

Methods of Applied  
Mathematics II  
(Math451H):  
Neuronal Dynamics



# Integrate-and-fire neuron models

- A neuron will typically fire an action potential (or spike) when its membrane potential reaches a threshold value of about -55 to -50 mV
- Action potentials:
  - ❖  $V$  increases rapidly and then decreases to a value below threshold
  - ❖ Stereotypical trajectory
  - ❖ The mechanism involves the activation of  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{K}^+$  conductances



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- Passive membrane equation

$$\tau \frac{dV}{dt} = -V + E_L + R I_{\text{app}}(t) \quad V(0) = V_0$$

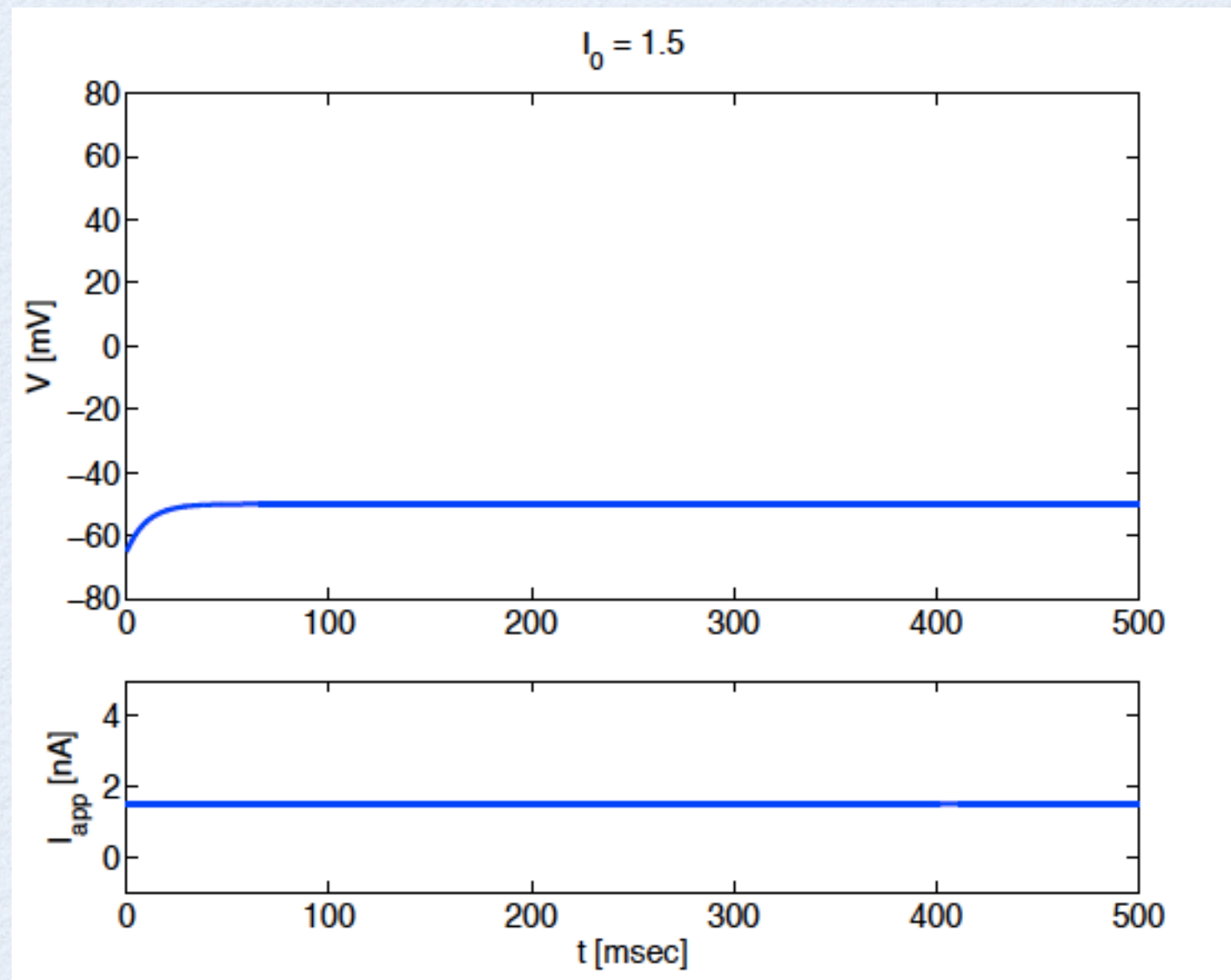
- An action potential occurs whenever  $V = V_{\text{th}}$  (voltage threshold for spike generation)
- After the action potential,  $V$  is reset to a value  $V = V_{\text{rst}}$  (voltage reset value)



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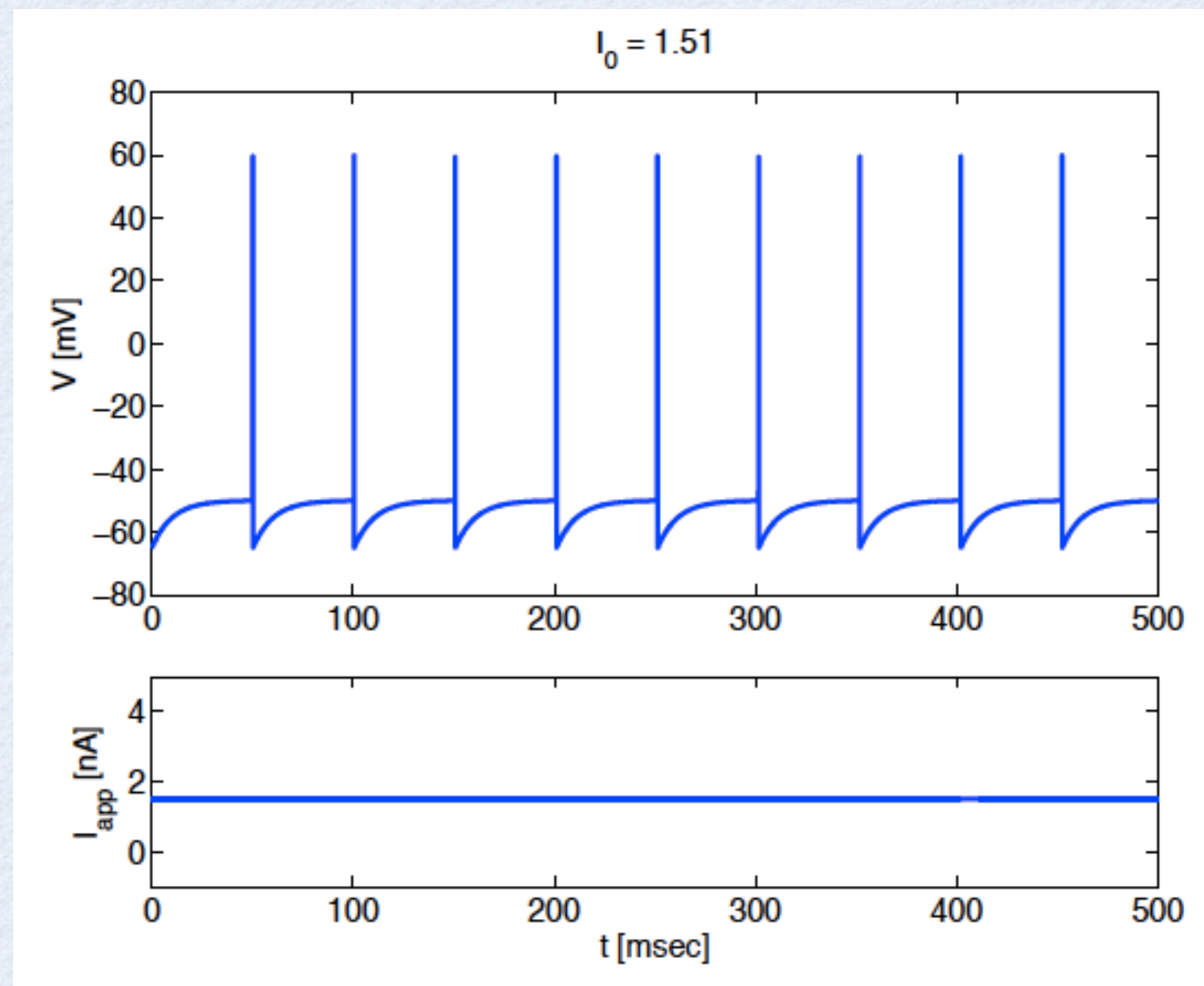




