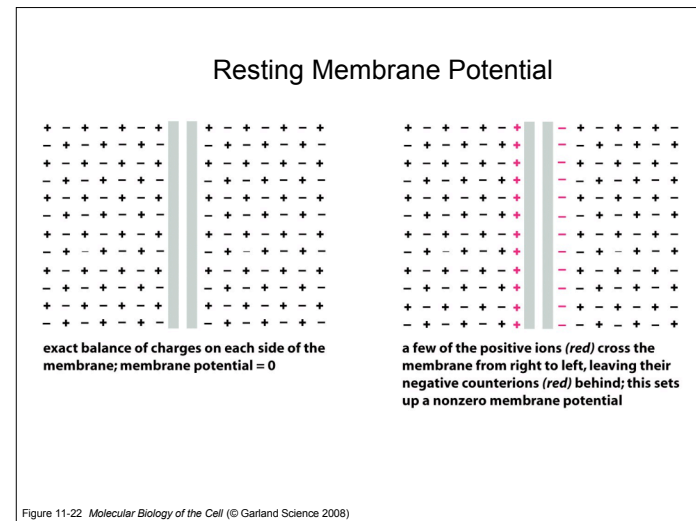
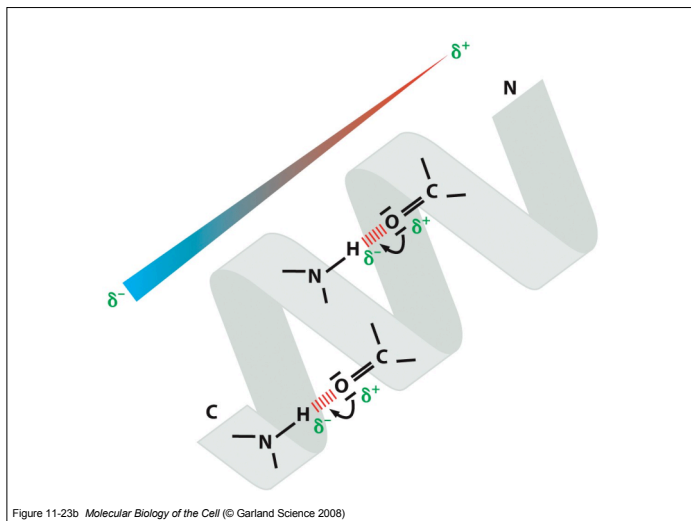
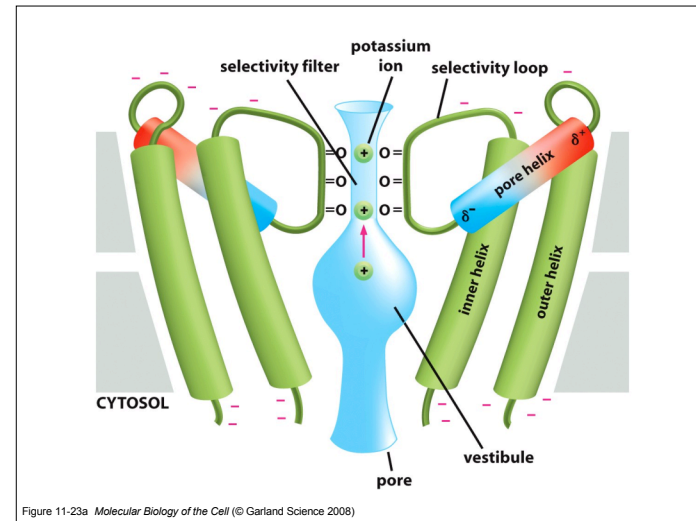
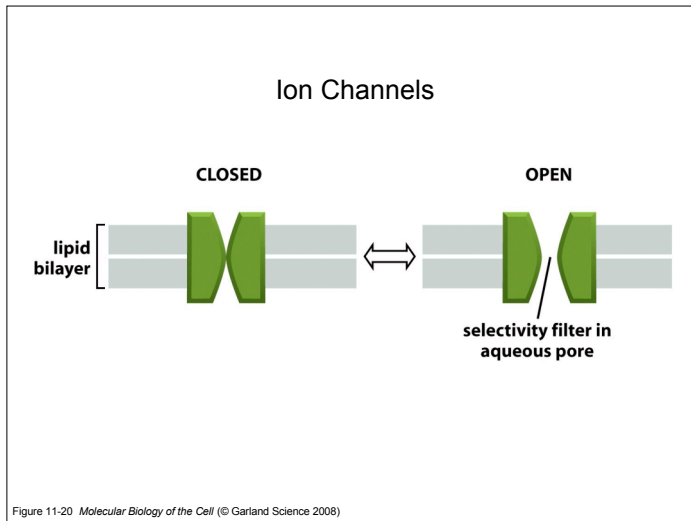


