

Preprocessing and Interpretation of Multielectrode Array Recordings

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Brain Imaging Technics

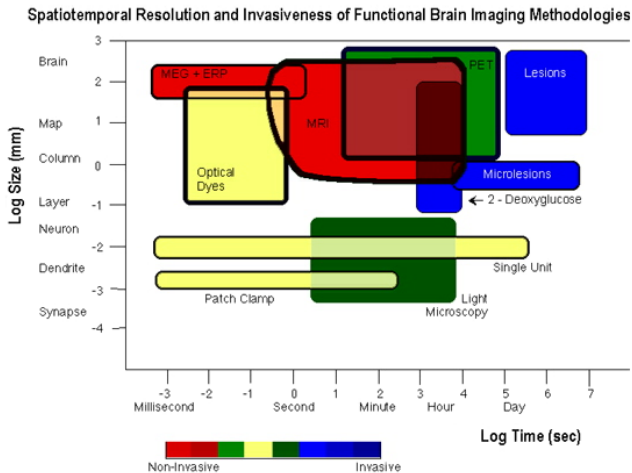


Figure : Spatial and temporal resolution of brain imaging technincs

Multielectrode Probes

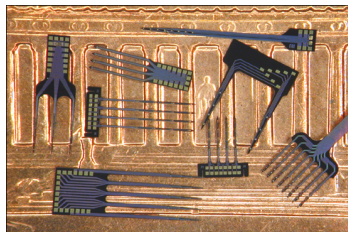


Figure : Several different probe designs shown on the back of a U.S. penny.

Advantages of MEA Recordings:

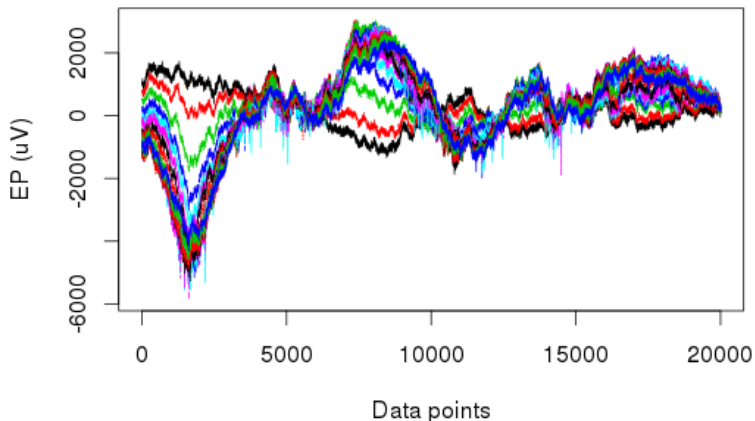
- ▶ high temporal and spatial resolution - big data in vivo, in vitro and behaving animals
- ▶ structures deep in the brain also observable
- ▶ affordable (?)

Disadvantages of MEA Recordings:

- ▶ big data
- ▶ interpretation

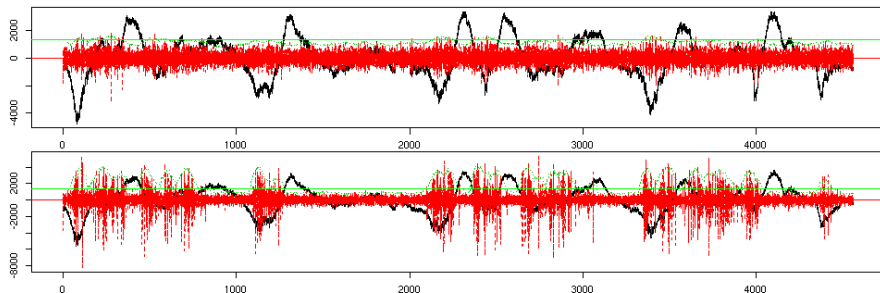
MEA Recordings

20 kHz, 3 linear shanks (2 in neocortex, 1 in thalamus)
100 and 50 μm interelectrode distance