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- Calculation of the firing frequency ( $r_{\text{isi}}$ ) and inter-spike interval (ISI)

$$V(t) = \boxed{V_{\infty} + E_L} + (V_0 - E_L - V_{\infty}) e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$t_{\text{isi}} = \tau \ln \frac{V_{\text{rst}} - V_{\infty} - E_L}{V_{\text{th}} - V_{\infty} - E_L}$$

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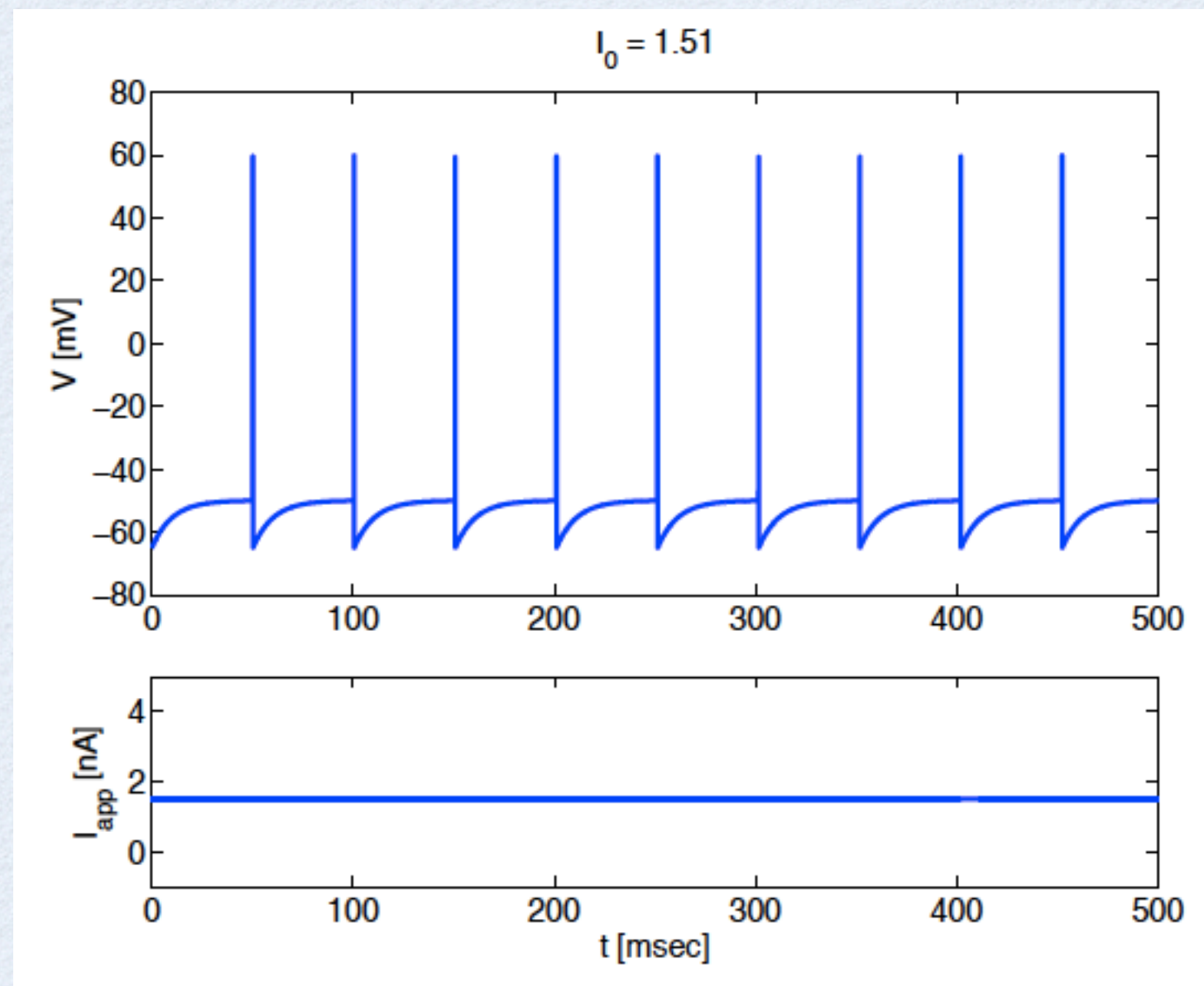
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$r_{isi} \sim 20$  spk /sec

