

# Biophysics I (BPHS 4080)

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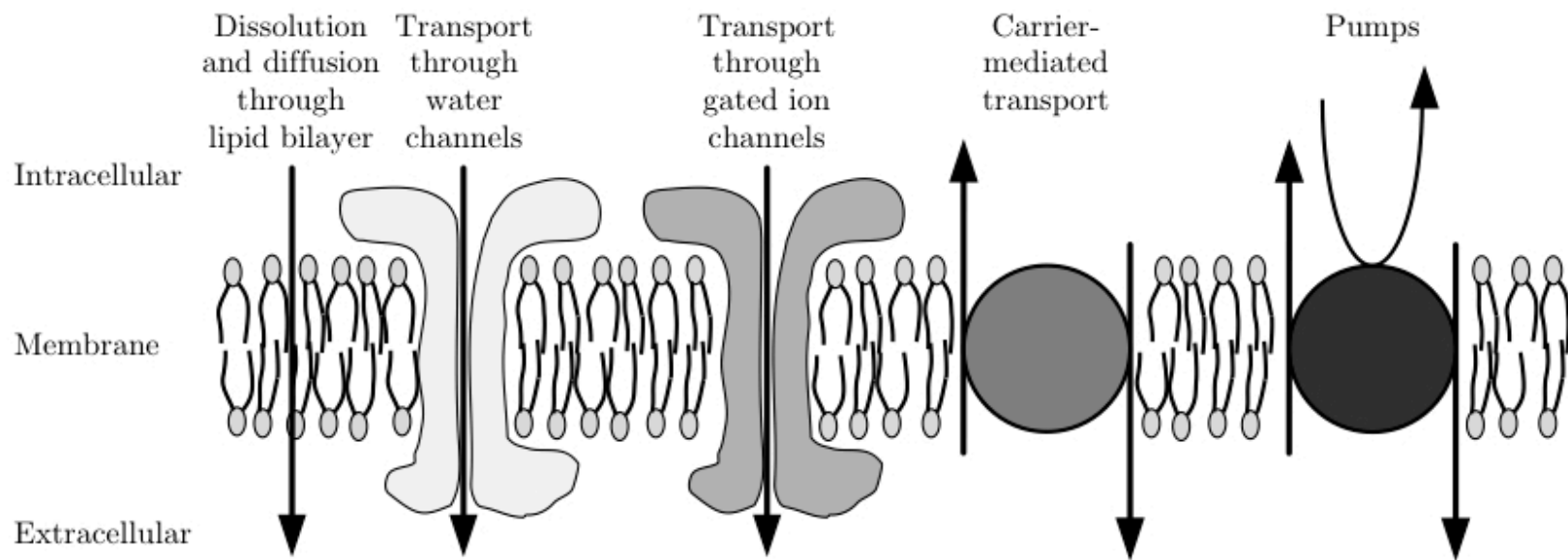


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# Electrical Responses in the Sensory Systems

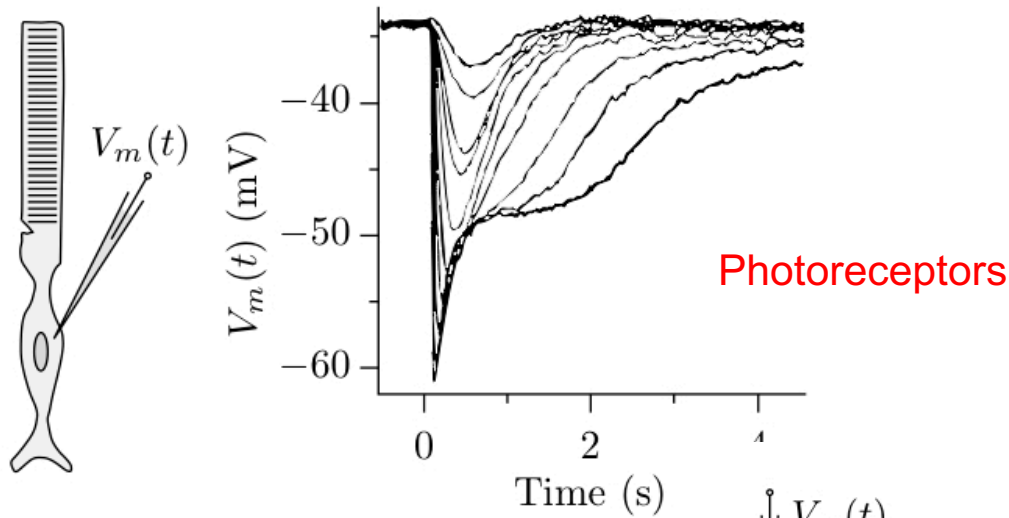


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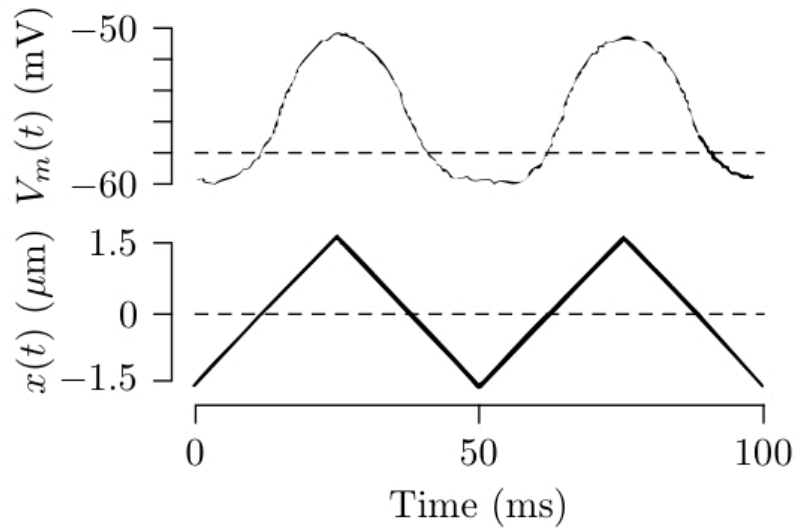
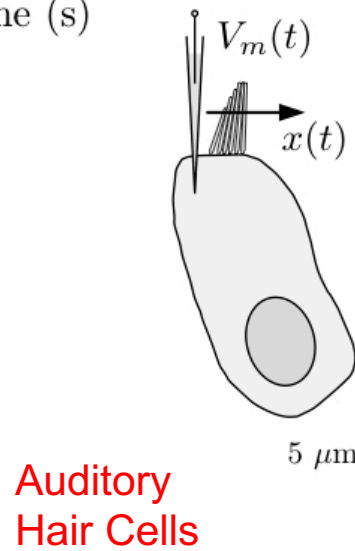


