

Step Current Response of the HH Model

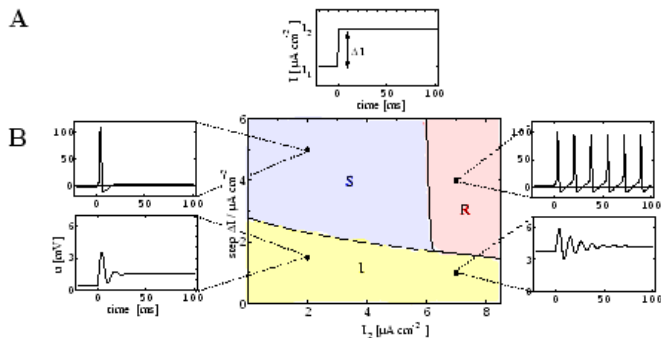
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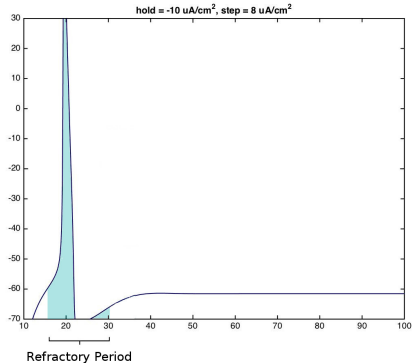
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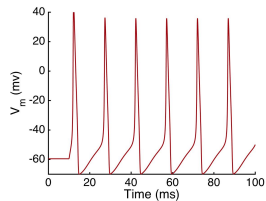
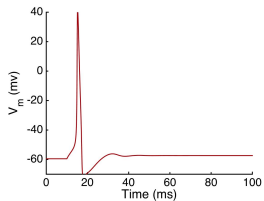
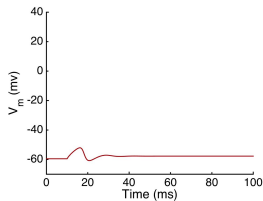
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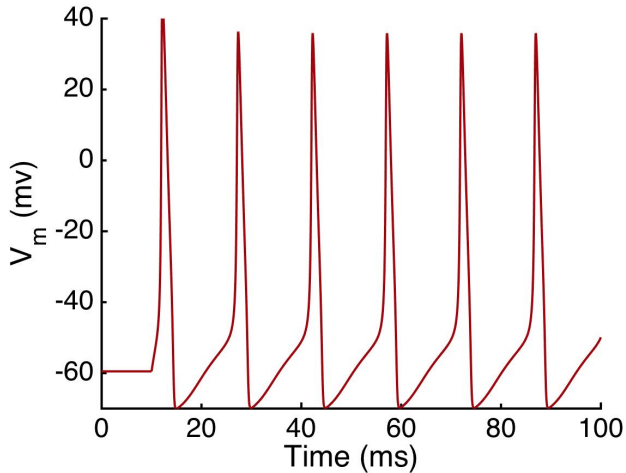
Applications: Refractory Period



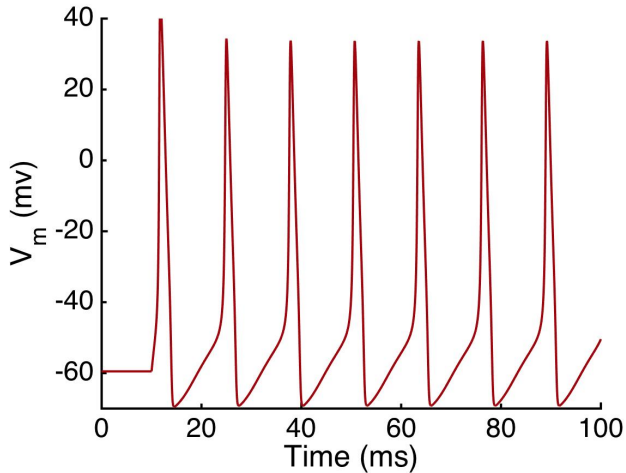
Reducing the Refractory Period can lead to faster reflexes.