Table 11-1 A Comparison of Ion Concentrations Inside and Outside a Typical Mammalian Cell

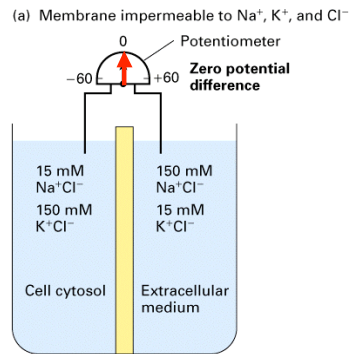
COMPONENT	INTRACELLULAR CONCENTRATION (mM)	EXTRACELLULAR CONCENTRATION (mM)
Cations		
Na^+	5–15	145
K^+	140	5
Mg^{2+}	0.5	1–2
Ca^{2+}	10^{-4}	1–2
H^+	7×10^{-5} ($10^{-7.2}$ M or pH 7.2)	4×10^{-5} ($10^{-7.4}$ M or pH 7.4)
Anions*		
Cl^-	5–15	110

*The cell must contain equal quantities of positive and negative charges (that is, it must be electrically neutral). Thus, in addition to Cl^- , the cell contains many other anions not listed in this table; in fact, most cell constituents are negatively charged (HCO_3^- , PO_4^{3-} , proteins, nucleic acids, metabolites carrying phosphate and carboxyl groups, etc.). The concentrations of Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} given are for the free ions. There is a total of about 20 mM Mg^{2+} and 1–2 mM Ca^{2+} in cells, but both are mostly bound to proteins and other substances and, for Ca^{2+} , stored within various organelles.

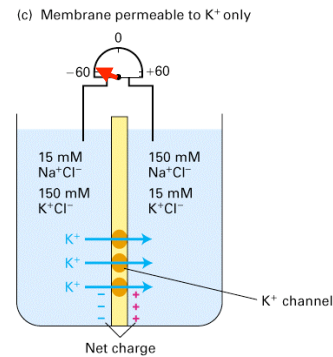
Table 11-1 Molecular Biology of the Cell (© Garland Science 2008)



Ion gradients and membrane potential



Ion gradients and membrane potential



Nernst Equation

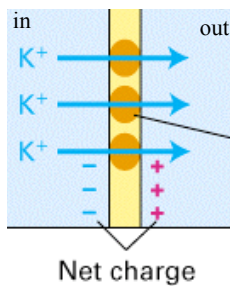
$$E_K = \frac{RT}{ZF} \ln \frac{[K_r]}{[K_i]}$$

$$E_K = 0.059 \log \frac{[K_r]}{[K_i]}$$

$$E_K = -0.059 \text{ V (@ } 20^\circ\text{C)}$$

$$-59 \text{ mV}$$

Ion gradients and membrane potential



Selective permeability of the cell membrane to potassium ions through passive potassium channels gives rise to the resting membrane potential = -70 mV

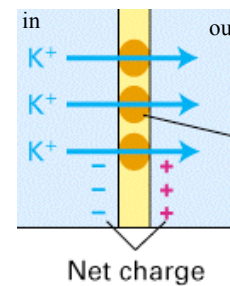
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High voltage lines utilize a potential gradient of roughly 200,000 V/km

10000 times smaller

There lipid bilayer is an excellent electrical insulator.

