

Figure S1. Theory of REFER analysis. (A) Gating scheme for Kv11.1 channels including the open (O)-to-inactivated (I) gating transition. (B–H) Energy diagrams of isolated open-to-inactivated gating transitions for WT (black) and theoretical mutant (red) channels. (B) REFER analysis calculates to what degree a mutation-induced perturbation in the equilibrium ($\Delta\Delta G^0$), which represents the energy difference between the ground states, is caused by a change in energy of the forward transition ($\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger$). The Φ -value reflects at what stage during the native reaction pathway the mutated residue experienced a change in environment, where Φ of 1 indicates the earliest step (C), fractional Φ -values indicate intermediate steps (D), and Φ of 0 indicates the final step (E). There are three scenarios that would result in an invalid Φ -value. Mutations affecting the transition state but not the equilibrium between ground states (i.e., a catalytic mutation) result in an infinite Φ -value (F). Mutations that have opposite effects on the transition state compared with the equilibrium between the two stable ground states result in a negative Φ -value (G), whereas mutations that have a greater effect on the transition state than on the equilibrium between the ground state result in a Φ -value >1 (H).

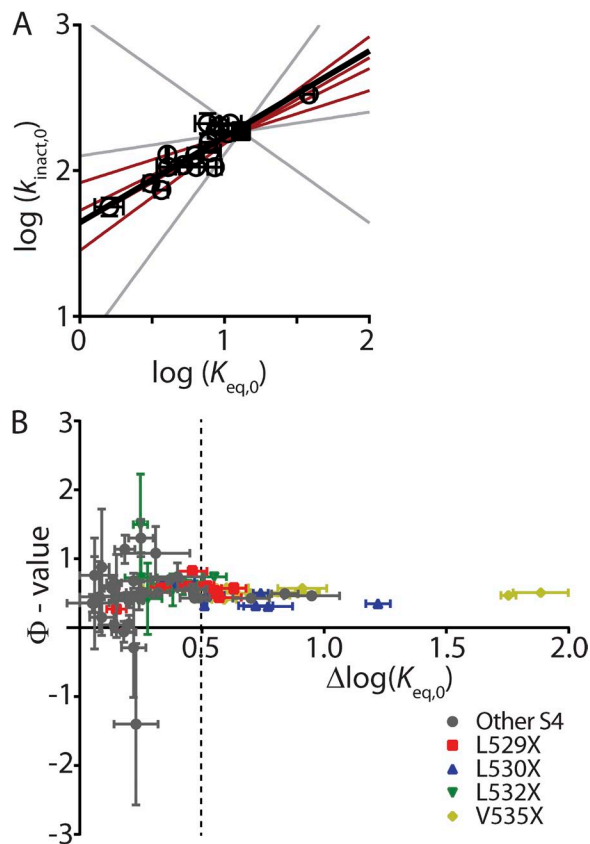


Figure S2. REFER variability between mutants. (A) REFER plot of the forward unidirectional rate constant, $\log(k_{\text{inact},0})$, against equilibrium constant, $\log(K_{\text{eq},0})$, for all individual S4 residues mutated to serine. Data are presented as means \pm SEM for three to nine cells. The slope of the linear regression analysis for each mutant (vs. WT) represents the Φ -value. For mutation that causes a $\Delta\log(K_{\text{eq},0}) < \pm 0.5$ log units (gray lines), the REFER slopes are highly variable (only three shown for clarity), but for mutations with a $\Delta\log(K_{\text{eq},0}) > \pm 0.5$ log units (red lines), the slopes are far more consistent and better represent the overall REFER slope (black line). (B) Plot of Φ -value against $\Delta\log(K_{\text{eq},0})$ for all S4 mutations. Φ -values are highly variable for mutations that cause a $\Delta\log(K_{\text{eq},0}) < \pm 0.5$ log units but are more consistent for mutations that cause $\Delta\log(K_{\text{eq},0}) > \pm 0.5$ log units. For this reason, we take a perturbation of greater than ± 0.5 log units to be the minimum criteria to derive an accurate Φ -value.

