

# Computational neuroscience: biophysics - Lecture 4

Blue Brain Project EPFL, 2024

# **Ion channels**



# **Lecture Overview**

- Scope
- Approaches
- Applications



## **Lecture Overview**

## Scope

- Why ion channels exist?
- O What is an ion channel?
- How does it function

## Approaches

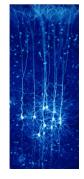
- How do we study ion channels
- How do we model and simulate ion channel

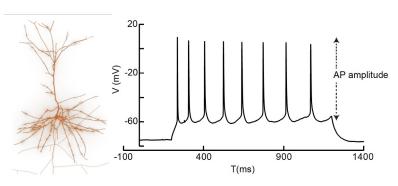
## Applications

- Areas of research in ion channels
- Channelopathies
- Automated ion channel characterization
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## Why ion channels?

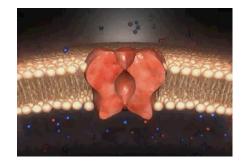


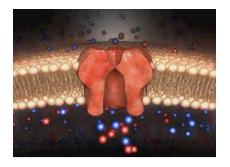






The function of the brain depends on the ability of neurons to transmit electrochemical signals to other cells, and their ability to respond appropriately to electrochemical signals received from other cells.

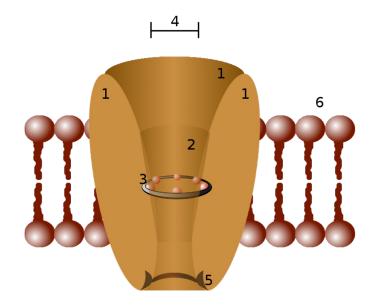






## What is an ion channel?

- Membrane proteins
- Water-filled pore
- Permeable to ions
- Specificity
- The pore can be opened or closed by electrical, mechanical, or chemical signals



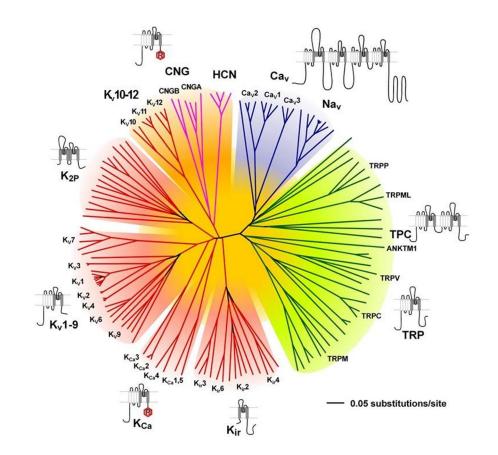
Schematic diagram of an ion channel. 1 - channel domains (typically four per channel), 2 - outer vestibule, 3 - selectivity filter, 4 - diameter of selectivity filter, 5 - phosphorylation site, 6 - cell membrane.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/lon\_channel



## **Classification**

- Classification by gating
  - Voltage-gated, ligand-gated, ...
- Classification by the main ion
  - K+, Na+, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, ...
- IUPHAR International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology
- Around 350 ion channel types known in mammals (most of them expressed in the brain)
  - ~150 voltage gated
  - ~90 ligand gated
  - >100 others



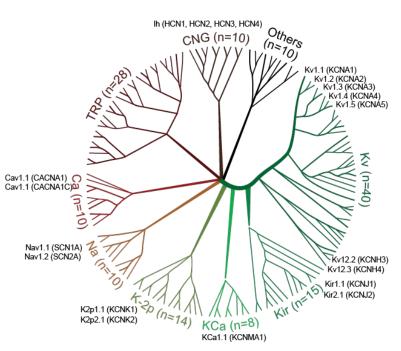


## **Classification**

## Drosophila naming (old)

- Shaker (Kv1) Leg-shaking behavior when flies were anesthetized. Ref PMID :20636, Proc R Soc Lond B Biol Sci, 1977
- Shab (Kv2) Ref PMID :2493160, Science, 1989
- Shaw (Kv3) Ref PMID :2493160, Science, 1989
- Shal (Kv4) Ref PMID :2493160, Science, 1989
- Erg (Kv10)
   Ether-a-go-go related genes. Leg shaking behavior when flies were anesthetized with ether. Ref PMID :5807804, Genetics, 1969
- Elk (Kv12) Ether-a-go-go-like
- Eag (Kv11) Ether-a-go-go

## Current naming





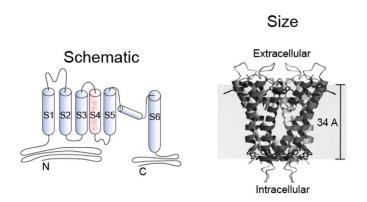
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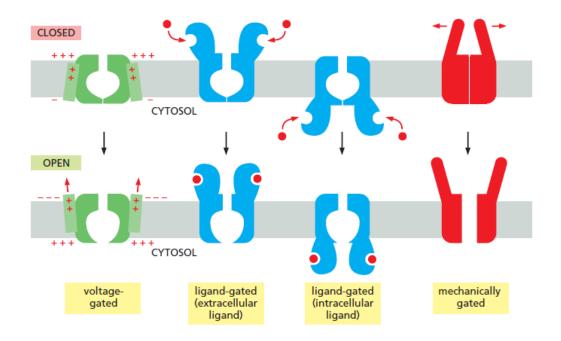
Protein-free lipid bilayers are impermeable to ions high permeability External membrane 10<sup>2</sup> Surface  $O_2$  $CO_2$ lipid concentration **HYDROPHOBIC** gradient  $N_2$ bilaver Lipid bilayer **MOLECULES** steroid hormones simple channeltransporter- $H_2O$ **ENERGY SMALL** diffusion mediated mediated UNCHARGED urea **POLAR** glycerol (A) PASSIVE TRANSPORT ACTIVE TRANSPORT 10-4 **MOLECULES**  $NH_3$ urea glycerol LARGE glucose UNCHARGED sucrose **POLAR** tryptophan ----**MOLECULES** glucose OUTSIDE H<sup>+</sup> Na<sup>+</sup> HCO<sub>3</sub> IONS - 10<sup>-10</sup> K<sup>+</sup> Ca<sup>2+</sup> INSIDE  $CI^-Mq^{2+}$ - 10<sup>-12</sup> electrochemical gradient with concentration a membrane potential gradient (with no synthetic (B) membrane potential) lipid --- 10<sup>-14</sup> bilaver low permeability



## **How does it function?**

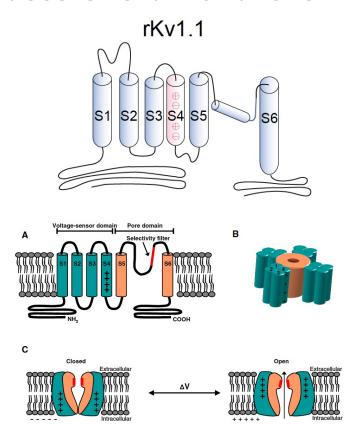
- Voltage-gated ion channels
- Ligand-gated
- Mechanically gated

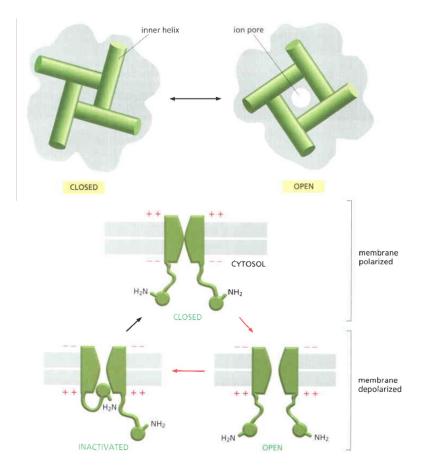






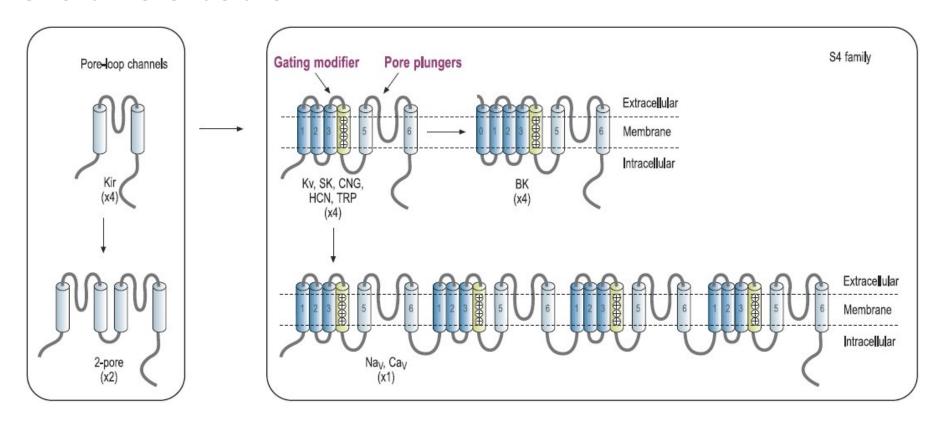
## **How does ion channel function?**





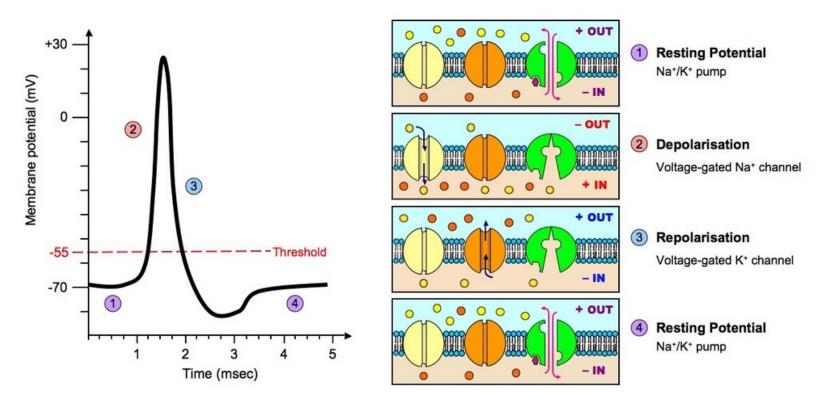


## **ion channel structure**





# **Role of ion channels in single cell**



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## **Role of ion channels**

Ion channels and transporters save our cells from osmotic death

No cell could exist without ion channels

(Differentiation, proliferation, secretion, apoptosis, migration, adhesion, invasion, excitability etc.)