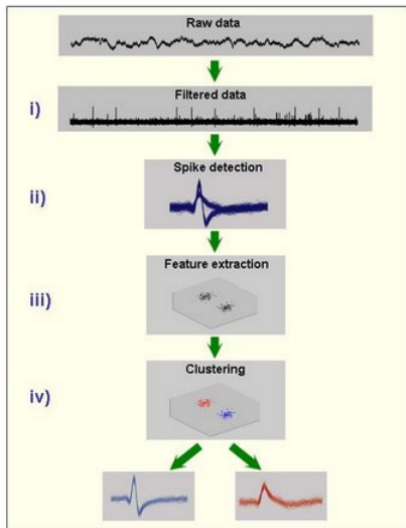


Population activity

- population oscillations: delta, theta, alfa, beta, gamma
- up and down state detection - depolarization of cell membrane - anything different in the input of the thalamical cells?



Single unit



- ▶ firing statistics
- ▶ correlation, causality
- ▶ spike triggered average

Goal

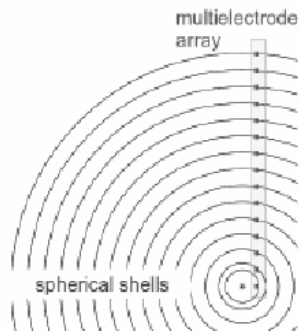
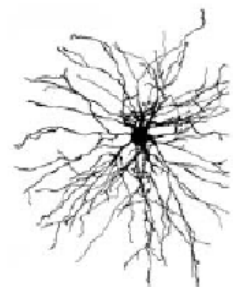
Goal

Development of a new method for the estimation of current source density distribution of single neurons given the morphology and the extracellular potential

- ▶ assumptions about the morphology (spherical symmetry)
- ▶ exact morphology known

The task: solution of the Poisson equation under various assumptions regarding the morphology

Spherical CSD



Assumptions:

- ▶ The cell has an "onion-structured" morphology
- ▶ azimuthal symmetry

Relationship between CSD distribution, C , the EC potential, V , in a homogeneous electrolytic volume conductor with conductivity σ_e is given via Maxwell's equations by Poisson's equation:

$$\Delta V(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\frac{C(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\sigma_e} \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Forward problem: solving for potential distribution $V(\mathbf{r}, t)$ given the CSD distribution $C(\mathbf{r}, t)$
- ▶ Inverse problem: solving for $C(\mathbf{r}, t)$ given $V(\mathbf{r}, t)$.
- ▶ Solution of forward problem at recording site \mathbf{r} for point-source at \mathbf{r}' is the electric potential field of a monopole:

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma_e} \frac{C(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \quad (2)$$

Assume charge distribution of thalamic cells is spherical in nature, i.e. charges are distributed on concentric spherical shells.

Converting to spherical coordinates yields:

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma_e} \int_D \frac{C(\mathbf{r}')}{\sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \gamma}} r'^2 \sin \theta' r' \theta' \phi' \quad (3)$$

where γ is the angle between \mathbf{r} and \mathbf{r}' .

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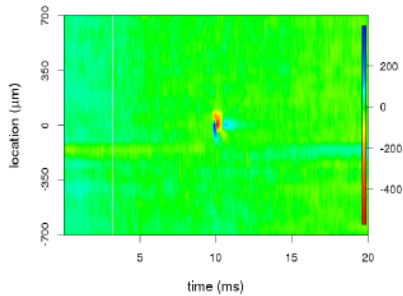
Note: $1/\sqrt{1 - 2xt + t^2} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} P_{\ell}(x)t^{\ell}$. Thus,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \gamma}} = \frac{1}{r\sqrt{1 + (r'/r)^2 - 2(r'/r) \cos \gamma}} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma) \left(\frac{r'}{r}\right)^{\ell}.$$

