

LFPy and hybrid scheme for local field potentials:

CNS 2014 Tutorial T4:
Modeling and analysis of extracellular potentials

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- Forward modeling scheme (brief repetition)
- LFPy:
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 - Requirements, installation
 - Class overview
 - Examples
- Hybrid LFP model:
 - Introduction
 - Components
 - Application with 2-population network
- Summary & Outlook

Why model extracellular potentials?

- Improve understanding of experimental measurements:
 - Extracellular action-potential shapes:
 - Gold et al. *J Neurophysiol* (2006)
 - Pettersen&Einevoll. *Biophys J* (2008)
 - Spiking component of LFP:
 - Schomburg et al. *J. Neurosci* (2012)
 - Spectral content of LFP:
 - Lindén et al. *J Comput Neurosci* (2010)
 - Reach of LFP:
 - Lindén et al. *Neuron* (2011)
 - Łęski et al. *PLOS Comput Biol* (2013)
 - Role of active membranes:
 - Reimann et al. *Neuron* (2013)

Why model extracellular potentials?

- Methods validation:
 - Spike sorting:
 - Franke et al. *Proc IEEE Eng Med Biol Soc* (2010)
 - Einevoll et al. *Curr Op Neurobiol* (2012),
 - Thorbergsson et al. *J Neurosci Methods* (2013)
 - CSD estimation:
 - Pettersen et al. *J Comput Neurosci* (2008),
 - Łęski et al. *Neuroinform* (2011)

Forward modeling of extracellular potentials

Biophysical background:

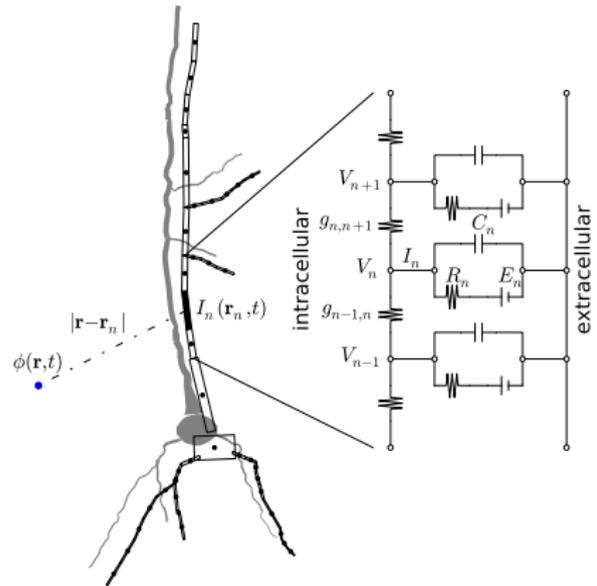
- Poisson's equation in electrostatics

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\frac{\rho}{\sigma}$$

$\phi(\mathbf{r}, t)$ - electric potential

$\rho(\mathbf{r}, t)$ - current source density

$\sigma(\mathbf{r})$ - conductivity

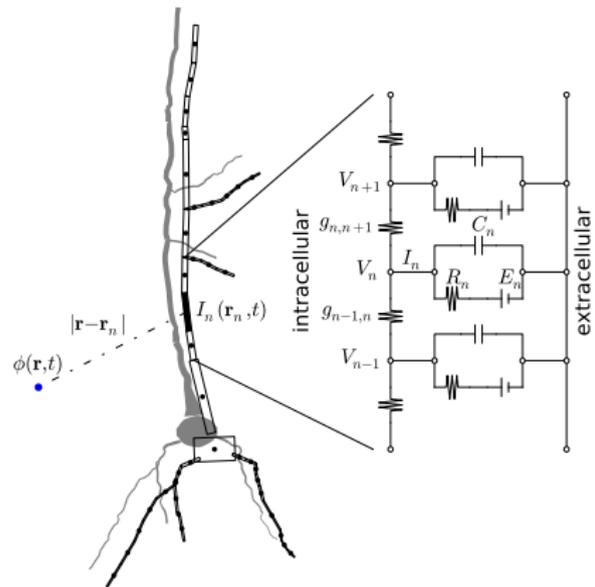


Forward modeling of extracellular potentials

Biophysical background:

- Assumptions:
 - Quasi-static approximation of Maxwell's equations
 - Extracellular medium:
 - linear
 - isotropic
 - homogeneous
 - ohmic
 (scalar, real σ)
- $\phi(r \rightarrow \infty) = 0$
- Point current source

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma} \frac{I_0(t)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|}$$



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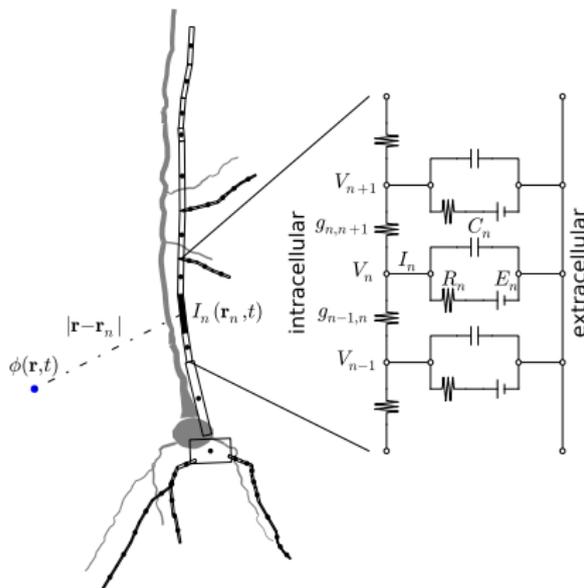
Biophysical background:

- Linear summation N point sources

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{I_n(t)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_n|}$$

- Line-source equation

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma} \sum_{n=1}^N I_n(t) \int \frac{d\mathbf{r}_n}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_n|}$$



(Holt&Koch, *J Comput Neurosci*
(1999))

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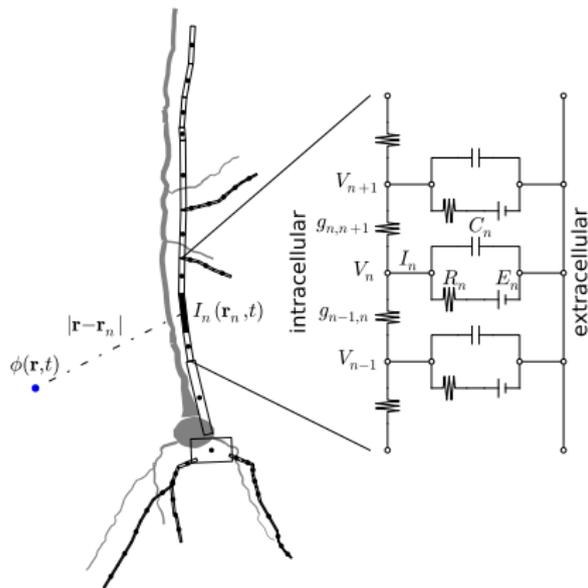
Multi-compartment modeling:

- Current balance intracellular node point, compartment n :

$$I_n = C_n \frac{dV_n}{dt} + \sum_j I_n^j =$$

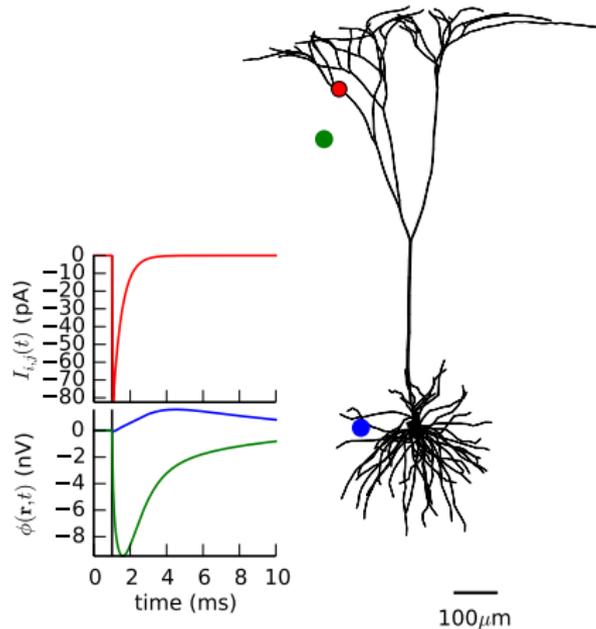
$$g_{n,n+1}(V_{n+1} - V_n) - g_{n-1,n}(V_n - V_{n-1})$$

- Simulated using NEURON (neuron.yale.edu, Hines et al. *Front Neuroinf* (2009))
- Extracellular potentials are computed from I_n



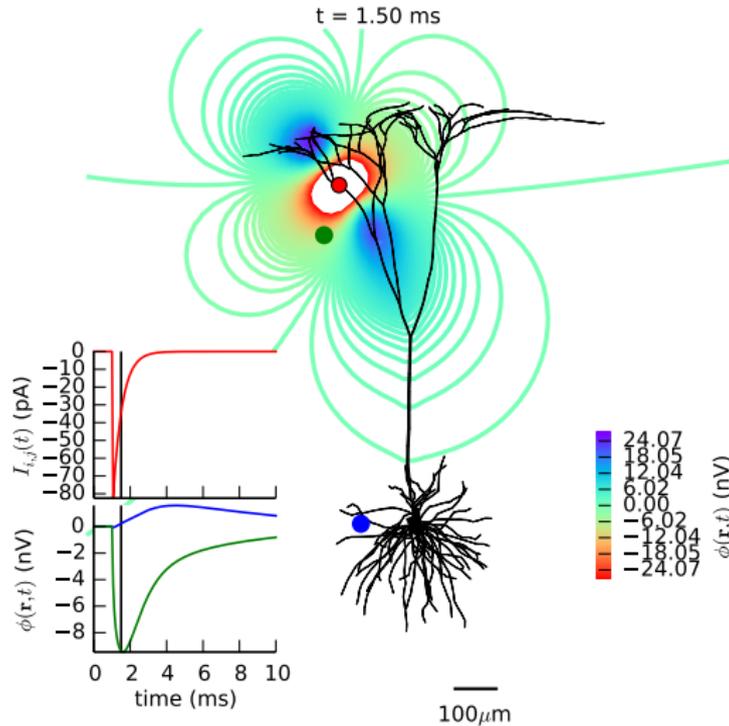
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$t = 1.00 \text{ ms}$



