

# **ROBERT S. EISENBERG**

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*Curriculum Vitae*

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## ***Work co-ordinates***

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## ***Short Biography***

Bob Eisenberg received his A.B. (summa cum laude) after three years of study under the tutelage of John Edsall at Harvard College. He started studying membranes at that time, working under the direction of John Pappenheimer and Steve Kuffler. He went to University College London for his Ph.D. under Paul Fatt with Alan Hodgkin as his external examiner (and hero!), Bernard Katz as Chairman, and Andrew Huxley as mentor, for many years. Eisenberg's Ph.D. thesis and later work for a decade or two used engineering methods (impedance measurements) to determine the electrical structure of cells and tissues (skeletal muscle, cardiac muscle, lens of the eye), developing mathematical models (with the help of Julian Cole and Victor Barcion) to describe the anatomy of the tissue, measured with statistical sampling methods of stereology (done mostly by Brenda Eisenberg). He served as Chairman of the Physiology Study Section of the NIH for several years, and Director of Research (etc) for the American Heart Association (Chicago Branch). After single channel recording was discovered, he was the inventor and senior designer of the AxoPatch patch clamp amplifier (working with Rick Levis, Jim Rae, and Alan Finkel) which is used by most workers in the field to this day.

Bob has spent many years on multi-scale analysis of ion channels, seeking to predict the current through the channel, in a range of solutions of different composition, over a range of voltages. Working with Zeev Schuss, he showed how the flux over a potential barrier of arbitrary shape could be evaluated analytically, starting from a description of the stochastic trajectories of diffusion. "Eyring models" of transition state theory arise as a special case, hardly easier to compute than the general formulas. Eisenberg (with Wolfgang Nonner and Dirk Gillespie, et al) has shown how the properties of concentrated bulk solutions (as summarized in the Density Functional Theory of the Liquid State) can account for the selectivity of L-type calcium channels, without invoking specific binding sites or quantum mechanical effects. Recently, he (helping Zeev Schuss and Boaz Nadler) have shown how mean field models can be derived from

a model of the stochastic trajectories of ions in solution, using the techniques of probability theory and one easily justified physical assumption. He is now (2006) designing abiotic ionic channels (which Zuzanna Siwy builds), helping Weishi Liu apply geometric perturbation theory to ion channels, and using mathematics of the design of channels, working with Heinz Engl and Martin Burger. Along the way, he helped Amit Singer (working with Zeev Schuss) show why perturbations in the charge distribution of NaCl did not produce sparks and electrocute eaters of table salt.

## ***Internet Coordinates***

### ***Web Sites***

Departmental Site: <http://www.rushu.rush.edu/molbio/>  
with a 'Chairman's Message' at <http://www2.phys.rush.edu/physiormsg.html>  
leading to Personal Site <http://www2.phys.rush.edu/RSEisenberg/physioeis.html>

*PNP Online* <http://www.pnponline.org/> Interactive software for running Poisson Nernst Planck theory, with Duan Chen, Wolfgang Nonner, Uwe Hollerbach, Brice Burgess, See-Wing Chiu

### ***FTP Sites***

- 1) [Reprints](#) available on this [hyperlink](#)  
or by anonymous ftp from <ftp.rush.edu>.  
(*sign on as anonymous; for password: use your email address*)  
Migrate to [/MoleBio/Bob\\_Eisenberg/Reprints](#)  
or just click on this hyperlink
- 2) *PNP* is available in various flavors from <ftp.rush.edu> in  
[/pub/Eisenberg/PNP](#); [/pub/Eisenberg/Hollerbach](#); [/pub/Eisenberg/Nonner](#)
- 3) Files of single channel currents with noise are in [/pub/Eisenberg/Noise](#), written in collaboration with Rick Levis (*deceased, 2005*).

## ***Education***

Elementary School: New Rochelle, New York

High School, 1956-59. Horace Mann School, Riverdale, New York City, graduated in three years with honors and awards in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Latin, English and History.

Undergraduate, 1959-62. Entered Harvard College with Advanced Placement as a sophomore, concentrated in Biochemical Sciences, Prof. J.T. Edsall tutor and mentor; advisor in Physiology Prof. J.R. Pappenheimer; graduated in three years A.B., *summa cum laude*.

Summer work, 1960-61. Nerve Muscle Program at Marine Biological Laboratory directed by Prof. S.W. Kuffler.

Doctoral work: University College London 1962-65 (Ph.D. in Biophysics: B. Katz, Chairman); Supervisor, P. Fatt; External Examiner, A.L. Hodgkin. Mentor (over several decades): A.F. Huxley.