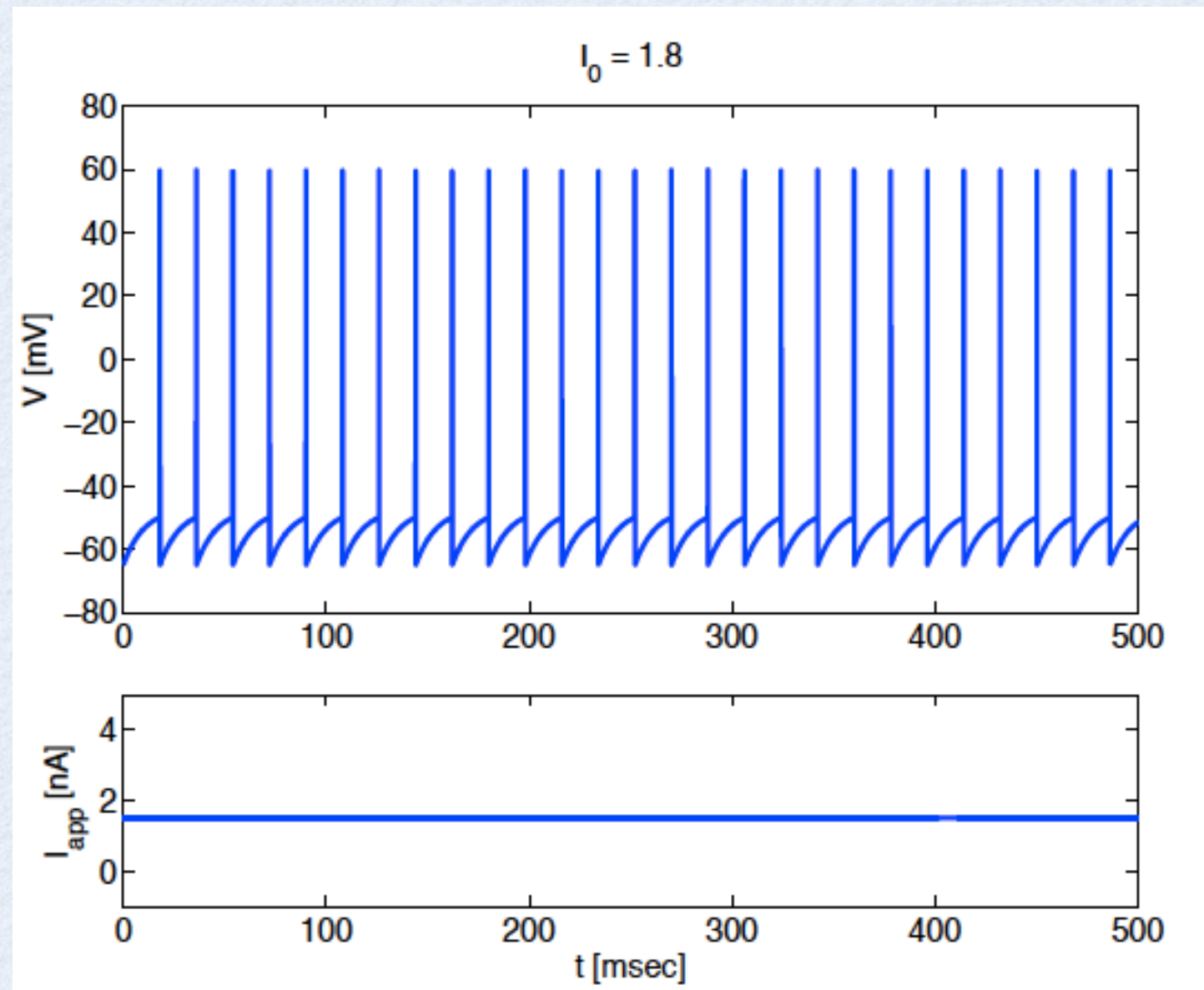




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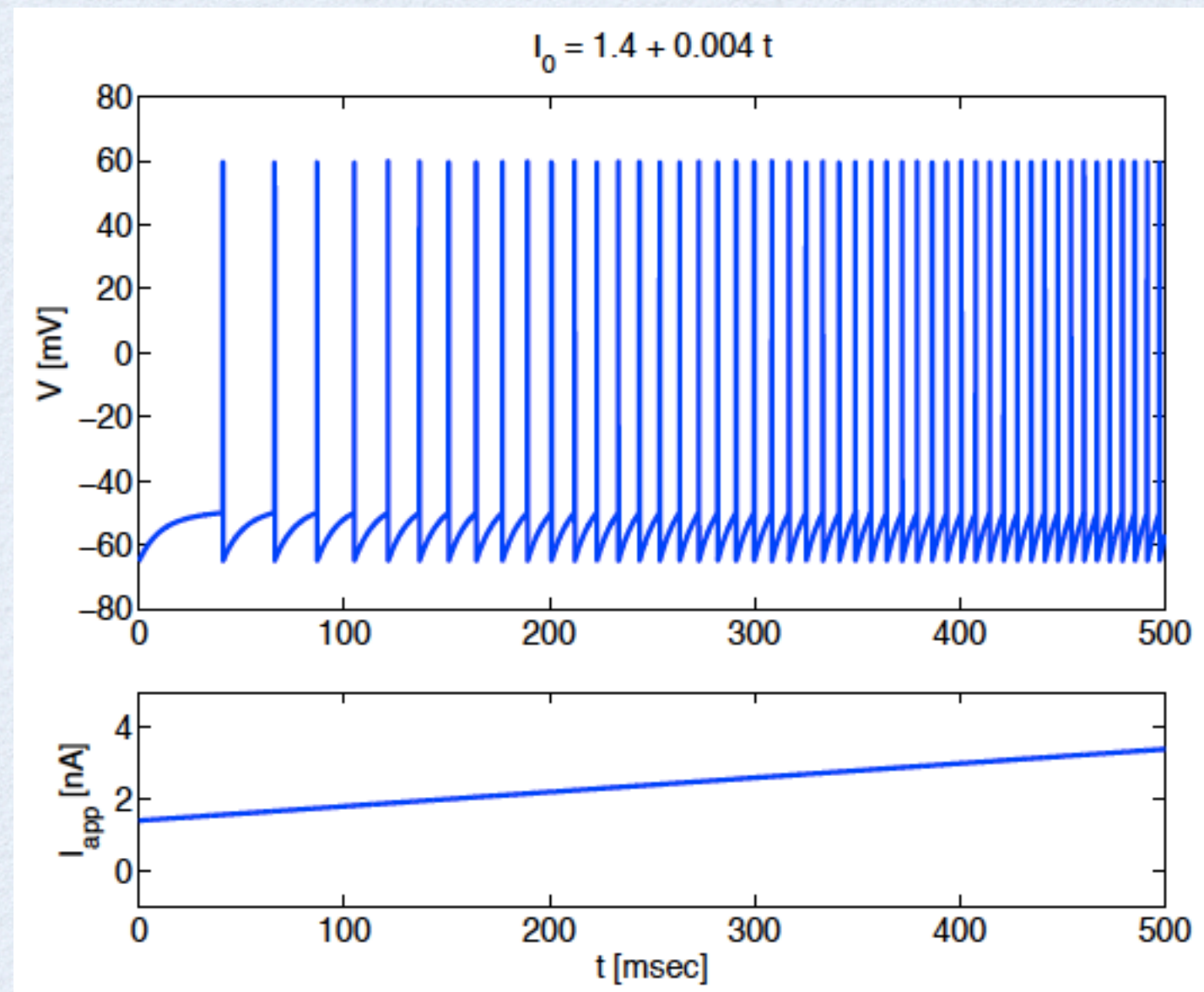




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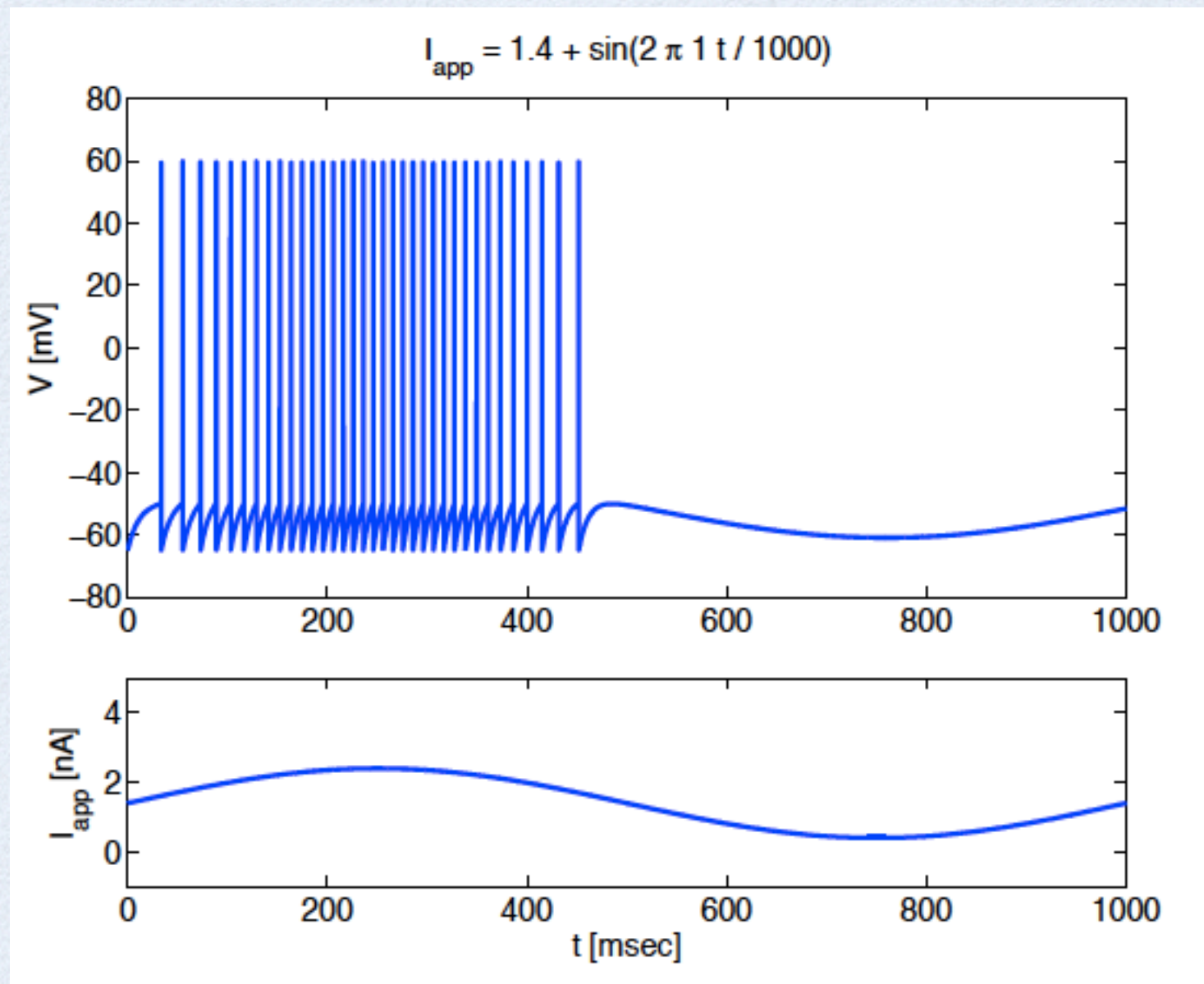