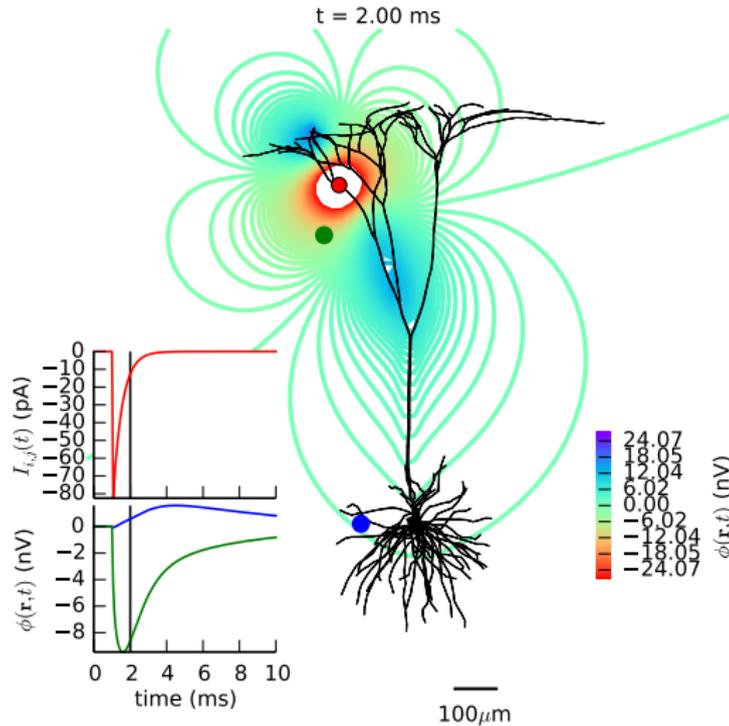
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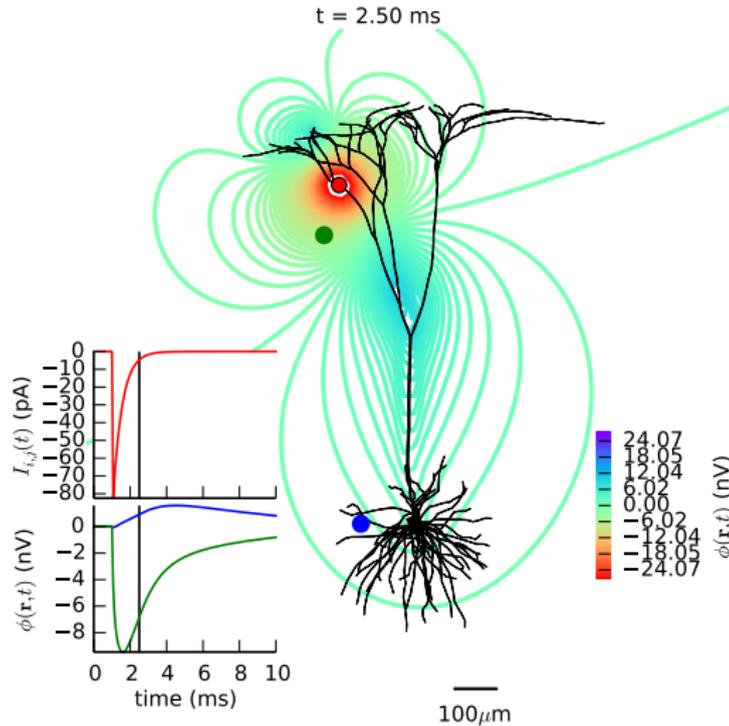
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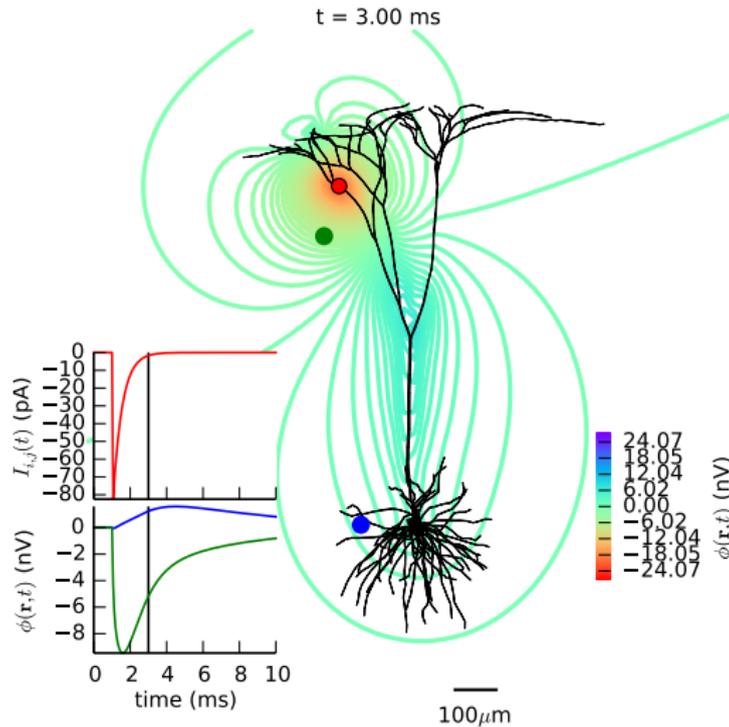
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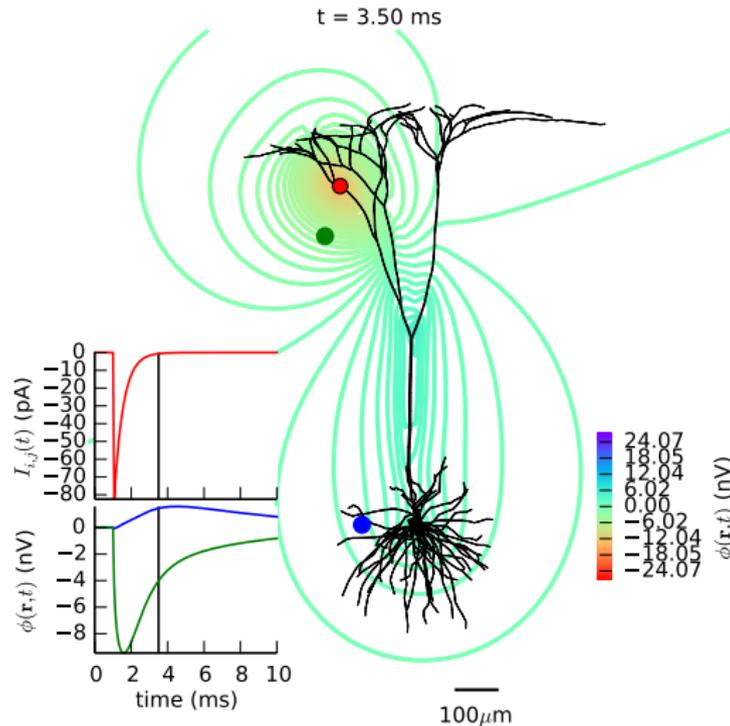
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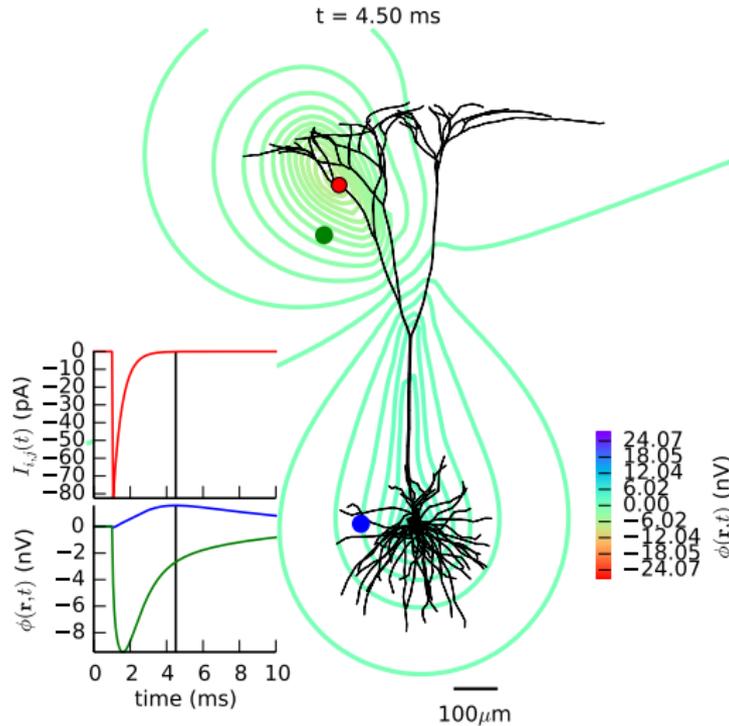
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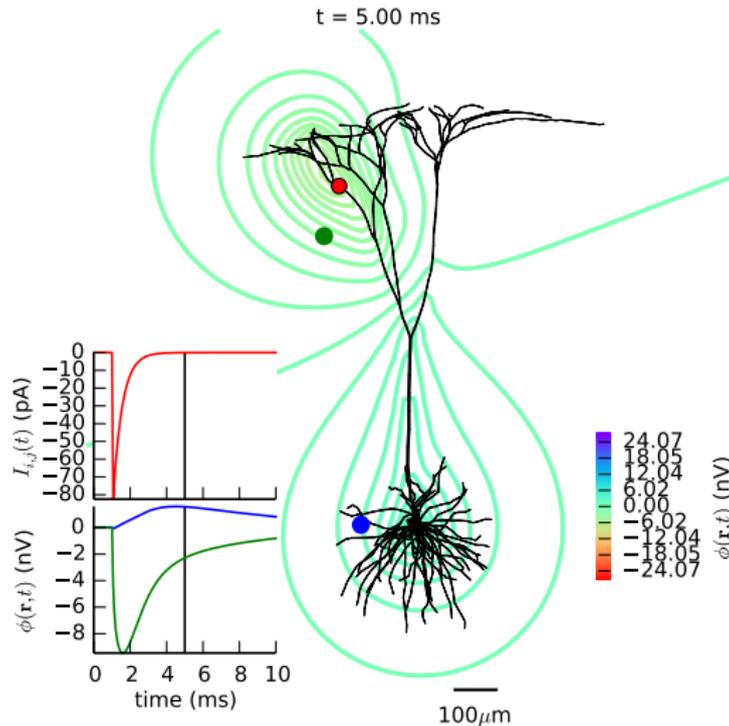
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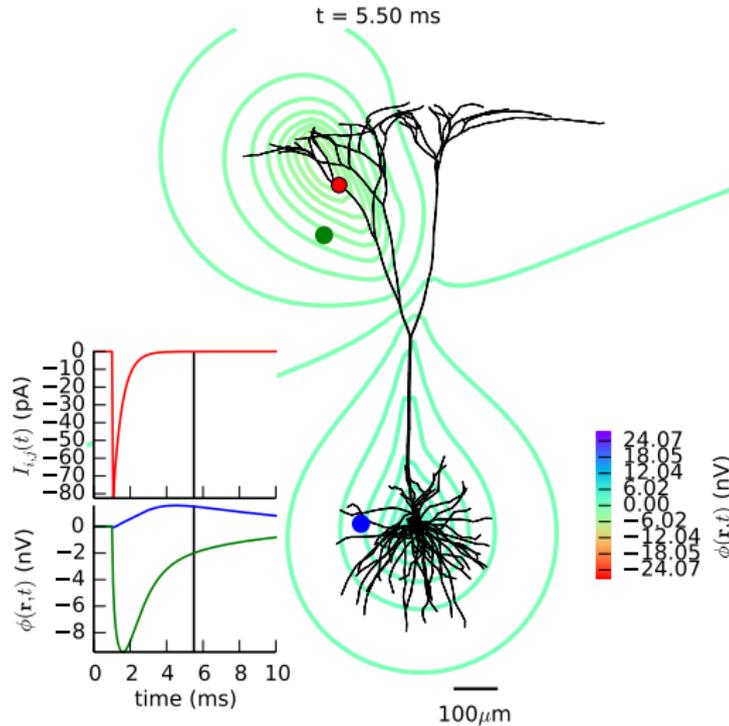
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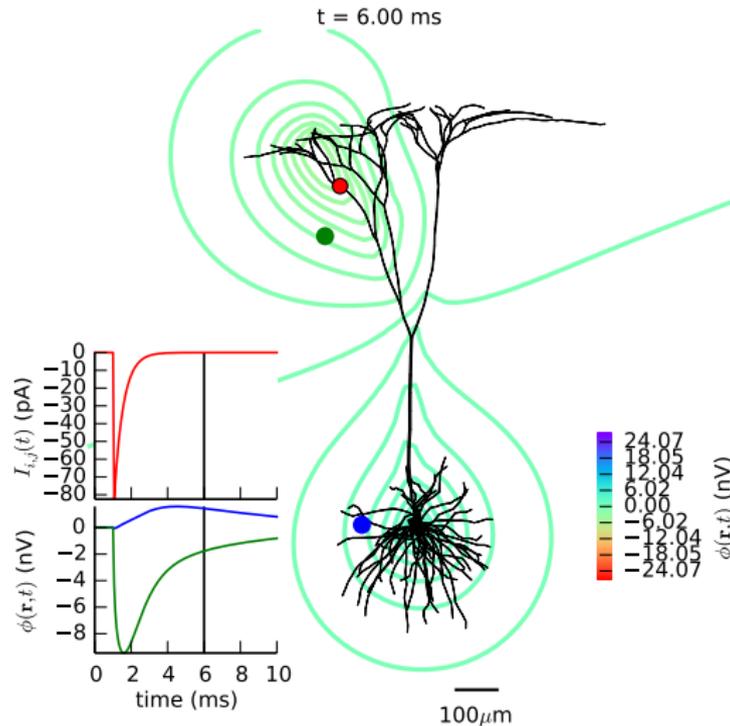
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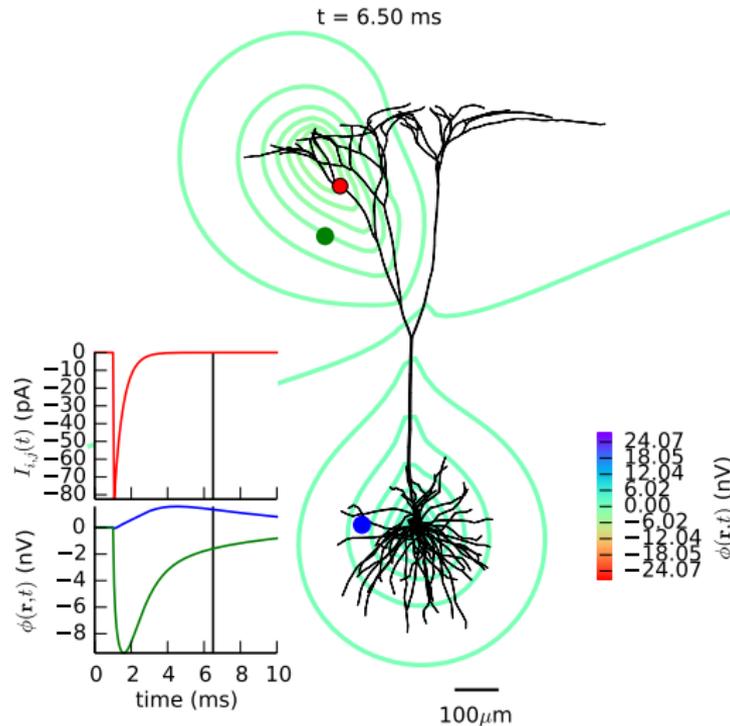
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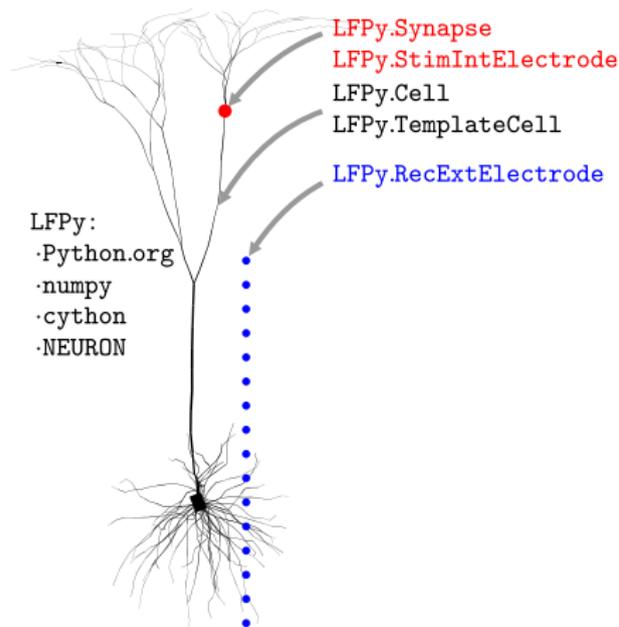
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LFPy - Introduction

