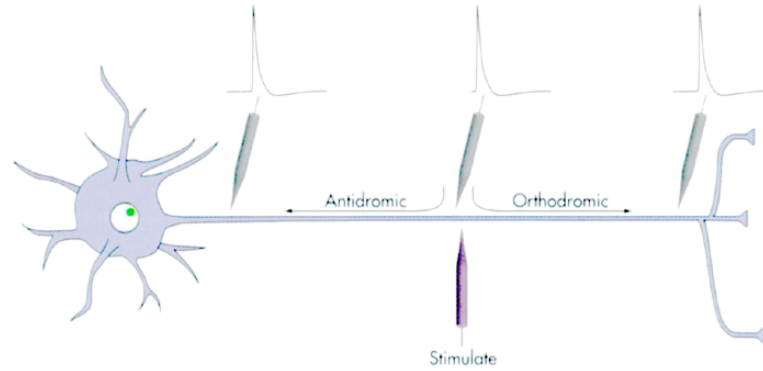
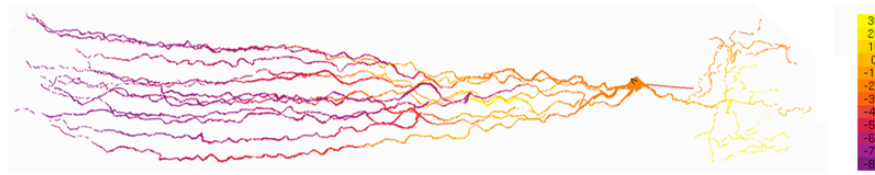


Compartmental models, cable properties, spike propagation



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O_axonProp.psd

Hodgkin-Huxley Equation

$$\frac{1}{r_a} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + C \frac{dV}{dt} = I - \bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h (V - V_{Na}) - \bar{g}_K n^4 (V - V_K) - g_L (V - V_L)$$

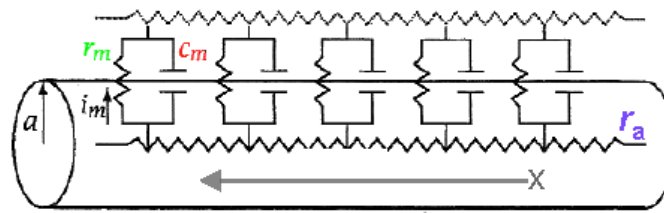
injected current
sodium current
potassium current
leak current

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \alpha_m(V)(1 - m) - \beta_m(V)m \qquad \frac{dh}{dt} = \alpha_h(V)(1 - h) - \beta_h(V)h$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha_n(V)(1 - n) - \beta_n(V)n$$

00_hh_eq_space.psd

Cable Equation for Membrane Segments



Membrane resistance ($\Omega \text{ cm}$)

Membrane capacitance (F cm^{-1})

Axial resistance ($\Omega \text{ cm}^{-1}$)

$$r_m = \frac{R_m}{2\pi a}$$

$$c_m = C_m 2\pi a$$

$$r_a = \frac{R_a}{\pi a^2}$$

1. Ohm's law: $\Delta V = -i_a r_a \Delta x \Rightarrow \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -i_a r_a$

2. Kirchoff's law: $\Delta i_a = -i_m \Delta x \Rightarrow \frac{\partial i_a}{\partial x} = -i_m$

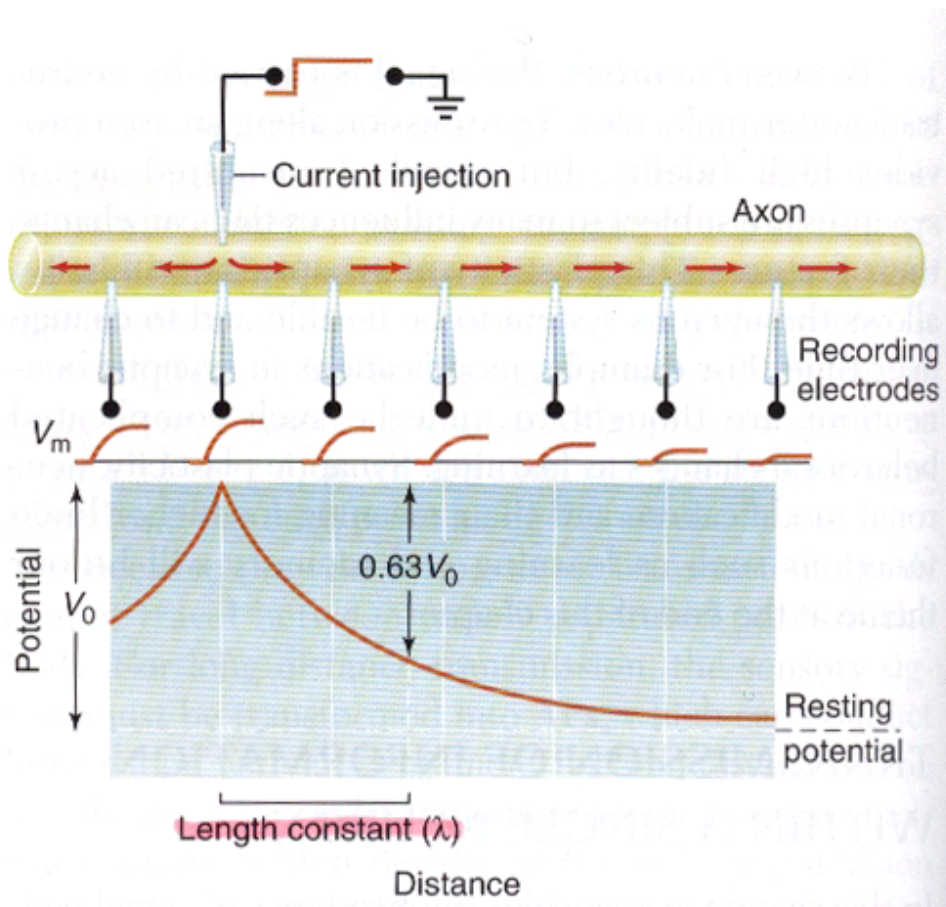
} $i_m = \frac{V}{r_m} + C_m \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$

3. Cable Eq:

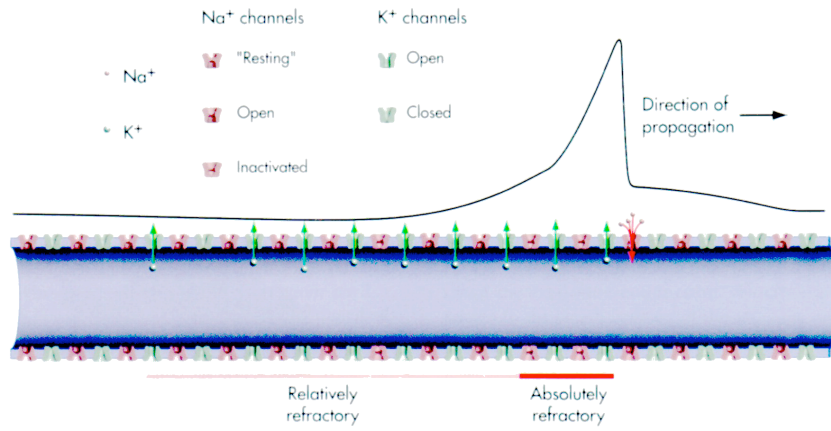
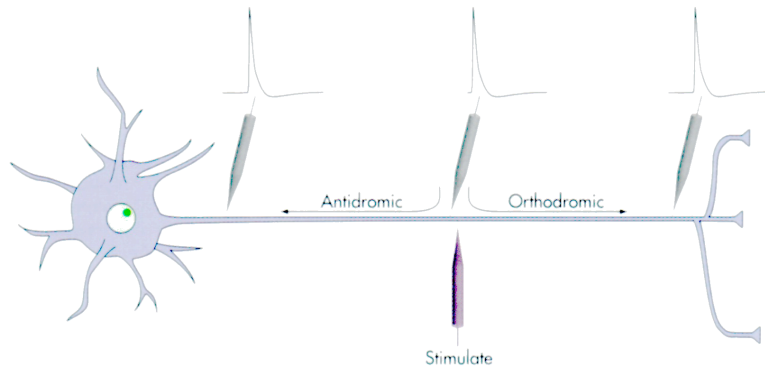
$$\lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} - \tau \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} - V = 0$$