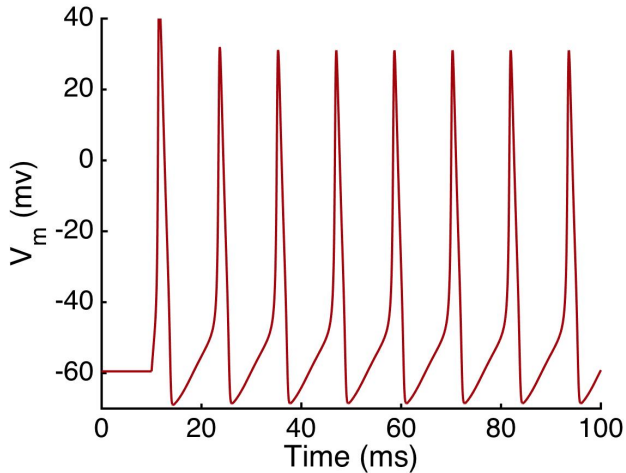
Response in the *Ringing*, *Single AP* and *AP Train* regions



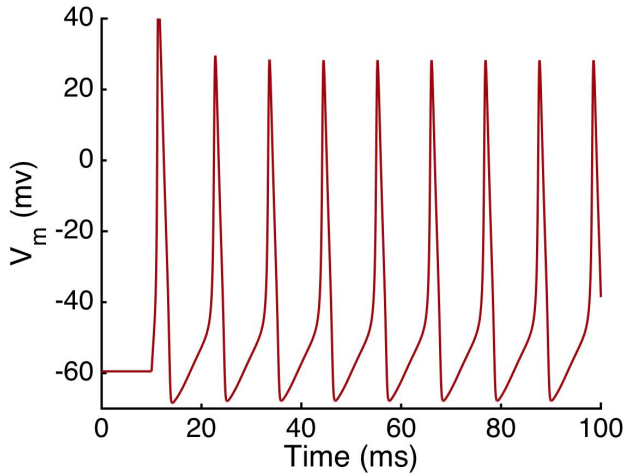
HH Model's step current response starting at $0 \mu A/cm^2$