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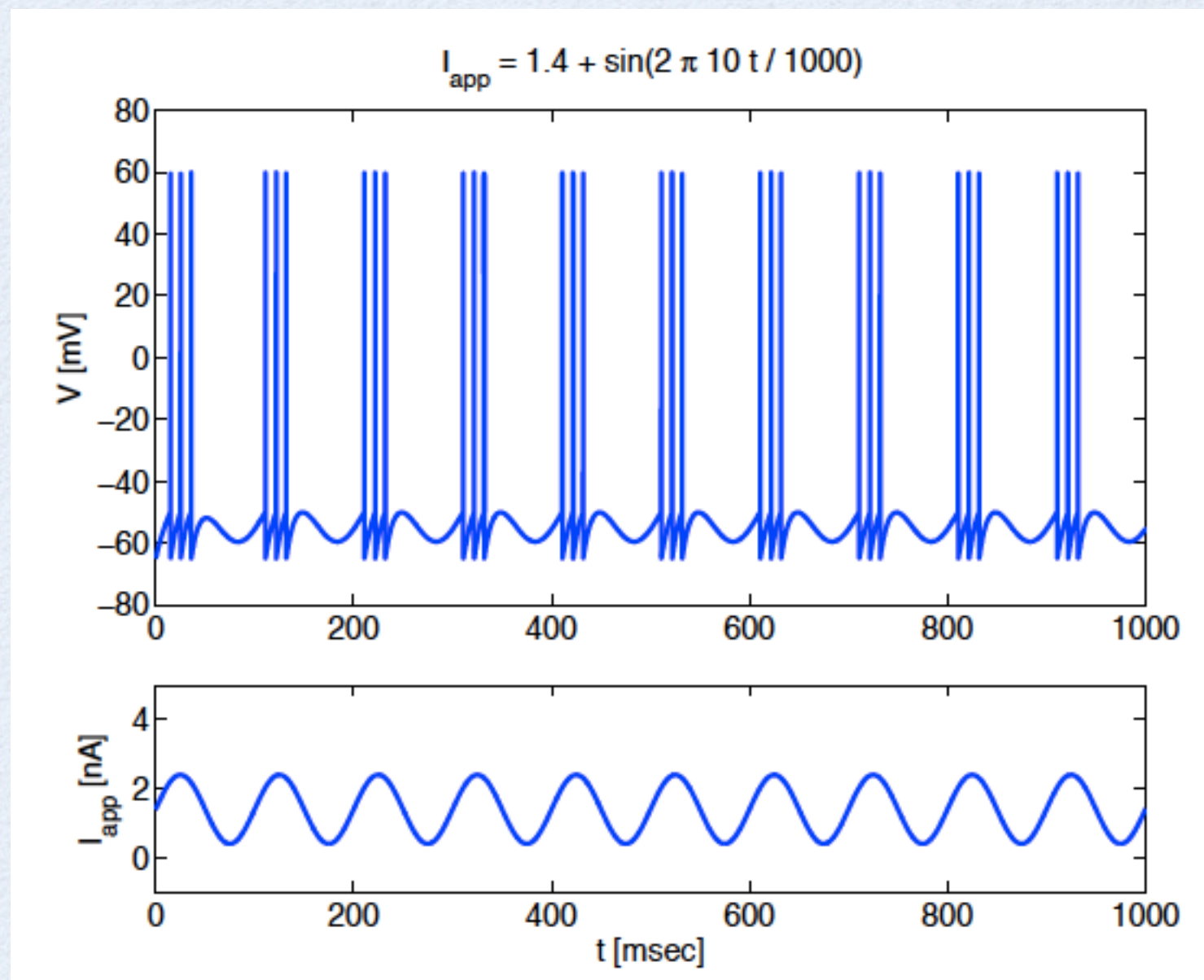




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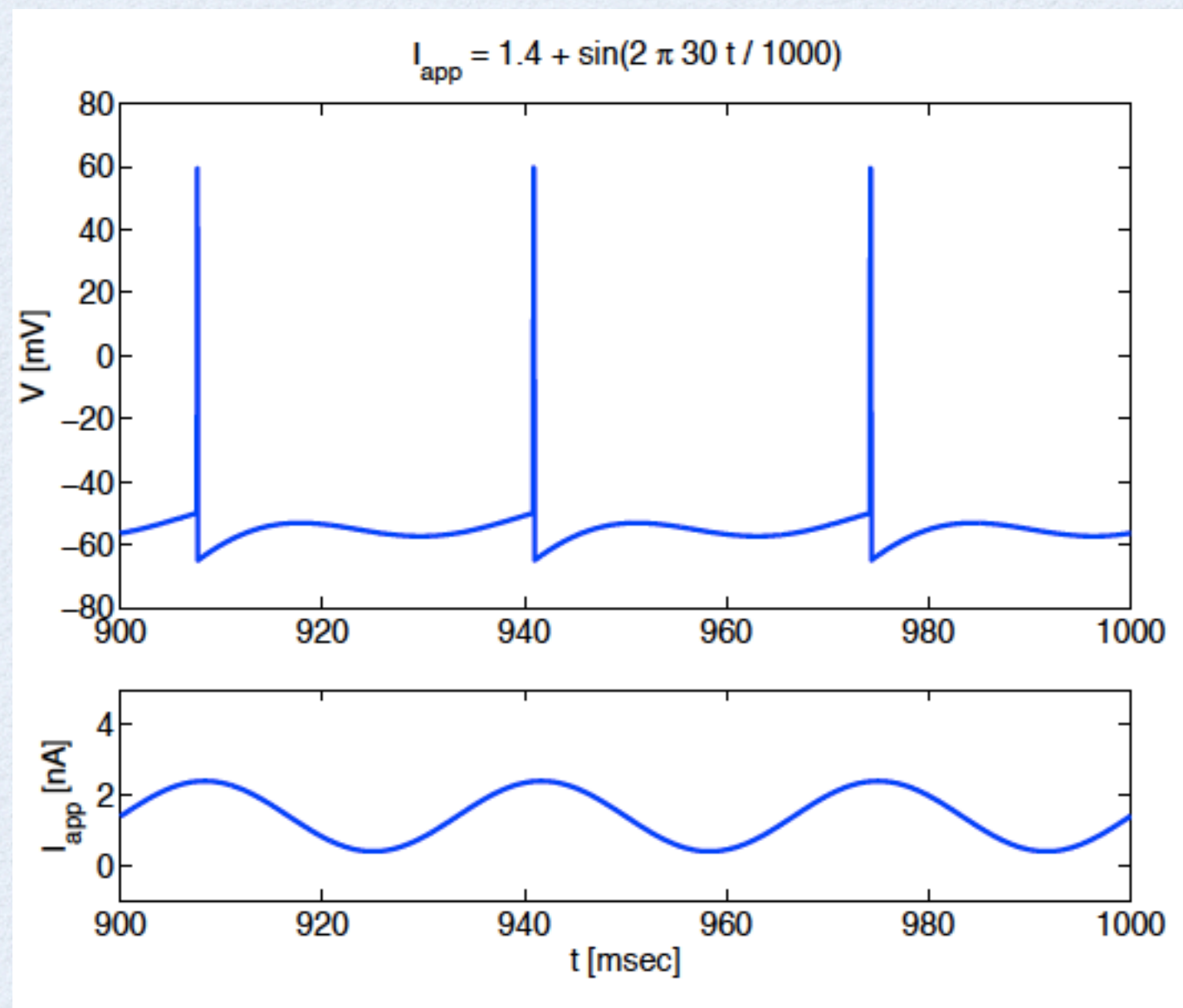




