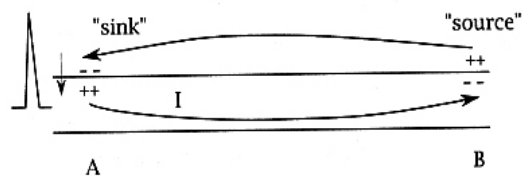


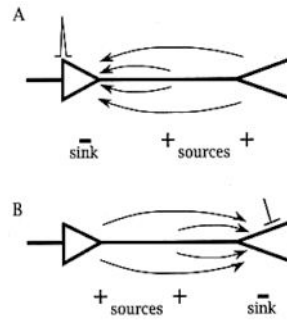
Extracellular recording

Action potential along a nerve fiber



An action potential is initiated in A

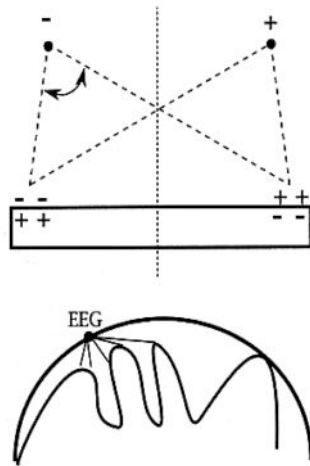
Active neuron is an electric dipole



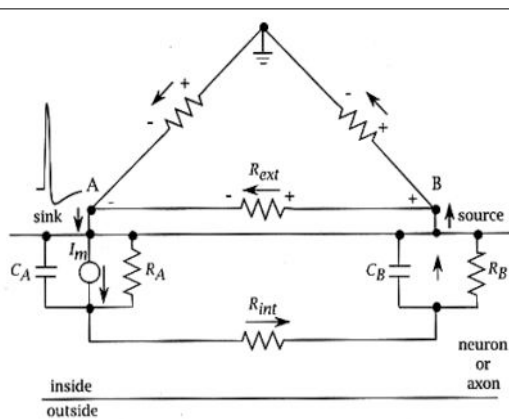
Semiquantitative theory for extracellular fields

Volume conductor theory

From an observation point in a volume conductor, the measured potential will depend on the solid angle made with the dipole

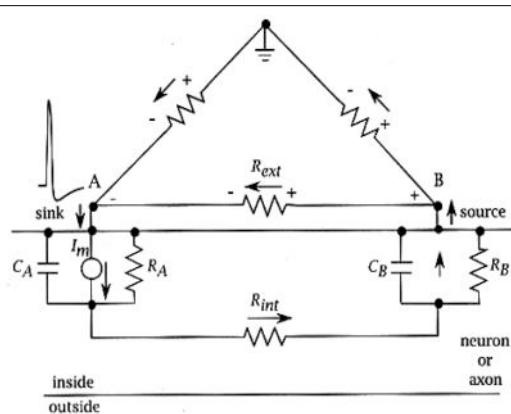


The dipole can be either one-dimensional or a dipole layer



The transmembrane current I_m draws current from the extracellular space.

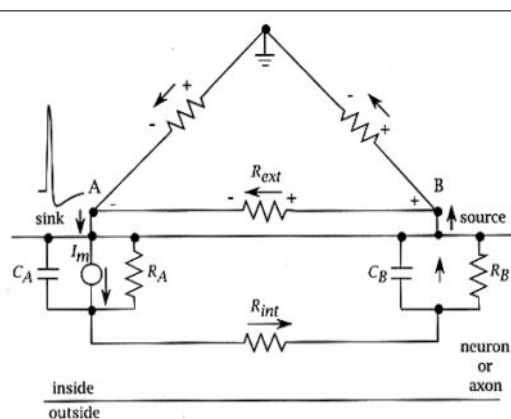
The time course of the inward current at A dictates the time course of the extracellular potential across R_{ext} :