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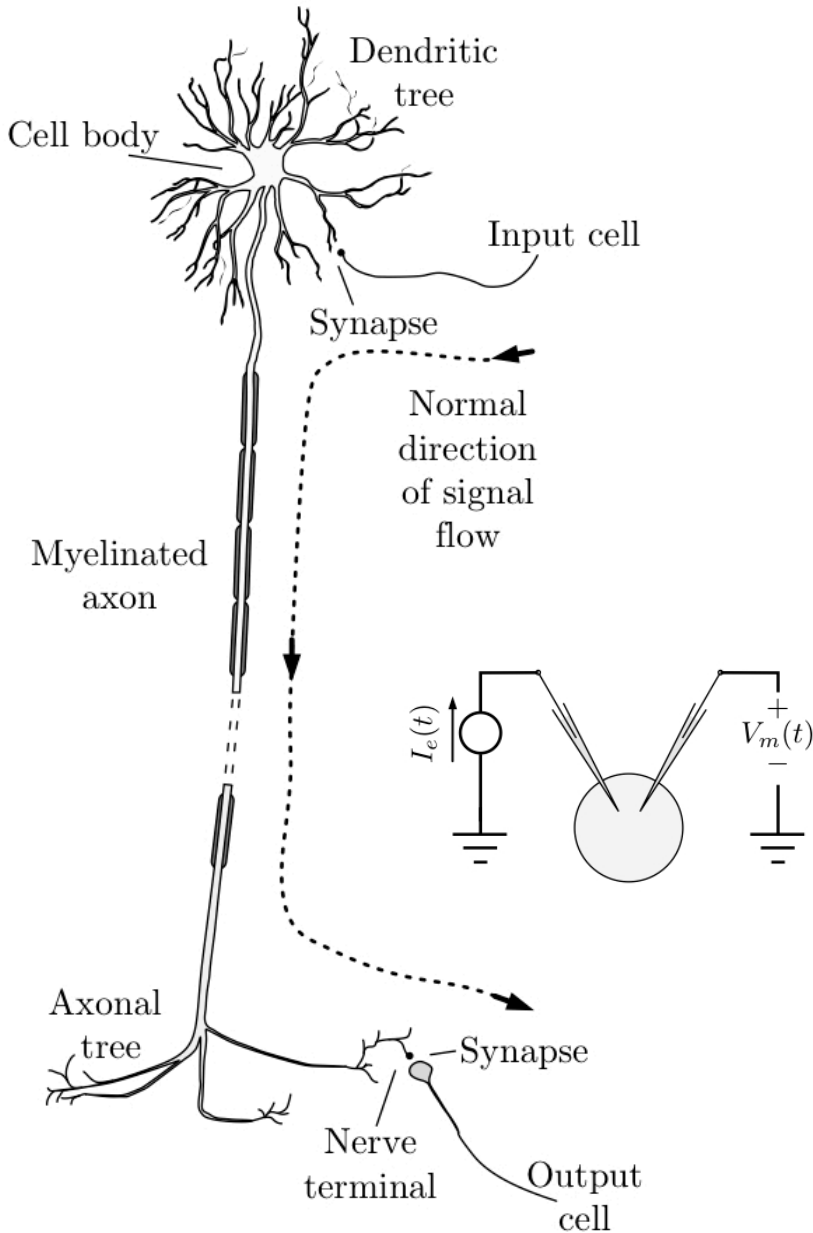


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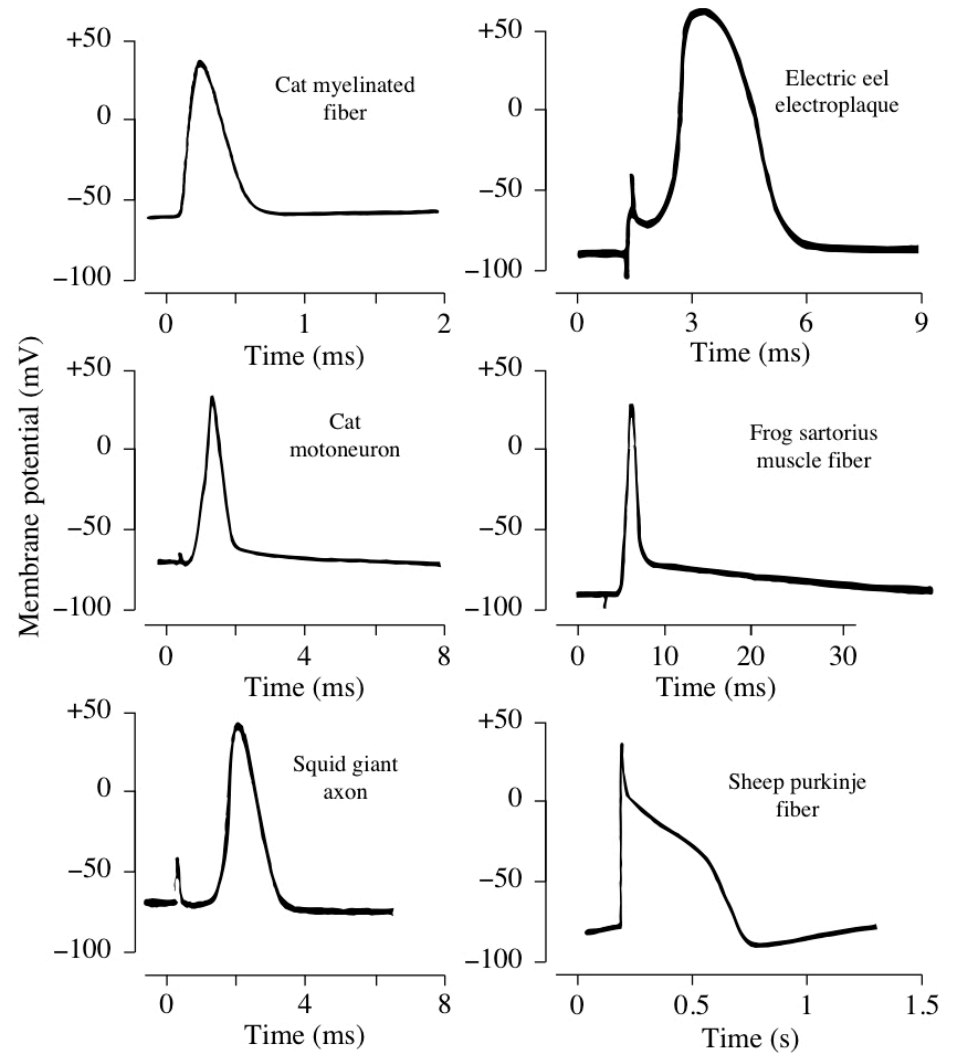
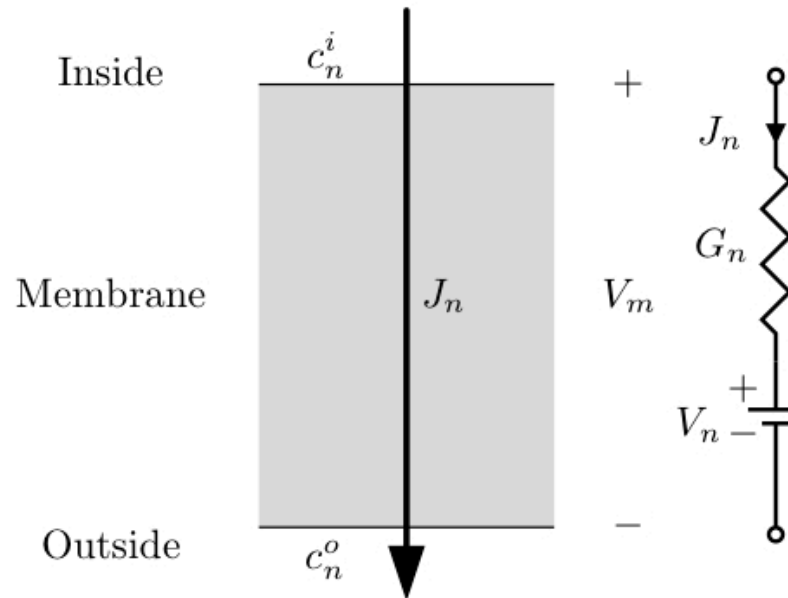