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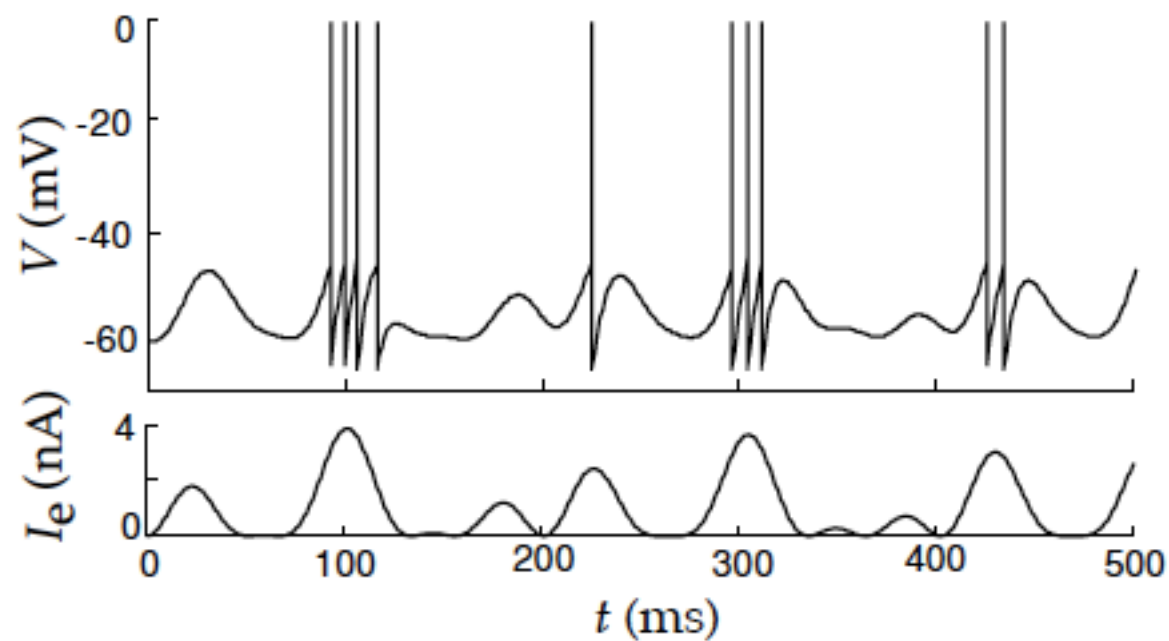
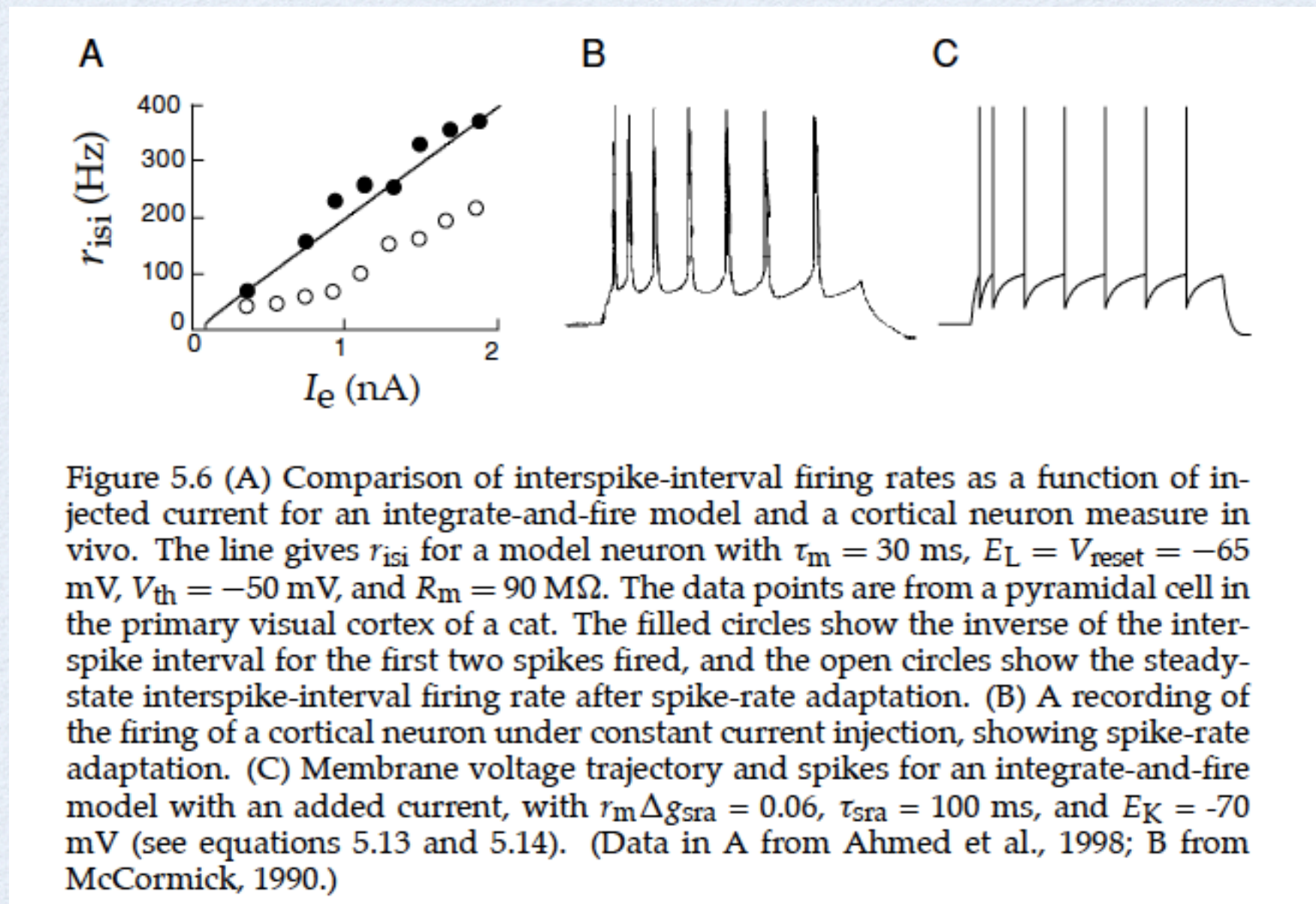


Figure 5.5 A passive integrate-and-fire model driven by a time-varying electrode current. The upper trace is the membrane potential, and the bottom trace the driving current. The action potentials in this figure are simply pasted onto the membrane potential trajectory whenever it reaches the threshold value. The parameters of the model are  $E_L = V_{\text{reset}} = -65$  mV,  $V_{\text{th}} = -50$  mV,  $\tau_m = 10$  ms, and  $R_m = 10$  M $\Omega$ .



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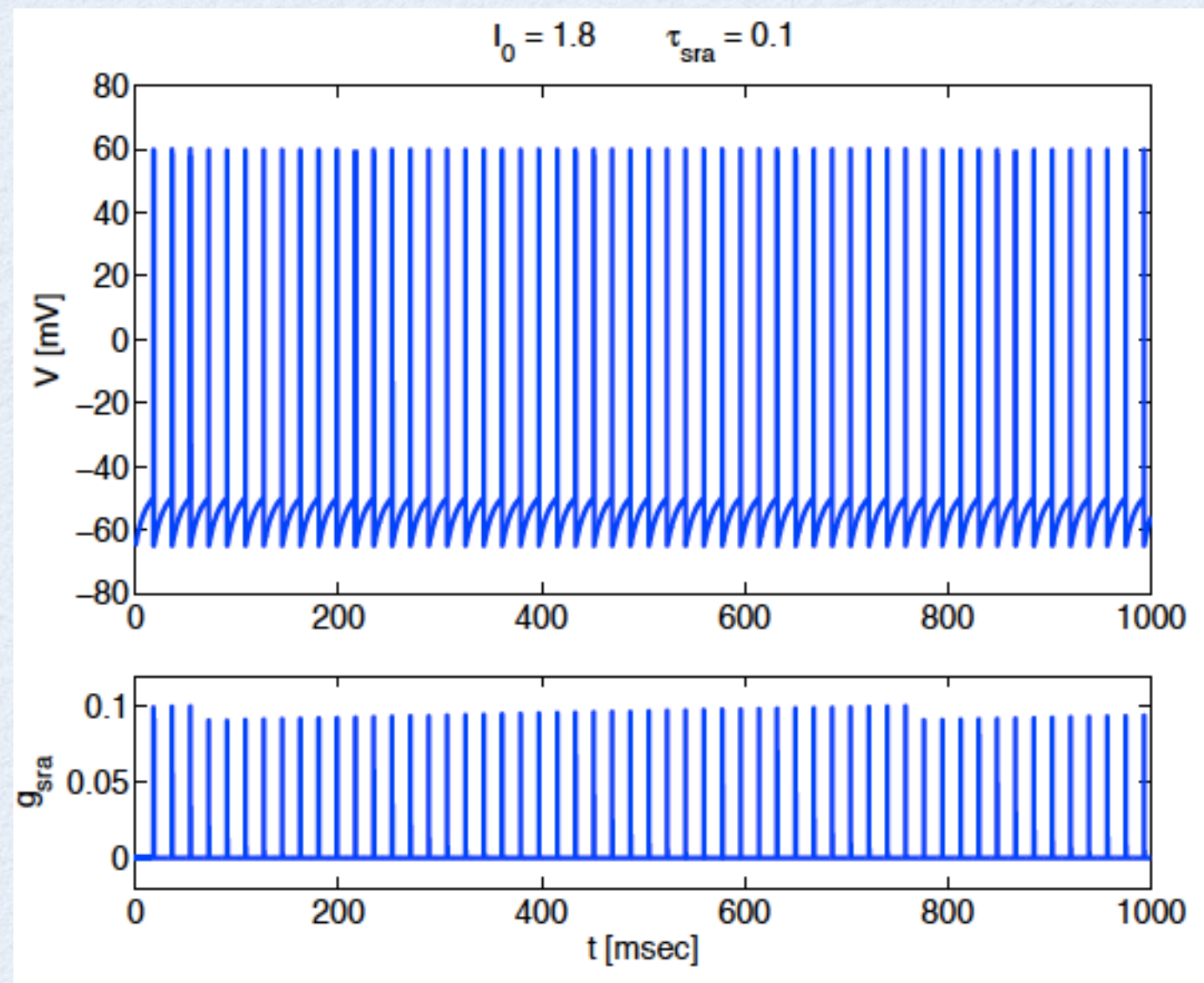