Kv1.2/2.1	VVQIFRIMRILRIFKLSRHS KGLQILGQTLKA	319
Kv11.1	LIGLLKTARLLRLVRVARKLDRYSEYGA AVL-	550
Kv1.2/2.1	S MRRELGLLIFFLFIFGVILFSSAVYFAE ADERDS	352
Kv11.1	FLLMCTFALIAHWLACIWYAIGNMEQPHMDSRI	583
Kv1.2/2.1	QFPS IPDAFWWAVVSM TTVGYGDMVPTT	380
Kv11.1	// IKDKYVTALYFTFSSLTSVGFGNVSPNT	634
Kv1.2/2.1	IGGKIVGSLCAIAGVLTIALPVPVIVSNFNIFY	413
Kv11.1	NSEKIFSICVMLIGSLMYASIFGNVSAIIQRLY	667

Figure S3. Sequence alignment of Kv11.1 and Kv1.2/2.1 channels. Alignment spans from the S4 helix to the S6 helix, with the transmembrane regions of Kv1.2/2.1 boxed according to the secondary structure of 2R9R from the Protein Data Bank (Long et al., 2007). The S5P linker of Kv11.1 (residues 584–606) is excluded from the alignment, indicated by break, because of its much longer length compared with that of the Kv1.2/2.1 S5P linker.

