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       A minimum working example of a NEURON gap junction over MPI
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       import os
       import argparse
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       import numpy as np
       # This is a hack I use on our cluster, to get MPI initialised=True. There is pr
       # wrong with our setup but I can't be bothered trying to work out what it is at
    this point. All
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       # suggestions welcome :)
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           from mpi4py import MPI #@UnresolvedImport @UnusedImport
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           print "mpi4py was not found, MPI will remain disabled if MPI initialized==F
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       from neuron import h, load_mechanisms
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       # Not sure this is necessary, or whether I can just use h.finitialize instead o
       h.load_file('stdrun.hoc')
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       # The GID used for the gap junction connection. NB: this number is completely i
       # GID's used for NEURON sections.
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       GID_FOR_VAR = 0
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       # Arguments to the script
       parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description=__doc__)
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       parser.add argument('--plot', action='store true', help="Plot the data instead
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       parser.add_argument('--output_dir', type=str, default=os.getcwd(),
                           help="The directory to save the output files into")
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       parser.add_argument('--gap_mechanism_dir', type=str, default=os.getcwd(),
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                            help="The directory to load the gap mechanism from")
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       args = parser.parse_args()
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       # Load gap mechanism from another directory if required
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       if args.gap_mechanism_dir is not os.getcwd():
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           load_mechanisms(args.gap_mechanism_dir)
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       # Get the parallel context and related parameters
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       pc = h.ParallelContext()
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       num processes = int(pc.nhost())
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       mpi_rank = int(pc.id())
       print "On process {} of {}".format(mpi_rank+1, num_processes)
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       print "Creating test network..."
       # The pre-synaptic cell is created on the first node and the post-synaptic cell
    on the last node
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       # (NB: which will obviously be the same if there is only one node)
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       if mpi rank == 0:
           print "Creating pre-synaptic cell on process {}".format(mpi_rank)
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           # Create the pre-synaptic cell
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           pre_cell = h.Section()
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           pre_cell.insert('pas')
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           # Connect the voltage of the pre-synaptic cell to the gap junction on the p
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           pc.source_var(pre_cell(0.5)._ref_v, GID_FOR_VAR)
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           # Stimulate the first cell to make it obvious whether gap junction is worki
   ng
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           stim = h.IClamp(pre_cell(0.5))
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           stim.delay = 50
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           stim.amp = 10
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           stim.dur = 100
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           # Record Voltage of pre-synaptic cell
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           pre v = h.Vector()
           pre v.record(pre cell(0.5), ref v)
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       if mpi_rank == (num_processes - 1):
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print "Creating post-synaptic cell on process {}".format(mpi rank)
    # Create the post-synaptic cell
    post cell = h.Section()
   post_cell.insert('pas')
    # Insert gap junction
   qap_junction = h.gap(0.5, sec=post_cell)
    gap junction.g = 1.0
    # Connect gap junction to pre-synaptic cell
   pc.target_var(gap_junction._ref_vgap, GID_FOR_VAR)
    # Record Voltage of post-synaptic cell
   post_v = h.Vector()
   post v.record(post cell(0.5), ref v)
# Finalise construction of parallel context
pc.setup transfer()
# Record time
rec t = h.Vector()
rec t.record(h. ref t)
print "Finished network construction on process {}".format(mpi rank)
print "Setting maxstep on process {}".format(mpi rank)
pc.set maxstep(10)
print "Finitialise on process {}".format(mpi_rank)
#h.finitialize(-60)
h.stdinit()
print "Solving on process {}".format(mpi_rank)
pc.psolve(100)
print "Running worker on process {}".format(mpi rank)
print "Completing parallel context on process {}".format(mpi_rank)
print "Finished run on process {}".format(mpi_rank)
# Convert recorded data into Numpy arrays
t_array = np.array(rec_t)
if mpi_rank == 0:
   pre_v_array = np.array(pre_v)
if mpi_rank == (num_processes - 1):
   post_v_array = np.array(post_v)
# Either plot the recorded values
if args.plot and num processes == 1:
   print "Plotting..."
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   if mpi_rank == 0:
        pre_fig = plt.figure()
        plt.plot(t_array, pre_v_array)
        plt.title("Pre-synaptic cell voltage")
        plt.xlabel("Time (ms)")
        plt.ylabel("Voltage (mV)")
    if mpi_rank == (num_processes - 1):
        pre_fig = plt.figure()
        plt.plot(t_array, post_v_array)
        plt.title("Post-synaptic cell voltage")
        plt.xlabel("Time (ms)")
        plt.ylabel("Voltage (mV)")
   plt.show()
else:
   # Save data
    print "Saving data..."
    if mpi rank == 0:
        np.savetxt(os.path.join(args.output dir, "pre v.dat"),
                   np.transpose(np.vstack((t_array, pre_v_array))))
    if mpi_rank == (num_processes - 1):
        np.savetxt(os.path.join(args.output_dir, "post_v.dat"),
                   np.transpose(np.vstack((t_array, post_v_array))))
print "Done."
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