

(NONE OR ALL PRINCIPLE)

The stimulus reached to threshold, so sudden increase in Na^+ influx will happen.

(The ions are getting inside the membrane)

The membrane is less negative than the resting membrane potential.

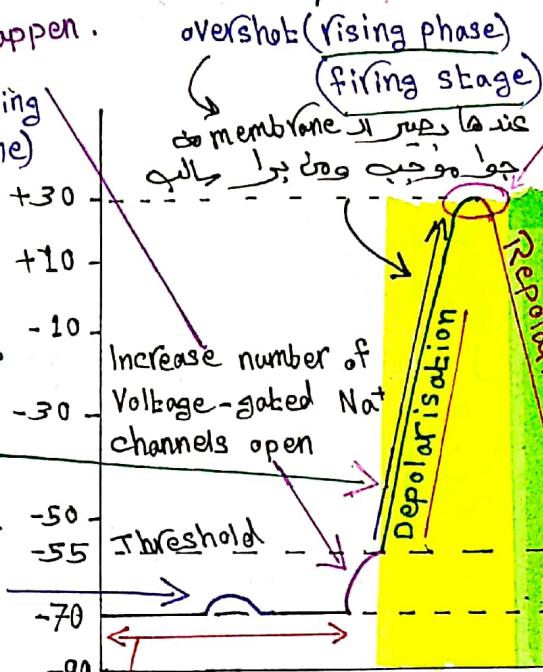
* Subthreshold/graded: The stimulus didn't reach to threshold. So the membrane potential return to its normal shape.

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Positive after potential

because the first action potential was recorded as changes outside with regard to inside.

The Na^+ gated channels is: Open



Increase number of Voltage-gated Na^+ channels open

Resting potential
The Na^+ gated channels is:

closed but capable for opening

Peak of action potential (maximum changes in membrane potential)

① Closing the Na^+ voltage-gated channels (when the membrane potential becomes close to Na^+ equilibrium potential).

② Opening the K^+ voltage-gated channels.

* These two steps to return to resting membrane potential.

The Na^+ gated channels is: closed and not capable for opening.

the ions are getting out of the membrane

Hyperpolarisation (excess in K^+ efflux)

(The membrane is more negative than the resting membrane potential.)

(after hyperpolarization phase)

* The sodium channels are activated very fast but potassium channels are activated slowly
* Overshoot occurs by positive feedback.

يُمْسِكُونَ بِهَا وَيَعْتَدُونَ (Threshold)

- بالبَاعِثِ يَكُونُ فِي (chemical gated Na^+ channels)
- دُخُورُ فِي (activating for Na^+ voltage-gated channels)

* The refractory period: is a period when the cell is not able to respond to another stimulus.

1) Absolute refractory period: (بالوقت الذهابي للسائل) From the firing stage to the end of first third of falling phase.
- The cell will not respond at all, even by a strong stimulus because the Na^+ channels in this period either all of them are (open) during rising phase or (closed and not capable of opening).

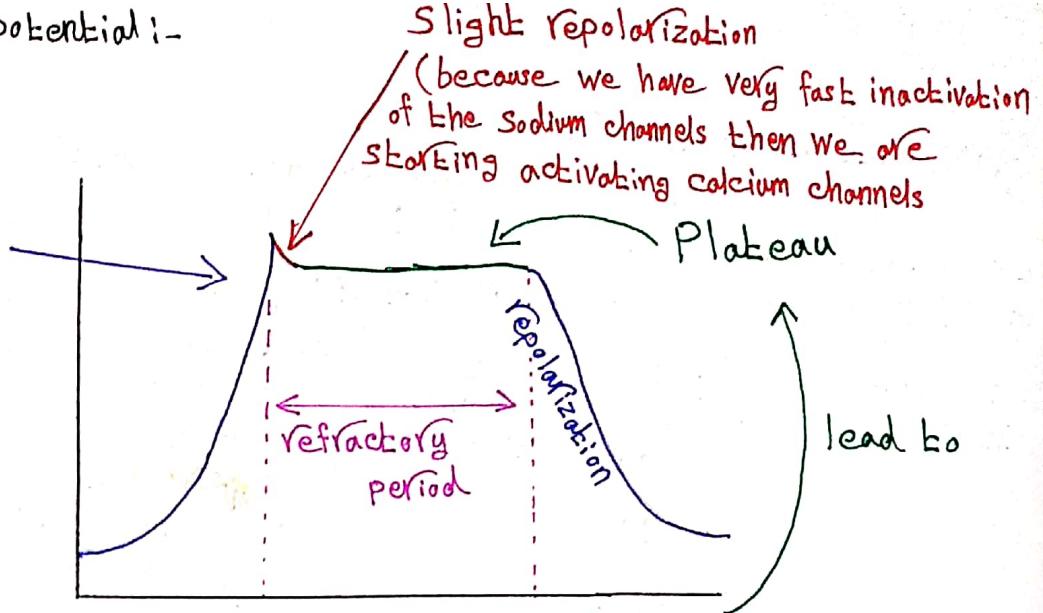
2) Relative refractory period: (بالوقت الذهابي للسائل)

- Strong stimulus (suprathreshold) can change the membrane potential.

- As the potential get closer to the resting membrane potential the channels that are (closed but not capable for opening) start to turn into (closed and capable of opening) → but not capable of opening by normal stimulation.

Cardiac muscle action potential:-

Higher permeability for Sodium ions
(fast depolarization)



In cardiac muscle, cells are equipped with slow $\text{Na}^+ - \text{Ca}^{++}$ channels. The presence of plateau is important in prolonging the time of an action potential; giving more time for the cell to be able to respond to another stimulus, because the cell remains longer time in refractory period.