Ion gradients and membrane potential



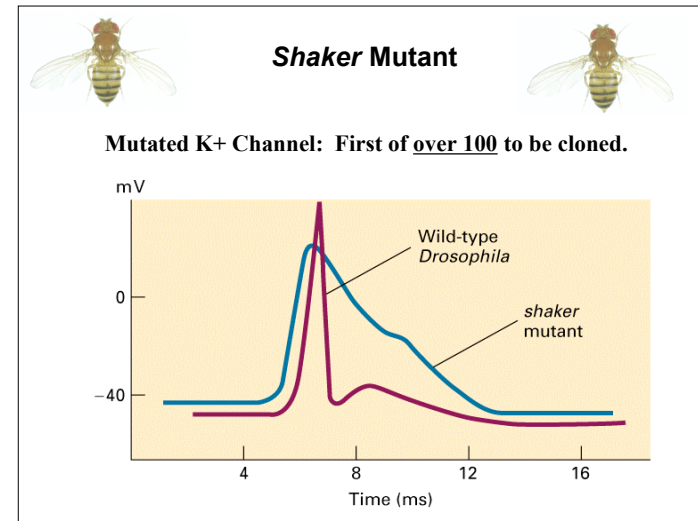
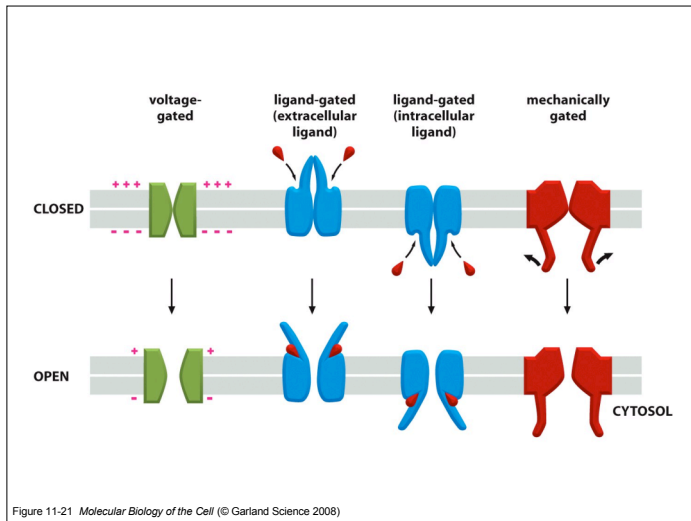
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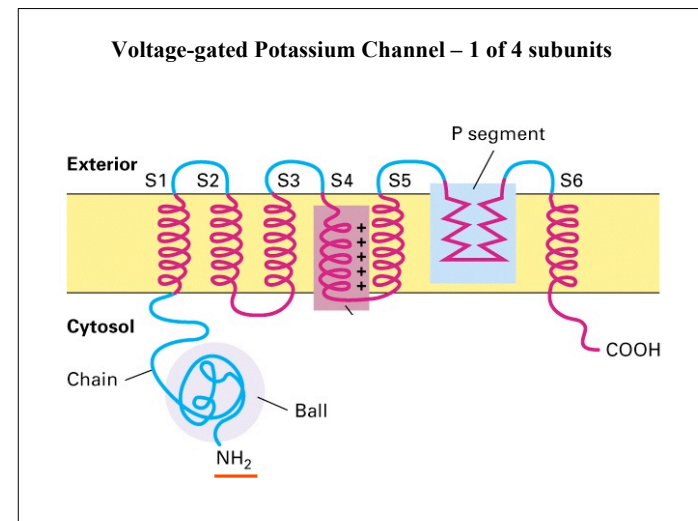
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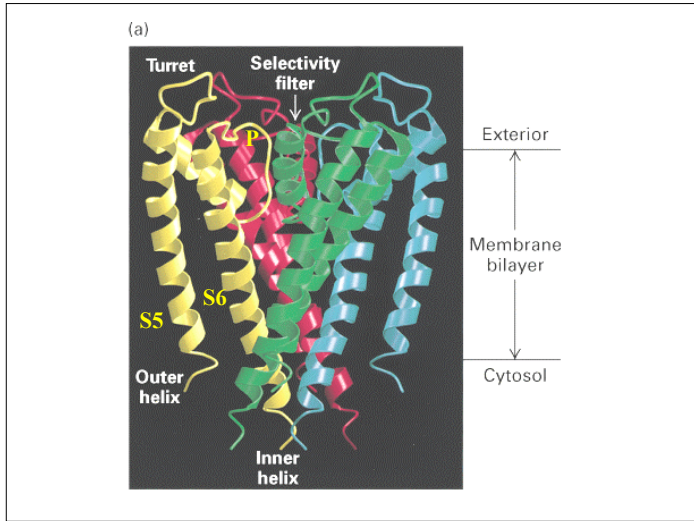
