

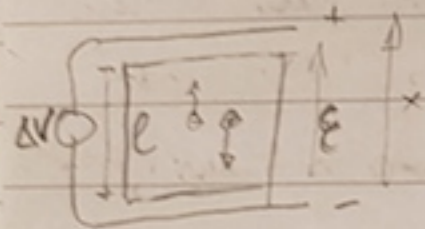
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Machines in membranes

Electric field $E = \frac{-\Delta V}{L}$

Potential energy of charge:

$$U(x) = -qEx, \quad \Delta V = \frac{\Delta U}{q}$$



Force $F = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = -qE$ causes drift

velocity $v = \frac{F}{\zeta} = -\frac{D}{kT} qE$

that causes concentration gradient

Total chemical potential

$$\mu = \mu_{int} + \mu_{ext} = \mu_0 + kT \ln \frac{c}{c_0} - qEx$$

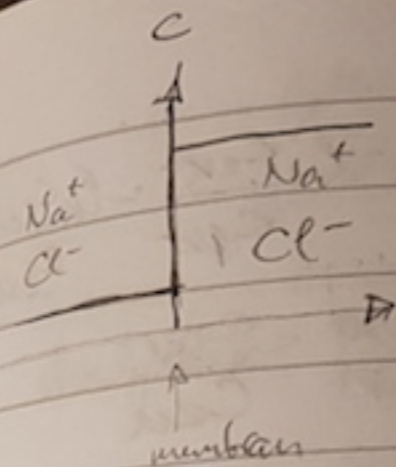
Flux $j = -D \nabla \mu$

Equilibrium $j = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow kT \frac{\partial \ln c}{\partial x} = qE \quad \cdot dx$$

$$kT \frac{\partial \ln c}{\partial x} = qE = -q \frac{\Delta V}{L}$$

Nernst
Potential



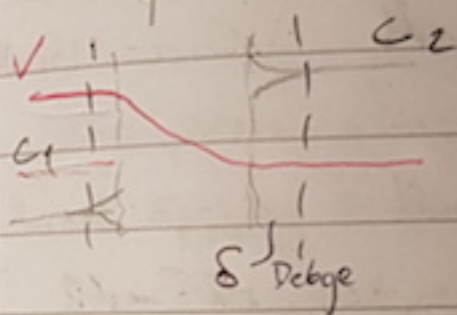
What happens when?

1 - no ions permeate

2 - only one ion permeates

3 - both ions permeate

2: equilibrium: $\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x} = 0$



$$\Delta V = V_{Nernst} = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{c_2}{c_1}$$

$$\left(\frac{kT}{e} = \frac{1}{40} \text{ Volt} \right)$$

Multicomponent mixtures

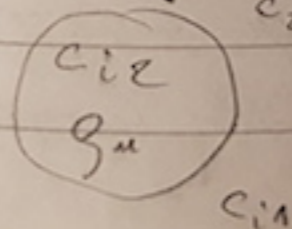
- negatively charged macromolecules. Charge density ρ_{mac}

- K^+ C_{K^+} : $C_{K^+} = 10 \text{ mM}$ $\rho_{mac}/e = 125 \text{ mM}$

- Na^+ C_{Na^+} $C_{Na^+} = 140 \text{ mM}$

- Cl^- C_{Cl^-} $C_{Cl^-} = 150 \text{ mM}$

Charge neutrality: $C_{Na^+} + C_{K^+} - C_{Cl^-} + \rho_{mac}/e = 0$ outside
inside



$$\rho_i = 0$$

Why is macromol. charges not balanced?