## ***Personal***

### *Home co-ordinates:*

Address: 7320 Lake Street, Unit 5, River Forest IL 60305  
 Phone: (708)-366-6332  
 Personal FAX: (801)-504-8665 and also (775)-256-9463

Born in Brooklyn, New York, April 25, 1942: Citizen of the United States.  
 Social Security Number 075-xx-xxxx.  
 Married Ardyth Eisenberg, 1991.

Children (mother, Brenda Russell):

Benjamin Russell Eisenberg, born March 17, 1969.

*Grandchild, mother Angelle Moutoussamy*

Crystal Lynn Moutoussamy, born March 19, 1994

Emily Ruth Eisenberg, born February 8, 1973. Husband, Benjamin Taylor

Jill Anna Trowbridge (formerly Eisenberg), born November 7, 1974.

*Grandchildren, father John Trowbridge*

James Louis Trowbridge, born August 15, 1997.

Holly Sophia Trowbridge, born July 11, 2000.

Henry Samuel Trowbridge, born January 15, 2004.

Alastair Solomon Trowbridge, born January 10, 2006

Sally Lynn Eisenberg, born June 20, 1979.

## ***Academic Positions***

### *Main Positions*

Rush Medical College, Chicago IL

1995- .... Chairman of Molecular Biophysics and Physiology

1976 -.... Endowed Chair "The Francis and Catherine Bard Professor"

1976-1995 Chairman of Physiology

University of California at Los Angeles

1975-1976 Professor of Biomathematics and Physiology,  
 Chairmen: Carol Newton, W. Mommaerts

1970-1975 Associate Professor, Dept of Physiology

1968-1970 Assistant Professor, Dept of Physiology,

Duke University, Durham NC

Associate, 1965-1968. Department of Physiology, Duke University,  
Chairman: D. Tosteson. Post-doctoral fellow of P. Horowicz, along with  
P. Gage, C. Armstrong, etc.

### *Secondary Positions*

Senior Scientist, Argonne National Laboratory (Mathematics and Computer Science  
Division, 2005 - ...

Schlumberger Visiting Professor, University of Cambridge (UK) 2002

Visiting Fellow, Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge (UK) 2002

Visiting Professor, 2000-2003 Computational Electronics, Beckman Institute, University  
of Illinois, Urbana Champaign

Visiting Scientist, 1991-1995. Department of Physics, Brookhaven National Laboratory,  
Upton, Long Island, NY.

### *Honors*

Editorial Board, Journal of General Physiology, 1970-1991

Editorial Board, Journal of Computational Electronics, 2001-...

Associate Editor, Comments on Theoretical Biology, 1987- ..

Associate Editor, News in Physiological Sciences, 1988-1992

Harvard College Scholarship

A.B. received *summa cum laude*

Phi Beta Kappa: member of "Senior Sixteen"

L.J. Henderson award for thesis in Biochemical Sciences

Senior Common Room Award for "Most Promising Scholar"

Schlumberger Visiting Professor, University of Cambridge (UK)

Visiting Fellow, Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge (UK)

Schlumberger Medal, Physical Chemistry

Plenary Lecture at European Mathematics Society/AMAM 2003

Member Executive Board, American Physical Society (2002-2004)

Fellow, American Physical Society (Division of Biological Physics)

Argonne National Laboratory: Director's Seminar

### *Grant Support*

Continuous Grant Support (without interruption) thanks to a combination of NSF, NIH,  
and DARPA from approximately 1970 to present. Miscellaneous additional grants from  
AHA, MDA, Chicago Heart, etc.

### *Scientific Administration*

#### AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY

Councilor (First term: 2000-2004)

Councilor (Second term: 2005-2009)

Member of Executive Board (2002-2004)  
 Member, Committee on Committees (2003- 2006)  
 Member, Audit Committee (2004 - 2007), Chair Audit Committee (2005 – 2006)  
 Division of Biological Physics  
 Executive Board (2001- ...)

#### BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Member of U.S. National Committee International Union of Pure and Applied  
 Biophysics (1978-1983)  
 Member of Council (1983-1986).  
 Member of Executive Board (1983-1986).  
 Member of Program Committee (1984).  
 Chairman of Nominating Committee (1985).  
 Chairman of Science Public Policy Committee (1985-1987).

#### CHICAGO CHAPTER OF SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE

Member of Council (1981-1984), Meeting Organizer, then President.

#### CHICAGO HEART ASSOCIATION

Member, Vice Chairman, then Chairman of the Research Council (1982-1986).  
 Member, Vice Chairman, then Chairman of Research Review Committee (1976-1986;  
 1989).

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Member (1979-1981), then Chairman (1981-1983) of Physiology Study Section.  
 Member *ad hoc* (2004) Modeling and Analysis of Biological Systems (MABS) Study  
 Section.