Ion channels make cells electrically active

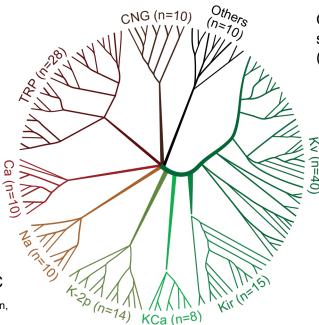
Heartbeat is controlled by specific electrical impulses – Cardiac action potential, the direct result of cardiac ion channel function.

lon channels/receptors transduce light into electrical signals. (TRP, CNG)

Auditory system has to convert sound waves into electrical signals. MET,TMC channels

Mechanoelectrical transduction.

Transmembrane channel like



Odor perception is a result of electrical signals generated by olfactory neurons. (CNG channels, Nav1.7)

Food and taste – Otopetrin (sour taste), TRP (cold, hot, bitter, sweet), ENaC (salty taste)

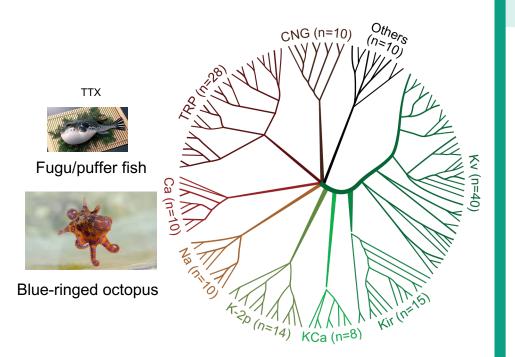
Touch – Mechanosensitive ion channels. Piezo channels

Pain sensation – Nav, Kir, ASIC, TRP, P2X channels

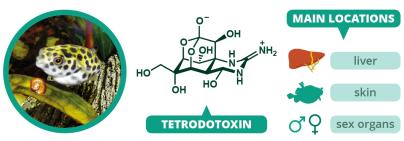


Muscle movements are controlled by electrical impulses, dependent on ion channel function

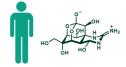
## **Toxins**



## **FUGU & TETRODOTOXIN**



Tetrodotoxin is produced by bacteria that live in pufferfish. The parts of the fish which contain high levels of the toxin must be skillfully removed before eating. Tetrodotoxin is heat stable so can't be broken down by cooking.













causes loss of sensation, paralysis, respiratory arrest, and death.

The estimated median lethal dose of tetrodotoxin is 0.33 milligrams per kilogram of body weight. There is no known antidote for the toxin.



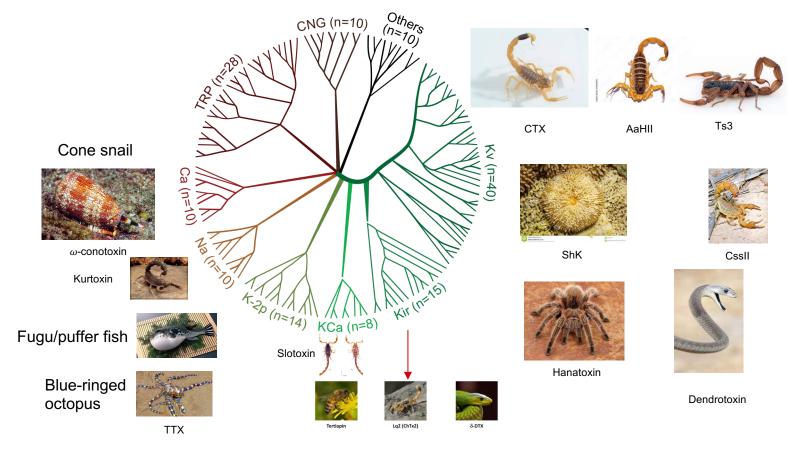
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system messages





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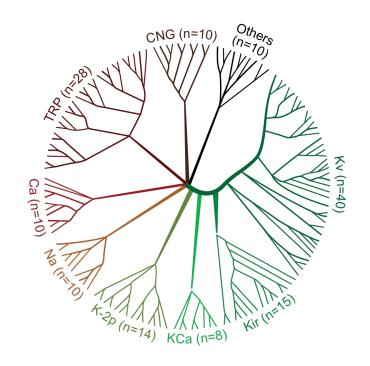
## **Summary**

- Ion channels are protein molecules that allow ions to pass through the membrane
- Ion channels can be specific to cation or anion (Na+, K+, Ca<sup>2+,</sup> Cl-)
- Two main groups of ion channels are voltage-gated and ligand-gated ion chanenls
- Voltage-gated ion channels have fundamental interactive role in cell signalling
- Most common K+ channels are tetramers
- Na/Ca channel alpha subunit is a single peptitde of four homologous domains



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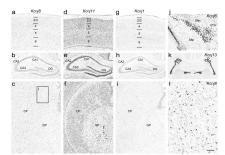




## **Approach**

## Gene expression

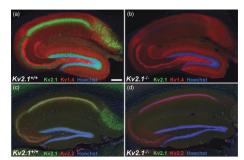
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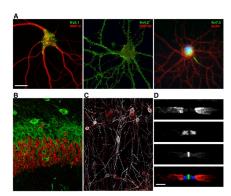
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## Protein expression

#### Immunohistochemistry



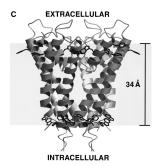
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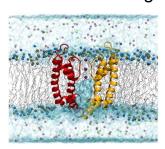
#### Protein structure

#### X-ray crystallography



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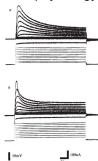
## Protein modelling



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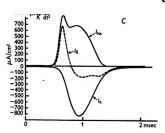
#### **Protein Kinetics**

#### Electrophysiology



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## Conductance modelling



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## **Awards, Discoveries, Nobel Prize**





#### The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1963

Sir John Carew Eccles, Alan Lloyd Hodgkin and Andrew Fielding Huxley "for their discoveries concerning the ionic mechanisms involved in excitation and inhibition in the peripheral and central portions of the nerve cell membrane"





#### The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1991

Erwin Neher and Bert Sakmann "for their discoveries concerning the function of single ion channels in cells"





#### The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2003

"for discoveries concerning channels in cell membranes"

Peter Agre "for the discovery of water channels"

Roderick MacKinnon "for structural and mechanistic studies of ion channels"

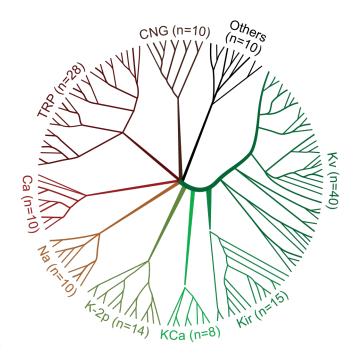




#### The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2021

David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian "for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch".

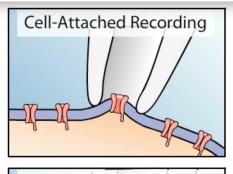
David discovered TRPV1 receptor that detects pain and heat Ardem discovered Piezo1 and Piezo2, essential for sensing mechanical stimuli such as pressure and touch

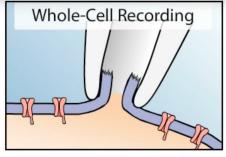


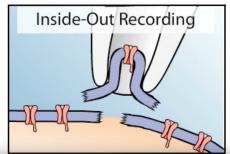
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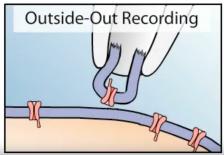
To study ion channels

## Patch clamp





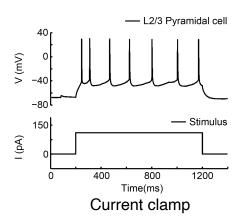


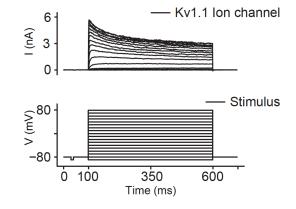


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Erwin Neher and Bert Sakmann were awarded Nobel Prize in 1991



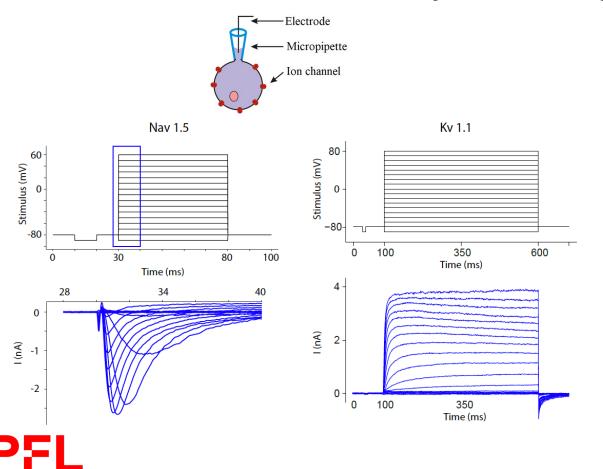


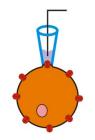


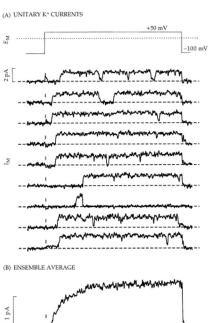
Voltage clamp

# **Experiments**

## Whole cell Vs Single channel recording



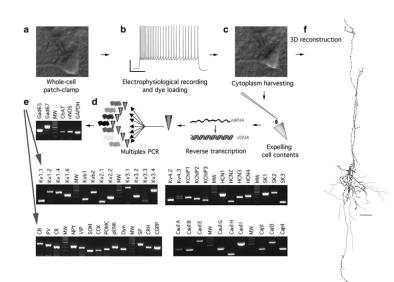




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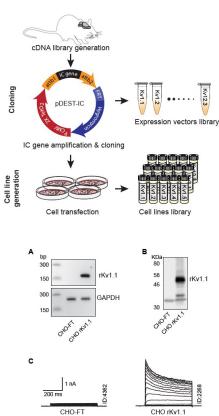
## **Ion channel experiments**