For all permeable species

Nernst equilib: $\frac{e}{kT} \Delta V = \ln \frac{C_2 Na^+}{C_1 Na^+} = \ln \frac{C_2 K^+}{C_1 K^+} = \ln \frac{C_1 Cl^-}{C_2 Cl^-}$
 (Donnan potential)

=> Donnan equilibrium $\frac{C_2 Na^+}{C_1 Na^+} = \frac{C_2 K^+}{C_1 K^+} = \frac{C_1 Cl^-}{C_2 Cl^-}$

Solve for C_{2i} :
 $C_{2Na^+} = 210 \text{ mM}$
 $C_{2K^+} = 15 \text{ mM}$
 $C_{2Cl^-} = 100 \text{ mM}$

few macromolecules
each highly charged

$C_{2mac} \approx 1 \text{ mM}$

$C_{tot,2} = 325 \text{ mM}$ $C_{tot,1} = 300 \text{ mM}$

$\Delta \mu_{osm} = U_m kT \Delta C_{tot}$ $\Delta C_{tot} = 25 \text{ mM}$

$\Delta V_{Donnan} = -10 \text{ mV}$

$\Delta p = kT \Delta C_{tot} = 6 \cdot 10^9 \text{ Pa}$

$= 0.6 \text{ bar}$

Plants, algae, fungi, bacteria: outer rigid wall
to withstand pressure

ion pumping

$J_{i,pump}$

Non-equil. fluxes: $J_i = L_i \nabla \mu_i + L_{pi} \nabla T + \dots$
 linear if $\nabla \mu_i$ reversibility (very seldom not)

$\Delta \mu_i = kT \ln c_i + U_{mi} \Delta p + q(\Delta V - V_i^{stat})$

$J_i = L_{ij} \Delta \mu_j$ Book $L_{ij} = g_i$
conductance

steady state $J_{i,pump} = -J_i$ power series??

$\frac{J_{i,pump}}{g_i} = kT \ln c_i + U_{mi} \Delta p + q(\Delta V - V_i^{stat})$
 (without pump $\Delta \mu = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta p \text{ bar}$)

Dissipative steady state:

Entropy production rate $\sigma = \sum J_i \Delta \mu_i$

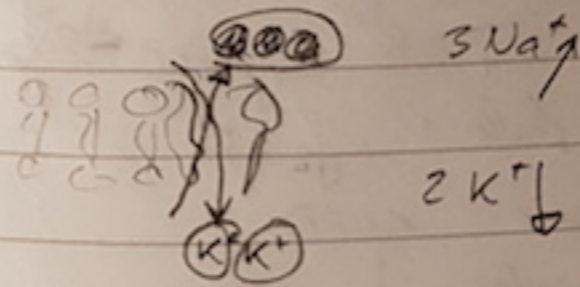
=> energy dissipation rate $\frac{dQ}{dt} = T\sigma$

=> Energy must be taken from somewhere

Sketch:

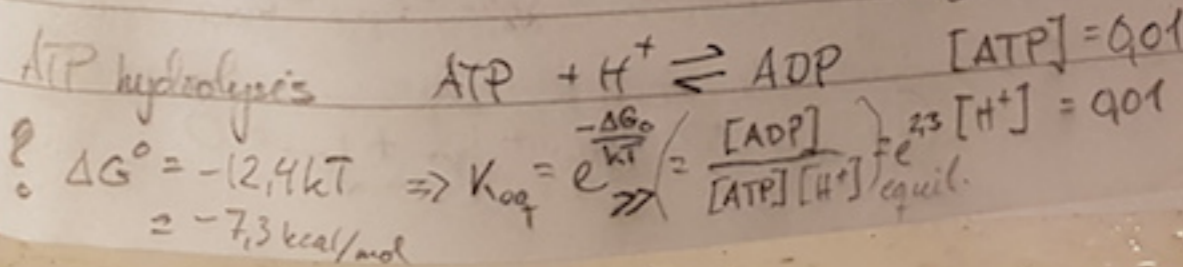
Na⁺K⁺ ATPase

(can be put in non-living liposomes)

