

# Lab L

Bonus

# Problem L.Bonus

Graph x -30 : 330 y -161 : 931

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```
load_file("nrngui.hoc")
```

```
create soma  
access soma
```

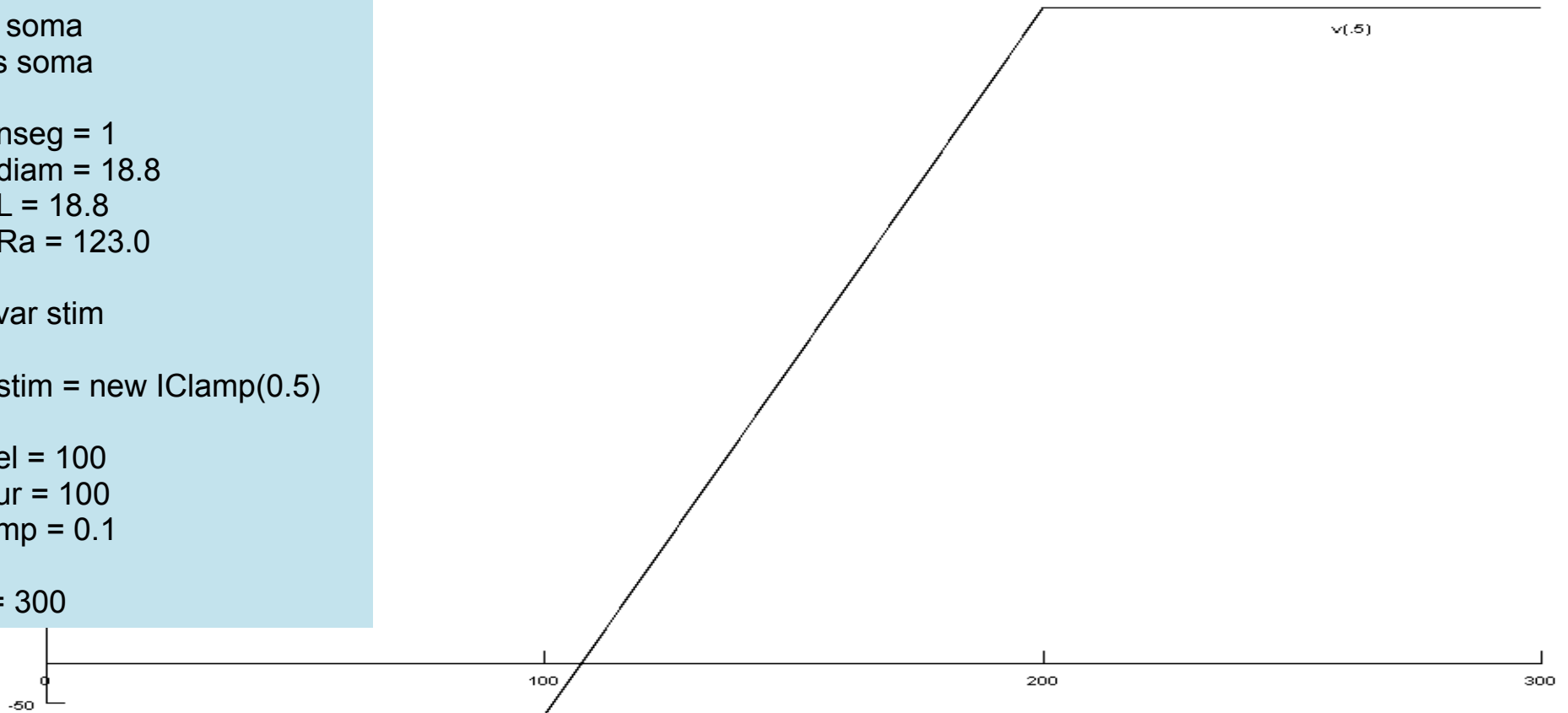
```
soma nseg = 1  
soma diam = 18.8  
soma L = 18.8  
soma Ra = 123.0
```