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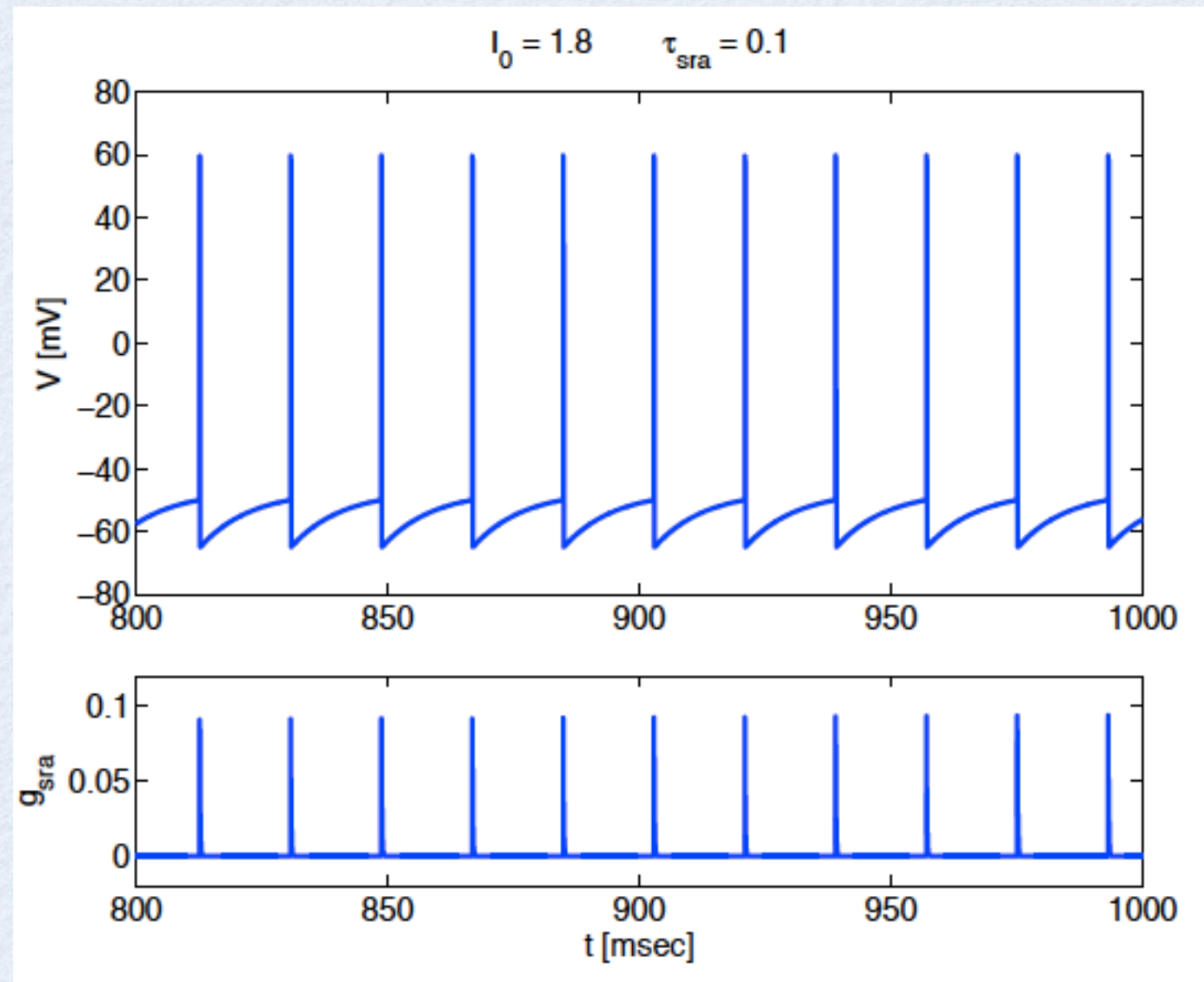
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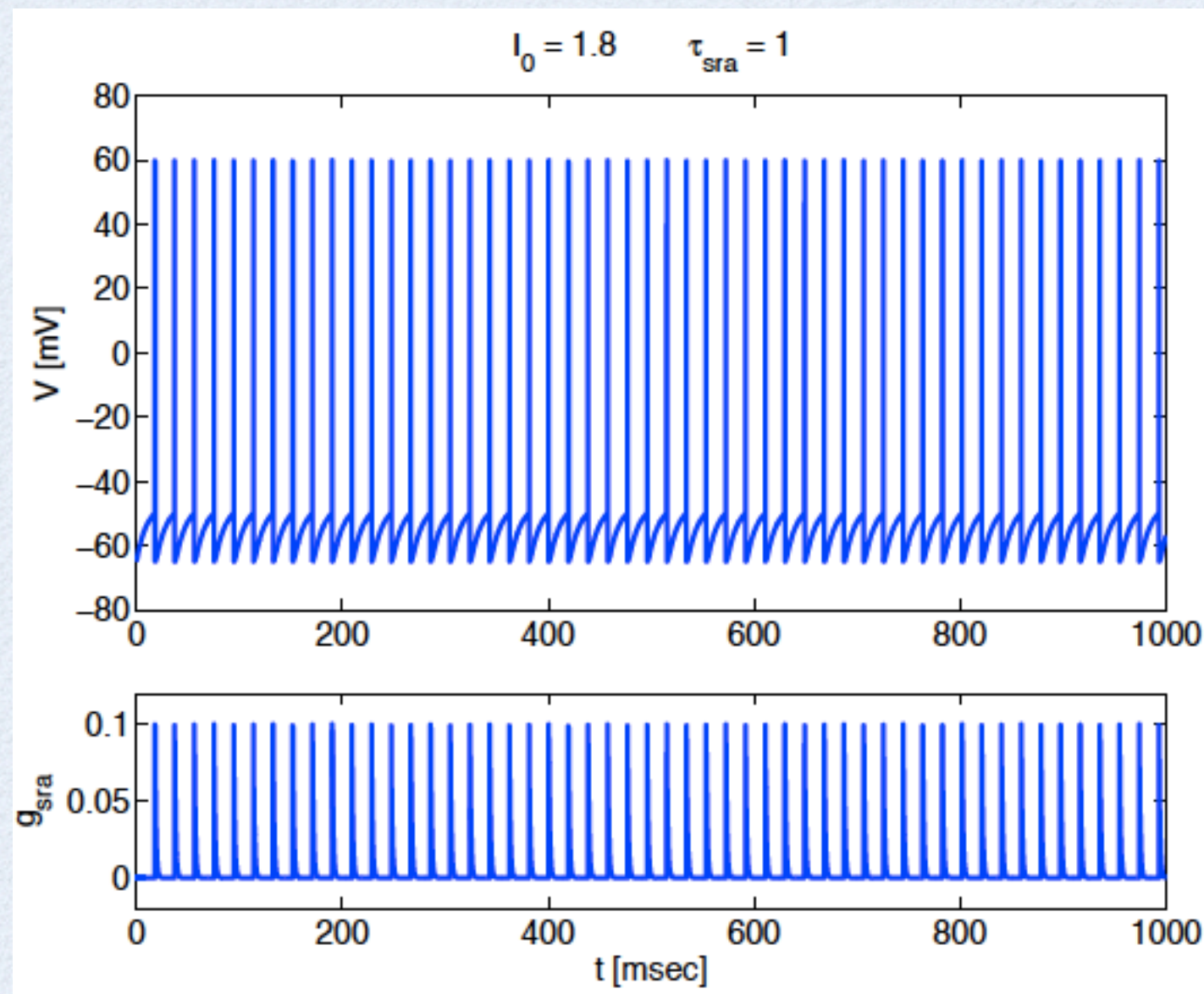