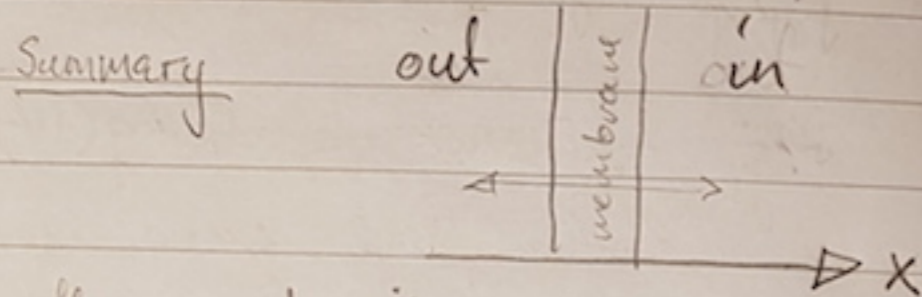


coupled process

$[ADP] = 0.001$



low pumping \rightarrow sodium anomaly in all animal cells



fluxes out \rightarrow in positive

forces in \rightarrow out positive

$\Delta\mu_i, \Delta V, \Delta p$

linear transport

① $J_i = J_{pi} - g_i \Delta\mu_i$

(passive membrane is linear !!)

flux of ion i : $J_i = J_{pi} - g_i kT \ln \frac{c_{io}}{c_{ii}} - g_i V_{mi} \Delta p - g_i q_i \Delta V$

g_i - conductance through membrane

V_{mi} - molecular volume of ion i

q_i - charge of ion i

J_{pi} - ion pump flux = $\alpha_i \cdot J_p$, $J_p > 0$

Na^+ $J_{p,Na^+} = 3 J_p$, K^+ $J_{p,K^+} = -2 J_p$

- steady state: $J_a = 0$

- assume $\Delta p = 0$

charge neutrality inside: $c_{Na,i} + c_{K,i} - c_{Cl,i} - \left| \frac{\sum q_i}{e} \right| = 0$

① $\Rightarrow J_{Na^+} + J_{K^+} + J_{Cl^-} = 0$

Na^+ ② $\frac{3 J_p}{g_{Na^+}} = kT \ln \frac{c_{Na}^{in}}{c_{Na}^{out}} + e \Delta V$

K^+ ③ $-\frac{2 J_p}{g_{K^+}} = kT \ln \frac{c_{K^+}^{out}}{c_{K^+}^{in}} + e \Delta V$

Cl^- ④ $0 = kT \ln \frac{c_{Cl^-}^{out}}{c_{Cl^-}^{in}} - e \Delta V$

4 equations

- c_{io} fixed

- J_p, g_i, g_{pm} fixed

4 unknown:

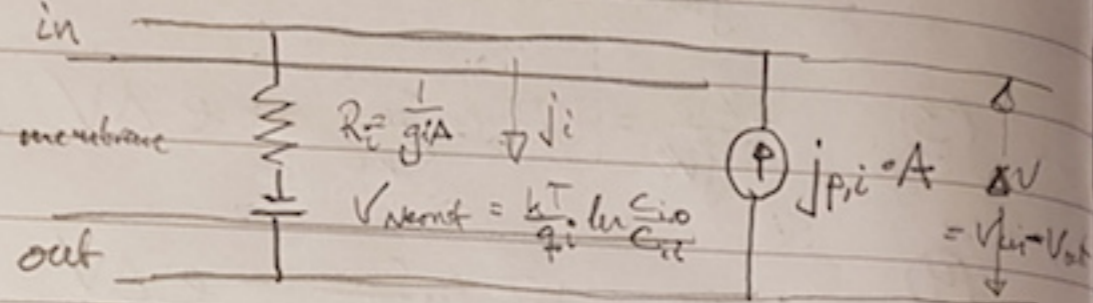
$c_{ii}, \Delta V$

Actual membrane potential $\Delta V = \Delta V^{Nernst} = \frac{kT}{e} \ln \frac{c_{io}}{c_{ii}}$
 only for ions that permeate, but are not pumped
 (here: Cl^-)

Steady state $\Delta V = V^0$ is called resting potential

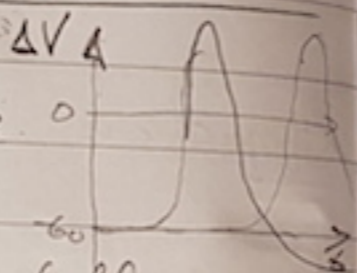
Beware: my $g_i \cdot q_i = g_i$ in book

Equivalent circuit



The electrophysiology of the axon:

- The action potential
- When stimulated beyond a threshold the axon changes polarization for a short while and this potential pulse travels along the axon. The peak & shape is independent of the exact triggering pulse
- Travels along the axon at constant speed (0.5 - 120 m/s)
- Peak potential independent of distance
- Shape preserving pulse
- after hyperpolarization at the end
- harder to stimulate new pulse during refractory period



Numerical example: Squid giant axon

	C_{i0} [mM]	$C_{i,i}$ [mM]	V_i^N mV	g_i/g_{K^+}
K^+	20	400	-75	1
Na^+	440	50	+54	$\frac{1}{25}$ <small>$\left(\frac{g_{Na^+}}{g_{K^+}}\right)$</small>
Cl^-	560	52	-59	$\frac{1}{2}$ <small>\uparrow measured by diffusion of radioactive ions</small>

equations ② & ③ \Rightarrow eliminate j_p

$$\Delta V = -\frac{kT}{e} \left(3g_{K^+} \ln \frac{C_{K^+0}}{C_{K^+i}} + 2g_{Na^+} \ln \frac{C_{Na^+0}}{C_{Na^+i}} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{3g_{K^+} V_{K^+}^N + 2g_{Na^+} V_{Na^+}^N}{2g_{Na^+} + 3g_{K^+}} = -72 \text{ mV}$$

according to eq ④ $V_{Cl^-}^N = \Delta V$
but $-59 \neq -72$

effect of charge balance: $j_{Na^+} + j_{K^+} - j_{Cl^-} = 0$
 \Rightarrow correction of ④ $\Rightarrow \frac{j_p}{e q_{Cl^-}} = \Delta V - V_{Cl^-}^N \rightarrow -\Delta V > 100 \text{ mV}$

according to book "actual resting potential"
 $\Delta V^{\text{actual}} = -60 \text{ mV}$

Equation ① is not really correct.

charge imbalance $\Rightarrow \Delta V$ is changed.
+ other ions are present, (and permeable?)

NB $g_i = g_i \cdot q_i$

Equation (0), $\Delta p = 0$

$$j_i = j_{pi} - g_i (V_i^{Nernst} - \Delta V)$$

steady state $j_i = j_{pi} - g_i (V_i^N - V^0)$

short time: neglect j_{pi} ($j_{pi} \ll g_i (V^0 - \Delta V)$)

charge balance (4) $\Rightarrow \sum j_e = 0 = \sum g_i (V^0 - \Delta V)$

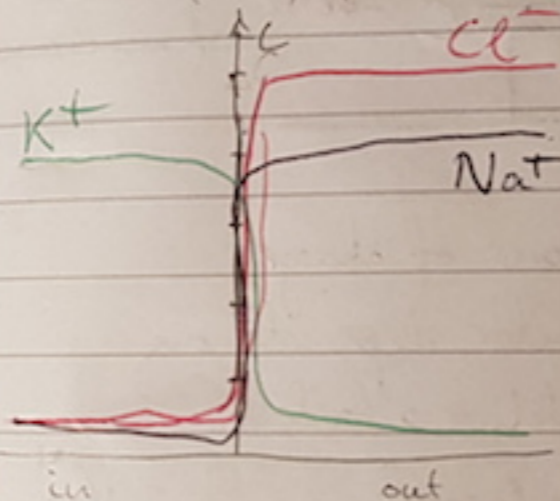
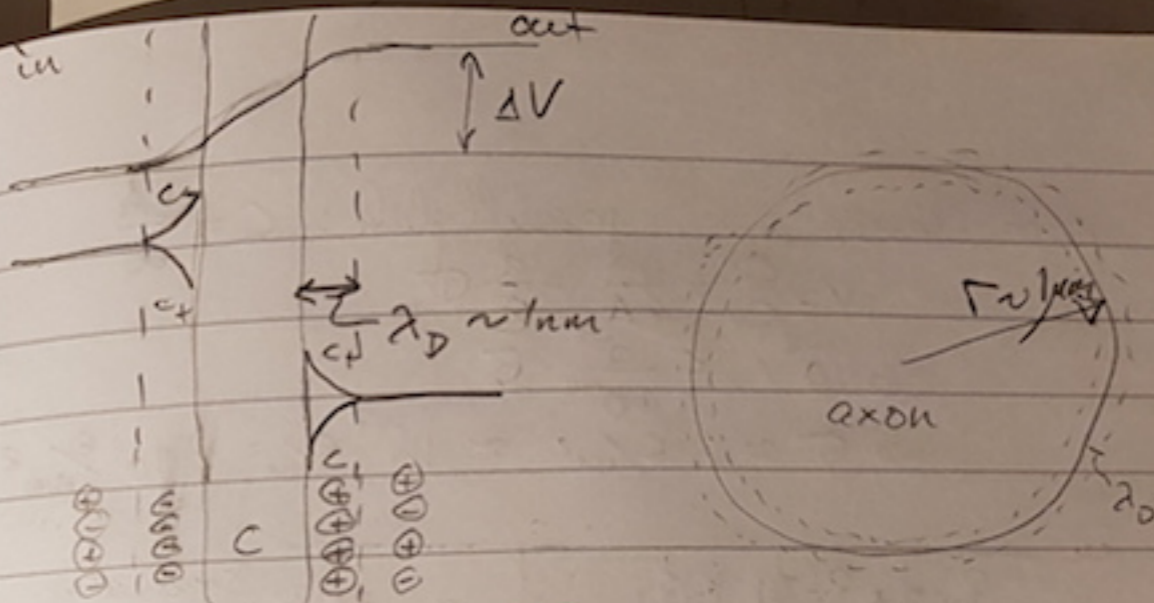
$$j_{tot} = \sum_i g_i \Rightarrow (5) V^0 = \sum_i \frac{g_i}{j_{tot}} V_i^{Nernst}$$
 chord conductance formula