#### **Neurons**



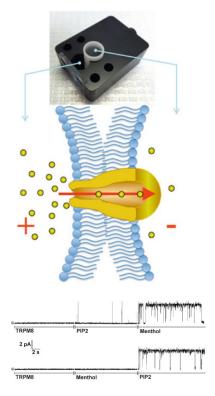
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## Lipid bilayers



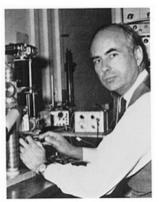
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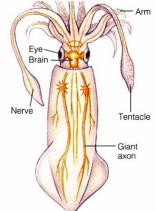
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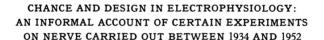
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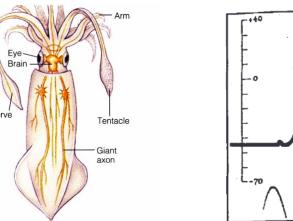


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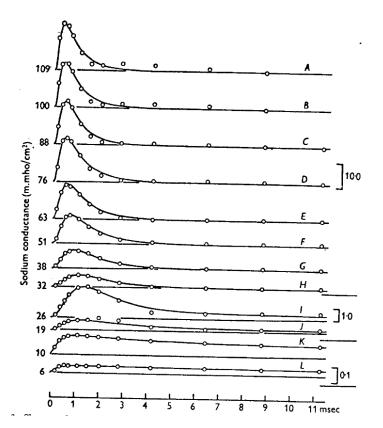
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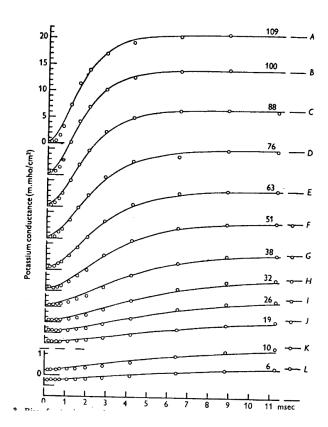
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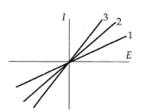
## **Ion channel conductance**

Ohm's law

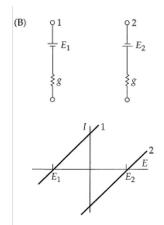
$$E = I * R$$

$$E = I * \frac{1}{g}$$
  $I = g * E$ 

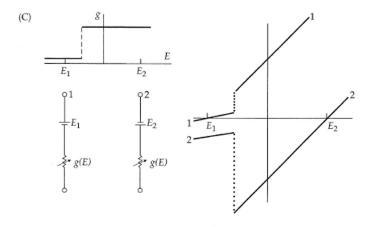
 $(A) \qquad \begin{matrix} 1 & & \downarrow 2 & & \downarrow 3 \\ & & & \downarrow 2g & & \downarrow & 3g \end{matrix}$ 



E potential difference (volts, V) I current (amperes, A) R resistance (ohms,  $\Omega$ ) g conductance (siemens, S)

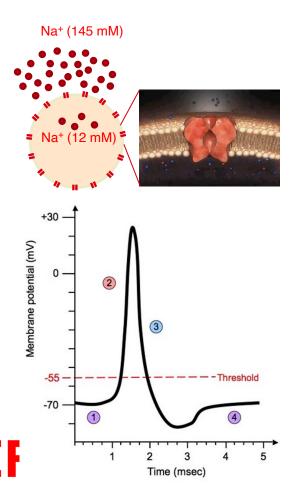


$$I_{Na} = g_{Na}(E) * (E-E_{Na})$$
$$I_{k} = g_{k}(E) * (E-E_{k})$$

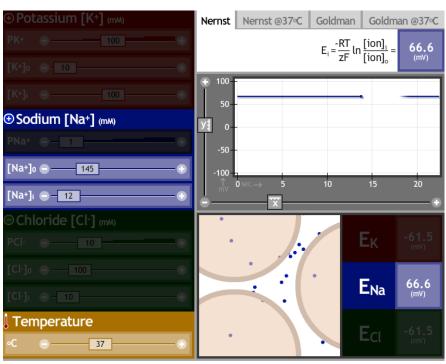




# **Nernst potential**



## Nernst equation



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# **Nernst potential**

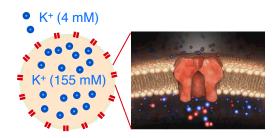
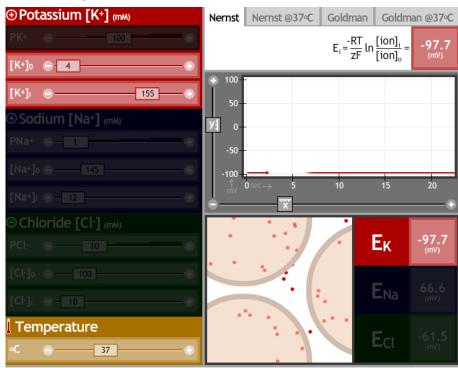


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Na <sup>+</sup>	145	12	12	+67
K+	4	155	0.026	-98
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	1.5	100 nm	15,000	+129
Cl-	123	$4.2^{b}$	$29^{b}$	$-90^{b}$

 $<sup>^</sup>a$  Calculated from Equation 1.11 at 37°C.

## Nernst equation



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## **Goldman-Hodgkin-Katz equation**

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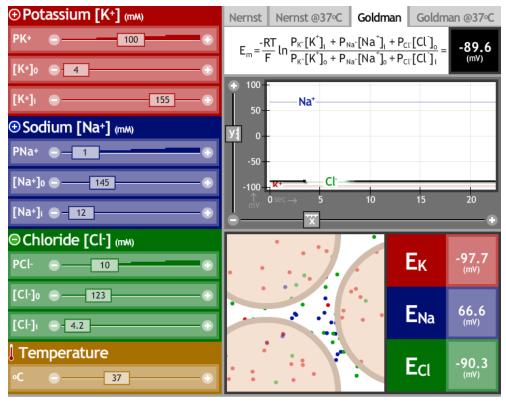
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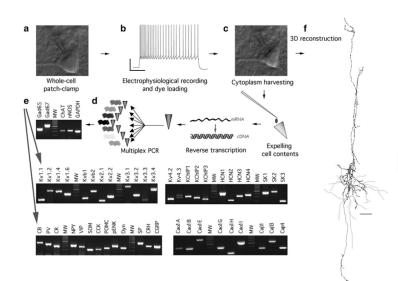


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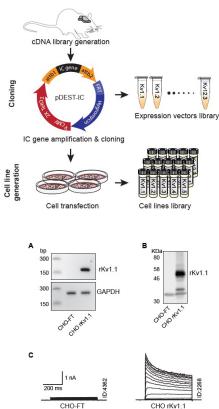
## **Ion channel experiments**

#### **Neurons**



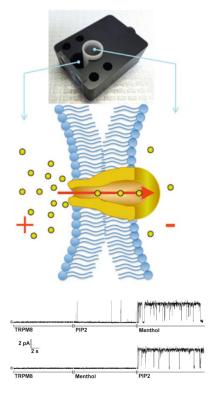
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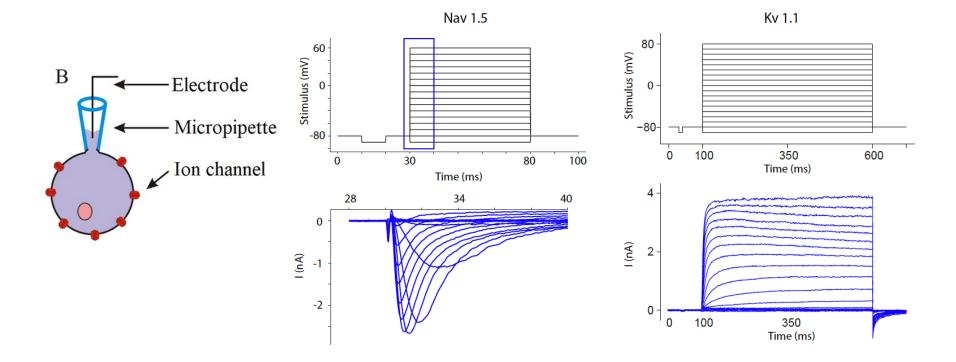
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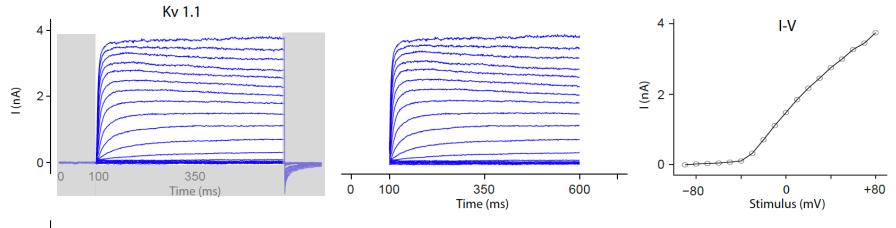