#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Member, Steering Committee on Biology and Mathematics (1989, 1996).

#### PENNSYLVANIA MUSCLE INSTITUTE

Member (1980-1982; 1989-1990), then Chairman (1982-1987; 1989-1990) of the External  
 Advisory Board, University of Pennsylvania, Director: A. Somlyo (1980-1987);  
 Y. Goldman (1989-1990).

#### SOCIETY OF GENERAL PHYSIOLOGISTS

Councilor; Chairman, Membership Committee.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

External review of Graduate Program, Department of Physiology (1988).

### ***Invited Lectures***

Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
 American Chemical Society, Division of Physical Chemistry  
 American Heart Association  
 AMA Institute (1966)  
 American Physical Society (Division of Biological Physics) March Meeting, 2000  
 American Physical Society (Division of Biological Physics) March Meeting, 2006

American Chemical Society Meeting, San Francisco, 2000  
 American Physiological Society Meeting: 1978, 1979, 1983  
 Argonne National Laboratory: Director's Seminar  
 Association of Chairmen of Departments of Physiology  
 Australian National University (Canberra)  
 Baylor University  
 Biological Chemists of the Federal Republic of Germany  
 Biophysical Society, 1991: in Symposium on Ion Channels in Intracellular Membranes  
 Biophysical Society, 2007: *in* Symposium on Modeling as a Tool in Biophysics; Sponsor  
 American Physical Society (Division of Biological Physics)  
 Biozentrum (Basel, Switzerland): Minicourse on Electrophysiology  
 Biozentrum (Basel, Switzerland): Selectivity in Channels (Seminar in Structural Biology)  
 Boston University (Department of Mathematics)  
 Brandeis University (Biochemistry)  
 Brigham Young University (Zoology)  
 Brookhaven National Laboratory (Department of Physics)  
 California Institute of Technology (Biology)  
 California Institute of Technology (Applied Mathematics)  
 Cambridge University (England) Physiology: Foster Club  
 Cambridge University (England) Chemistry, in the "Lennard Jones Lecture Series"  
 Cambridge University (England) Pharmacologist  
 Cambridge (England): Schlumberger Lecture, 2002  
 Cambridge University (England) Centre for Computational Chemistry  
 CCNY, Dept of Physics  
 Centro de Investigacion y de Estudios del Avanzados (Mexico City)  
 Chicago Heart Association Cardiovascular Research Forum  
 Chicago Medical School  
 City of Hope, Duarte, California  
 K.S. Cole Symposium (FASEB, 1974)  
 Colorado State University (Fort Collins: Dept. of Chemistry)  
 Columbia University, Dept of Chemical Engineering  
 Conference on Fluctuations, Escape, and Optimal Control Traverse City MI  
 Conference of N.Y. Academy of Science, 1977  
 Cornell University Medical School: Department of Physiology  
 Cornell University: Dept of Chemistry  
 Courant Institute (NYU) Seminar "Mostly Biomathematics" (2004)  
 DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency)  
     Many workshops.  
     Director's Seminar, 2001  
 DSRC (Defense Sciences Research Council) Workshop on Biosensors  
 DuPont Experimental Station  
 European Mathematics Society: Plenary Lecture at AMAM 2003 (Applied Math ...)  
 Participant (not speaker) at EMBO Meeting in honor of retirement of Max Perutz at Kings  
     College, Cambridge, 1980  
 Emory University  
 Fine Structure Society (Rosemont IL 1995)