$$\tau = r_m c_m, \lambda = \sqrt{\frac{r_m}{r_a}}$$

01_cableEq.psd

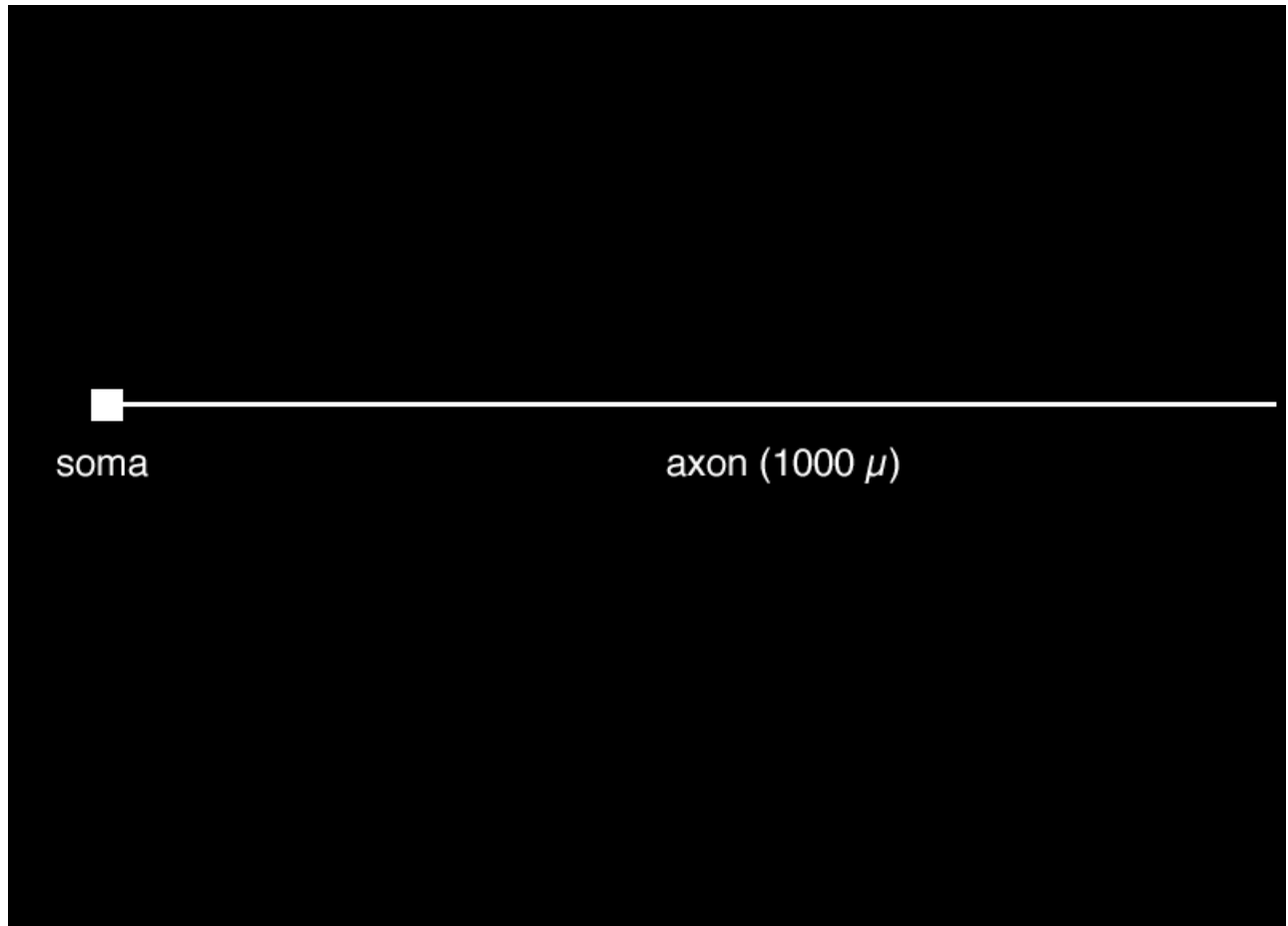


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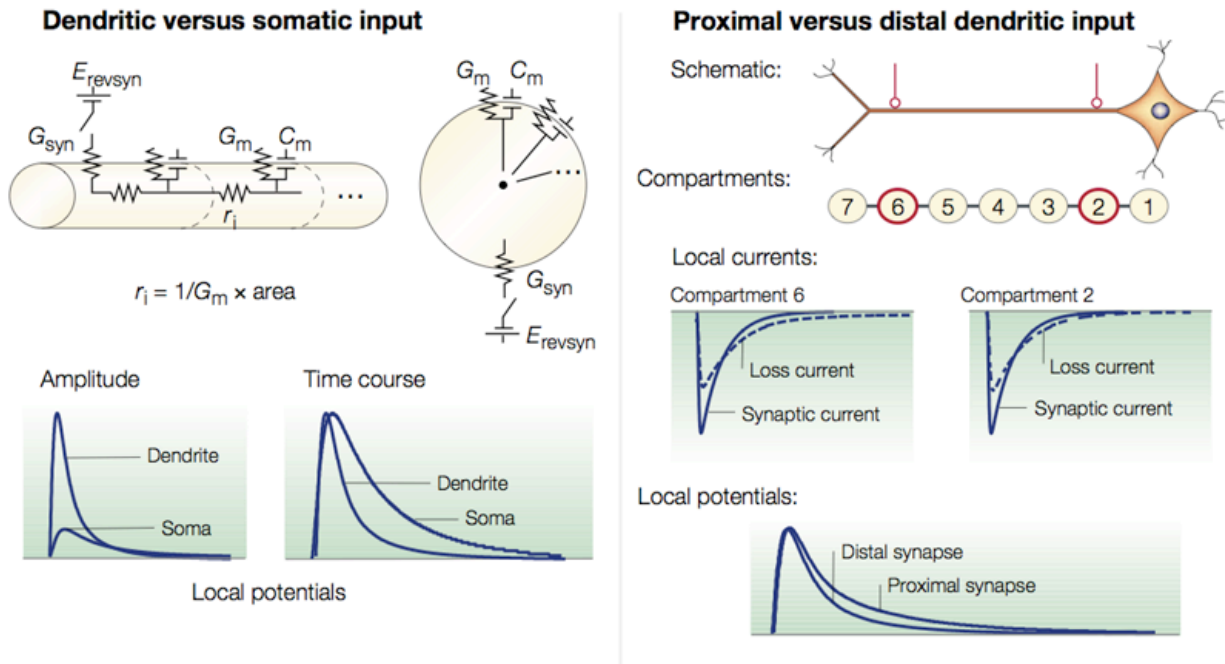
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02a_axonProp.psd



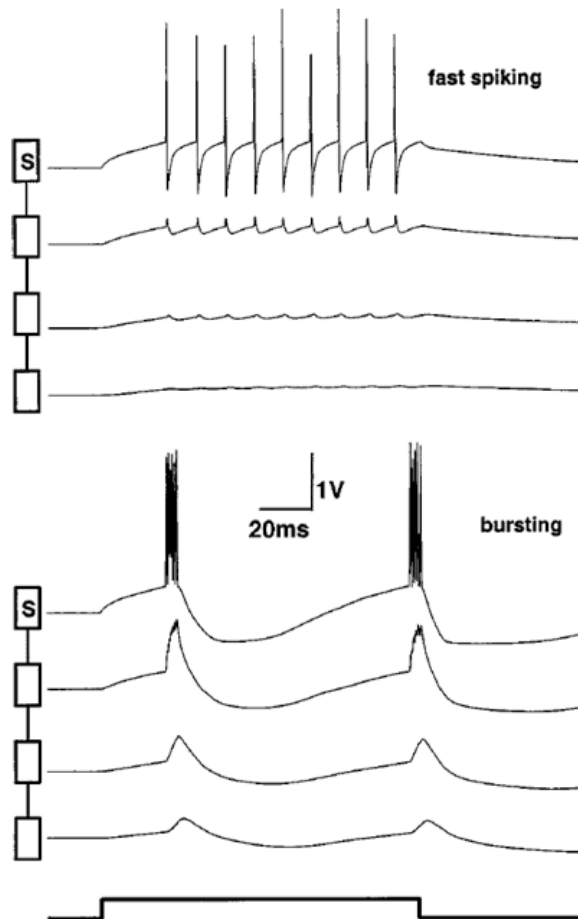
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Theoretical dependence of synaptic input on location