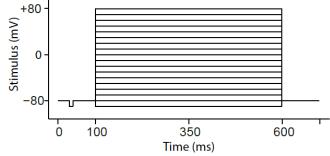
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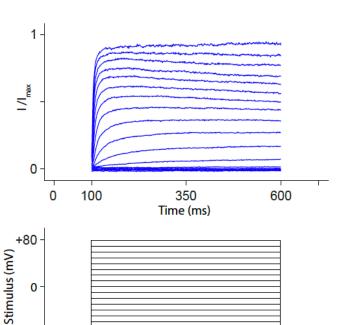
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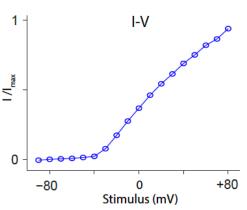
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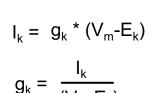


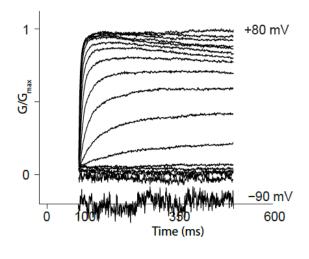
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Time (ms)

600







$$G_{k(v=-90)} = \frac{I_{k(v=-90)}}{(-90 - (-98))}$$

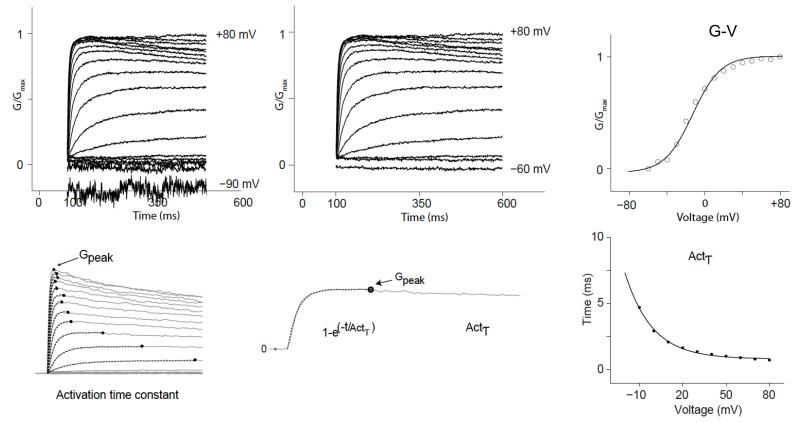
$$G_{k(v=+80)} = \frac{I_{k(v=+80)}}{(+80 - (-98))}$$



-80

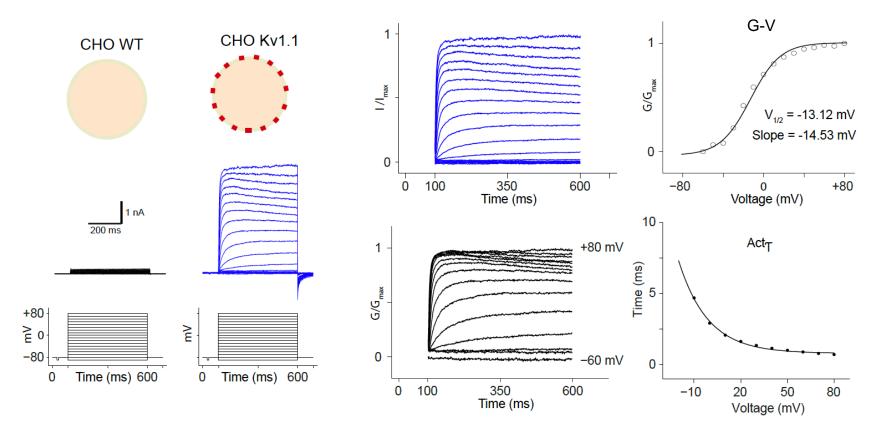
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# **Kinetic characterization**



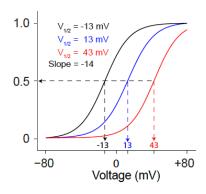


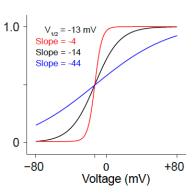
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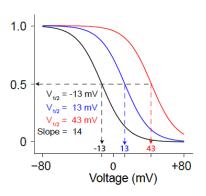


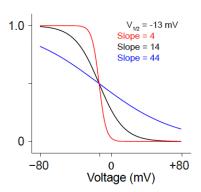


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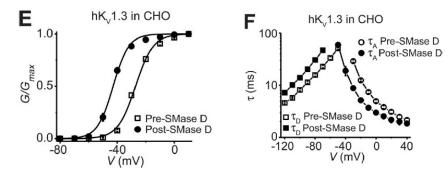








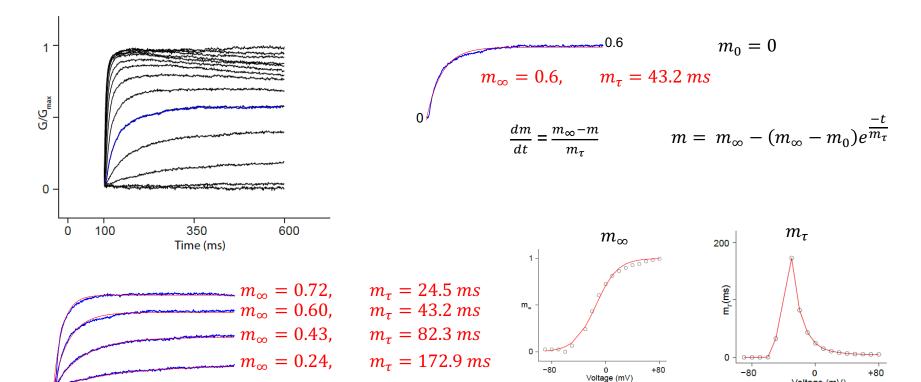
$$G/G_{max}(V) = \frac{1.0}{1.0 + e^{\left(\frac{V - V_{1/2}}{Slope}\right)}}$$



Combs DJ, Shin HG, Xu Y, Ramu Y, Lu Z. Tuning voltage-gated channel activity and cellular excitability with a sphingomyelinase. J Gen Physiol. 2013;142(4):367–380.



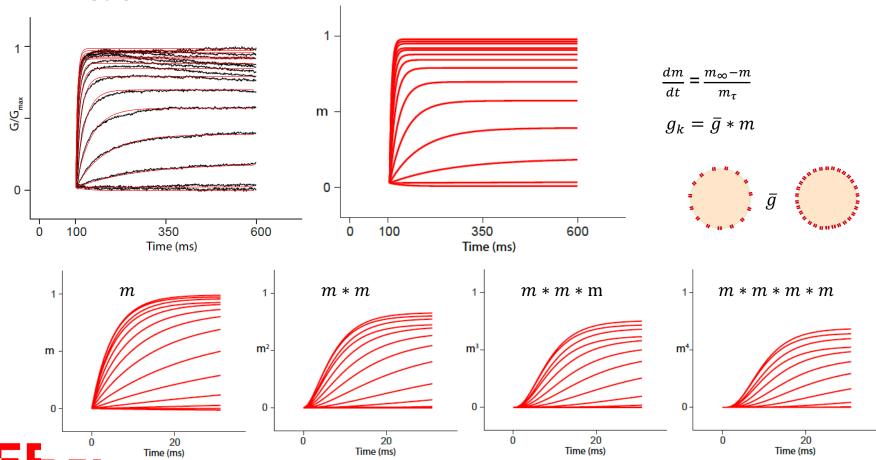
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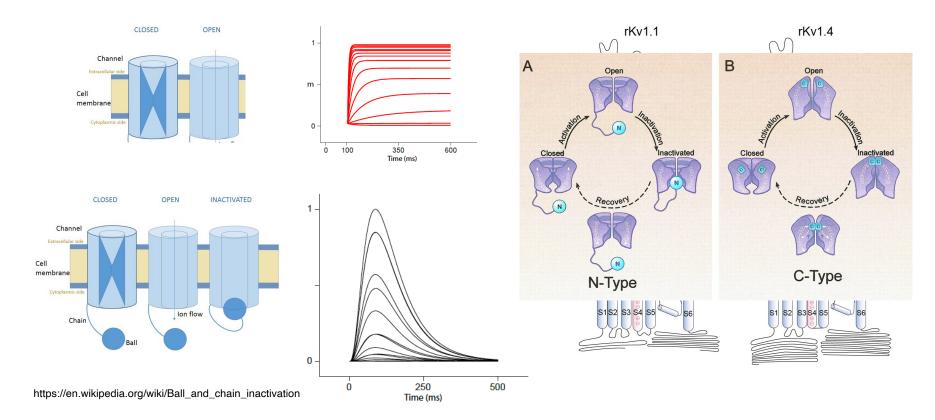


Voltage (mV)

### **H-H model**

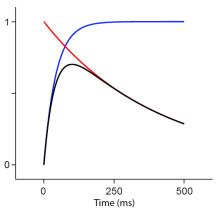


### **Ion channel inactivation**





## **Ion channel model with inactivation gate**



$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{m_{\infty} - m}{m_{\tau}}$$

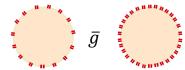
$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{h_{\infty} - h}{h_{\tau}}$$

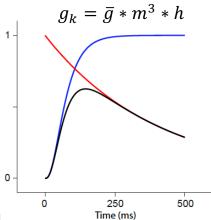
$$g_k = \bar{g} * m * h$$

$$m_0 = 0$$
,  $m_{\infty} = 1.0$ ,  $m_{\tau} = 43.2 \text{ ms}$ 

$$h_0 = 1$$
,  $h_{\infty} = 0$ ,  $h_{\tau} = 400 \ ms$ 







$$m_0 = 0 h_0 = 1$$

$$m_{\infty} = 1.0$$

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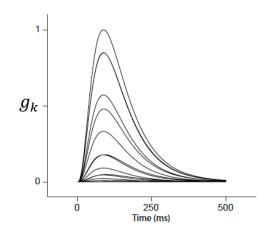
$$m_0 = 0 \quad h_0 = 1$$

$$m_{\infty} = f1(v)$$

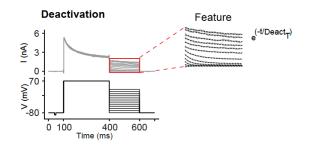
$$m_{\tau} = f2(v)$$

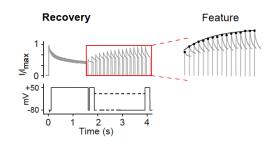
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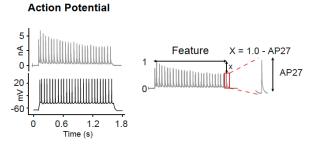
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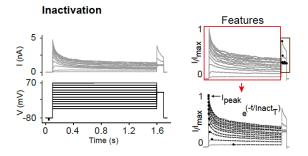