Table S1
The kinetic parameters for each S4 mutant investigated

Mutant	n	$\log(k_{\text{inact},0})$	$\log(K_{\text{eq},0})$	$\Delta\log(K_{\text{eq},0})$	Φ -value
G522A	5	2.19 ± 0.03	0.98 ± 0.03	-0.13 ± 0.03	
G522W	20	2.06 ± 0.02	0.63 ± 0.03	-0.49 ± 0.03	
G522S	3	2.03 ± 0.06	0.80 ± 0.14	-0.31 ± 0.14	
L523A	8	2.33 ± 0.03	1.06 ± 0.06	-0.06 ± 0.06	
L523W	^a				
L523S	9	2.12 ± 0.05	0.90 ± 0.07	-0.22 ± 0.07	
L524A	7	2.36 ± 0.03	1.06 ± 0.06	-0.06 ± 0.06	
L524W	10	2.31 ± 0.04	1.17 ± 0.10	0.05 ± 0.10	
L524S	7	2.26 ± 0.03	1.02 ± 0.05	-0.09 ± 0.05	
K525A	^a				
K525W	7	2.10 ± 0.02	0.93 ± 0.04	-0.18 ± 0.04	
K525S	4	2.52 ± 0.02	1.58 ± 0.04	0.47 ± 0.04	
T526A	4	2.19 ± 0.06	1.02 ± 0.03	-0.09 ± 0.03	
T526W	7	2.18 ± 0.02	0.97 ± 0.03	-0.14 ± 0.03	
T526S	5	2.32 ± 0.07	0.88 ± 0.09	-0.23 ± 0.09	
A527W	9	2.19 ± 0.05	0.87 ± 0.05	-0.24 ± 0.05	
A527S	4	2.31 ± 0.02	0.96 ± 0.06	-0.15 ± 0.06	
R528A ^b	5	2.50 ± 0.04	1.19 ± 0.07	0.07 ± 0.07	
R528W	4	2.02 ± 0.03	0.75 ± 0.05	-0.37 ± 0.05	
R528S	7	2.19 ± 0.04	0.89 ± 0.05	-0.22 ± 0.05	
L529A	5	1.95 ± 0.04	0.59 ± 0.03	-0.52 ± 0.03	0.61 ± 0.06
L529W	8	1.91 ± 0.05	0.66 ± 0.06	-0.46 ± 0.06	
L529S	8	1.91 ± 0.05	0.49 ± 0.05	-0.63 ± 0.05	0.57 ± 0.07
L529T	5	1.97 ± 0.01	0.56 ± 0.02	-0.55 ± 0.02	0.54 ± 0.03
L529N	7	2.00 ± 0.03	0.67 ± 0.03	-0.44 ± 0.03	
L529H	5	2.08 ± 0.03	0.78 ± 0.04	-0.33 ± 0.04	
L529P	5	2.02 ± 0.02	0.46 ± 0.09	-0.57 ± 0.09	0.44 ± 0.05
L529Q	9	2.16 ± 0.02	0.96 ± 0.04	-0.15 ± 0.04	
L530A	4	2.02 ± 0.03	0.71 ± 0.07	-0.40 ± 0.07	
L530W	7	2.03 ± 0.02	0.59 ± 0.07	-0.52 ± 0.07	0.47 ± 0.03
L530S	6	2.11 ± 0.01	0.60 ± 0.01	-0.51 ± 0.01	0.32 ± 0.01
L530T	8	2.03 ± 0.05	0.40 ± 0.07	-0.72 ± 0.07	0.32 ± 0.04
L530N	12	1.84 ± 0.03	-0.11 ± 0.05	-1.22 ± 0.05	0.35 ± 0.01
L530H	^a				
L530P	9	1.90 ± 0.02	0.37 ± 0.03	-0.74 ± 0.03	0.50 ± 0.02
L530Q	7	2.04 ± 0.03	0.34 ± 0.10	-0.77 ± 0.10	0.31 ± 0.03
R531A	7	1.97 ± 0.04	0.41 ± 0.08	-0.70 ± 0.08	0.43 ± 0.03
R531W	4	2.07 ± 0.03	0.64 ± 0.06	-0.47 ± 0.06	
R531S	4	1.82 ± 0.08	0.16 ± 0.11	-0.95 ± 0.11	0.46 ± 0.04
L532A	8	2.03 ± 0.05	0.69 ± 0.07	-0.42 ± 0.07	
L532W	4	2.02 ± 0.05	0.72 ± 0.09	-0.39 ± 0.09	
L532S	7	1.87 ± 0.03	0.56 ± 0.05	-0.55 ± 0.05	0.74 ± 0.02
L532N	10	1.96 ± 0.04	0.73 ± 0.07	-0.38 ± 0.07	
L532H	14	2.06 ± 0.03	0.87 ± 0.03	-0.25 ± 0.03	
L532P	13	1.98 ± 0.04	0.67 ± 0.05	-0.44 ± 0.05	
L532T	11	2.09 ± 0.04	0.86 ± 0.07	-0.25 ± 0.07	
L532Q	11	2.11 ± 0.10	0.84 ± 0.06	-0.28 ± 0.06	
V533A	10	2.25 ± 0.02	0.91 ± 0.02	-0.20 ± 0.02	
V533W	4	2.15 ± 0.02	0.86 ± 0.04	-0.25 ± 0.04	
V533S	4	2.27 ± 0.02	0.94 ± 0.05	-0.18 ± 0.05	

