



50 Marks (My portion)

**End Sem Exam
(35 Marks)**

**Group Project
(4 Teams)
Group Discussion
(4 Teams)
(15 Marks)**

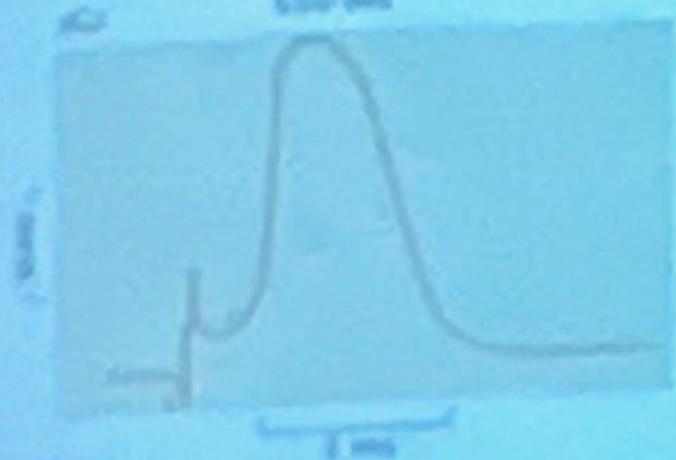
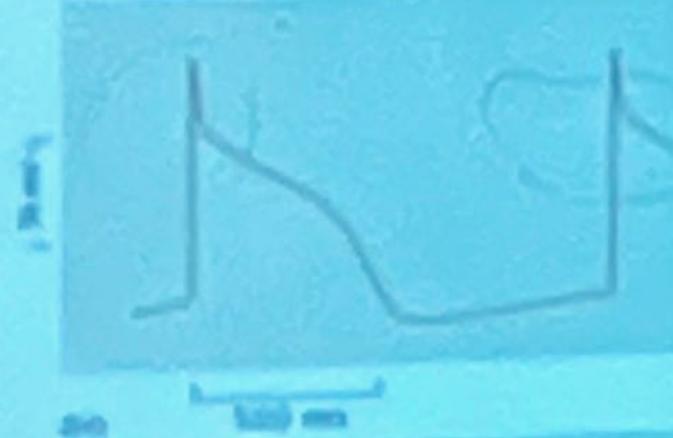
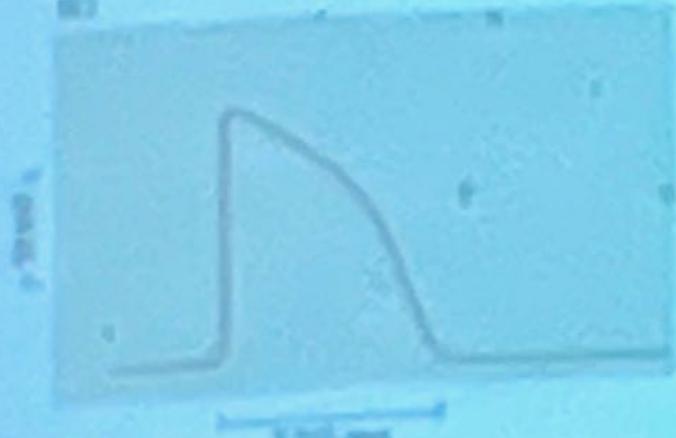
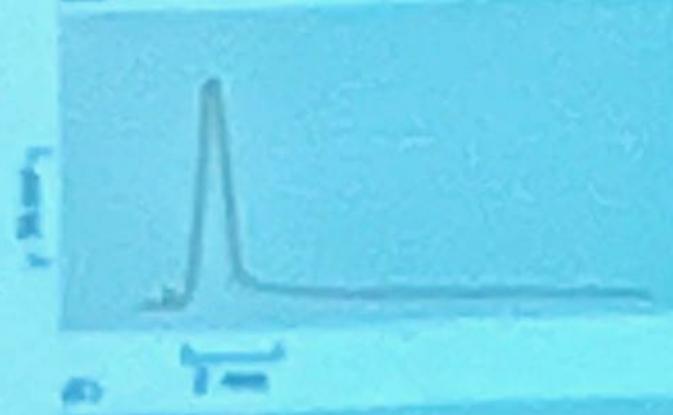
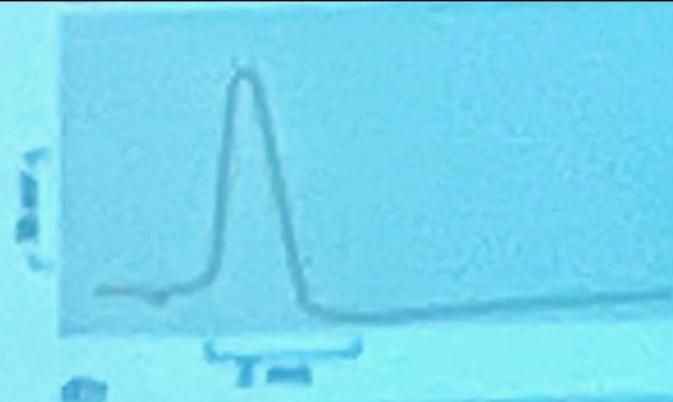
All Lectures/Tutorials will be examined

EVALUATION (TENTATIVE)

EVALUATION







Action Potentials (Many Shapes)

