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# Self-sustained activity and intermittent synchronization in balanced networks

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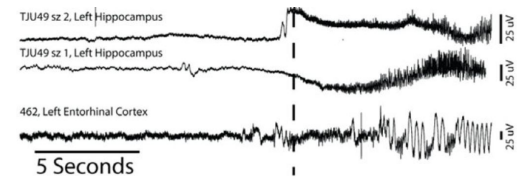
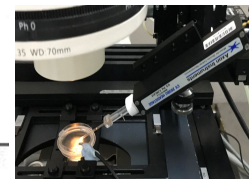
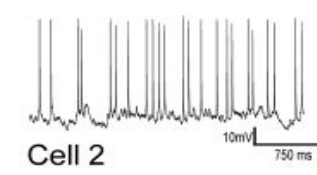
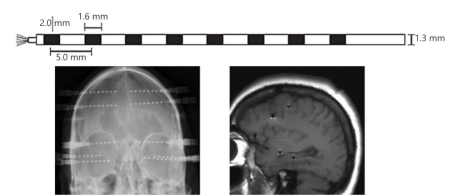
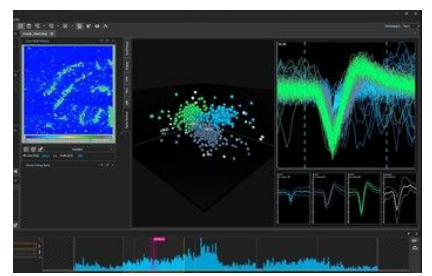
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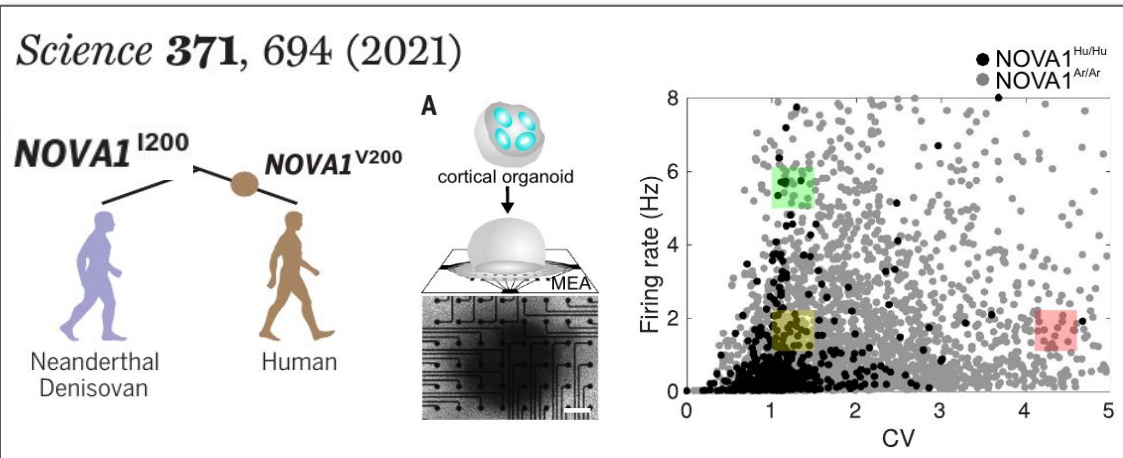
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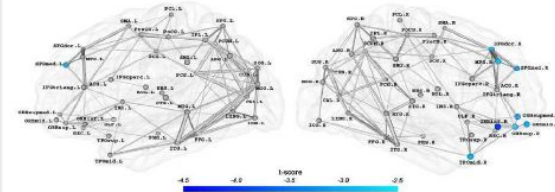
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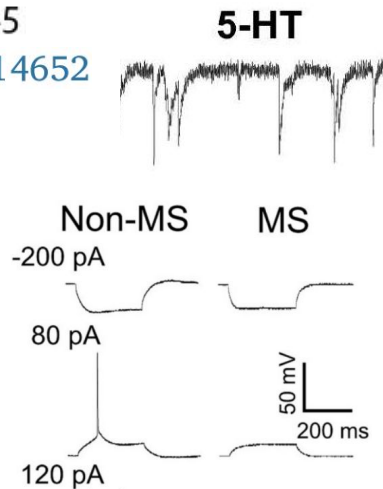
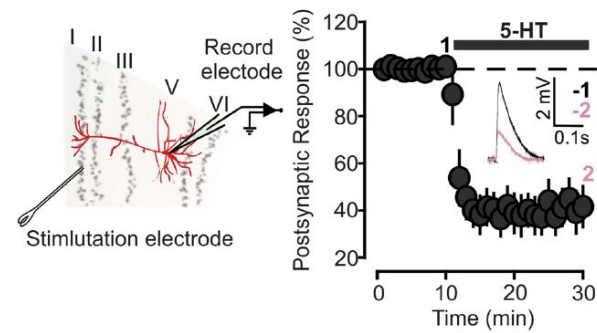
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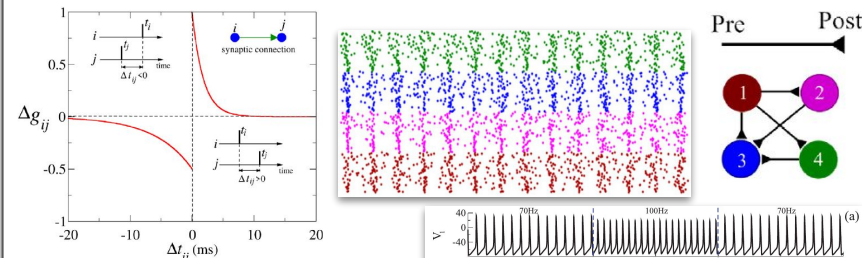
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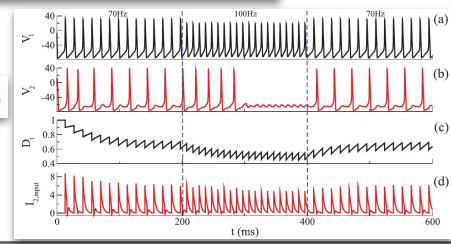


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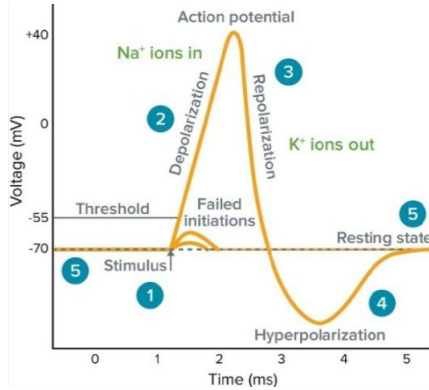
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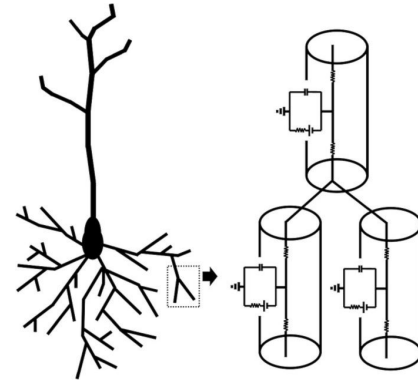
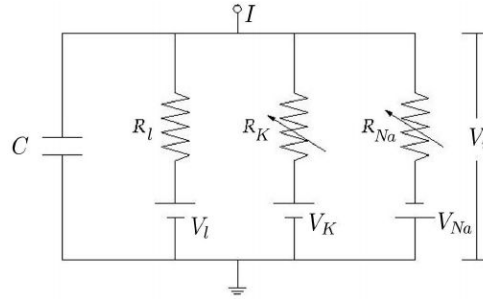


# Computational modeling

- Hodgkin-Huxley model or conductance-based model (Nobel 1963):