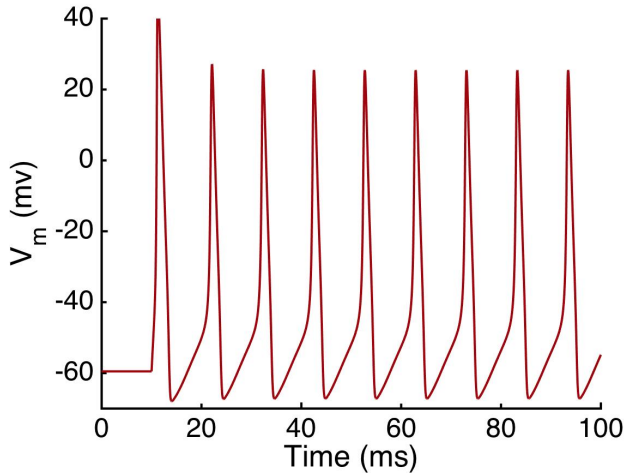
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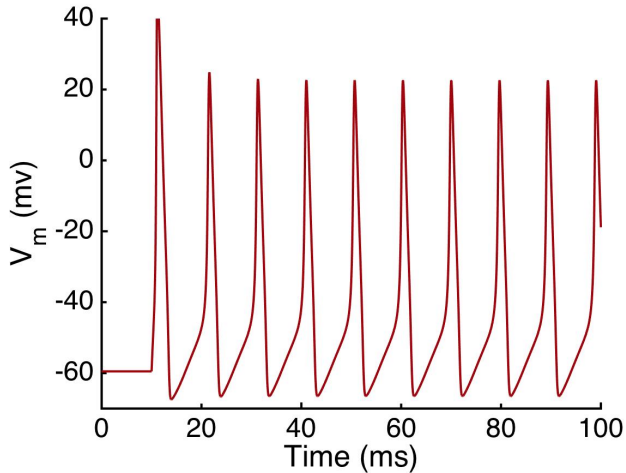
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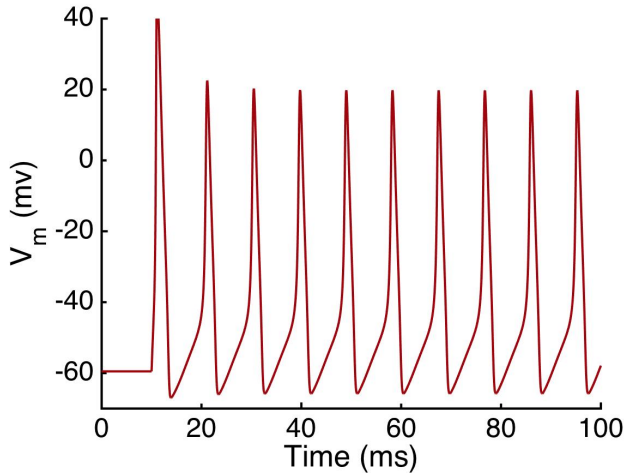
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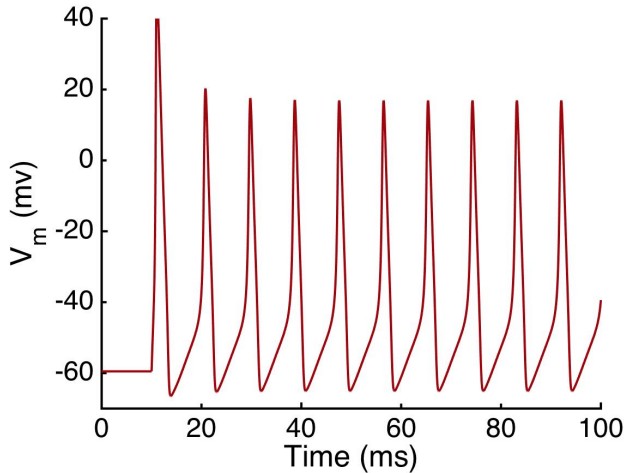
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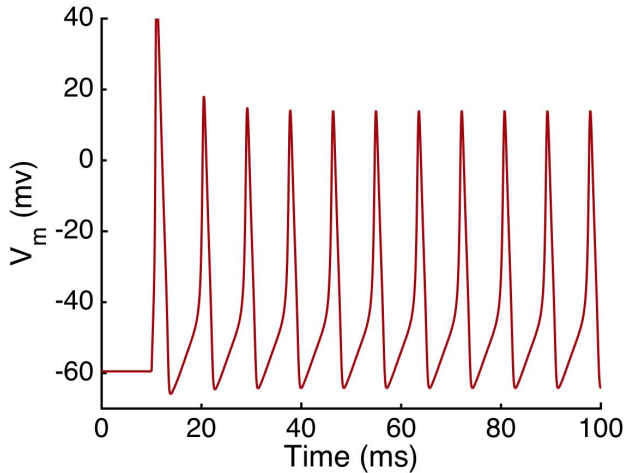
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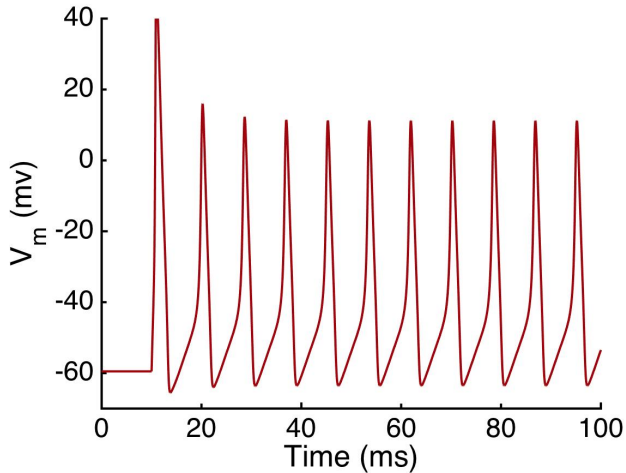