```
objectvar stim
```

```
soma stim = new IClamp(0.5)
```

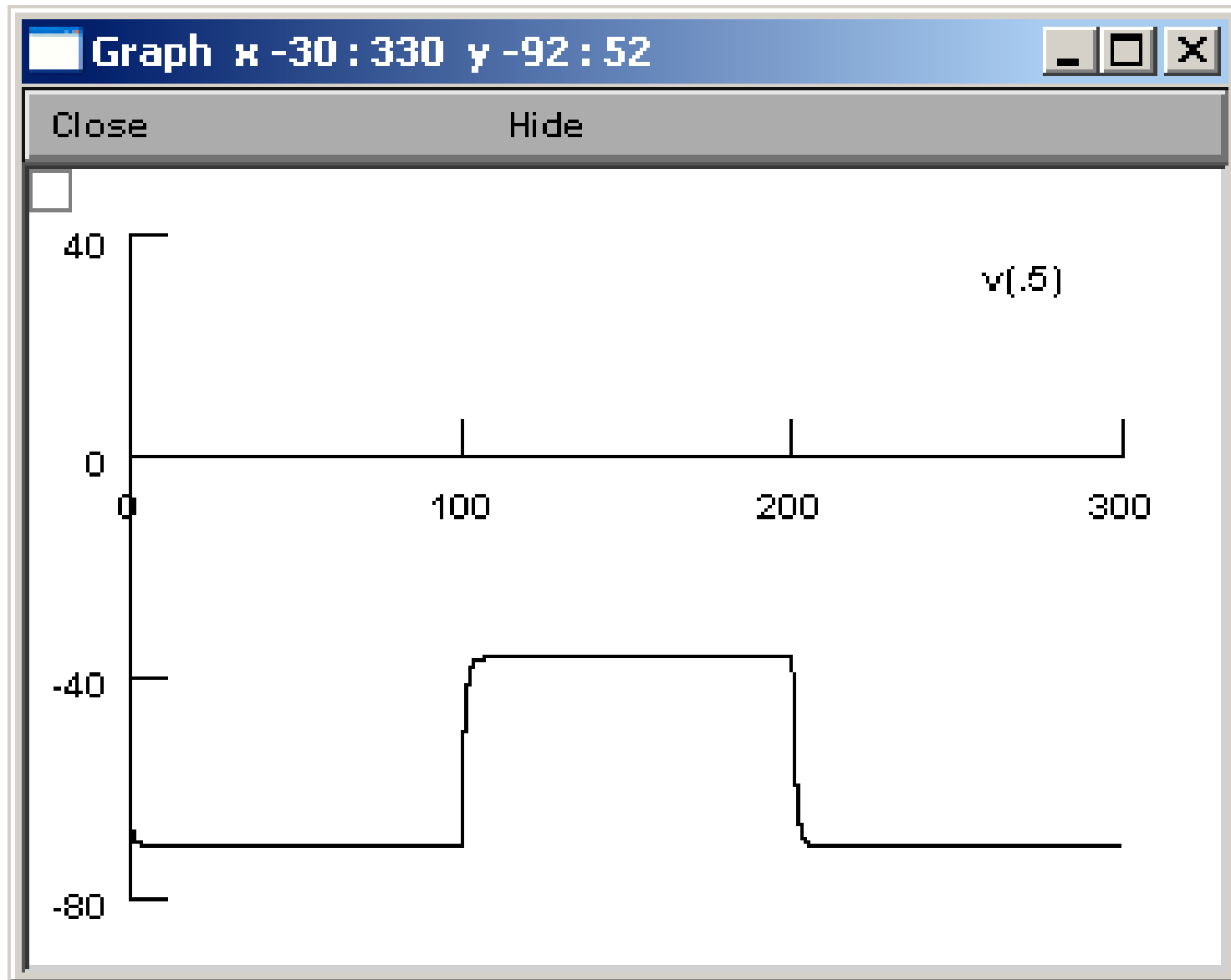
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stim.del = 100  
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tstop = 300
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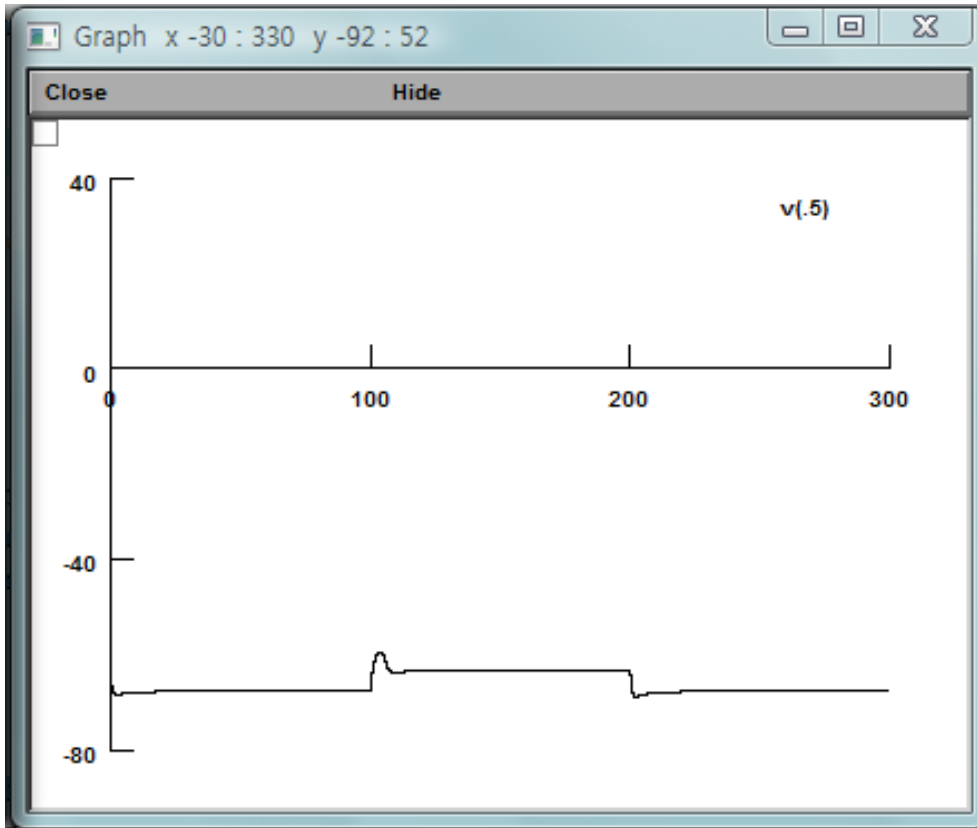


- Removed “soma insert hh.”