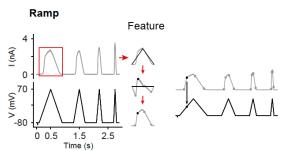
## **Detailed kinetic characterization**





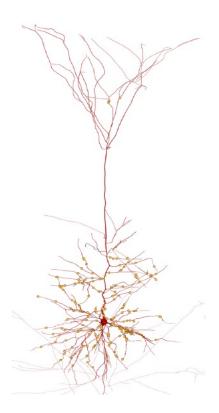


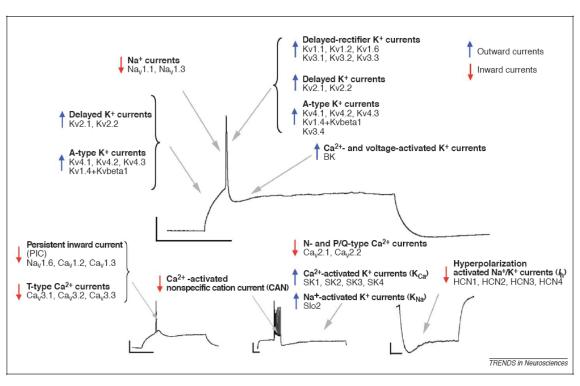






### **Ion channels in Neurons**





Toledo-Rodriguez, M. Cellular signalling properties in microcircuits (2005) Trends in Neurosciences



### **Passive cell model**



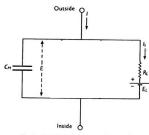
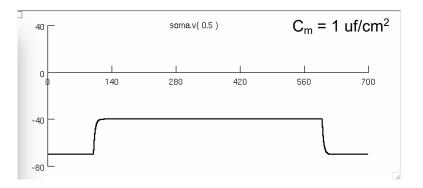
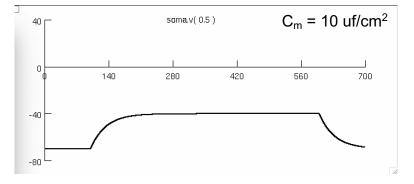


Fig. 1. Electrical circuit representing membrane.

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              2. Color (0..9)
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obfunc plotVoltage(){ localobj grph
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   grph.addexpr("",$s1,$2,$3)
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   grph.view(0, -80, tstop, 120,300, 75, 800, 325)
   grph.label(0.4,0.9,$s1)
   grph.label(0.9,0.55,"Time(ms)")
   grph.label(0.1,0.9,"V(mV)")
   return grph
create soma
access soma
L=18.8
nseg=1
diam=18.8
Ra = 123.0
cm = 1.0
v init = -70
insert pas
g_pas=.0003
e pas=-70
objectvar stim
stim = new IClamp(0.5)
stim.del = 100
stim.dur = 500
stim.amp = 0.1
tstop =700
plotVoltage("soma.v( 0.5 )",1, 2)
init()
run()
```

#### Passive cell







### **Active cell model with H-H channels**

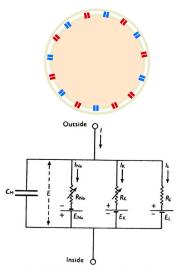
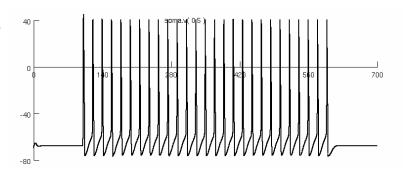


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tstop =700
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run()
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#### Passive cell + H-H channels







### **Active cell model with H-H channels (Mod files)**

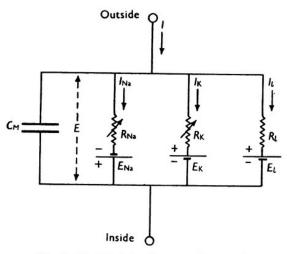
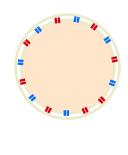
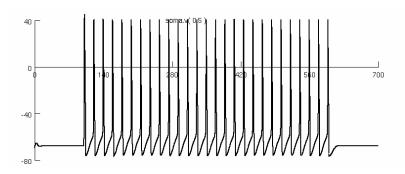


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#### Passive cell + H-H Mod files







### **Lecture Overview**

#### **K** Channel

```
STATE
    m
BREAKPOINT
    SOLVE states METHOD cnexp
    gKv3 = gKv3bar*m
    ik = gKv3*(v-ek)
DERIVATIVE states
    rates()
    m' = (mInf-m)/mTau
INITIAL{
    rates()
    m = mTnf
PROCEDURE rates(){
   UNITSOFF
        mInf = 1/(1+exp(((v - (18.700))/(-9.700))))
        mTau = 20.000/(1+exp(((v -(-46.560))/(-44.140))))
    UNITSON
```