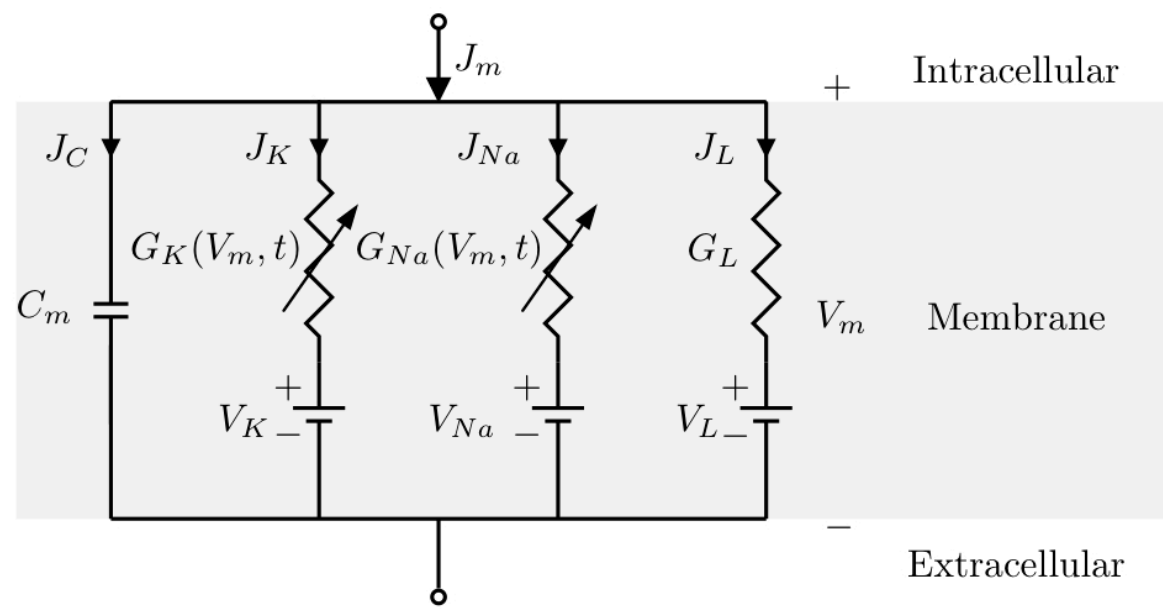
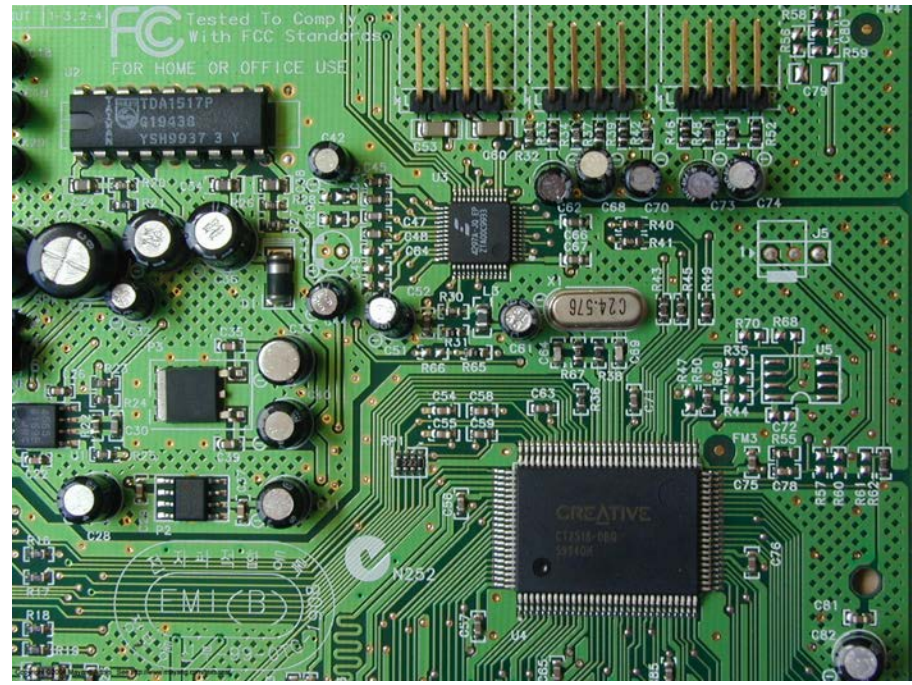
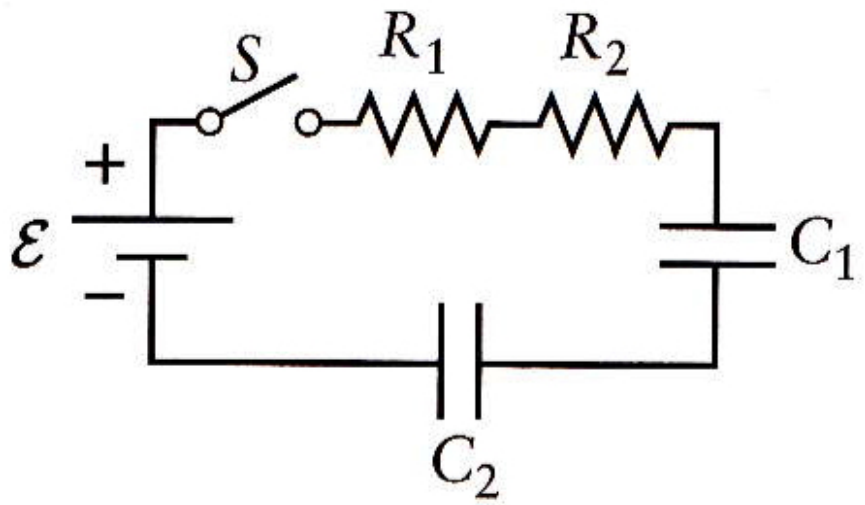
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→ Electrical properties of cells are important!