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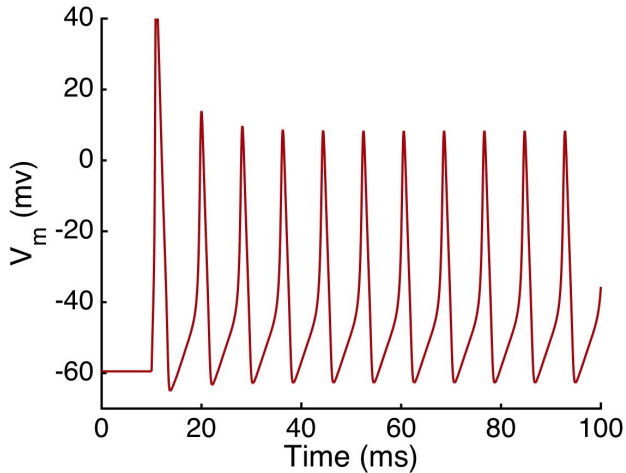
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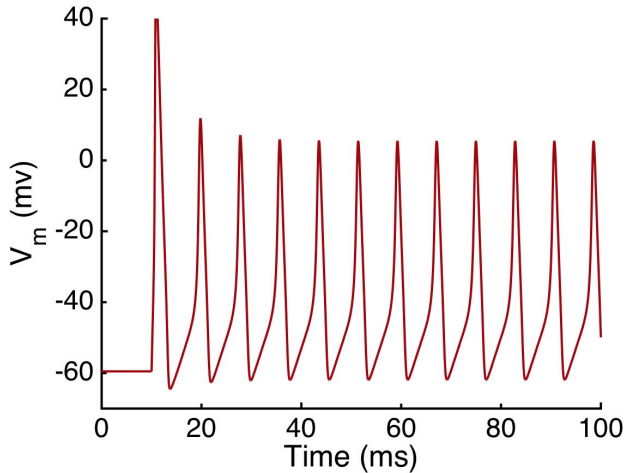
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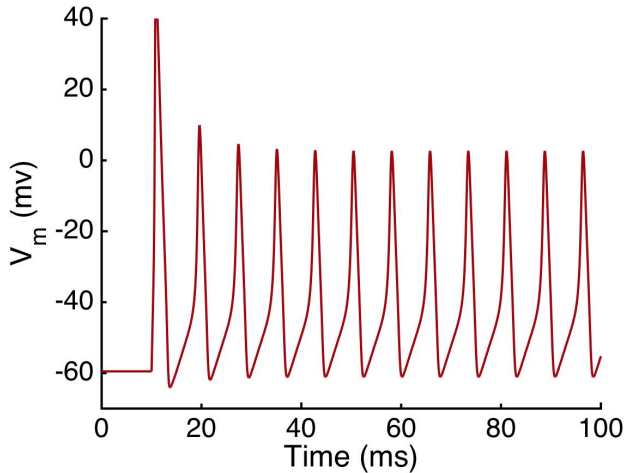
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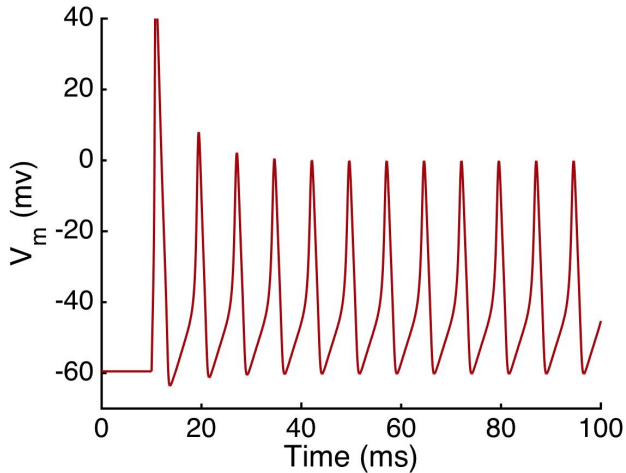
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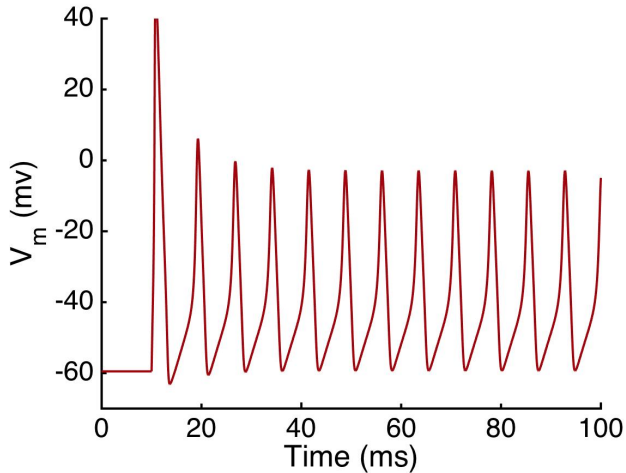
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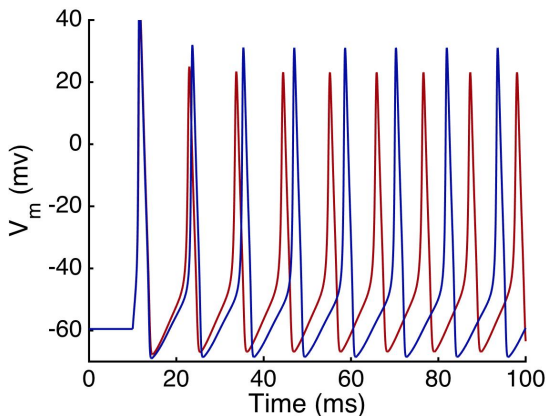