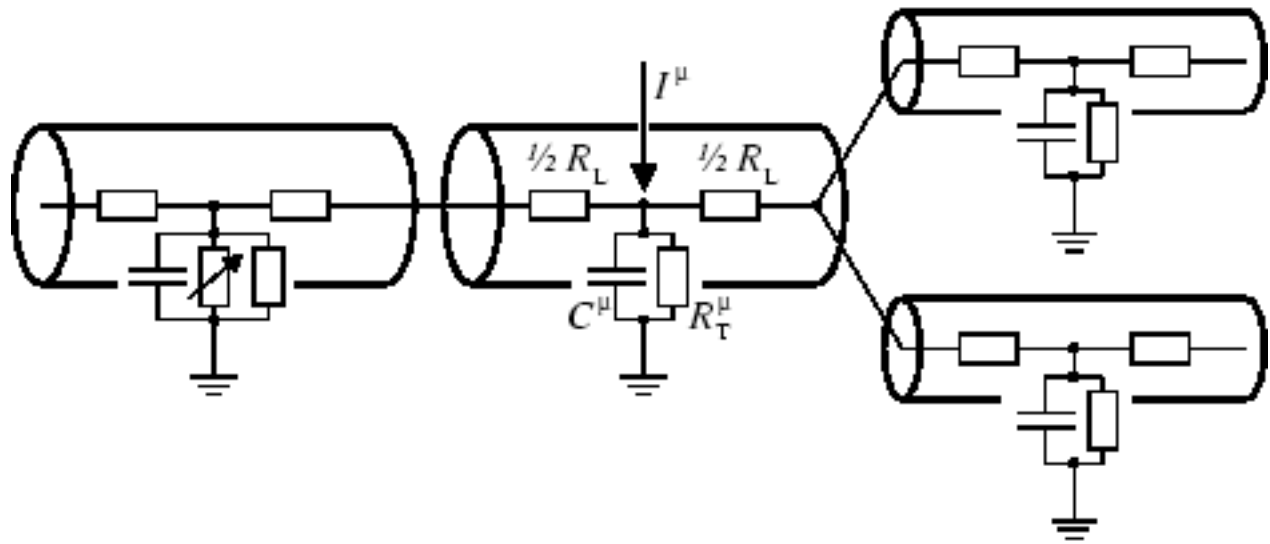


Magee (2000) "Dendritic integration of excitatory synaptic input" Nat Rev Neurosci, 1: 181-190

03a_dendriticLoc.psd

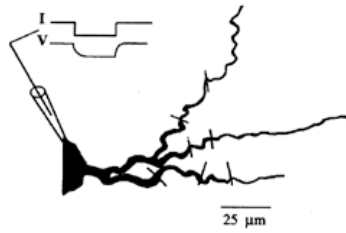


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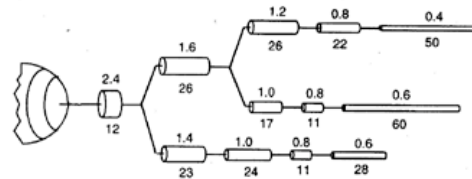


04_compart.gif

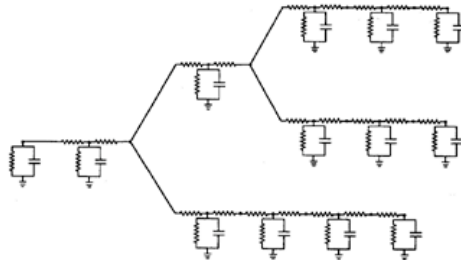
A. Physiologically & morphologically characterized neuron