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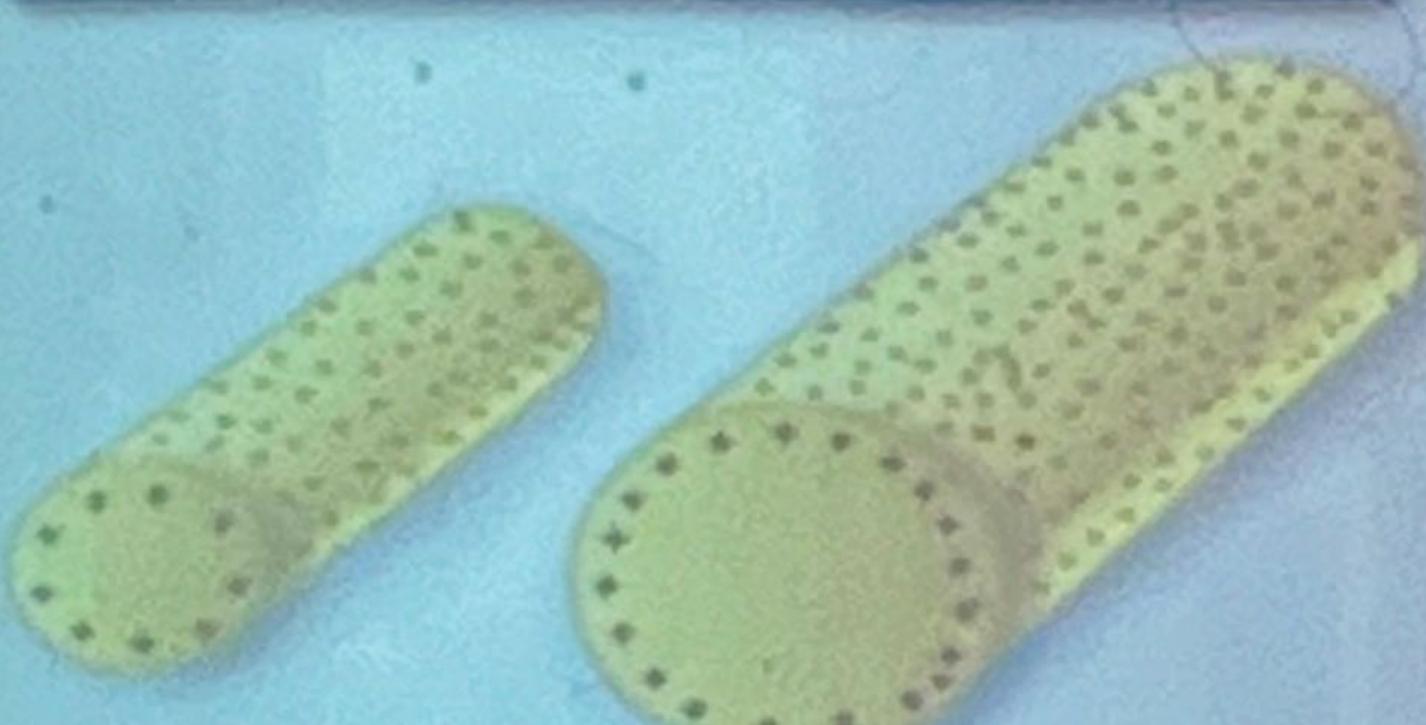
Resistance

In larger axons, the resistance is lower, allowing for faster propagation of current.

**2**

Capacitance

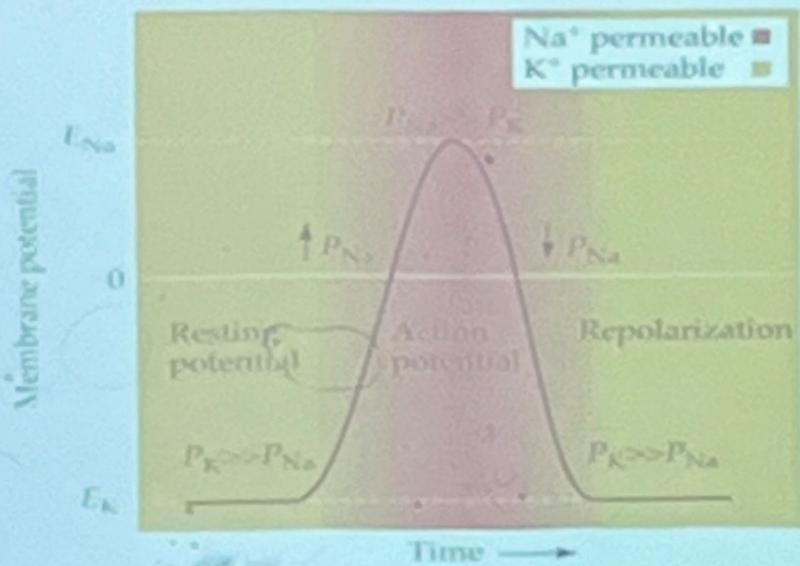
In larger axons the membrane surface area is larger, increasing the capacitance, or amount of charge accumulated at the membrane.



FACTORS INFLUENCING ACTION POTENTIAL

- Resistance/Capacitance in Axons?

Action Potential (Membrane permeability to K⁺ and Na⁺)



Membrane Potential (Ions Involved)

Electrochemical driving force of Na^+ decreases. Na^+ channels close. K^+ channels open, K^+ flows out of the cell.

Voltage-dependent K^+ conductance is turned off, back to resting membrane potential.

0 mV
-64 mV

Increased Na^+ permeability opening of Na^+ channels, Na^+ flows into the cell.

K^+ conductance is temporarily higher than at resting condition (undershoot).

