R_m}{2\pi a}$$
  $c_m=C_m2\pi a$   $r_l=rac{
ho_l}{\pi a^2}$ 

### **Constitutive relations:**

$$rac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -i_l r_l \qquad i_c = c_m rac{\partial V}{\partial t} \qquad i_r = rac{V}{r_m}$$

### **Conservation of charge**

$$rac{\partial i_l}{\partial x} = -i_m = -\left(rac{V}{r_m} + c_m rac{\partial V}{\partial t}
ight)$$

### **Cable equation**

$$rac{1}{r_l}rac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2}=c_mrac{\partial V}{\partial t}+rac{V}{r_m}$$

### Dimensionless

## **Propagation of APs**

$$C V_t = \frac{a}{2R} V_{xx} + I - I_{\mathrm{K}} - I_{\mathrm{Na}} - I_{\mathrm{L}}$$





https://www.nature.com/articles/nn.4157#ref-CR7

https://www.quantamagazine.org/how-computationally-complex-is-a-single-neuron-20210902/

### Neuron

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### Single cortical neurons deep artificial neural networks

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ng recent advances in machine learning, we introduce a systematic approach to characterize ns' input/output (I/O) mapping complexity. Deep neural networks (DNNs) were trained to faithfully at the I/O function of various biophysical models of cortical neurons at millisecond (spiking) resolutemporally convolutional DNN with five to eight layers was required to capture the I/O mapping of a tic model of a layer 5 cortical pyramidal cell (L5PC). This DNN generalized well when presented with swidely outside the training distribution. When NMDA receptors were removed, a much simpler irk (fully connected neural network with one hidden layer) was sufficient to fit the model. Analysis DNNs' weight matrices revealed that synaptic integration in dendritic branches could be conceptuas pattern matching from a set of spatiotemporal templates. This study provides a unified charactern of the computational complexity of single neurons and suggests that cortical networks therefore a unique architecture, potentially supporting their computational power.



## Spiking HEK cells as an excitable medium



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## Electrical waves can be patterned...

## By cell growth



## Or by light





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