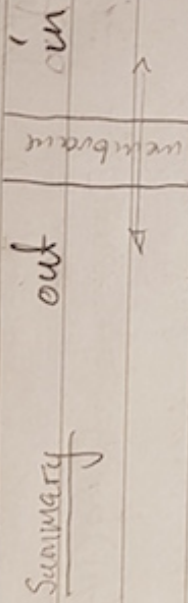


Ion pumping → sodium anomaly in all animal cells



fluxes out → in positive

forces in - out positive $\Delta \mu_{ij}, \Delta V, \Delta p$

linear transport $J_i = J_{i,i} - g_i \Delta \mu_i$

flux of ion i: $J_i = J_{p,i} - g_i kT \ln \frac{c_{i,o}}{c_{i,i}} - g_i v_i \Delta p - q_i J_p$

g_i - conductance through membrane

v_i - molecular volume of ion i

q_i - charge of ion i

$J_{p,i} = J_p$ for pump flux = $x_i \cdot J_p$ if $J_p > 0$

Steady state: $J_i = 0$

assume $\Delta p = 0$

charge neutrality inside: $c_{Na,i} + c_{K,i} - c_{Cl,i} - \frac{q_p J_p}{e} = 0$

(7) $\Rightarrow J_{Na} + J_{K} + J_{Cl} = 0$

(2) $\frac{J_p}{J_{Na}} = kT \ln \frac{c_{Na,o}}{c_{Na,i}} + e \Delta V$

(3) $-\frac{J_p}{J_{K}} = kT \ln \frac{c_{K,o}}{c_{K,i}} + e \Delta V$

(4) $0 = kT \ln \frac{c_{Cl,o}}{c_{Cl,i}} - e \Delta V$

4 equations - $c_{i,o}$ fixed

- $J_p, g_i, g_{p,i}$ fixed

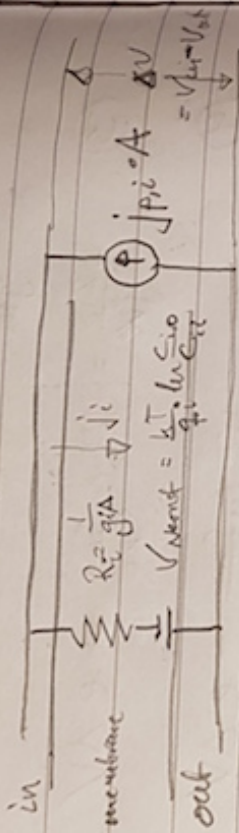
4 unknown: $c_{i,i}, \Delta V$

Actual membrane potential $\Delta V = \Delta V^{Must} = \frac{kT \ln \frac{c_{i,o}}{c_{i,i}}}{q}$
only for ions that permeate, but are not pumped (here: Cl^-)

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

Beware: my $g_i \cdot q_i = J_i$ 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 next pulse during refractory period

Numerical example: Squid giant axon

| C_{i0} (mM) | C_{e0} (mM) | V_i (mV) | g_i/g_K |
|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| K^+ | 20 | -75 | 1 |
| Na^+ | 440 | +54 | 1/25 |
| Cl^- | 560 | -59 | 1/2 |
| | | | 4 |

eliminate \Rightarrow equations (2) & (3) \Rightarrow measured by diffusion of radioactive ions

