

# Primer on LFPy2.0

## CNS2019 Tutorial T8 part II

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# Why model extracellular potentials?

- ▶ **Increase understanding of experimental measurements:**
  - ▶ Action potential waveforms:
    - ▶ Gold et al. *J Neurophysiol* (2006)
    - ▶ Pettersen & Einevoll. *Biophys J* (2008)
    - ▶ Hagen et al. *J Neurosci Methods* (2015)
    - ▶ Ness et al. *Neuroinform* (2015)
    - ▶ Michalikova et al. *J Neurophysiol* (2018)
  - ▶ Active ion channel component of LFP:
    - ▶ Schomburg et al. *J. Neurosci* (2012)
    - ▶ Reimann et al. *Neuron* (2013)
    - ▶ Ness et al. *J Physiol* (2016); *J Neurosci* (2018)

# Why model extracellular potentials?

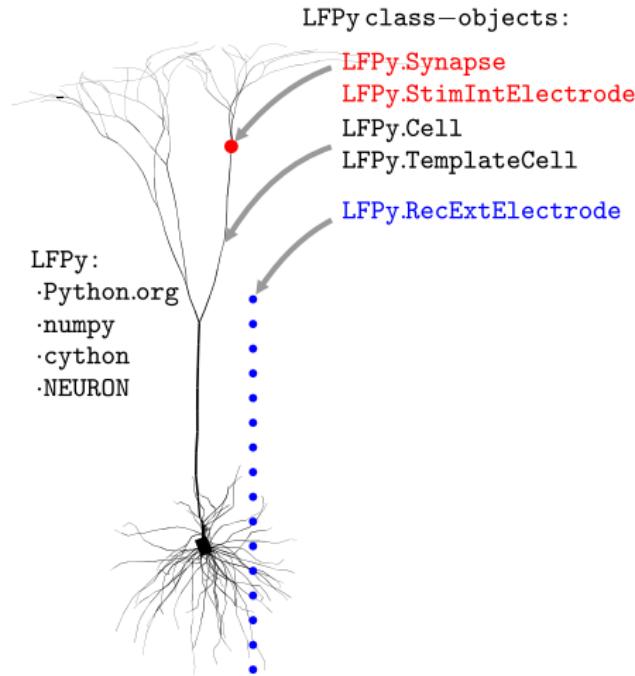
- ▶ Increase understanding of experimental measurements:
  - ▶ Spectral content of LFP:
    - ▶ Lindén et al. *J Comput Neurosci* (2010)
    - ▶ Tomsett et al. *Brain Struct Funct* (2014)
  - ▶ Reach of LFP:
    - ▶ Lindén et al. *Neuron* (2011)
    - ▶ Łęski et al. *PLOS Comput Biol* (2013)
    - ▶ Hagen et al. *J Neurosci* (2017) (monosynaptic)
  - ▶ EEG and MEG:
    - ▶ Næss et al. *Front Human Neurosci* (2017)
    - ▶ Hagen et al. *Front Neuroinform* (2018)
    - ▶ Mäki-Marttunen et al. *Cereb Cortex* (2019)
  - ▶ Effect of network correlations:
    - ▶ Hagen et al. *Cereb Cortex* (2016)
  - ▶ Single-axon pre- and post-synaptic LFPs
    - ▶ McColgan et al. *BioRxiv* (2017)
    - ▶ Hagen et al. *J Neurosci* (2017)

# Why model extracellular potentials?

- ▶ **Methods validation (with known ground truth):**
  - ▶ 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)
    - ▶ Hagen et al. *J Neurosci Methods* (2015)
    - ▶ Buccino et al. *J Neurophysiol, J Neur Eng* (2018)
  - ▶ Current-source density (CSD) reconstruction:
    - ▶ Pettersen et al. *J Comput Neurosci* (2008)
    - ▶ Łęski et al. *Neuroinform* (2011)
    - ▶ Głabska et al. *PLOS One* (2014)
    - ▶ Ness et al. *Neuroinform* (2015)
    - ▶ Cserpan et al. *eLife* (2017)
- ▶ Laminar Population Analysis (LPA)  
(Einevoll et al. *J Neurophysiol* (2007))
  - ▶ Głabska et al. *Front Neuroinform* (2016)

# LFPy - Introduction

- ▶ Methods implementation
  - ▶ multicompartment neurons, networks
  - ▶ extracellular potentials
  - ▶ 'distal' EEG and MEG signals
- ▶ Implemented in Python
- ▶ Uses NEURON under the hood
- ▶ Class objects represent:
  - ▶ cells, populations, networks
  - ▶ synapses
  - ▶ intracellular electrodes
  - ▶ extracellular electrodes
- ▶ Homepages w. documentation:  
<http://LFPy.rtd.io>  
<https://github.com/LFPy/LFPy>



# LFPy

## Developed by:

- ▶ Henrik Lindén, Espen Hagen, Szymon Łęski, Eivind S. Norheim, Klas H. Pettersen, Torbjørn V. Ness, Solveig Næss, Alessio Buccino, Svenn-Arne Dragly, Alex Stasik, Gaute T. Einevoll
- ▶ It's open source - anyone can contribute!

## Homepages:

- ▶ <https://LFPy.rtd.io> (documentation)
- ▶ <https://github.com/LFPy/LFPy>  
(source code, revision and issue tracking, pull requests)

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## LFPy Homepage

(Looking for the old LFPy documentation? Follow [link](#))

LFPy is a [Python](#) package for calculation of extracellular potentials from multicompartment neuron models and recurrent networks of multicompartment neurons. It relies on the [NEURON](#) simulator and uses the [Python interface](#) it provides.

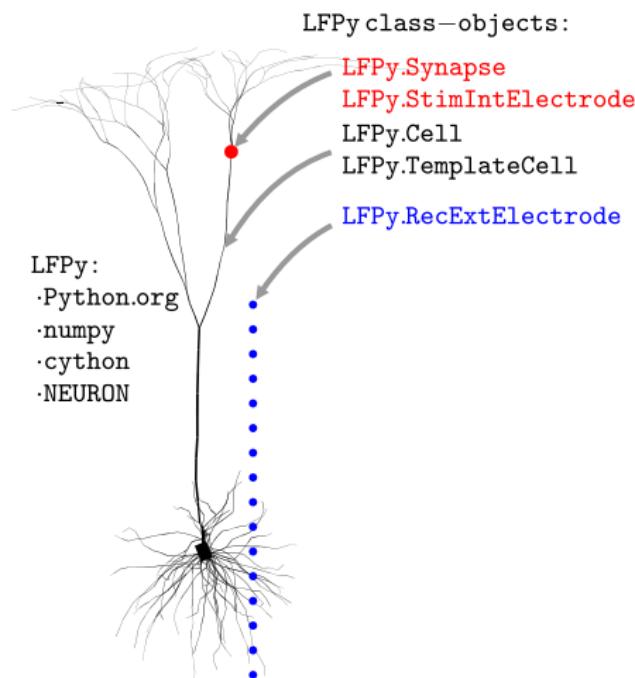
Active development of LFPy, as well as issue tracking and revision tracking, relies on [GitHub.com](#) and [git](#) ([git-scm.com](#)). Clone LFPy on [GitHub.com](#): `git clone https://github.com/LFPy/LFPy.git`

LFPy provides a set of easy-to-use Python classes for setting up your model, running your simulations and calculating the extracellular potentials arising from activity in your model neuron. If you have a model working in [NEURON](#) or [NeuroML2](#) already, it is likely that it can be adapted to work with LFPy.

# LFPy - Introduction

## Why Python?

- ▶ Open source
- ▶ Easy, flexible coding
- ▶ Plethora of available packages for visualizations and analysis
- ▶ <http://pypi.python.org>:  
 $\mathcal{O}(187,000)$  projects
- ▶ Interfacing other programming languages and software
  - ▶ C, C++, Fortran, ...
  - ▶ NEURON, NEST, Brian, PyNN, Nengo, ...



# LFPy - Introduction

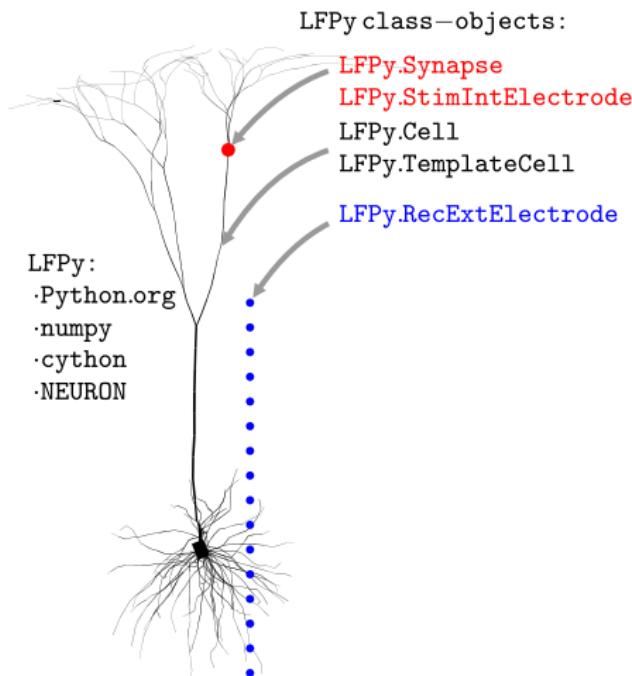
## Python class objects

- ▶ Object Oriented Programming (OOP)
- ▶ arbitrary amounts and kinds of data
- ▶ contains methods and attributes
- ▶ created @ runtime, modifiable:

```
class MyClass(object):  
    def __init__(self, arg0=1, arg1='hi!'):  
        '''init class MyClass'''  
        self.arg0 = arg0  
        self.arg1 = arg1  
    def myClassMethod(self, arg=2):  
        '''do some operation'''  
        return self.arg0 + arg  
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    c = MyClass(arg0=3,  
                arg1='hello')  
    print(c.myClassMethod(arg2=3))  
    print(c.arg1)
```

# LFPy - Requirements

- ▶ Python 2.7 &  $\geq 3.4$
- ▶ Essential dependencies (install/runtime):
  - ▶ neuron $\geq 7.6.5$
  - ▶ setuptools $\geq 23.1.0$
  - ▶ numpy $\geq 1.8$
  - ▶ scipy $\geq 0.14$
  - ▶ Cython $\geq 0.20$
  - ▶ h5py $\geq 2.5$
  - ▶ mpi4py $\geq 1.2$
  - ▶ matplotlib $\geq 2.0$
- ▶ Soft (examples etc.):
  - ▶ ipython
  - ▶ jupyter notebook
  - ▶ py.test, sphinx



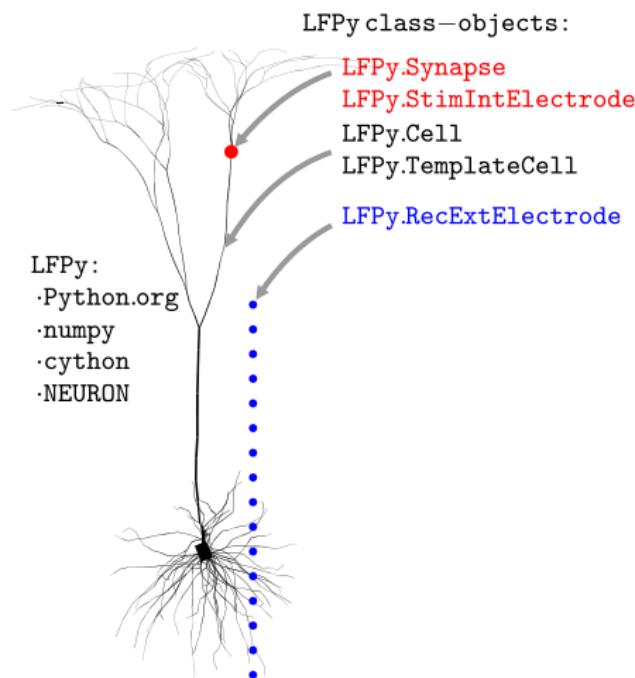
# LFPy - Requirements

## Python distributions:

- ▶ Python.org
- ▶ Anaconda/Miniconda
- ▶ Enthought Canopy
- ▶ Python(x,y)
- ▶ ...

