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Homework Assignment 3

I have adhered to the Duke Community Standard in completing this assignment.

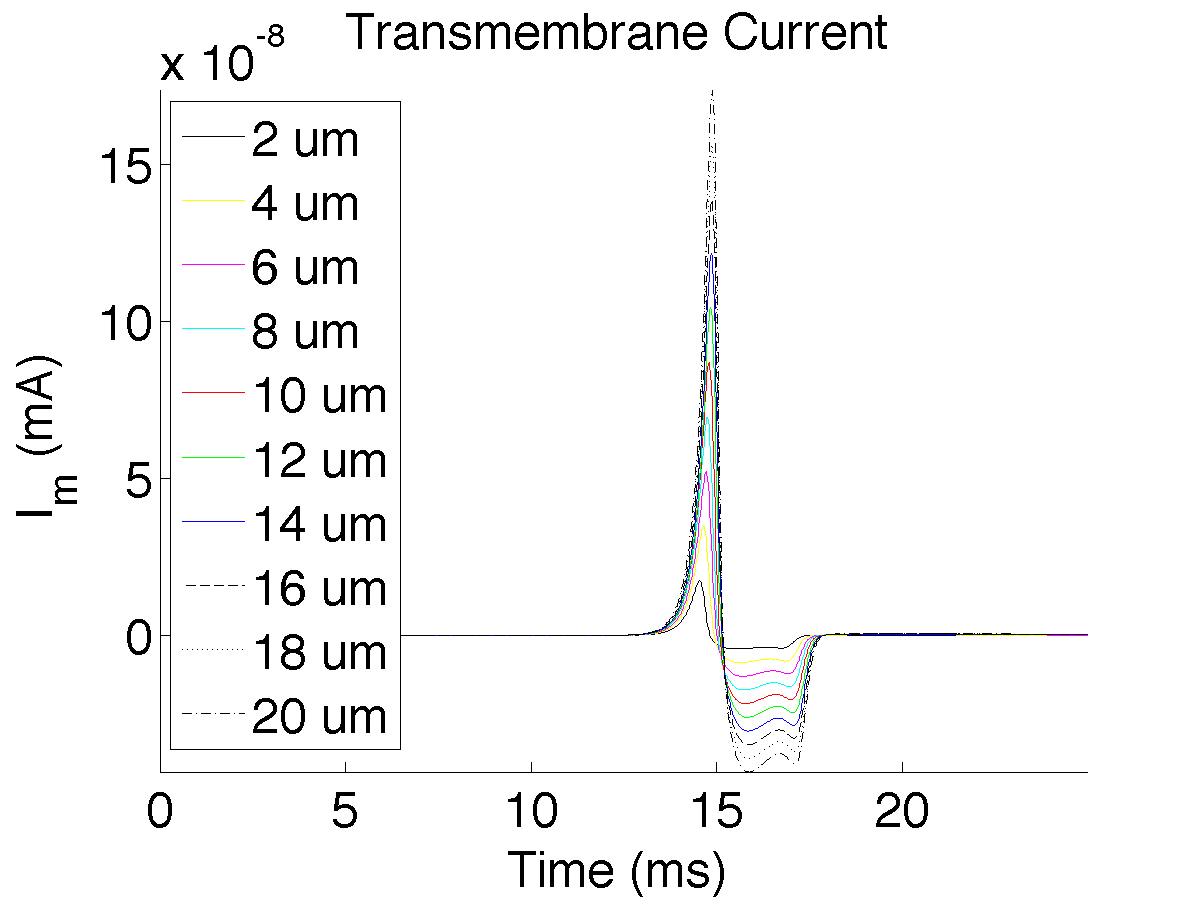
1. The Source: Transmembrane Current during an Action Potential
   1. By recording at a node far away from the point source, the stimulus artifact will likely have decayed due to the distance.
   2. The total membrane current can be calculated as and was recorded in NEURON using i\_membrane.
   3. 