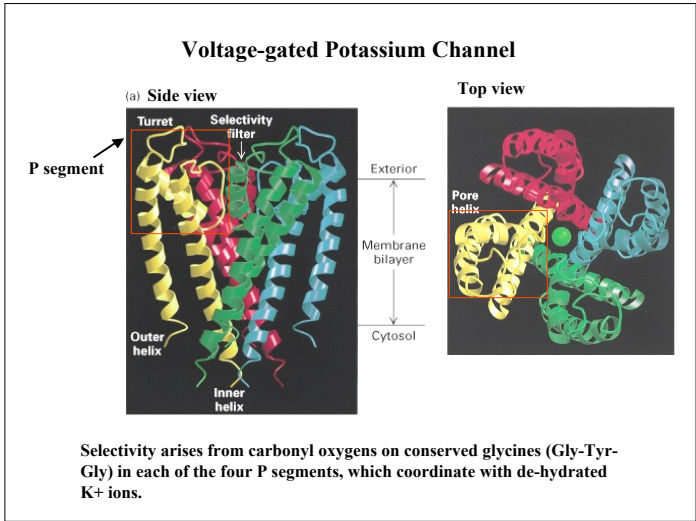
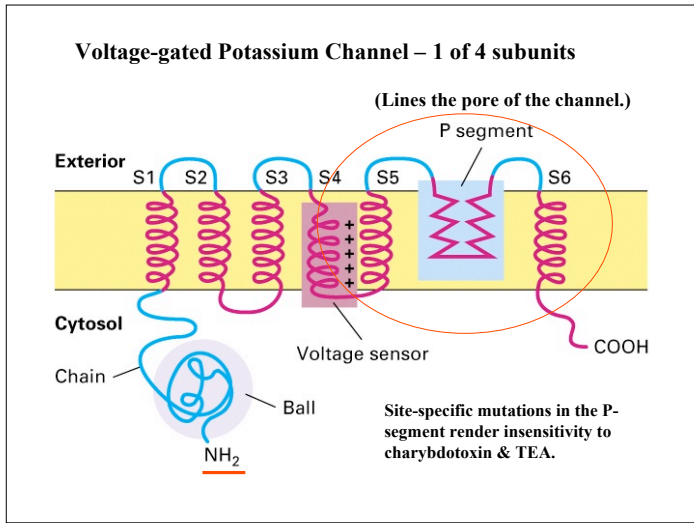
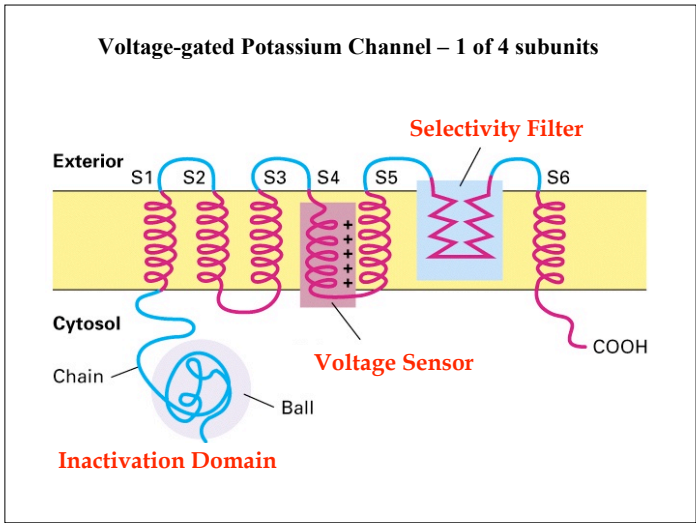
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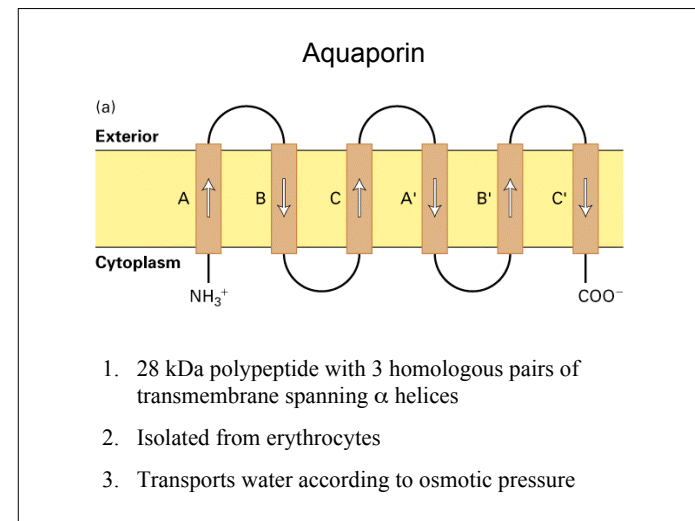
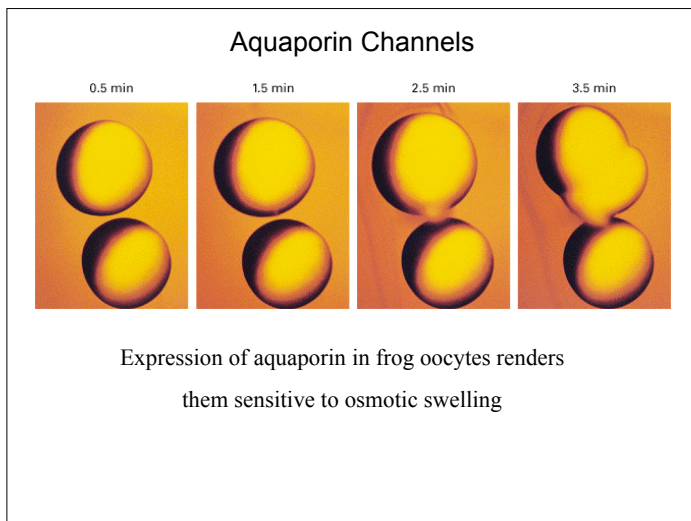
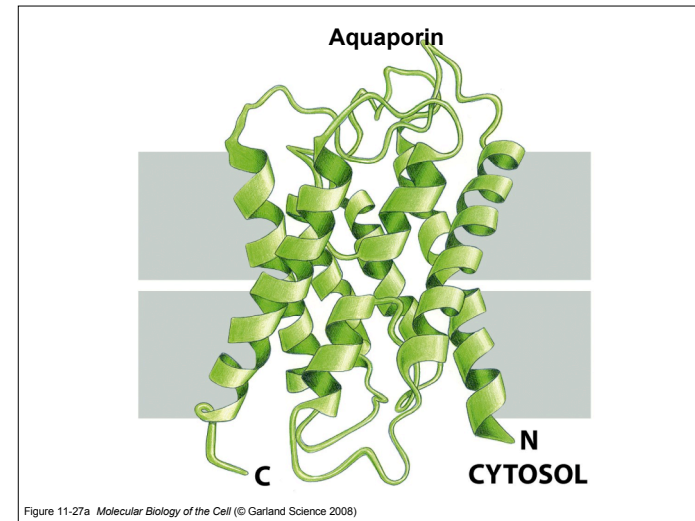
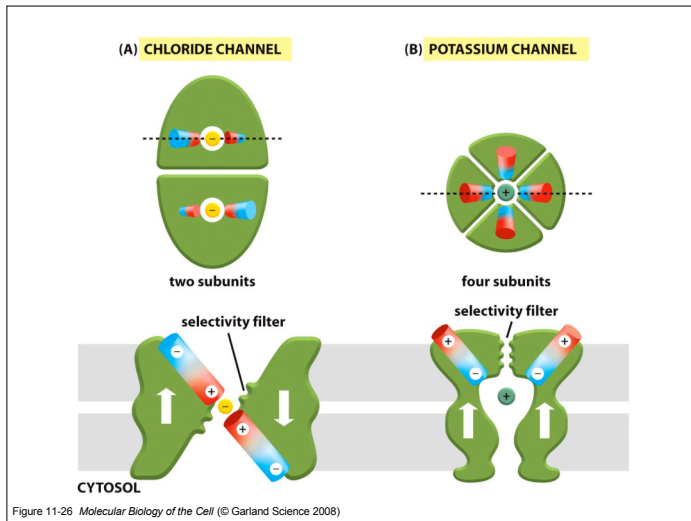