## LFPy platforms:

- ▶ \*nix (Linux, Unix)
- ▶ macOS
- ▶ Windows



# LFPy - Installation

## Installation:

Easy method:

- ▶ pip install LFPy --user

As super user:

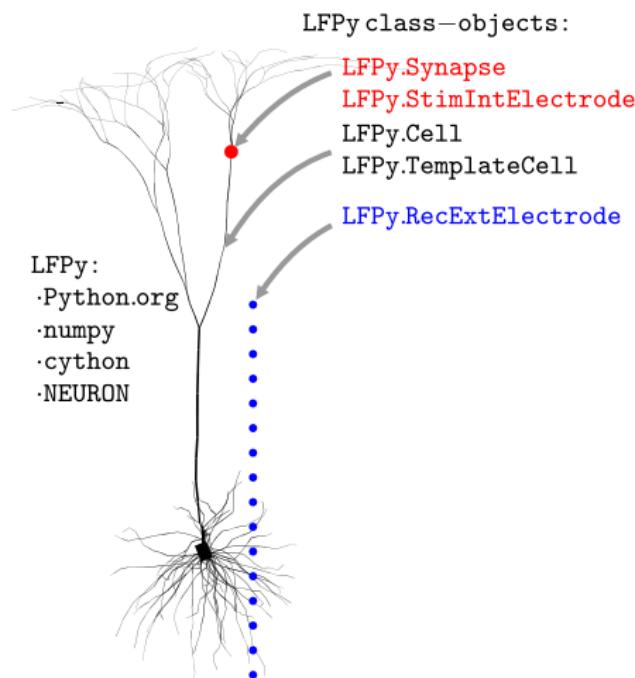
- ▶ sudo pip install LFPy

Upgrading previous install:

- ▶ pip install --upgrade LFPy  
--no-deps

Getting rid of it:

- ▶ pip uninstall LFPy



# LFPy - Installation w. Conda (macos/linux)

## Installation:

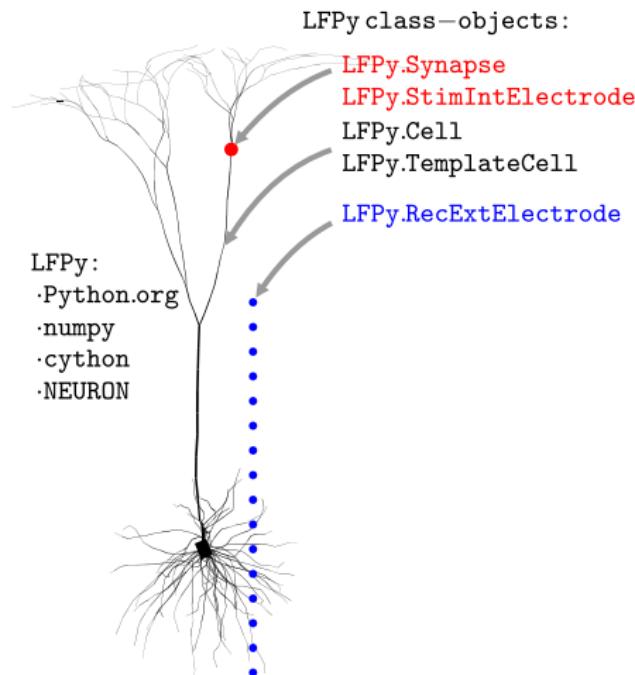
Get Anaconda Python  
(<https://anaconda.org>)

In current environment:

- ▶ conda config --add channels conda-forge
- ▶ conda config --set channel\_priority strict
- ▶ conda install lfp

New environment:

- ▶ conda create -n lfpyenv python=3 lfp
- ▶ conda activate lfpyenv
- ▶ (conda install ipython etc.)



# LFPy - Installation

## Install using LFPy source files:

- ▶ Tar.gz-archive:

```
cd $HOME/Sources  
wget https://github.com/LFPy/LFPy/archive/LFPy-2.0.3.tar.gz  
tar -xzvf LFPy-2.0.3.tar.gz
```

(unzipped in folder LFPy-2.0.3)

- ▶ Development version:

```
cd $HOME/Sources  
git clone https://github.com/LFPy/LFPy.git LFPy  
cd LFPy  
git checkout master
```

- ▶ Tagged versions:

```
git tag -l # list tags  
git checkout v2.0.3
```

- ▶ git: Much-used distributed source code management system.  
See <https://git-scm.com>

# LFPy - Installation

## Install using LFPy source files:

- ▶ Perform a local installation:

```
cd $HOME/Sources/LFPy  
pip install -r requirements.txt --user  
python setup.py install --user
```

- ▶ Global installation (super user):

```
sudo python setup.py install
```

- ▶ Use LFPy from source folder (for active development):

```
python setup.py develop --user
```

# LFPy - Installation

## Test installation:

With Python:

▶ `python -c "import LFPy"`

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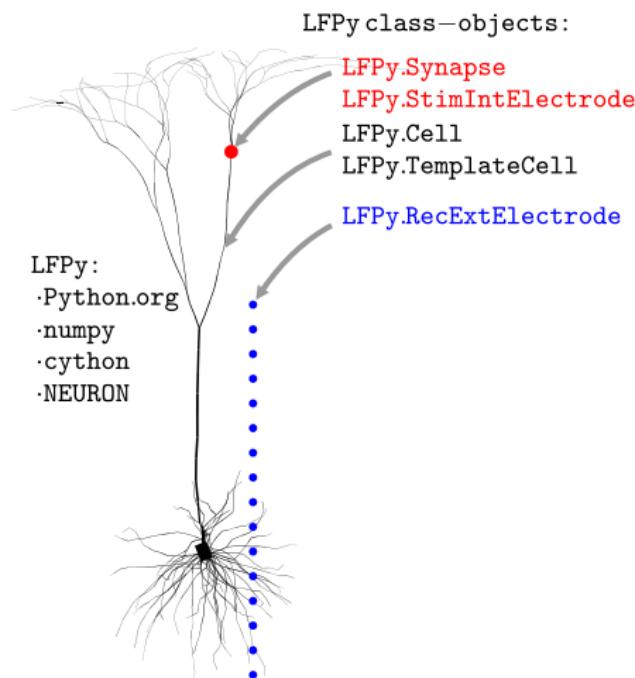
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With NEURON:

▶ `nrngui -python -c  
"import LFPy"`

NEURON -- VERSION

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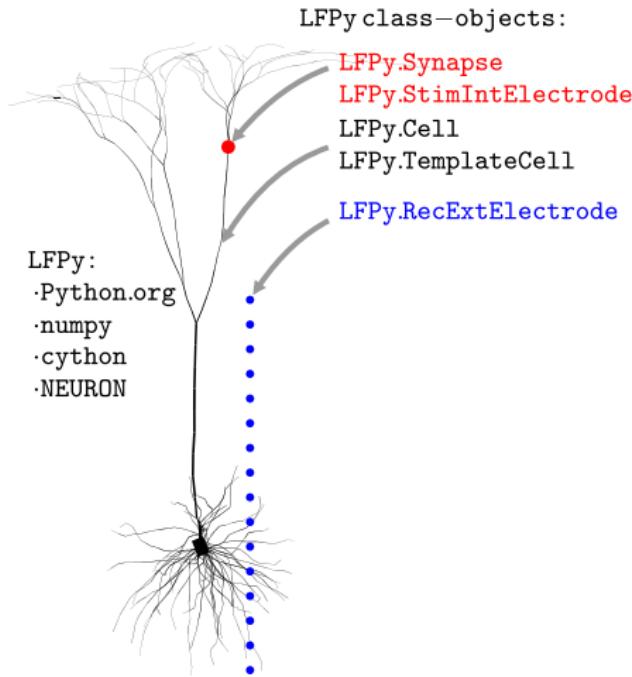
# LFPy - Class overview

Main LFPy classes:

- ▶ Cell, TemplateCell, NetworkCell
- ▶ Network, NetworkPopulation
- ▶ Synapse, StimIntElectrode
- ▶ RecExtElectrode, RecMEAElectrode
- ▶ OneSphereVolumeConductor, FourSphereVolumeConductor, InfiniteVolumeConductor
- ▶ MEG

Auxilliary classes and functions:

- ▶ lfpcalc.calc\_lfp.\*
- ▶ inputgenerators.\*
- ▶ tools.\* and more...

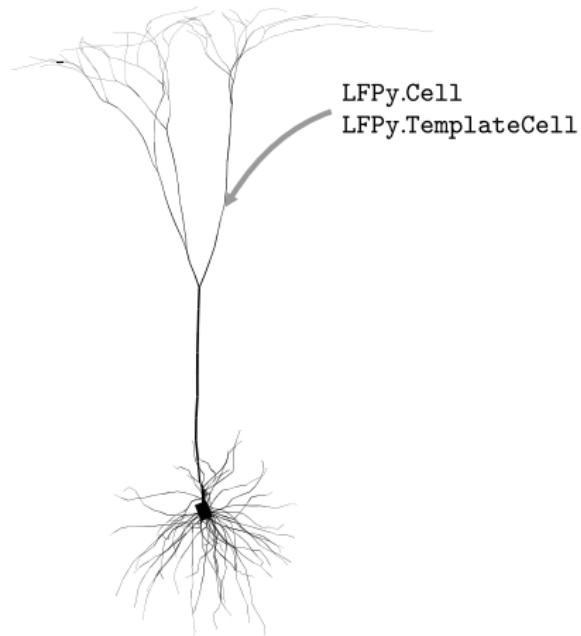


# LFPy - Class overview

## 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:



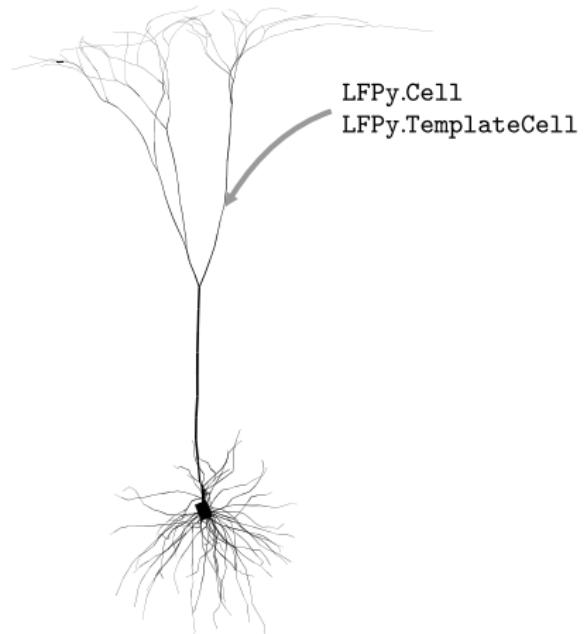
# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.Cell:

- ▶ Keyword arguments:

- ▶ morphology file (morphology)
- ▶ passive parameters  
(passive, cm, Ra,  
v\_init, g\_pas, e\_pas)
- ▶ time and space discretization  
(nsegs\_methods)
- ▶ simulation duration (tstop)
- ▶ custom codes (custom\_code)

LFPy class-objects:



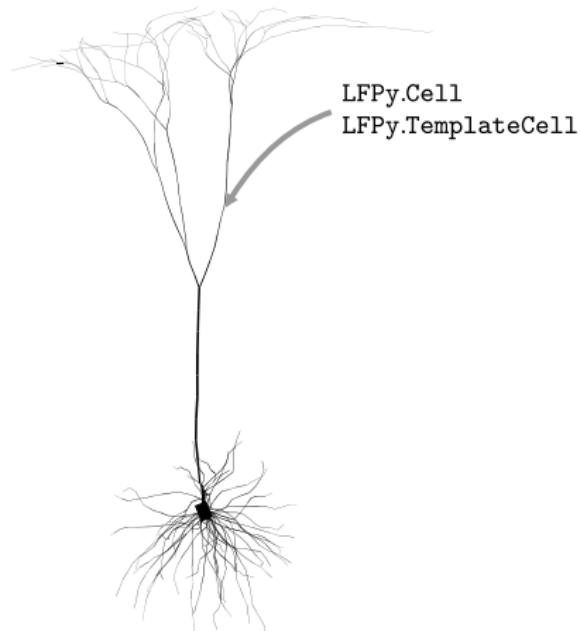
# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.Cell:

- ▶ Download morphology (j4a.hoc file)  
<https://goo.gl/twpdrX>
- ▶ Create parameter dictionary

```
# Define cell parameters
cell_parameters = dict(
    morphology='j4a.hoc',
    cm=1.,          # uF cm-2
    Ra=150.,        # ohm cm
    v_init=-65.,   # mV
    passive=True,
    passive_parameters=dict(
        g_pas=1./3E4, # S cm-2
        e_pas=-65.,   # mV
    ),
    tstop=100.,     # ms
)
```

LFPy class-objects:



# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.Cell:

- ▶ Create cell object:

```
cell = LFPy.Cell(  
    **cell_parameters)
```

- ▶ Position and align cell:

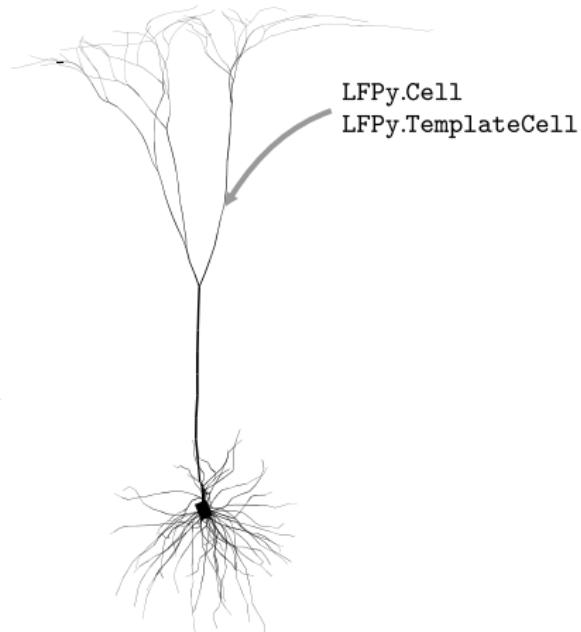
```
cell.set_pos(  
    x=0., y=0., z=0.) # um  
cell.set_rotation(  
    x=4.99, y=-4.33, z=3.14) # rad
```

- ▶ (cell stimulation)

- ▶ simulate & plot cell response

```
cell.simulate(rec_isyn=True/False,  
              rec_istim=True/False,  
              rec_imem=True/False,  
              rec_vmem=True/False)  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
plt.plot(cell.tvec, cell.somav)
```

LFPy class-objects:



# LFPy - Class overview

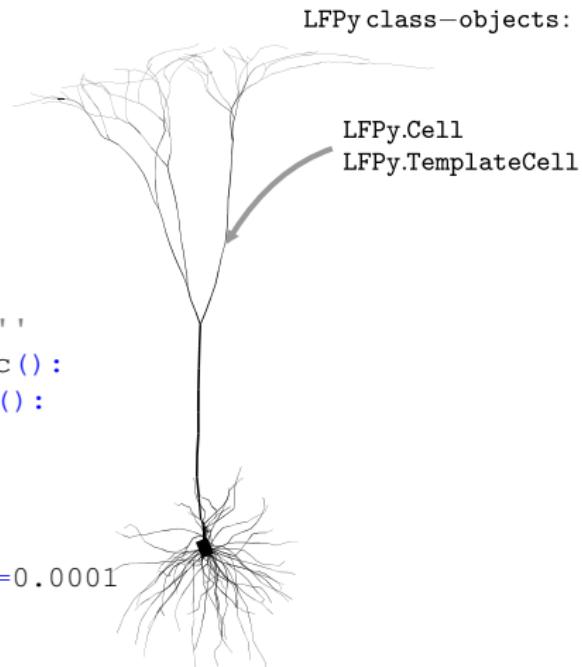
## LFPy.Cell:

- ▶ Customizing the model:

- ▶ passive mechanism disabled by default
- ▶ custom\_fun argument

```
def my_biophys():
    '''set custom parameters'''
    for sec in neuron.h.allsec():
        if "soma" in sec.name():
            sec.insert("hh")
        else:
            sec.insert("pas")
            for seg in sec:
                seg.pas.g_pas=0.0001
cell = LFPy.Cell(morphology,
                  custom_fun=[my_biophys],
                  **cell_parameters)
```

- ▶ custom\_code point to code files



# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.Cell:

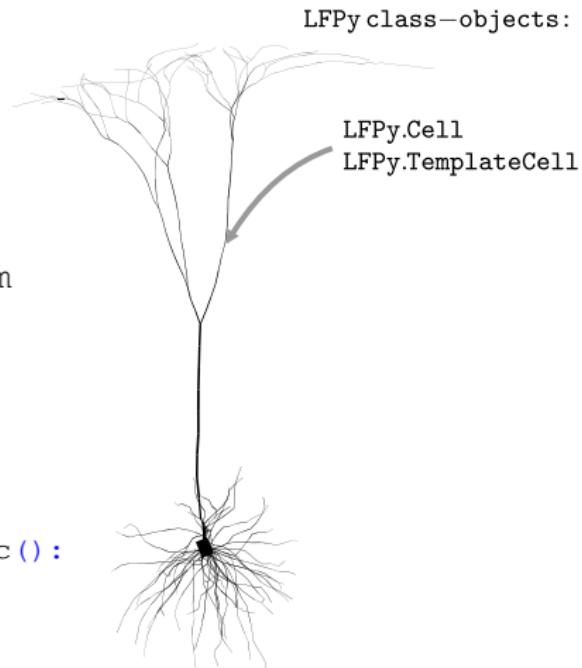
- ▶ Important Cell-class methods:

- ▶ c.get\_idx
- ▶ c.get\_closest\_idx
- ▶
- ▶ c.get\_rand\_idx\_area\_norm
- ▶ c.get\_idx\_name

- ▶ Important class attributes:

- ▶ c.totnsegs
- ```
i = 0:  
for sec in neuron.h.allsec():  
    for seg in sec:  
        i += 1
```

- ▶ c.\*start, c.\*mid,  
c.\*end  
 $* \in [x, y, z]$



# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.Cell:

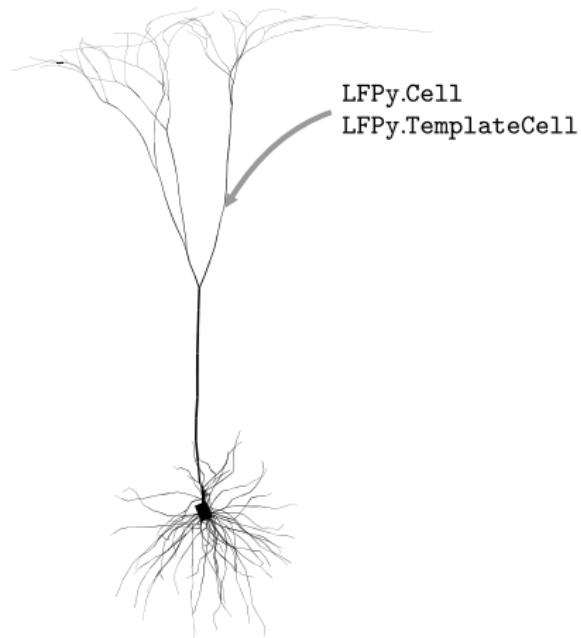
- ▶ **LFPy.Cell** objects are transparent to NEURON:

```
import LFPy
import neuron.h as nrn

cell = LFPy.Cell('j4a.hoc',
                  passive=True)
for sec in nrn.soma:
    sec.insert("hh")
    for seg in sec:
        seg.pas.g_pas = 0.
```

(only 'HH' conductances in soma)

LFPy class-objects:

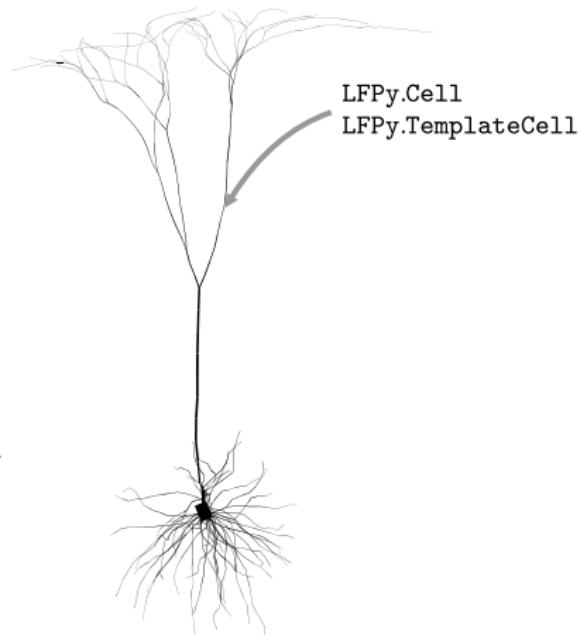


# LFPy - Class overview

**LFPy.Cell:** Sections created in Python:

```
import neuron, LFPy
morph = neuron.h.SectionList()
soma = neuron.h.Section(name='soma')
dend = neuron.h.Section(name='dend')
morph.append(sec=soma)
morph.append(sec=dend)
soma.L = 30
soma.diam = 30
dend.L = 300
dend.diam = 2
dend.connect(soma, 1, 0)
cell = LFPy.Cell(morphology=morph,
                  delete_sections=False,
                  passive=True,
                  **kwargs)
...
```

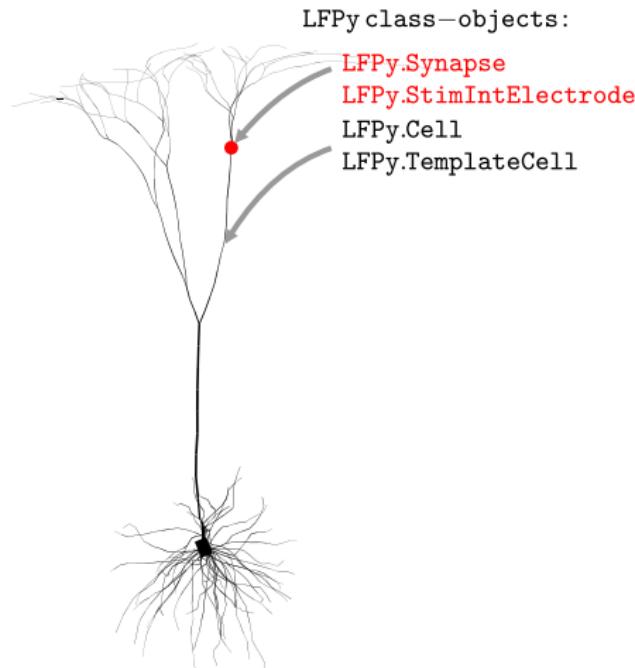
LFPy class-objects:



# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.Synapse:

- ▶ Attach synapse-objects onto cell
- ▶ event-activated point currents
- ▶ Keyword arguments:
  - ▶ cell-object
  - ▶ compartment index (idx)
  - ▶ synapse type (ExpSyn, Exp2syn, AlphaSynapse)
  - ▶ mechanism arguments (e, tau, weight, ...)
  - ▶ record synapse current (record\_current)
- ▶ Feed in activation times:  
drawn offline or on the fly



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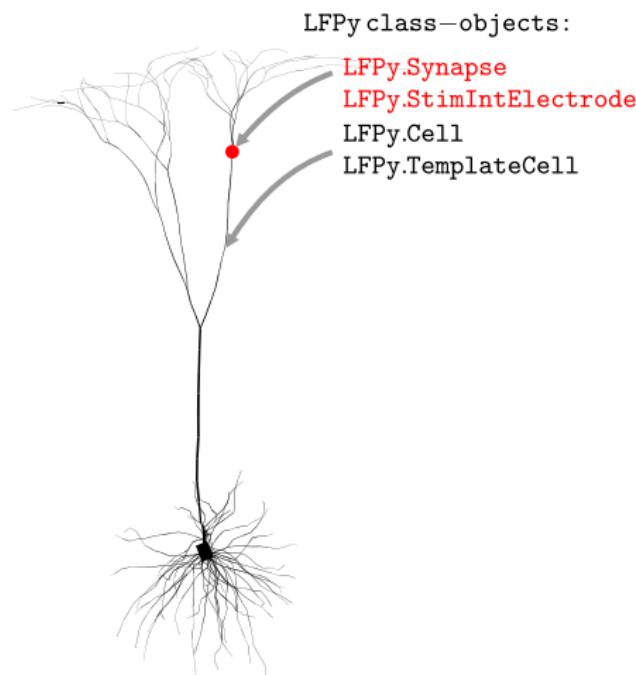
## LFPy.Synapse:

- ▶ Define synapse parameters

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

- ▶ Create synapse, set activation time

```
syn = LFPy.Synapse(cell,  
    **synapse_parameters)
```



# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.Synapse:

- ▶ Create synapse, set activation time

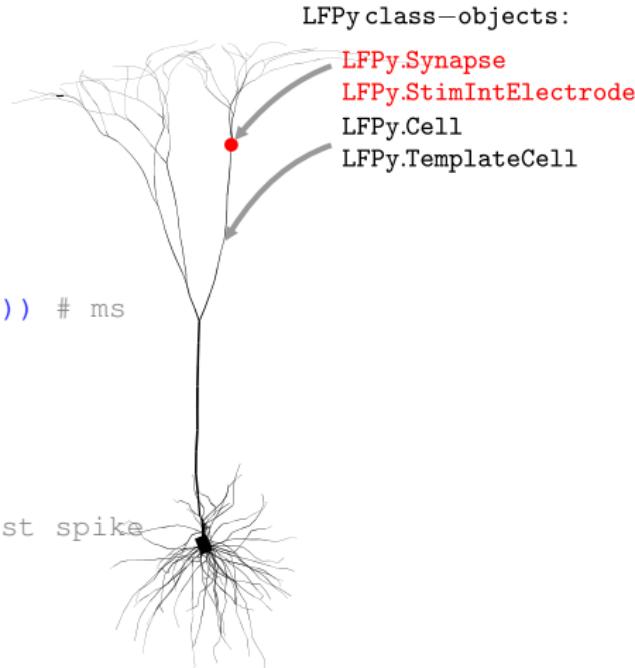
```
syn = LFPy.Synapse(cell,  
                    **synapse_parameters)
```

- ▶ set offline activation time(s)

```
syn.set_spike_times(np.array([20.])) # ms
```

- ▶ generate activation time(s) on the fly

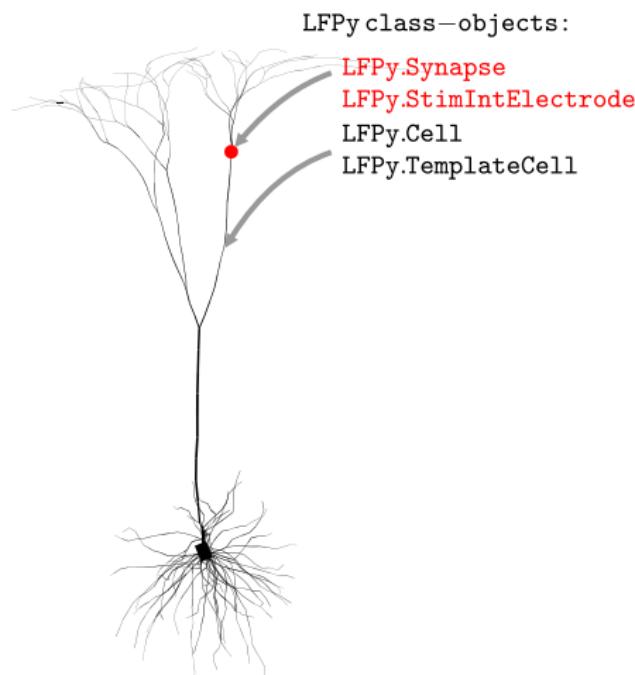
```
syn.set_spike_times_w_netstim(  
    noise=1, # Poisson statistics  
    start=0, # likeliest time of 1st spike  
    number=1E3, # number of spikes  
    interval=20, # ms, mean ISI  
)
```



# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.StimIntElectrode:

- ▶ Represents intracellular point electrodes
  - ▶ voltage clamp (VClamp)
  - ▶ current clamp (IClamp)
  - ▶ single-electrode V clamp (SEClamp)
- ▶ Not modeled as transmembrane currents
- ▶ currents into intracellular medium
- ▶ Mimics experimental setups



# LFPy - Class overview

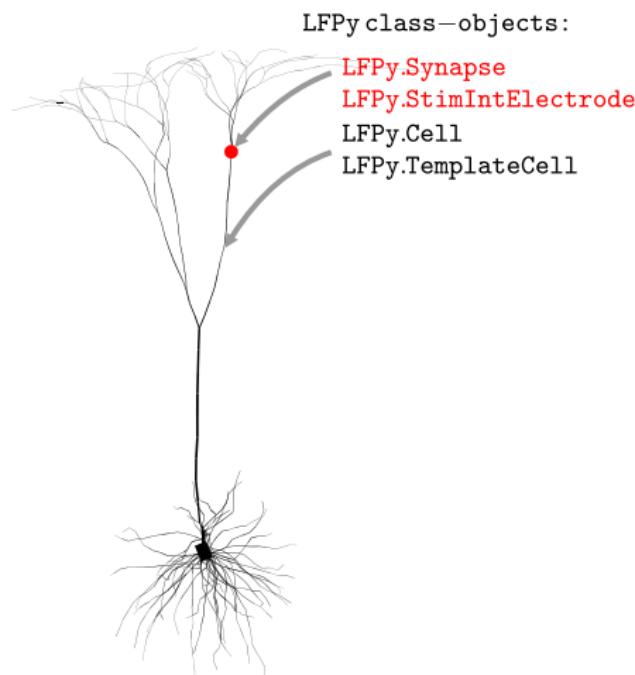
## LFPy.StimIntElectrode:

- ▶ Define point process parameters

```
# Define synapse parameters
pointproc_parameters = dict(
    idx = 0,
    record_current = True,
    pptype = 'IClamp',
    amp = 1,      # nA
    dur = 20,     # ms
    delay = 10)   # ms
```

- ▶ Create point process:

```
stim = LFPy.StimIntElectrode (
    cell=cell,
    **pointproc_parameters)
```



# LFPy - Class overview

## Plotting stimulus currents

- ▶ run

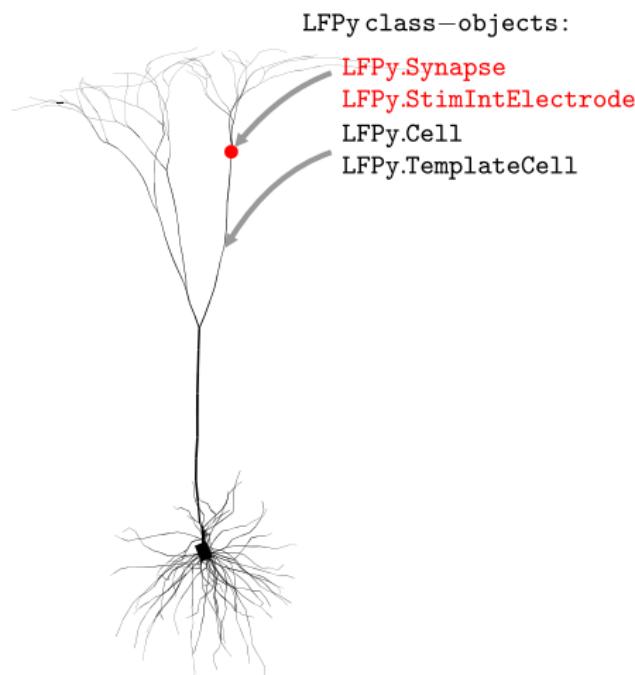
```
cell.simulate(rec_isyn=True,  
              rec_istim=True)
```

- ▶ draw LFPy.Synapse current

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
plt.subplot(211)  
plt.plot(cell.tvec, syn.i)
```

- ▶ draw LFPy.StimIntElectrode current

```
plt.subplot(212)  
plt.plot(cell.tvec, stim.i)
```

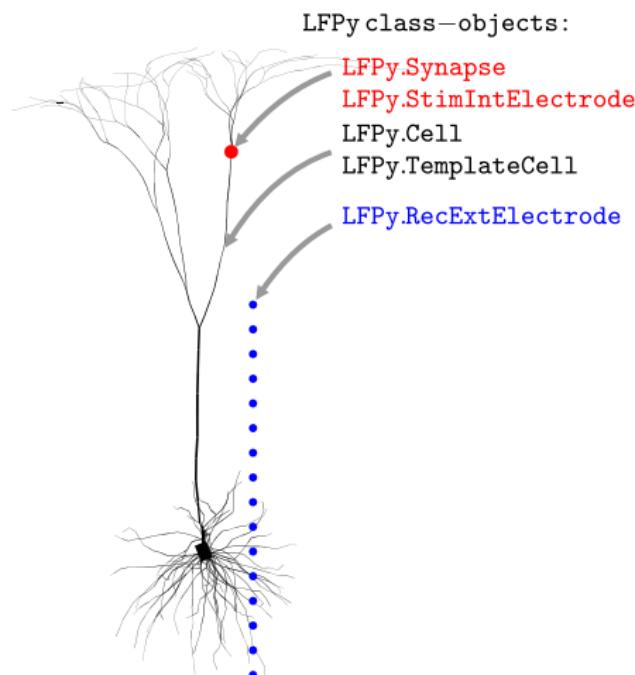


# Questions?

# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.RecExtElectrode:

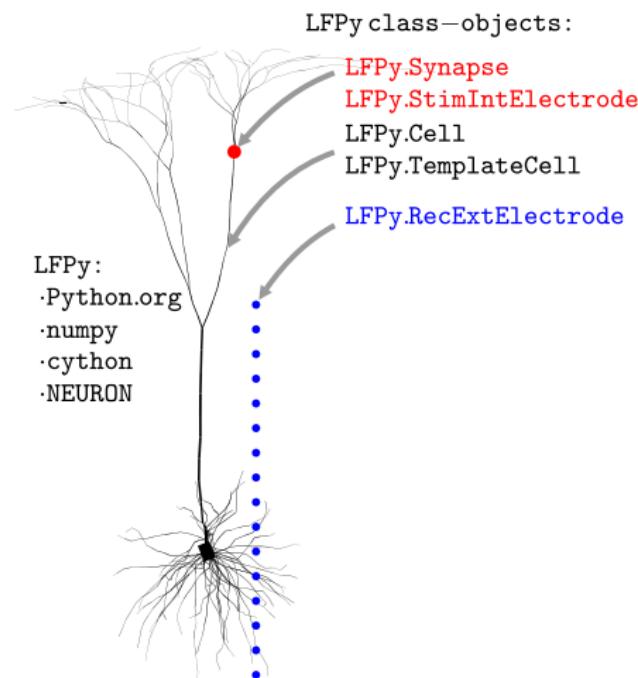
- ▶ Extracellular recording devices
- ▶ Main arguments:
  - ▶ cell objects  
(geometry, currents)
  - ▶ contact point coordinates  $x, y, z$
  - ▶ extracellular conductivity sigma
  - ▶ method (pointsource/linesource)
- ▶ Optional:
  - ▶ radius and surface normal  
vectors of contacts ( $r, N$ )
  - ▶  $n$ -point surface area  
averaged potential ( $n$ )



# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.RecExtElectrode:

```
# Run simulation, record currents
cell.simulate(rec_imem=True)
# Define electrode parameters
electrode_parameters = dict(
    sigma=0.3,          # S/m
    x=[-130., -220.],   # um
    y=[ 0.,   0.],       # um
    z=[ 0.,   700.],     # um
)
# Create electrode object
electrode = LFPy.RecExtElectrode(
    cell=cell,
    **electrode_parameters)
# Calculate LFPs
electrode.calc_lfp()
plt.plot(cell.tvec, electrode.LFP.T)
plt.show()
```



# Forward modeling of extracellular potentials

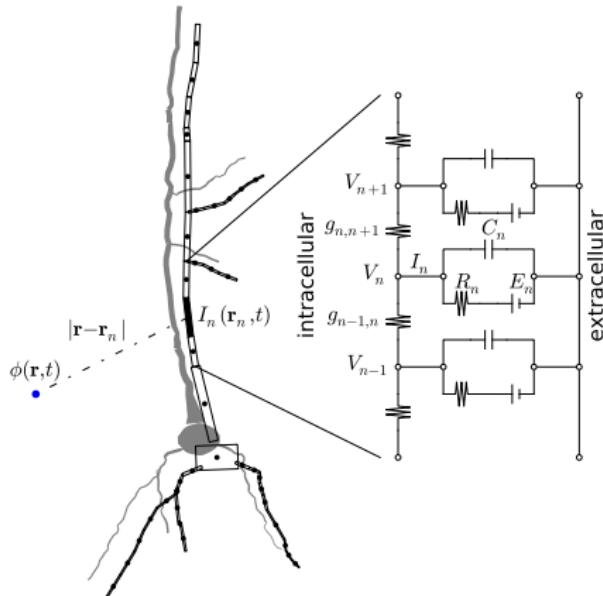
## Biophysical background:

- ▶ Current balance intracellular node point, compartment  $n$ :

$$I_n = C_n \frac{dV_n}{dt} - \frac{V_n - E_n}{R_n} =$$

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

- ▶ Simulated using **NEURON** ([neuron.yale.edu](http://neuron.yale.edu))  
Hines et al. (2009))
- ▶ Extracellular potentials are computed from  $I_n$



Lindén et al. (2014)

# Forward modeling of extracellular potentials

## Biophysical background:

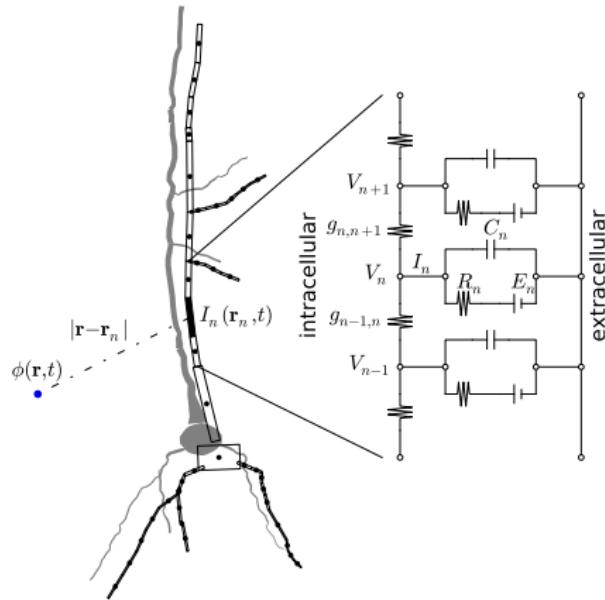
- ▶ Poisson's equation in electrostatics

$$\nabla \cdot (\sigma \nabla \phi) = -C$$

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

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

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

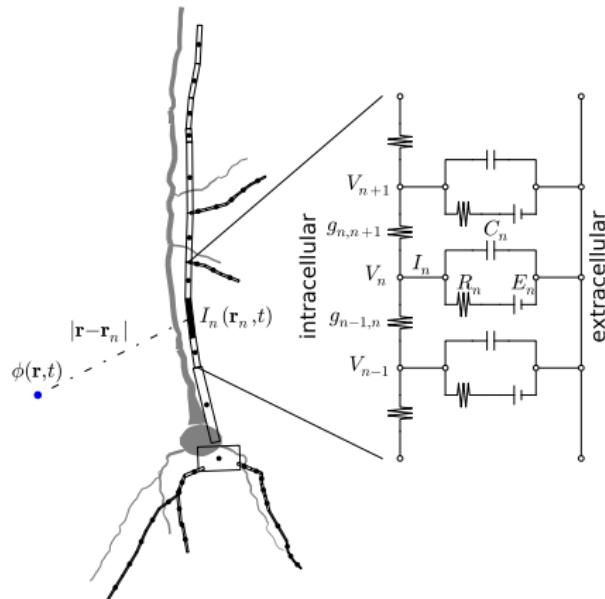


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# Forward modeling of extracellular potentials

## Biophysical background:

- ▶ Assumptions:
  - ▶ Quasi-static approximation of Maxwell's equations
  - ▶ Extracellular medium:
    - ▶ linear
    - ▶ isotropic
    - ▶ homogeneous
    - ▶ ohmic
- ▶  $(\text{scalar}, \text{real } \sigma)$
- ▶  $\phi(r \rightarrow \infty) = 0$



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# Forward modeling of extracellular potentials

## Biophysical background:

- Quasi-static approximation of Maxwell's equations:

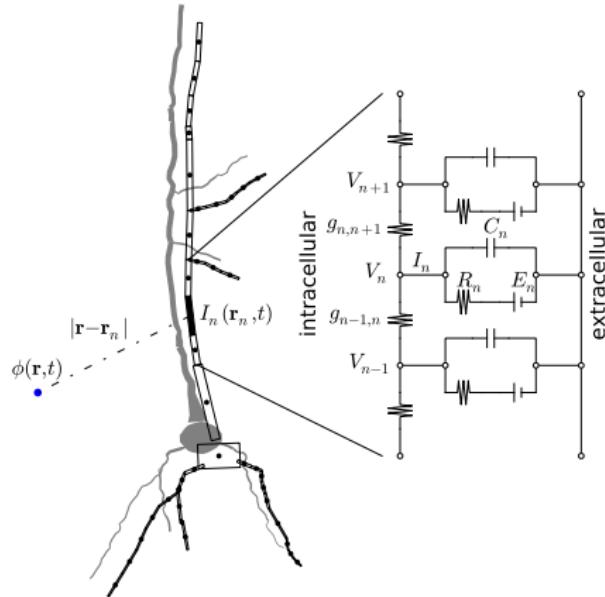
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \approx 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu \left( \mathbf{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right) \approx \mu \mathbf{J}$$

- $\mathbf{E}$  - electric field;  $\rho$  - charge density;  
 $\epsilon_0$  - free space permittivity;  $\mathbf{B}$  -  
magnetic field;  $\mu$  - permeability;  $\mathbf{J}$  -  
sum of ohmic and polarization currents



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# Forward modeling of extracellular potentials

## Biophysical background:

- ▶ Source current in conductive media
- ▶ Ohm's law in passive nonmagnetic media

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial t} \approx \sigma \mathbf{E}$$

$(\mathbf{P} = (\epsilon - \epsilon_0) \mathbf{E}$  : polarization)

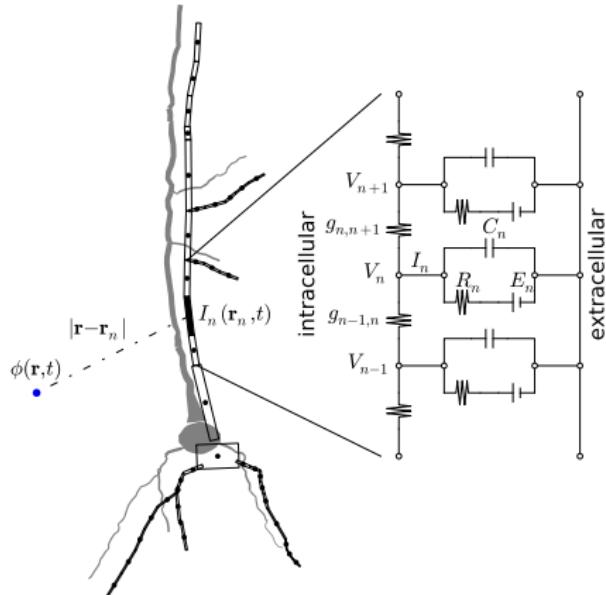
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \phi, \text{ thus}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = -\sigma \nabla \phi$$

$$(C \equiv \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J})$$

- ▶  $\sigma$  - assumed scalar, real



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# Forward modeling of extracellular potentials

## Biophysical background:

- ▶ Assuming a point current source

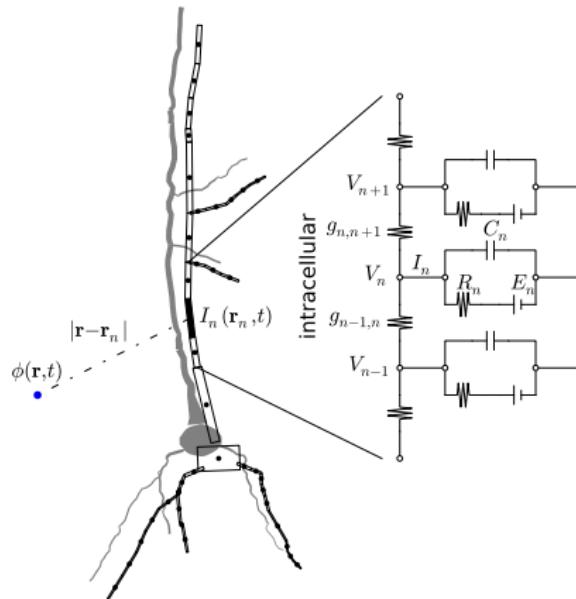
$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{I_0}{4\pi r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{r}} : \text{radial unit vector}$$

$$-\sigma \nabla \phi = \frac{I_0}{4\pi r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \quad \nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = -\frac{I_0}{4\pi \sigma r^2}$$

- ▶ integration w. respect to  $r$  yields

$$\phi(r) = \frac{I_0}{4\pi \sigma r}$$



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# Forward modeling of extracellular potentials

## Biophysical background:

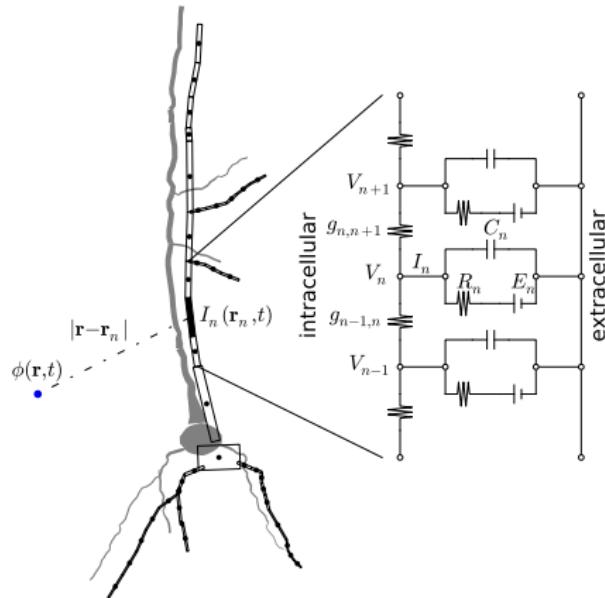
- ▶ Point current source

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

where  $\mathbf{r}$  is measurement location,  
 $\mathbf{r}_0$  source location

- ▶ Linear summation  $N$  point sources

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



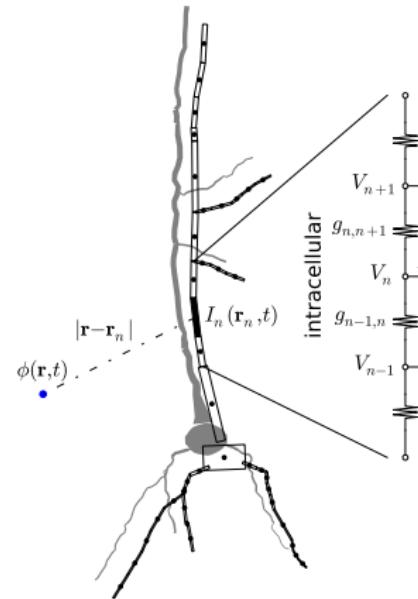
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# Forward modeling of extracellular potentials

## Biophysical background:

- ▶ Line sources (homog. current density)

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma} \sum_{n=1}^N I_n(t) \int \frac{d\mathbf{r}_n}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_n|} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{I_n(t)}{\Delta s_n} \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{h_n^2 + r_{\perp n}^2} - h_n}{\sqrt{I_n^2 + r_{\perp j}^2} - I_n} \right| \end{aligned}$$



- ▶  $\Delta s_n$  - segment length;  $h_n$  - longitudinal distance to one end of segment;  
 $r_{\perp n}$  - perpendicular distance to segment axis;  $I_n = \delta s_n + h_n$ .
- ▶ see Holt & Koch. (1999), *J Comput Neurosci* 6:169-184

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# LFPy - Class overview

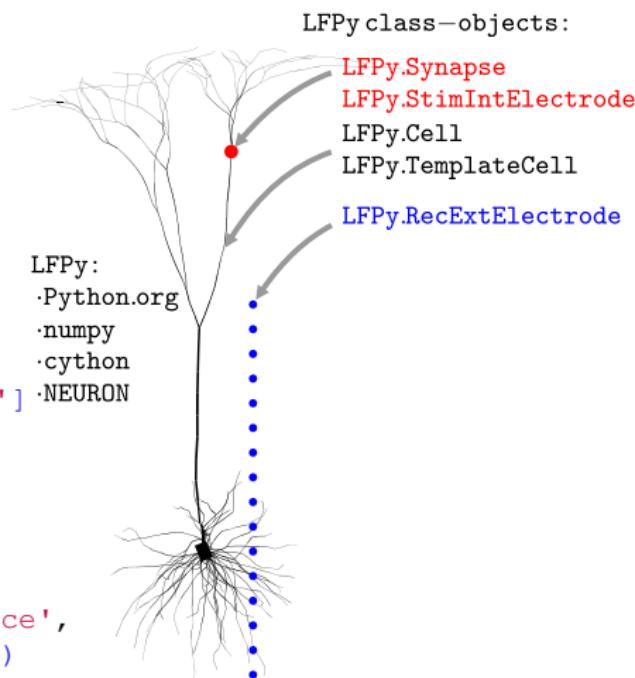
## LFPy.RecExtElectrode:

- ▶ class supports
  - ▶ point sources
  - ▶ line sources
  - ▶ point soma - line dendrites
  - ▶ keyword argument