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Mutant	n	$\log(k_{\text{inact},0})$	$\log(K_{\text{eq},0})$	$\Delta\log(K_{\text{eq},0})$	Φ -value
R534A ^b	4	1.99 ± 0.03	0.87 ± 0.05	-0.25 ± 0.05	
R534W	4	2.01 ± 0.05	0.66 ± 0.06	-0.46 ± 0.06	
R534S	5	2.02 ± 0.01	0.93 ± 0.05	-0.18 ± 0.05	
V535A	4	1.92 ± 0.05	0.51 ± 0.09	-0.60 ± 0.09	0.58 ± 0.03
V535W	7	1.92 ± 0.03	0.35 ± 0.09	-0.77 ± 0.09	0.47 ± 0.03
V535S	7	1.75 ± 0.06	0.20 ± 0.10	-0.91 ± 0.10	0.57 ± 0.01
V535G	6	2.02 ± 0.02	0.52 ± 0.05	-0.59 ± 0.05	0.41 ± 0.02
V535I	4	2.07 ± 0.04	0.74 ± 0.11	-0.37 ± 0.11	
V535H	5	1.95 ± 0.04	0.47 ± 0.06	-0.64 ± 0.06	0.50 ± 0.04
V535L	5	2.06 ± 0.04	0.75 ± 0.06	-0.36 ± 0.06	
V535M	5	1.83 ± 0.09	0.28 ± 0.14	-0.84 ± 0.14	0.51 ± 0.03
V535N	6	1.30 ± 0.11	-0.77 ± 0.11	-1.89 ± 0.11	0.51 ± 0.03
V535P	6	1.95 ± 0.03	0.55 ± 0.07	-0.56 ± 0.07	0.57 ± 0.02
V535T	5	1.82 ± 0.03	0.22 ± 0.08	-0.89 ± 0.08	0.50 ± 0.01
V535Y	12	1.44 ± 0.03	-0.64 ± 0.03	-1.75 ± 0.03	0.47 ± 0.01
A536W	5	2.40 ± 0.03	1.36 ± 0.05	0.25 ± 0.05	
A536S	4	2.04 ± 0.04	0.72 ± 0.11	-0.40 ± 0.11	
R537A ^b	3	2.14 ± 0.03	0.85 ± 0.07	-0.26 ± 0.07	
R537W	14	1.84 ± 0.04	0.27 ± 0.05	-0.84 ± 0.05	0.49 ± 0.02
R537S ^b	5	2.10 ± 0.03	0.80 ± 0.05	-0.32 ± 0.05	
K538A ^b	14	2.14 ± 0.03	0.97 ± 0.06	-0.14 ± 0.06	
K538W	8	2.18 ± 0.03	0.91 ± 0.06	-0.20 ± 0.06	
K538S ^b	8	2.32 ± 0.04	1.04 ± 0.08	-0.08 ± 0.08	
L529S + V535S	8	1.74 ± 0.03	-0.20 ± 0.06	-1.31 ± 0.06	0.40 ± 0.01
L532S + V535S	18	1.87 ± 0.05	0.30 ± 0.08	-0.81 ± 0.08	0.50 ± 0.04
L529S + L532S + V535S	5	1.97 ± 0.02	0.57 ± 0.06	-0.54 ± 0.06	0.58 ± 0.04
S5/S5P mutants					
I560A	7	1.79 ± 0.04	0.54 ± 0.06	-0.58 ± 0.06	0.85 ± 0.03
L564A	7	1.77 ± 0.04	0.44 ± 0.07	-0.67 ± 0.07	0.76 ± 0.03
I567A	6	2.11 ± 0.02	0.59 ± 0.04	-0.52 ± 0.04	0.31 ± 0.03
D591K	13	1.56 ± 0.04	0.12 ± 0.06	-1.00 ± 0.06	0.71 ± 0.03
Double mutants					
L529S + I560A	7	1.63 ± 0.07	0.27 ± 0.11	-0.84 ± 0.11	0.77 ± 0.02
L529S + L564A	7	1.58 ± 0.06	-0.12 ± 0.07	-1.24 ± 0.07	0.55 ± 0.02
L529S + I567A	9	1.87 ± 0.03	0.29 ± 0.06	-0.82 ± 0.06	0.48 ± 0.01
L529S + D591K	9	1.33 ± 0.03	-0.39 ± 0.03	-1.50 ± 0.03	0.62 ± 0.01
L530S + I560A	7	1.79 ± 0.02	0.56 ± 0.03	-0.56 ± 0.03	0.86 ± 0.04
L530S + L564A	8	1.49 ± 0.03	-0.29 ± 0.05	-1.41 ± 0.05	0.55 ± 0.01
L530S + I567A	11	1.98 ± 0.03	0.35 ± 0.06	-0.77 ± 0.06	0.38 ± 0.01
L530S + D591K	6	1.33 ± 0.06	-0.52 ± 0.06	-1.63 ± 0.06	0.57 ± 0.02
L530N + I560A	7	1.65 ± 0.03	-0.11 ± 0.04	-1.23 ± 0.04	0.50 ± 0.01
L530N + L564A	8	1.61 ± 0.02	-0.26 ± 0.03	-1.37 ± 0.03	0.48 ± 0.01
L530N + I567A	6	1.87 ± 0.04	-0.12 ± 0.05	-1.24 ± 0.05	0.32 ± 0.02
L530N + D591K	7	1.31 ± 0.04	-0.61 ± 0.05	-1.73 ± 0.05	0.55 ± 0.01
L532S + I560A	14	1.71 ± 0.02	0.48 ± 0.03	-0.64 ± 0.03	0.88 ± 0.02
L532S + L564A	8	1.46 ± 0.06	0.04 ± 0.08	-1.08 ± 0.08	0.75 ± 0.01
L532S + I567A	11	1.83 ± 0.02	0.32 ± 0.03	-0.79 ± 0.03	0.55 ± 0.02
L532S + D591K	10	1.63 ± 0.03	0.25 ± 0.06	-0.86 ± 0.06	0.75 ± 0.01
V535S + I560A	7	1.50 ± 0.04	0.08 ± 0.07	-1.04 ± 0.07	0.74 ± 0.01
V535S + L564A	12	1.38 ± 0.06	-0.40 ± 0.1	-1.51 ± 0.1	0.59 ± 0.02
V535S + I567A	8	1.84 ± 0.05	0.14 ± 0.09	-0.97 ± 0.09	0.43 ± 0.02
V535S + D591K	8	1.16 ± 0.05	-0.68 ± 0.06	-1.79 ± 0.06	0.63 ± 0.02