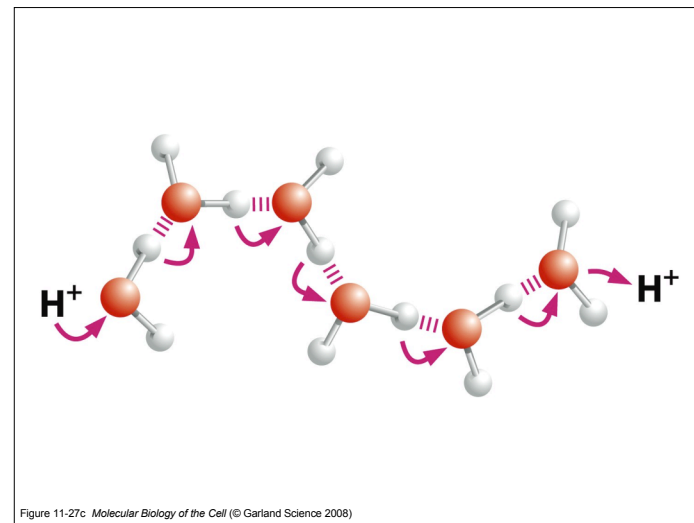
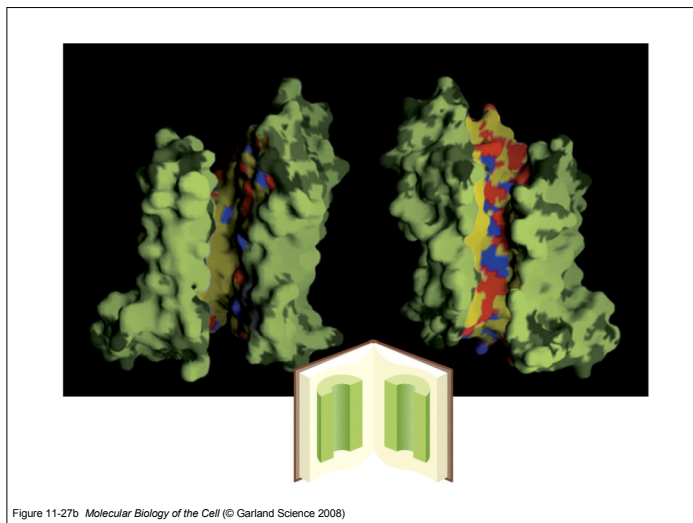
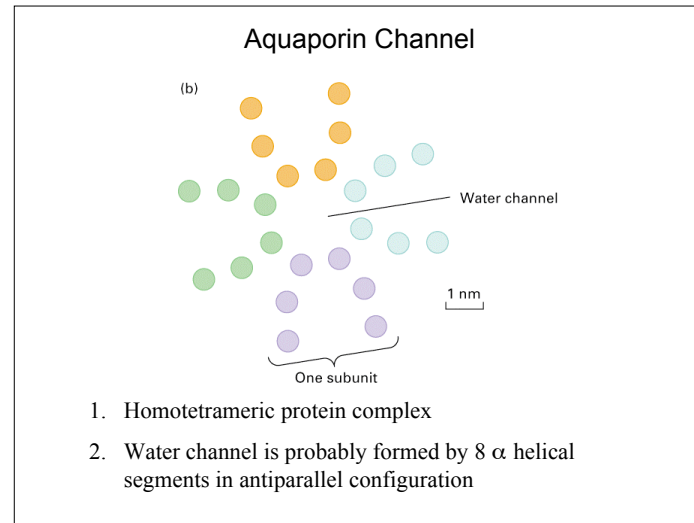
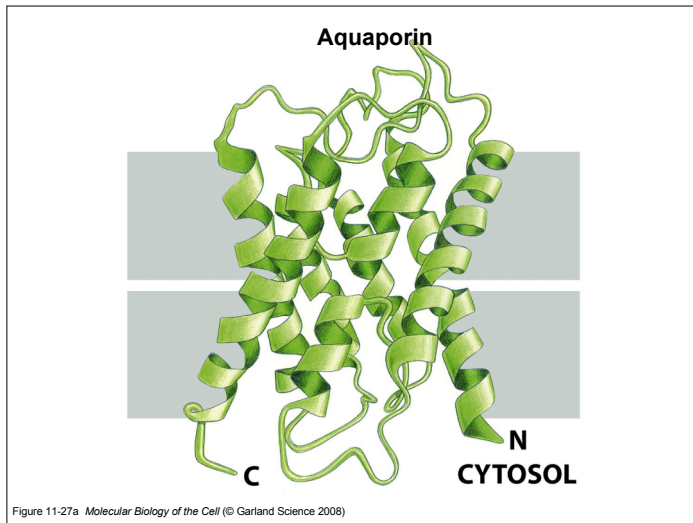
Properties of Voltage-Gated Ion Channels