Florida State University: Inaugural Workshop for Computational Science, 2000  
FOCUS 2000, DARPA workshop, Session Leader, Speaker, Plenary Session  
Gordon Conference on Smooth Muscle, 1973  
Gordon Conference on Skeletal Muscle, 1980  
Gordon Conference on Skeletal Muscle, 1983  
Gordon Conference on Skeletal Muscle, 1985  
Gordon Conference on Solid State Ionics, 1990  
Gordon Conference on Ion Channels, 1998  
Gordon Conference on Ion Channels, 2000  
Grinnel College, Department of Biology  
Harvard University (Neurobiology)  
Hebrew University, Jerusalem: Fritz Haber Lecturer in Physical Chemistry  
Hebrew University, Jerusalem: Bat Sheva (de Rothschild) Seminar  
Hebrew University, Jerusalem: Protein Dynamics and thermodynamics, participant and session chair.  
Henderson Symposium (Basic and Applied Statistical Mechanics of Condensed Matter, Brigham Young University, 2004)  
HRL (formerly Hughes Research Lab) Malibu: Physics Colloquium, 1999.  
HRL (formerly Hughes Research Lab) Malibu: Colloquium, 2005.  
IEEE International Conference on Pattern Recognition (1994), presented by Amir Averbuch and Moshe Israeli  
Intel Workshop on Early Disease Detection (Sept 2002)  
Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, IPAM, UCLA, Ion Channels (2002)  
Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, IPAM, UCLA, Inverse Problems, Lecture and Workshop (2003)  
Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, IPAM, Lake Arrowhead UCLA Conference: Inverse Problems Reunion (2005)  
Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, IPAM, Lake Arrowhead UCLA Conference: Inverse Problems Reunion (2006)  
Institute for Theoretical Physics, University of California, Santa Barbara, Conference on Electrostatic Effects in Complex Fluids and Biophysics, 1998  
International Conference on Circuit/System Theory, Sydney, Australia (1970)  
International Conference on Computational Nanoscience  
International Conference on Unsolved Problems of Noise and fluctuations in physics, biology, and high technology, Bethesda, 2002  
International Filter Symposium, Santa Monica, CA, 1972  
International Workshop on Computational Electronics: IWCE-5, 1997, Notre Dame.  
International Workshop on Computational Electronics, IWCE-6, 1998, Osaka  
International Workshop on Computational Electronics, IWCE-8, 2001, UIUC  
International Workshop on Computational Electronics, IWCE-9, 2003, Roma, Italia  
International Workshop on Computational Electronics, IWCE-11, 2006, Vienna, Austria  
Johns Hopkins (Department of Biology)  
Johns Hopkins (Department of Biomedical Engineering)

Kansas University (Mathematics, 2005, 2007)  
Laboratory of Molecular Biology, MRC, Cambridge England  
Lancaster University (Dept of Physics)  
Liblice Conference (5<sup>th</sup>) on Statistical Mechanics of Liquids  
Los Alamos National Laboratory (Center for Nonlinear Studies)  
Loyola University, Dept of Physiology, Maywood, Illinois  
Marquette University: Department of Biology  
Marquette University: Department of Mathematics  
Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole  
Max Planck Institute (Heidelberg)  
Mayo Clinic  
McMaster University: Dept. of Physics (Hamilton, Ontario)  
Medical College of Virginia  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Medical Research Council, Mill Hill, England  
Merck, Sharpe, and Dhome  
Mesilla Conference on Physical Chemistry (2001), Las Cruces New Mexico  
MIT Bio-Informatics Seminar (with the Whitehead Institute)  
Monash University, Australia: Electrical Engineering  
Monash University, Australia: Department of Physiology  
NASA Ames: Biomolecular Systems  
National Science Foundation (first MOBS Seminar: Modeling of Biological Systems)  
New York University Medical School (Physiology)  
New York University (Biology: Tamar Schlick's Group)  
NATO Advanced Research Workshop. Ionic Soft Matter, Lviv, Ukraine  
NIH NINCDS  
NIH Arthritis Institute  
NIH GMS  
NISTI-NIGMS Digital Biology Speaker (2003)  
NIST Physical and Chemical Properties Division  
Northwestern University: Evanston, Applied Mathematics  
Northwestern Univ Evanston, Mathematics "Conversations in Mathematics & Biology"  
Northwestern University: Evanston, Neurosciences  
Northwestern University Evanston, Physics and Engineering Sciences  
Northwestern University: Chicago, Physiology  
Notre Dame, Dept. of Electrical Engineering  
Notre Dame, Dept of Chemistry and Biochemistry  
Novartis Foundation Symposium: Gramicidin and Related Peptides, 1998  
Novartis Foundation Meeting: Physical Models of Ion Permeation, 2000  
Oregon Health Sciences University (Vollum Institute)  
Oxford University (England) Physiology  
Oxford University Biochemical Society (England)  
Oxford University Seminar in Physical and Theoretical Chemistry (England)  
Oxford University Seminar in Chemistry (Hagan Bayley)  
Oxford University OCIAM Mathematics in Medicine 5<sup>th</sup> Study Group (Oct, 2005)  
Oxford University OCIAM Mathematics in Medicine: Ion Channels (March, 2006)