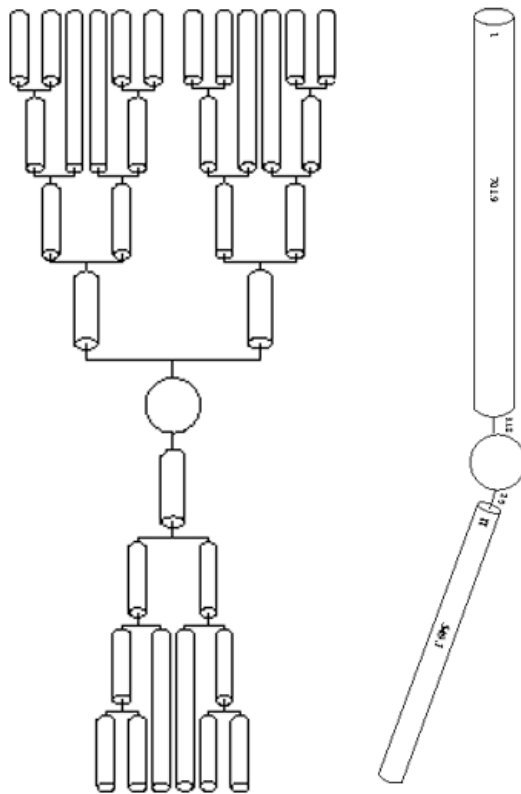
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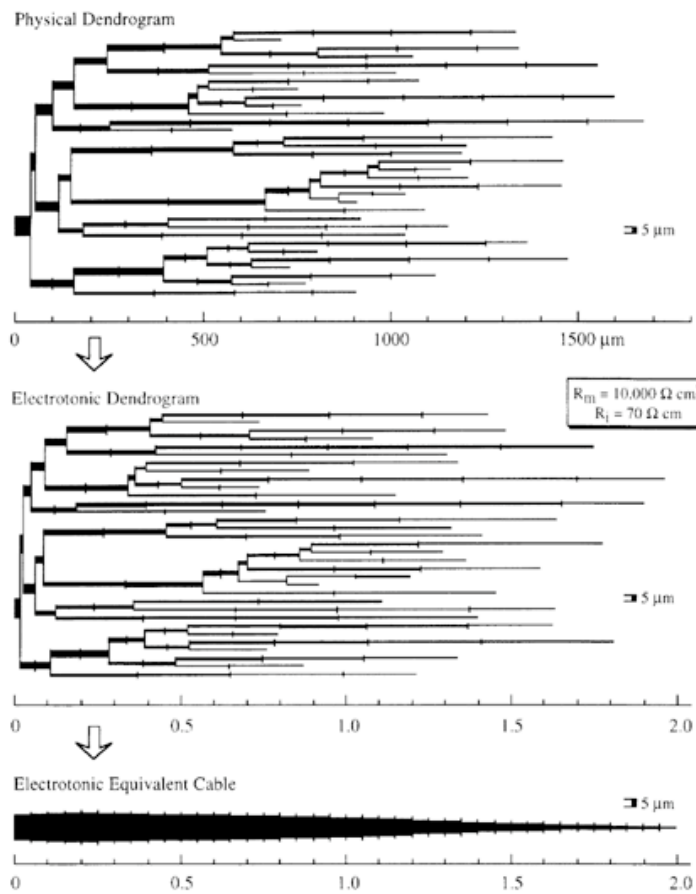
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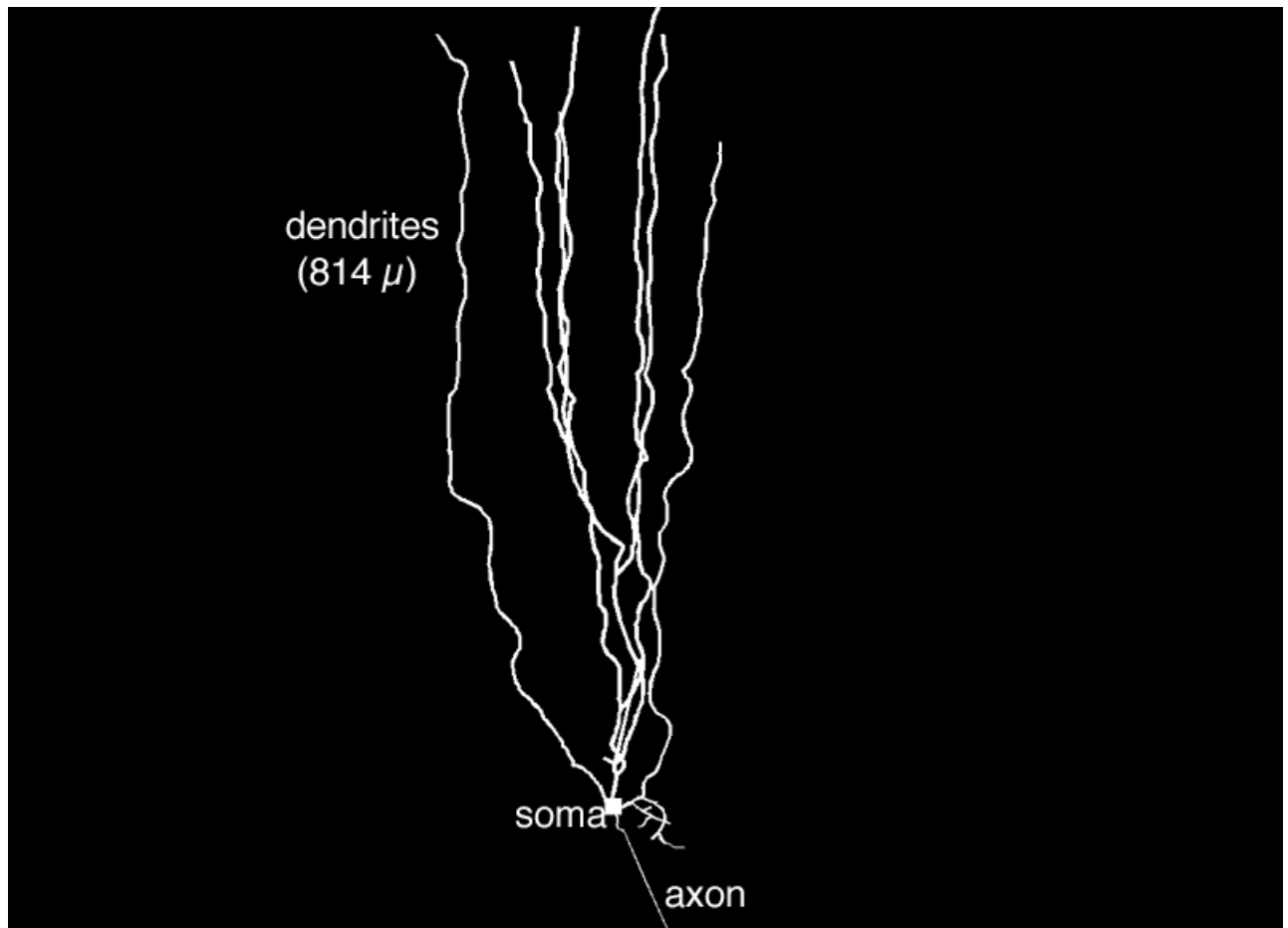
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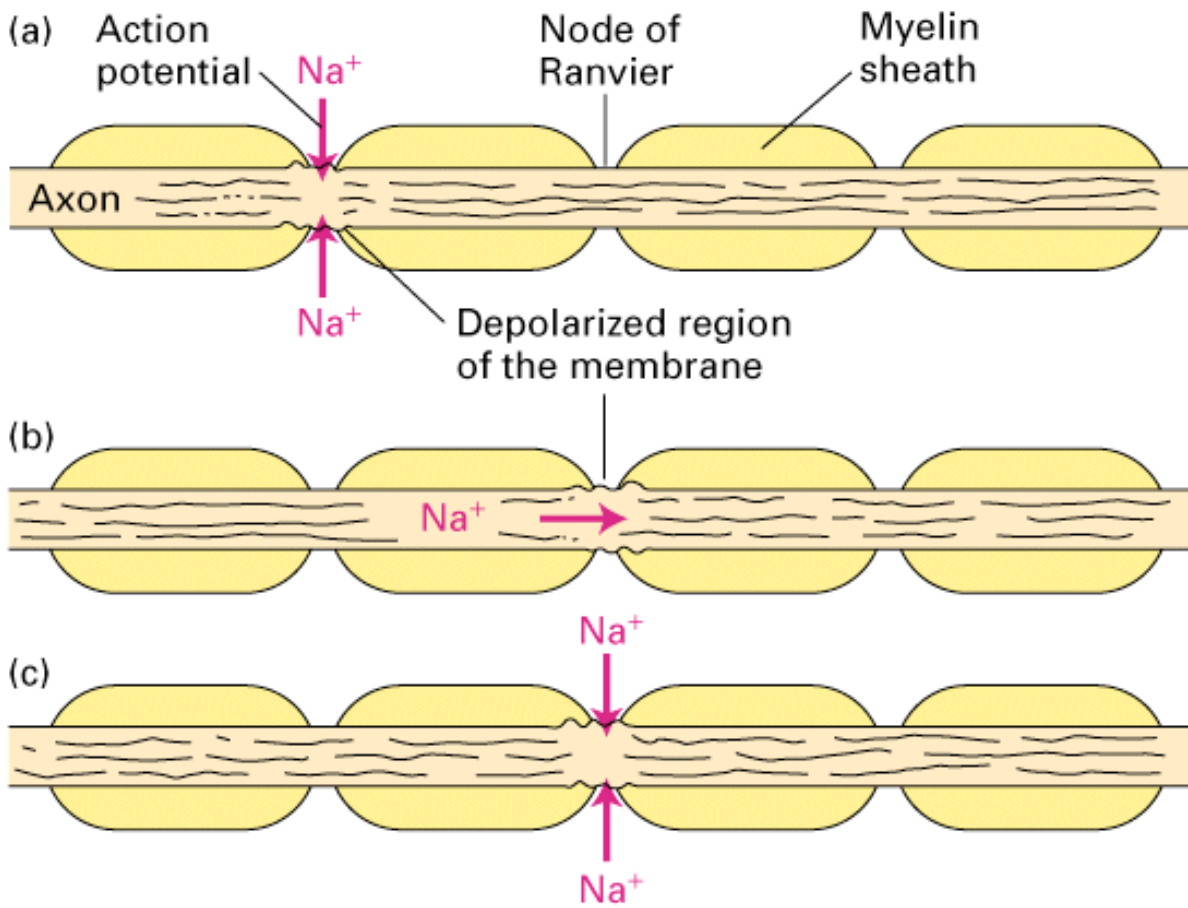
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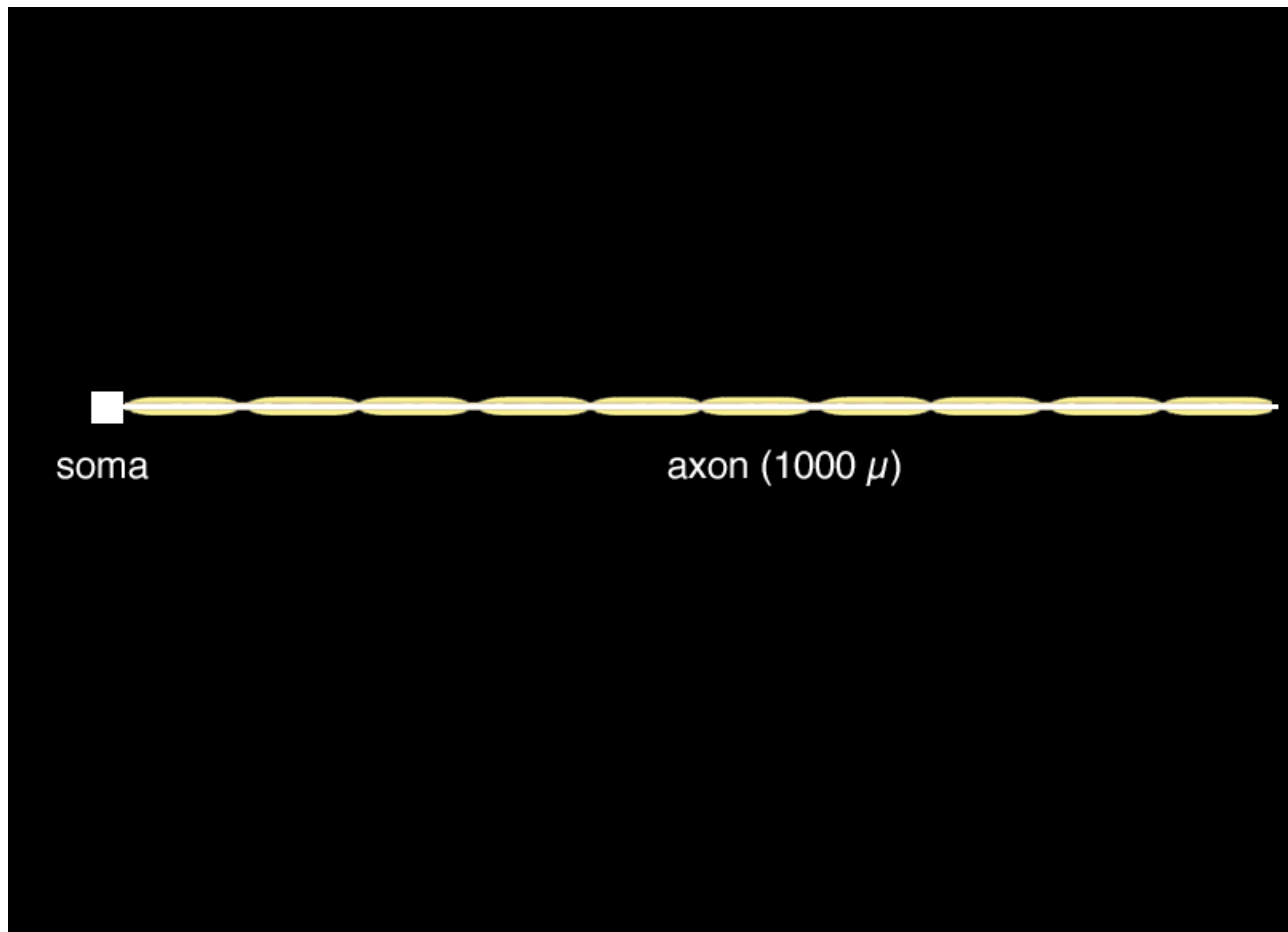
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08_MGCellSimul.psd