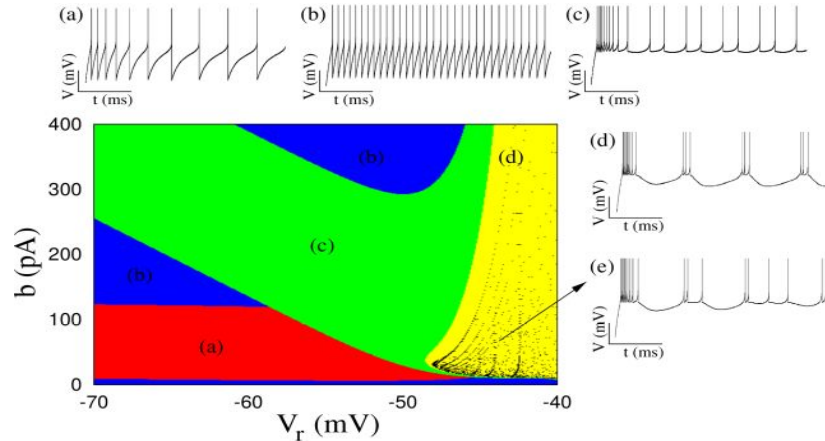
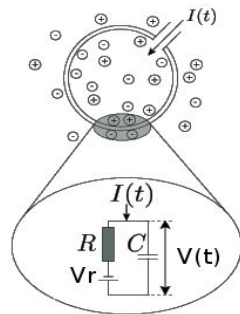
$$C_m \frac{dV_i}{dt} = I - \bar{g}_K n^4 (V_i - V_K) - \bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h (V_i - V_{Na}) - \bar{g}_l (V_i - V_l)$$



- Adaptive exponential integrate-and-fire model:

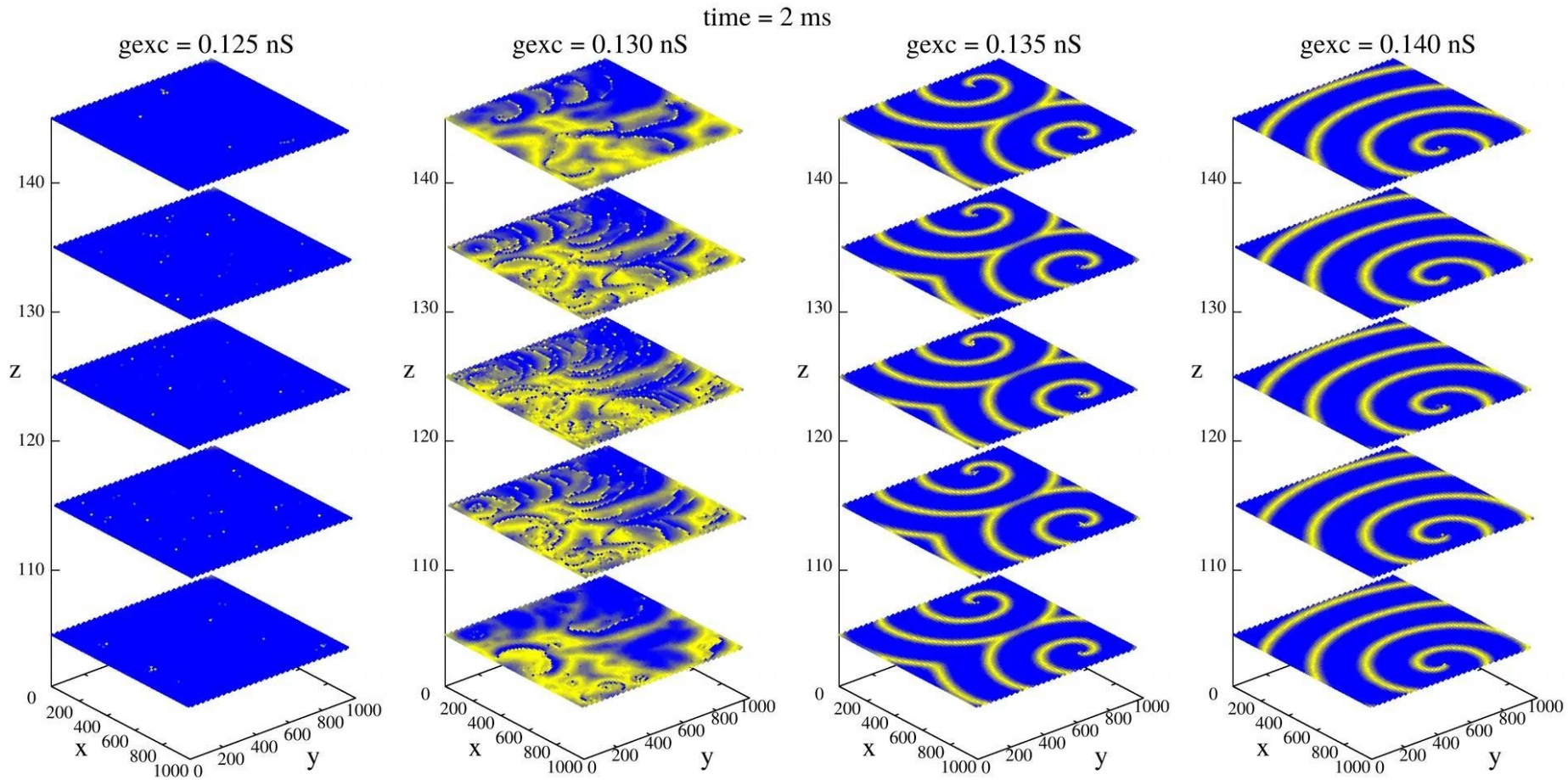
$$C \frac{dV}{dt} = -g_L (V - E_L) + g_L \Delta T \exp\left(\frac{V - V_T}{\Delta T}\right) \square$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = a(V - E_L) - w$$

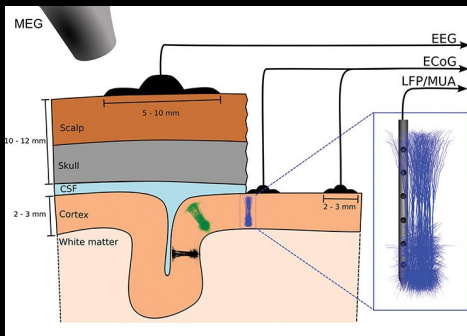


- Low computational cost
- Problems related to neural network
- Describes biological patterns (Micro and Macro)

# Spiral waves in IF model of CA1



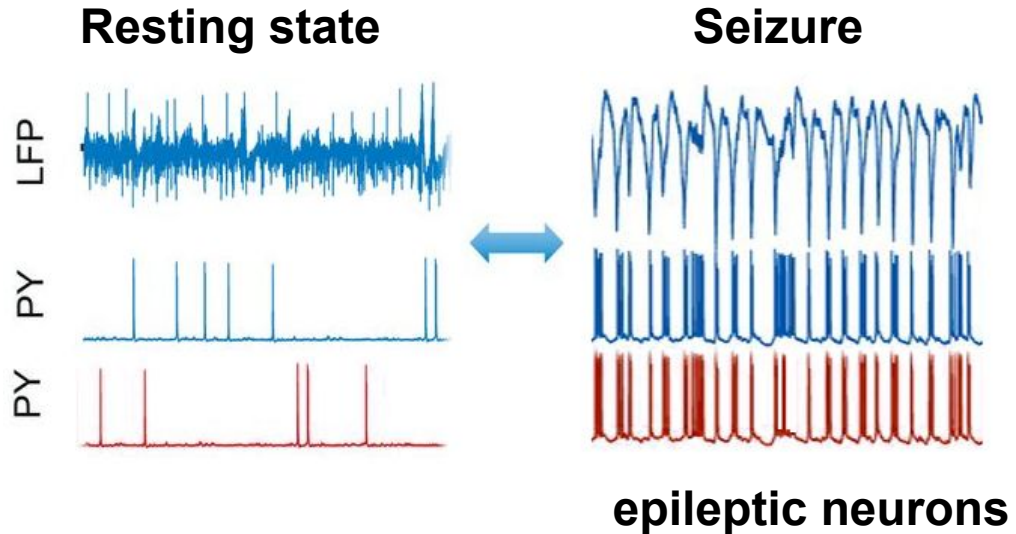
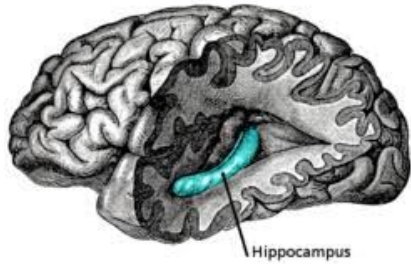
# Microcircuit Reconstruction



## Bulletin of the World Health Organization:

- . Over 85 million people suffer from neurological diseases;
- . ~ 50 million have epilepsy;
- . The most common form is temporal lobe epilepsy (TLE)
- . TLE presents high refractoriness to pharmacological treatment (~60%)
- . What happens in the brain activity during an epileptic seizure?

