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| Depolarization (May include multiple steps) |
| ACTION POTENTIAL (Includes multiple other steps) |
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| Repolarization (Reset) (May include multiple steps) |
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