# Model of Steady-State Electrodiffusion through Membranes



→ Now we will consider the effect of solutes having charge



## Basic E&M Review (well, the E part....)

- Charge
- Electric Potential (i.e., voltage)
- Circuit Elements: resistors, conductors, inductors, batteries, etc....
- Circuit Basics (e.g., Kirchoff' s laws)
- RLC circuit









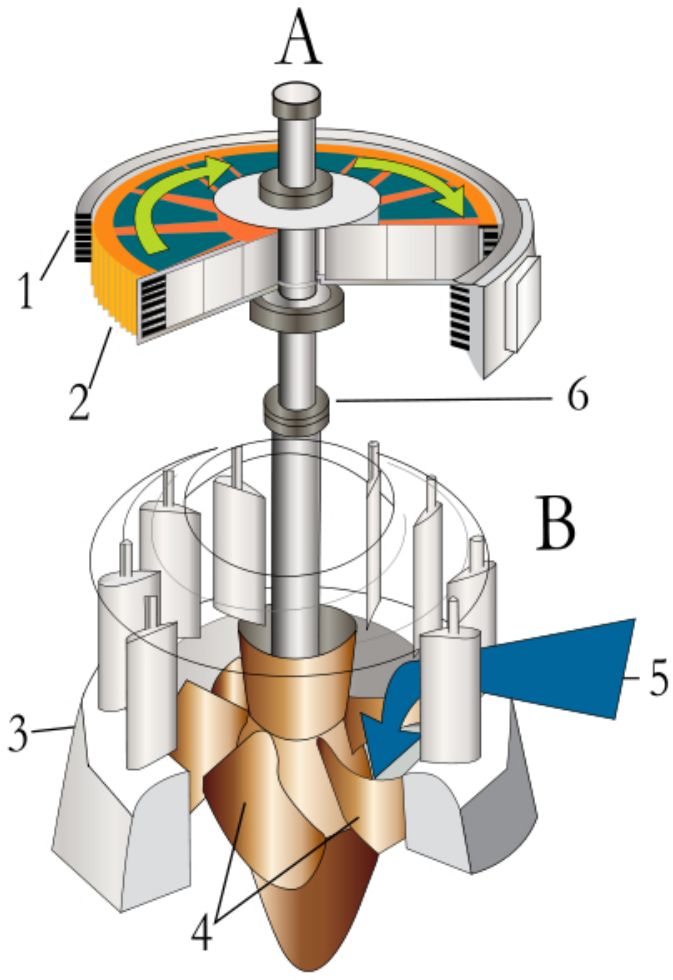
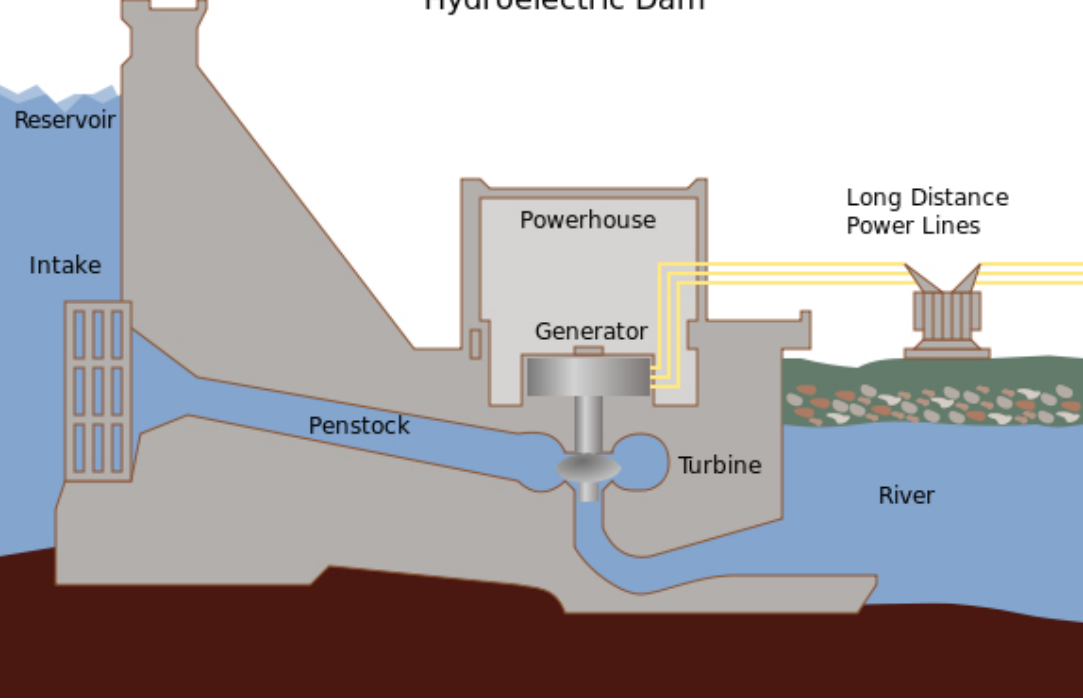
Duality here! River water has:

1. Kinetic energy (due to flow)
2. Potential energy (due to gravity)

Question: What's the 'battery' ?