### Data from human hippocampal slices



Buchin et al. ENEURO, 2018.

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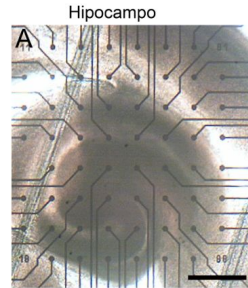
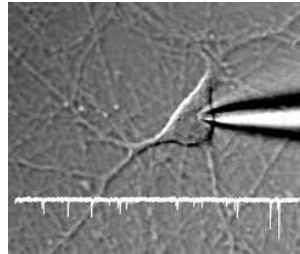
# Modelling epileptic seizures

- The pilocarpine model of temporal lobe epilepsy
- Pilocarpine acting through muscarinic receptors, causes an **imbalance between excitatory and inhibitory** transmission resulting in the generation of Status epilepticus

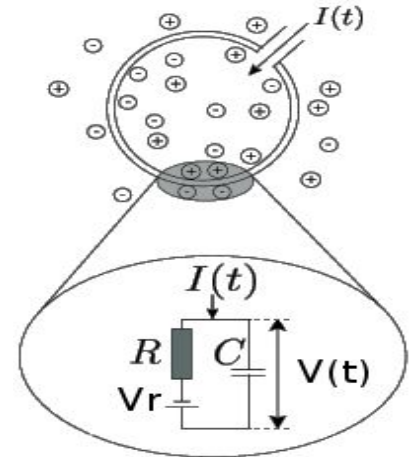
## *In vivo*




## *In vitro*



## *In silico*



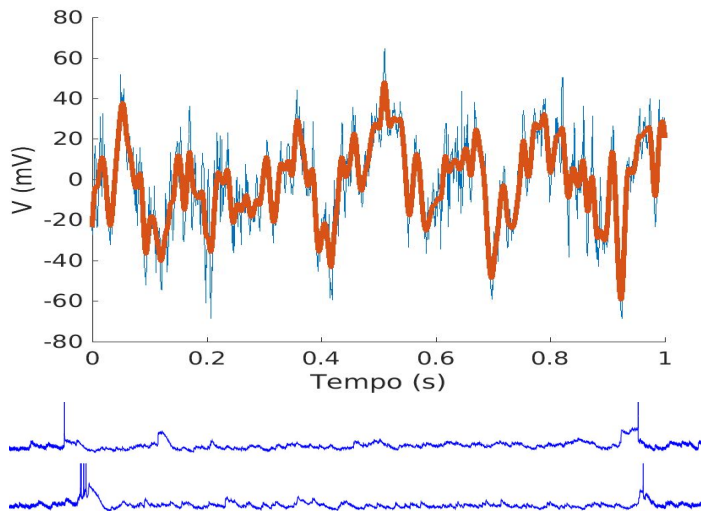


- Epileptic seizure  normal neuronal activity
- How neuronal systems transit between these regimes?

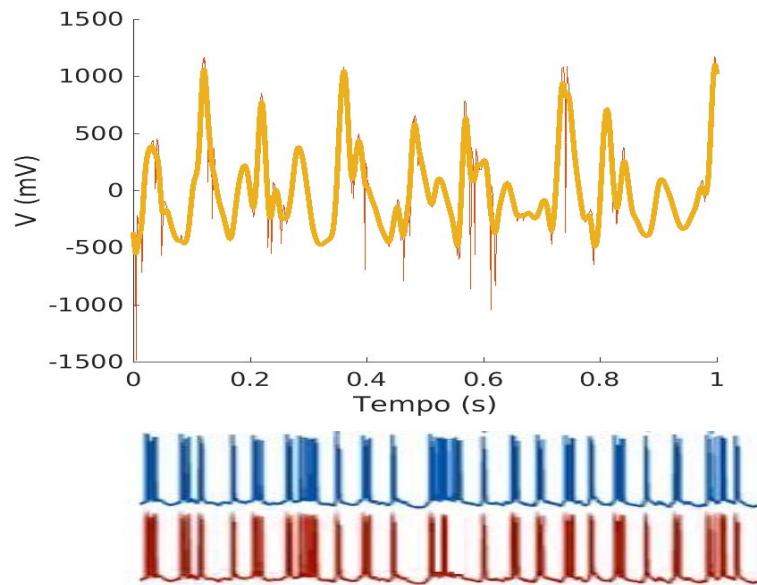
- **Bistate firing patterns**

- I. Asynchronous firing (spikes)
- II. High synchronous firing (bursts)

### Resting state

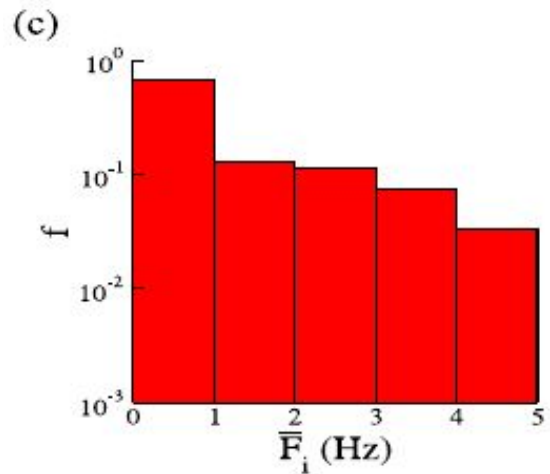
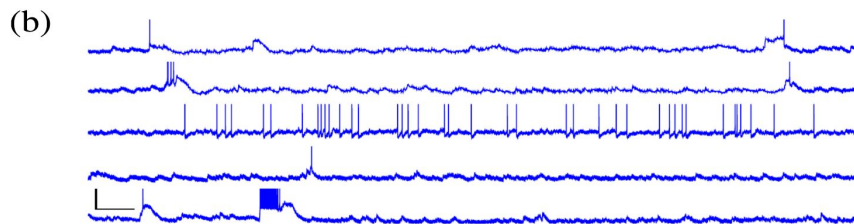
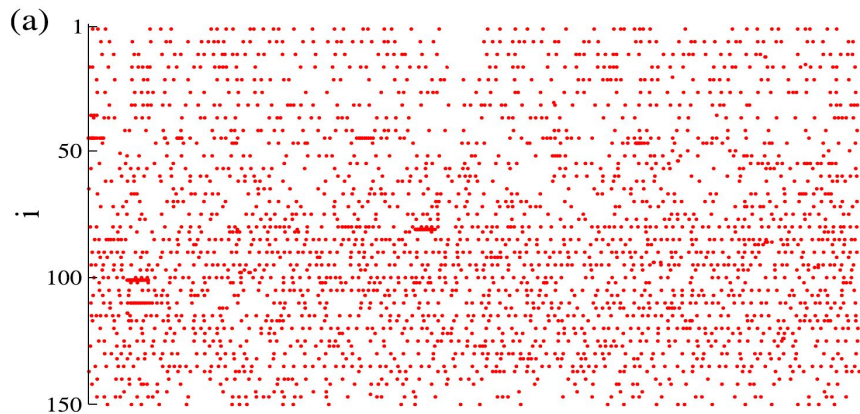