PacifiChem (meeting of American Chemical Society, 2000)  
PacifiChem (meeting of American Chemical Society, 2005)  
Polytechnic University (NY) Dept of Chemical Engineering  
Purdue University: Dept. of Biology  
Purdue University: Dept. of Electrical Engineering: Solid State Physics  
Radon Institute (RICAM) EMS (European Mathematics Society) Linz, Austria, 2006  
Lectures on Ion Channels  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Dept. of Mathematics  
Rowland Institute (Cambridge MA)  
Satellite Meeting (Debrecen) of International Physiological Congress, 1980  
Schlumberger Cambridge Research  
Society of General Physiologists Meeting, Woods Hole  
Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics:  
Invited lecture, Conference on Applied Probability in Science & Engineering Society  
of Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
Invited lecture, symposium on "Ionic Channels in Biological Membranes". Annual  
meeting, 1993  
Invited lecture, Symposium on Ionic Channels, 2001, Annual meeting  
Invited lecture, Symposium Electrodifussion: Modeling, Analysis, Simulation, and  
Applications, 2005, Annual Meeting  
Invited lecture, Symposium Multiscale Modeling of Electrochemical Systems, 2006,  
Annual Meeting  
Invited Lecture, Symposium, Multiscale Nonlinear Problems in Biology, 2007,  
Conference on Dynamical Systems  
SPIE Annual Meeting (1994) *in* Symposium "Mathematical Imaging: Wavelet  
Applications" (presented by Amir Averbuch and Moshe Israeli)  
Stanford University (Department of Electrical Engineering)  
State University of New York (Albany)  
State University of New York (Stony Brook)  
Taft School Centennial Symposium  
Telluride Science Research Center Symposium on Biological Ion Channels (2003)  
Telluride Science Research Center Symposium on Biophysical and Biochemical Properties  
of Ion Channels in Epithelia (2004)  
Telluride Science Research Center Symposium Biological Ion channels: Structure and  
Function (2005)  
Texas Instrument Corporation (1966)  
Thomas Jefferson University: Daniel Baugh Institute  
TMR Meeting on Kinetics, Goteborg Sweden, 2000, Plenary Speaker  
Tulane University (1967)  
UCLA: Biology Department (1968)  
UCLA: Jerry Lewis Muscle Disease Center  
UCLA: Physiology Department  
UCLA: Molecular Biology Institute  
UCLA: Department of Anesthesiology  
UCLA School of Engineering, Mechanics and Structures  
UCLA Dept of Bioengineering

University College (London): Biophysics  
University College (London): Physiology  
University of Buffalo (SUNY) Dept of Physiology and Biophysics  
University of Buffalo (SUNY) Dept of Electrical Engineering  
University of California (Berkeley) Chemical Engineering, Chakraborty Group  
University of California (Berkeley) Colloquium in Physics Dept (Marvin Cohen)  
University of California (Irvine) Miledi Group  
University of California (Irvine) Colloquium in Physics  
University of California (San Francisco)  
University of Chicago: Department of Biophysics  
University of Chicago: Department of Physiology  
University of Chicago: Department of Chemistry  
University of Chicago: Applied Mathematics  
University of Colorado (Boulder): Applied Mathematics  
University of Colorado (Denver): Physiology  
University of Florida Dept. of Chemistry, Charles Martin's Nanogroup  
University of Gröningen, Netherlands (Department of Chemistry)  
University of Hawaii (von Bekesy Laboratory)  
University of Illinois (Chicago): Department of Chemistry  
University of Illinois (Chicago): Department of Physics  
University of Illinois Medical School (Chicago): Department of Biochemistry  
University of Illinois Medical School (Chicago): Department of Ophthalmology  
University of Illinois Medical School (Chicago): Department of Physiology  
University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana): Physiology  
University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana): Biological Physics  
University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana): Physics, Beckman Institute  
University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana): Computational Electronics  
University of Linz, Oesterreich (Austria). Johan Radon Institute of Applied Mathematics.  
University of Maryland (Baltimore): Physiology  
University of Maryland (Baltimore): Biochemistry  
University of Maryland (College Park): Electrical Engineering, Electrophysics Series  
University of Maryland (College Park): Institute for Physical Science and Technology  
University of Maryland (College Park): CSCAMM  
University of Massachusetts (Amherst) Department of Chemistry  
University of Miami: Biophysics and Physiology  
University of Michigan: Michigan Interdisciplinary Mathematics Meeting.  
University of Michigan: Seminar in Applied and Interdisciplinary Mathematics  
University of New South Wales, Australia  
University of Notre Dame (Dept. of Electrical Engineering)  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Rochester (Physiology)  
University of Rochester (Neurology)  
University of Rochester (Neuromuscular Center)  
University of Sydney, Australia  
University of Texas (Austin), Texas Institute for Computational and Applied Mathematics

