Modelling large scale brain dynamics







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Electroencephalogram (EEG) power spectrum



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oscillatory brain modes, large scale distributed brain networks, pattern connectivity, cortical micro states, predictive coding, ... [Magnetoencephalography in Cognitive Neuroscience: A Primer, 2019 Neuron, Joachim Gross]

Localised β rebound?

S E Robson, **M J Brookes**, ..., **P F Liddle**, and P G Morris. Abnormal visuomotor processing in schizophrenia. NeuroImage: Clinical, 12:869 – 878, 2016.



* Movement termination



Cortical modelling





Santiago Ramón y Cajal 1900 Golgi's black reaction

Eugene Izhikevich 2008

Traditional (phenomenological) approaches



Spatially extended models $g = w \otimes \eta * f$

Simplest neural field model: Wilson-Cowan ('72), Amari ('77)







A spherical brain (Nunez) model





VK. Jirsa, et al. Spatiotemporal Forward Solution of the EEG and MEG Using Network Modeling, IEEE Trans. Med. Img., Vol. 21, 2002





Routes to mean field $N \to \infty$ Continuity eqn for density $\rho_t + \nabla \cdot J = 0$



Dynamics are neural mass like Qg = wR



Next generation rate and synchrony model



Self inhibition and a excitatory background drive (square pulse response)



A Byrne, M Brookes and S Coombes 2017

A mean field model for movement induced changes in the β rhythm, JCNS, Vol 43, 143-158

Networks







Structural connectivity

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Functional connectivity



[surface of the brain visualisations coloured depending on nodal degree]

Sheets: including gap junctions & axonal delays

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Turing instability analysis

Linearise around a homogeneous steady state and look for patterns of the form



Higher dimensional sims











Dynamic FC (local control ~ gaps) https://github.com/UoN-Math-Neuro/NFESOLVE





Exploring (r)TMS





Normalised node degree of FC networks



Sensory drive







Tourette's



New mean field thalamo-cortical model



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... and talk to Carlo!

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This book is about the dynamics of neural systems and should be suitable for those with a background in mathematics, physics, or engineering who want to see how their knowledge and skill sets can be applied in a neurobiological context. No prior knowledge of neuroscience is assumed, nor is advanced understanding of all aspects of applied mathematics! Rather, models and methods are introduced in the context of a typical neural phenomenon and a narrative developed that will allow the reader to test their understanding by tackling a set of mathematical problems at the end of each chapter. The emphasis is on mathematical- as opposed to computational-neuroscience, though stresses calculation above theorem and proof. The book presents necessary mathematical material in a digestible and compact form when required for specific topics. The book has nine chapters, progressing from the cell to the tissue, and an extensive set of references. It includes Markov chain models for ions, differential equations for single neuron models, idealised phenomenological models, phase oscillator networks, spiking networks, and integro-differential equations for large scale brain activity, with delays and stochasticity thrown in for good measure. One common methodological element that arises throughout the book is the use of techniques from nonsmooth dynamical systems to form tractable models and make explicit progress in calculating solutions for rhythmic neural behaviour, synchrony, waves, patterns, and their stability. This book was written for those with an interest in applied mathematics seeking to expand their horizons to cover the dynamics of neural systems. It is suitable for a Masters level course or for postgraduate researchers starting in the field of mathematical neuroscience.

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