Figure : Transmembrane Current at Node 150 of 151

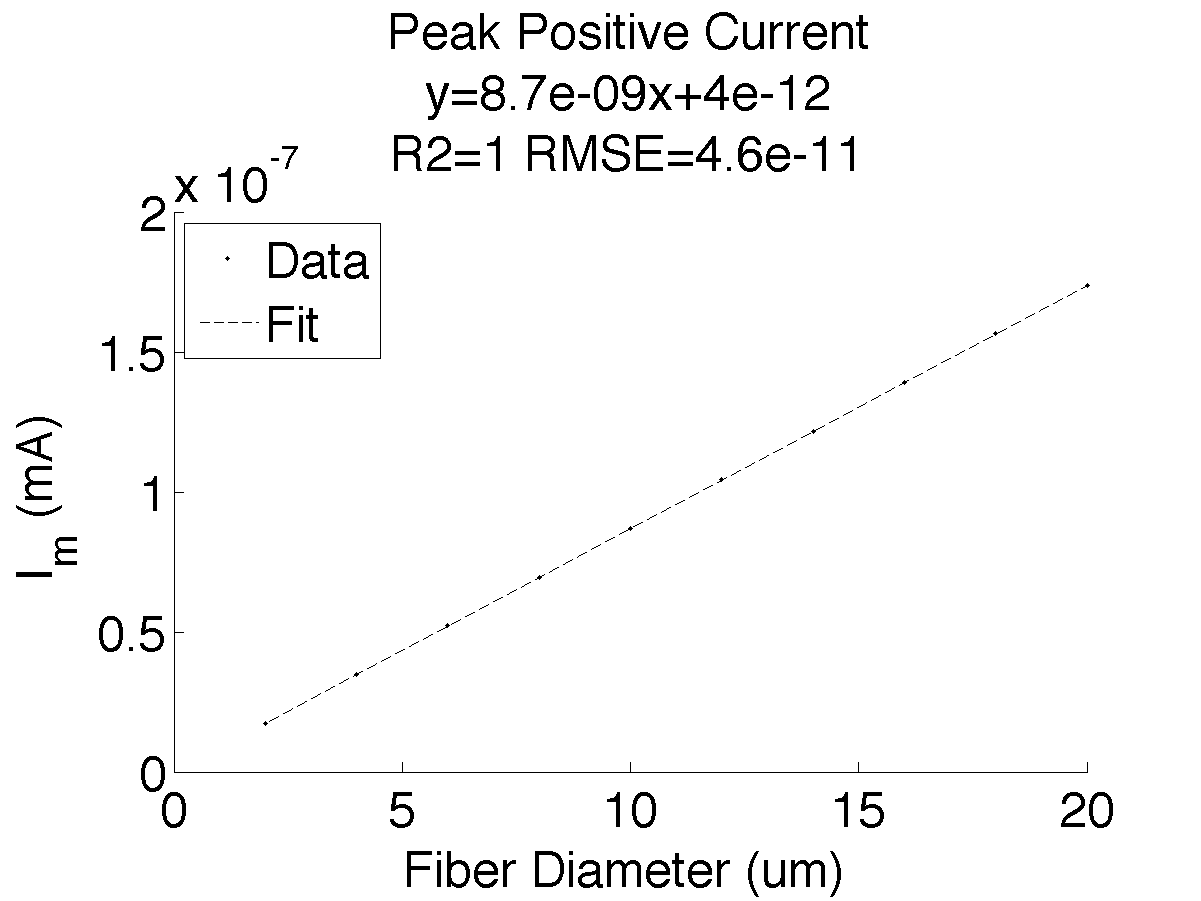
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Figure : Peak Positive Current as a function of Fiber Diameter

1. Conduction Speed
   1. Using the network connection object in NEURON, the target is set to nil or a NULLObject that inactivates the NetCon object. However, this is useful for recording the spike train from an output cell. The conduction speed can be calculated by dividing the difference in spike times at two different nodes by the distance between the two nodes.