```
method in ['pointsource',  
          'linesource',  
          'soma_as_point']
```

### ▶ Usage

```
# Create electrode object  
electrode = LFPy.RecExtElectrode(  
    cell, method='linesource',  
    **electrode_parameters)
```



# LFPy - Class overview

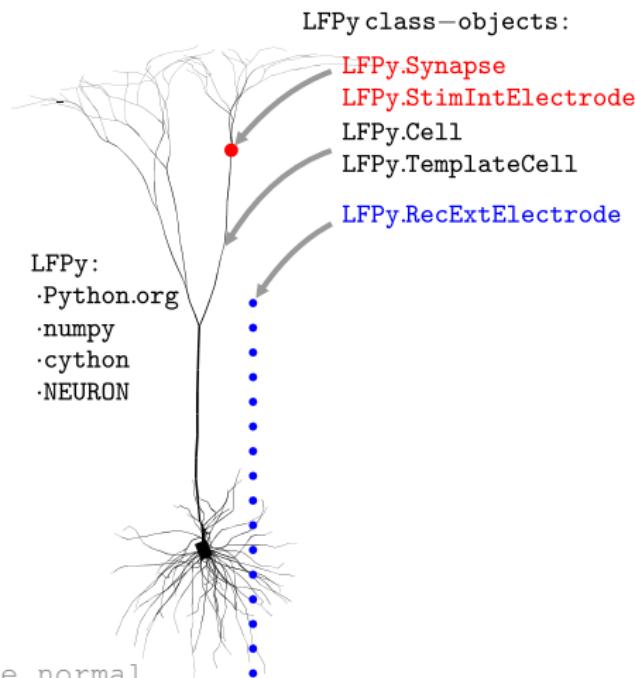
## LFPy.RecExtElectrode:

- ▶ So far - point electrodes
- ▶ Real electrodes have finite extent
- ▶ “disk” electrode approximation

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{\text{disc}}(\mathbf{u}, t) &= \frac{1}{A_S} \iint_S \phi(\mathbf{u}, t) d^2 r \\ &\approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(\mathbf{u}_i, t)\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ keyword arguments:

```
r = 10. # um, contact radius  
n = 50 # n-point average  
N = np.array([[0, 1, 0]]) # surface normal
```



# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.Ifpcalc.calc\_lfp\_\*():

- ▶ Public methods
- ▶ used by **LFPy.RecExtElectrode**
  - ▶ calc\_lfp\_pointsource()
  - ▶ calc\_lfp\_linesource()
  - ▶ calc\_lfp\_som\_as\_point()
- ▶ keyword arguments:

cell: LFPy.Cell/LFPy.TemplateCell obj

    cell.imem

    cell.\*start, cell.\*mid, cell.\*end

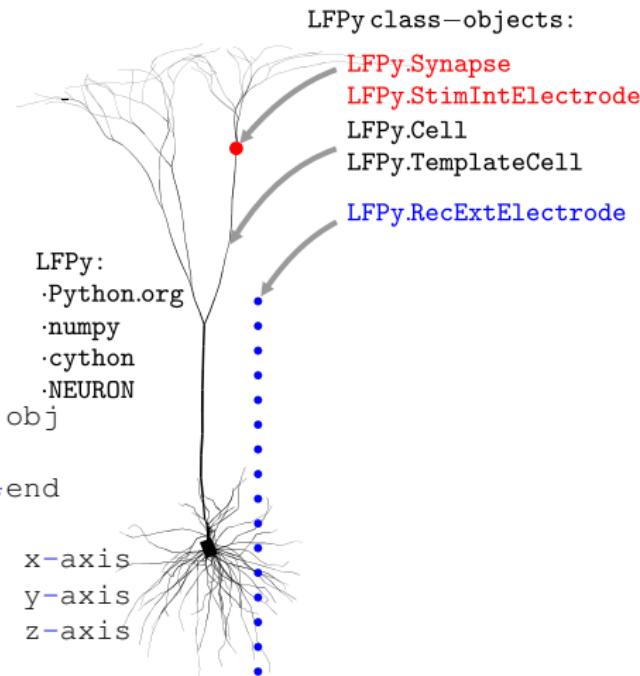
    cell.diam

x: double, extracellular position, x-axis

y: double, extracellular position, y-axis

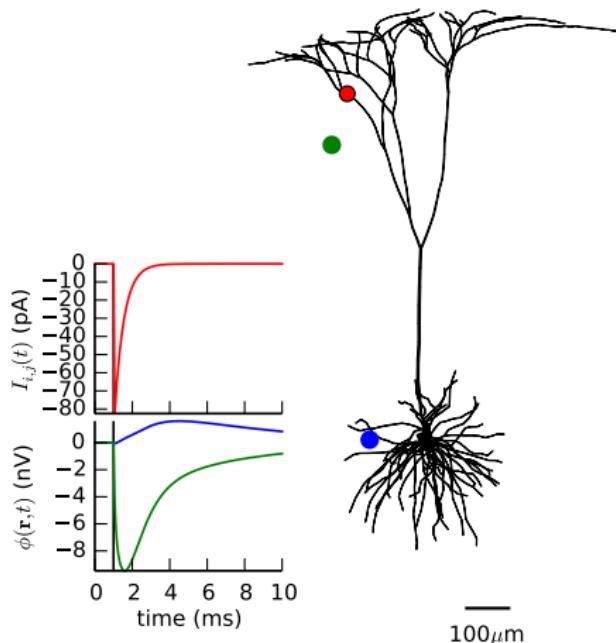
z: double, extracellular position, z-axis

sigma: double, conductivity



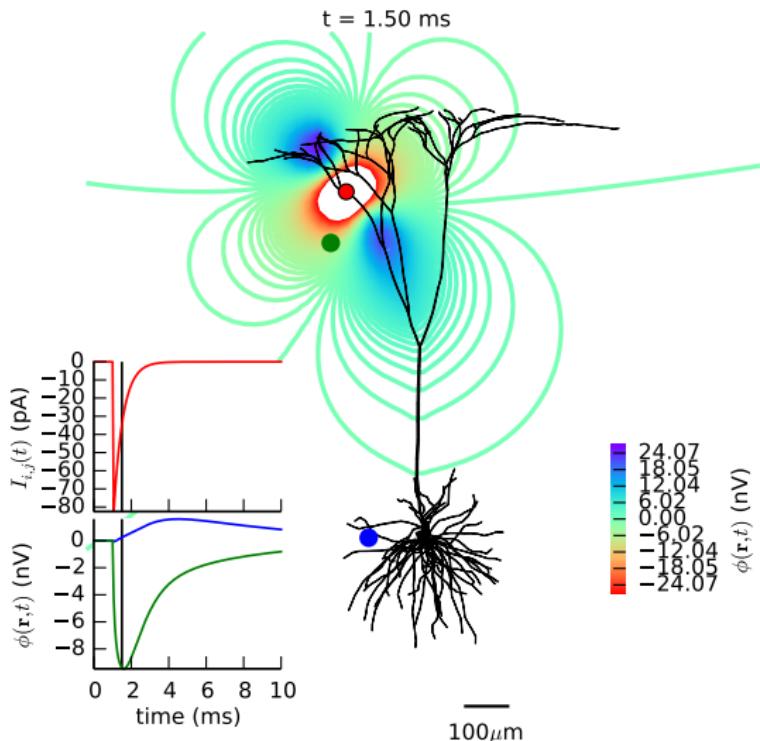
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$t = 1.00 \text{ ms}$



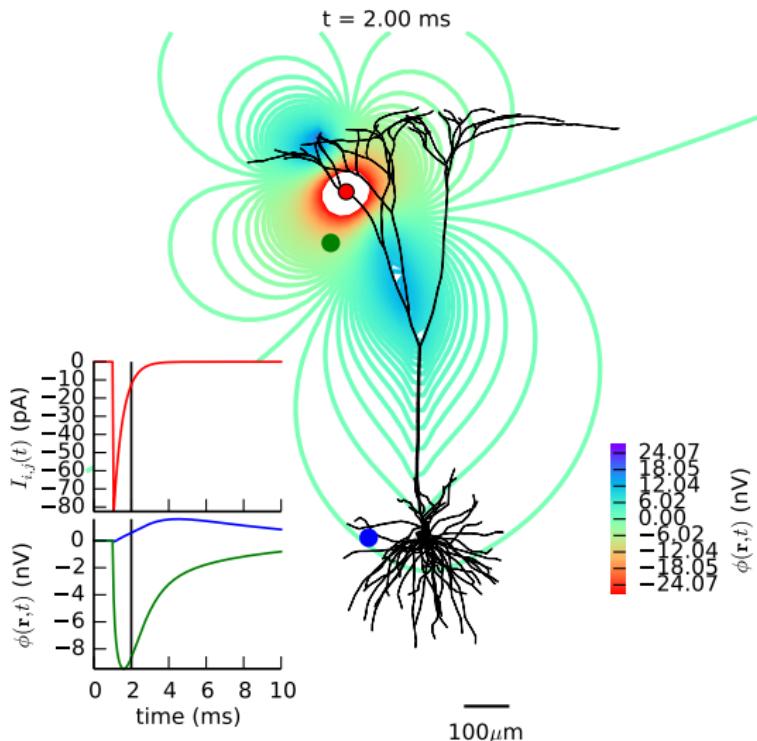
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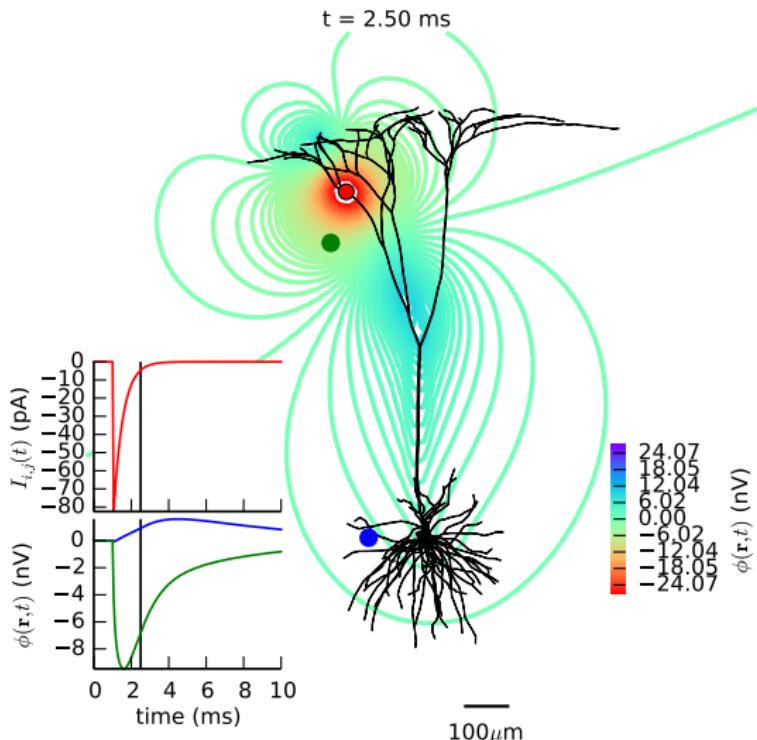
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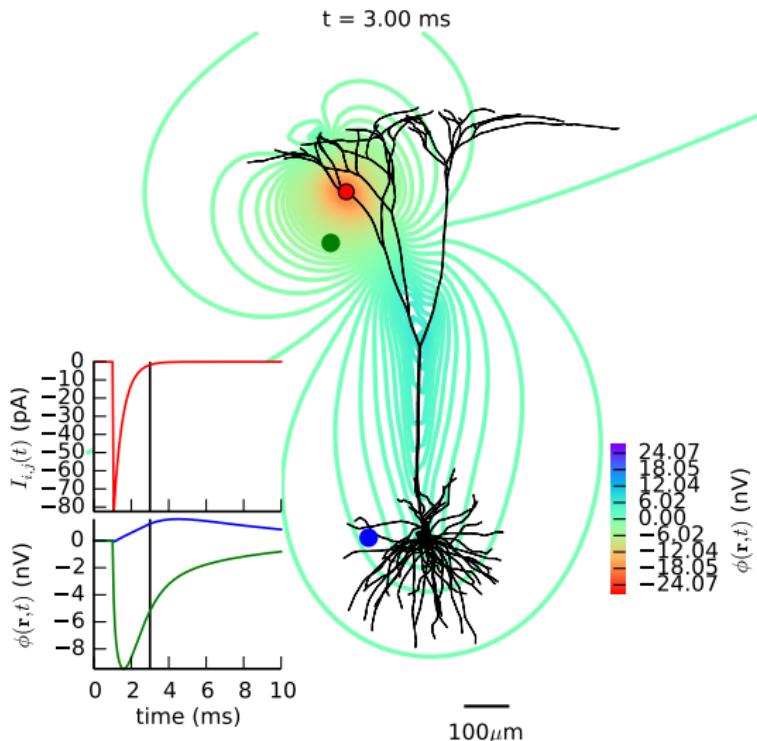
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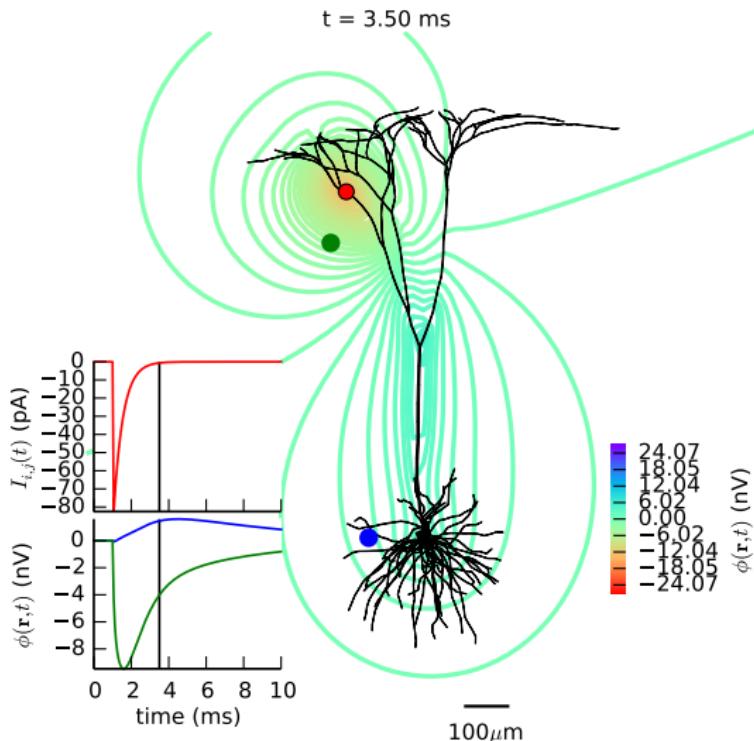
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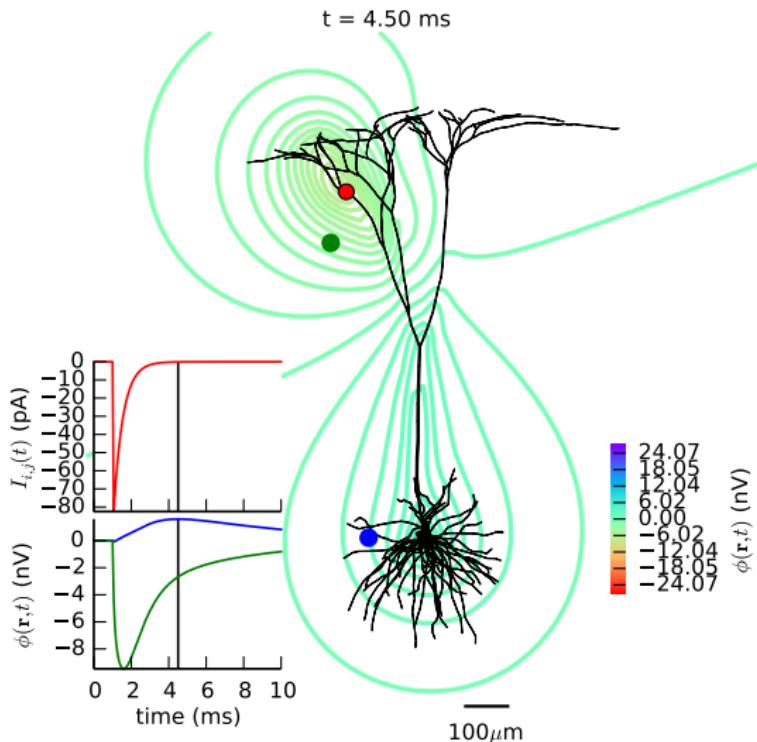
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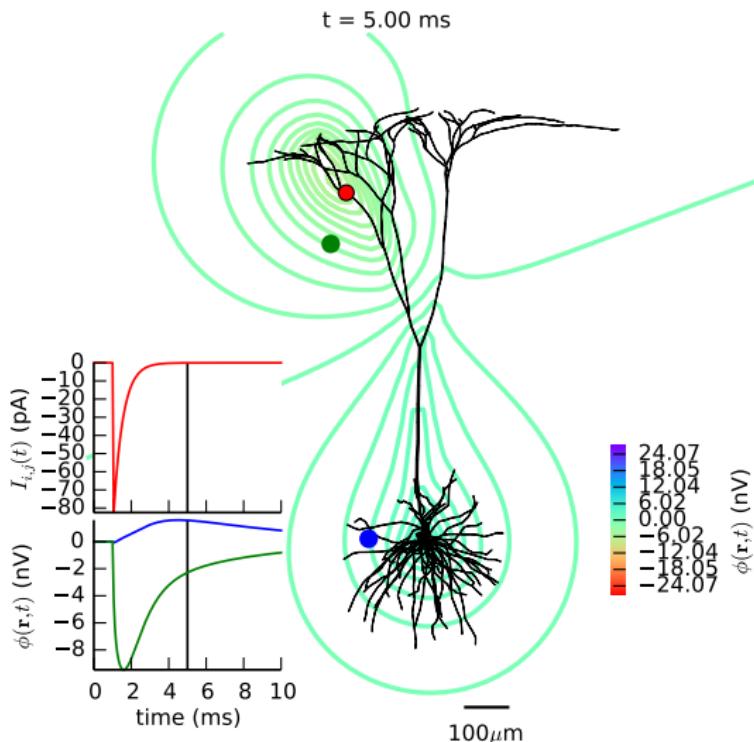
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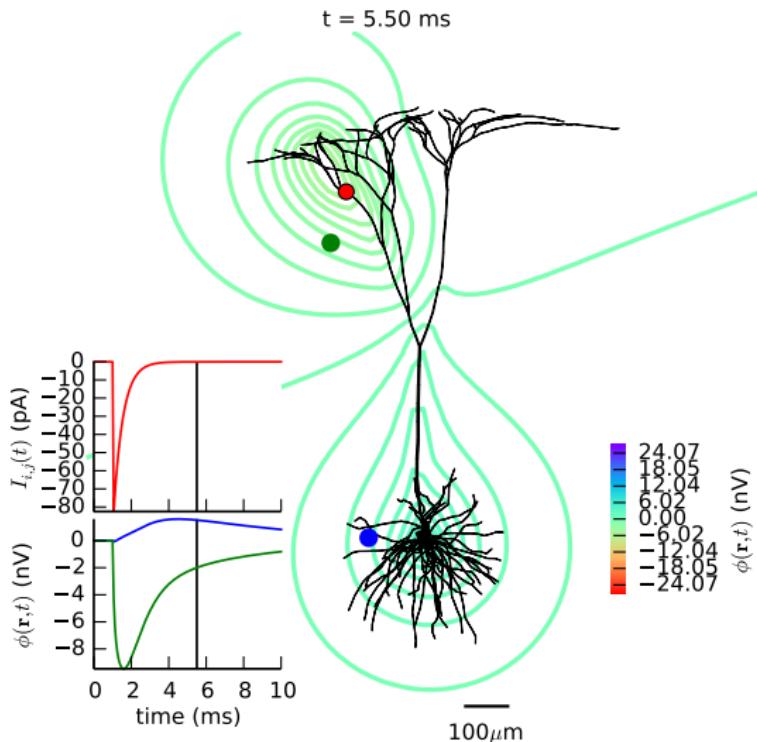
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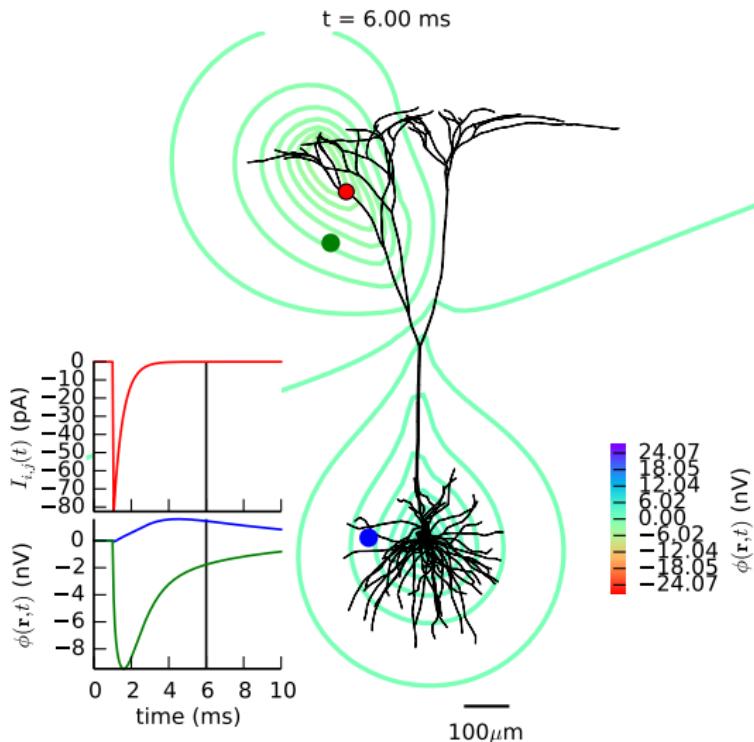
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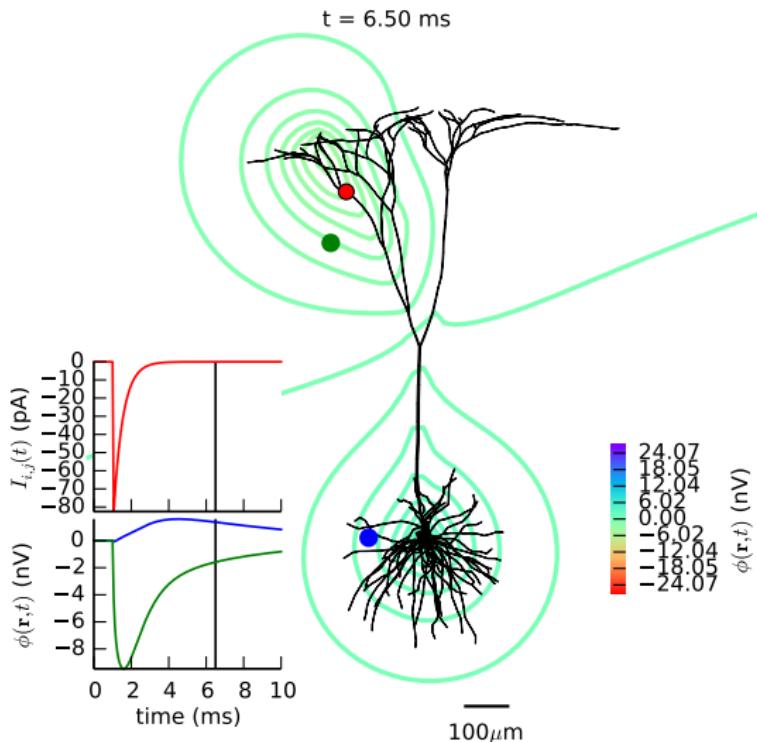
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# EEG and MEG signal predictions

- ▶ Multipole expansion of potential of arbitrary source distribution:

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

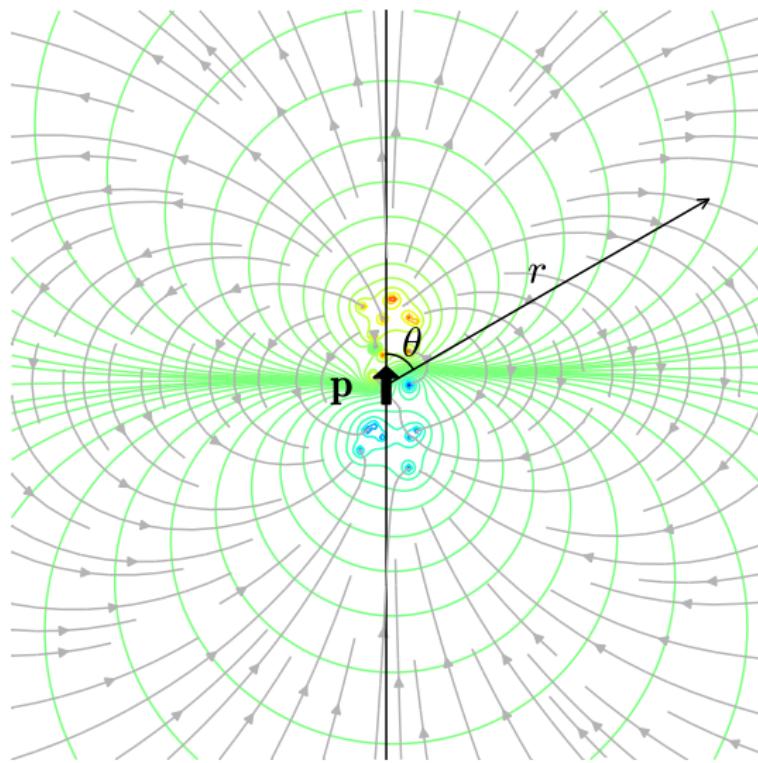
$$\equiv \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \phi_m$$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N I_n}{4\pi\sigma r}, \phi_2 = \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{4\pi\sigma r^3}$$

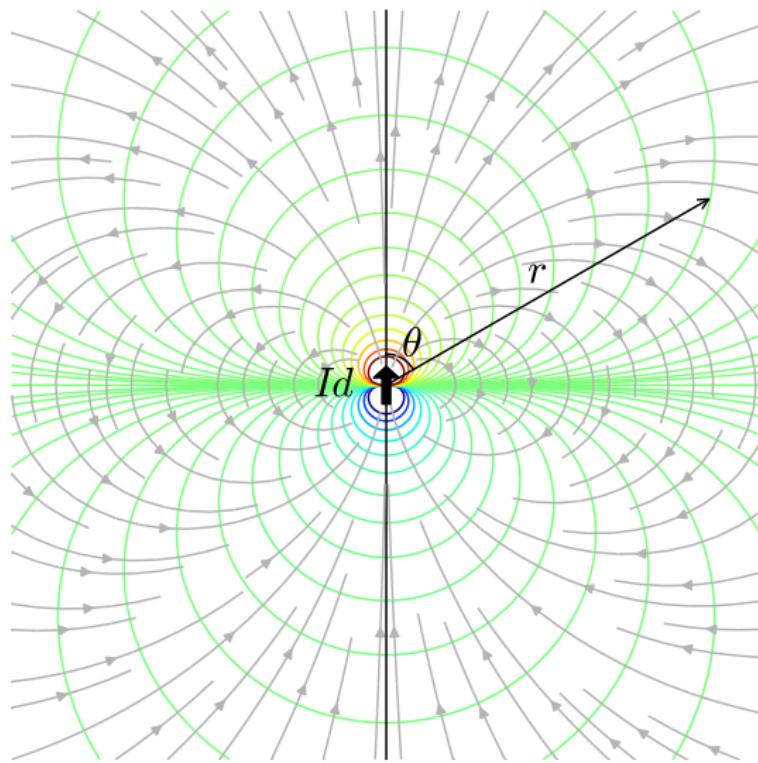
$$\phi_3 \propto \frac{1}{r^3}, \phi_4 \propto \frac{1}{r^4}, \dots$$

- ▶ current dipole:  $\mathbf{p} = \sum_{n=1}^N I_n \mathbf{r}_n$
- ▶ neurons equivalent to closed electric circuits: no monopoles!
- ▶ quadropole and higher terms can be ignored at some distance

# EEG and MEG signal predictions



# EEG and MEG signal predictions



## EEG and MEG signal predictions

- ▶ Electric potential in infinite homogeneous medium

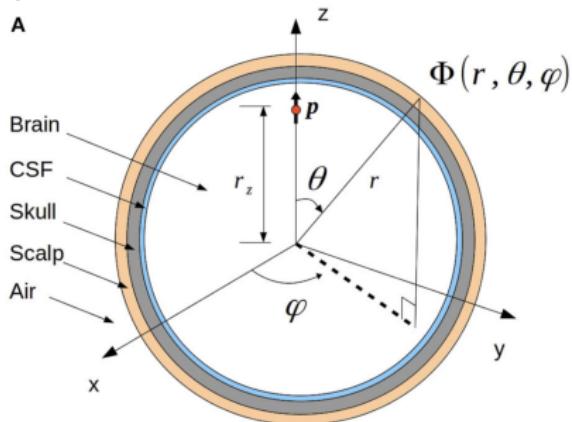
$$V = \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{4\pi\sigma r^3}$$

# EEG and MEG signal predictions

- ▶ Electric potential in infinite homogeneous medium

$$V = \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{4\pi\sigma r^3}$$

- ▶ The head is not a homogeneous volume conductor
- ▶ Analytical four-sphere volume conductor model  
(Næss et al., Front Human Neurosci, 2017)



# EEG and MEG signal predictions

