

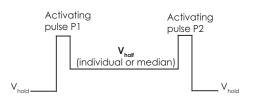
Investigating Na_v using adaptive voltage clamp

Voltage-gated sodium channels (Na_v) are important targets for the development of new medical strategies given their crucial importance in physiology and pathophysiology. Na_v channels exhibit complex gating characteristics involving transitions between open, closed, and inactivated states depending on membrane potential changes during an action potential. To find effective drugs targeting particular Na_v channels it is important to understand the molecular mechanisms of drug actions with respect to their gating transitions.

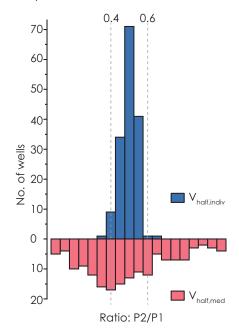
We have developed a special software feature in PatchControl 384 for the SyncroPatch 384 which enables the V_{half} (or other V_x) to be calculated for each individual well and fed back into the voltage protocol during the recording. This ensures lower variability in the data and more confidence in compound potency.



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Two pulse protocol to study state-dependent effects of compounds.



Use of individual V_{half} significantly lowers data variability across the NPC-384 chip.

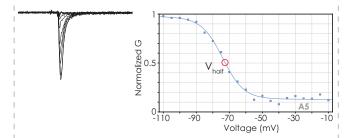
Adaptive voltage clamp

Optimized voltage protocols for each cell

How it works:

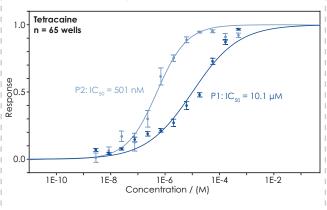
Step 1: Run and analyze inactivation IV

First, the SyncroPatch 384 runs an inactivation IV protocol. Then, the online Boltzmann fit is performed automatically for each cell and the V_{half} (or any other desired V_x) value is calculated individually for each cell.



Step 3: Run experiment at \mathbf{V}_{half} and analyze CRCs

Use the two-step pulse protocol to investigate state-dependent effects of compounds. Compare IC₅₀s on resting and inactivated states and ensure more confidence in compound potency and lower occurrence of false positives/negatives.



Step 2: Feedback individual V_{half} values into the voltage protocol

The calculated V_{half} (or other calculated V_{x}) values are fed back automatically into the voltage protocol for each individual well in PatchControl 384. Then the individual V_{half} values are used for each well in the two-pulse protocol. Alternatively all wells can receive the same mean or median V_{half} value.