L.4 soma.diam = 5, Inserted only passive channels (no HH channels)

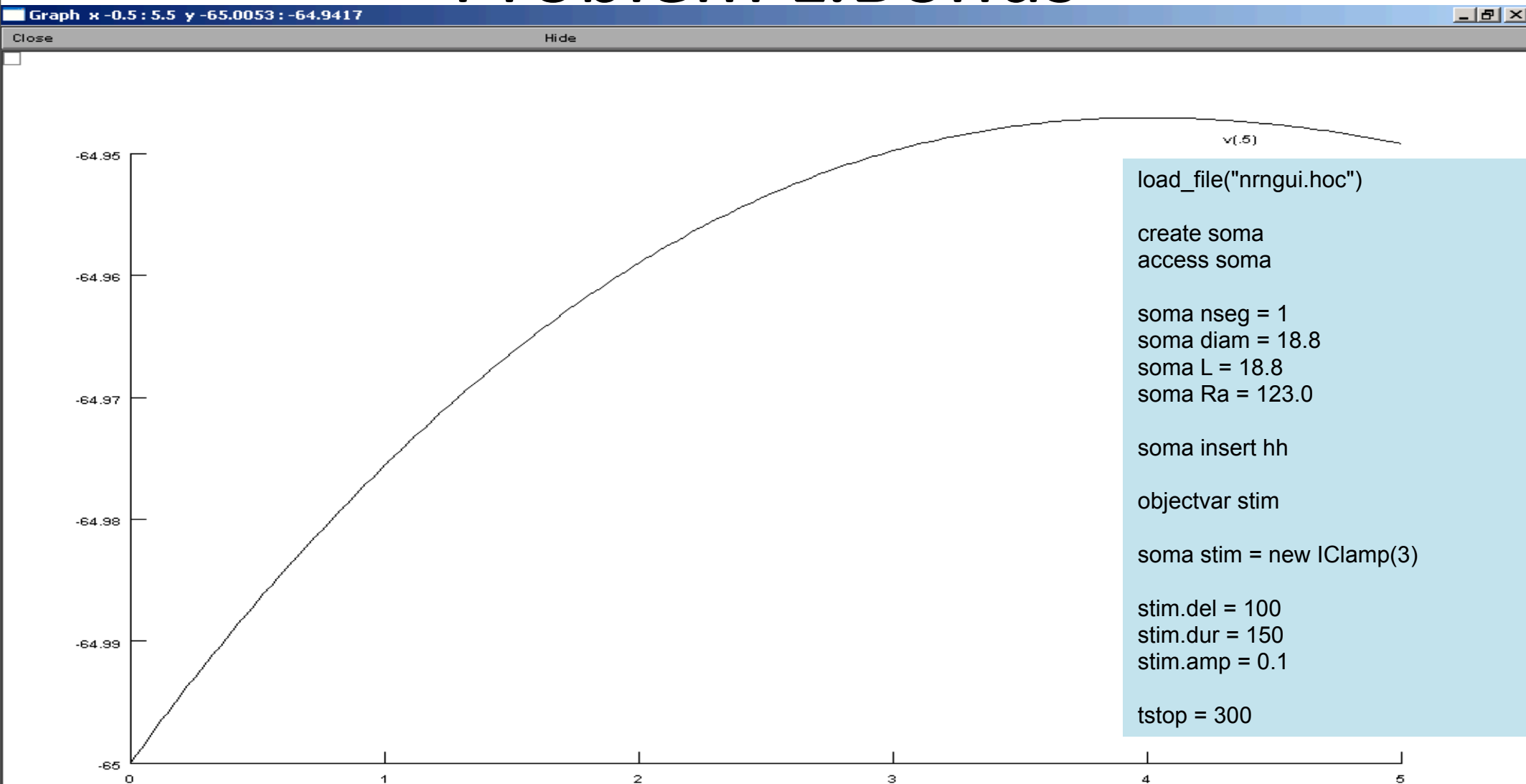


# Homework L.\*Bonus



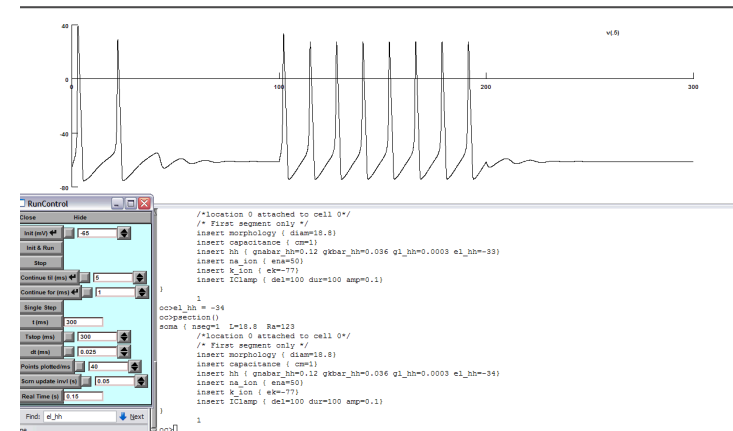
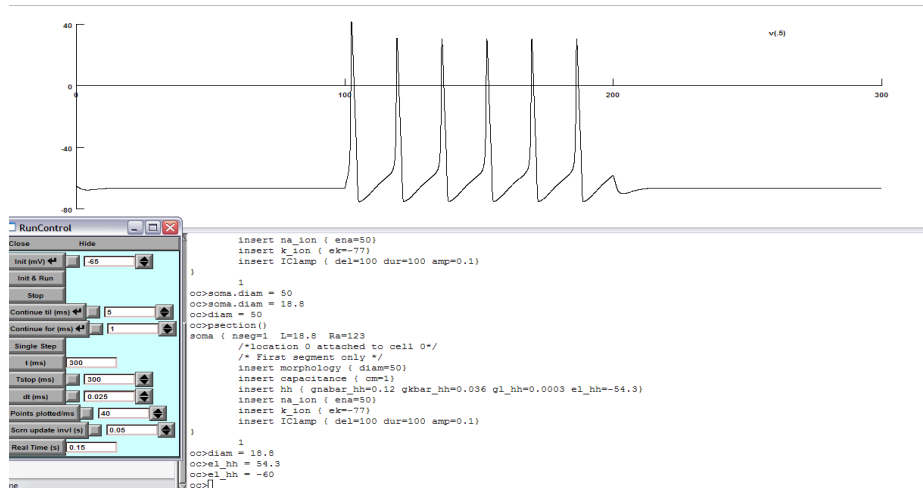
- `oc>create soma`
- `oc>access soma`
- `oc>soma nseg=1`
- `oc>soma diam=18.8`
- `oc>soma Ra=123.0`
- `oc>soma L=18.8`
- `oc>insert hh`
- `oc>insert pas`
- `oc>objectvar stim`
- `oc>stim=new IClamp(0.5)`