Methods implementation:

- Implemented in Python
- Uses NEURON under the hood
- Classes representing
 - cells
 - synapses
 - intracellular electrodes
 - extracellular electrodes
- Homepage w. documentation:
<http://compneuro.umb.no/LFPy/>

LFPy class-objects:



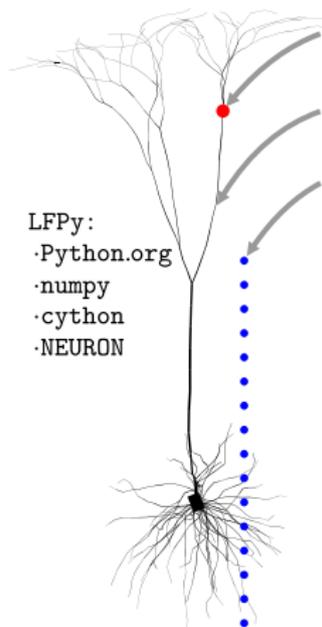
LFPy - Introduction

Why Python?

- Open source
- Easy, flexible coding
- Plethora of available packages for visualizations and analysis
- <http://pypi.python.org>:
~ 46700 packages
- Interfacing other programming languages

LFPy class-objects:

LFPy.Synapse
LFPy.StimIntElectrode
LFPy.Cell
LFPy.TemplateCell
LFPy.RecExtElectrode



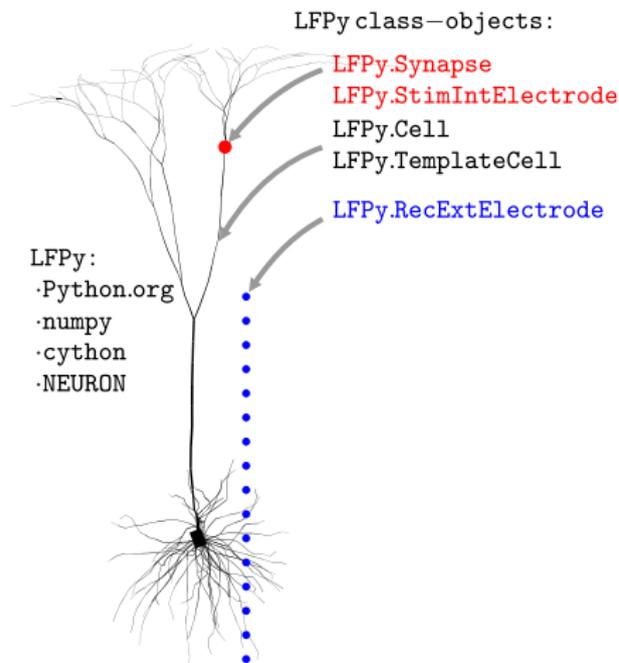
LFPy:
·Python.org
·numpy
·cython
·NEURON

LFPy - Requirements

Python dependencies:

- Hard:
 - neuron
 - Cython
 - numpy
 - scipy
 - matplotlib

- Soft:
 - ipython (+notebook)
 - h5py
 - mpi4py



LFPy - Requirements

Python distributions:

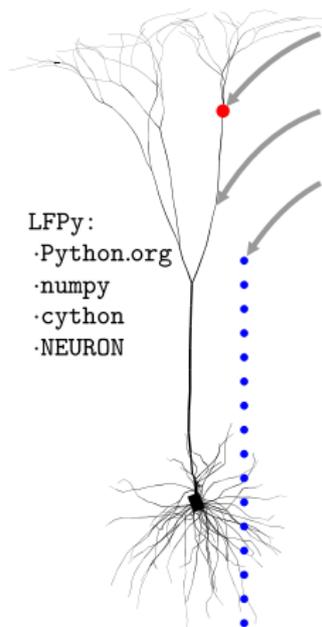
- Anaconda
- Enthought Canopy
- Python(x,y)
- ...

LFPy platforms:

- *nix (Linux, Unix)
- OSX
- (Windows)

LFPy class-objects:

LFPy.Synapse
 LFPy.StimIntElectrode
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LFPy:
 ·Python.org
 ·numpy
 ·cython
 ·NEURON

LFPy - Installation

Installation:

Easy method:

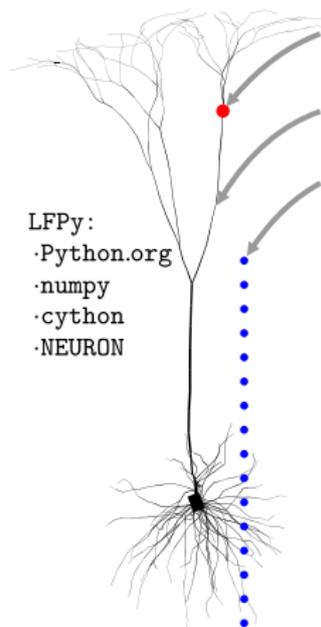
- `pip install LFPy --user`
- `easy_install LFPy --user`

From source:

- `cd /PATH/TO/LFPy`
- `python setup.py install --user`

LFPy class-objects:

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`LFPy.Cell`
`LFPy.TemplateCell`
`LFPy.RecExtElectrode`

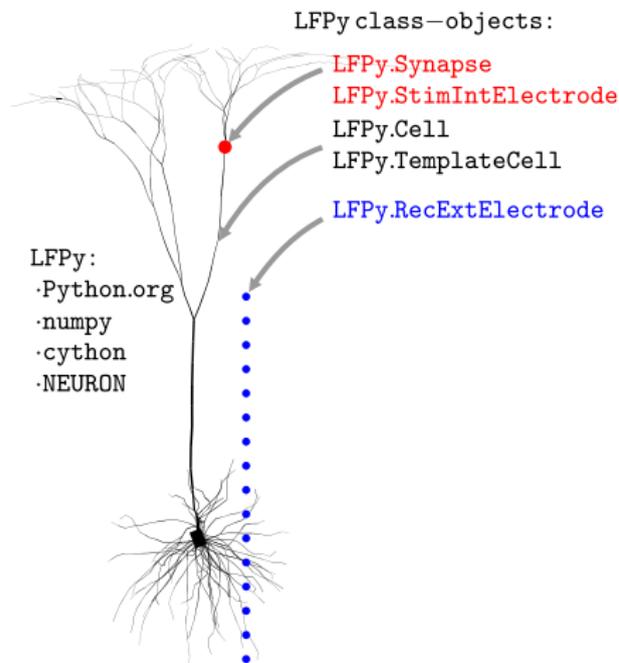


LFPy:
 ·Python.org
 ·numpy
 ·cython
 ·NEURON

LFPy - Installation

Sources:

- Tar.gz-archive:
<http://compneuro.umb.no/LFPy/downloads/LFPy-1.0.tar.gz>
- Subversion repository:
 svn co
<http://bebiservice.umb.no/svn-public/LFPy-release/trunk> LFPy



LFPy - Installation

Test installation:

With Python:

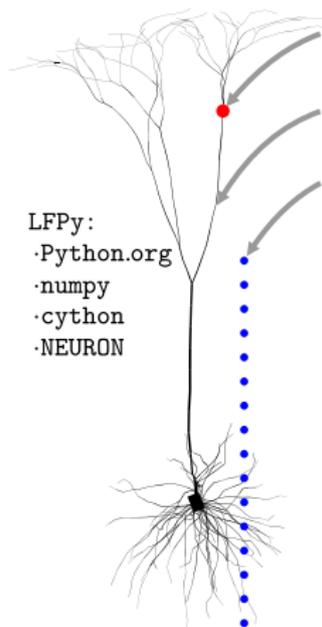
- python -c "import LFPy"
NEURON -- Release 7.3
(1089:ecf32eddfbc7)...