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

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

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

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

NS $g_i = g_i \cdot q_i$

Equation (3), $\Delta p = 0$

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

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

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

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

(5) $V^0 = \sum \frac{g_i}{g_{tot}} V_i^{Nernst}$ Chord conductance formula

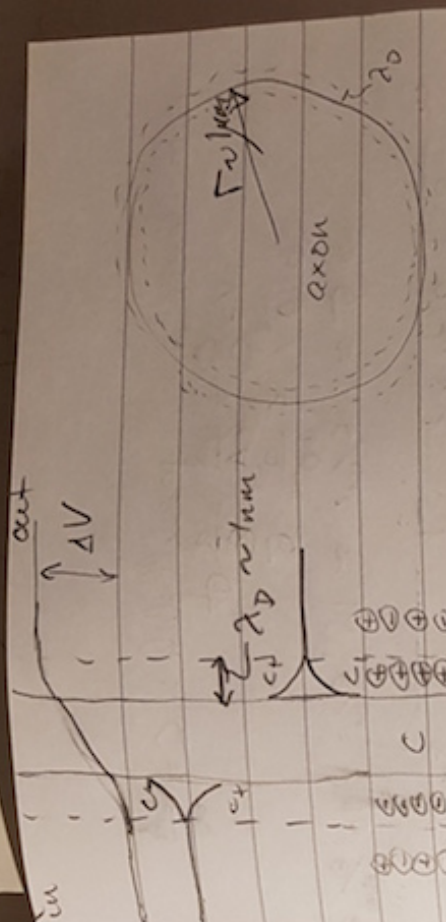
$\Rightarrow V^0 = -66 \text{ mV}$

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

\Rightarrow Different assumption adjusted steady state

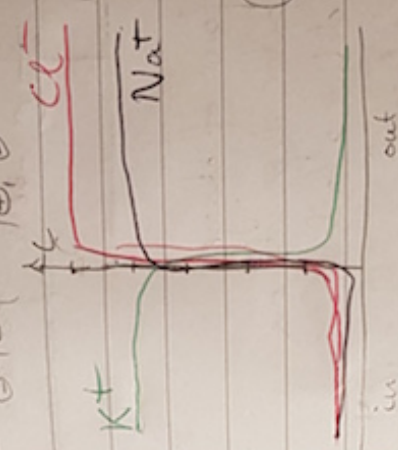
result from $\Delta V = V_{cc}^N = -59 \text{ mV}$
and (2) & (3) $\Rightarrow \Delta V = -72 \text{ mV}$

to an intermediate value



Volume ions
Volume double layer $\sim \frac{\lambda_D n_0}{r_0}$
(spatial gradient $\sim \frac{1}{r_0}$)

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



Minus needed to move to change ΔV & volume of double layer

Main mechanism of action potential

$\frac{g_{Na}}{g_{K}} \sim \frac{1}{25}$
 ~ 200 times higher

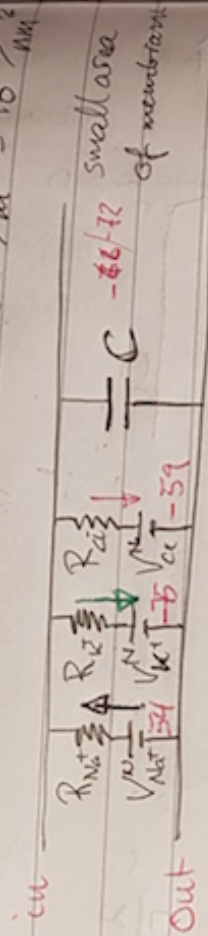
$$\Rightarrow V^0 = \frac{1}{g_{tot}} (g_{Na} V_{Na}^N + g_{K} V_{K}^N + g_{Cl} V_{Cl}^N)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1.8 + 1/2} (8.5(-75 - 59/2)) = 34 \text{ mV}$$

Capacitance

parallel plate: $C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$
 $V = \frac{Q}{C} = \frac{q d}{\epsilon A} = \frac{d}{\epsilon} \frac{Q}{A}$
 $6 \cdot 10^2 V = \frac{10^{-9}}{10^{-11}} \cdot \frac{Q}{6}$

$\Rightarrow C \approx 6 \text{ C/m}^2 \approx 10^{-19} \text{ C/m}^2 \approx 10 \text{ pF/m}^2$