```
STATE
                         Na Channel
BREAKPOINT {
   SOLVE states METHOD cnexp
   gNa_S = gNa_Sbar*m*m*h
   ina = gNa_S*(v-ena)
DERIVATIVE states {
   rates()
   m' = (mInf-m)/mTau
   h' = (hInf-h)/hTau
INITIAL{
   rates()
   m = mInf
   h = hInf
PROCEDURE rates(){
   UNITSOFF
       if(v == -25.0){
           v = v + 0.000001
       ^{\circ} mAlpha = (0.182 * ((v-10) - -35))/(1-(exp(-((v-10) - -35)/9)))
       if(v == -25.0){
           v = v + 0.000001
       mBeta = (0.124 * (-(v-10) -35))/(1-(exp(-(-(v-10) -35)/9)))
       mInf = mAlpha/(mAlpha + mBeta)
       mTau = 1/(mAlpha + mBeta)
       hInf = 1.0/(1+exp((v--65-10)/6.2))
       if(v == -40.0){
           v = v + 0.000001
       hTau = 1/((0.024 * ((v-10) - -50))/(1-(exp(-((v-10) - -50)/5))) +(0.0091 * (-(v-10)
        - 75.000123))/(1-(exp(-(-(v-10) - 75.000123)/5))))
   UNITSON
```



### **Summary**

- Patch clamp experiment
- Voltage/Current clamp
- Whole cell, Single channel recordings
- Ion channel experiment in Neuron/Cell line
- Hodgkin-Huxley modelling
- Neuron simulation (Single cell)
- Neuron simulation with H-H channels
- Neuron simulation with mod files

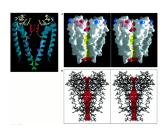


### **Lecture Overview**

- Scope
- Approaches
- Applications



### **Key areas of ion channel research**



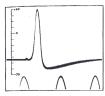
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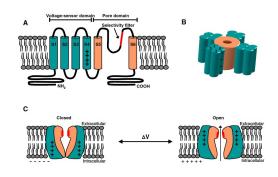
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Up-regulation of the Kv3.4 potassium channel subunit in early stages of Alzheimer's disease

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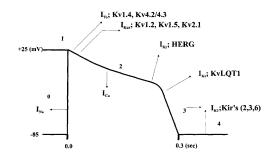


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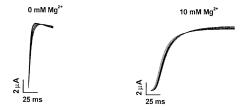


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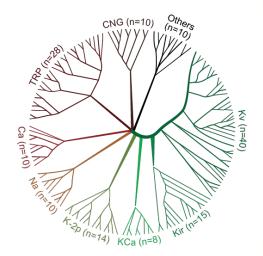
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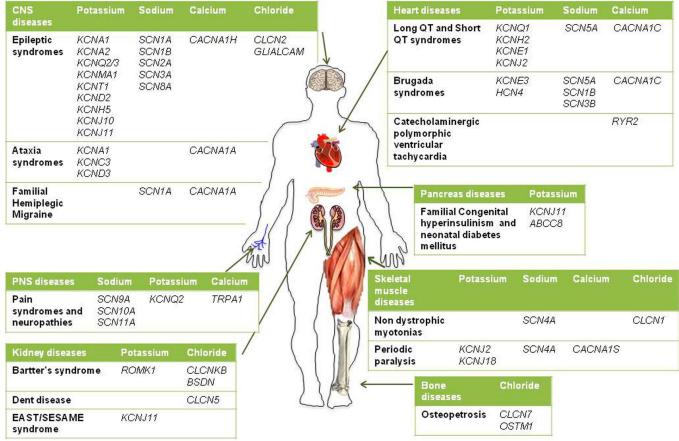


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## **Channelopathies**





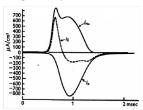


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## **Neuron modeling timeline**



Single compartment model



First mathematical model of action potential initiation with Na<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup> conductances

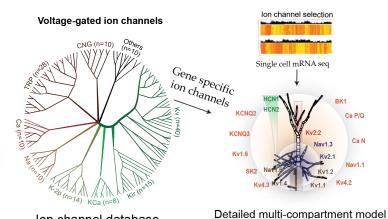


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Past

Reconstructed morphology Multi-compartment model Kfast Role of generic ion channels in Cell morphology cell physiology, diseases, and kinetic modulation

Detailed multi-compartment model with generic ion channels



Role of **gene specific** ion channels in cell physiology, disease simulation, neuro modulation and in-silico drug screening

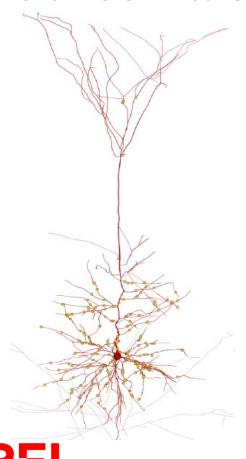
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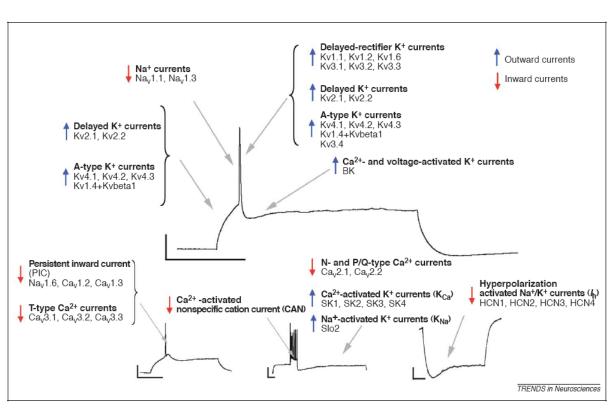
Future

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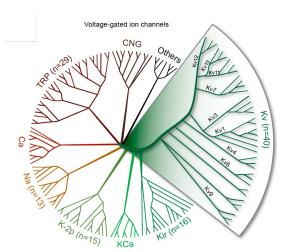
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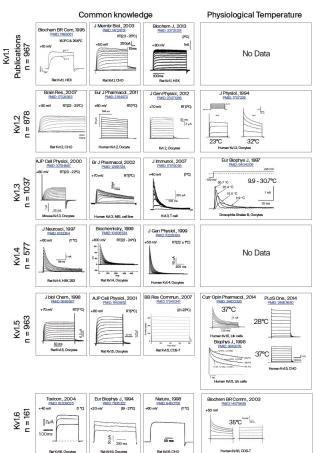


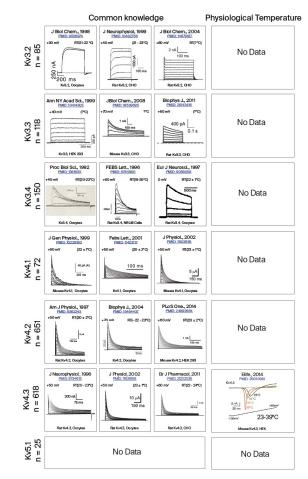


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### **Literature overview**

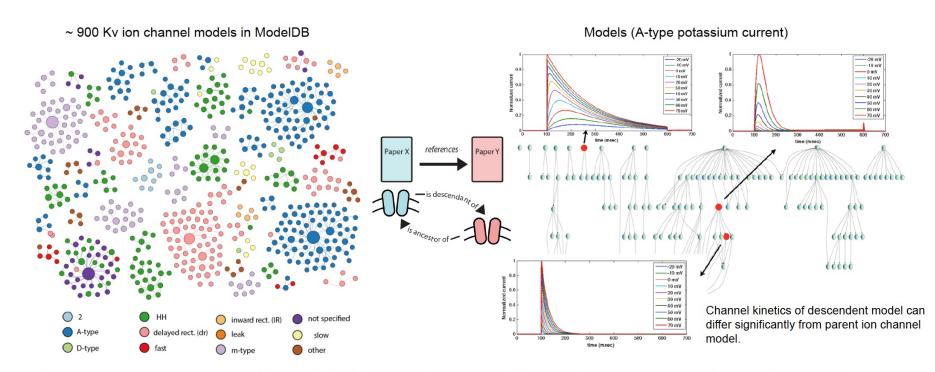








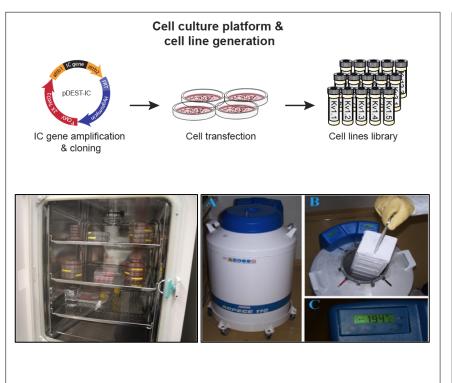
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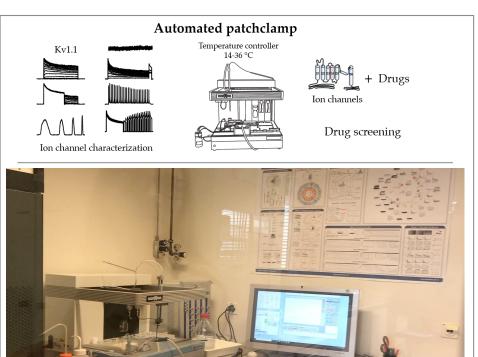


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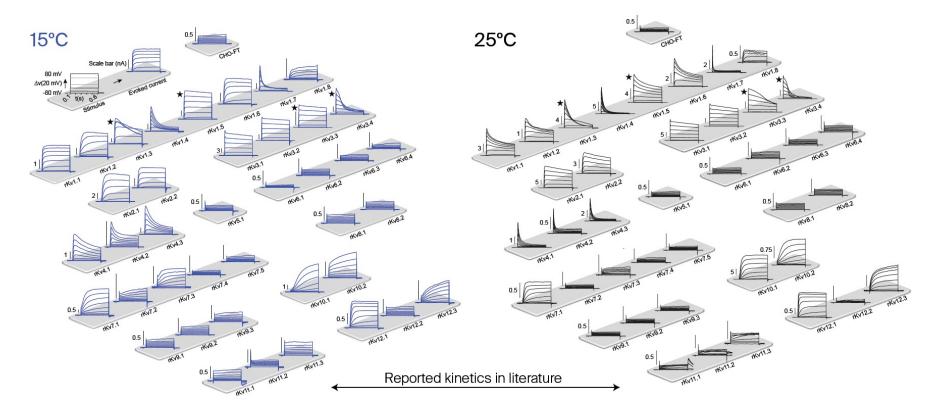
### **Automated ion channel characterization**







## **Kinetics comparison**

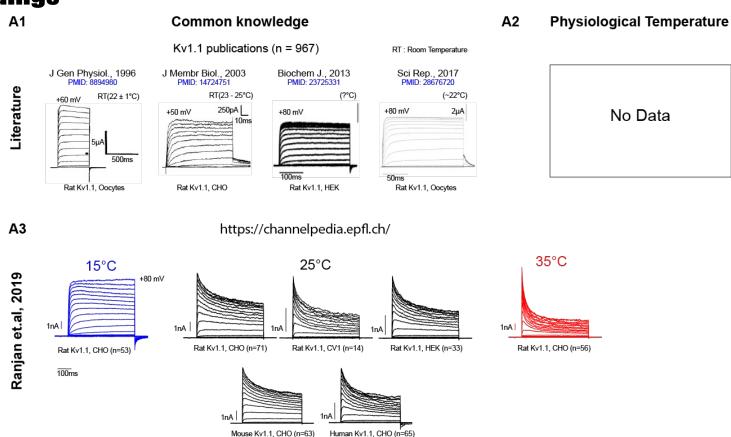




# **Kinetics near physiological temperature** 15°c 25°c 35°c 35°C Kv1.1 Kv2.1 Kv1.4 ID:7976 Kv7.1



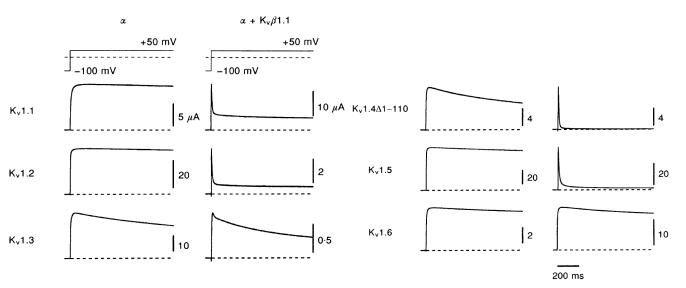
### **New findings**



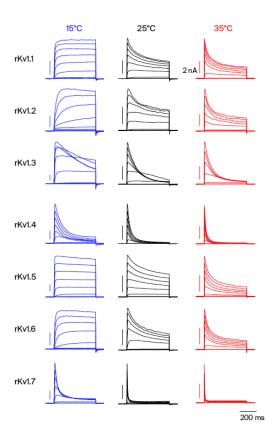


### **Kinetic modulation**

#### Kinetic modulation by β-subunit



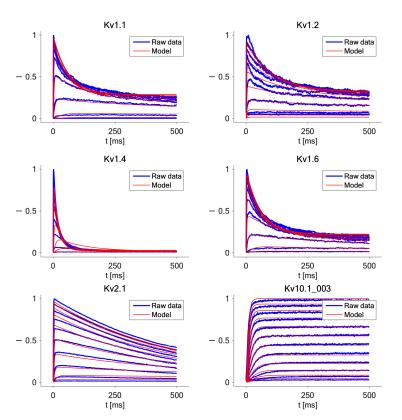
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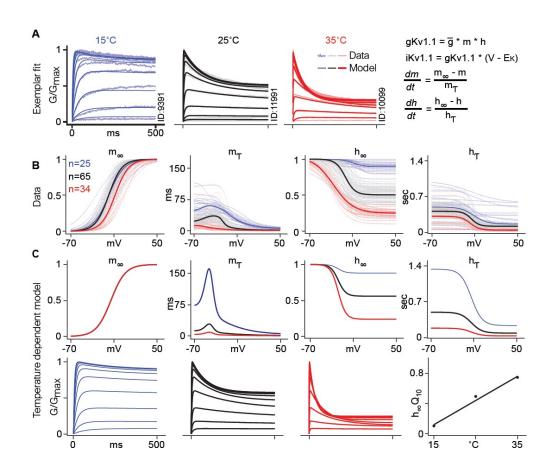


Ranjan et. al, 2019



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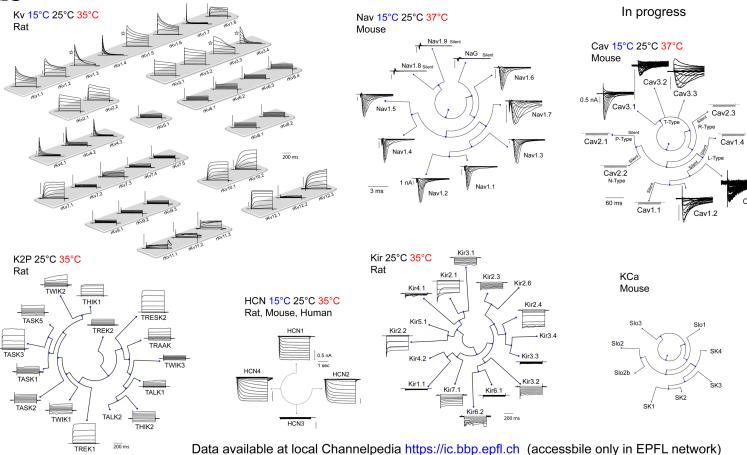






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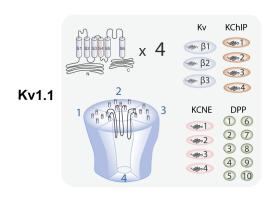
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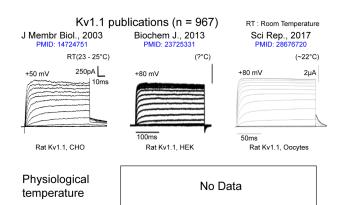




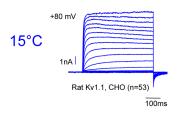
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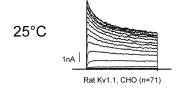
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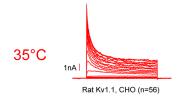