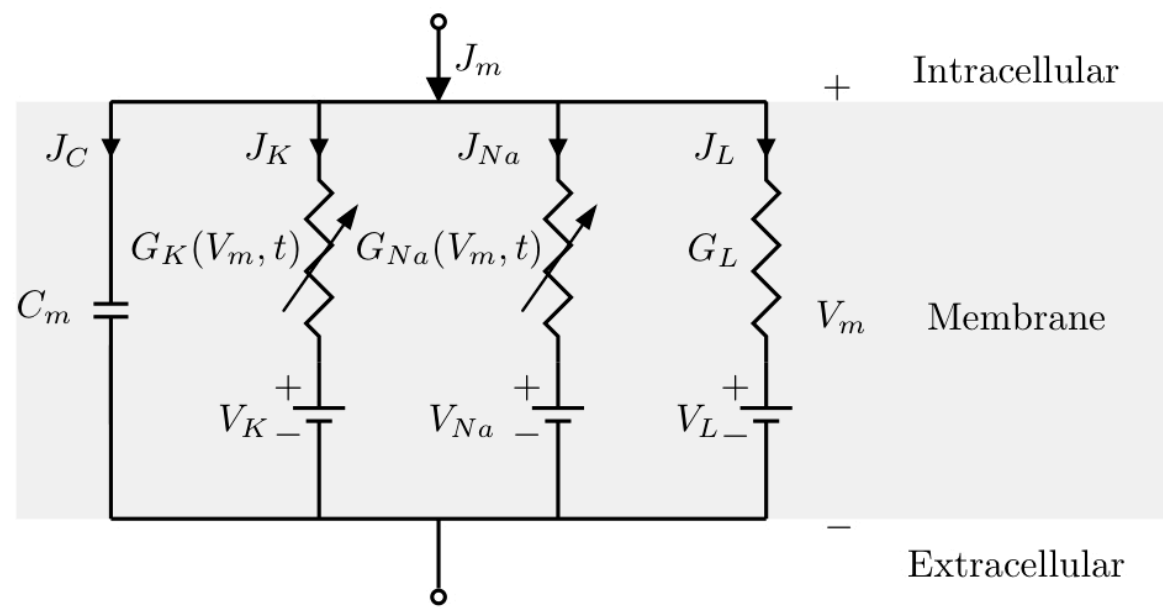
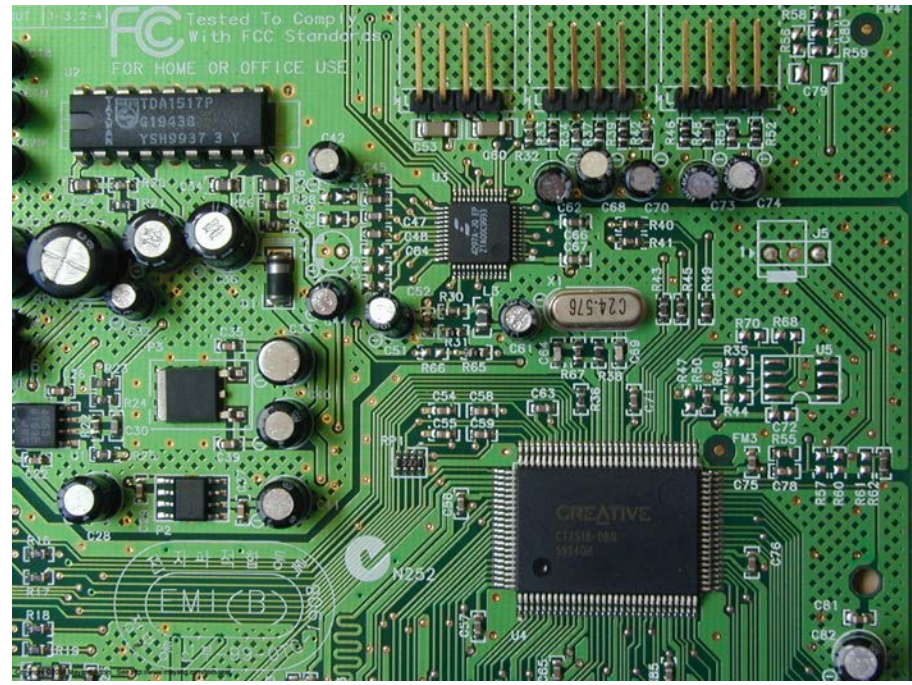
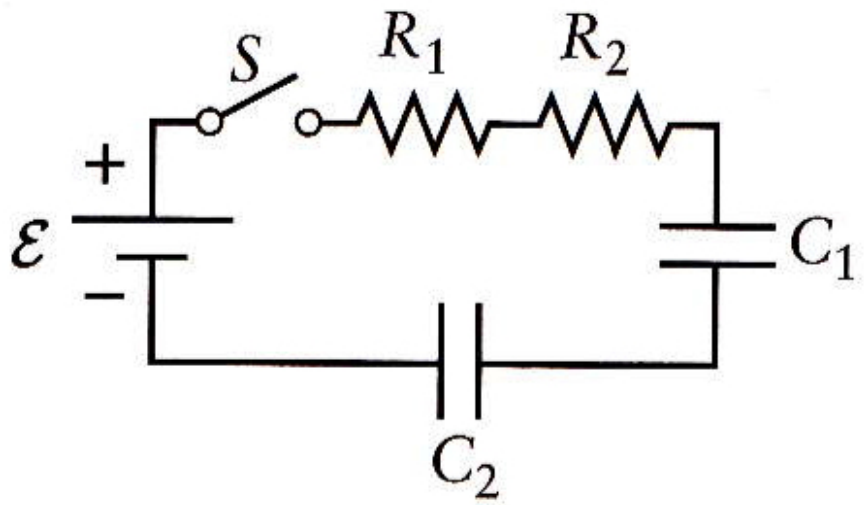


# Hydroelectric Dam









## Basic E&M Review (well, the E part....)

- Circuit Basics (e.g., Kirchoff' s laws)

Junction rule  
(conservation of charge)