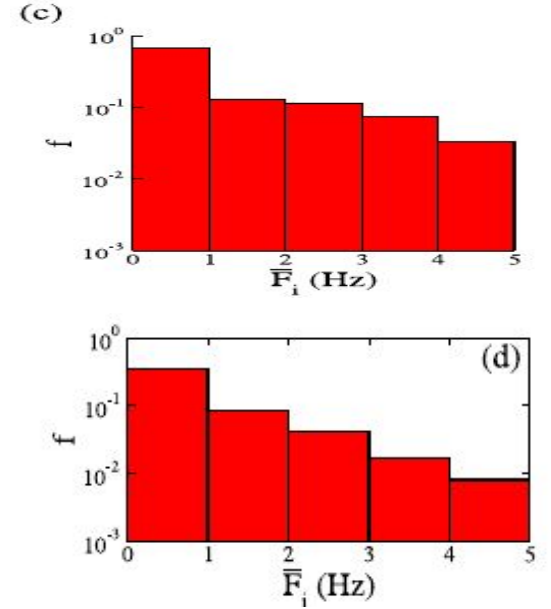
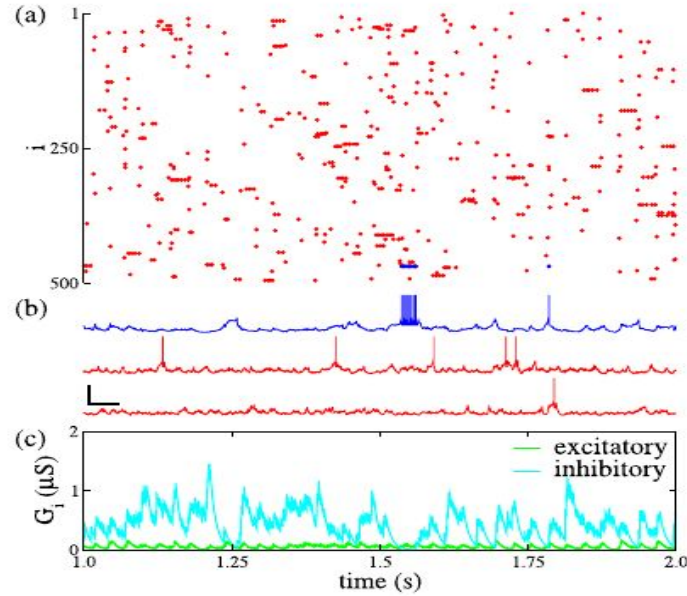
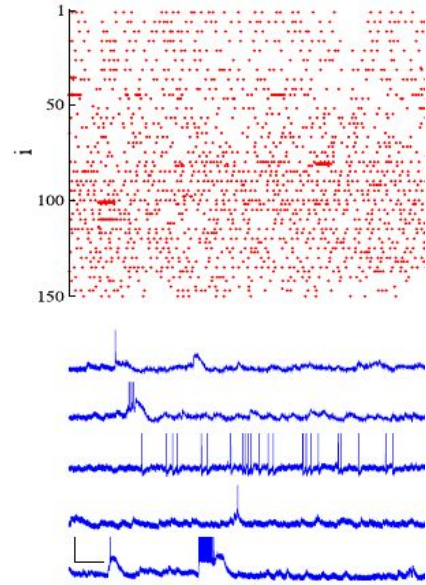
### Seizure (Pilo)



# Asynchronous firing in Rat

- Mean Fire Rate  $\sim 1$  Hz
- No External Noise
- Self-Sustained Activity (SSA)





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# From Asynchronous firing (spikes) to High synchronous firing (bursts)

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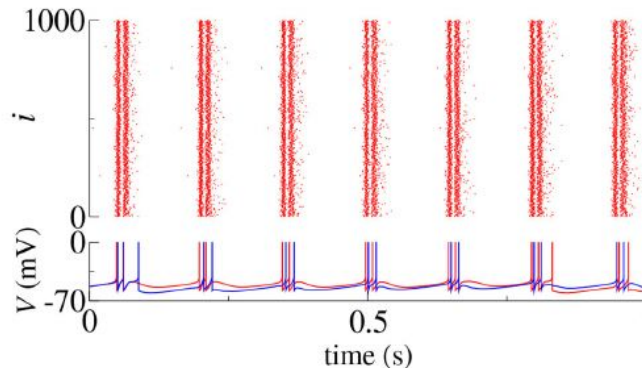
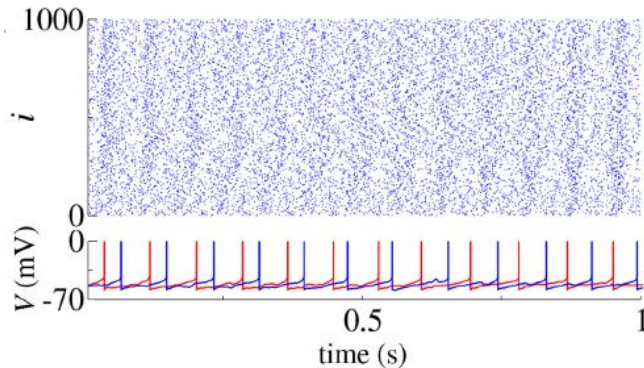
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Increase the excitatory connection probability and synaptic conductance

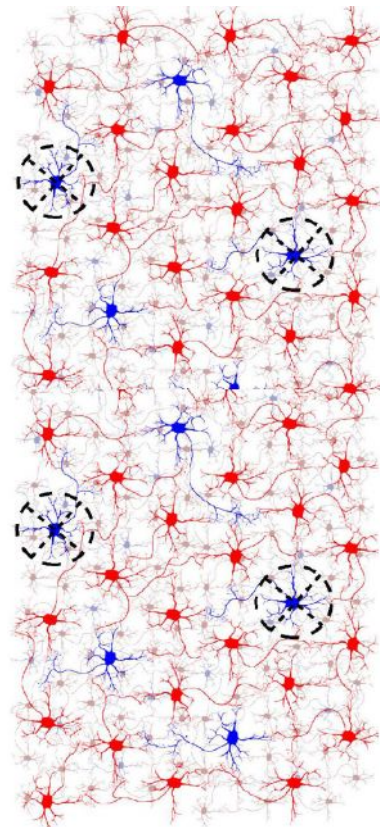
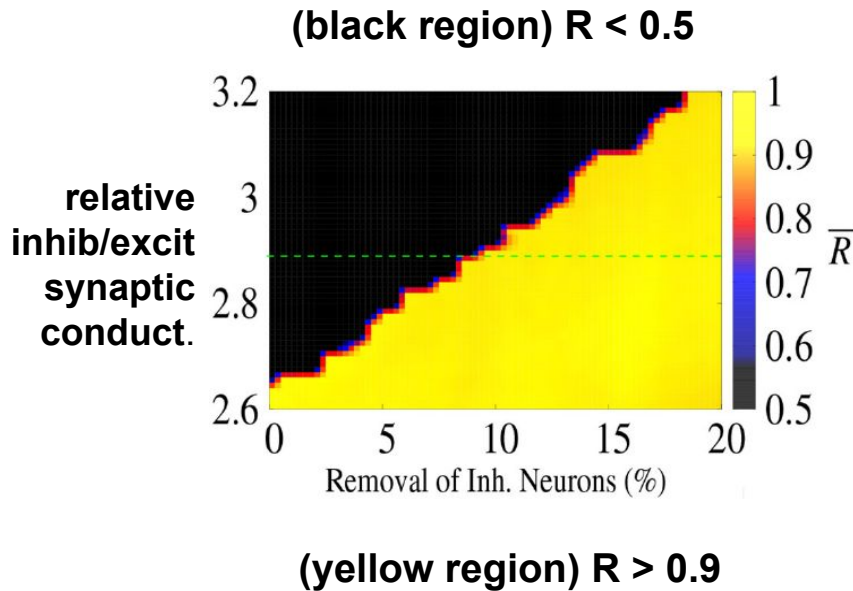
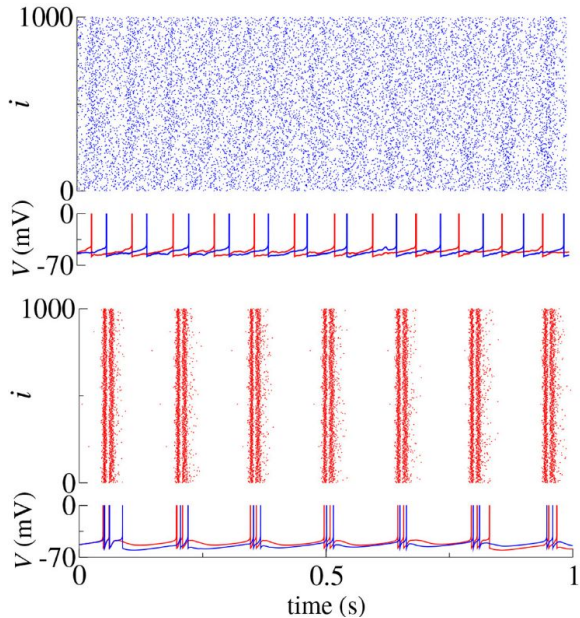