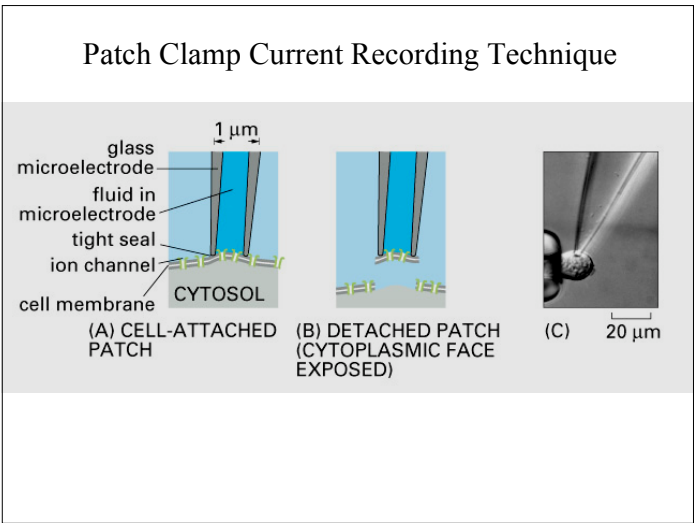
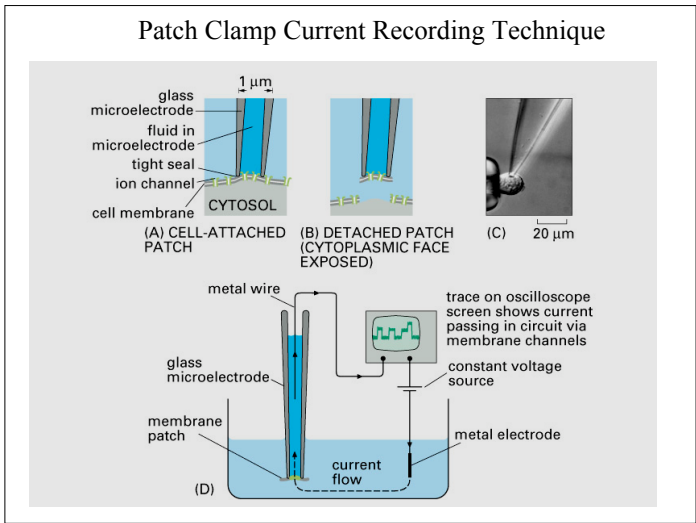
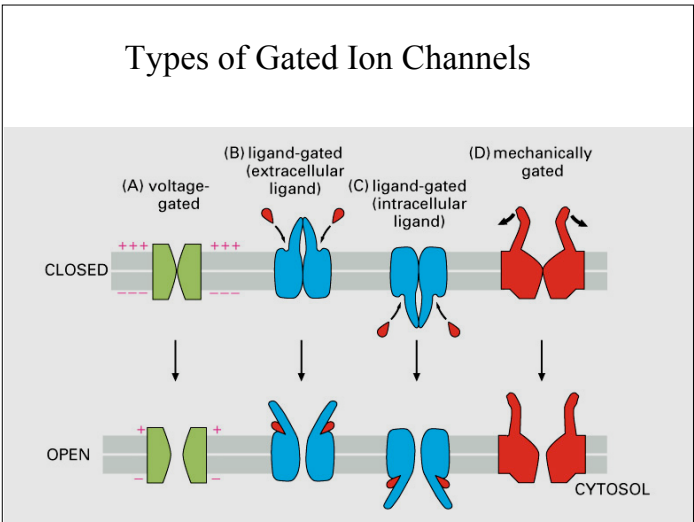
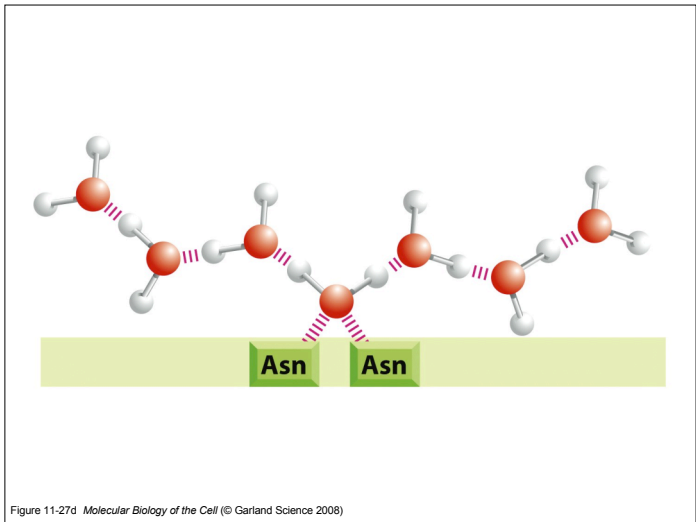
1. Ion Selectivity
2. Voltage Dependence
3. Inactivation (+/-)