University of Texas (Austin), Physics and Mathematics Seminar  
 University of Texas (Austin), Colloquium in Physics  
 University of Texas (Austin) Center for Nonlinear Dynamics (Harry Swinney)  
 University of Texas (Galveston)  
 University of Texas (Southwestern: Dallas)  
 University of Tokyo (Neuroscience)  
 University of Utah  
 University of Vermont  
 University of Washington  
 University of Wisconsin Madison (Electrical Engineering)  
 University of Wisconsin Madison (Contemporary Biochemistry)  
 University of Wisconsin Milwaukee  
 University of Florida (Dept. of Chemistry, Charles Martin's Nanogroup)  
 University of Wisconsin Milwaukee  
 European Mathematics Society: Plenary Lecture at AMAM 2003 (Applied Math ...)  
 Henderson Symposium (Basic and Applied Statistical Mechanics of Condensed Matter,  
 Brigham Young University, 2004)  
 NATO Advanced Research Workshop. Ionic Soft Matter Lviv Ukraine  
 Telluride Science Research Center Symposium on Biophysical and Biochemical Properties  
 of Ion Channels in Epithelia (2004) Texas Instrument Corporation  
 University of Florida (Dept. of Chemistry, Charles Martin's Nanogroup)  
 USA-Japan Seminar Excitation-Contraction Coupling, Tokyo 1971  
 Vanderbilt University Colloquium on Physics  
 Washington University, St. Louis, Physiology  
 Washington University, St. Louis, Center for Computational Chemistry  
 Weizmann Institute, Rehovot: Bat Sheva (de Rothschild) Seminar.  
 Weizmann Institute, Rehovot: Chemistry Dept  
 Western Nerve Net (San Diego)  
 Workshop on Wavelets: 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Biology  
 and Medicine Society.  
 World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering, 1994.  
 Yale University (Department of Physiology)  
 Yale University (Section of Neuroscience)  
 Yale University (Dept of Mathematics and Computational Science)  
 Yangtze Conference on Fluids and Interfaces

### ***Symposia Organized***

Chairman, Mini-symposium on **The Lens as a Syncytium**, Biophysical Society Meeting,  
 1980.  
 Co-Chairman, with Brian Salzberg, **Symposium on Fine Processing in the Fine  
 Processes of the Nervous System**, Biophysical Society Meeting, 1984.  
 Chairman of Symposium and Luncheon **Calcium Signals in Muscle**, Biophysical Society  
 Meeting, 1985  
 Chairman of Symposium. **Nerve Impulse: From Conduction to Channels by way of**

- Conductance at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting of the American Physiological Society, 1987.
- Chairman of Symposium. **Skeletal Muscle Physiology: an Update** at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting of the American Physiological Society, 1987.
- Chairman of Minisymposium. **Moving through (Biological) Channels**, Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics Conference on Applied Probability in Science and Engineering, New Orleans, 1990.
- Chairman of Minisymposium. **Ionic Movement through Biological Channels**. Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Annual Meeting. Chicago, 1990.
- Organizer of Workshop: **From Structure to Permeation in Open Ionic Channels**. Biophysical Society Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., 1993
- Chairman of Symposium: **Ionic Channels: Natural Nanotubes**. American Physical Society Annual Meeting, 2000.
- Chairman and Organizer of **Novartis Foundation Meeting: Physical Models of Ion Permeation**, 2000
- Chairman and Organizer of **Symposium at International Conference on Computational Nanoscience, 2001: Nanostructure Simulation from thin oxides to biological ion channels**.
- Co-organizer of **Yangtze Conference on Fluids and Interfaces** (Chief Organizers Kwong-Yu Chan and D Henderson). Chairman, Ion Channels Session, 2001. see J Colloid Interface Sci. 2002 Vol. 246, p.222.
- Organizer and Chairman of **Nanostructures: biological ion channels to thin oxides**. Nanotech 2003, San Francisco.
- Co-organizer and Chairman (with Dirk Gillespie) of **Physical Models of Ion/Protein Interactions**, American Physical Society (Div of Biological Physics) March, 2003. Austin, TX
- Chairman (Organizer Maria Kurnikova) **Physics of Ion Interactions with Proteins**, March, 2004, American Physical Society, Montreal Quebec Canada.
- Member, Organizing Committee, NATO Advanced Research Workshop. **Ionic Soft Matter** Lviv Ukraine, 2004.
- Helper to Andriy Trokhymchuk and David Busath, **Festschrift for Doug Henderson**, Brigham Young University, 2004.
- Co-organizer, with Heinz Engl, **RICAM Seminar on Ion Channels**, Johan Radon Institute of Applied Mathematics, University of Linz (Austria), 2004.
- Organizer and Chair, **Multiscale Analysis in Biology: Computation**, American Physical Society, March, 2005, Los Angeles.
- Organizer and Chair: **MultiScale Analysis of Ions in Solutions, Proteins, and Channels: Analysis**, American Physical Society, March, 2005, Los Angeles.