$\Rightarrow V^0 = -66 \text{ mV}$

V^0 dominated by Nernst potential of ion with largest g_i

\Rightarrow Different assumption adjusted steady state result from $\Delta V = V_{cc}^N = -59 \text{ mV}$ and (2) & (3) $\Rightarrow \Delta V = -72 \text{ mV}$

to an intermediate value



$\frac{\text{Volume ions}}{\text{Volume double layer}} \sim \frac{\lambda_D r_0^3}{r}$
 (squid giant axon $r \approx 1 \text{ mm}$)

$(\text{Volume ions}) \cdot \Delta C_i = \text{energy store}$

n ions needed to move to change $\Delta V \propto$ volume of double layer!

Main mechanism of action potential: δ (see fig 12.15)

$\frac{j_{tot}}{g_K} \approx \frac{1}{25} \sim 200$ times higher

$$\Rightarrow V^0 = \frac{1}{g_{tot}} (g_{Na} V_{Na}^N + g_{K} V_{K}^N + g_{cc} V_{cc}^N)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + 8 + \frac{1}{2}} (8 \cdot 54 + (-75) - \frac{59}{2}) = \underline{\underline{34 \text{ mV}}}$$

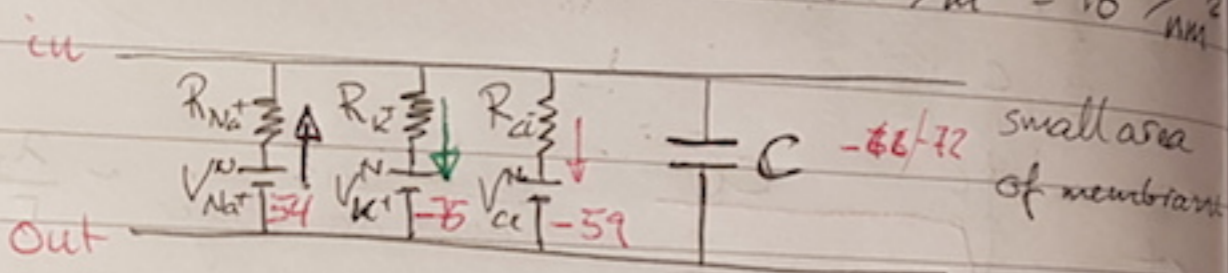
capacitance

parallel plate: $C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$

$$V = \frac{Q}{C} = \frac{q d}{\epsilon A} = \frac{d}{\epsilon} \sigma$$

$$6 \cdot 10^2 \text{ V} = \frac{10^{-9}}{10^{-11}} \cdot \sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma \approx 6 \text{ C/m}^2 \approx 10^{-19} \text{ e/m}^2 \approx 10 \frac{\text{e}}{\text{nm}^2}$$