For electrical events that are relatively faster than membrane time constant (action potentials and fast EPSPs), most of the current exiting at B will be capacity current across C_B $\Rightarrow$ proportional to the first derivative of the transmembrane potential:

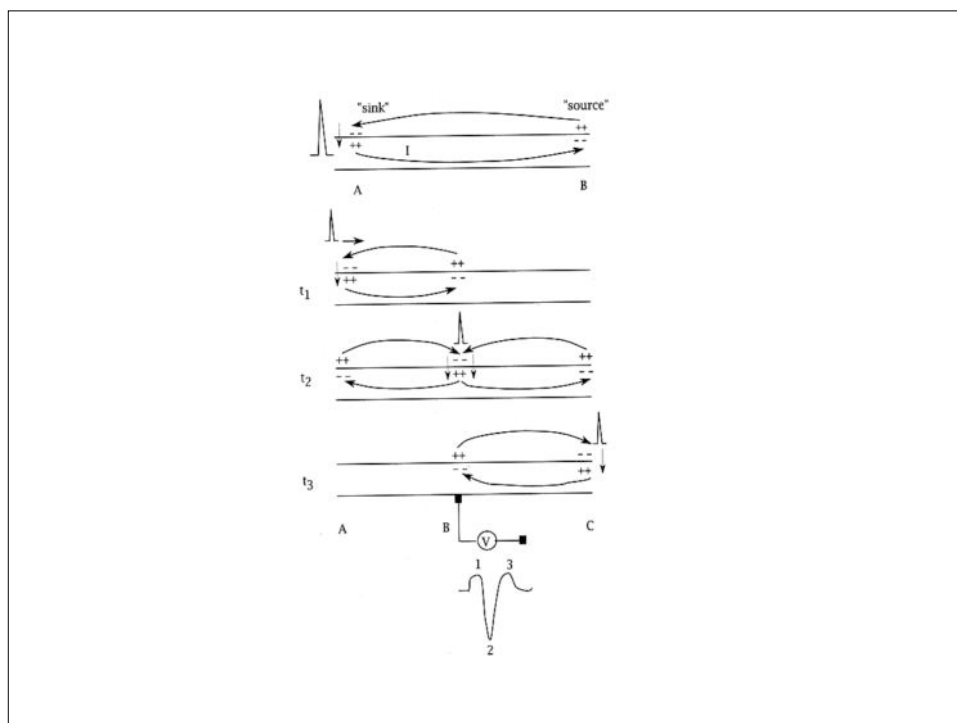
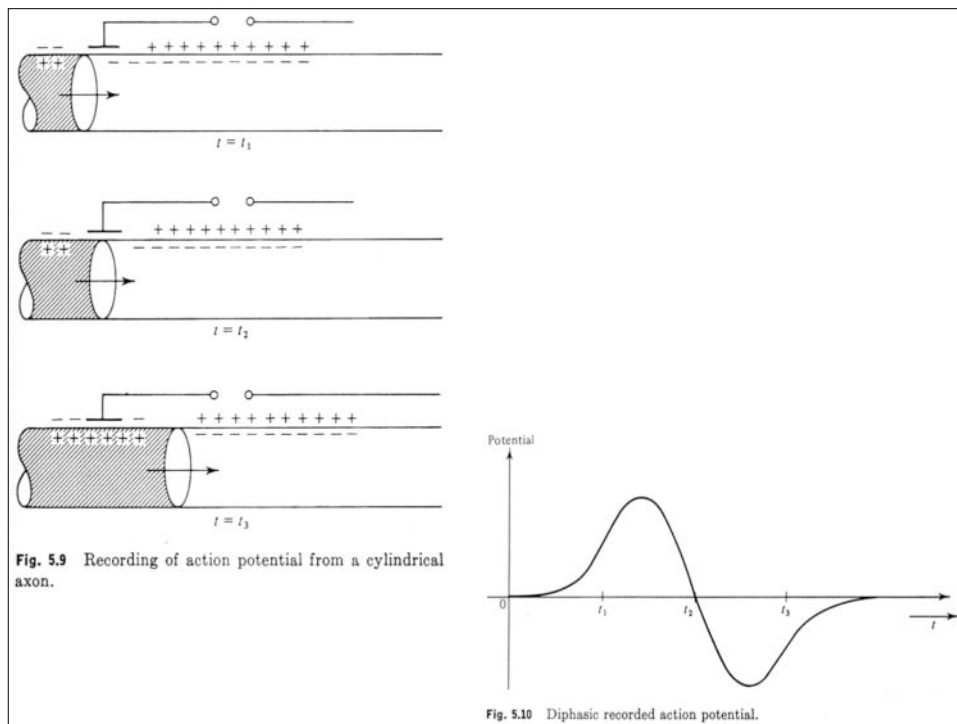
$$I_m \propto \frac{dV_m}{dt} \propto -V_B$$