Ohm law

Conductance
or membrane
permeability

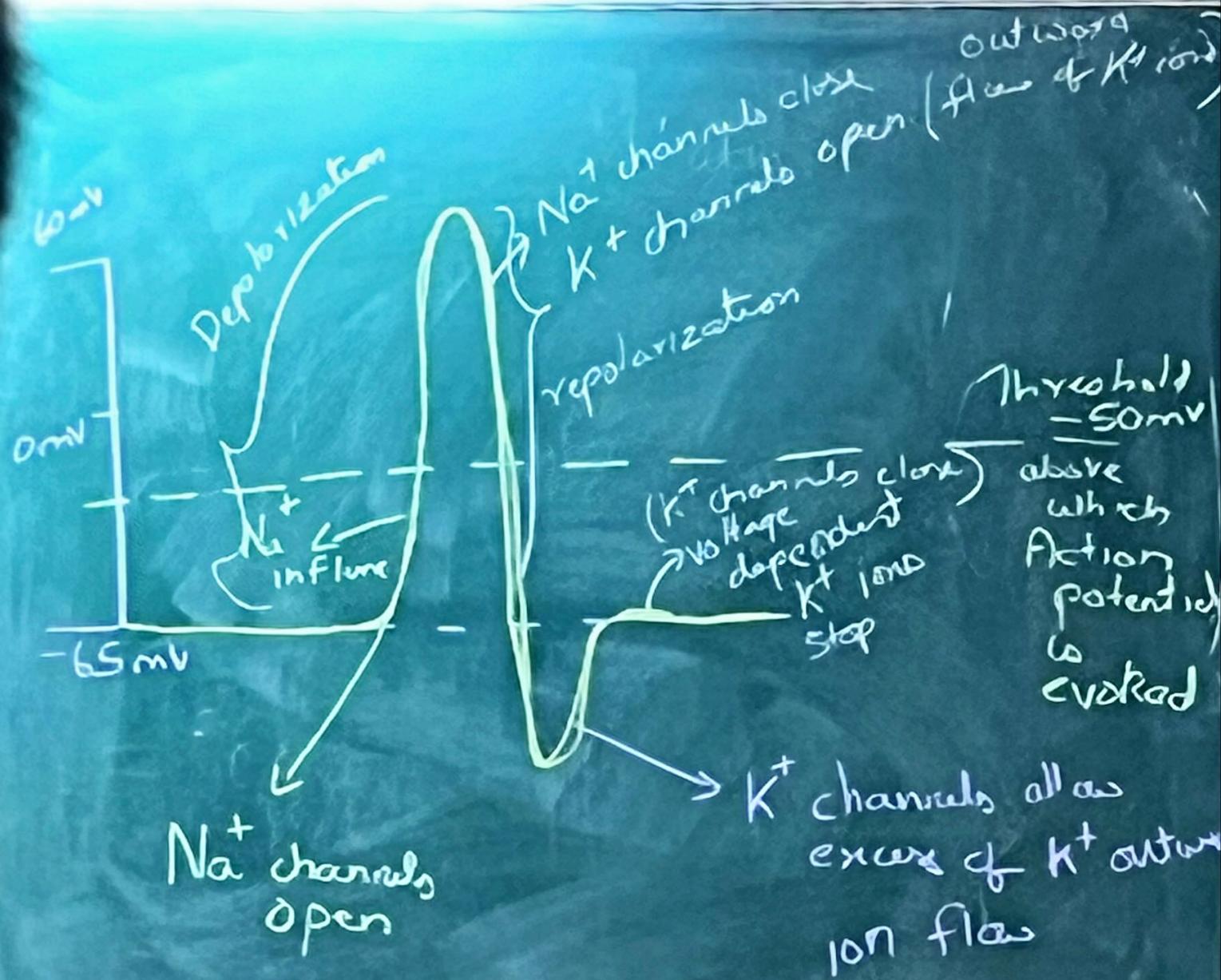
Equilibrium
potential

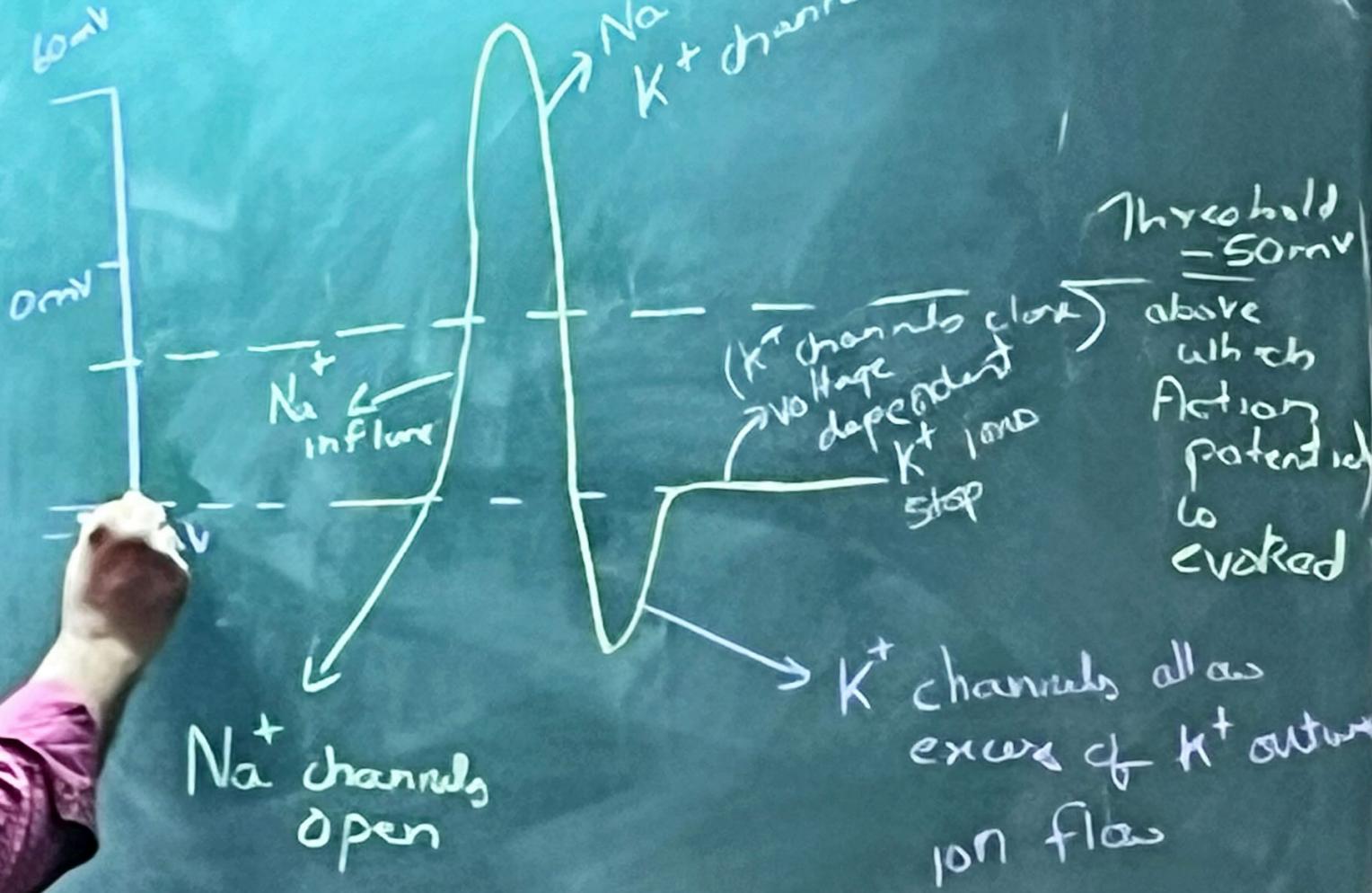
$$I_{\text{ion}} = g_{\text{ion}} (V_m - E_{\text{ion}})$$