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| **Fiber Diameter (um)** | **Conduction Velocity (m/s)** |
| 20 | 23.3650 |
| 18 | 21.1563 |
| 16 | 18.8069 |
| 14 | 16.4575 |
| 12 | 14.1081 |
| 10 | 11.7587 |
| 8 | 9.3530 |
| 6 | 7.0599 |
| 4 | 4.6823 |
| 2 | 2.3330 |

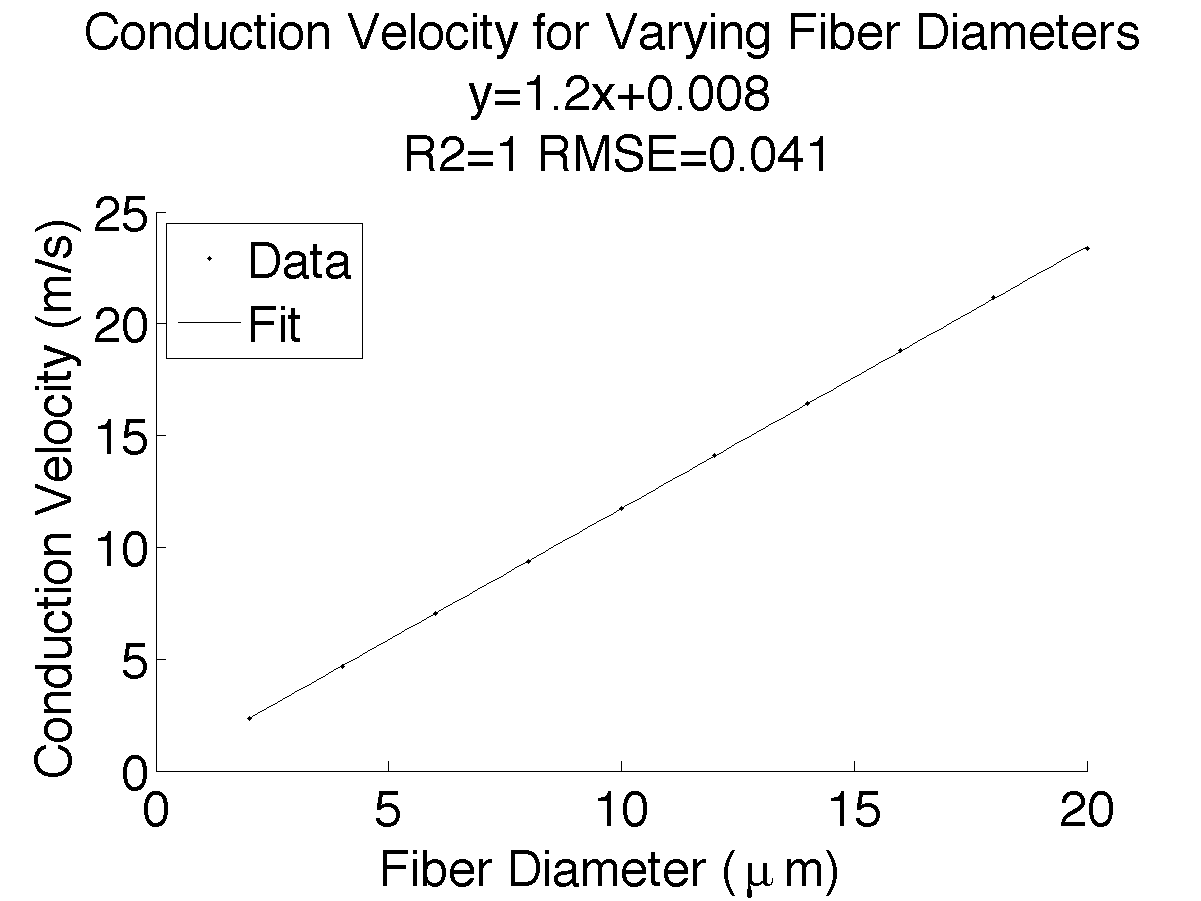
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Figure : Conduction Velocity as a function of Fiber Diameter

1. Compound Nerve Action Potential (CNAP)
   1. 1. A larger diameter fiber has less resistance to current.
      2. Use equation from b but using r wrt left, middle, and right nodes