This is not true for slower events, because a steady current flow would produce a steady extracellular potential



$$I_m \propto \frac{dV_m}{dt} \propto -V_B$$

The extracellular field potential has a time course that is approximately equal to the transmembrane current



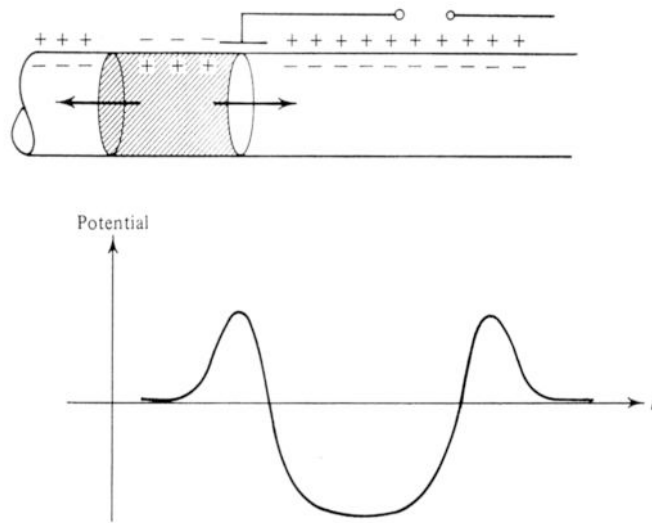


Fig. 5.11 Triphasic recorded action potential.

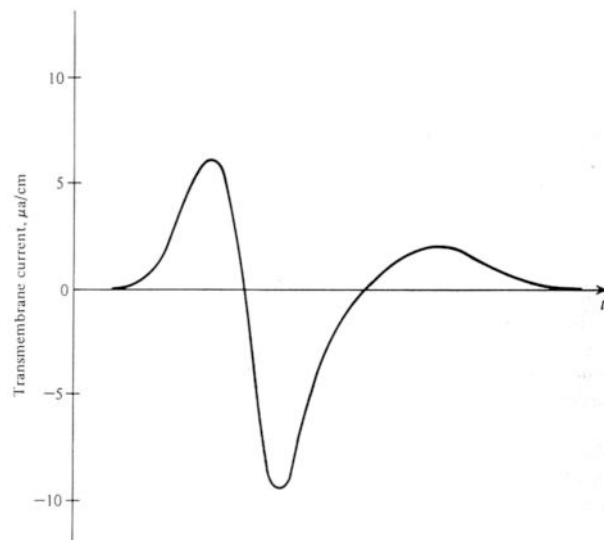


Fig. 5.16 Transmembrane current per unit length for the crayfish lateral giant axon as computed rigorously from transmembrane potential measurements. [J. Clark and R. Plonsey, *The Extracellular Potential Field of the Single Active Nerve Fiber in a Volume Conductor*, *Biophys. J.*, **8**:842 (1968).]