With NEURON:

- nrngui -python -c "import
LFPy"
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LFPy class-objects:

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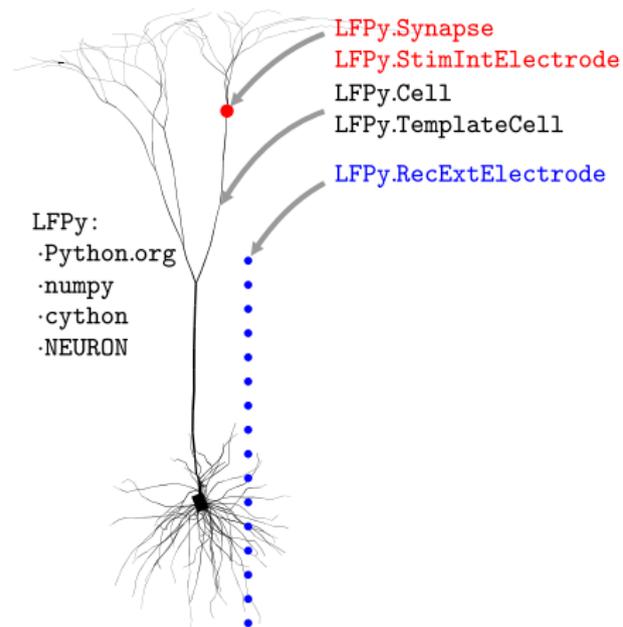
Main LFPy classes:

- Cell
- Synapse
- RecExtElectrode

Auxilliary classes and functions:

- TemplateCell
- StimIntElectrode
- lfpcalc.calc_lfp.*
- inputgenerators.*
- tools.*

LFPy class-objects:

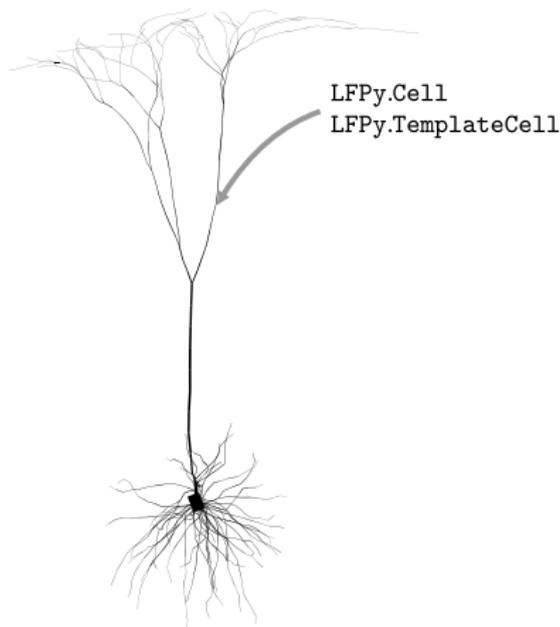


LFPy - Class overview

LFPy.Cell:

- Uses NEURON under the hood
- Sets neuron properties:
 - neuron geometry
 - membrane mechanisms ('pas', 'hh', ...)
 - number of compartments ('d_lambda' rule; Hines&Carnevale. *Neuroscientist* (2001))
 - Sets cell location and rotation
- Simulation control
 - duration
 - record variables

LFPy class-objects:



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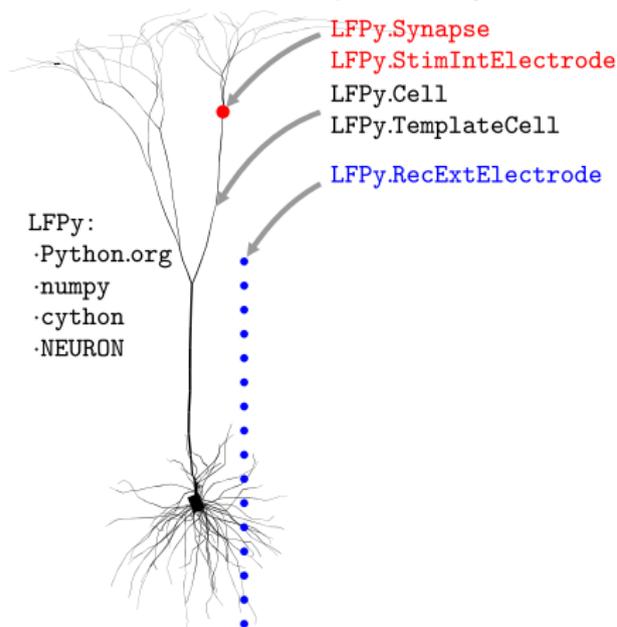
LFPy.Cell:

```
# Define cell parameters
cell_parameters = dict(
    morphology='j4a.hoc',
    rm = 30000.,
    cm = 1.,
    Ra = 150.,
    v_init = -65.,
    e_pas = -65.,
    tstopms = 100.)

# Create cell
cell = LFPy.Cell(
    **cell_parameters)

# Position and align cell
cell.set_pos(0., 0., 0.)
cell.set_rotation(x=4.99,
                 y=-4.33, z=3.14)
```

LFPy class-objects:



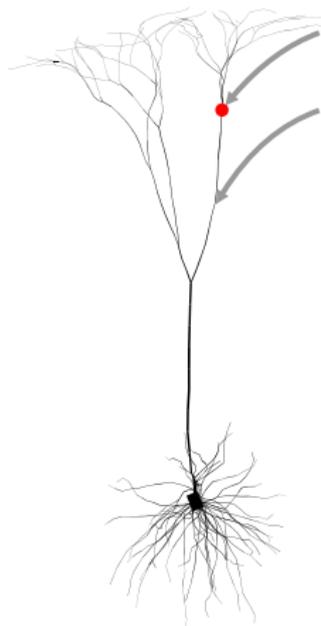
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LFPy.Synapse:

- Attach synapse-objects onto cell objects
- Keyword arguments:
 - cell-object
 - compartment index (`idx`)
 - synapse type (`Exp2syn`)
 - mechanism arguments
(`e`, `tau`, `weight`, ...)
- Feed in activation times
- Set up as `NetStim-NetCon` object pairs (see NEURON documentation)

LFPy class-objects:

`LFPy.Synapse`
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`LFPy.TemplateCell`



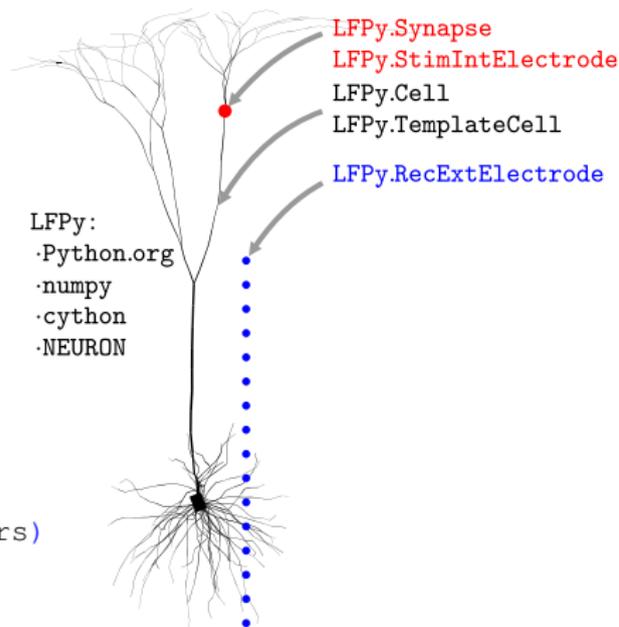
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LFPy.Synapse:

```
# Define synapse parameters
synapse_parameters = dict(
    idx = cell.get_closest_idx(
        x=-200.,
        y=0.,
        z=800.),
    syntype = 'ExpSyn',
    e = 0.,
    tau = 5.,
    weight = .001,
    record_current = True,)

# Create synapse, set activation time
syn = LFPy.Synapse(cell,
                   **synapse_parameters)
syn.set_spike_times(np.array([20.]))
```

LFPy class-objects:

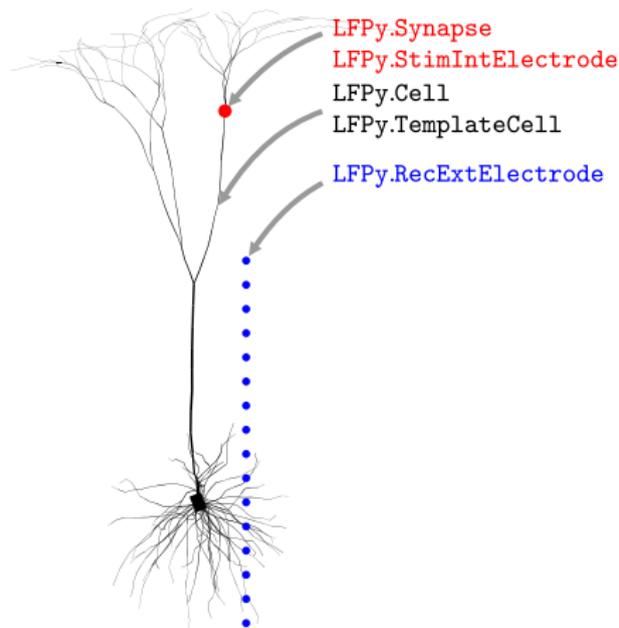


LFPy - Class overview

LFPy.RecExtElectrode:

- Extracellular recording devices
- Main arguments:
 - LFPy.Cell objects (geometry, currents)
 - contact point coordinates
 - extracellular conductivity
 - method (point/line-sources)
- Optional:
 - radius and surface normal vectors of contacts
 - n -point surface area averaged potential

LFPy class-objects:

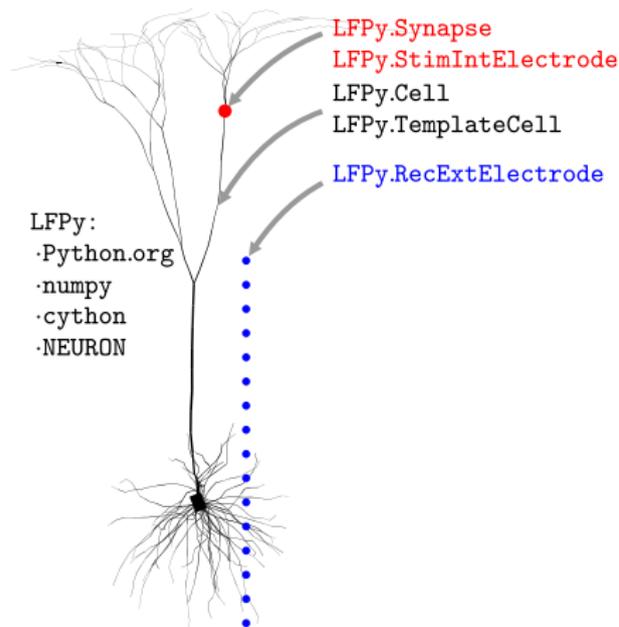


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LFPy.RecExtElectrode:

```
# Run simulation, record currents
cell.simulate(rec_imem=True,
              rec_isyn=True)
# Define electrode parameters
electrode_parameters = {
    'sigma' : 0.3,
    'x' : [-130., -220.],
    'y' : [ 0., 0.],
    'z' : [ 0., 700.],
}
# Create electrode object
electrode = LFPy.RecExtElectrode(
    cell,
    **electrode_parameters)
# Calculate LFPs
electrode.calc_lfp()
```

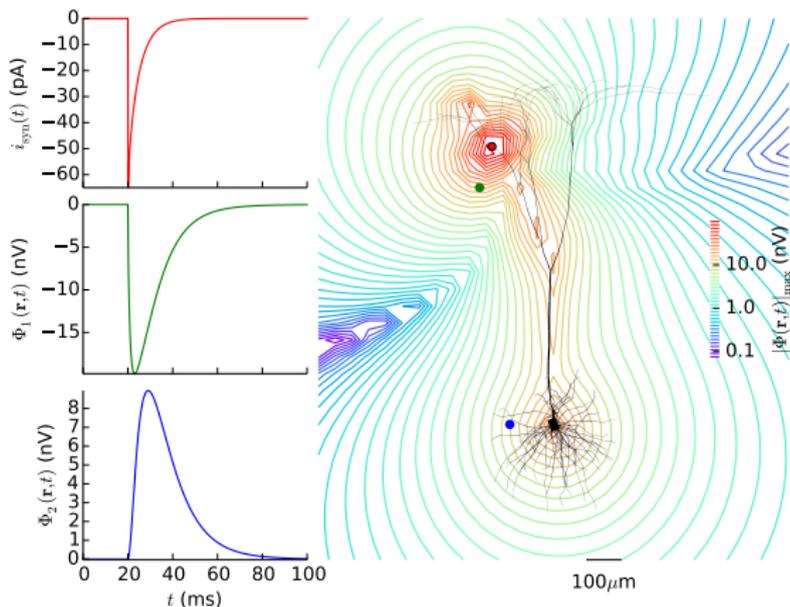
LFPy class-objects:



LFPy - Examples

`/path/to/LFPy/examples/example1.py`

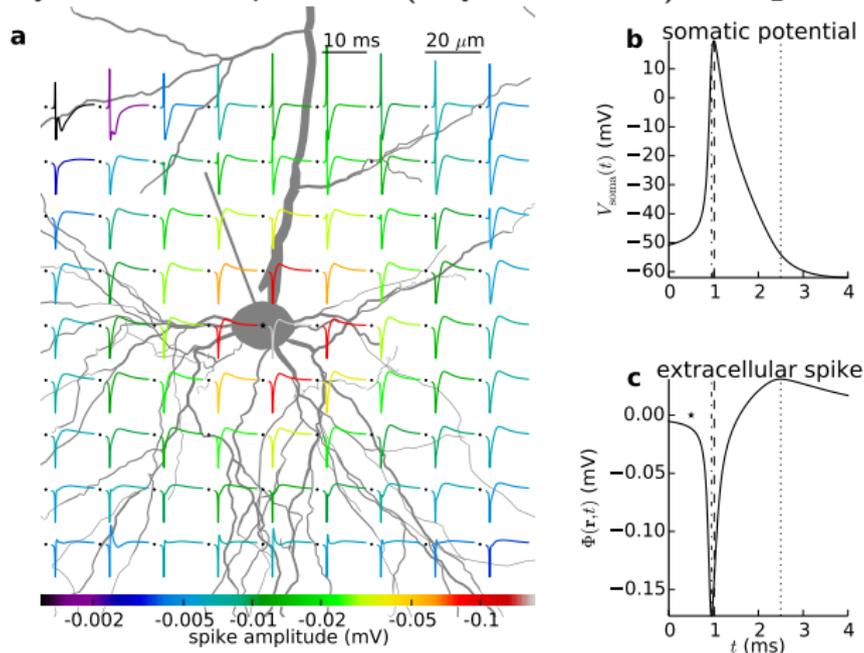
Apical synapse response, passive cable model



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/path/to/LFPy/examples/example2.py

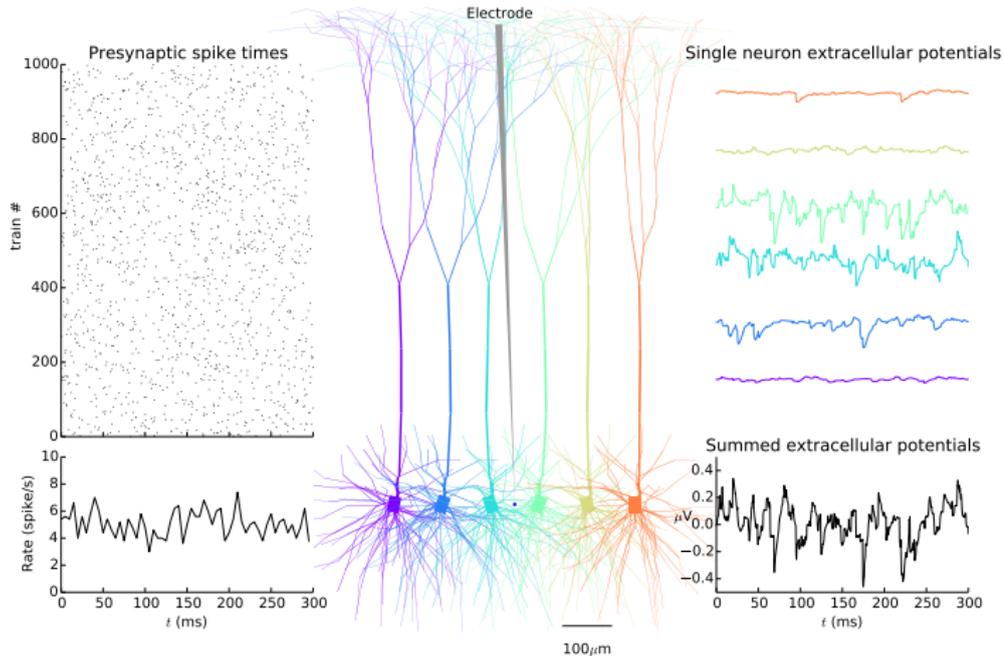
Layer 5b action potential (Hay et al. 2011), LFPy.TemplateCell



LFPy - Examples

`/path/to/LFPy/examples/example3.py`

Extracellular potentials of small model population, shared input



LFPy - Further reading

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LFPy: a tool for biophysical simulation of extracellular potentials generated by detailed model neurons

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Electrical extracellular recordings, i.e., recordings of the electrical potentials in the extracellular medium between cells, have been a main work-horse in electrophysiology for almost a century. The high-frequency part of the signal ($\gtrsim 500$ Hz), i.e., the *multi-unit activity* (MUA), contains information about the firing of action potentials in surrounding neurons, while the low-frequency part, the *local field potential* (LFP), contains information about how these neurons integrate synaptic inputs. As the recorded extracellular signals arise from multiple neural processes, their interpretation is typically ambiguous and

hybridLFPy - Introduction

Extracellular potentials from electrophysiology

- Low-frequency part; the local field potential (LFP, $f \lesssim 100$ Hz)
 - Highly ambiguous, difficult to analyze
 - Large number of contributing sources
 - Reflect integration of synaptic inputs, synchrony, ...
- High-frequency part ($f \gtrsim 500$ Hz)
 - Contain information of spiking activity
 - Single-unit activity (spikes)
 - Multi-unit activity (MUA)
 - Fewer contributing sources

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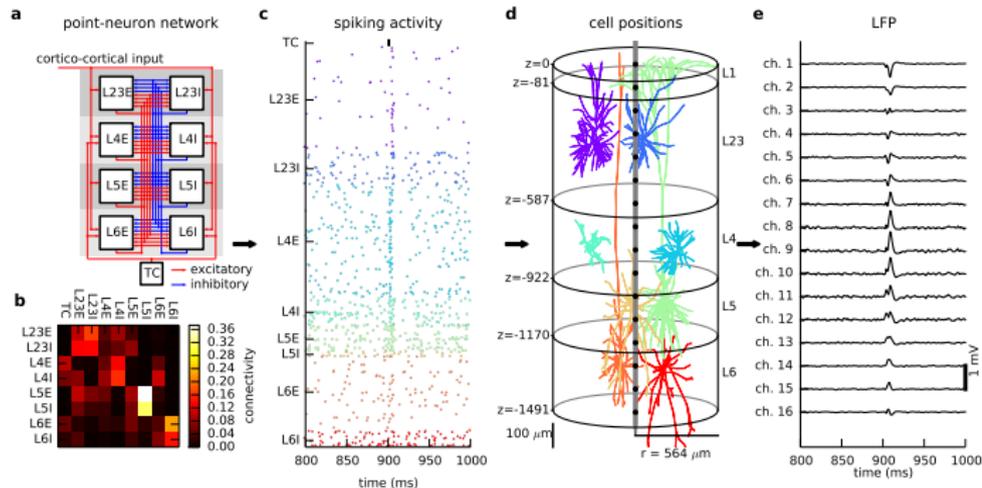
- Point-neuron network models:
 - accurate predictions of population spiking activity
 - efficient, easy to constrain (cf. tutorial T8)
 - poor predictors of extracellular signals (e.g., LFP)
- Biophysically detailed network models
 - demanding to implement
 - difficult to constrain
 - computationally expensive
 - extracellular signal predictions rare

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Extracellular potentials from electrophysiology

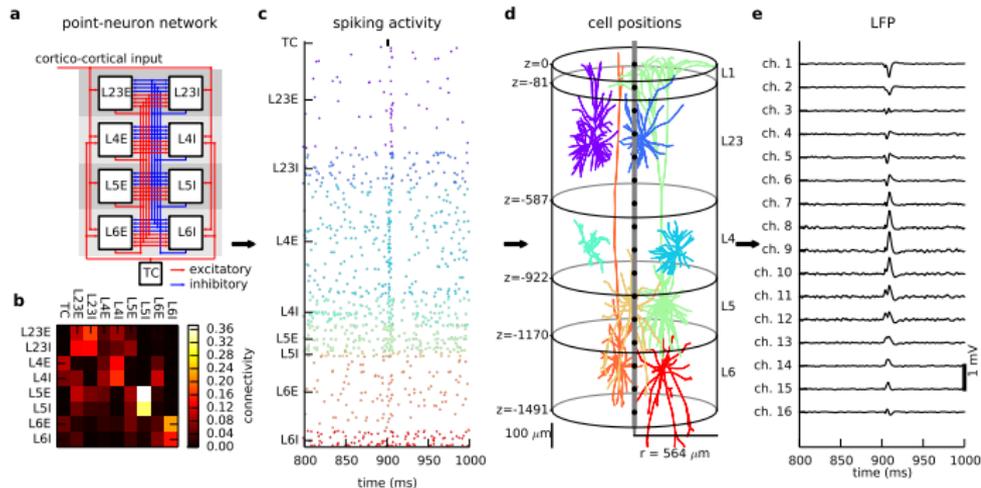
- Here: Hybrid scheme interfacing point-neuron network models with biophysically justified forward modelling scheme for extracellular potentials
 - LFP, CSD
 - (EEG, MEG, VSDi, ...)
- Benefits of hybrid scheme:
 - relate network spiking activity to LFPs
 - introduce spatial features (morphology, connectivity)
 - simplified, passive membrane model
 - preserve network features (cell count, synapse model ...)
 - massive parallelism not necessary