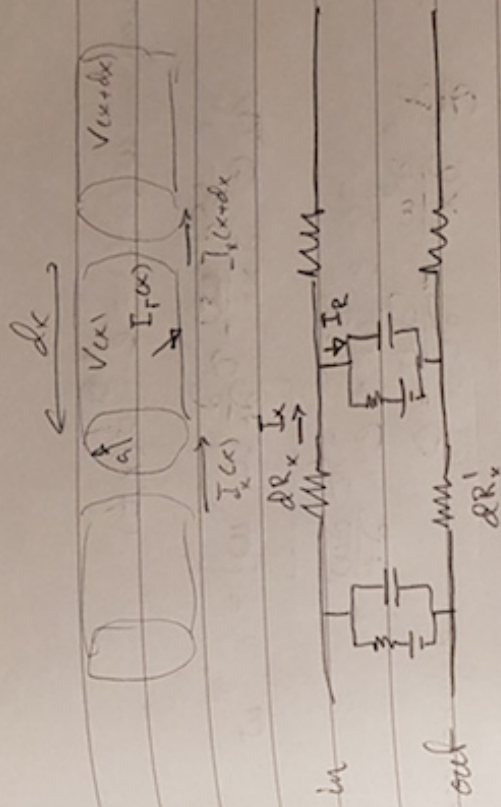


- constant (small) flow of charge
 - charging of capacitor depends on which channel delivers fastest

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

- activated state g_{Na^+} largest $\Rightarrow Q \sim V_{Na^+}$

- Time constant of RC circuit $\tau = RC = C/g_{total}$



charge balance

change in axial current = radial current + charge buildup

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

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

$j_{acc} = (V - V^0) g_{total} = \sigma g_{total} (= \sigma g_{total}(V))$
 \Rightarrow non-linear

$\tau = RC = C/g_{total}$
 $\lambda_{ax} = \sqrt{aR/2g_{total}}$

H - conductivity

linear cable equation

$\Rightarrow \lambda_{ax}^2 \frac{d^2V}{dx^2} - C \frac{dV}{dt} = \sigma V$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau} e^{t/\tau} w + e^{t/\tau} \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} - \lambda_{\text{max}}^2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = 0$$

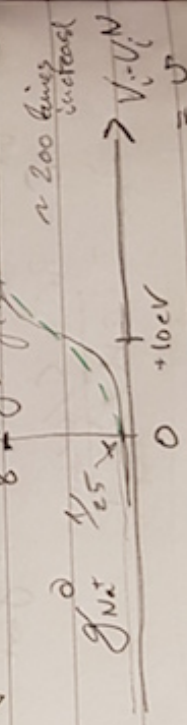
diffusion eq.

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

$e^{-t/\tau} \Rightarrow$ not a separable eq.

Voltage gating

$$I_{\text{gating}} = \sum_i (V - V_i^N) g_i(V)$$

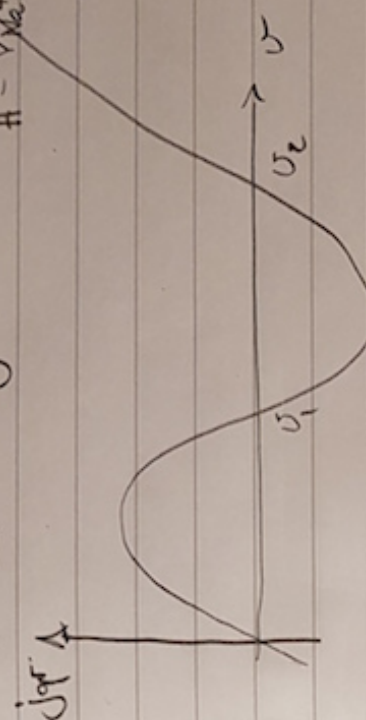


$$I_{\text{gating}}(V) = g_{\text{gating}}^0 + \beta V^2$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{\text{gating}} = \sum_0 (V - V_i^N) g_i^0 + (V - V_i^N) \beta V^2$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{\text{gating}} = V g_{\text{gating}}^0 + (V - \theta) \beta V^2$$

$$\theta = V_{1/2}^N - V^0$$



$$V_{1,2} = \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \frac{g_{\text{gating}}^0}{\beta}} \right)$$

$$V_1 V_2 = \frac{g_{\text{gating}}^0}{\beta}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{max}}^2 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} - \tau \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = v \frac{(V - V_1)(V - V_2)}{(V_1 V_2)}$$

nonlinear cable equation