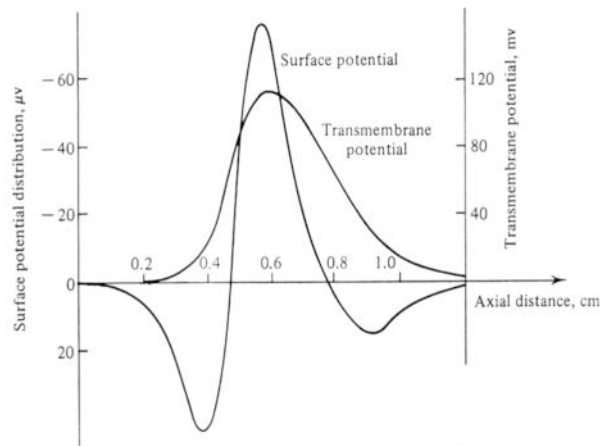


Fig. 5.22 Transmembrane-potential variation from direct measurement and surface-potential distribution computed therefrom, for the crayfish lateral giant axon. (J. Clark, "Bioelectric Field Interaction between Adjacent Nerve Fibers," Ph.D. thesis, Case Western Reserve University, November, 1967.)

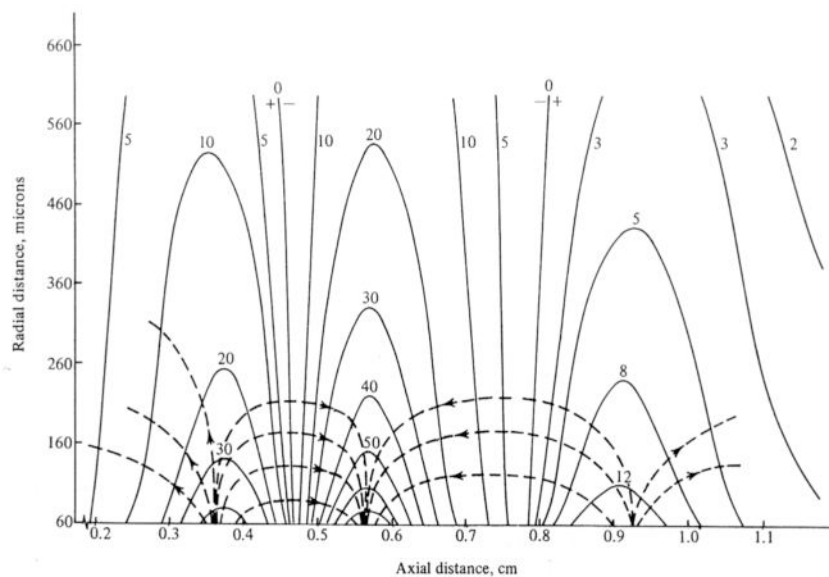
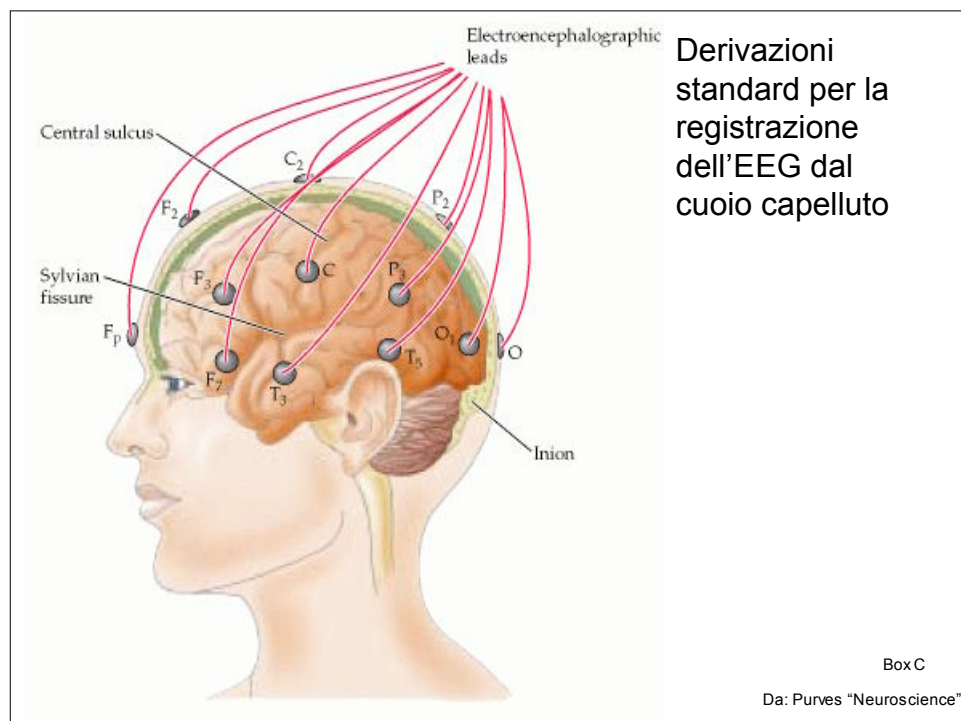
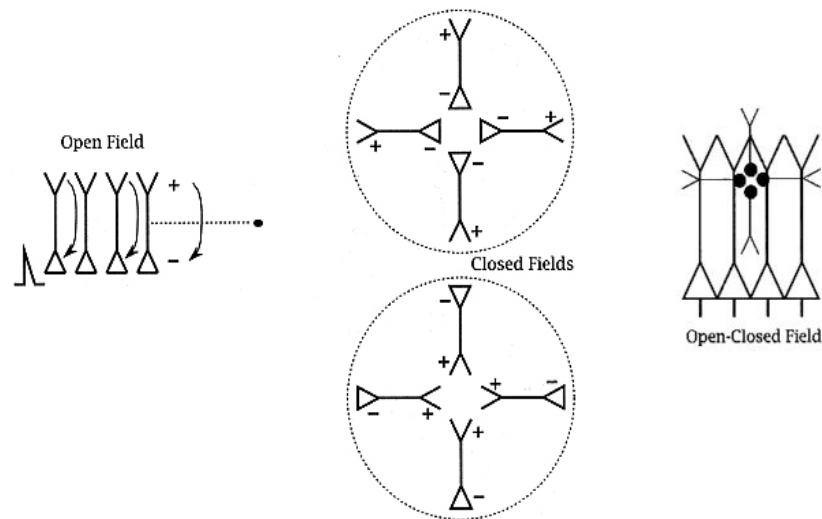