- `oc>stim.del=100`
- `oc>stim.dur=100.`
- `oc>stim.dur=100`
- `oc>stim.amp=0.1`
- `oc>tstop=300`

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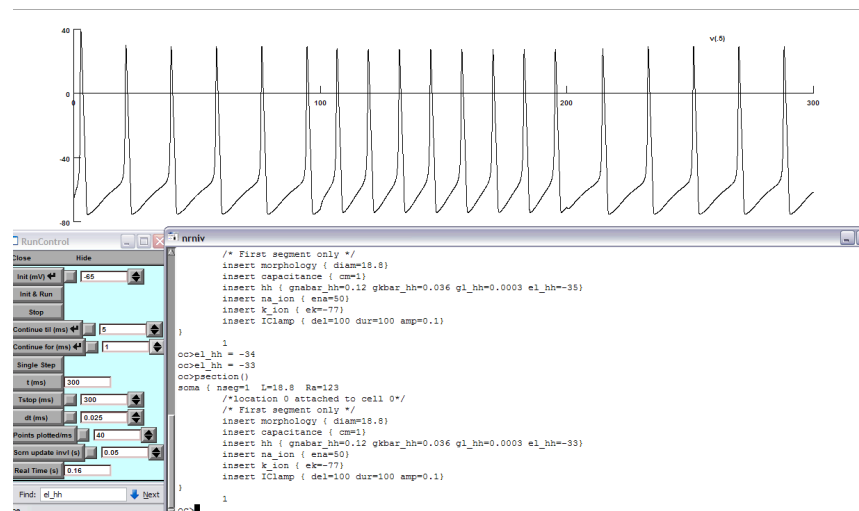


- `soma stim = new IClamp(3)` from `IClamp(0.5)`.

# L.3 – Effect of changing leak current reversal potential to -60mV, -34mV and -33mV

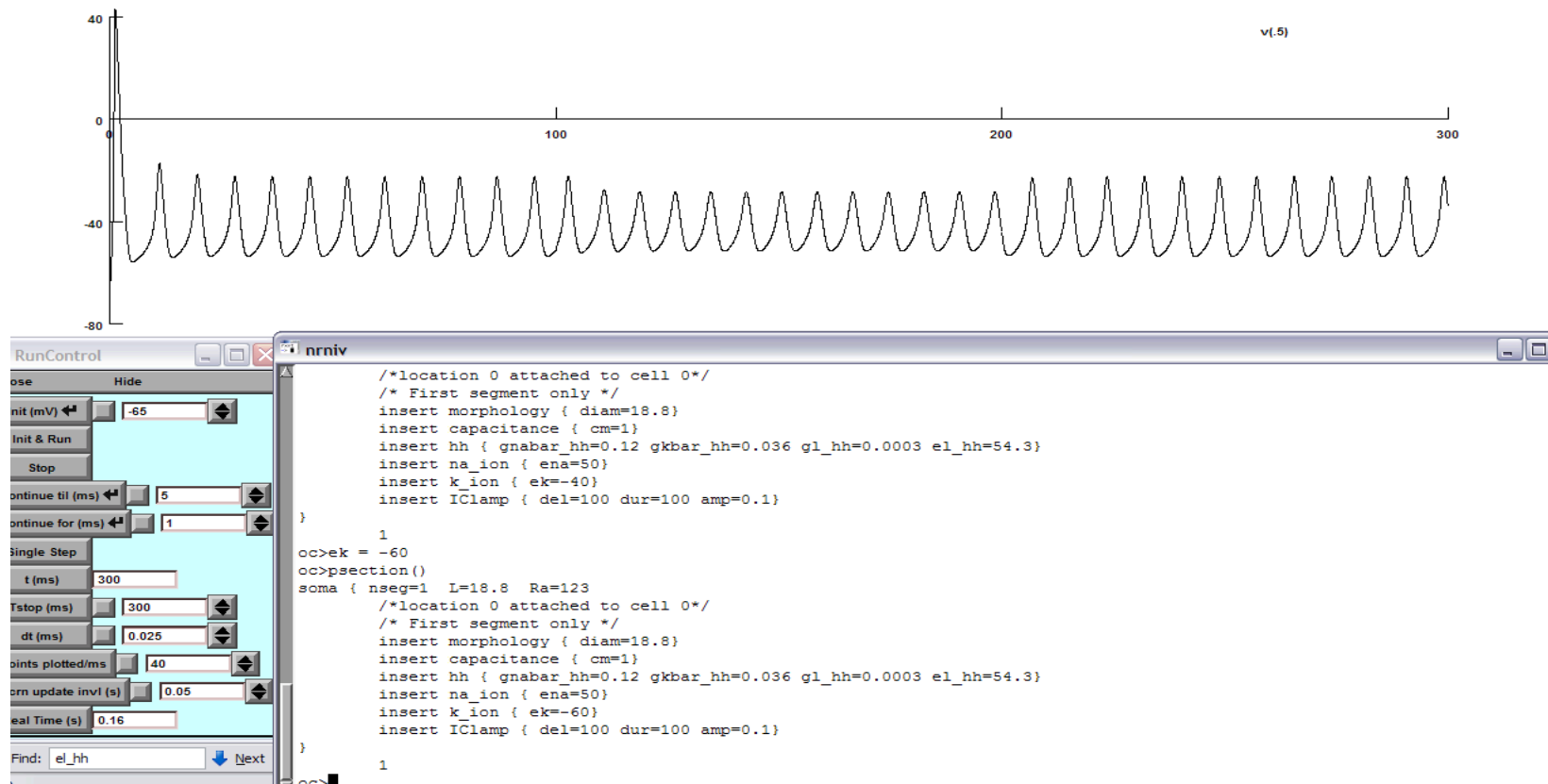