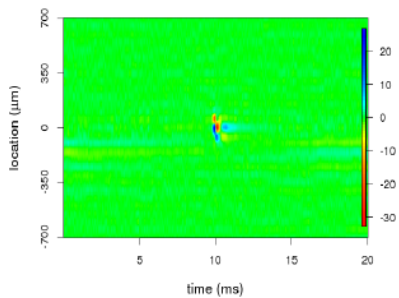
Legendre polynomial expansion in (3) yields:

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma_e} \int_D C(\mathbf{r}') r'^2 \sin \theta' \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma) \frac{r'^{\ell}}{r^{\ell+1}} r' \theta' \phi' \quad (4)$$

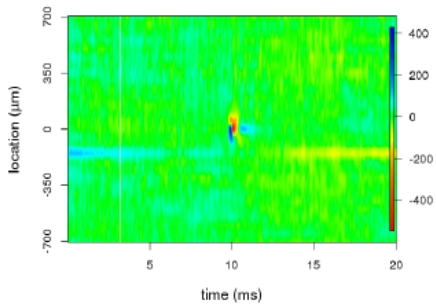
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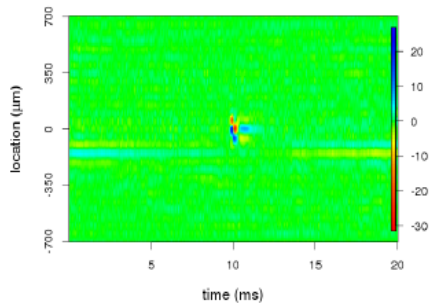
sCSD (dirac)

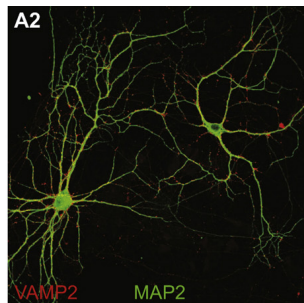


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- ▶ morphology of the cell known
- ▶ dense electrode array

The kernel single cell CSD

The CSD distribution at point \mathbf{x} :

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=i}^M a_j \tilde{b}_j(\mathbf{x}) \quad (5)$$

\tilde{b} basis functions, a_j multiplication constant

The curves in the 3D space can be parametrized with variable t .

$$\begin{aligned} x &= f_x(t) \\ y &= f_y(t) \\ z &= f_z(t) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\tilde{b}_i(t') = e^{-\frac{(t'-t_i)^2}{R^2}} \quad (7)$$

b_i generated potential by \tilde{b}_i :

$$b_i(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma} \int \frac{\tilde{b}_i(t')}{\sqrt{(x - x'(t))^2 + (y - y'(t))^2 + (z - z'(t))^2}} dt' \quad (8)$$

The CSD distribution in arbitrary positions(x), the following kernel functions were introduced:

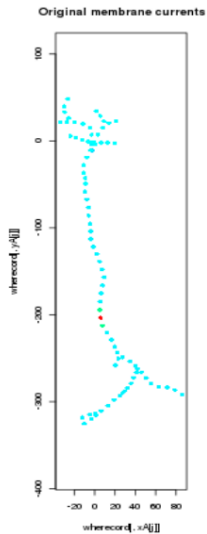
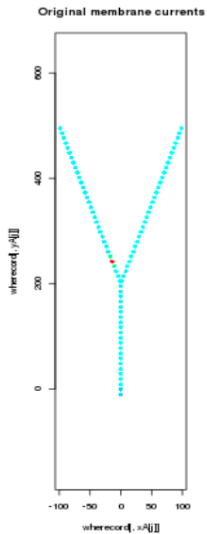
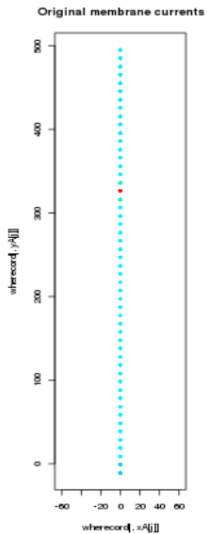
$$K(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{x}_l) = \sum_{i=1}^M b_i(\mathbf{x}_k) b_i(\mathbf{x}_l) \quad (9)$$

$$\tilde{K}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}_l) = \sum_{j=1}^M b_j(\mathbf{x}_k) \tilde{b}_j(\mathbf{y}_l) \quad (10)$$