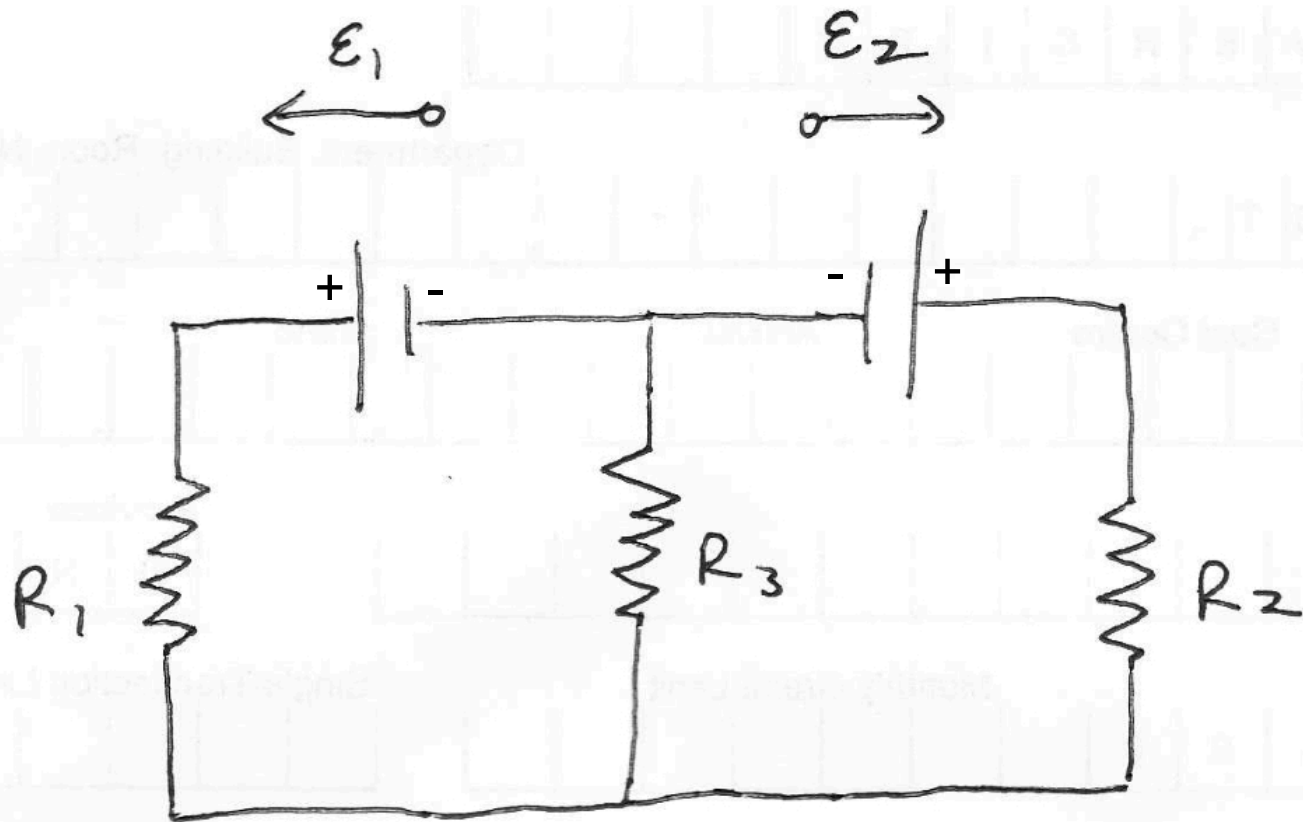
$$\sum_n I_{in}^n = \sum_n I_{out}^n$$

Loop rule  
(conservation of energy)

$$\Delta V_{loop} = \sum_n \Delta V^n = 0$$

Review

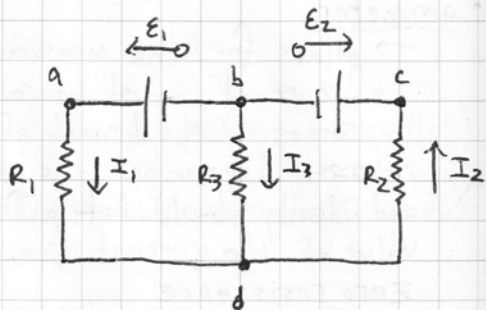
Using Kirchoff' s Laws, find the current through each of the three resistors





## Kirchhoff's Laws

ex] Use the ~~laws~~ to determine the currents  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$  and  $I_3$



NOTE: We arbitrarily chose the direction of the currents. This provides a reference and the ultimate direction of the current should correctly emerge from our solution

Left loop:  $E_1 - I_1 R_1 + I_3 R_3 = 0$

Right loop:  $-I_3 R_3 - I_2 R_2 - E_2 = 0$

(NOTE that we went counter-clockwise through both loops)

Junction rule:  $I_1 + I_3 - I_2 = 0$   
(say, at point d)

→ Now we have three eqns. w/ three unknowns. Algebraically we can solve for the currents in terms of the resistances and potential diffs.

$$I_1 = \frac{E_1(R_2 + R_3) - E_2 R_3}{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_1 R_3}$$

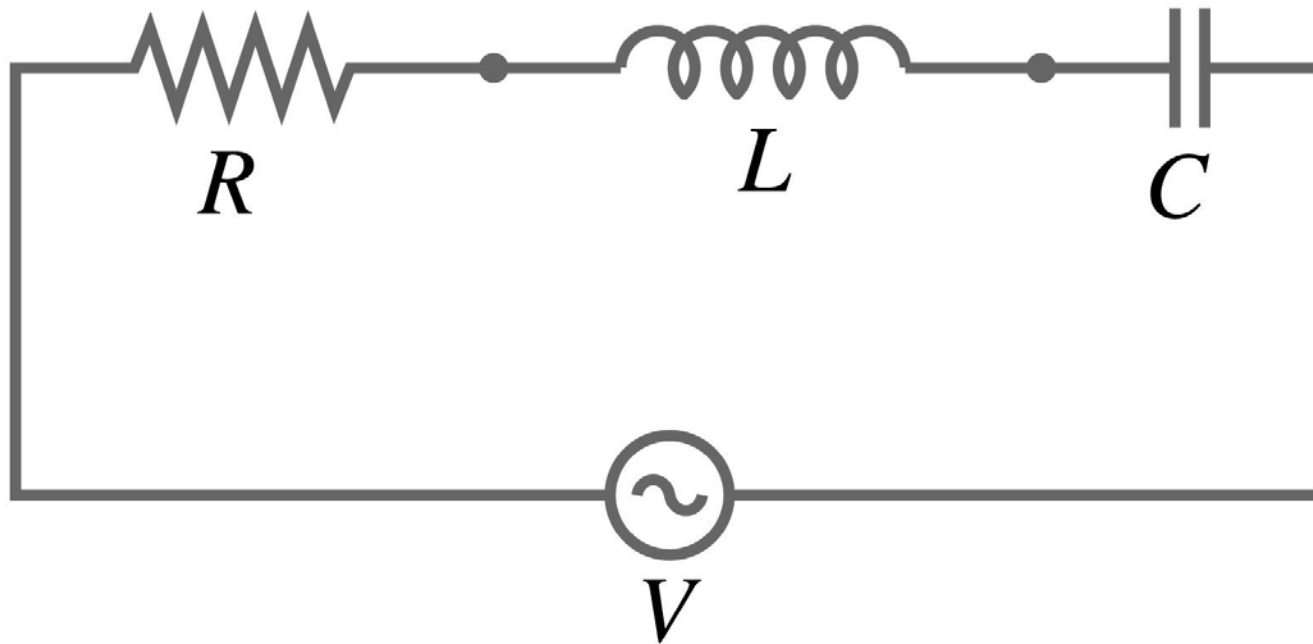
$$I_2 = \frac{E_1 R_3 - E_2(R_1 + R_3)}{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_1 R_3}$$

$$I_3 = \frac{-E_1 R_2 - E_2 R_1}{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_1 R_3}$$

NOTE:  $I_3 < 0$   
(so we chose the ref. direction wrong no matter what  $E$  and  $R$  values are!)