Above -At a lower reversal potential (-60mV) to leak channels have a more 'hyperpolarizing' effect (they more strongly counteract depolarizing currents) – resulting in fewer action potentials.



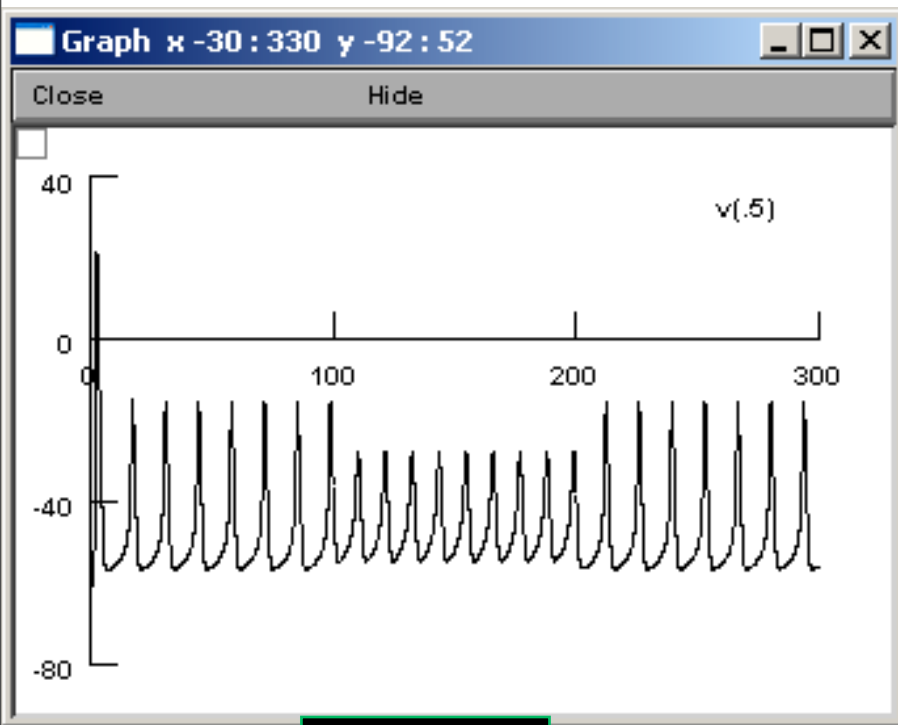
At some point between -34mV (above) and -33mV (right) exists the threshold for leak channels to overcome ENa and EK to drive a continuous train of action potentials.