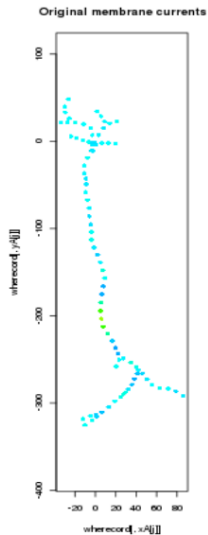
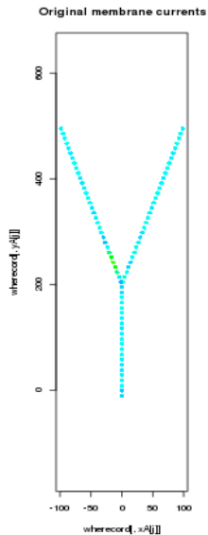
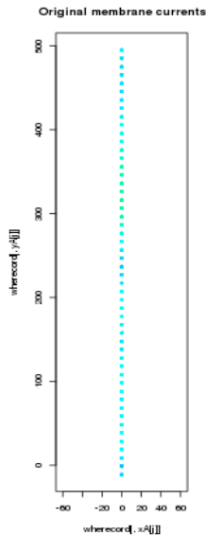
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$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^T(\mathbf{x}) \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \mathbf{V} \quad (11)$$

Validation

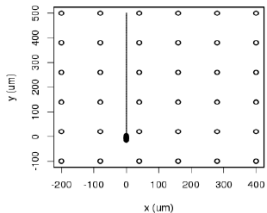


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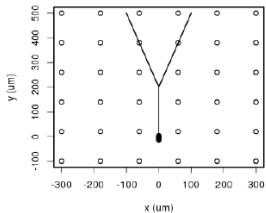


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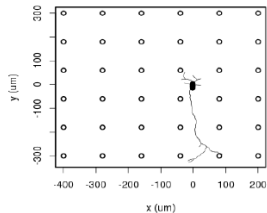
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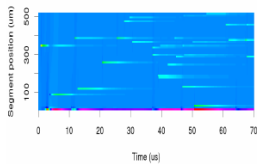
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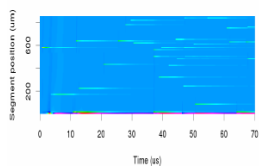
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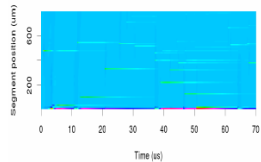
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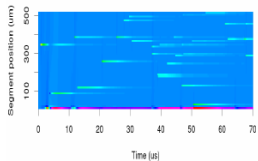


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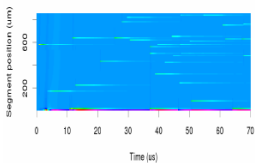


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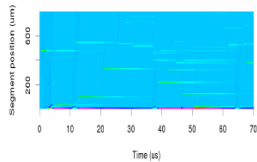
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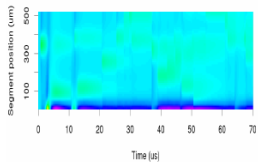
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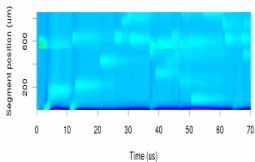
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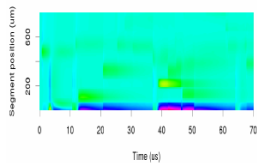
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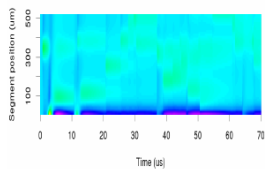