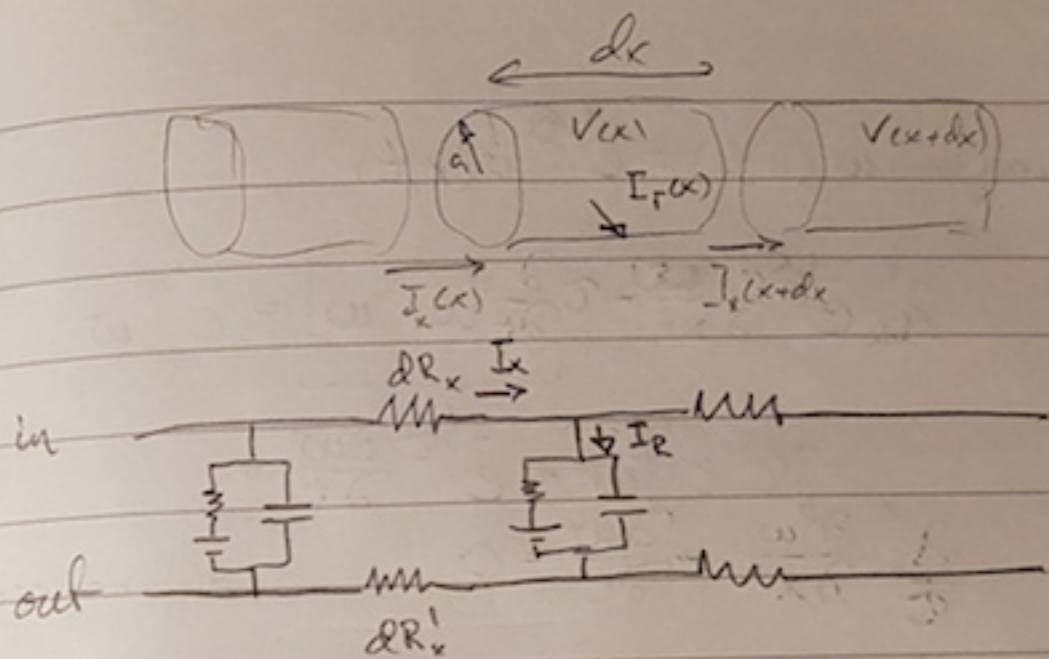


- constant (small) flow of charge
- charging of capacitor depends on which channel delivers fastest

- rest state: g_{K^+} largest $\Rightarrow \frac{Q}{C} \approx V_{K^+}$

- activated state g_{Na^+} largest $\Rightarrow \frac{Q}{C} \approx V_{Na^+}$

- Time constant of RC circuit $\tau = R \cdot C = C / g_{tot}$



charge balance

change in axial current = radial current + charge buildup

$$-\frac{dI_x}{dx} \cdot dx = 2\pi a \left(j_{r,r}(x) + C \frac{dV}{dt} \right) dx$$

$$\pi a^2 H \frac{d^2 V}{dx^2} = 2\pi a \left(j_{r,r}(x) + C \frac{dV}{dt} \right)$$

$$j_{r,r} = (V - V^0) g_{tot} = \sigma g_{tot} \quad (= \sigma g_{tot}(V))$$

\Rightarrow non-linear

$$\tau = RC = C / g_{tot}$$

$$\lambda_{ax} = \sqrt{aR / 2g_{tot}}$$

H - conductivity

$$\Rightarrow \left[\lambda_{ax}^2 \frac{d^2 V}{dx^2} - \tau \frac{dV}{dt} = V \right] \text{ linear cable equation}$$