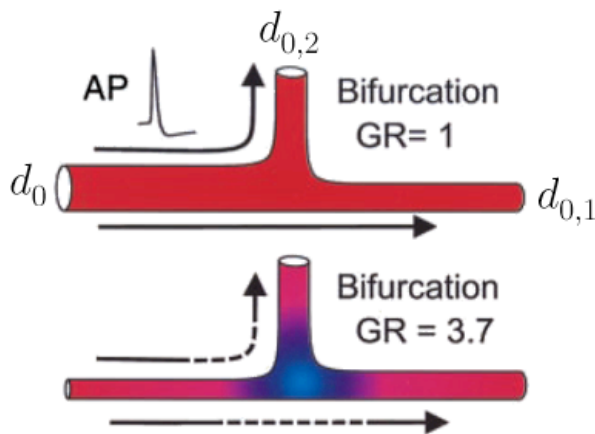


12_myelin.gif



13_myelinSimul.psd

Impedance Matching



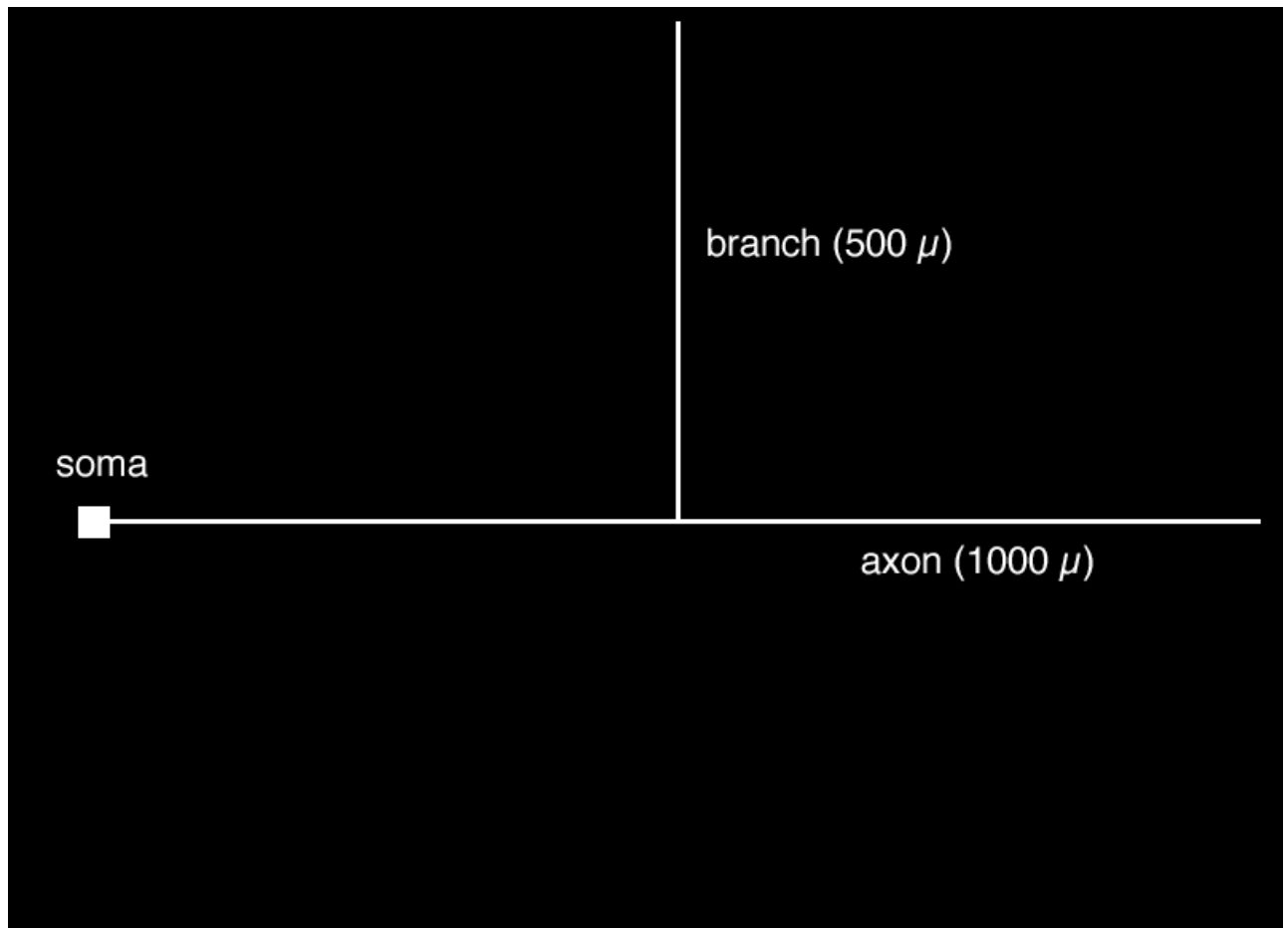
Goldstein–Rall (GR) ratio

$$GR = \frac{d_{0,1}^{3/2} + d_{0,2}^{3/2}}{d_0^{3/2}}$$

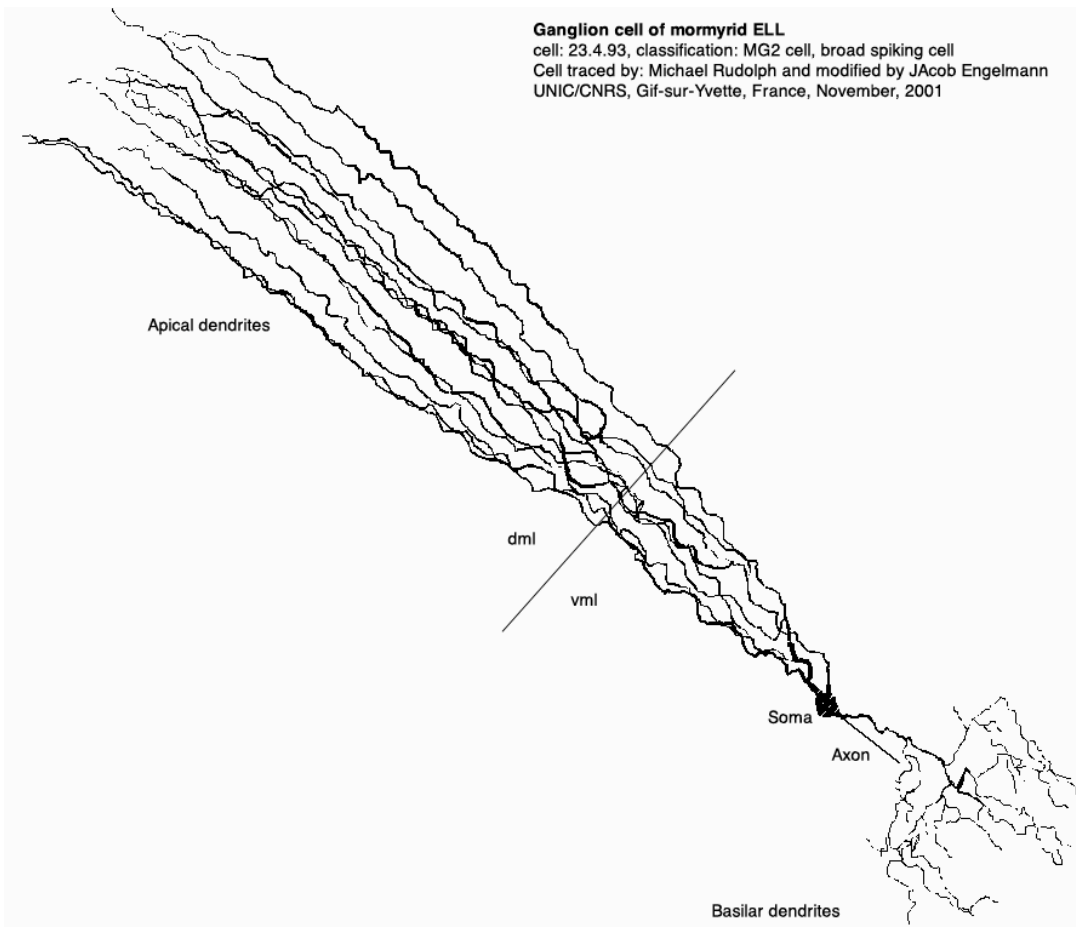
- If GR=1 \Rightarrow Impedances match perfectly and spikes propagate without perturbation.
- If GR<1 \Rightarrow Action potential acts as if the axon tapers and increases speed.
- If GR>1 \Rightarrow Action potential propagation may fail.