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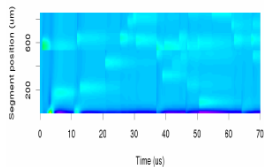


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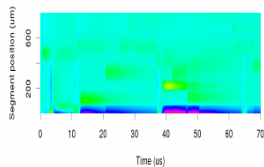
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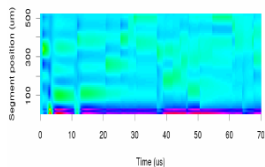
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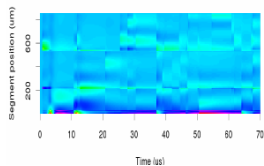
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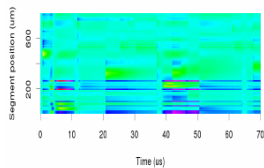
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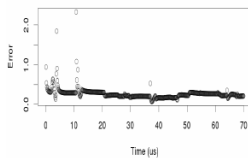


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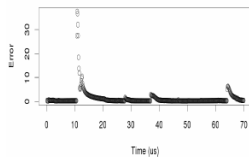


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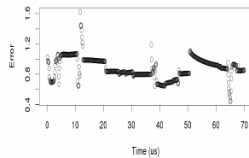
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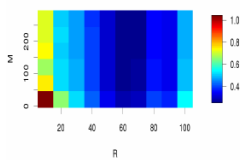
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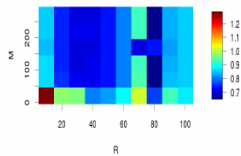
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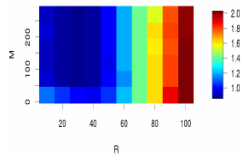
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Results

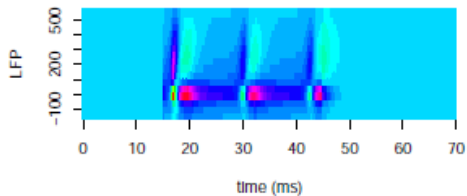
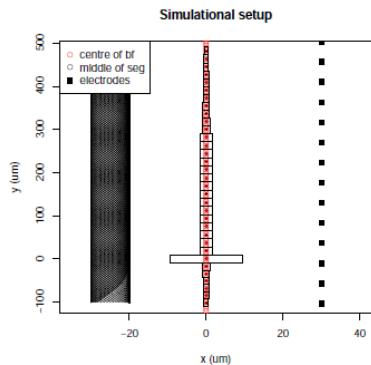
- ▶ Algorithm to detect up and down states
- ▶ Spherical CSD theory
 - propagation of membrane potential- back and forth
 - different events during up and down states
- ▶ kernel spikeCSD theory
 - simulated data
 - waiting for real data to try on

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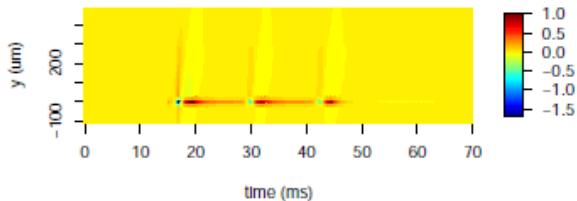
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Ballstick neuron

