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## Новый взгляд на молекулярную природу ощущений

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Slide

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## Lecture plan

- 1) Temperature sensitivity (slides 4-7);
- 2) Mechanosensitivity of invertebrates (8-19);
- 3) Mechanosensitivity of mammalian tissues (slides 12-14).



#### Classical molecular types of ligandoperated receptors

## **Receptor types**





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## Transient Receptor Potential (TRP) channel in Drosophila vision

Phototransduction in the compound eye of arthropods



**The phosphoinositide cascade of insect's vision.** Upon absorption of light, rhodopsin (*ninaE* gene) is converted to the active metarhodopsin state, which activates a heterotrimeric G protein (dGq). This leads to activation of phospholipase C (PLC, *norpA* gene) and subsequent opening of two classes of light-sensitive channels encoded at least in part by *trp* and *trpl* genes, by an as yet unknown mechanism. TRP and TRPL opening leads to the light-induced current (LIC). Deactivation of channel activity is regulated by protein kinas C (PKC, *inaC* gene).

A spontaneous *Drosophila* phototransduction mutant identified in 1977 (Minke, 1977) displayed transient receptor potentials (trp) in response to continuous light. Identification of the gene product underlying that mutation and recognition of its function as an ion channel (Montel and Rubin, 1989) gave rise to the awareness of a new class of cation channels that differed significantly from the canonical voltage-dependent channels.



**The** *trp* **phenotype.** Light-induced currents in response to prolonged intense orange lights were recorded in voltage-clamped photoreceptors of wild type (WT), the *trp* mutant, and WT treated with La3. A peak response and a plateau characterize the light response of WT. The rapid peak-plateau transition is a manifestation of Ca2-dependent light adaptation. The response of the *trp* photoreceptor decays close to baseline during light due to exhaustion of excitation. A similar decay of the light response close to baseline is obtained by application of 10 M La3 to the extracellular medium of WT photoreceptors.



### Superfamily of TRP-channels (TRP - Transient Receptor Potential)





## Thermo-TRP - receptors of temperatures and pungent chemicals



#### Identification of a cold receptor reveals a general role for TRP channels in thermosensation NATURE | VOL 416 | 7 MARCH 2002 | www.nature.com

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McKemy et al., Nature, 416:52-8, 2002

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## Mechanosensation - one of the last enigmas



Despite widespread distribution of the phenomenon of mechanosensitivity, its molecular nature for a long time remained unknown. It was long believed to rely on multiple channel types for which membrane tension was one of many modulating influences rather than the primary activating stimulus



## E. coli volume regulation\*



#### normal environment



#### rain or upon medium dilution

Entry of water through the lipid bilayer swells the bacterium and stretches open the MA channels to release solutes, enabling it to reach a new equilibrium, escape osmolysis and return to initial shape.

\*In mammals the mechanisms of reaction to membrane stretch associated with changes in cell volume (VRAC/LRRC8A/SWELL1) and to direct mechanical stimulation are different!





## MscL\* from E. coli - the first molecule converting mechanical tension of the membrane into the opening of aqueous pore



Sukharev, FASEB J, 13:S55-S61, 1999



\*<u>Mechano-Sensitive Channel of Large conductance</u>. Bacterial Ms channels have been classified based on their conductance as mini (MscM), small (MscS) and large (MscL). No homologs in mammals are present.



## Degenerins – molecular basis for mechanical sensitivity in nematods



## Identification of mechanoactivated (MA) channel in Neuro2A (N2A) mouse neuroblastoma cells

#### Strategy:



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## Channel forming proteins, Piezo1 and Piezo2, as molecular basis of MA channels in mammals



Piezo1 and Piezo2 consist of ~2500 and ~2800 amino acids, respectively, and share 50% of sequence identity. Functional MA channels are most probably homo-tetramers.

Coste *et al.* Piezos are pore-forming subunits of mechanically activated channels. *Nature*, 483(7388):176-181, 2012



## Piezo mechanoreceptors in mechanosensitivity of bladder tissues



#### Cluster of smooth muscle cells from rat bladder Ca<sup>2+</sup>-dependent fluorescence

transmitted light

Cluster of urothelium cells from rat bladder Ca<sup>2+</sup>-dependent fluorescence

transmitted light



micropipette











# Спасибо за внимание!