Goldstein, S. S. & Rall, W. (1974) Biophys. J. 14, 731–757

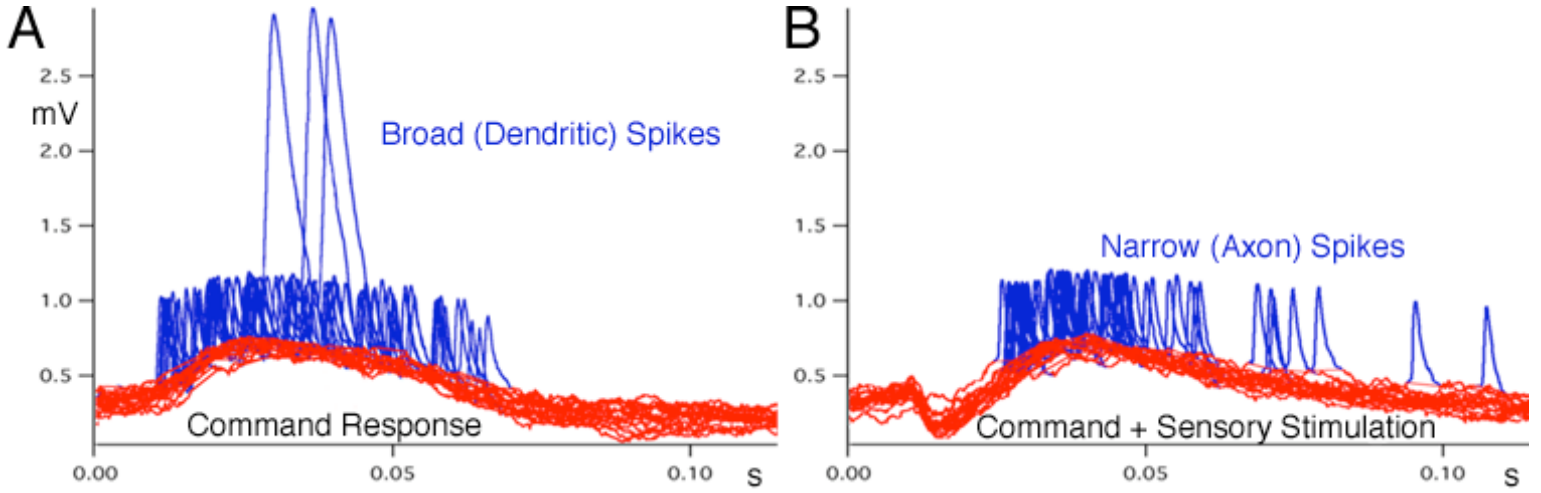
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11_branchSimul.psd

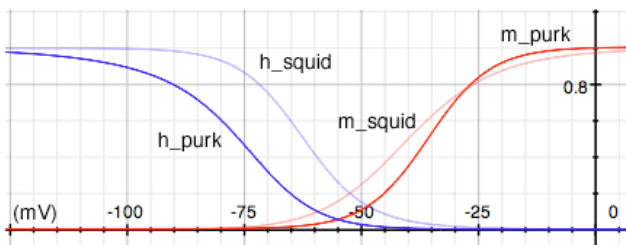
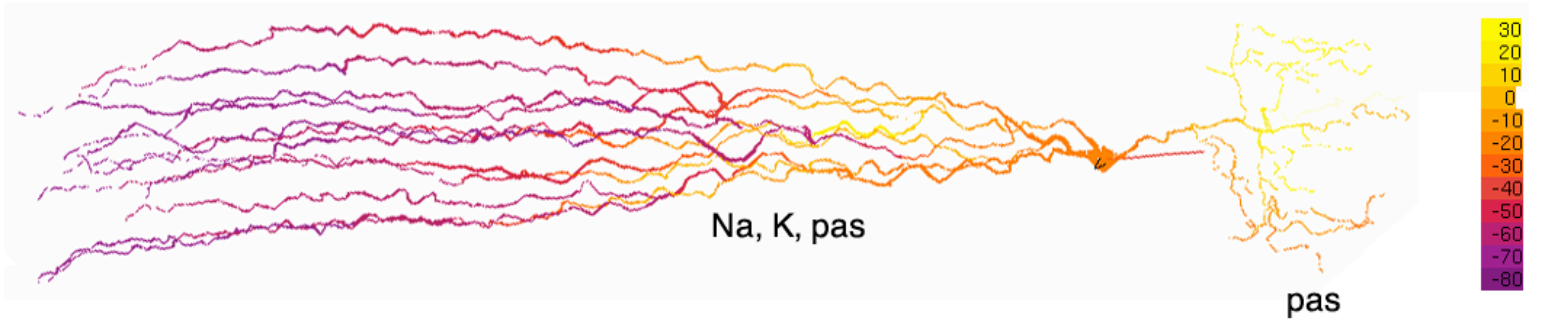


22mg_morphology.psd



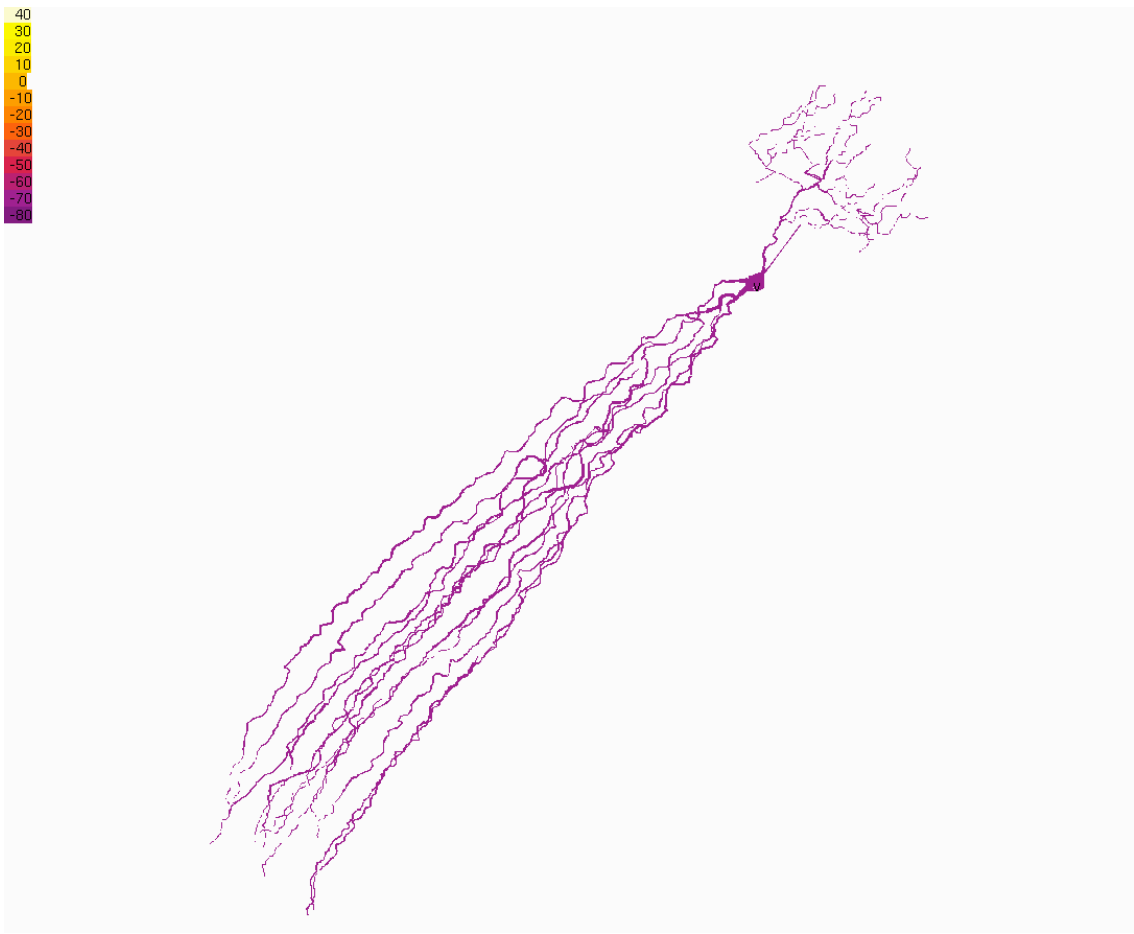
23fig_mg.psd

Active currents based on Purkinje cell kinetics [DeSchutter94]