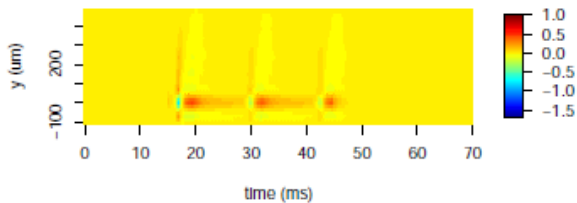


ksCSD for ballstick neuron

Membrane currents



Estimated MC



Some other morphologies

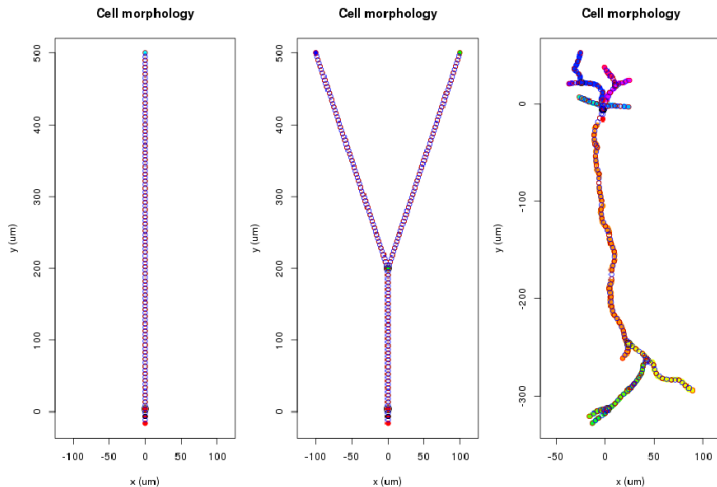


Figure : The ksCSD method was tested for 3 different morphologies: ballstick, Y-shaped and branching.

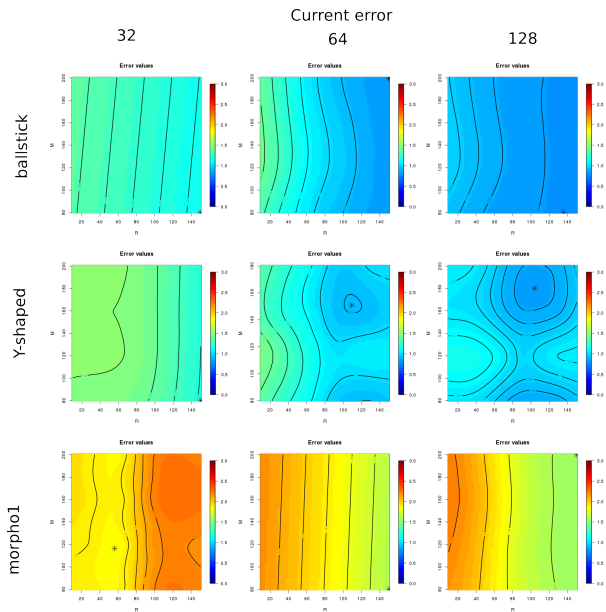


Figure : Colour map of the error of the ksCSD method.

Summary

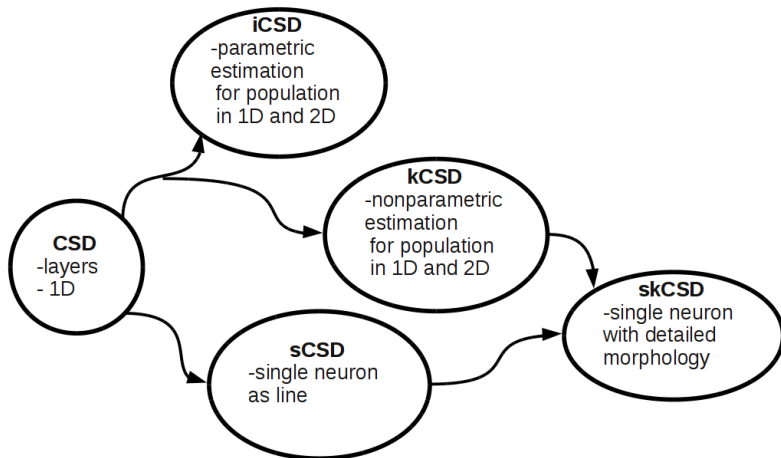
- ▶ A novel method for calculating the CSD distributions of single cells given the morphology.
- ▶ More simulation needed - huge parameter space
- ▶ Next step: testing the method on experimental data

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CSD family



\tilde{b} : source function - the activity of a neural segment

- ▶ Gaussian function

$$\tilde{b}_i(t') = e^{-\frac{(t'-t_i)^2}{R^2}} \quad (12)$$

- ▶ Cosinus function

$$\tilde{b}_i(t') = \frac{\cos(|t' - t_i|)\pi}{R}, \quad \text{if } |t' - t_i| < R \quad (13)$$