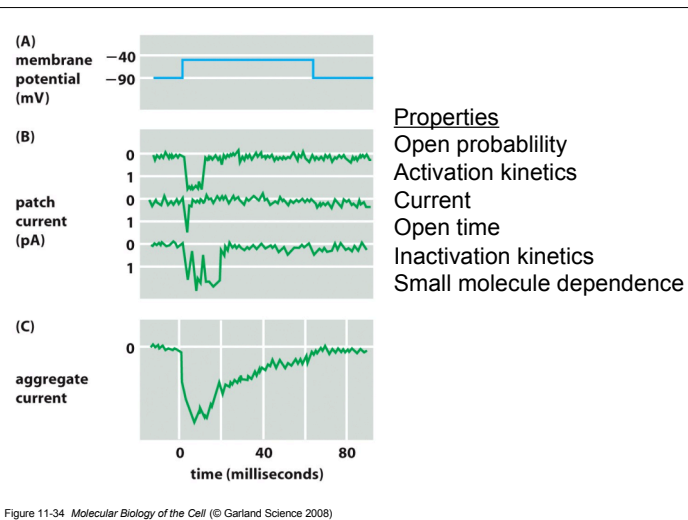
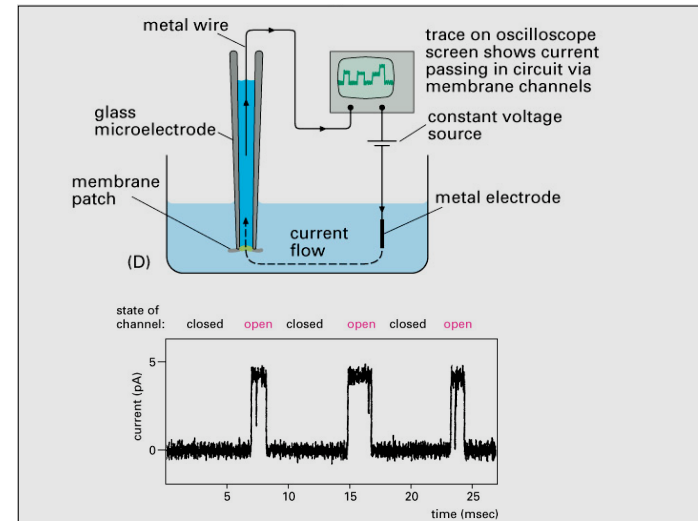
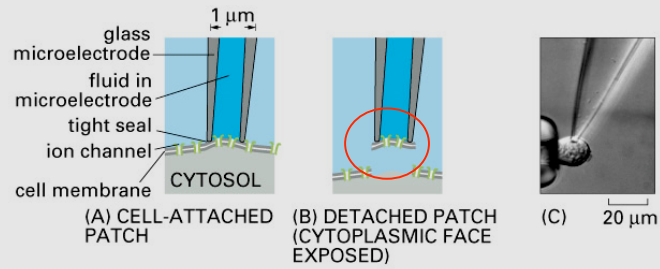