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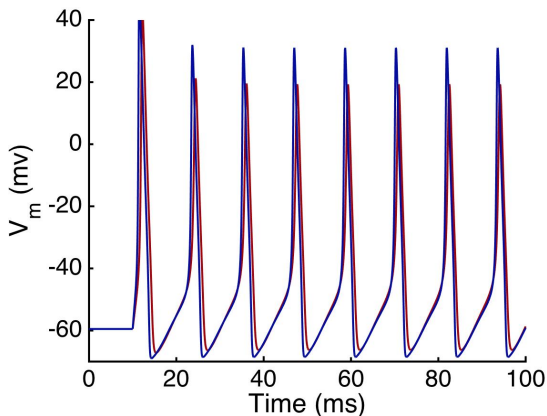
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Naive Mechanism



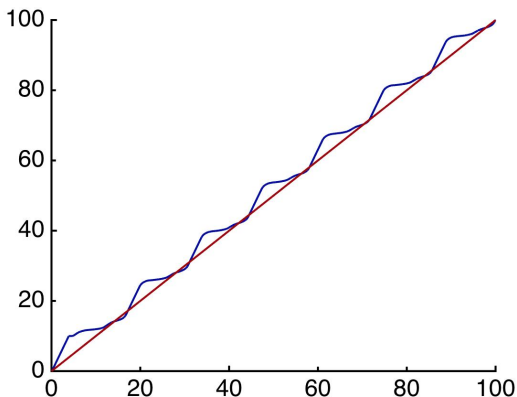
Equal ratio of current to capacitance

Mechanism



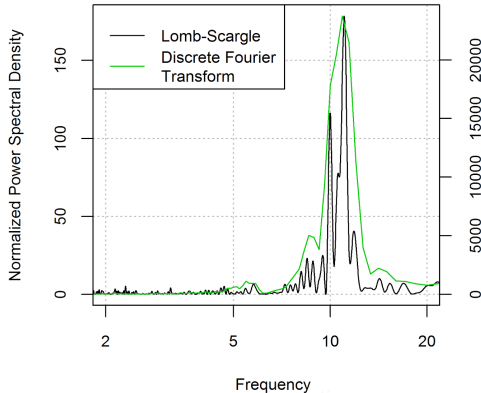
Unequal ratio of current to capacitance

Fourier Transform insufficient: Inconsistent Time Intervals



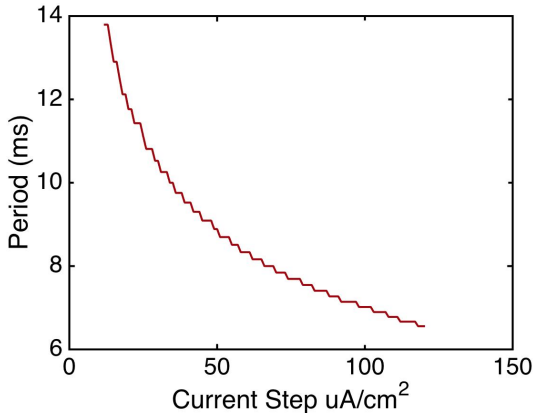
FFT insufficient,
need a better Spectral Analysis Method

Least-squares spectral analysis



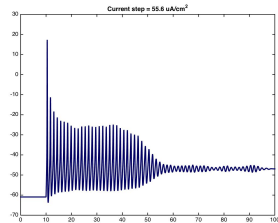
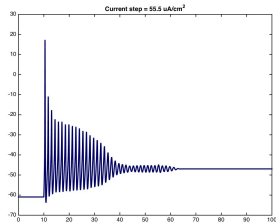
The Lomb-Scargle
Periodogram works with variable intervals.

Train period over increasing input step



Nonlinearity shows complexity of behavior

Issues with precision approximation



Incorrect behavior due to low precision

Opportunities for Future Research

- 1 Experiment with decreasing the refractory period by changing the membrane capacitance.
- 2 Isolate neurons by disabling parts of the axon with train potentials.
- 3 Study isolated neuron responses.

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