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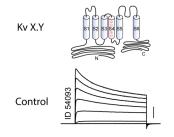


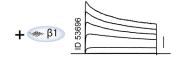


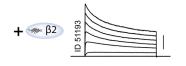


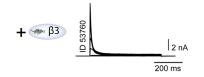
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#### Kinetic modulation



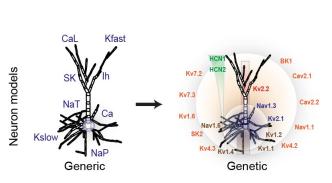








#### **Current status**



SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

naturersesarch
To assess the contribution of axonal KvI channels on intrinsic neuronal excitability, we monitored the excitability of CA3 pyramidal cells before and after puffing the specific KvI.1 channel blocker, DTx-K or the broader spectrum KvI channel blocker, DTx-K.

specific Kv1.1 channel blocker, DTx-K

Cell Reports

2018

PMID: 29562186

To provide further clues about the channel subunit composition, we used toxins specific for one Kv1 subunit. Application of dendrotoxin-K (DTx-K; 1  $\mu$ M), a potent blocker for Kv1.1 (Robertson et al., 1996), had no effect (p > 0.05; Figure 4N;

DTx-K a potent blocker for Kv1.1

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2020 PMID: 32332769

cerebellar slices from mature GAD67-GFP mice to identify putative GABAergic-DCNs (GAD + DCN) we show that specific Kv1. Channel blockers (dendrotoxin-alphal/IK, DTSs) hyperpolarized the threshold of somatic action potentials, increased the spontaneous firing rate and hampered evoked high frequency

specific Kv1 channel blockers (DTxs)

**PNAS** 

2021 PMID: 34799447

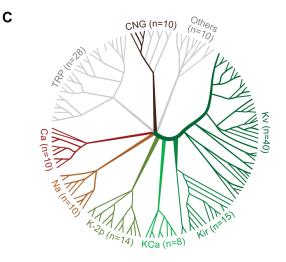
initial segment. Bath application of dendrotoxin-K (DTX-K), a selective blocker of Kv1.1 channels, leads to a larger excitability increase in control cultures than in deprived cultures. Focal puffing

DTx-K a selective blocker of Kv1.1

1996 PMID: 8612784 > FEBS Lett. 1996 Mar 25;383(1-2):26-30. doi: 10.1016/0014-5793(96)00211-6.

Novel effects of dendrotoxin homologues on subtypes of mammalian Kv1 potassium channels expressed in Xenopus oocytes

study. Firstly, while all three clones Kv1.1, 1.2 and 1.6 were blocked by toxin I, the closely related homologue toxin K was selective for Kv1.1. Thus toxin K will be useful in separating out the contributions from Kv1.1 subunits from other mammalian *Shaker*-family subunits in native cells, such as central neurones. Recent work [7] has shown that only one of the





### **Drug Screening**

- Drug screenings are currently performed on cell lines only at room temperature
- Only selected ion channels are used for drug screening

Escitalopram: - Antidepressant, Anxiety disorder

- Sold under brand names Cipralex and Lexapro

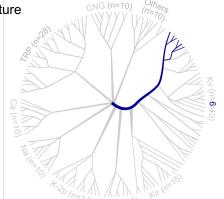
Escitalopram also does not bind to or has low affinity for various ion channels including Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup> and Ca<sup>++</sup> channels.

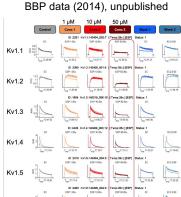
Orug Usage Statistics, United States, 2007 - 20	
க் ClinCalc.com » Pharmacy » ClinCalc DrugStats » Escitalopram Oxalate	
Number of Prescriptions Over Time (2007 - 201	7)

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20th most commonly prescribed medication in the United States with more than **25 million** prescriptions

	Emergent Adverse Events:					
Incidence in Placebo-Controlled C	linical Trials for Generalized A	nxiety Disorde				
	(Percentage of Patients Reporting Event)					
Body System / Adverse Event	LEXAPRO (N=429)	Placebo (N=427)				
Autonomic Nervous System Disorders	(	(				
Dry Mouth	9%	5%				
Sweating Increased	4%	1%				
Central & Peripheral Nervous System	Disorders					
Headache	24%	17%				
Paresthesia	2%	1%				
Gastrointestinal Disorders						
Nausea	18%	8%				
Diarrhea	8%	6%				
Constination	5%	4%				
Indigestion	3%	2%				
Vomiting	3%	1%				
Abdominal Pain	2%	1%				
Flatulence	2%	1%				
Toothache	2%	0%				
General						
Fatigue	8%	2%				
Influenza-like Symptoms	5%	4%				
Musculoskeletal						
Neck/Shoulder Pain	3%	1%				
Psychiatric Disorders						
Somnolence	13%	7%				
Insomnia	12%	6%				
Libido Decreased	7%	2%				
Dreaming Abnormal	3%	2%				
Appetite Decreased	3%	1%				
Lethargy	3%	1%				
Yawning	2%	1%				
Urogenital						
Ejaculation Disorder <sup>1,2</sup>	14%	2%				
Anorgasmia <sup>3</sup>	6%	<1%				
Menstrual Disorder	2%	1%				





#### 50 uM Escitalopram blocks all six (Kv1) ion channels by 60%

2017 > Korean J Physiol Pharmacol. 2017 Jul;21(4):415-421. doi: 10.4196/kjpp.2017.21.4.415. Epub 2017 Jun 26.

Escitalopram, a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor, inhibits voltage-dependent K<sup>+</sup> channels in coronary arterial smooth muscle cells