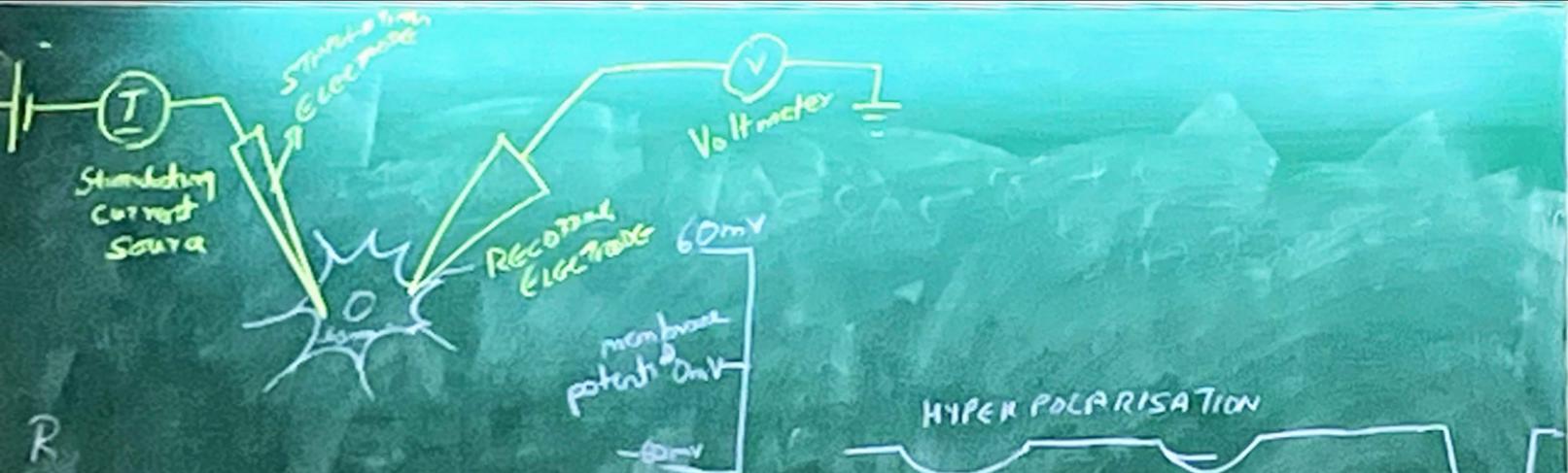
Ionic
current

Membrane
potential

Current is dependent
on permeability (conductance)
and electrochemical force







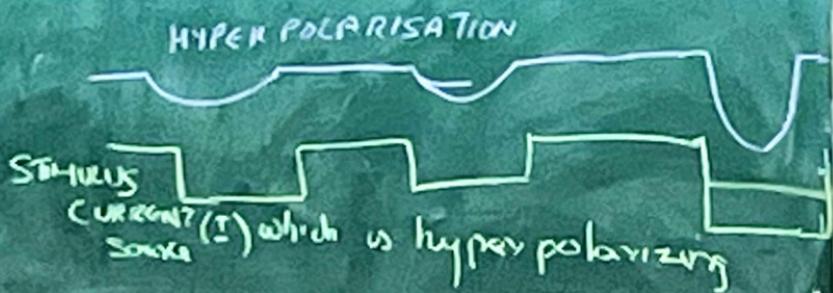
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$$I = V G$$

conductance

$$I = G_{\text{ion}} \left(V_m - E_{\text{ionc}} \right)$$

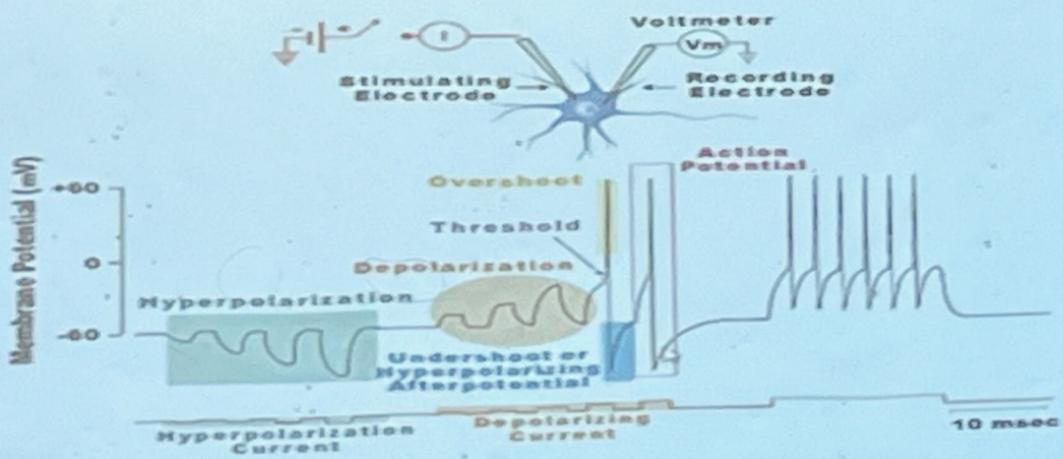
permeability or conductance
 membrane voltage
 (E_{ionc})
 potential of ion considered