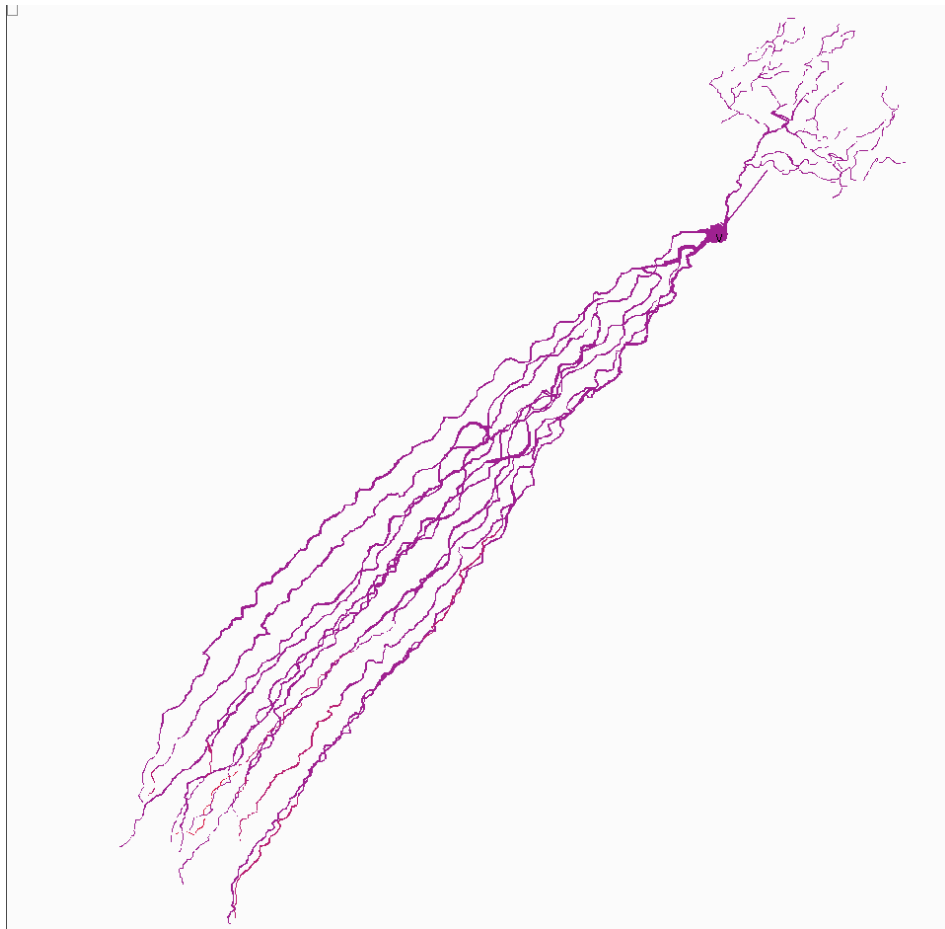


Soma, hillock, basilar dendrites: passive only
 Axon: $g_{Na} = 4-0.1$, $g_K = 0.2-0.03$ (mho/cm²)
 dml: $g_{Na} = 0.5$, $g_K = 0.2$
 vml: $g_{Na} = 0.2$, $g_K = 0.05$