Log($k_{\text{inact},0}$), log($K_{\text{eq},0}$), and $\Delta\log(K_{\text{eq},0})$ (relative to WT) for each mutant channel. Φ -values are given for mutant channels that exhibit a $\Delta\log(K_{\text{eq},0}) > \pm 0.5$ log units, which is the minimum requirement to derive an accurate Φ -value. n is the number of cells analyzed for each mutant, and data are presented as means \pm SEM.

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Table S2
The activation parameters for each *S4* mutant investigated

Mutant	<i>n</i>	Act $V_{0.5}$	Slope factor	Prepulse
		<i>mV</i>		<i>mV</i>
WT	11	-25.01 ± 0.33	8.55 ± 0.26	40
G522A	6	-44.17 ± 0.78	8.71 ± 0.45	40
G522W	7	-54.31 ± 1.05	8.74 ± 0.26	40
G522S	3	-27.61 ± 1.44	7.99 ± 0.31	40
L523A	7	-57.64 ± 0.59	9.27 ± 0.14	40
L523W	^a			
L523S	7	-52.26 ± 1.22	10.35 ± 0.51	40
L524A	7	-11.64 ± 1.56	7.21 ± 0.26	40
L524W	4	-21.40 ± 1.15	7.82 ± 0.30	40
L524S	7	-20.88 ± 0.39	7.24 ± 0.07	40
K525A	^a			
K525W	7	-66.46 ± 1.65	11.91 ± 0.14	40
K525S	6	-40.90 ± 0.70	8.37 ± 0.16	40
T526A	4	-28.91 ± 0.82	7.62 ± 0.18	40
T526W	7	-63.28 ± 0.55	6.49 ± 0.20	40
T526S	5	-27.34 ± 0.74	6.46 ± 0.25	40
A527W	6	-15.50 ± 0.73	7.32 ± 0.21	40
A527S	4	-23.84 ± 0.85	8.17 ± 0.08	40
R528A	10	-16.94 ± 0.67	8.32 ± 0.26	40
R528W	4	-36.40 ± 0.65	8.04 ± 0.18	40
R528S	8	1.88 ± 0.91	8.15 ± 0.09	40
L529A	5	-9.36 ± 1.35	7.57 ± 0.25	40
L529W	8	-24.44 ± 1.50	8.17 ± 0.50	40
L529S	6	-19.77 ± 1.01	10.40 ± 0.66	40
L529T	5	-25.05 ± 0.81	7.93 ± 0.33	40
L529N	7	-59.17 ± 1.54	8.37 ± 0.56	40
L529H	5	-55.59 ± 2.55	7.18 ± 0.20	40
L529P	5	-13.07 ± 0.84	14.25 ± 0.35	40
L529Q	9	-38.91 ± 0.53	6.77 ± 0.22	40
L530A	4	-8.19 ± 0.34	7.89 ± 0.42	40
L530W	8	7.01 ± 1.16	6.08 ± 0.13	40
L530S	6	-2.13 ± 0.84	6.53 ± 0.09	40
L530T	8	-6.25 ± 0.52	6.03 ± 0.14	40
L530N	12	45.31 ± 0.61	7.16 ± 0.10	80
L530H	^a			
L530P	9	4.63 ± 0.84	6.99 ± 0.11	40
L530Q	7	19.06 ± 0.40	5.90 ± 0.14	40
R531A	8	35.01 ± 1.04	7.19 ± 0.12	80
R531W	4	13.09 ± 0.87	6.46 ± 0.06	40
R531S	10	30.46 ± 1.24	7.44 ± 0.15	80
L532A	6	-29.84 ± 0.87	7.10 ± 0.34	40
L532W	2	-10.22	9.99	40
L532S	7	-28.76 ± 1.20	8.70 ± 0.26	40
L532N	3	-51.13 ± 0.75	5.22 ± 0.34	40
L532H	9	-36.07 ± 0.43	7.78 ± 0.40	40
L532P	9	5.35 ± 0.45	11.67 ± 0.21	40
L532T	10	-20.91 ± 0.87	8.07 ± 0.22	40
L532Q	4	-43.47 ± 0.70	6.02 ± 0.43	40
V533A	6	-35.17 ± 0.39	7.31 ± 0.30	40
V533W	4	-11.99 ± 0.97	6.58 ± 0.21	40
V533S	4	-30.77 ± 0.48	6.97 ± 0.25	40