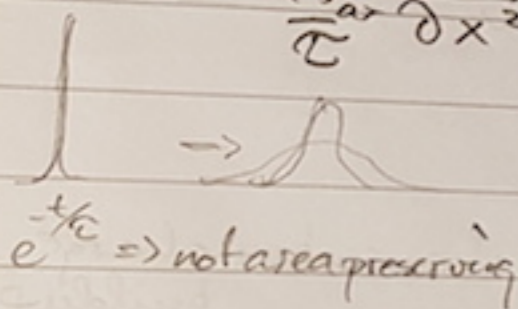
Solution $w(x,t) = e^{t/\tau} v(x,t)$

$$\lambda_{ax}^2 e^{-t/\tau} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - \tau \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [e^{t/\tau} w] = e^{-t/\tau} w$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau} e^{-t/\tau} w + e^{-t/\tau} \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} -$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\lambda_{ax}^2}{\tau} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = 0$$

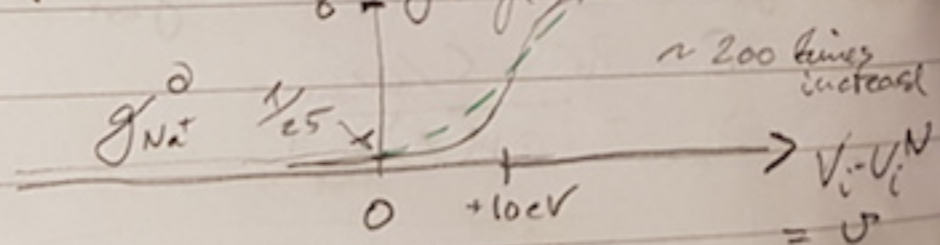
diffusion eq.



$$v(x,t) = \frac{c \cdot e^{-t/\tau}}{\sqrt{t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t \lambda_{ax}^2}}$$

Voltage gating

$$j_{gr} = \sum_i (v - v_i^N) g_i(v) \sim Bv^2 + g_{Na}^0$$

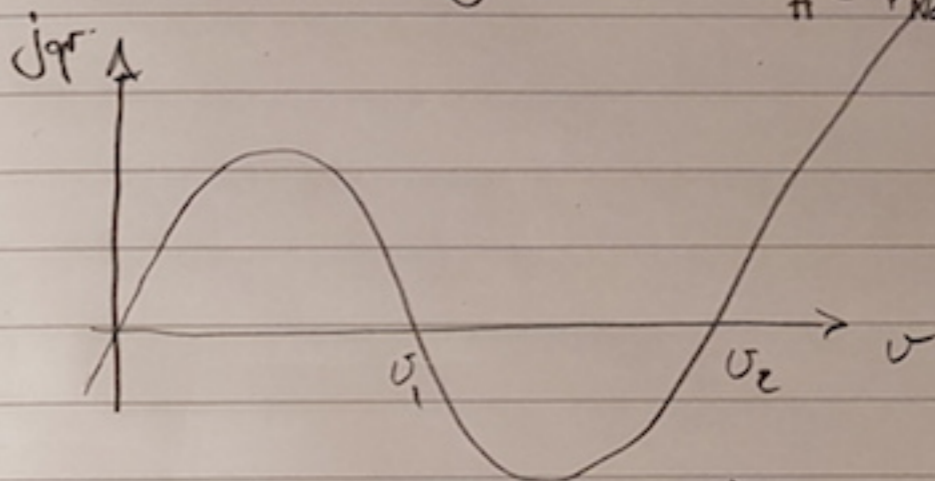


$$g_{Na}^0(v) = g_{Na}^0 + Bv^2$$

$$\Rightarrow j_{gr} = \sum_i (v - v_i^N) g_i^0 + (v - v_{Na}^N) Bv^2$$

$$\Rightarrow j_{gr} = v g_{tot}^0 + (v - H) B v^2$$

$$H = v_{Na}^N - v^0$$



$$v_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} (H \pm \sqrt{H^2 - 4g_{tot}^0/B})$$

$$v_1 v_2 = \frac{g_{tot}^0}{B}$$

nonlinear

cable equation

$$\lambda_{ax}^2 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} - \tau \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \frac{v(v - v_1)(v - v_2)}{(v_1 v_2)}$$