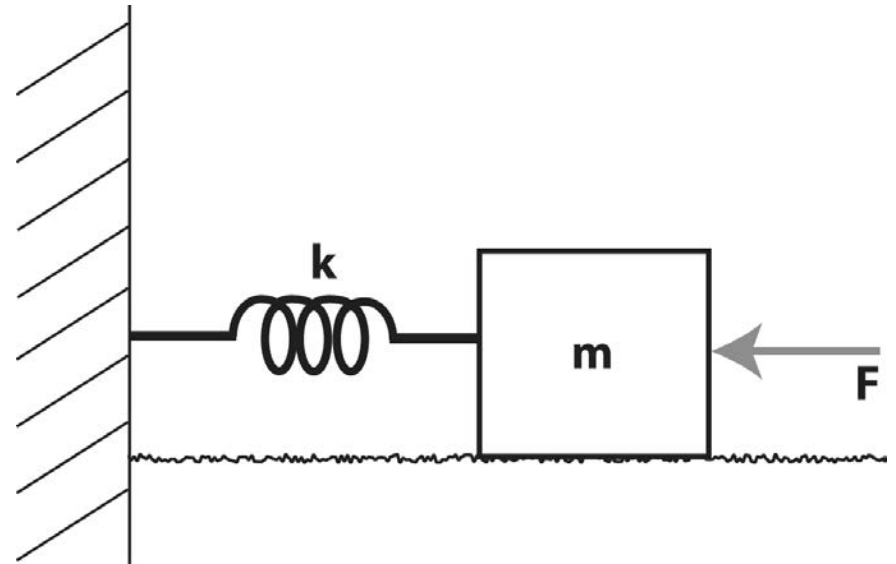
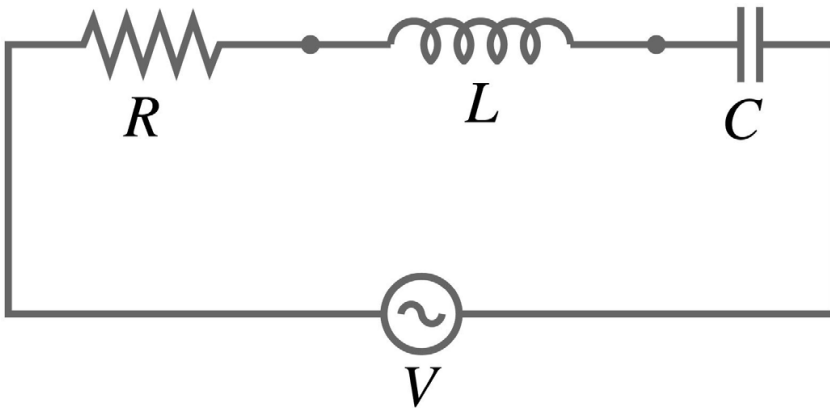


RLC Circuits as an example



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RLC circuit = Damped, Driven Harmonic Oscillator



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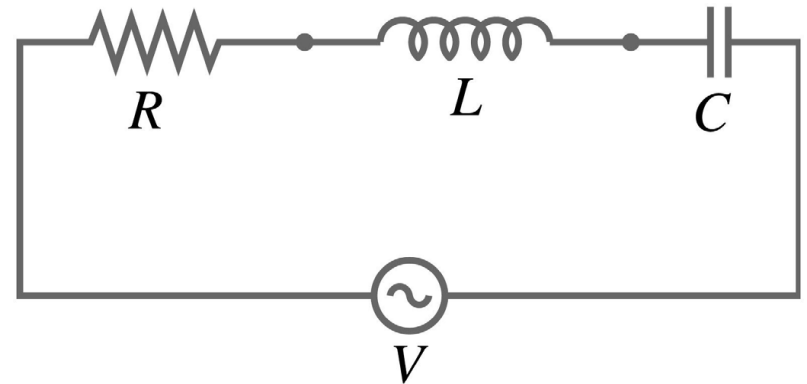
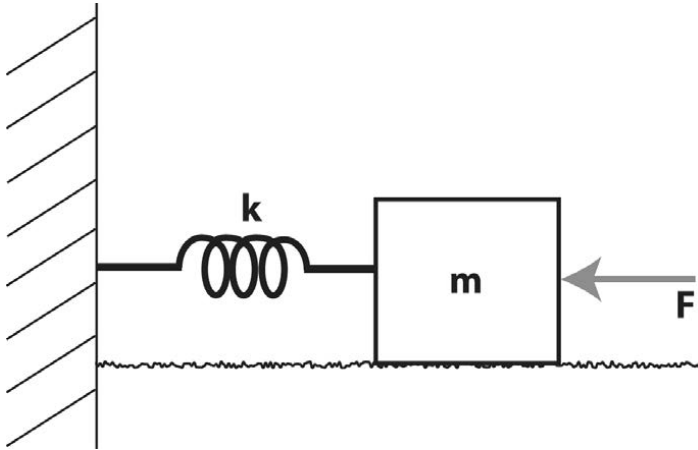
## Mechanical

$F$  (force)  $\leftrightarrow$   
 $v$  (velocity)  $\leftrightarrow$   
 $x$  (position)  $\leftrightarrow$   
 $m$  (mass)  $\leftrightarrow$   
 $b$  (damping)  $\leftrightarrow$   
 $k$  (spring)  $\leftrightarrow$

## Electrical

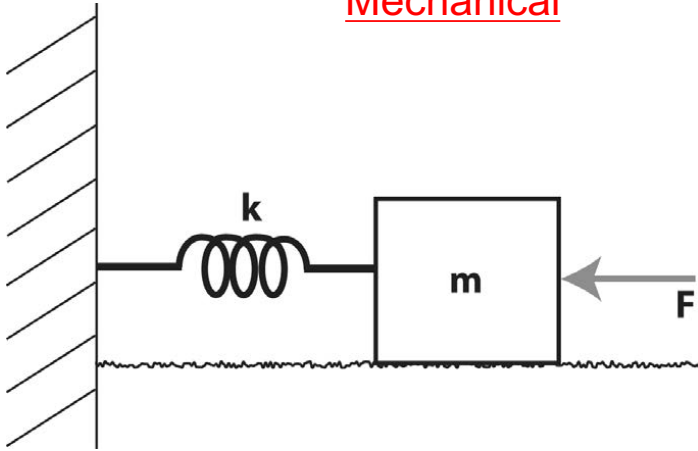
$V$  (potential)  
 $I$  (current)  
 $q$  (charge)  
 $L$  (inductance)  
 $R$  (resistance)  
 $1/C$  (capacitance)