- Problem Presenter: **Mathematics in Medicine Study Group**, Mathematics Institute, Oxford University, Sept. 2005, March 2006
- Organizer and Chair: **Physical Models of Ion Channels**, American Physical Society, March 2006, Baltimore
- Helper to Chris Breward: Oxford University OCIAM **Mathematics in Medicine: Ion Channels**, March, 2006.
- Member, Organizing Committee for **Special Semester on Quantitative Biology analyzed by Mathematical Methods**: RICAM (Radon Institute for Computational and Applied Math); (Oct 2007- Jan 2008: Johannes Kepler Univ of Linz, Austria) <http://www.ricam.oeaw.ac.at/ssqbm/>  
Co-chair (with Martin Burger) of Sessions on Membranes and Ion Channels.
- Co-organizer, with Martin Bazant of Symposium, **Multiscale Modeling of Electrochemical Systems** SIAM (Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics), 2006
- Organizer of ARO Sponsored Meeting, **Calibrating Simulations**, at Rush University Medical Center, January 2007
- Facilitator of Annual Reciprocal Symposia between Biophysical Society and Division of Biological Physics of the American Physical Society, commencing 2007. Planned to be the first in a continuing series.
- Organizer of Symposium (Sponsored by American Physical Society Division of Biological Physics) **Modeling as a Tool in Biophysics**, at Biophysical Society Annual Meeting, 2007. Planned to be the first in a continuing series

### ***Equipment and Software Designed***

Wide band amplifiers for microelectrode recording (with several collaborators, see publications 3, 9, 11, 16, 22, and 24).

Software for computing and analyzing impedance measurements with wide band amplifiers (*ibid.*)

**Axopatch Amplifier** for patch clamp recording, with R. Levis, J. Rae, and A. Finkel, sold by Axon Instruments, Burlingame CA, now part of Molecular Devices Sunnyvale CA.

**Perfusing Pipettes**, a hardware kit available from Adams-List Associates, for perfusing patch pipettes.

**PNP Online** <http://www.pnponline.org/> Interactive software for running Poisson Nernst Planck theory, with Duan Chen, Wolfgang Nonner, Uwe Hollerbach, Brice Burgess, SeeWing Chiu

**Patent Application**, PCT/NL2003/000013 Liquid Based Electronic Device (from BioMade, Groningen, Netherlands.)

**Patent Application**, Mathematical Design of Ion Channel Selectivity via Inverse Problems Technology (with Heinz Engl and Martin Burger, from Rush University Medical Center.)

### ***Professional Societies***

American Association for Advancement of Science  
American Mathematical Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Physical Society, Fellow  
American Society of Cell Biologists  
Biophysical Society  
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Senior Member  
Mathematical Association of America  
New York Academy of Sciences  
Physiological Society, England (Associate Member)  
Royal Society of Chemistry (UK)  
Society of General Physiologists  
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
Society of Neuroscience  
Institute for Strategic Studies (London: 1963-1992)

### ***Research Interests***

**1960's-1980's:** Electrical properties of cells and tissues. The relationship between the structure of biological tissues and the pathways for current flow: measurements of linear electrical properties to determine equivalent circuits of skeletal and cardiac muscle, nerve, the lens of the eye, and epithelia.

The modeling of tissues of complex geometry and the solution—in physically meaningful form—of the differential (or difference) equations which describe such tissues. Thus, models of the three dimensional spread of current in spherical and cylindrical cells; models of the spread of current in the random network of transverse tubules in skeletal muscle; models of current flow in the clefts of cardiac muscle; models of current flow in epithelia; models of current flow in dendritic trees.

The use of advanced mathematical techniques (ranging from singular perturbation theory to—when all else fails—brute force numerical simulation) to provide insight into the physical meaning of complex theory.

**1960's-1990's:** Excitation-contraction coupling in skeletal and cardiac muscle; particularly, the junction between the tubular system and the sarcoplasmic reticulum and the mechanism of calcium release from the sarcoplasmic reticulum.

The electrical properties of the sarcoplasmic reticulum and its ionic channels as seen in patch clamp measurements from skinned muscle fibers.

**1980's – 2000's -... :** Analysis of ionic channels, experimental and theoretical: properties of single channels in epithelia, particularly “pressure activated” channels. Single channels in sarcoplasmic reticulum of skinned muscle fibers.

Design of patch clamp amplifiers, headstage, holders with “zero excess” noise.

Optimal detection of single channel events using signal detection theory.

Measurement of open channel noise.

Theoretical analysis of ion movement through channels using an hierarchy of models from molecular dynamics to continuum electrostatics.

Simulations of the molecular dynamics of channel proteins.

Stochastic analysis of flux over barriers: first passage times, concentration boundary conditions and ionic fluxes.