# L.4 – Effect of Increasing $E_K$ to -60 (as though astrocyte K uptake was significantly disrupted)

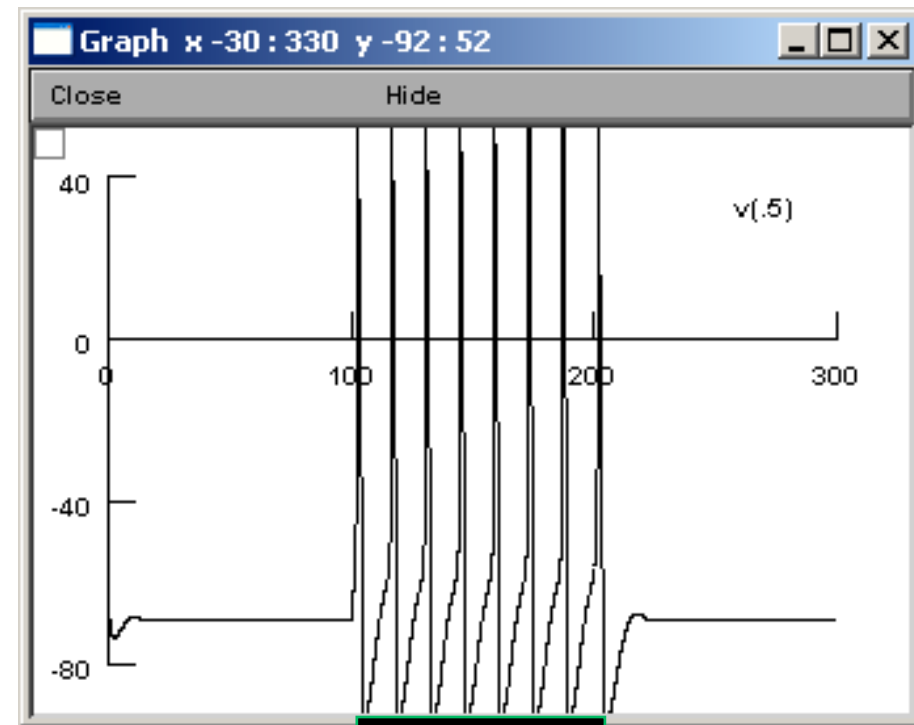


Reducing  $E_K$  drives a steady stream of small action potentials – as  $E_K$  is further reduced the ability to drive HH action potentials becomes increasingly impaired, eventually reducing oscillations to a steady line.

# Changing Reversal Potentials



$E_{Na} = 30$   