state  
variables

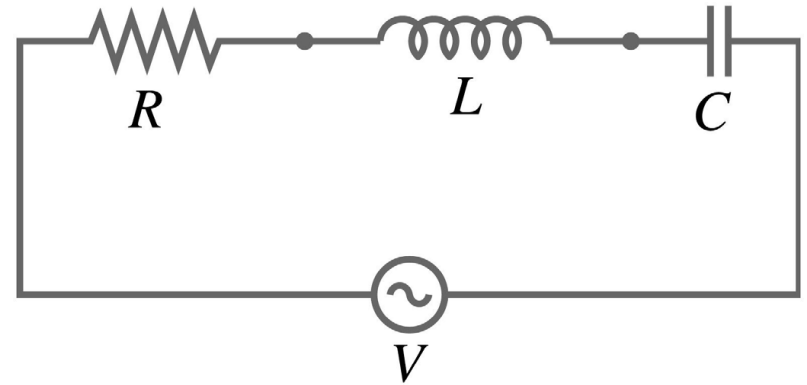


# RLC circuit = Damped, Driven Harmonic Oscillator

Mechanical



Electrical



$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

$$L\ddot{q} + R\dot{q} + \frac{q}{C} = V_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

## Ohm's Law

'Simple' Version

$$V = IR$$

$$V, I \in \mathbb{R}$$

'Complete' Version

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{IZ}$$

$$\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{I} \in \mathbb{C}$$

→ Note that DC (direct current) can be considered a special case of AC (alternating current). The 'complete' version of Ohm's Law thus allows for more dynamical behavior to be accounted for in an efficient fashion when using Fourier or Laplace transforms (and reduces to the 'simple' case for uni-directional currents).

## RLC circuit = Damped, Driven Harmonic Oscillator

Mechanical  
Impedance

$$Z \equiv b + i \left[ m\omega - \frac{k}{\omega} \right]$$

Electrical  
Impedance

$$Z \equiv R + i \left[ \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right]$$

→ Admittance ( $Y$ ) = (Impedance)<sup>-1</sup>

→ Conductance ( $G$ ) = (Resistance)<sup>-1</sup>

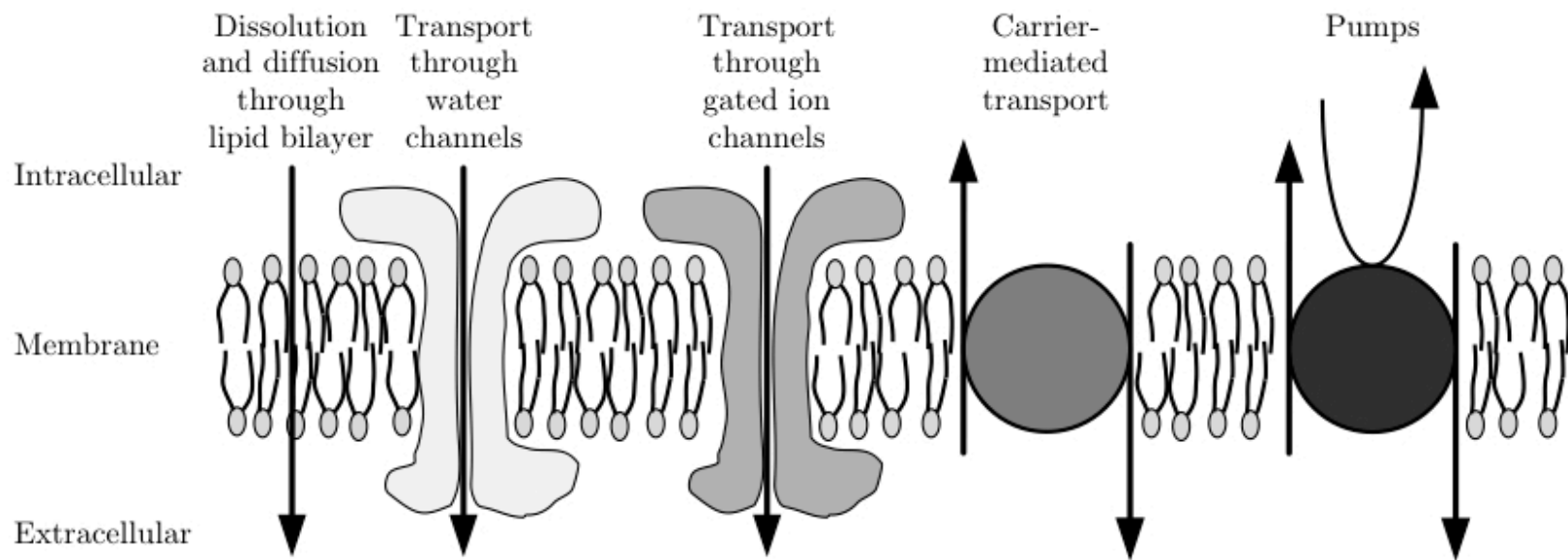


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## Example → Auditory hair cells as RLC Systems

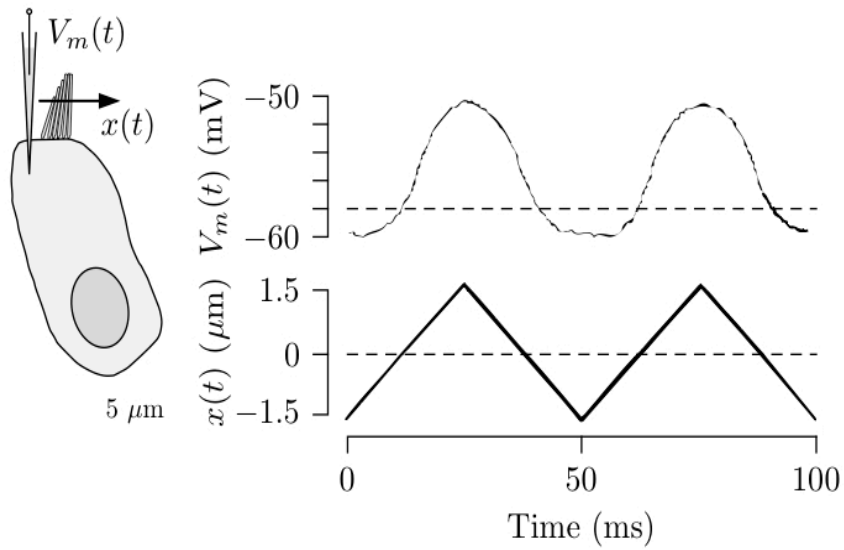


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