The half-maximal voltage ($V_{0.5}$) and voltage-dependent slope for each mutant channel. Also shown is the prepulse potential used for inactivation protocols shown in Fig. 1. *n* is the number of cells analyzed for each mutant, and data are presented as means ± SEM.

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Mutant	<i>n</i>	Act $V_{0.5}$	Slope factor	Prepulse
R534A	4	-29.03 ± 0.68	6.23 ± 0.09	40
R534W	4	-9.57 ± 0.53	6.43 ± 0.33	40
R534S	5	-32.64 ± 0.67	5.80 ± 0.19	40
V535A	4	50.53 ± 0.37	5.04 ± 0.18	40
V535W	6	9.84 ± 0.58	11.24 ± 0.14	40
V535S	6	-5.41 ± 1.05	12.12 ± 0.09	40
V535G	6	-54.14 ± 1.24	7.53 ± 0.30	40
V535I	4	-48.15 ± 1.12	5.71 ± 0.30	40
V535H	5	8.63 ± 1.15	14.79 ± 0.51	40
V535L	5	-44.45 ± 2.11	9.12 ± 0.36	40
V535M	5	-24.23 ± 1.11	16.21 ± 0.87	40
V535N	7	33.34 ± 1.35	12.05 ± 0.17	80
V535P	6	-18.93 ± 0.18	7.71 ± 0.12	40
V535T	5	-29.65 ± 1.04	7.29 ± 0.17	40
V535Y	12	27.49 ± 0.95	11.63 ± 0.44	80
A536W	6	-88.19 ± 0.48	8.20 ± 0.40	40
A536S	4	-40.02 ± 0.65	7.29 ± 0.26	40
R537A	7	-20.77 ± 0.48	7.64 ± 0.13	40
R537W	14	-16.44 ± 0.73	7.84 ± 0.29	40
R537S	8	-25.75 ± 0.46	6.54 ± 0.10	40
K538A	13	-49.79 ± 0.62	5.64 ± 0.14	40
K538W	10	-62.29 ± 0.68	4.87 ± 0.11	40
K538S	10	-63.47 ± 0.64	5.56 ± 0.10	40
L529S + V535S	8	34.23 ± 0.66	12.94 ± 0.16	60
L532S + V535S	12	-2.53 ± 0.87	13.85 ± 0.20	40
L529S + L532S + V535S	13	26.03 ± 0.99	11.73 ± 0.55	80

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