 $E_{K} = -57$



$E_{Na} = 70$   
 $E_{K} = -97$

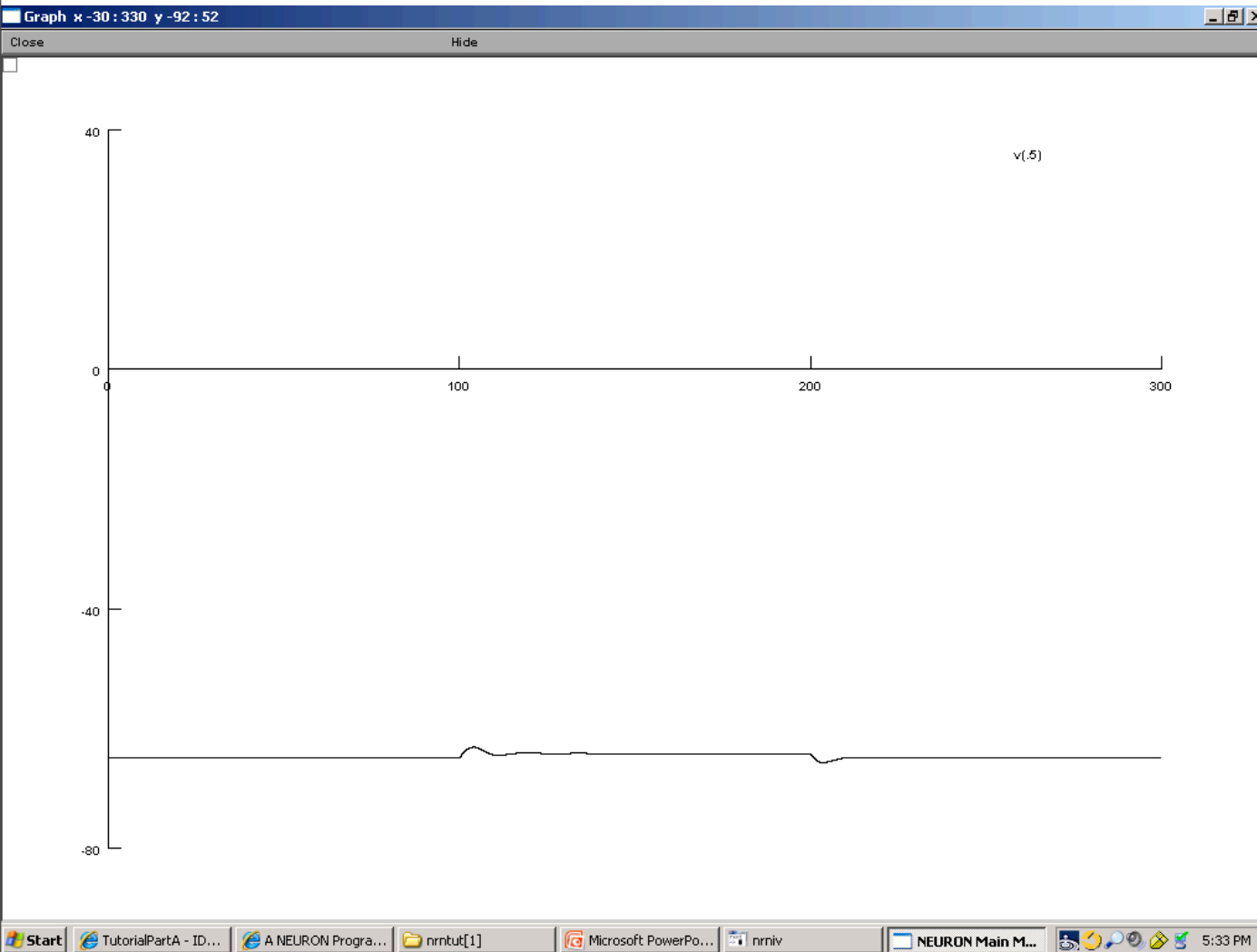


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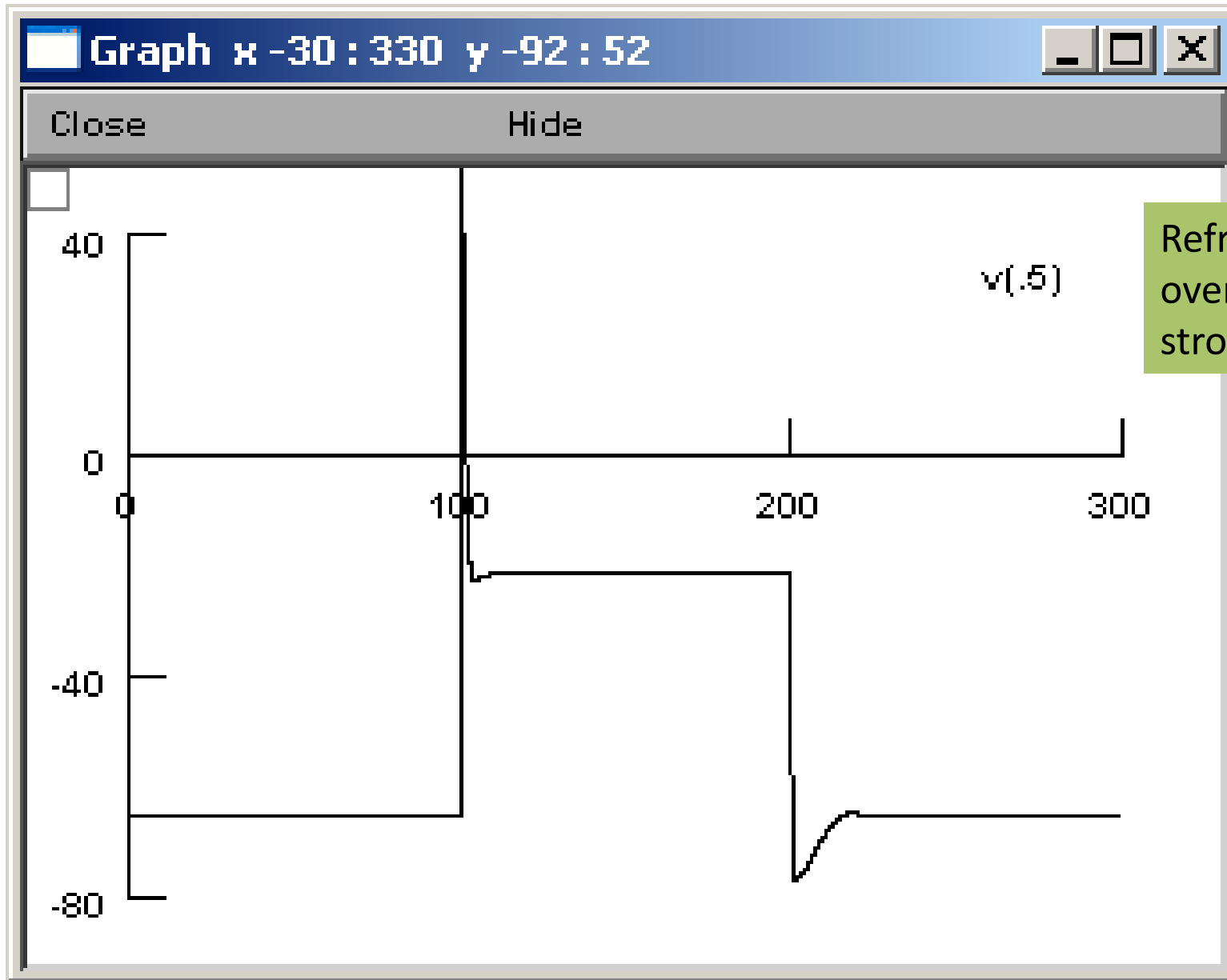
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soma nseg = 1  
soma diam = 1800  
soma L = 1800  
soma Ra = 1230
```

```
stim.del = 100  
stim.dur = 100  
stim.amp = 100
```