# Modelling Epileptic Networks

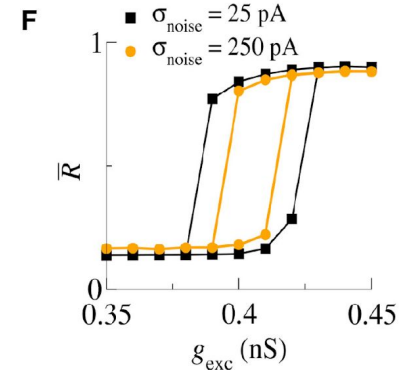
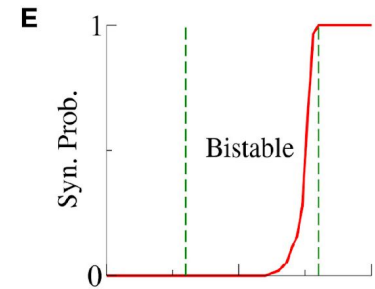
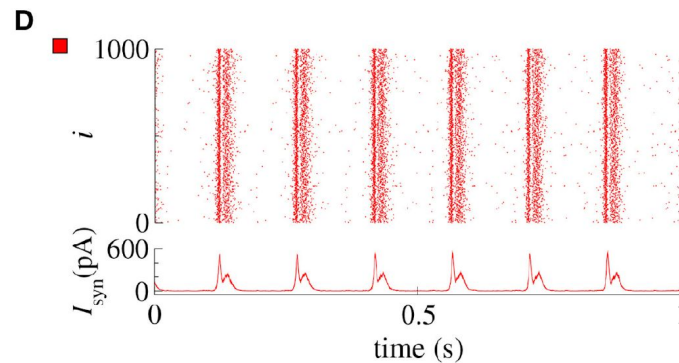
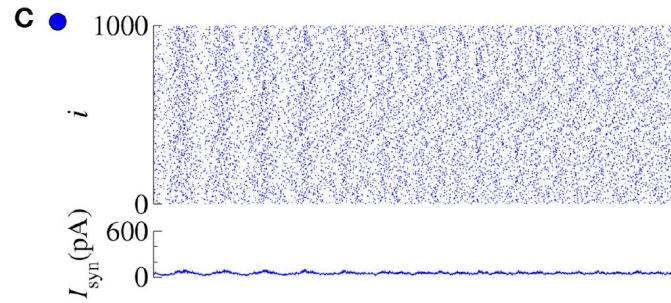
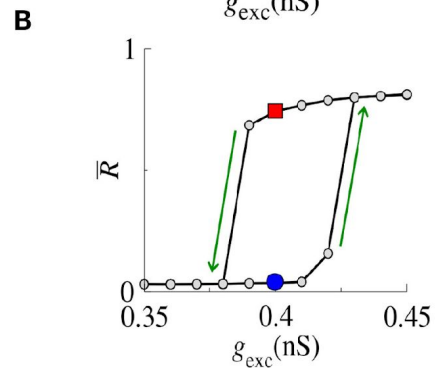
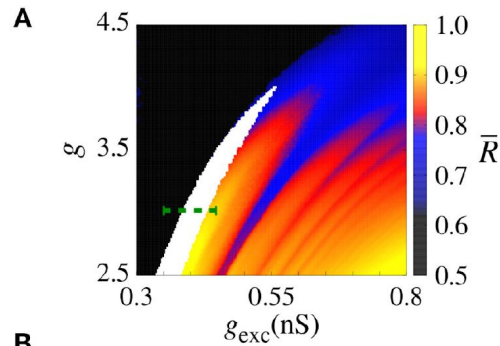
- Traub and Wong have proposed which epileptic synchronized burst are possible due three reasons:
  - (i) the capability of neurons to firing in burst,
  - (ii) the strong synaptic excitation, and
  - (iii) the **relative disinhibition**
- Epileptic and normal neuronal activity are support by the **same physiological structure**
- How neuronal systems transit between these regimes?

# Inhibitory Effect on Synchronous Behavior

- The unbalance between excitation and inhibition generates synchronized bursts.
- Two types of loss of inhibition:
  - Decrease in synaptic strength (relative inhibitory synaptic conductance);
  - Dead of inhibitory neurons (fraction of inhibitory neurons).

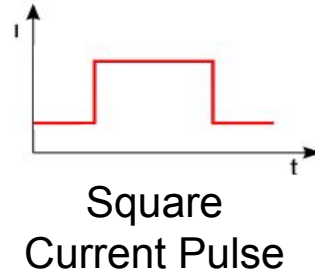


- Synchronization in function of  $g$  (relative inhibitory synaptic conductance) and  $g_{exc}$  (excitatory synaptic conductance).
- The transition from desynchronous spikes to synchronous bursts of activity, induced by varying the synaptic coupling, emerges in a hysteresis loop due to bistability where abnormal (excessively high synchronous) regimes exist.

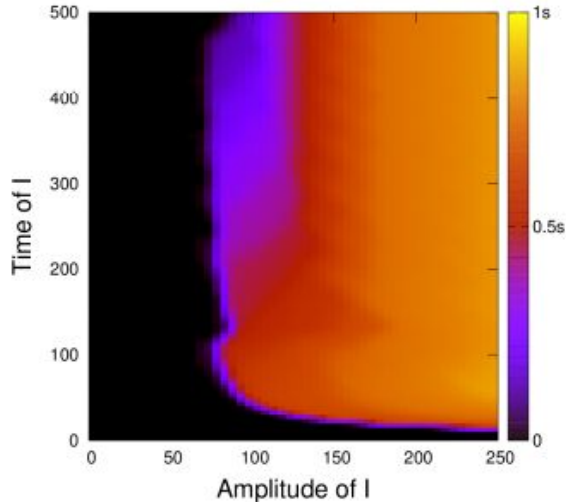


# How epileptic seizures are triggered?

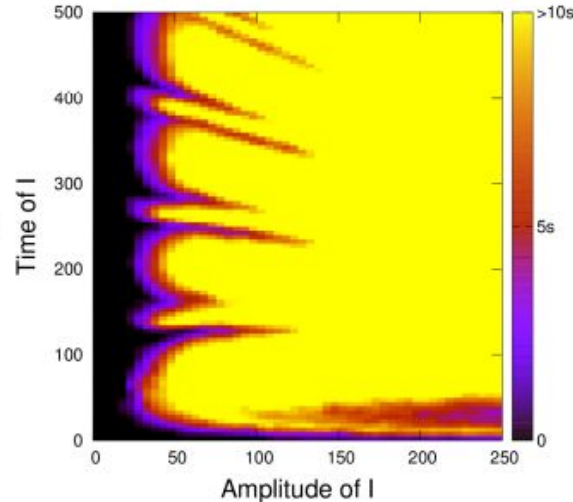
Mean Seizure Duration after  
applying SCP randomly  
(Asynchronous initial conditions)