Ohms Law

**Current Flow (Action Potential) in Axon
Depends on ?**

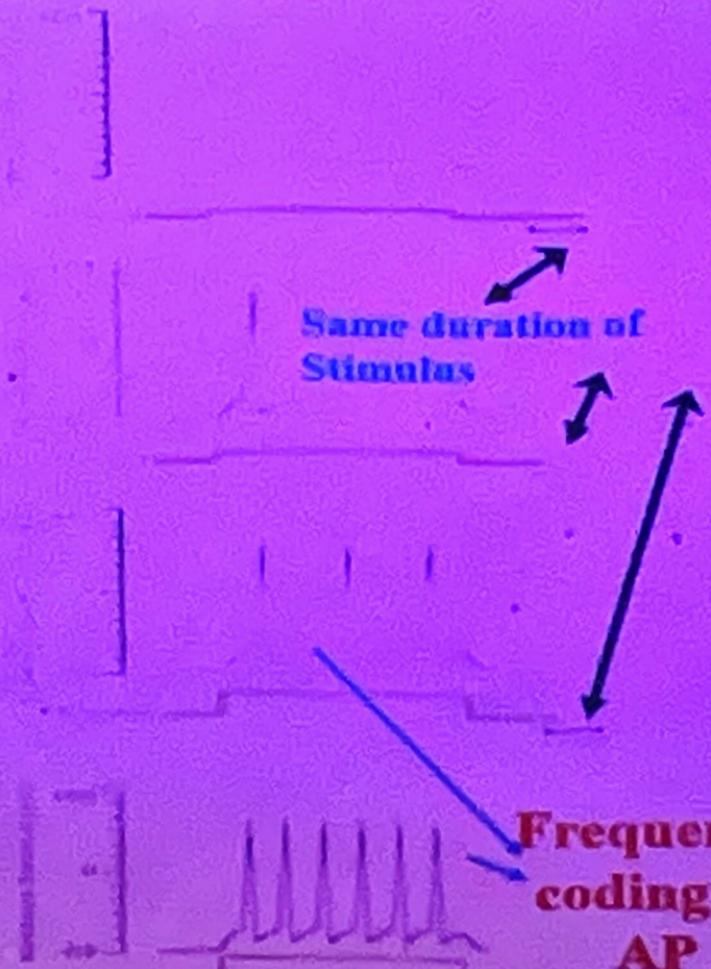
Frequency coding in Action Potential



Increasing
Battery
power

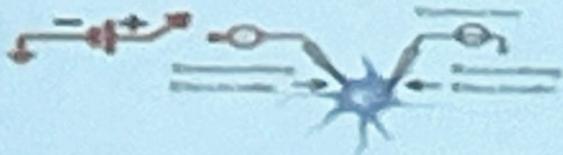


Same duration of
Stimulus

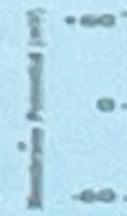


Frequency
coding in
AP

A. Sustained and Pulsed Inhibition



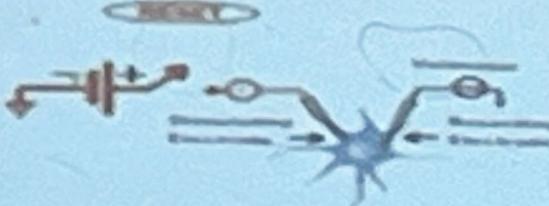
B. Without Adaptation



Same duration of Stimulus



C. Sustained and Summating



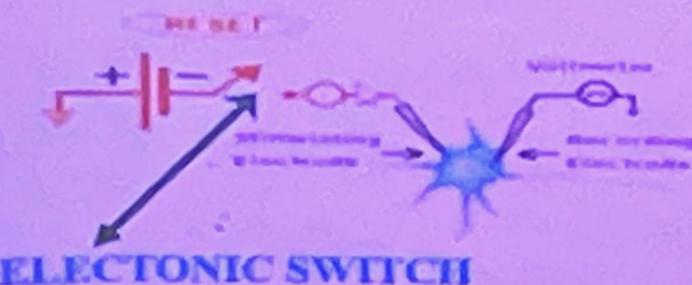
D. Decaying Adaptation



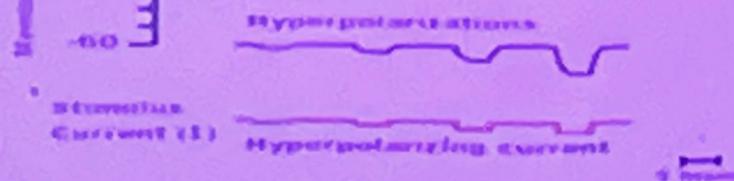
Frequency coding in AP

Action Potential (Electrical Viewpoint)

A. Hyperpolarizations

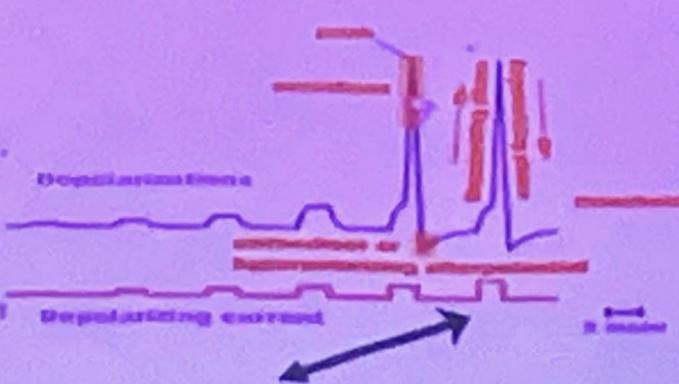
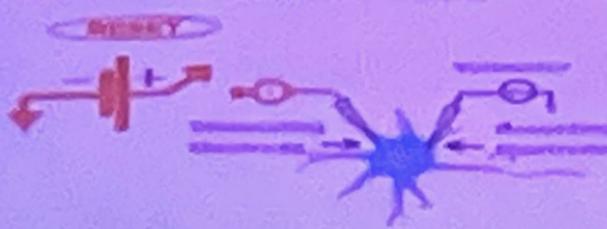


Degree of change of hyperpolarization is proportional to MAGNITUDE of stimulus current (I)