\*\*\*Although I increased the amplitude by factor of 1000, there is no significant voltage change because the axon is too large.

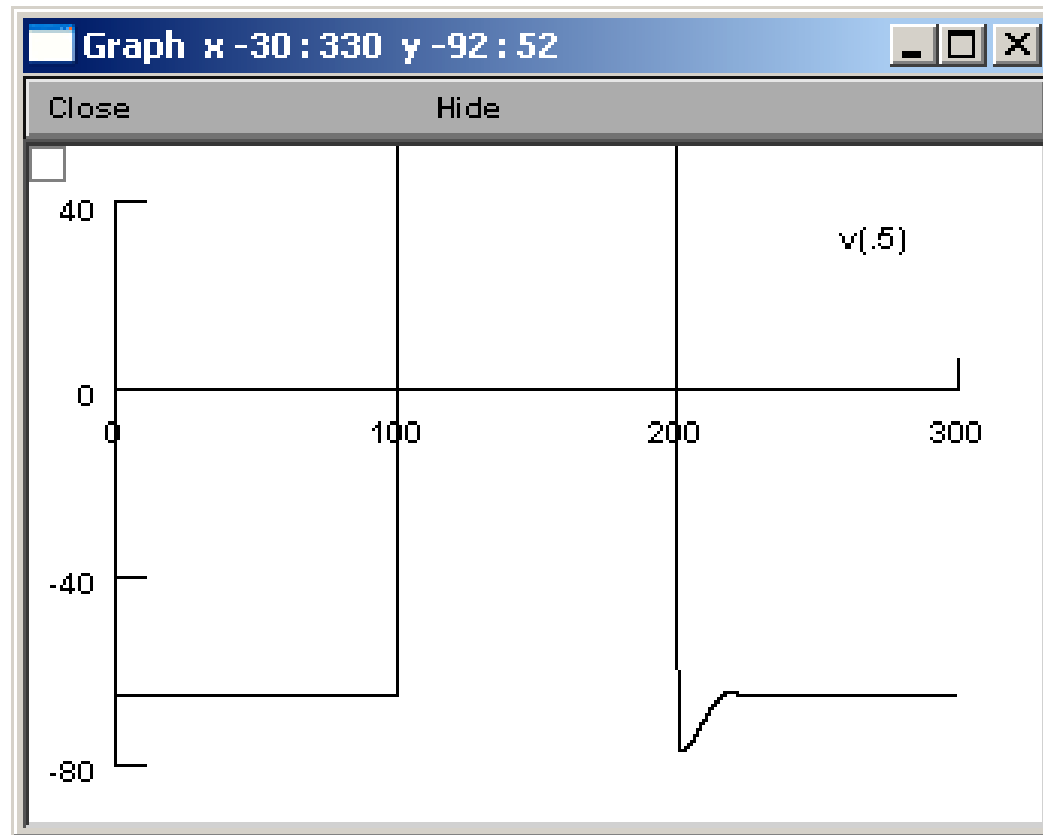


L.\* stim.amp = 10



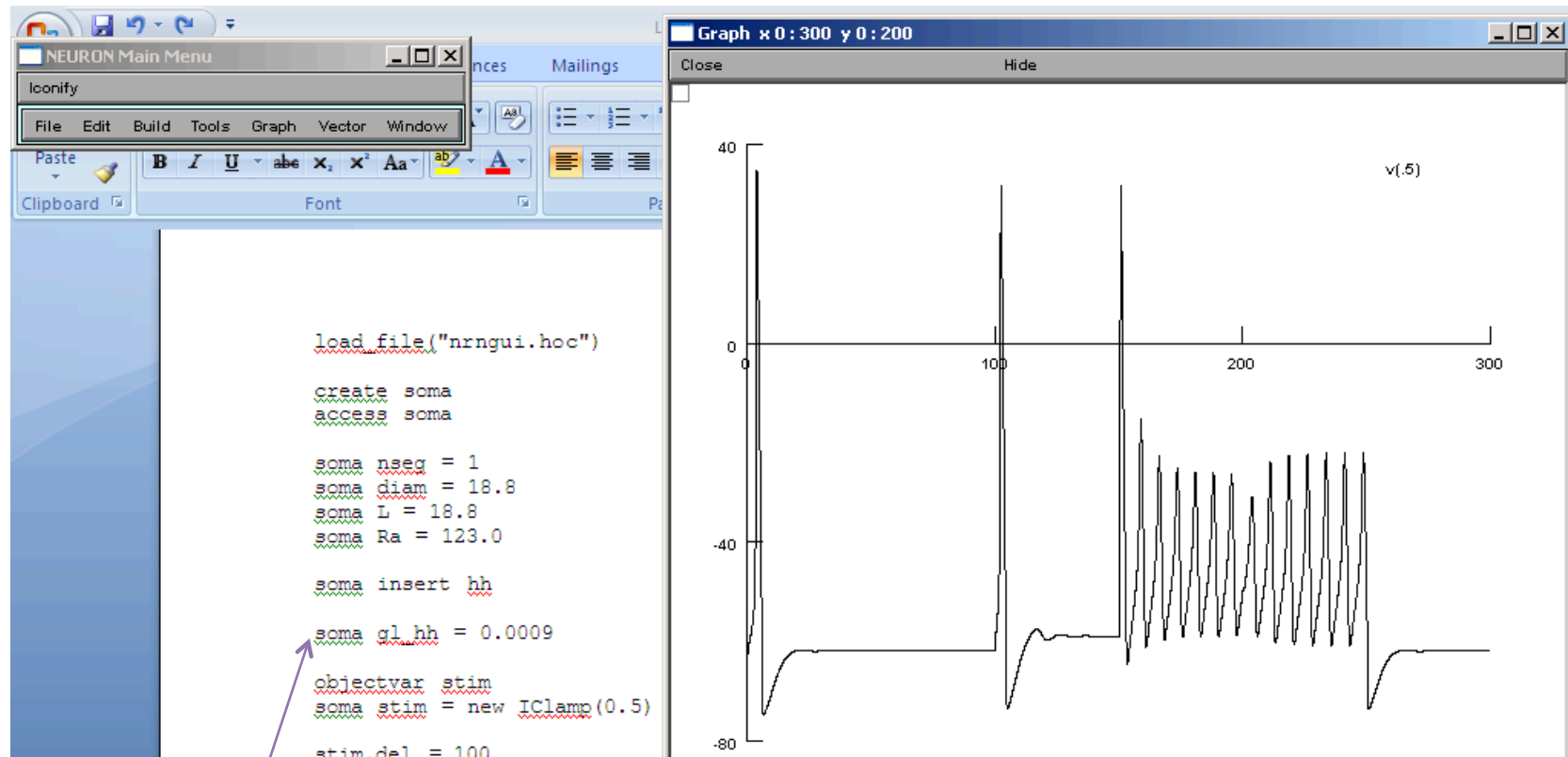
Refractory period lasts over 100 ms with a very strong injected current

# L.4



- Changed the stimulus amplitude to 50nA.
- The model neuron seems to be overloaded with stimulus.

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I tripled the leakage conductance to  $0.0009 \text{ S/cm}^2$

I added a second current clamp at  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the segment, starting at the halfway of the first current clamp, with 10 times the amplitude of the first current, getting the neuron to fire successive action potentials at  $t=150$ . Interestingly, the peak voltage of the action potentials decreases until shortly after the first stimulation ends and then increases again, with only the second stimulation.