Nonepileptic region

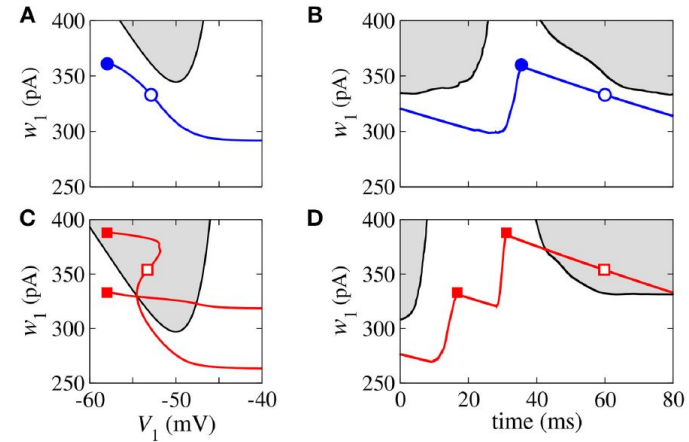


Epilepsy (Bistable region)



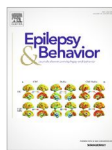
## Bistable Firing Pattern in a Neural Network Model

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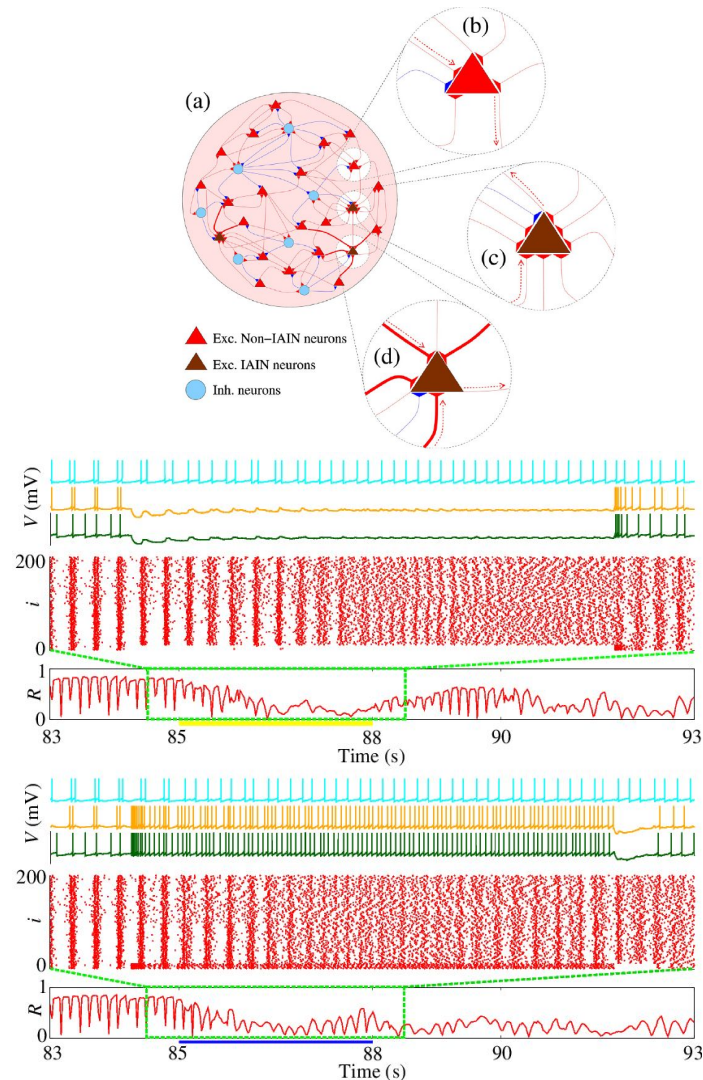
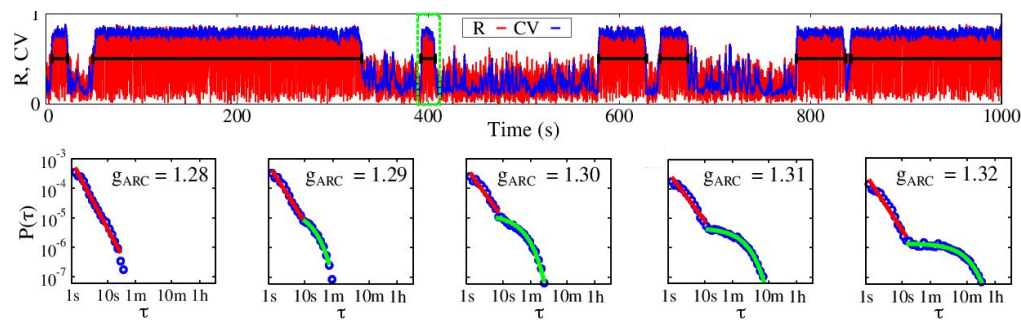
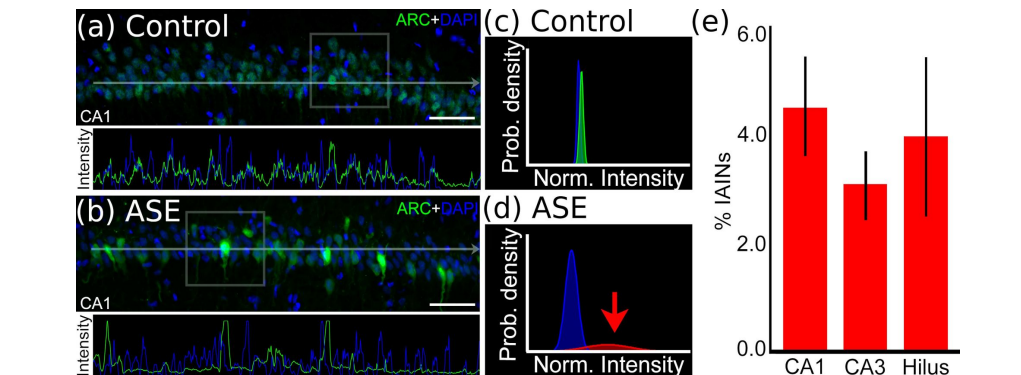
**FIGURE 3 |** Phase space ( $w_1, V_1$ ) (**A,C**) and time evolution of  $w_1$  (**B,D**) for spikes (blue) and burst activity (red). The gray regions correspond to  $dV_1/dt < 0$  and the black line represents  $dV_1/dt = 0$  ( $V$ -nullcline).