PNP model of the open channel. Poisson-Nernst-Planck model of open channels, in which the potential distribution through the channel is calculated not assumed. PH model of the open channel, the Poisson Hydrodynamic model including temperature changes.

Coupling of fluxes, active transport, gating, and gating currents in a permanently open channel of one conformation as predicted by the PNP model in complex geometries and the PH model.

The stochastic generalization of the PNP model.

Simulations of the molecular dynamics of the entry process models of gramicidin.

## **2000's -... :**

Design and construction of ion channels as useful devices.

Thus, building design tools for understanding current flow in bulk solution, ion channels, and proteins in general.

Computation of macroscopic properties of ionic solutions and channels from higher resolution models, using Langevin-Poisson, Monte Carlo Poisson, or Molecular Dynamics Poisson methods.

Mathematical analysis of macroscopic properties of ionic solutions and channels starting from higher resolution models, using Langevin-Poisson, Monte Carlo Poisson, or Molecular Dynamics Poisson methods.

Simulations and theories of gating and conformational change.

Construction of nonequilibrium statistical mechanics starting from the properties of chaotic trajectories computed with Poisson and molecular dynamics. Statistical mechanics as stochastic processes.

Crowded Charge model of protein function, specifically, ion selectivity and permeation in ion channels.

## ***Administrative Work***

### **UCLA**

Member of Committee for Graduate Students.

First Year Advisor for Graduate Students.

Member of numerous review committees for promotions: received commendation from

Vice Chancellor Saxon for work on review committees.  
Member of Advisory Committee for the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Center.

### **Rush University**

**Chairman**, Department of Physiology, then Department of Molecular Biophysics and Physiology. Recipient and first holder of “The Francis and Catherine Bard Chair of Physiology”

Department has approximately 10 tenure track faculty since 1976 and approximately 7,000 sq ft of usable research space. All faculty with research space (i.e., 4 laboratories) have had NIH or equivalent funding without interruption, thanks to their significant personal productivity. Key members (alphabetical order) in research: Fred Cohen (viral fusion); Tom DeCoursey (H<sup>+</sup> ion channels); Mike Fill (Ryanodine Receptor); Dirk Gillespie (selectivity); Josefina Ramos-Franco (IP<sub>3</sub> receptor); Eduardo Rios (Ca<sup>++</sup> movement); in Medical School Teaching, Joel Michael, Tom Shannon, and Dirk Gillespie; in Nursing Teaching Joe Zbilut.

#### **Academic Administration.**

Member of College Councils.  
Chairman of Promotions and Appointments Committee.  
Member, Vice Chair, then Chair of Search Committee for Microbiology Chair.  
Vice Chairman of Search Committee for Dean of the Medical College.  
Member, Search Committee for Dean of the Graduate College.  
Member, Search Committee for Pediatrics Chair.  
Member, Search Committee for Microbiology Chair

### **Teaching**

General responsibility for all teaching activities of the Department at Rush, including course and curriculum reorganization. Physiology Lectures for medical and nursing students.

#### **Graduate students:**

J. Leung, R. Mathias, E. Engel, R. Levis, R. Milton (with R. Mathias), J. Tang, P. Gates, J. Wang, A. Hainsworth (with R. Levis), P. Dull (summer student), Dirk Gillespie, Amy Del Medico (summer student), Boaz Nadler (in significant part: Zeev Schuss, supervisor); Amit Singer (in significant part: Zeev Schuss, supervisor), Janhavi Giri (Bioengineering, University of Illinois, Circle Campus).

#### **Post-doctoral fellows:**

J. Howell, P. Vaughan, B. Mobley, A. Peskoff, R. Mathias, E. Engel, R. Levis, J. Bell, R. Milton (with Rick Mathias), K. Cooper, D.P. Chen, J. Tang, D.Rojewska; D.Gillespie; Z. Kuang, T. van der Straaten (with Umberto Ravaioli), S. Wigger-Aboud (with Marco Saraniti).



### ***Community Activity***

AVENUE BANK OF OAK PARK: Director, Member, then Chairman of Audit Committee, Executive Committee, and Marketing Committee (1987-1992).

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO: Member, Board of Governors, Executive Committee, and President's Cabinet (1984-1986). Member Research Council (1989-1990) and Chairman, Committee on Human Experimentation.

TAFT SCHOOL (Connecticut): Speaker at Centennial Symposium, and Seminar/Discussion Group.

PRESIDENT 7320 Condo Association. (1997– 2003; 2007)

TOWN TALK Telluride Science Research Center (part of Pinhead Lecture Series) 2003.

ARMY RESEARCH OFFICE talk to North Carolina Ventures Program for High Schools 2005

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