ELECTRONIC SWITCH

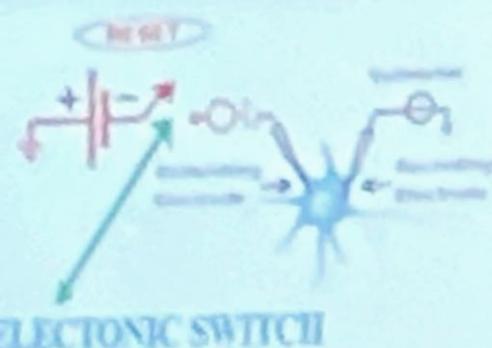
B. Depolarization and the Action Potential



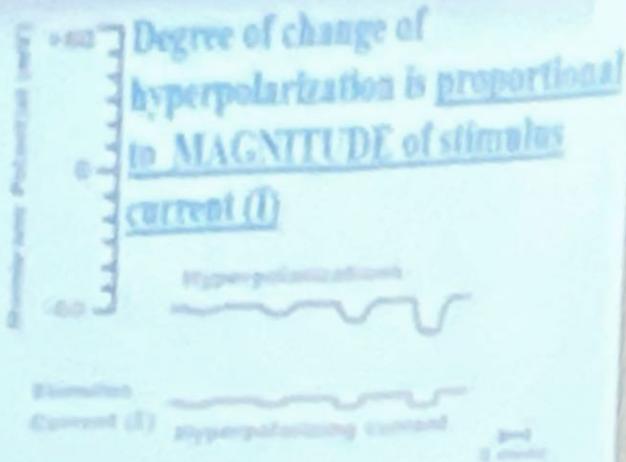
Duration of Stimulus

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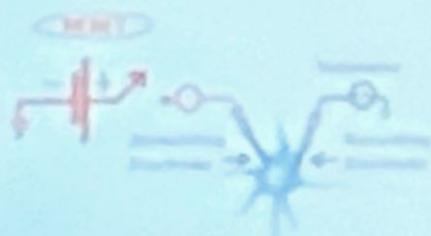
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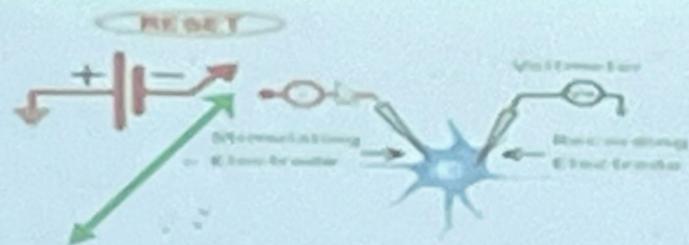
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Duration of Stimulus

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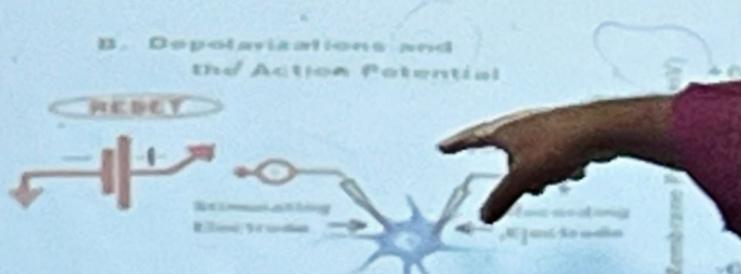
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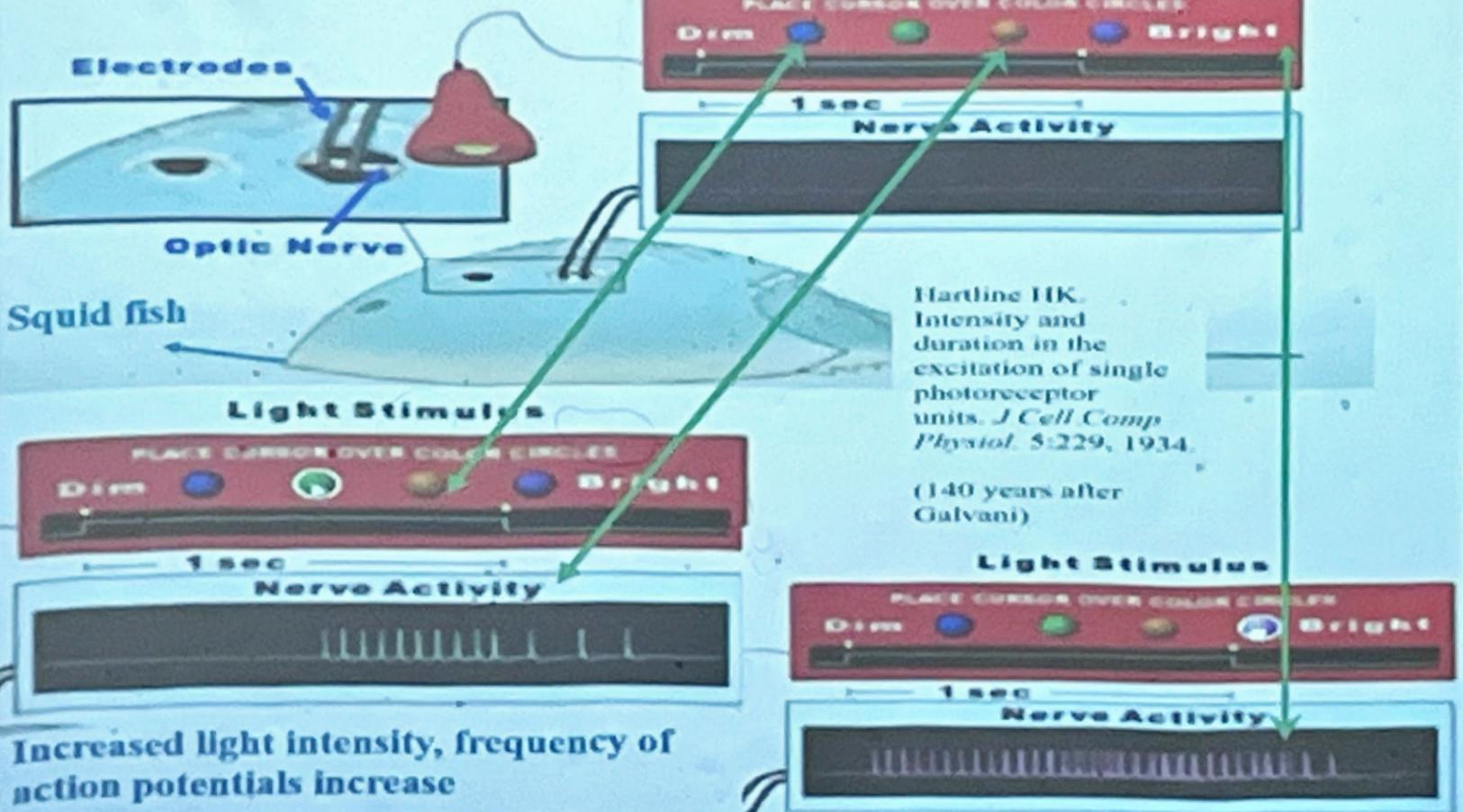