## Intermittency properties in a temporal lobe epilepsy model

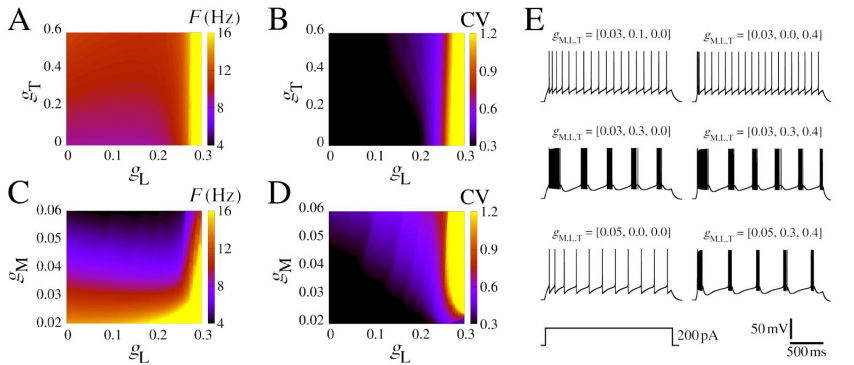
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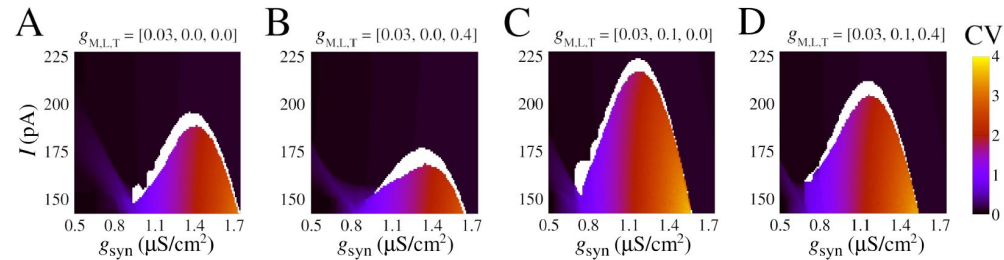
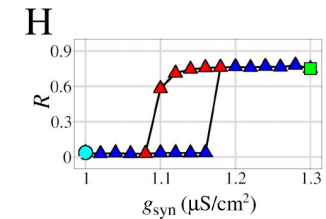
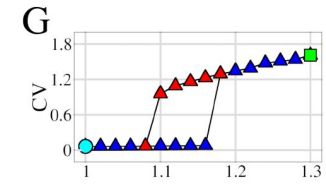
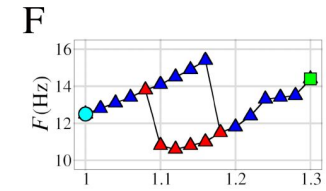
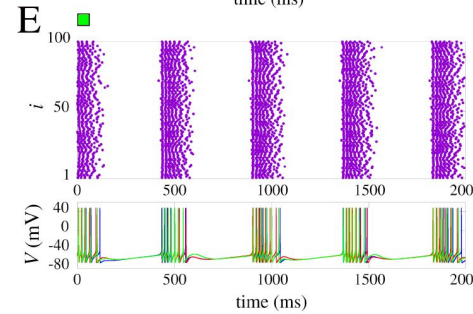
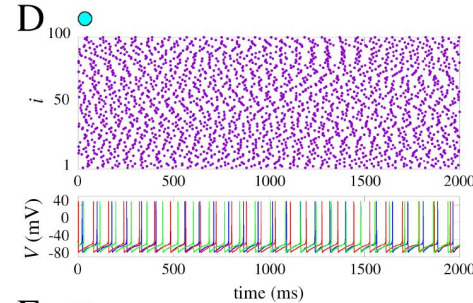
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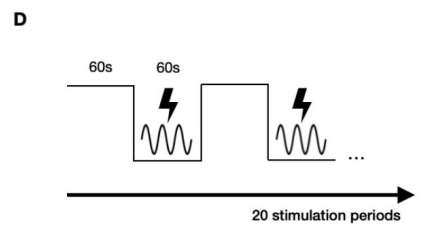
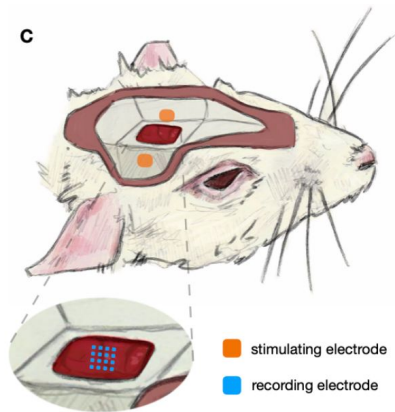
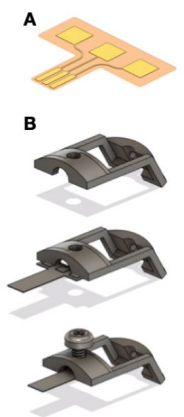
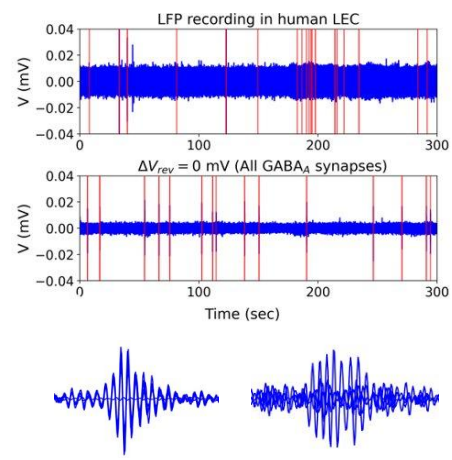
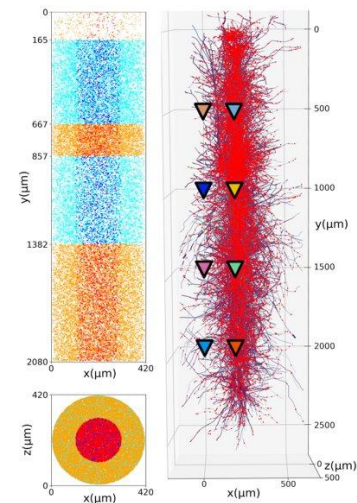
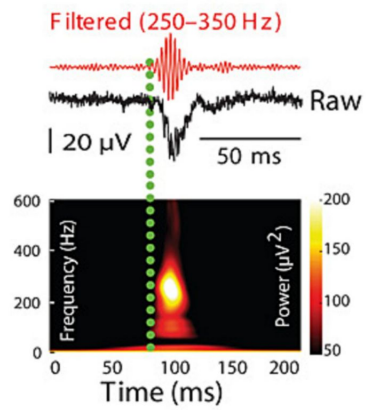
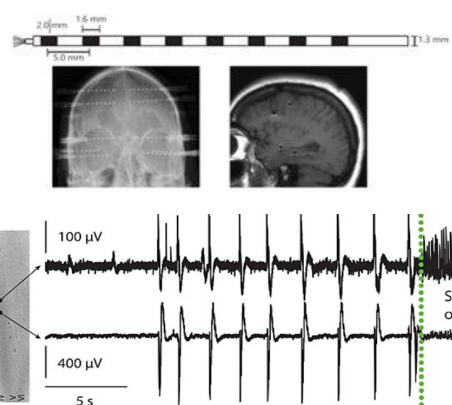
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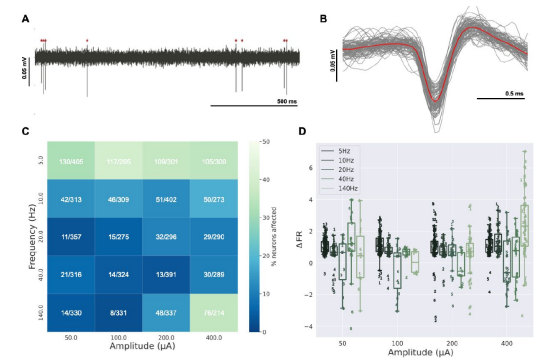
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# Extracellular recording and stimulation



| Group    | Amplitudes ( $\mu$ A) | Frequencies (Hz)       |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Training | 50, 100, 200, 400     | 5, 10, 15, 20, 40, 140 |
| Testing  | 50, 100, 200, 400     | 1, 7, 15, 30, 90       |