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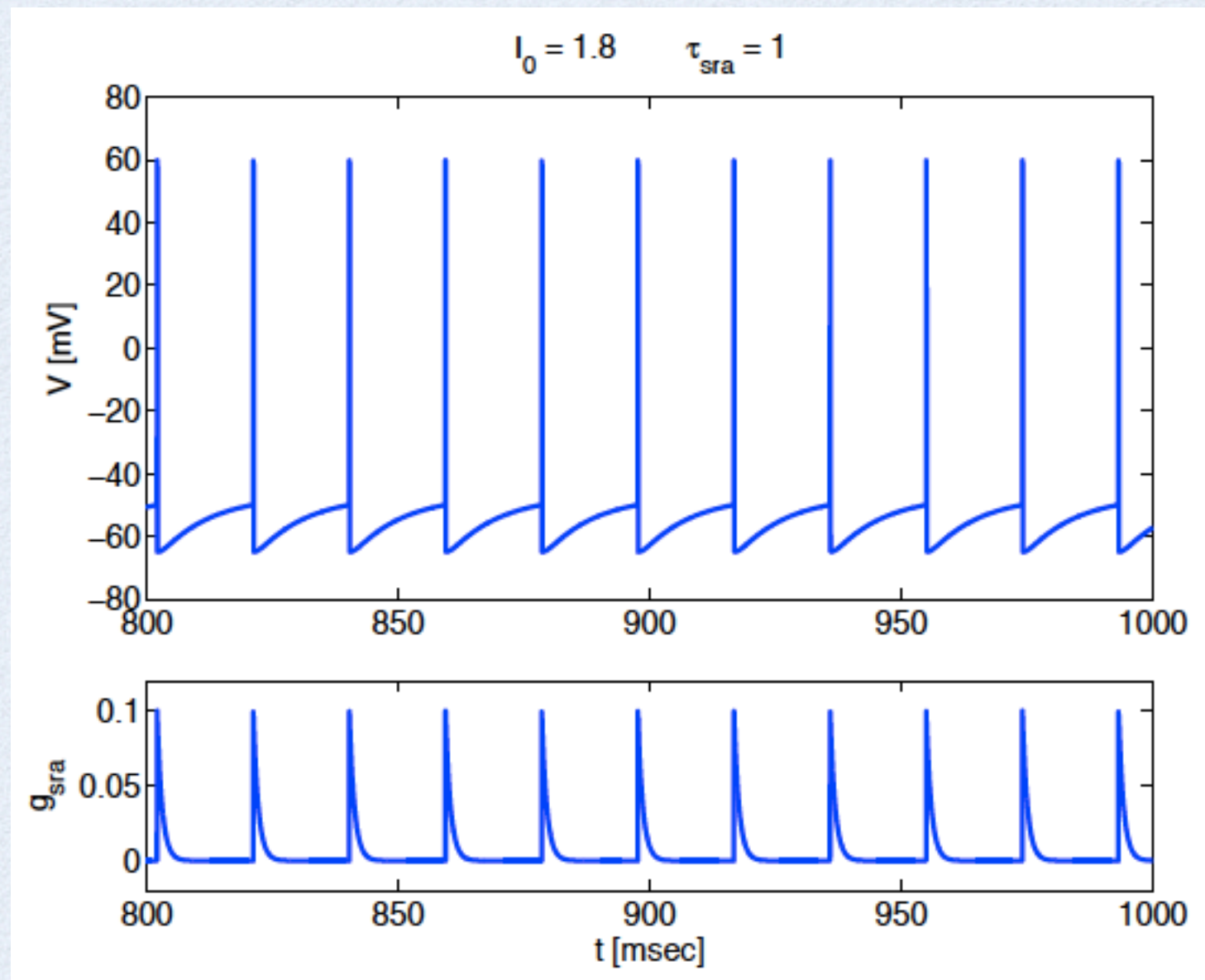
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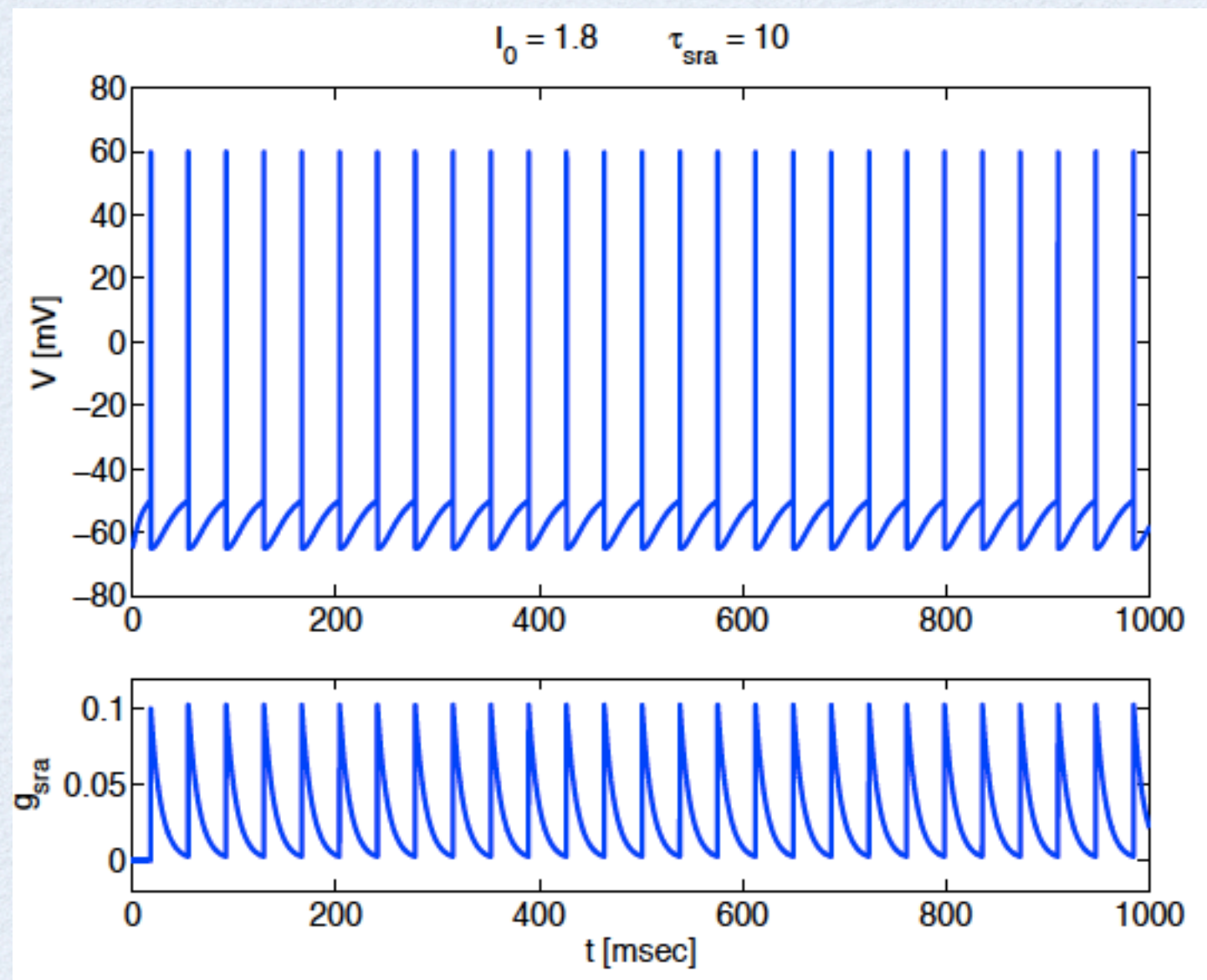
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