Current density at \mathbf{x} :

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=i}^M a_j \tilde{b}_j(\mathbf{x}) \quad (14)$$

The extracellular potential generated by the i th source:

$$b_i(x, y, z) = A\tilde{b}_i(t') \quad (15)$$

$$b_i(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma} \int \frac{\tilde{b}_i(t')}{\sqrt{(x - x'(t))^2 + (y - y'(t))^2 + (z - z'(t))^2}} dt' \quad (16)$$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^M a_i b_i(\mathbf{x}) \quad (17)$$

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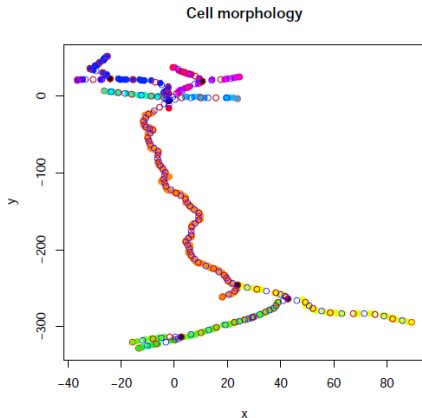
$$K(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{x}_l) = \sum_{i=1}^M b_i(\mathbf{x}_k) b_i(\mathbf{x}_l) = B_k^T B_l \quad (18)$$

$$\tilde{K}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}_l) = \sum_{j=1}^M b(\mathbf{x}_k) \tilde{b}_j(\mathbf{y}_l) = B_k^T \tilde{B}_l \quad (19)$$

Using the simulated or measured extracellular potentials (V) and assuming \tilde{K} is invertible the solution for C is straightforward.

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^T(\mathbf{x}) \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \mathbf{V} \quad (20)$$

Usually neurons have more, than 1 branch :(



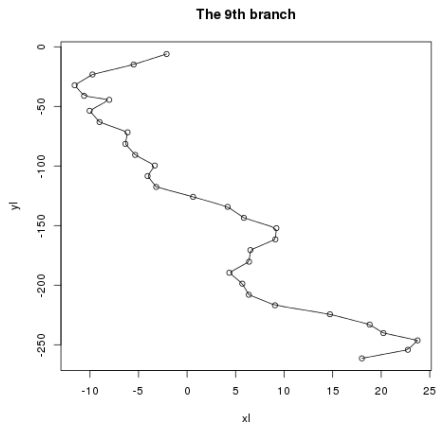
How to handle the branching?

- ▶ branches independent
- ▶ connect the branches

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⁴http://neuromorpho.org/neuroMorpho/neuron_info.jsp?neuron_name=03a_pyramidal9aFl Allman et al 2006

Usually branches are not straight :((



How to handle?