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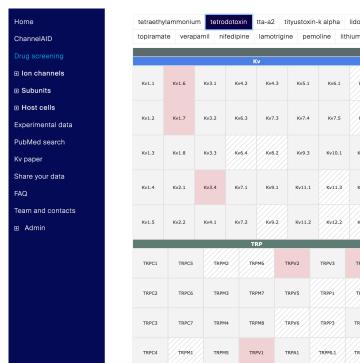
Escitalopram block of hERG potassium channels

> Acta Pharmacol Sin. 2010 Apr;31(4):429-35. doi: 10.1038/aps.2010.14. Epub 2010 Mar 15.



Open channel block of Kv1.5 currents by citalogram

## **Drug Screening on Literature Data**



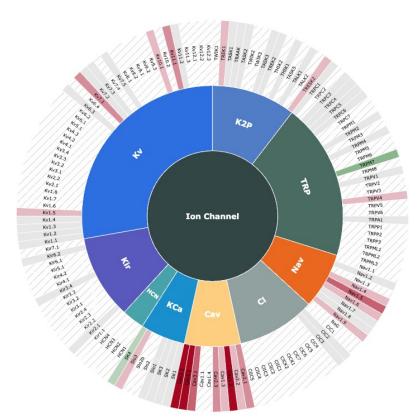
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#### tetrodotoxin effect on Nav1.1

Pubmed Id	format	Nb citation	Effect	Dose Response	Study type	Subject	
34634134	Abstract	0	NA	NA .	HUMAN	Human donor tissue	
29470418	Full text	NA	CLOSE	NA	HUMAN I ANIMAL	DRG neurons   Wistar rats	
34523364	Abstract	1	CLOSE	NA.	ANIMAL	mouse esophageal mechanoreceptors	
28450535	Full text	NA	CLOSE	500 nM -> significant reduction in A-CAP amplitude	ANIMAL	mice and pigtail monkeys (Macaca nemestrina)	
28832970	Full text	NA	CLOSE	10 nM TTX -> 72 ± 2% inhibition of Nav1.1   IC50 values not explicitly provided for Nav1.1	CELL	HEK293T cells	
22005676	Abstract	74	NA	NA	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	
25406007	Full text	40	CLOSE	ŊA	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	



## **Drug Screening**



#### Identified drugs for screening

		DrugName	Reason	Info from Drugbank related to IC
	1	TEA	Potassium channel blocker	
_	2	TTX	Sodium channel blocker	
Priority	3	TTA-A2	T type CaV3 channel blocker	
$\succeq$	4	TitusToxin-K alpha	Kv1.2 specific blocker	
⋶	5	Lidocaine	Common anesthetic	NaV inhibitor
屲	6	Bicuculline	Synaptic blocker (GABA A)	
	7	Escitalopram	Antidepressant	no
First	8	Retigabine	Anti convulsant Withdrawn from market	KCNQ
ΙĪ	9	Valproate	Anti epileptic	NaV inhibitor
	10	Mibefradil (Posicor)	Anti hypertensive Withdrawn from market	Calcium channel inhibitor
	11	Clozapine	Antipsycotic medication, also effective in treatment resistant schizopi	ohrenia Kv11.1 blocker
	12	Topiramate	To treat Epilepsy and migraine	
	13	Verapamil	To treat high blood pressure Calcium channel blocker	CaV blocker + some kir and kv
	14	Nifedipine	To treat high blood pressure & chest pain	CaV blocker
	15	Lamotrigine	To treat Epilepsy, bipoal disorder	CaV blocker
	16	Pemoline (Cylert)	To treat attention-deficit hyperactivity Withdrawn from market	ND
	17	Lithium	Antidepressant	Glutamate R 3
	18	Tamoxifen	Common Cancer drug	kv11.1 blocker
	19	NBQX	Synaptic blocker (AMPA)	
	20	APV	Synaptic blocker	
	21	4-Aminopyridine	Kv1 blocker	
	22	ZD7288	HCN blocker	



## **Drug Screening (Experiment setup)**

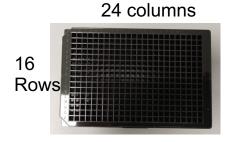




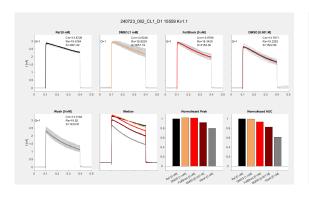
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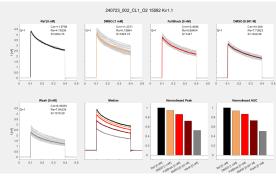


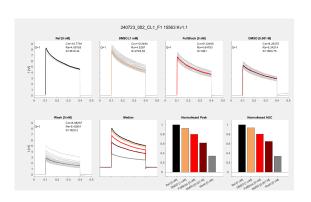


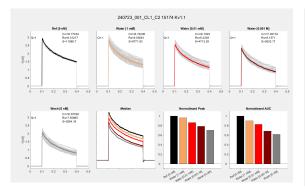


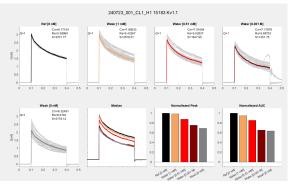
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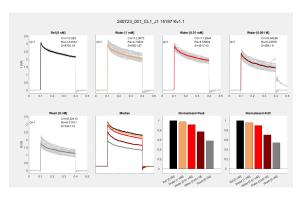






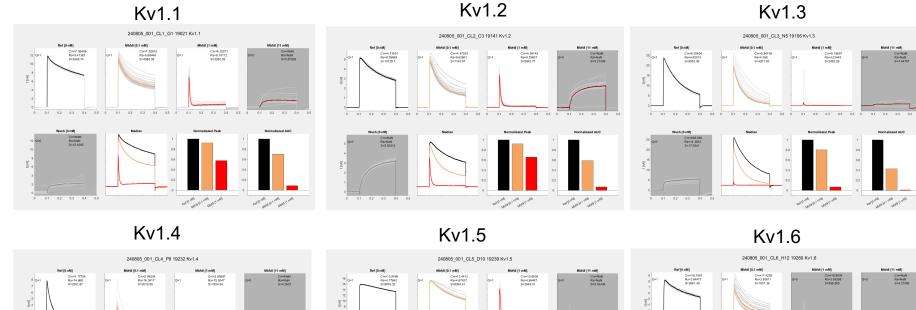


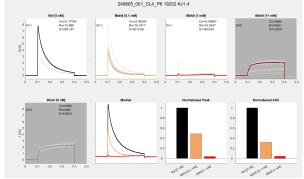


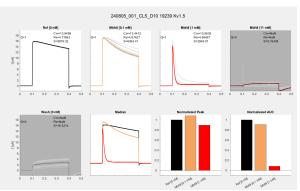


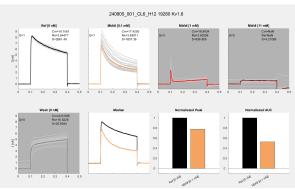


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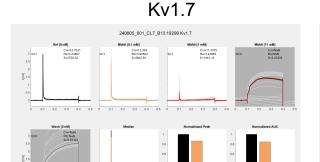




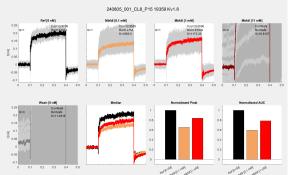




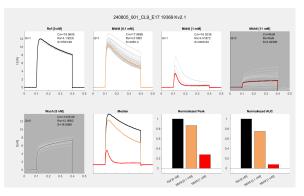
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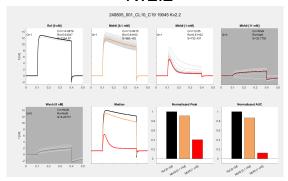




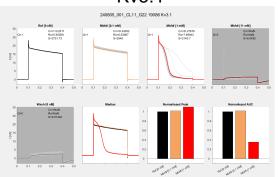
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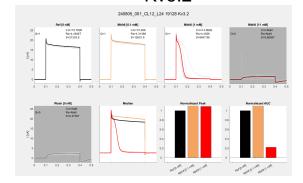
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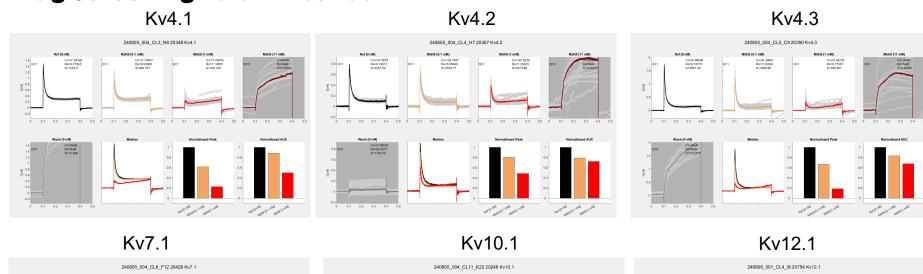


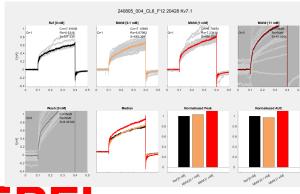
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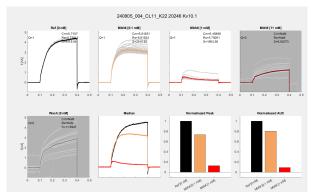


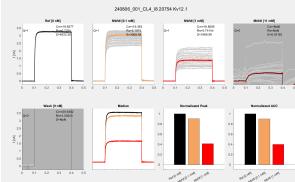


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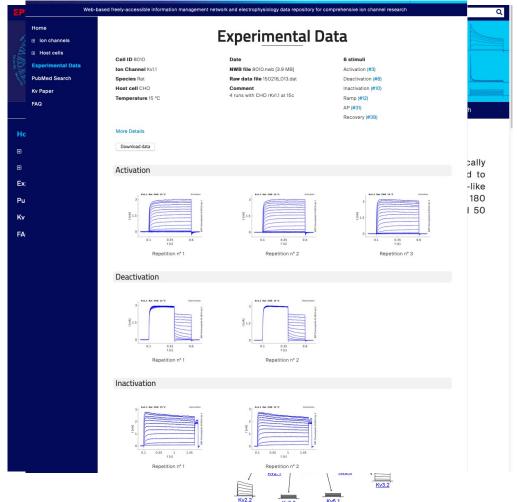






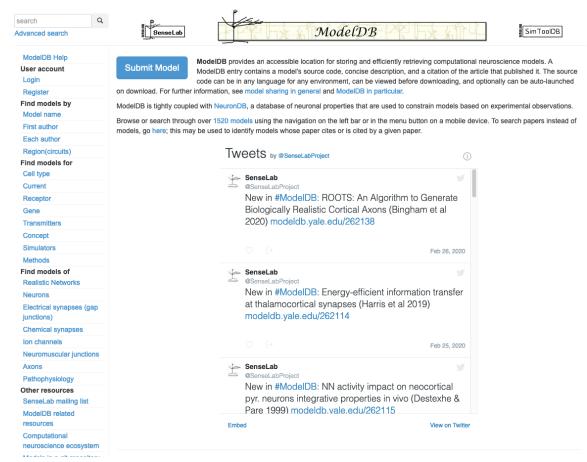
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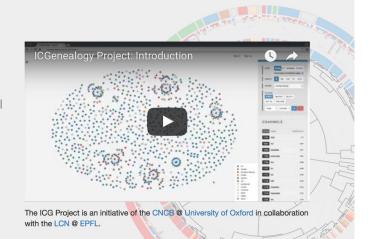
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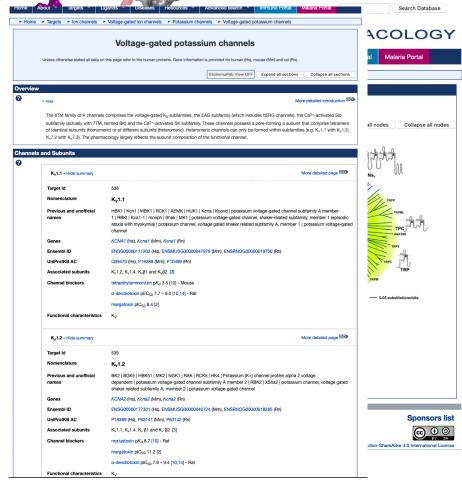
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## **Summary 3**

- Ion channels are implicated in many different diseases
- Ion channel kinetics are very sensitive to temperature
- Automated patch clamp and high throughput screening provides access to missing experimental data
- Ion channels are implicated/linked to majority of experimental neuroscience research



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