Fig. 5.23 Calculated field distribution of a crayfish lateral giant axon in a uniform conducting medium of infinite extent based on measured transmembrane potential. The axon radius is 60 microns. Isopotential lines are solid; current flow lines are dashed; potentials are in microvolts. (After J. Clark, "Bioelectric Field Interaction between Adjacent Nerve Fibers," Ph.D. thesis, Case Western Reserve University, November, 1967.)

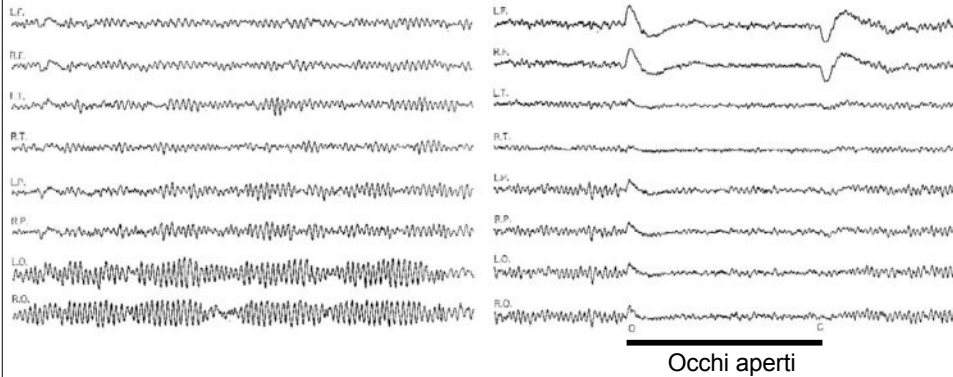
Classification of fields



Elettroencefalogramma in un soggetto umano normale

EEG durante la veglia rilassata

Reazione di arresto di Berger



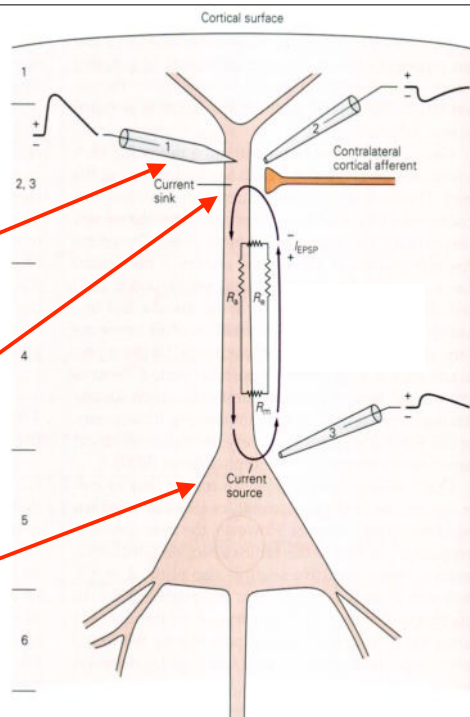
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Correnti elettriche durante un PPSE nel dendrite apicale di un neurone piramidale di neocorteccia