Duration

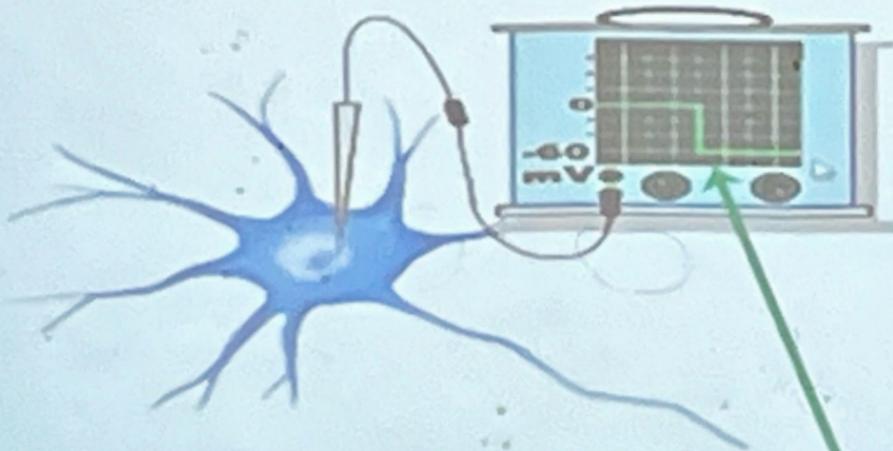
Action Potential (Electrical viewpoint)

Light of varying intensities

Light Stimulus



Studying Electric/Ionic Mechanisms in Nerve Cell



Hartline HK.
Intensity and
duration in the
excitation of single
photoreceptor
units. *J Cell Comp
Physiol.* 5:229, 1934.

(140 years after
Galvani)

RESTING POTENTIAL (Around -60 mv)

Generation of Action Potential

Study how 100 billion Neurons are firing off nearly 50 action potentials per second thereby controlling what we do, how we think, move muscles, listen to lecture