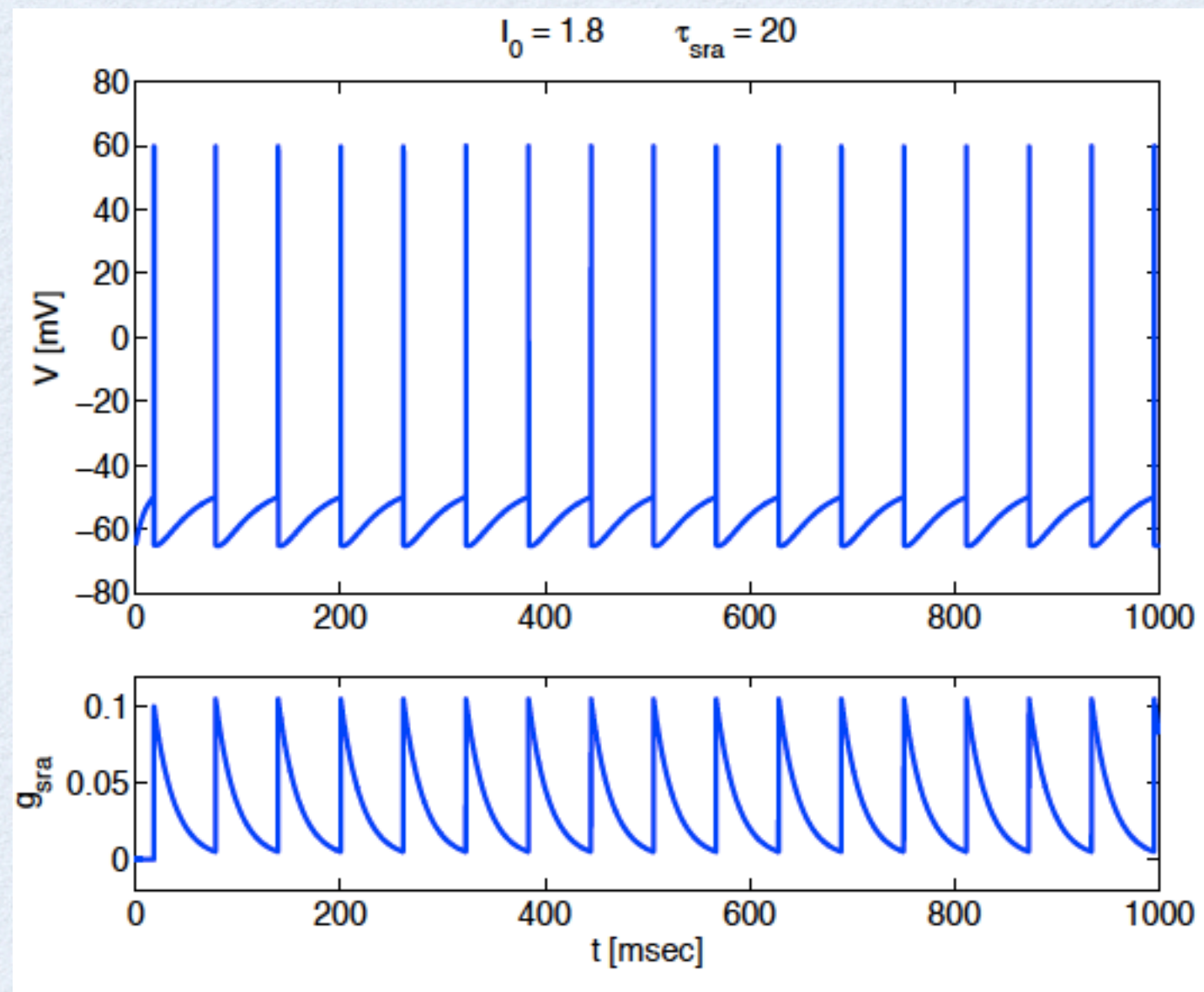
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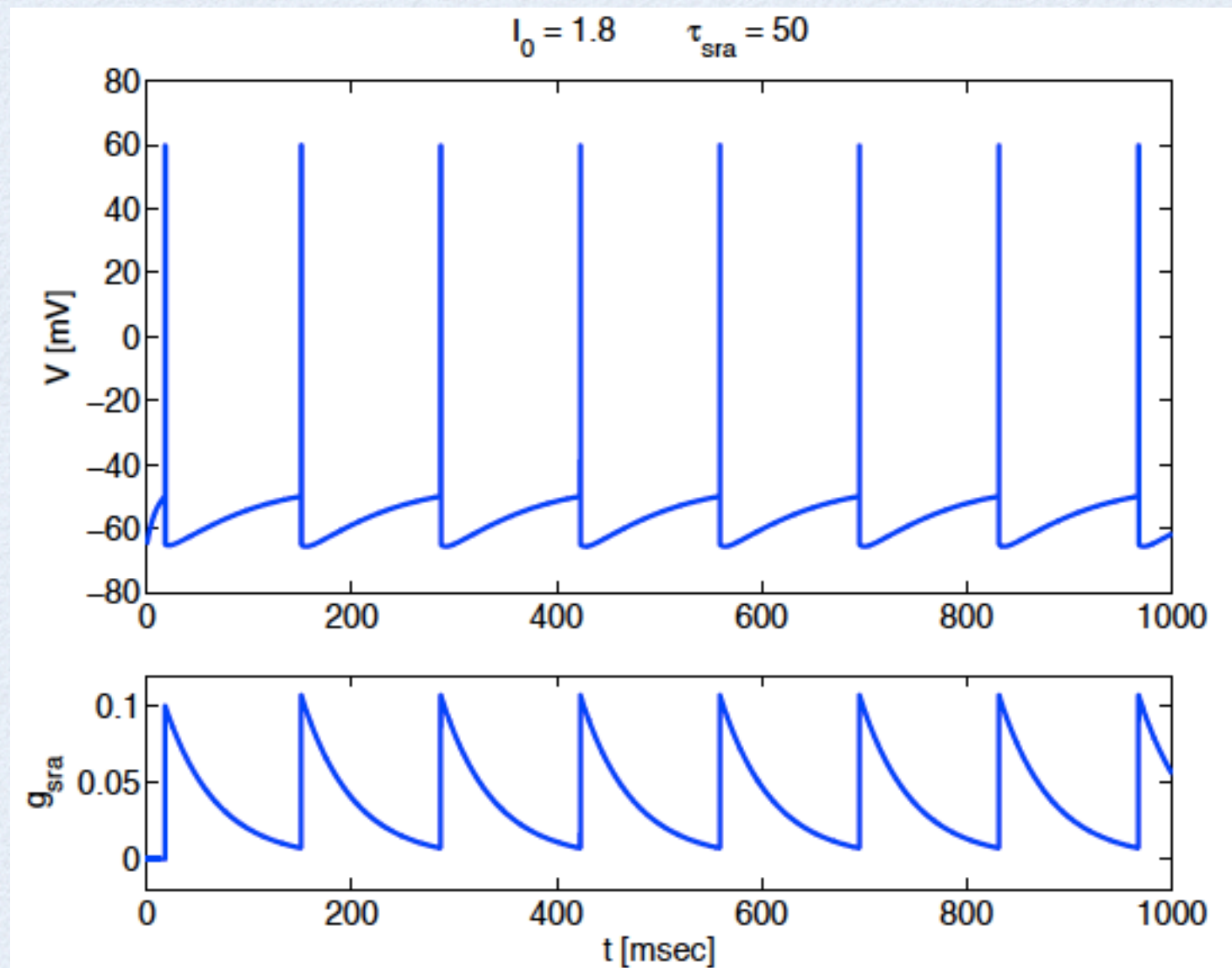
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