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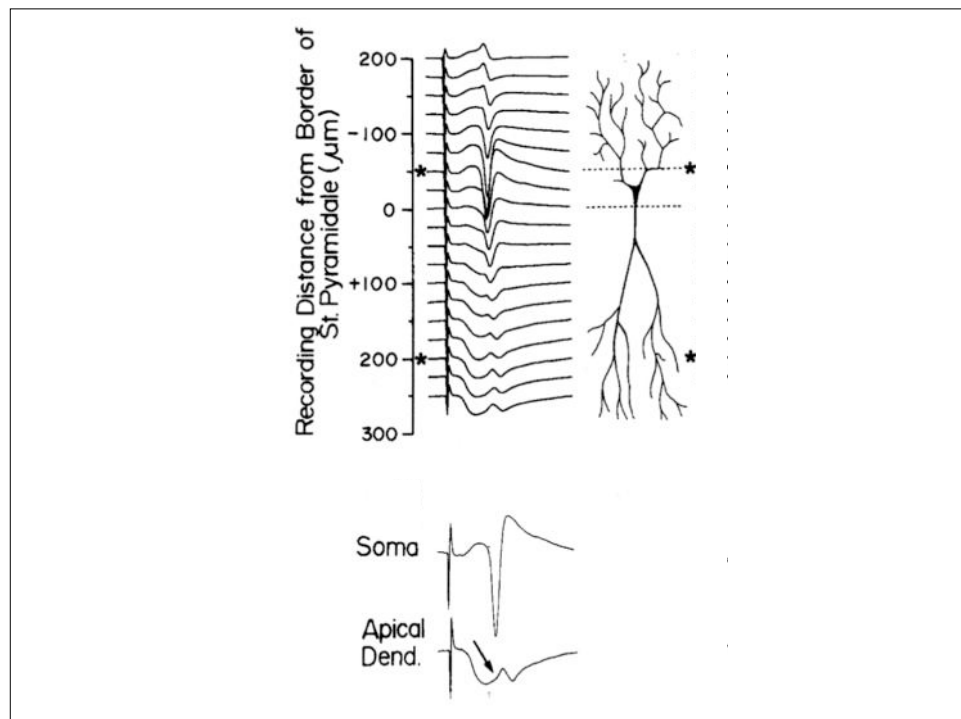
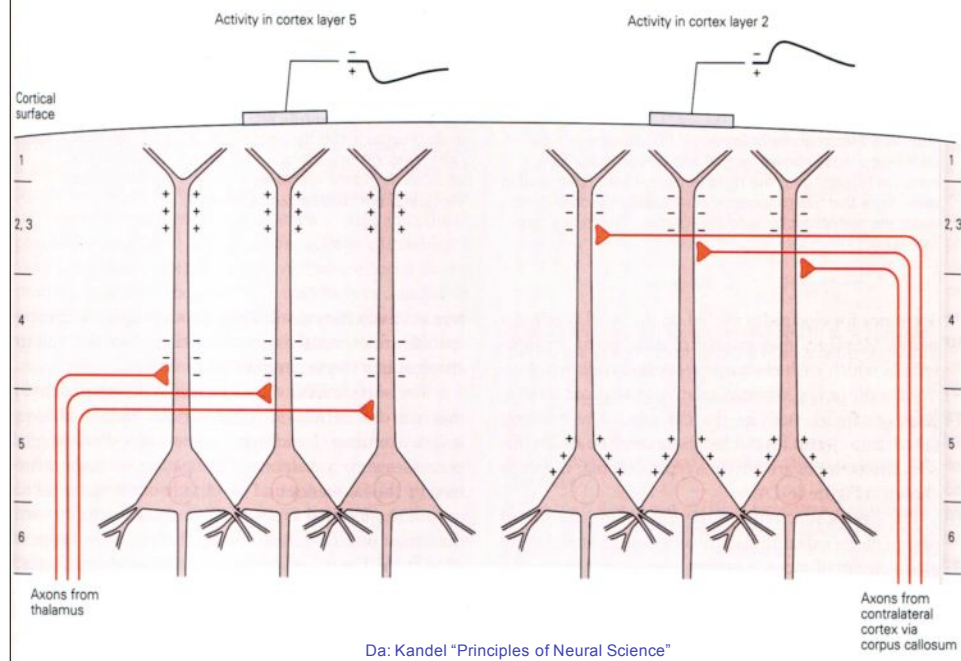
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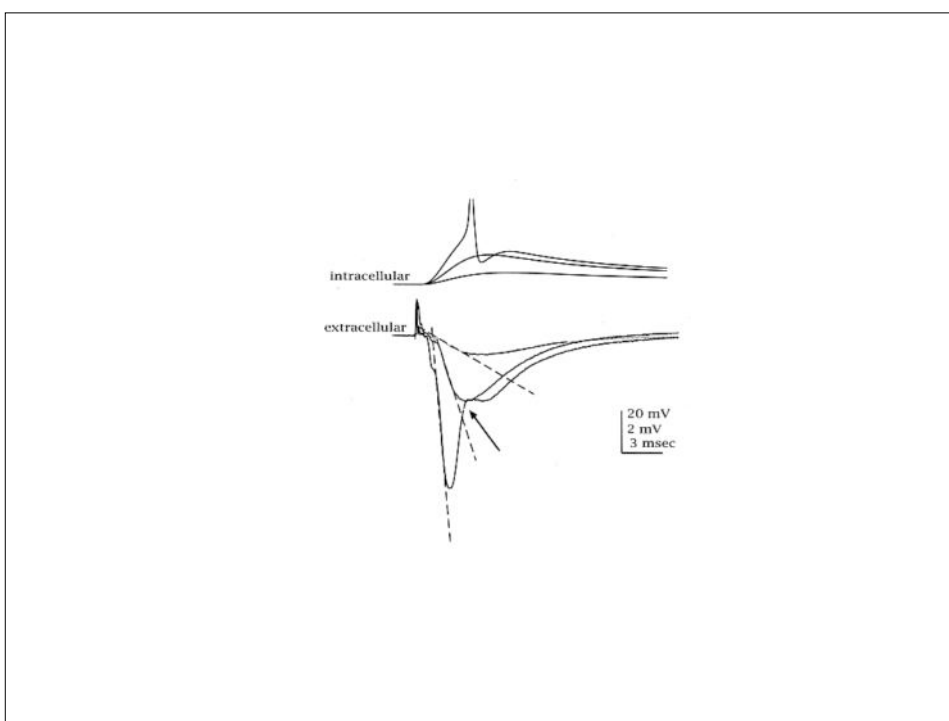