Membrane Transport Process

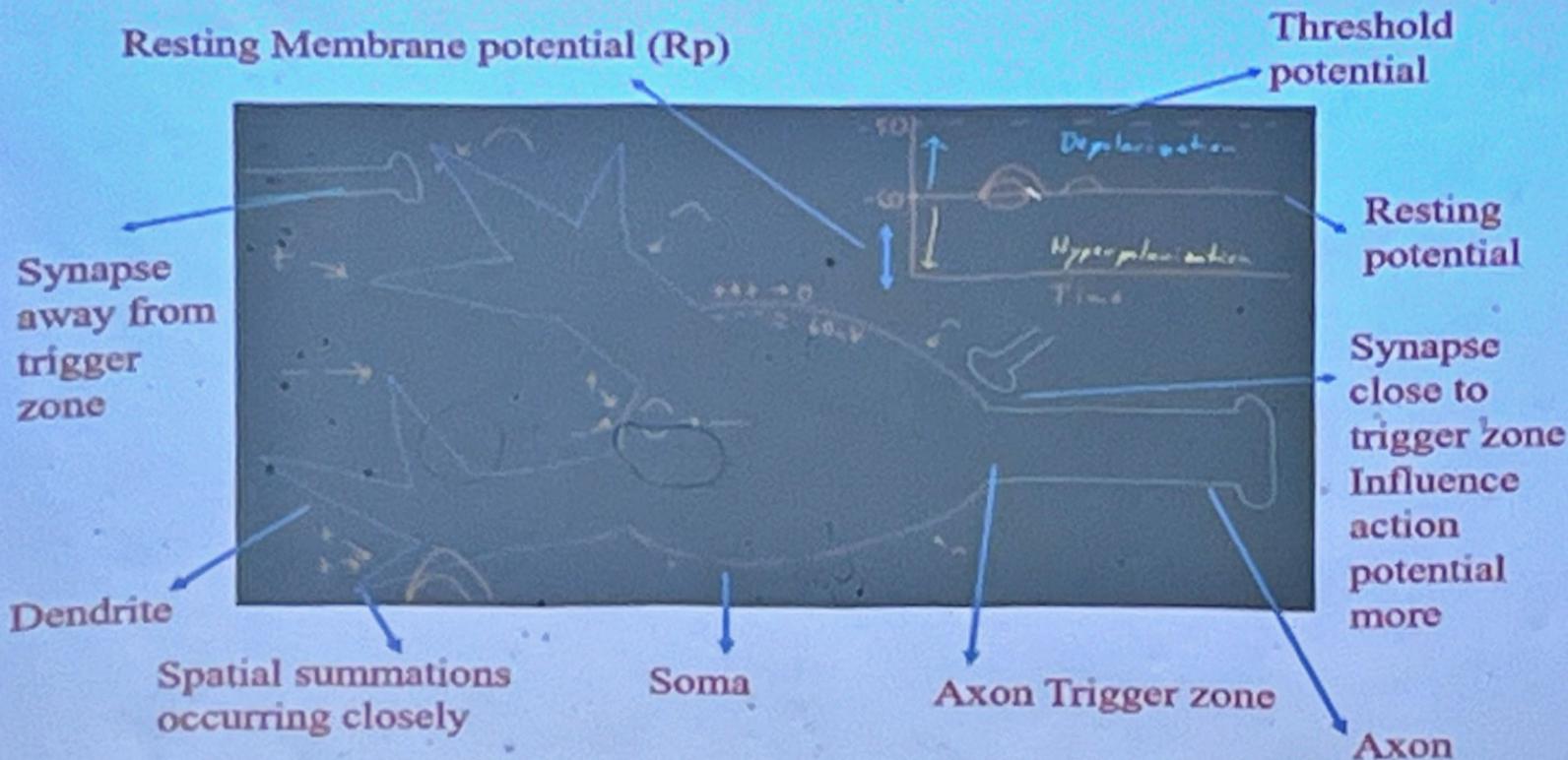
a. Action Potential

- i. Electrical Viewpoint
- ii. Chemical Viewpoint

b. Evaluation Process

**Acknowledgment: Aggregated Lecture from resources
(Textbooks/Coursera/Youtube lectures, Journal
Papers)**

Graded Potentials (Quick Look)

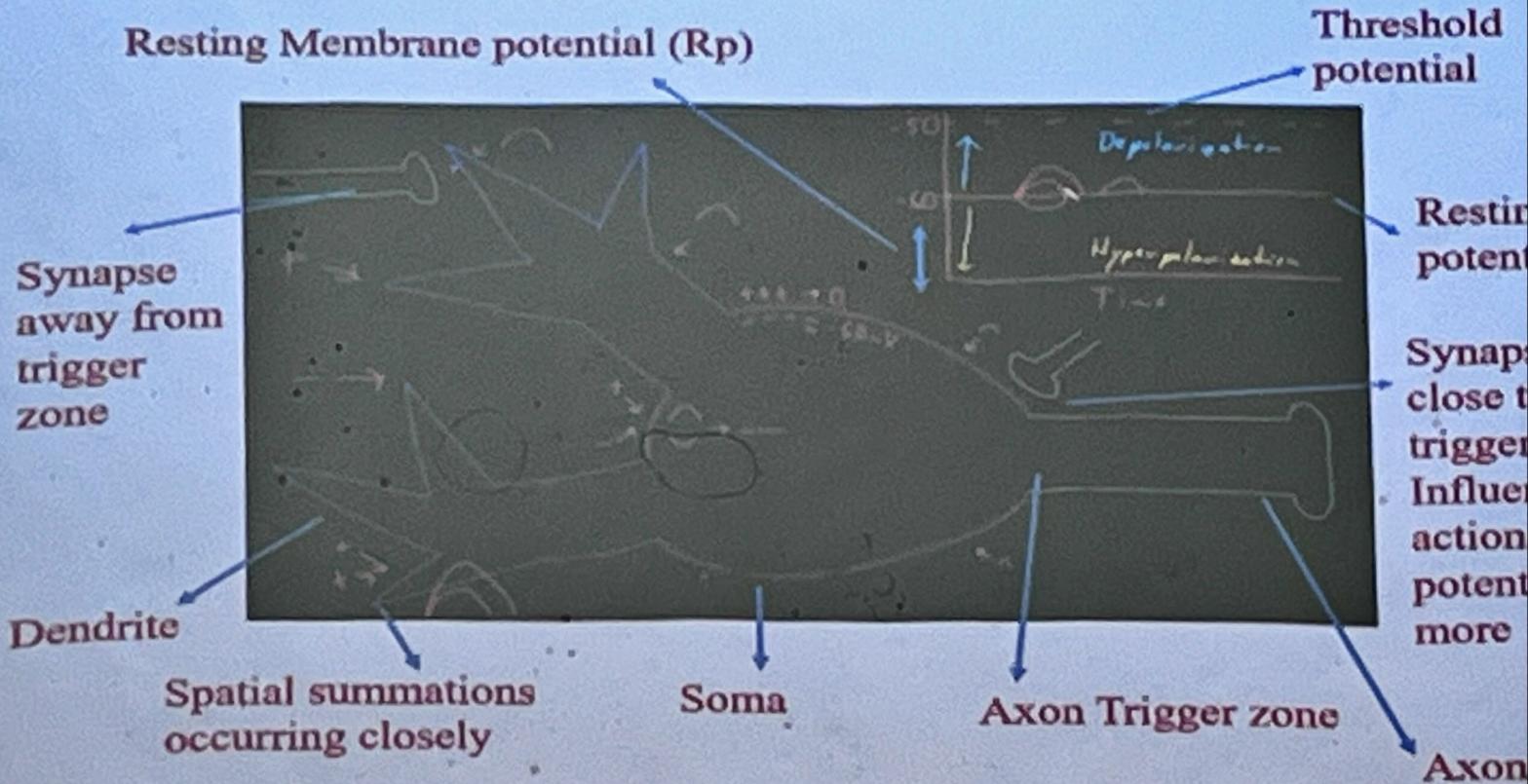


Modified Figure from Khan Academy

Graded Potentials

- *Transient membrane potential* changes occur in resting potential of neurons and are called Graded potentials.
- They occur in the *dendrites* and *soma* of the neuron.
- Excitatory input *depolarizes* while inhibitory input *hyperpolarizes* membrane potential.
- Size and duration of graded potentials is determined by size/duration of inputs (Excitatory and inhibitory).
- Graded potentials decay with time and distance.
- Graded potentials do not pass into the *axons of the neurons*.

Graded Potentials (Quick Look)



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At times neuronal membrane is permeable to multiple ions (say Na^+ and Cl^-) these ions could contribute minuscule amounts to Resting potential as well.

Goldmann equation

$$V = 61 \log \frac{P_K[K^+]_o + P_{Na}[Na^+]_o + P_{Cl}[Cl^-]_o}{P_K[K^+]_i + P_{Na}[Na^+]_i + P_{Cl}[Cl^-]_i}$$

V=membrane potential in V

P=permeability for each ion

The Goldmann equation takes into account the permeability (P) for each ion as well as the concentration gradient of each ion. The sum of this determines the resting membrane potential.

The permeability of the membrane determines which ions can cross the membrane.

Figure from Illustrated Reviews of Neuroscience