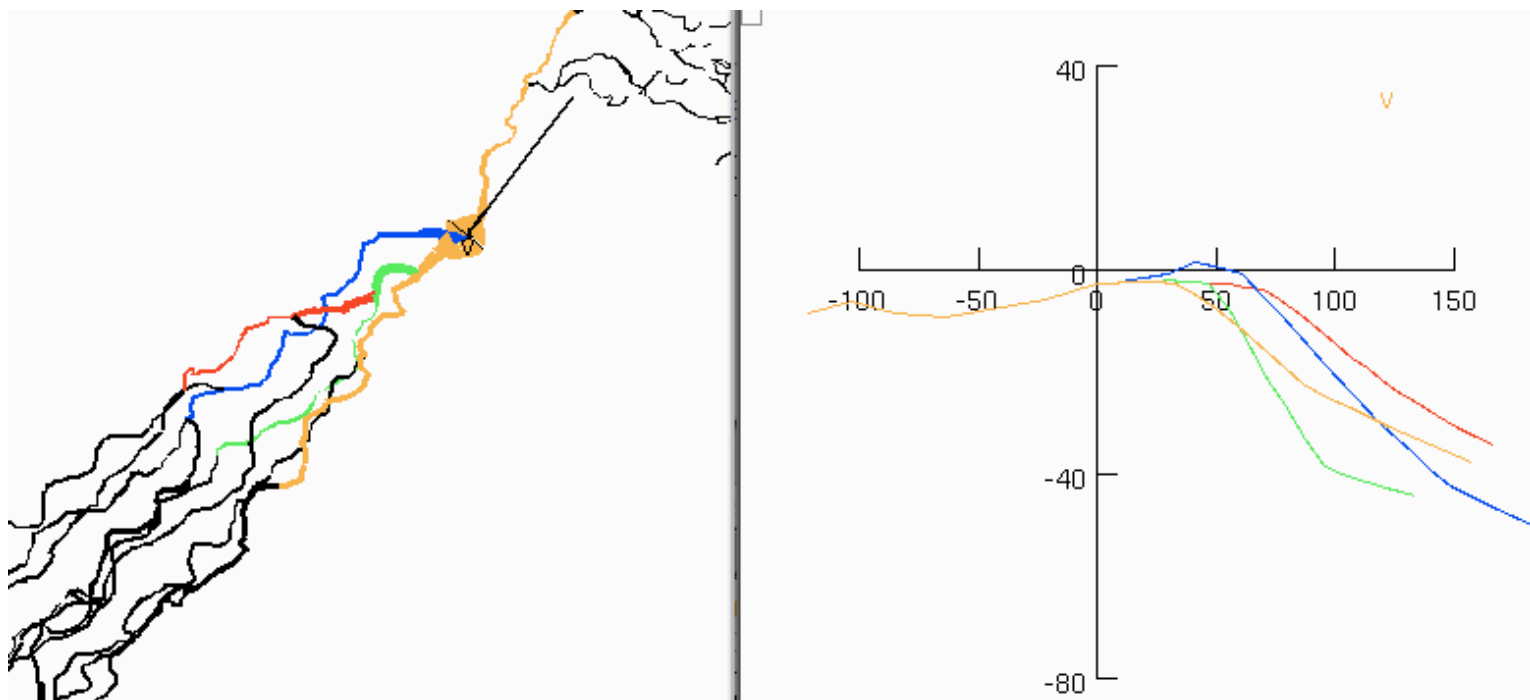
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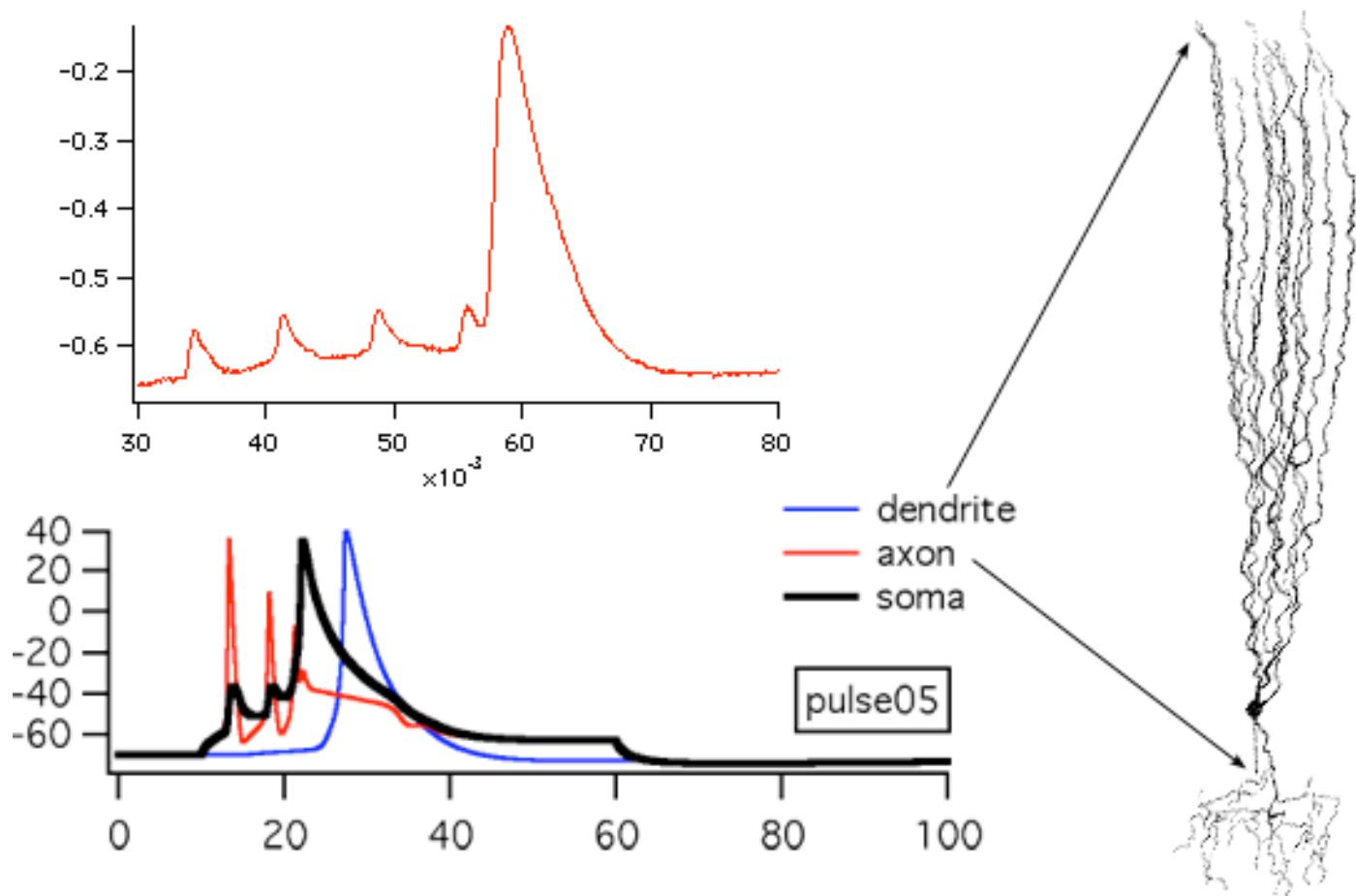
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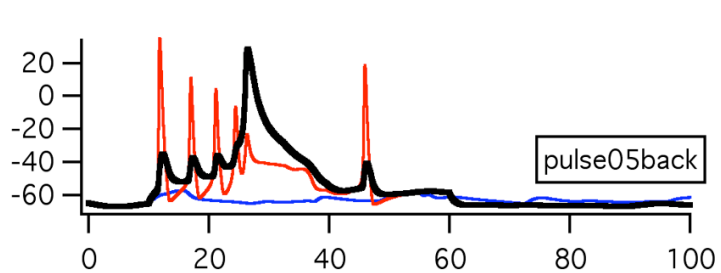
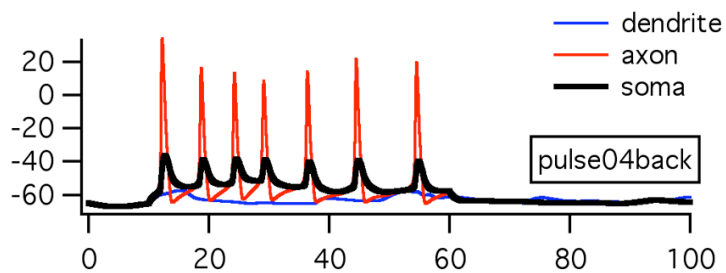
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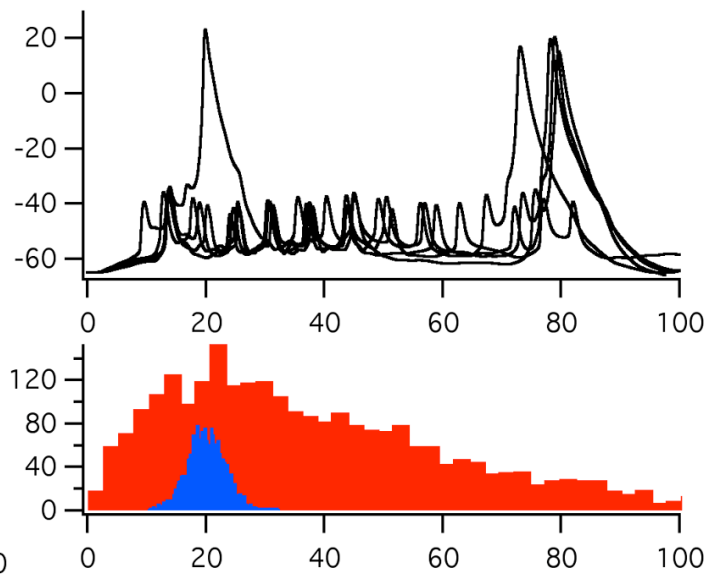
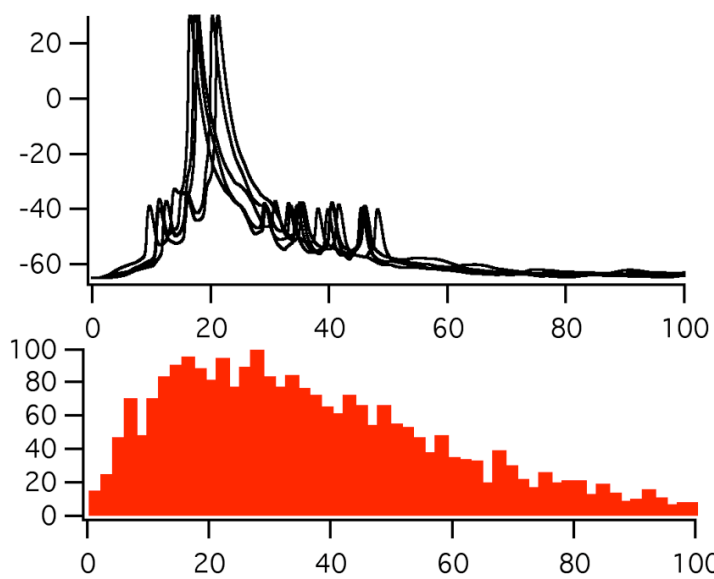
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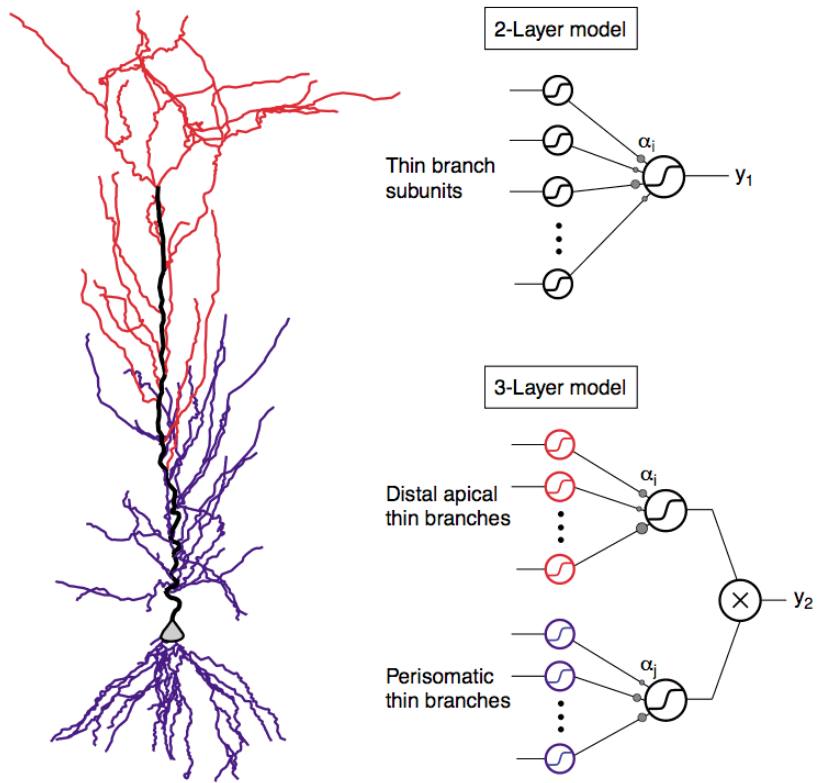


29pulseBackground.psd



30vIm_inhib.psd

What are the functional units of a neuron?



Hausser and Mel (2003) "Dendrites: bug or feature?" *Curr Opin Neurobiol*, 13:372-383