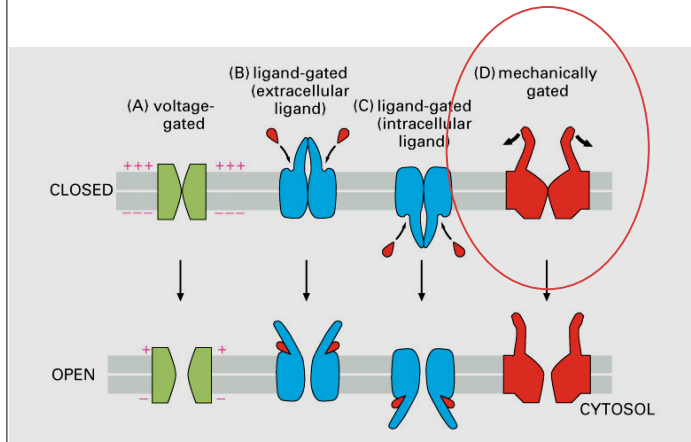
Patch Clamp Current Recording Technique



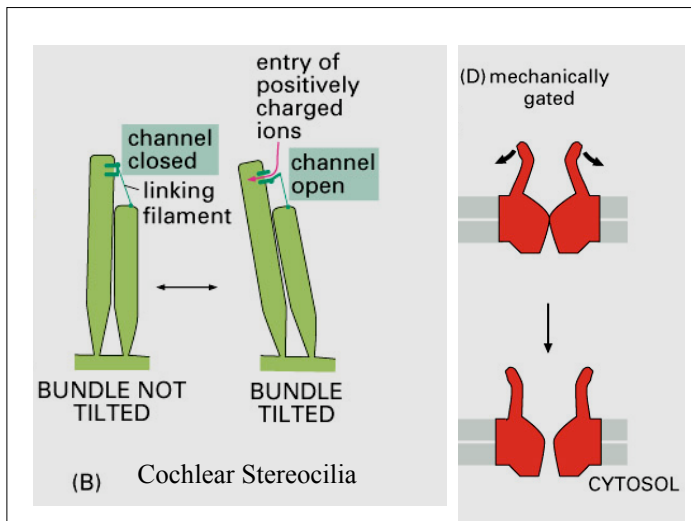
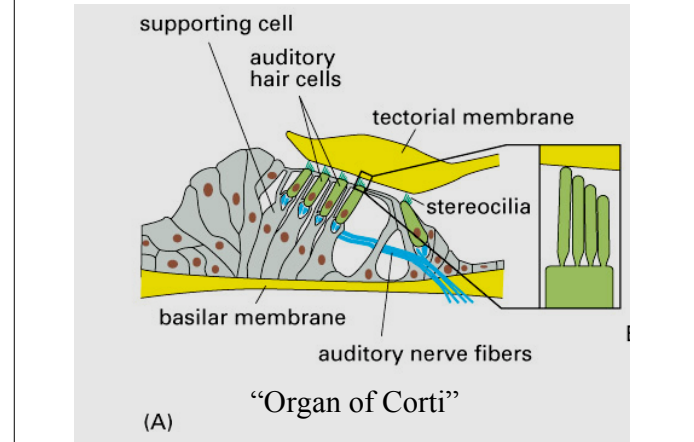
K⁺ Channels are Tremendously Diverse

- More than 100 different K channel subunits have been cloned.
- Channels reconstituted in *Xenopus* oocytes have different reversal potentials, conductances, second messenger regulation, and degree of inactivation
- Hybrid channels have hybrid characteristics
- Expression patterns can vary with developmental stage, exposure to growth factors and hormones, environment, etc, etc, etc

Types of Gated Ion Channels



Auditory and Vestibular Systems Rely on Mechanically Gated Ion Channels for Signal Generation



Rapid Movement in Plants is Activated by Mechanically Gated Ion Channels

Venus Fly Trap

Mimosa