- ▶ fit a curve
- ▶ position given by parameter t

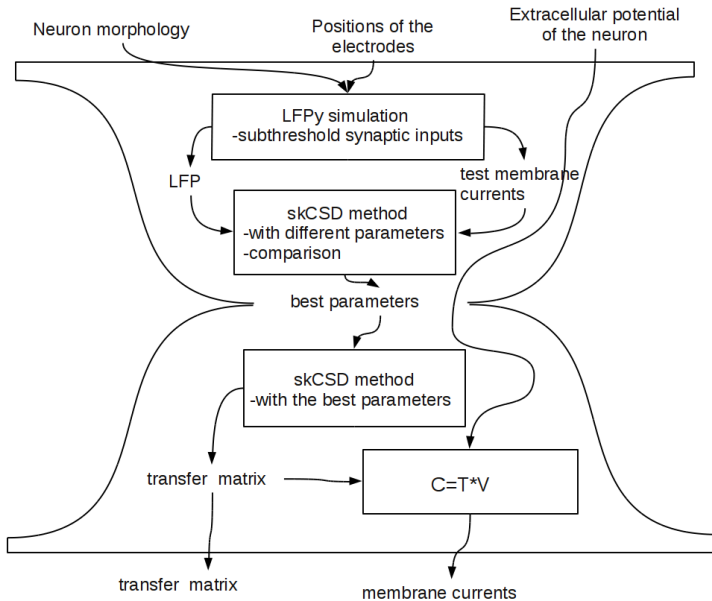
Lots of parameters :(((

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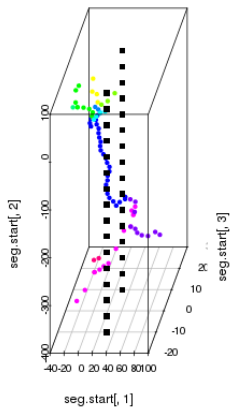
- ▶ type of basis function
- ▶ number of basis function
- ▶ width of basis function

Parameters of the test simulations:

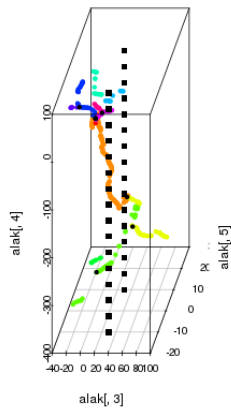
- ▶ neuron morphology
- ▶ inputs
- ▶ cell to electrode distance
- ▶ position of the electrode (1D, 2D, 3D)



The cell and the electrode

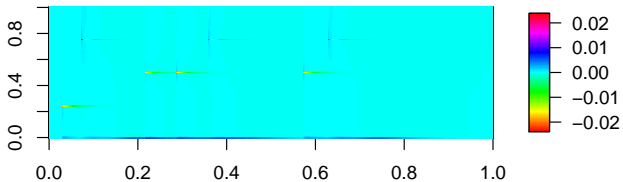


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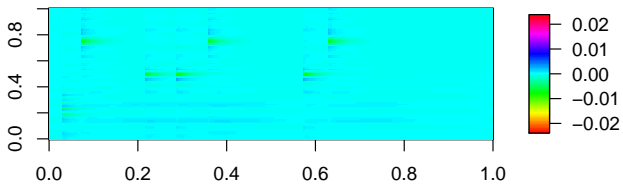


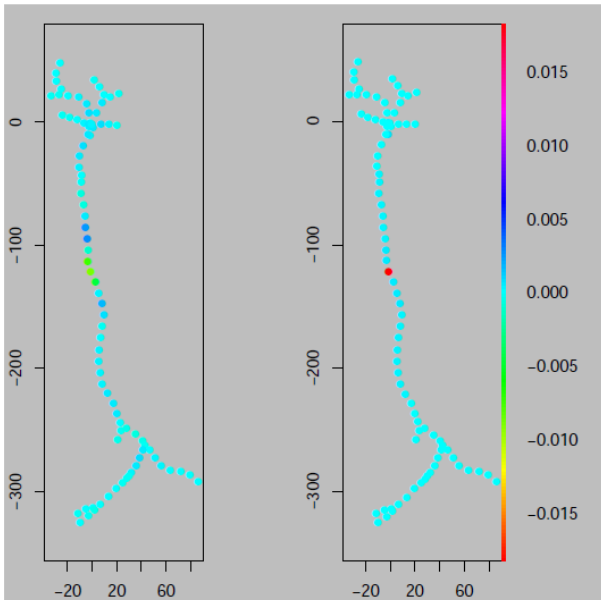
we want this method what we have: morphology, electrode in N points how to connect these? there is a relationship between the currents and potentials, but its not straightforward

Original



ksCSD





Future plans

- ▶ Run more test simulations
- ▶ Make the program usable also for others (GUI)
- ▶ Test the method on experimental data

Thanks for the attention!

Which is the best set of parameters?

$$e = \frac{\sum_{t,i} |C_{skCSD} - C_o|}{\sum_{t,i} |C_o|} \quad (21)$$