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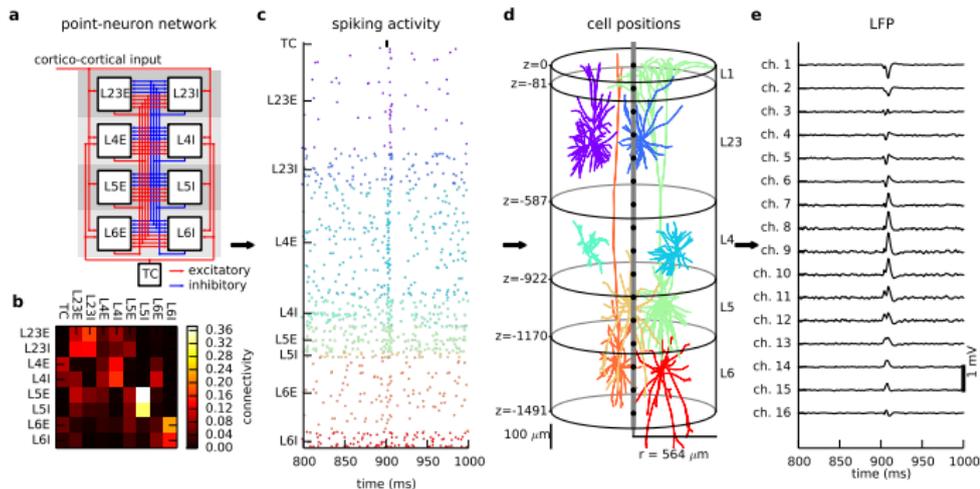
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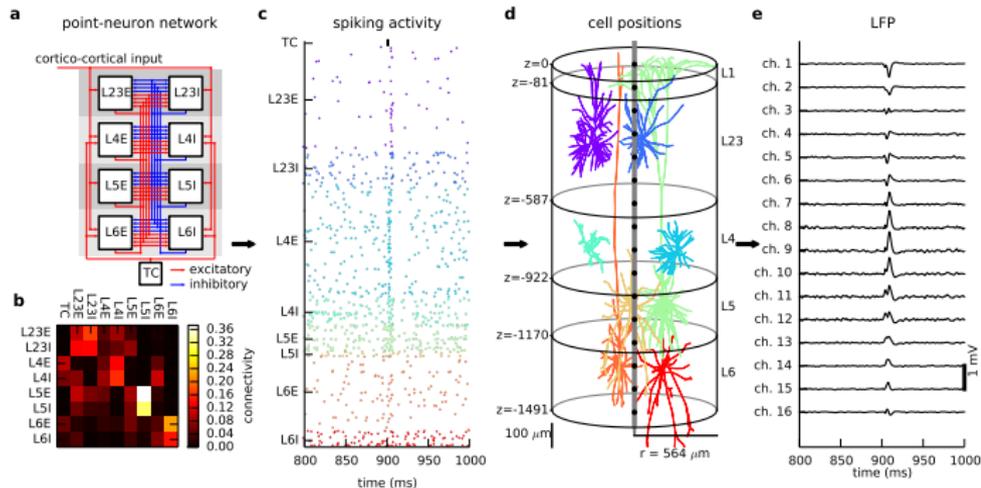
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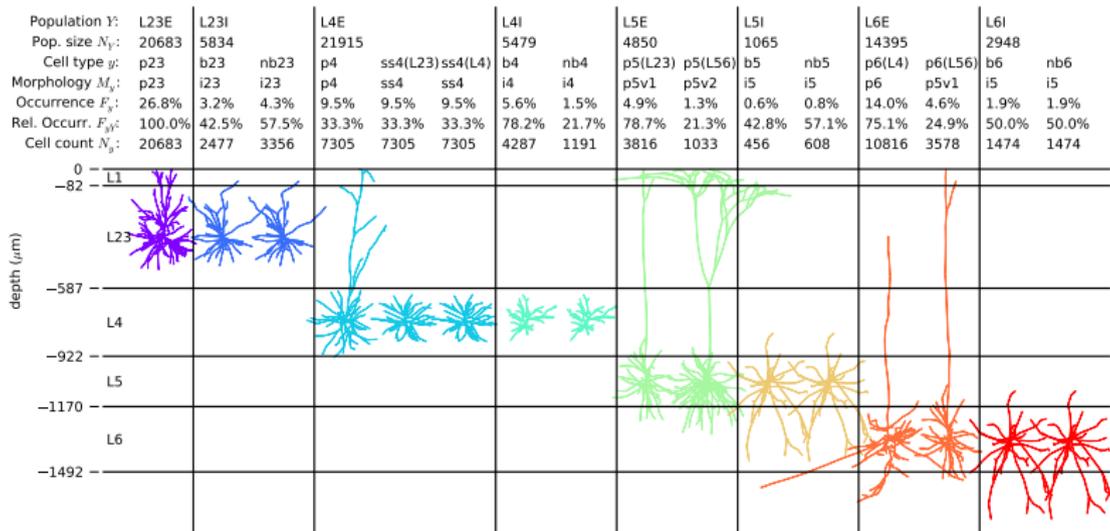
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 - Multi-compartment neurons: “antennas” for LFP generation

hybridLFPy: Cell-types in cortical column model

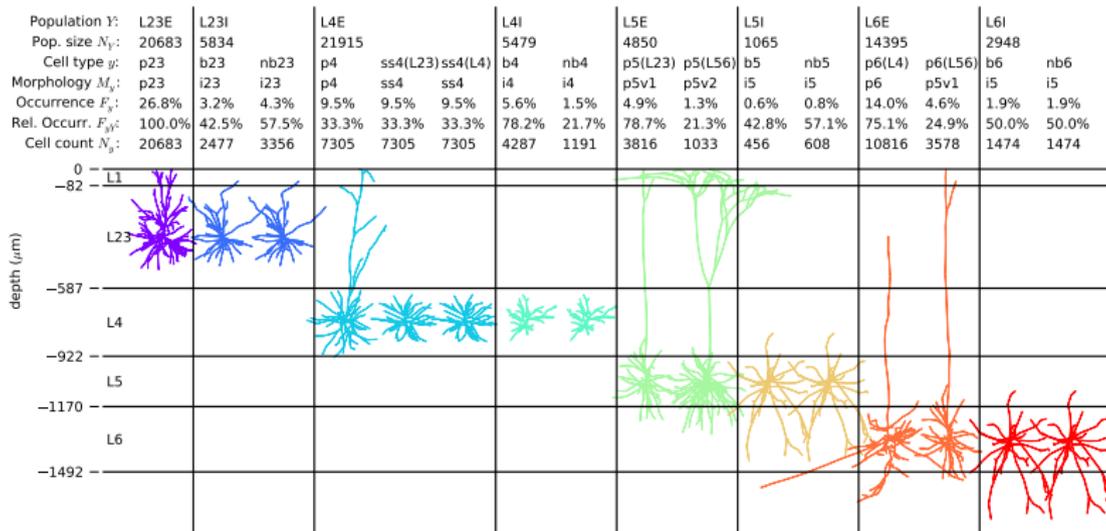


Morphologies and layer boundaries:

[Stepanyants et al. *Cereb Cortex* (2008)]

- Reconstructions from cat (visual/somatosensory cortices)
- Limited data availability: reuse files across cell types

hybridLFPy: Cell-types in cortical column model



Extraction from anatomical data:

- Cell-type specific connectivity: 16 cell types
- Layer specificity of connections

[Binzegger et al. (2004)]

hybridLFPy: Cell-type and layer-specific connectivity

| | | percent of cells | | Number of synapses | | presynaptic neurons | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------|------|-----|-----|----------|---------|------|-----|--------|---------|------|------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|--|
| | | nb1 | p2/3 | b2/3 | nb2/3 | ss4(L4) | ss4(L2/3) | p4 | b4 | nb4 | p5(L2/3) | p5(L5b) | b5 | nb5 | p6(L4) | p6(L5b) | b6 | nb6 | contocortical | TCa | TCn | TIs | TIn | TRN | | |
| postsynaptic neurons | nb1 | 1.5 | 8990 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | p2/3 ^{L2/3} | 26 | 5800 | 10.1 | 6.3 | 0.6 | 1.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | L1 | | 1306 | | 10.2 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 1.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | b2/3 | 3.1 | 3854 | 1.3 | 51.6 | 10.6 | 3.4 | 0.5 | 5.8 | 6.6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | nb2/3 | 4.2 | 3307 | 1.7 | 48.6 | 11.4 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 5.5 | 6.2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ss4(L4) | 9.2 | 5792 | | 2.7 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 11.9 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 7.1 | 2 | 0.8 | 0.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ss4(L2/3) | 9.2 | 4989 | | 5.6 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 11.3 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 7.2 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 0.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | p4 ^{L4} | 9.2 | 5031 | | 4.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 11.5 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 7.2 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | L2/3 | | 866 | | 63.1 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 7.2 | 8.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | L1 | | 806 | | 10.2 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 1.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | b4 | 5.4 | 3230 | | 5.8 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 11 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 8.4 | 2.4 | 1.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | nb4 | 1.5 | 3688 | | 2.7 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 11.7 | 3.6 | 4 | 8.2 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | p5(L2/3) ^{L2} | 4.8 | 4316 | | 45.9 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 2 | 7.5 | 0.9 | 11.7 | 1 | | 0.8 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 2.1 | | | | | | | | |
| | L4 | | 283 | | 2.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 12.2 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | L2/3 | | 412 | | 63.1 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 7.2 | 8.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | L1 | | 185 | | 10.2 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 1.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | p5(L5/6) ^{L5} | 1.3 | 5101 | | 44.3 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 2 | 7.3 | 0.8 | 11.3 | 1.2 | | 0.8 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 0.3 | | | | | | | |
| | L4 | | 949 | | 2.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 12.2 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | L2/3 | | 1367 | | 63.1 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 7.2 | 8.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | L1 | | 5658 | | 10.2 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 1.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | nb5 | 0.6 | 2981 | | 45.5 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 3.3 | 2 | 7.5 | 1.1 | 11.6 | 1 | | 0.9 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
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| | p6(L4) ^{L5} | 13.6 | 3261 | | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.3 | | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4.9 | | 0.3 | 1.2 | 13.2 | 7.7 | | | | | | | |
| | L5 | | 1066 | | 46.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 3.4 | 2.1 | 7.7 | | 0.6 | 11.9 | 1 | | 0.6 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 2.1 | | | | | | | |
| | L2/3 | | 1915 | | 2.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 12.2 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| p6(L5/6) ^{L4} | 4.5 | 5573 | | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.3 | | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4.9 | | 0.3 | 1.2 | 13.2 | 7.8 | | | | | | | | |
| L5 | | 257 | | 46.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 3.4 | 2.1 | 7.7 | | 0.6 | 11.9 | 1 | | 0.6 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 2.1 | | | | | | | | |
| L4 | | 243 | | 2.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 12.2 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L2/3 | | 286 | | 63.1 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 7.2 | 8.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L1 | | 62 | | 10.2 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 1.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b6 | 2 | 3220 | | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.3 | | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4.9 | | 0.4 | 1.2 | 13.2 | 7.7 | | | | | | | | |
| nb6 | 2 | 3220 | | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.3 | | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4.9 | | 0.4 | 1.2 | 13.2 | 7.7 | | | | | | | | |
| | | brainstem sensory | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TCa | 0.5 | 4000 | | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | 23 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | |
| TCn | 0.5 | 4000 | | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | 13.2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TIs | 0.1 | 3000 | | 13.5 | | | | | | | | | | | 9.8 | 3.3 | | | | | | 0.4 | | | 24.4 | |
| TIn | 0.1 | 3000 | | 13.4 | | | | | | | | | | | 5.4 | | | | | | | 0.6 | | | 24.4 | |
| TRN | 0.5 | 4000 | | 40 | | | | | | | | | | | 30 | | | | | | | 10 | 10 | | 10 | |

Binzegger et al. *J Neurosci* (2004)

hybridLFPy - Package overview

- hybridLFPy Python package:
 - Homepage: <http://github.com/espenhgn/hybridLFPy>
 - Main classes and functions:
 - `hybridLFPy.CachedNetwork`
 - `hybridLFPy.Population`
 - `hybridLFPy.Postprocess`
 - `hybridLFPy.setup_file_dest`
 - Example files - `/path/to/hybridLFPy/examples`
 - Network model: `/brunel_alpha_nest.py`
 - Hybrid model application: `/example_brunel.py`
 - Python dependencies: `LFPy`, `nest`, `mpi4py`, `h5py`, `sqlite3`, `NeuroTools`

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Module **hybridLFPy**

hybridLFPy ¶

Provides methods for estimating extracellular potentials of simplified spiking neuron network models.

This software comes with no warranties.