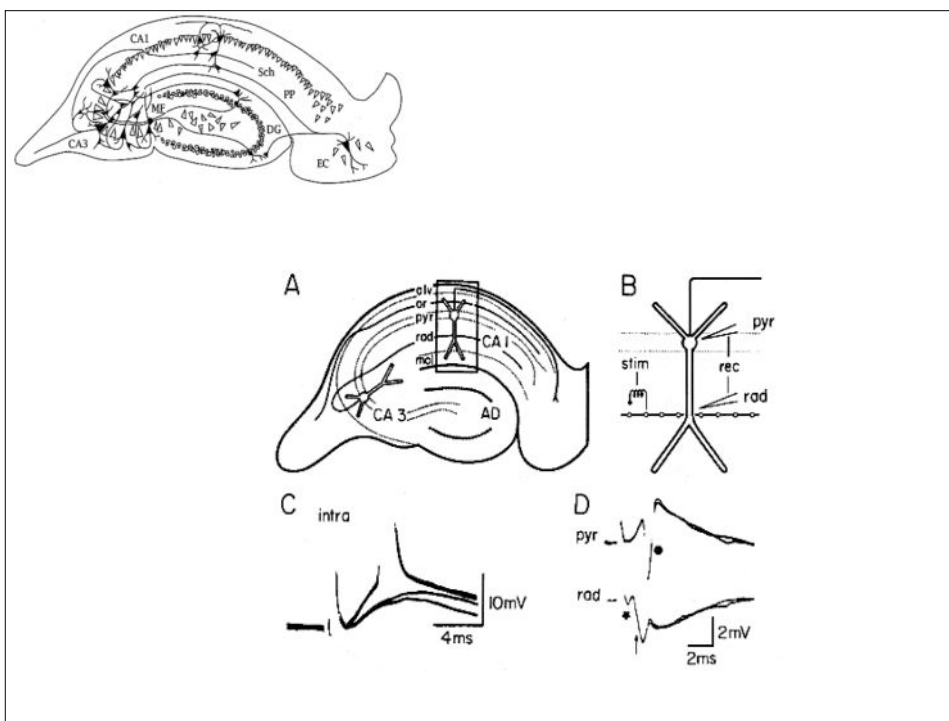
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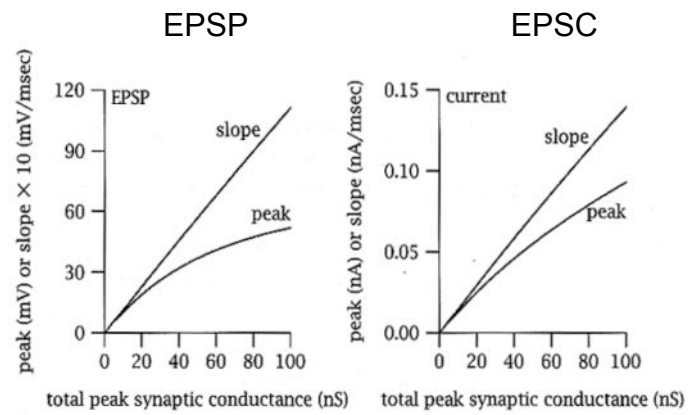


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Patch-clamp in tissue slices

