The G-protein sensitive K⁺ channel



Yu and Catterall, 2004 STKE; Logothetis et al, 2011 Submitted

G protein signaling



Milligan and Kostenis, 2006; Ref. from Rahul



The G protein membrane-delimited signaling



Soejima and Noma, 1984 Logothetis et al., 1987



Zhang et al., 1999; Petit-Jacques et al., 1999

The PIP₂ hydrolysis membrane-delimited signaling



Zhang et al., 2003

PIP₂ hydrolysis underlies current desensitization



Keselman et al., 2007

Convergence of two signaling mechanisms on K_{ACh}



Logothetis, Figure 8 Kir channel specificity for PIPs and GIRK interaction sites



Positions of sites of action of $G\beta\gamma$, Na⁺, PKA, PKC, and pH relative to those of PIP₂



Logothetis, Figure 10 Channel mutants differentiate basal from agonist-induced GIRK activity



He et al., 1999; He et al., 2002

Gα-dependent and independent Gβγ residues that affect GIRK activity



Reconstitution of both active G protein subunits is required to activate the GIRK1 chimera