How to use the documentation

Documentation is available in two forms:

1. Docstrings provided with the code, e.g., as hybridLFPy? within IPython
2. Autogenerated sphinx-built output, compiled using

```
sphinx-build -b html docs documentation
```

in the root folder of the package sources

Available classes

CachedNetwork

Offline interface between network spike events and used by class Population

CachedNoiseNetwork

Creation of noise spiking neurons of a given network model, interfaces class Population

CachedFixedSpikesNetwork

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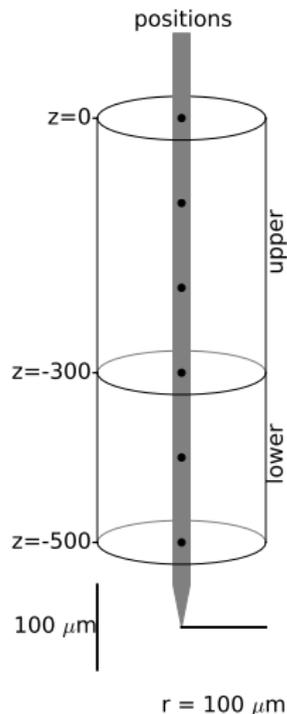
Network model

- Two-population E-I network (Brunel, *J Comput Neurosci* (2000))
 - leaky integrate-and-fire (LIF) neurons
 - current based synapses
 - alpha-shaped PSCs
 - adapted from PyNest example file:
`nest-2.4.1/pynest/examples/brunel-alpha-nest.py`
- Modifications:
 - $N_E + N_I = 500$ neurons
 - $J = 1$. mV
 - $g = -6$.
 - External Poisson spike generators removed
 - DC current input ($I_{DC} \approx 300$ nA)
 - All spike events dumped to disk

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Model configuration

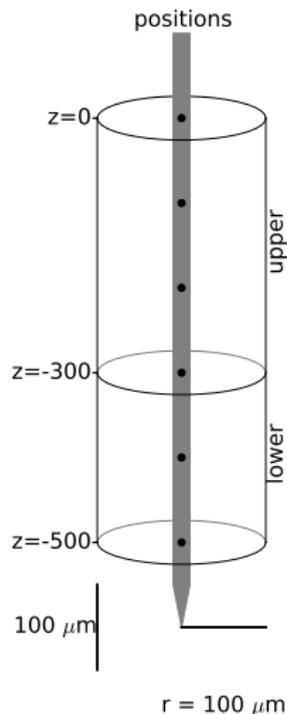
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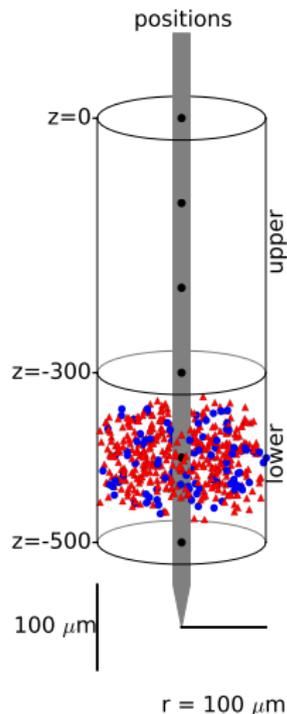
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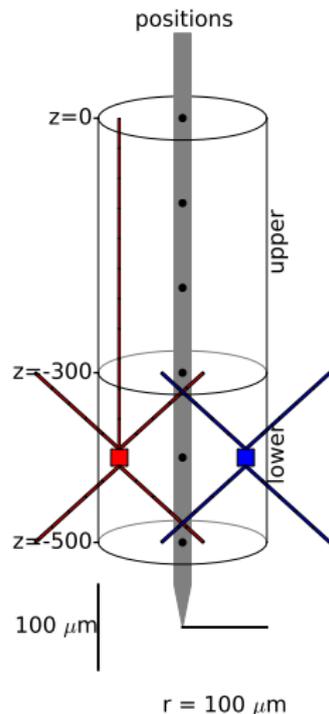
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 - local field potentials (LFP)
- Random locations within cylinder
 - $z \in [-450, -350] \mu\text{m}$
 - $R < 100 \mu\text{m}$



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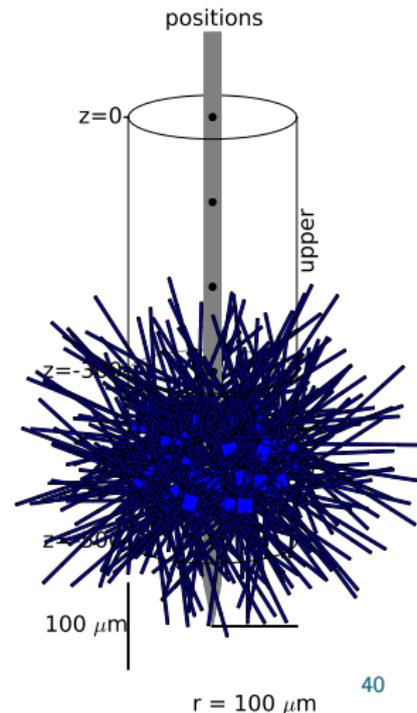
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 - membrane time constant of LIF neurons
 - spatially discretized into compartments



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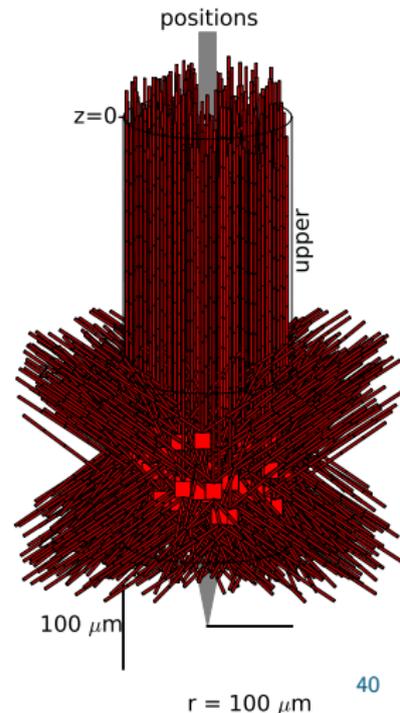
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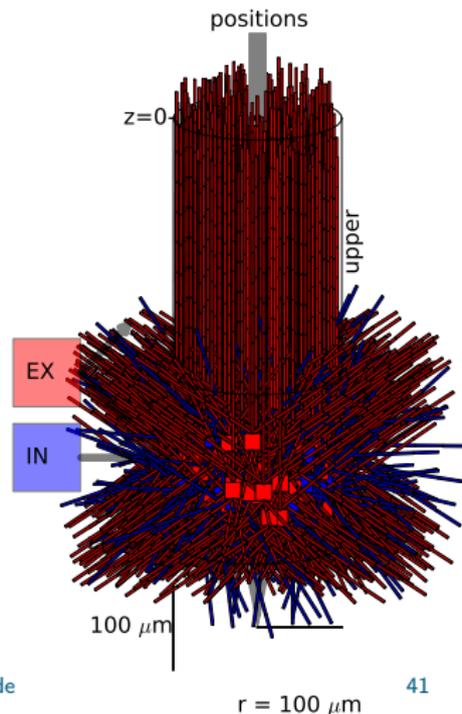


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Model configuration

- Connectivity:
 - In-degree inherited from network
 - EX - 50-50% distribution of excitatory input in upper/lower layer
 - EX - Inhibition only in lower layer
 - IN - All connections in lower layer
 - No inputs on soma
 - Within layers - conn.-prob. normalized by surface area

- Synapse model
 - inherited from network
 - NEURON NMODL language
examples/alphaisyn.mod



hybridLFPy - Example implementation

example_brunel.py initialization:

```
#import necessary classes and functions
...
from hybridLFPy import PostProcess, Population, CachedNetwork
from hybridLFPy import setup_file_dest
from NeuroTools.parameters import ParameterSet
from mpi4py import MPI

#MPI Initialization
COMM = MPI.COMM_WORLD
SIZE = COMM.Get_size()
RANK = COMM.Get_rank()

#Parameters defined in pynest example script,
#brunel_alpha_nest.py, adapted from NEST v2.4.1 release:
import brunel_alpha_nest as BN
#note: will not execute model
```



hybridLFPy - Example implementation

File hierarchy:

- simulation_output_example_brunel/
 - simscripts/
 - cells/
 - populations/
 - spiking_output_path/
 - figures/

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example_brunel.py file hierarchy:

```
PS = ParameterSet(dict()) #initialize
savefolder = 'simulation_output_example_brunel'
PS.update(
    #Main destination destination
    savefolder = savefolder,
    #copy of simulation files
    sim_scripts_path = os.path.join(savefolder, 'sim_scripts'),
    #single-cell output
    cells_path = os.path.join(savefolder, 'cells'),
    #destination compound signals
    populations_path = os.path.join(savefolder, 'populations'),
    #spike output from the network model
    spike_output_path = BN.spike_output_path,
    #figure destination
    figures_path = os.path.join(savefolder, 'figures')
)
#set up file destination, clear old results
setup_file_dest(PS, clearDestination=True)
```

hybridLFPy - Example implementation

example_brunel.py, parameter setup:

#population (and cell type) specific parameters

```
PS.update(dict(
    #population names
    X = ["EX", "IN"],
    #population-specific LFPy.Cell parameters
    cellParams = dict(
        #excitatory cells
        EX = dict(
            morphology = 'morphologies/ex.hoc',
            v_init = BN.neuron_params['E_L'],
            rm = BN.neuron_params['tau_m'] * 1E3 / 1.,
            cm = 1.0, Ra = 150,
            e_pas = BN.neuron_params['E_L'],
            timeres_NEURON = BN.dt,
            timeres_python = BN.dt,
            tstopms = BN.simtime,),
        #inhibitory cells
        IN = dict(
            morphology = 'morphologies/in.hoc', ...))
```

hybridLFPy - Example implementation

example_brunel.py, parameter setup:

```
#population (and cell type) specific parameters
PS.update(dict(
    #cylindrical model populations
    populationParams = dict(
        EX = dict(
            number = BN.NE,
            radius = 100,
            z_min = -450,
            z_max = -350,
            min_cell_interdist = 1.,),
        IN = dict(number = BN.NI, ...),
    ),
    #set the boundaries between the
    #"upper" and "lower" layer:
    layerBoundaries = [[0., -300],
                       [-300, -500]],
```

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example_brunel.py, parameter setup:

```
#set the geometry of the virtual recording device
PS.update(dict(
    electrodeParams = dict(
        #contact locations:
        x = [0]*6,
        y = [0]*6,
        z = [x*-100. for x in range(6)],
        #extracellular conductivity:
        sigma = 0.3,
        #contact surface normals, radius, n-point averaging
        N = [[1, 0, 0]]*6,
        r = 5,
        n = 20,
        seedvalue = None,
        #dendrite line sources, soma as sphere source (Linden2014)
        method = 'som_as_point',
        #no somas within the constraints of the "electrode shank":
        r_z = [[-1E199, -600, -550, 1E99], [0, 0, 10, 10]],))
```

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example_brunel.py, parameter setup:

```
#layer- and population-specific
#connection parameters
PS.update(dict(
    #number of connections per layer per cell
    #from each presynaptic population
    k_yXL = dict(
        EX = [[int(0.5*BN.CE), 0],
              [int(0.5*BN.CE), BN.CI]],
        IN = [[0, 0],
              [BN.CE, BN.CI]],),

    #Connection weights (current amplitudes)
    J_yX = dict(
        EX = [BN.J_ex*1E-3, BN.J_in*1E-3],
        IN = [BN.J_ex*1E-3, BN.J_in*1E-3]),)
```

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example_brunel.py, parameter setup:

```
#set up synapse parameters as derived from the network
PS.update(dict(
    synParams = dict(
        EX = dict(
            section = ['apic', 'dend'],
            tau = BN.tauSyn,
            syntype = 'AlphaISyn'
        ),
        IN = dict(section = ['dend'], ...),),
    #fixed delays of network
    synDelayLoc = dict(
        EX = [BN.delay, BN.delay],
        IN = [BN.delay, BN.delay],
    ),
    #no distribution of delays
    synDelayScale = dict(
        EX = [None, None],
        IN = [None, None],),)
```

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example_brunel.py, network spikes:

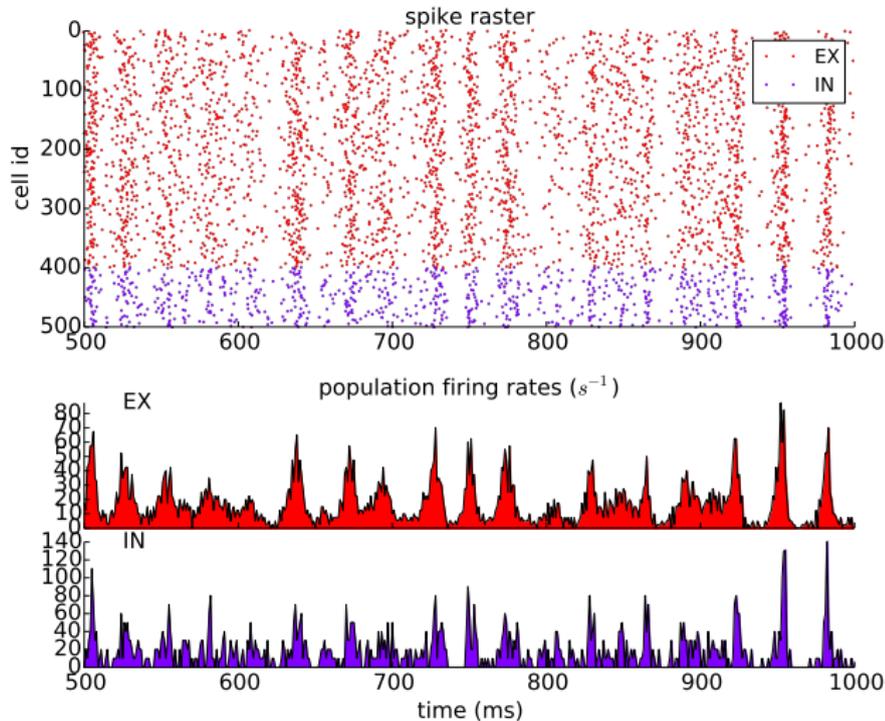
```

if RANK == 0:
    #run network off-line
        os.system("python brunel_alpha_nest.py")
    #sync MPI threads
    COMM.Barrier()

#Create object representation with spiking activity of network
#output using sqlite3 under the hood. kwargs are derived from the brunel
#network instance.
networkSim = CachedNetwork(
    simtime = BN.simtime,
    dt = BN.dt,
    spike_output_path = PS.spike_output_path,
    label = BN.label,
    ext = 'gdf',
    N_X = np.array([BN.NE, BN.NI]),
    X = PS.X,
)

```

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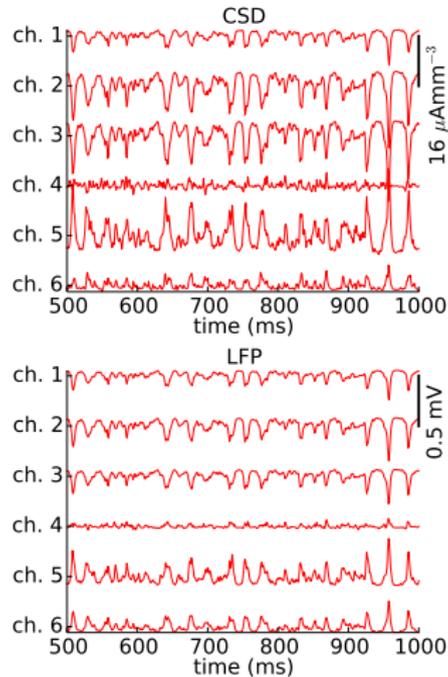
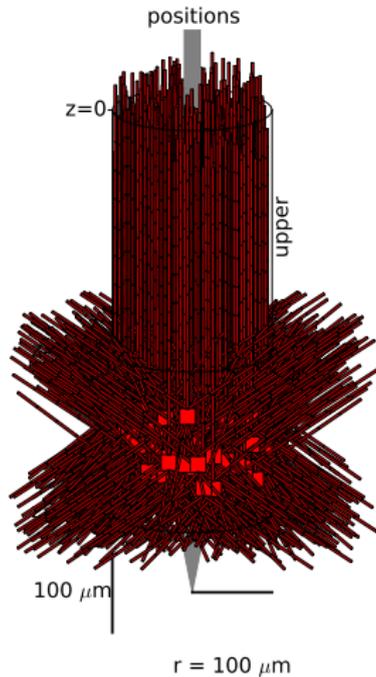


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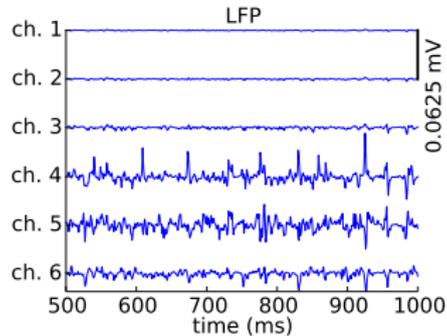
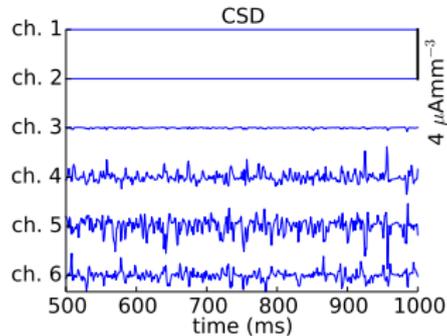
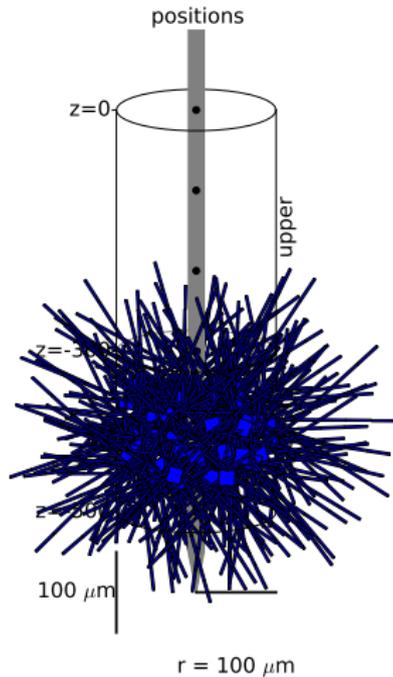
example_brunel.py, run single-cell simulations:

```
for i, Y in enumerate(PS.X):
    #create population:
    pop = Population(
        cellParams = PS.cellParams[Y],
        rand_rot_axis = PS.rand_rot_axis[Y],
        simulationParams = PS.simulationParams,
        populationParams = PS.populationParams[Y],
        layerBoundaries = PS.layerBoundaries,
        electrodeParams = PS.electrodeParams,
        ...
        networkSim = networkSim,
        k_yXL = PS.k_yXL[Y],
        synParams = PS.synParams[Y],
        synDelayLoc = PS.synDelayLoc[Y],
        synDelayScale = PS.synDelayScale[Y],
        J_yX = PS.J_yX[Y],)
    #run simulation and process single-cell data
    pop.run()
    pop.collect_data()
```

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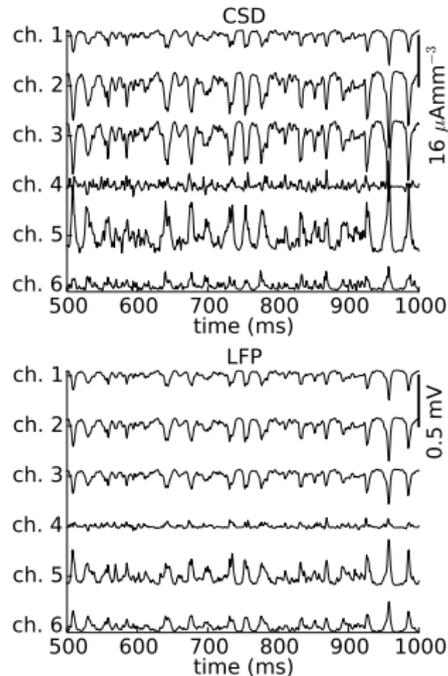
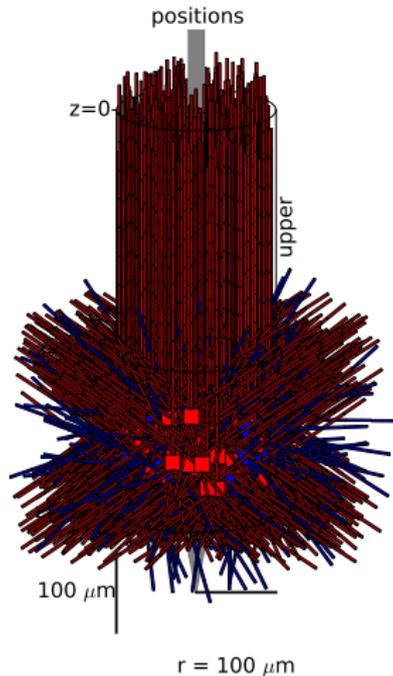


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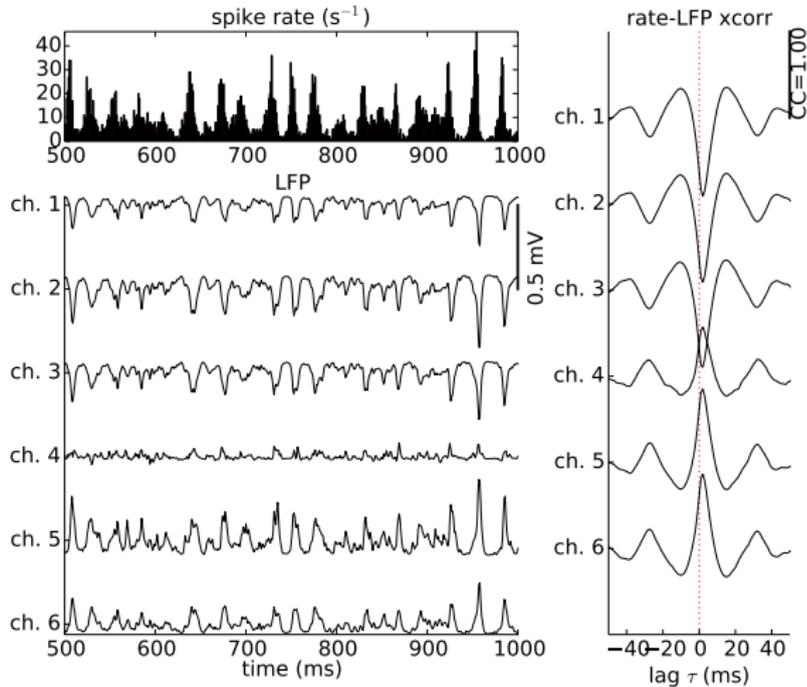
example_brunel.py, create compound signals:

```
#Postprocessing of population output,  
#(superposition of population LFPs, CSDs)  
postproc = PostProcess(y = PS.X,  
                        dt_output = PS.dt_output,  
                        savefolder = PS.savefolder,  
                        mapping_Yy = PS.mapping_Yy,  
                        )  
  
#run procedure  
postproc.run()
```

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Summary & Outlook

- Forward modeling scheme:
 - derived using standard electrostatic theory
 - multi-compartmental neuron models
- LFP_y; <http://compneuro.umb.no/LFPy>:
 - Extracellular potentials of single-neuron models
 - anisotropic extracellular medium
 - method of images (Mol) for inhomogeneous media
 - support parallel network implementations
- hybridLFP_y; <http://github.com/espenhgn/hybridLFPy>:
 - LFP predictions of simplified network models
 - Main application: Potjans&Diesmann, *Cereb Cortex* (2014)
 - Multi-area model predictions
 - Network models with distance dependent connections
 - Verify simplified LFP prediction schemes

Talks & Posters

- P130: Modelling spatially realistic local field potentials in spiking neural networks. using the VERTEX simulation tool. Richard Tomsett et al.
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- P215: Cable equation formalism for neuronal magnetic fields. Alain Destexhe et al.

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