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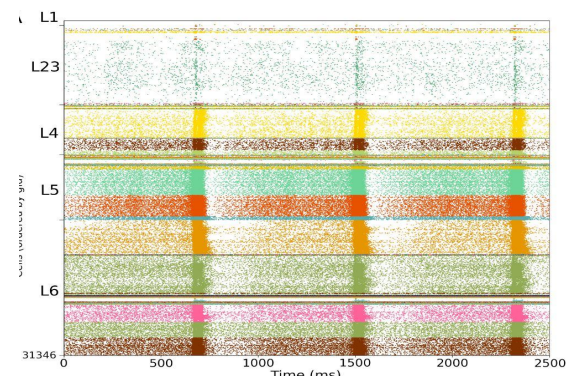
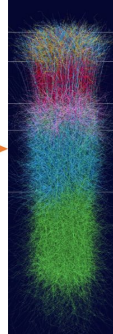
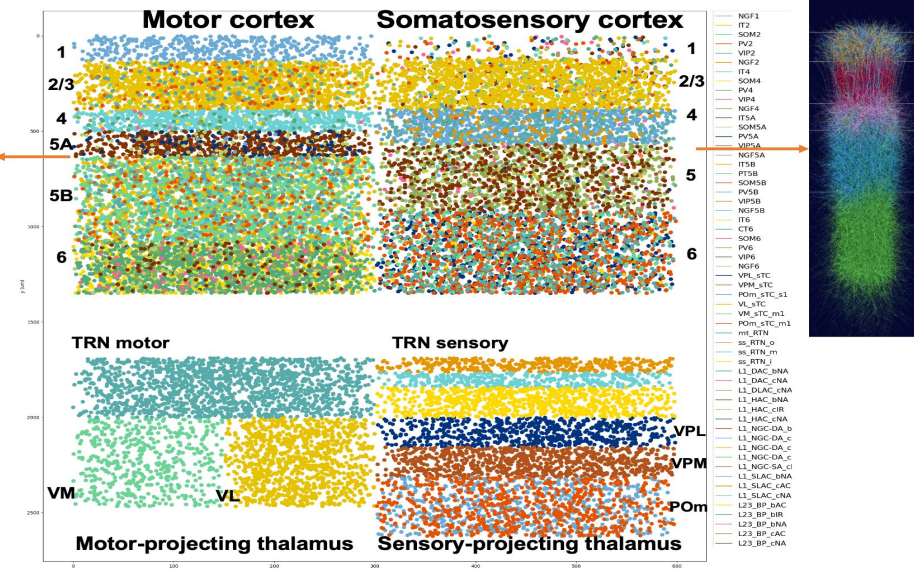
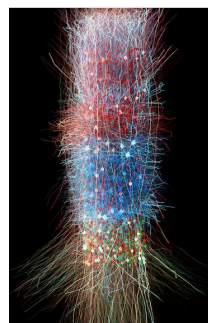
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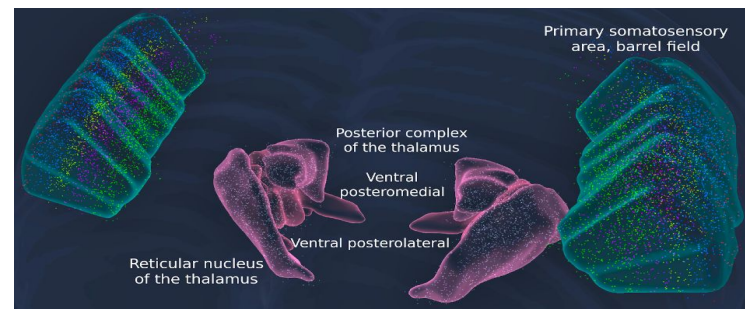
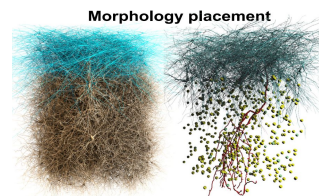
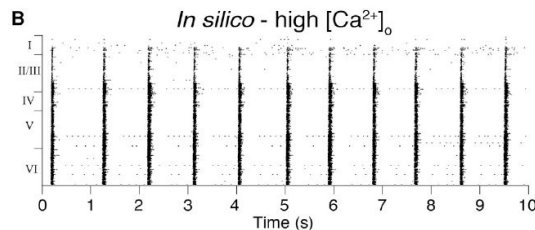
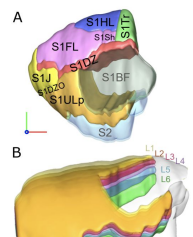
# Large-scale biophysically detailed model of somatosensory thalamocortical circuits in NetPyNE

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- > 26k neurons
- 249 populations
- > 60M synapses

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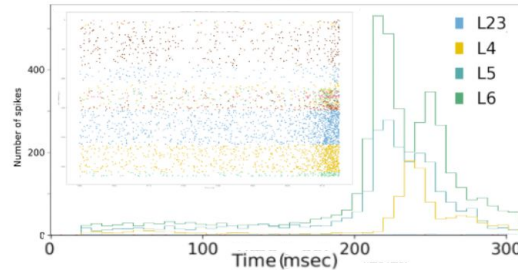
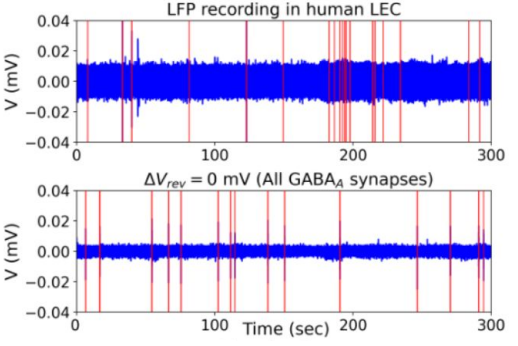
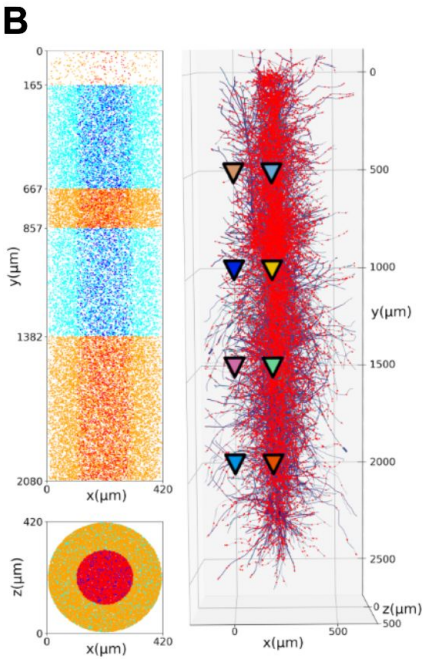
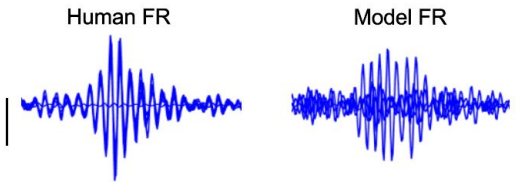
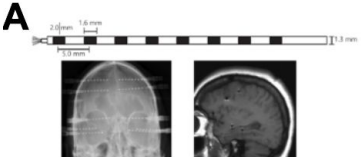


# S1 model: LFP of 8k neurons (25%), running 15 sec simulations

**Simulations: numprocs=1680, cell connection time = 3830.37 s,  
run time = 2052.19 s (15 sec), Total time = 7521.19 s**

Human data: 64 events in 1200 sec ~ **17 in 300 sec**

S1 model: **15 events in 300 sec**



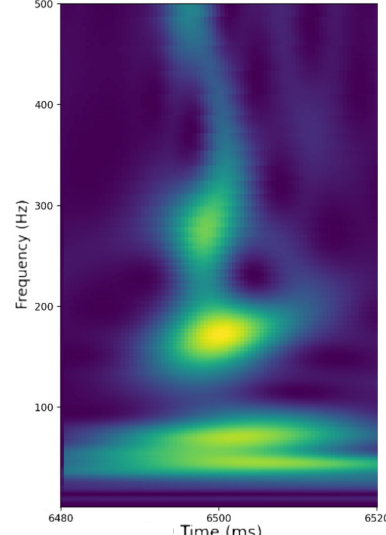
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Karlsson_ripple_times = Karlsson_ripple_detector(
    time, filtered_lfps, speed, SAMPLING_FREQUENCY
)

display(Karlsson_ripple_times)
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|               | start_time  | end_time    |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| ripple_number |             |             |
| 1             | 2.824026    | 2.867398    |
| 2             | 14.383954   | 14.415807   |
| 3             | 40.940166   | 41.027615   |
| ...           | ...         | ...         |
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| 68            | 1179.736239 | 1179.821999 |

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