

Principles of the Brain's communication network

and possible applications

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Neurons:

- Properties of **neurons**
- The **cell body** of the neuron has

- The brain's communication network is based on **electrochemical signaling**
- Each neuron is typically part of a large **neural circuit**
- The brain contains an estimated **100 billion neurons**
- Personalities of **neurons**

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Helmholtz first measures spike propagation

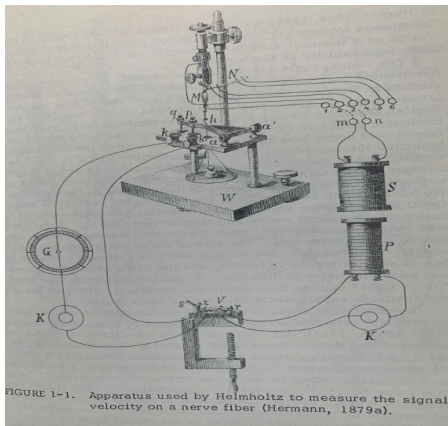


Figure: *Helmholtz' system for measuring neural spike speed in 1830*

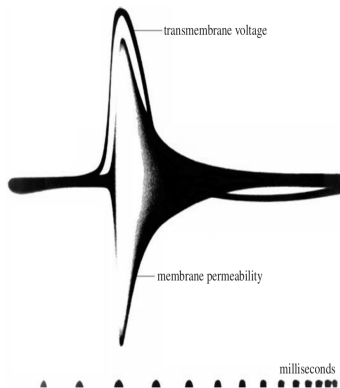
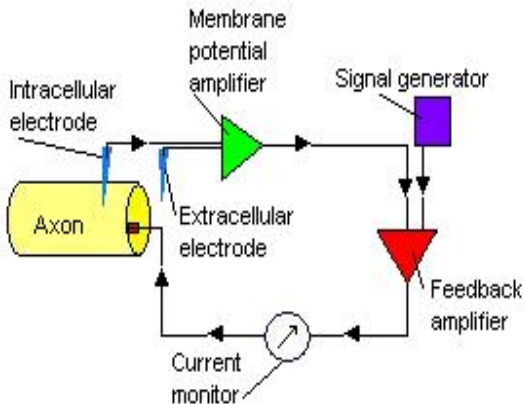


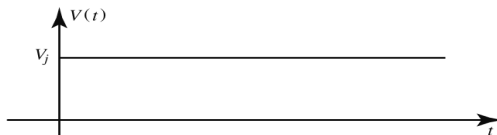
Figure 1.1. An early oscillogram of the change in membrane conductance (band) and membrane voltage (line) with time during the passage of a nerve impulse on a squid axon. (Time increases to the right, and the marks along the lower edge indicate intervals of 1 ms.) (Courtesy of K.S. Cole.)

Figure: First oscillogram of a neural spike.

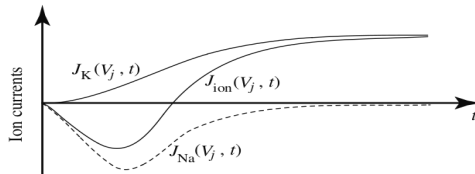
HH-50 voltage-clamp experiment on Squid nerve



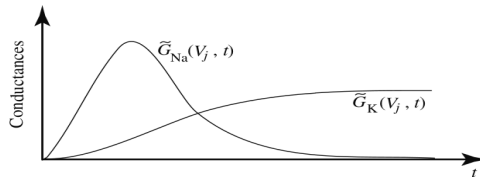
HH-50 neural-clamp Results



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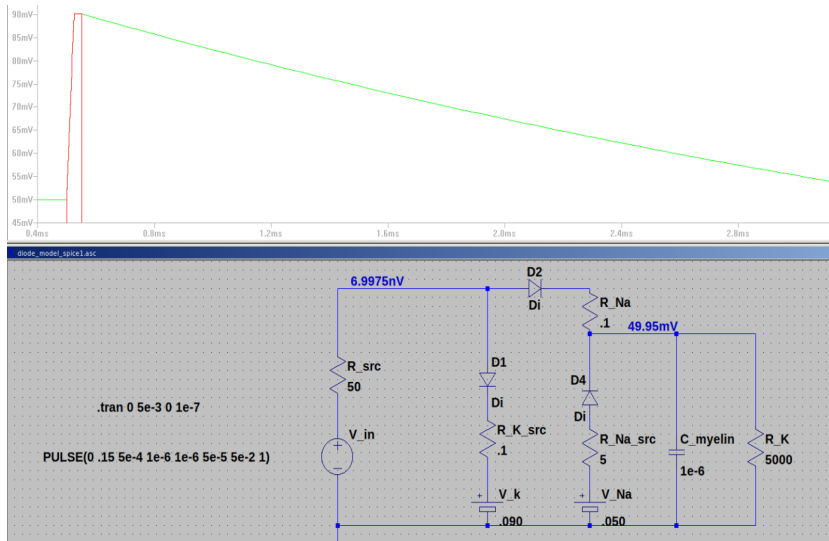


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3 Diode model of a neural spike



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