```
class LFPy.FourSphereVolumeConductor:  
    from LFPy import Cell, FourSphereVolumeConductor  
    import numpy as np  
    # ....  
    cell.simulate(rec_current_dipole_moment=True)  
    # geometry  
    radii = [79000., 80000., 85000., 90000.] # um  
    sigmas = [0.3, 1.5, 0.015, 0.3] # S/m  
    sensor_locations = np.array([[0., 0., 90000.]]) # um  
    dipole_location = np.array([0., 0., 78000.]) # um  
    # instantiate 4-sphere model class, compute potential  
    sphere = LFPy.FourSphereVolumeConductor(radii, sigmas,  
  sensor_locations)  
    phi = sphere_model.calc_potential(cell.current_dipole_moment,  
                                       dipole_location)
```

# EEG and MEG signal predictions

- ▶ Magnetic field of dipole (magnetostatic Biot-Savart law)

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{r}}{r^3}.$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}$$

permeability  $\mu \approx \mu_0 \equiv 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}$  Tm/A,  
magnetization  $M \approx 0$

- ▶ class LFPy.MEG:

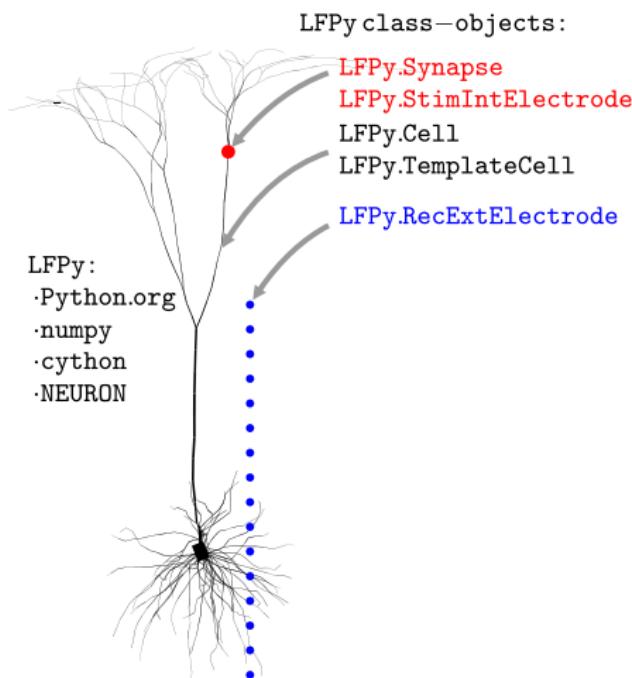
```
cell.simulate(rec_current_dipole_moment=True)
dipole_location = np.array([0, 0, 0]) # um
sensor_locations = np.array([[1E4, 0, 0]]) # um
meg = LFPy.MEG(sensor_locations, mu=4*np.pi*1E-7)
H = meg.calculate_H(cell.current_dipole_moment, dipole_location)
B = H*meg.mu
```

- ▶ Negligible contribution of volume currents in spherically symmetric conductors (Hämäläinen et al., Rev Modern Physics 1993)

# LFPy - Class overview

Documentation and resources:

- ▶ LFPy homepage  
(<http://LFPy.rtfd.io>)
- ▶ autodoc w. sphinx:  
cd /path/to/LFPy  
sphinx-build -b html  
documentation docs  
see docs/index.html
- ▶ IPython magic  
(numpy.sin?,  
LFPy.Synapse??)
- ▶ NEURON homepage  
(<http://www.neuron.yale.edu/>)



# LFPy - Class overview

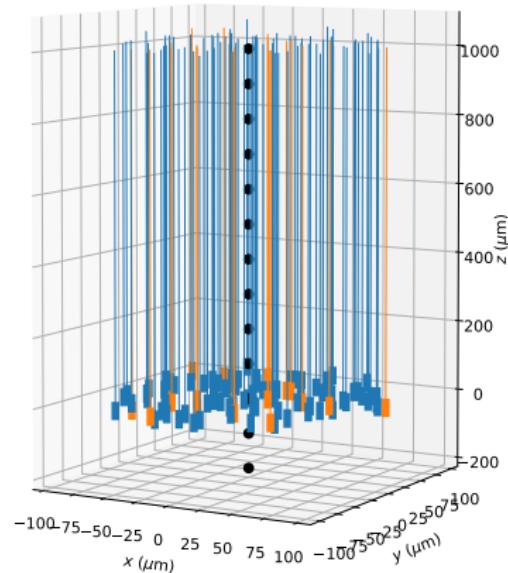
## LFPy.Network:

- ▶ Facilitates creation of networks:
  - ▶ populations
  - ▶ neurons
  - ▶ connections
  - ▶ parallel management
  - ▶ forward-model predictions  
(through RexExtElectrode)

- ▶ Main arguments and setup:

```
from LFPy import Network
networkParams = dict(
    dt=2**-4,      # ms
    tstop=1200.,   # ms
    v_init=-65.,   # mV
    celsius=6.5,   # 'C
    OUTPUTPATH='network_output')
network = Network(**networkParams)
```

network populations



# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.NetworkCell:

- ▶ Inherited from TemplateCell
- ▶ Retains all Cell/TemplateCell functionality
- ▶ Adds methods for spike detection/connections
- ▶ Parameterization:

```
cellParams = dict(  
    morphology='BallAndStick.hoc',  
    templatefile='BallAndStickTemplate.hoc',  
    templatename='BallAndStickTemplate',  
    templateargs=None,  
    delete_sections=False,)  
cell = LFPy.NetworkCell(**cellParams)
```

- ▶ Cells set up as part of a NetworkPopulation

# LFPy - Class overview

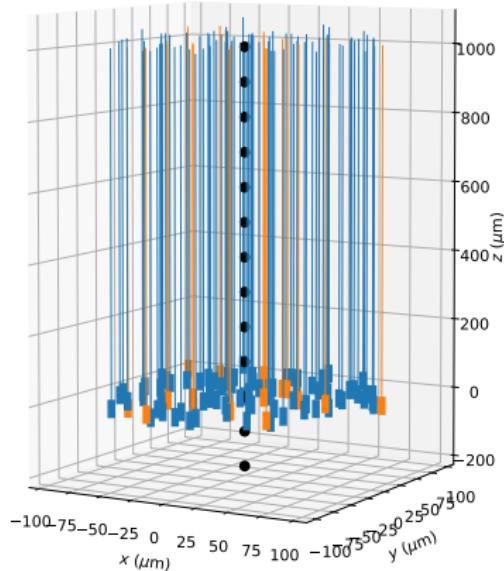
## LFPy.NetworkPopulation:

- ▶ Represents populations of  $N$  NetworkCell instances
- ▶ Cells distributed across MPI ranks

```
popParams = dict(  
    Cell=NetworkCell,  
    cell_args = cellParams,  
    pop_args = dict(  
        radius=100., # um  
        loc=0.,       # um  
        scale=20.),   # um  
    rotation_args=dict(x=0., y=0.), # ra  
)  
network.create_population(name=name,  
                         POP_SIZE=size,  
                         **popParams)
```

- ▶ Cells set up as part of a population

network populations



# LFPy - Class overview

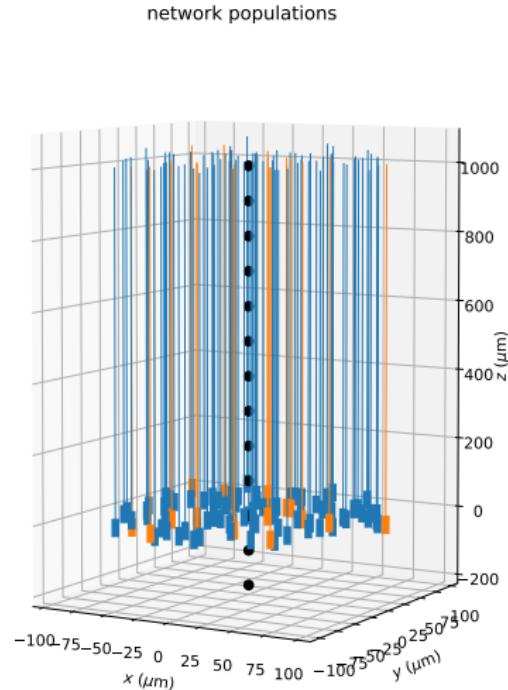
## LFPy.Network:

- ▶ Network objects are transparent

```
network.populations[name].cells[cellID]
```

- ▶ Create connections:

```
# connection matrix (boolean)
connectivity =
network.get_connectivity_rand(
    pre=name,
    post=name, connprob=connprob)
# connect populations
conncount, syncount = network.connect (
    pre=name, post=name,
    connectivity=connectivity,
    synctype=synapseModel,
    synparams=synapseParameters,
    **kwargs)
```



# LFPy - Class overview

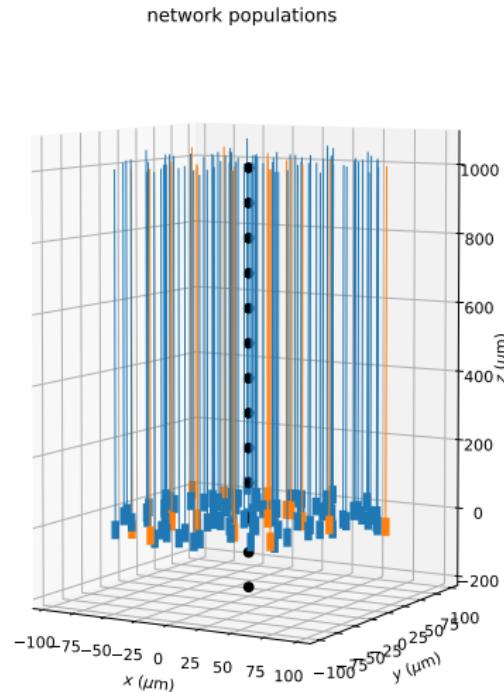
## LFPy.Network:

- ▶ Extracellular recording device:

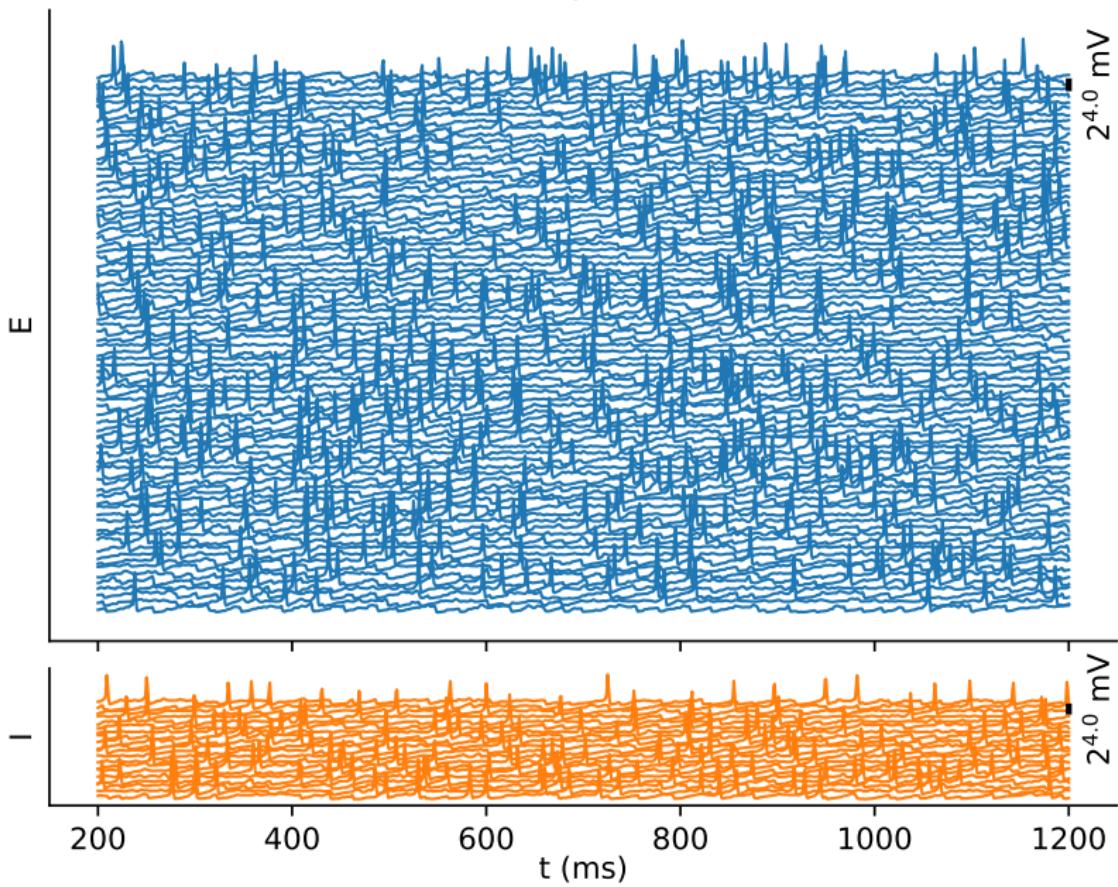
```
electrodeParams = dict(**kwargs)
electrode =
    RecExtElectrode(**electrodeParams)
```

- ▶ Running simulation with measurements:

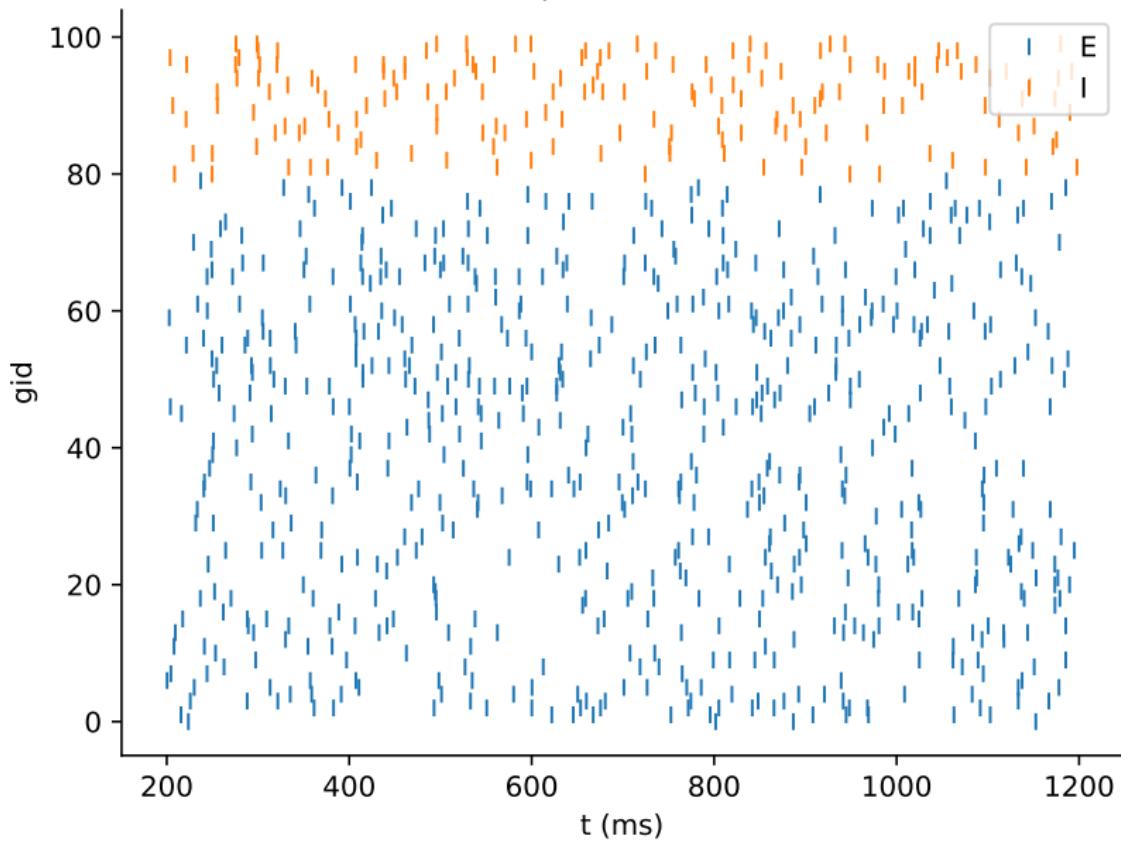
```
# method Network.simulate() parameters:
networkSimulationArguments = dict(
    rec_current_dipole_moment = True,
    rec_pop_contributions = True,
    to_memory = True,
    to_file = False
)
# run simulation:
SPIKES, OUTPUT, DIPOLEMOMENT =
network.simulate(
    electrode=electrode,
    **networkSimulationArguments
```



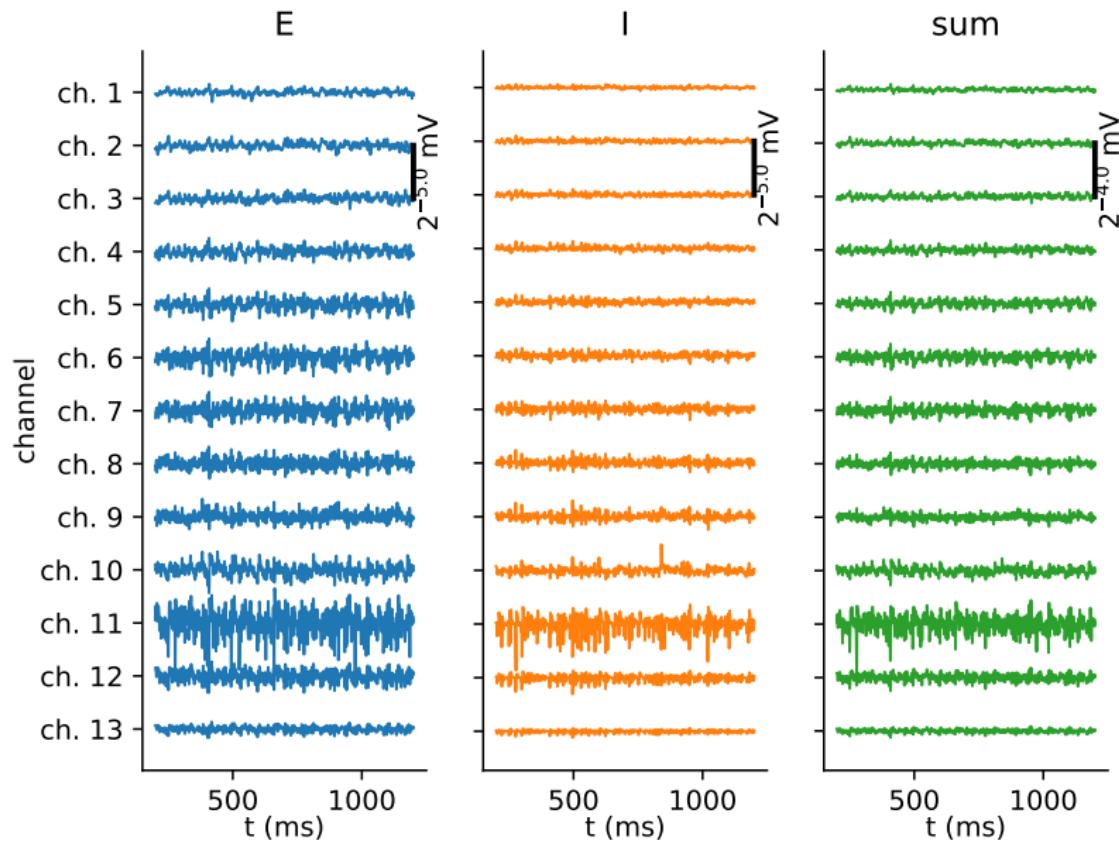
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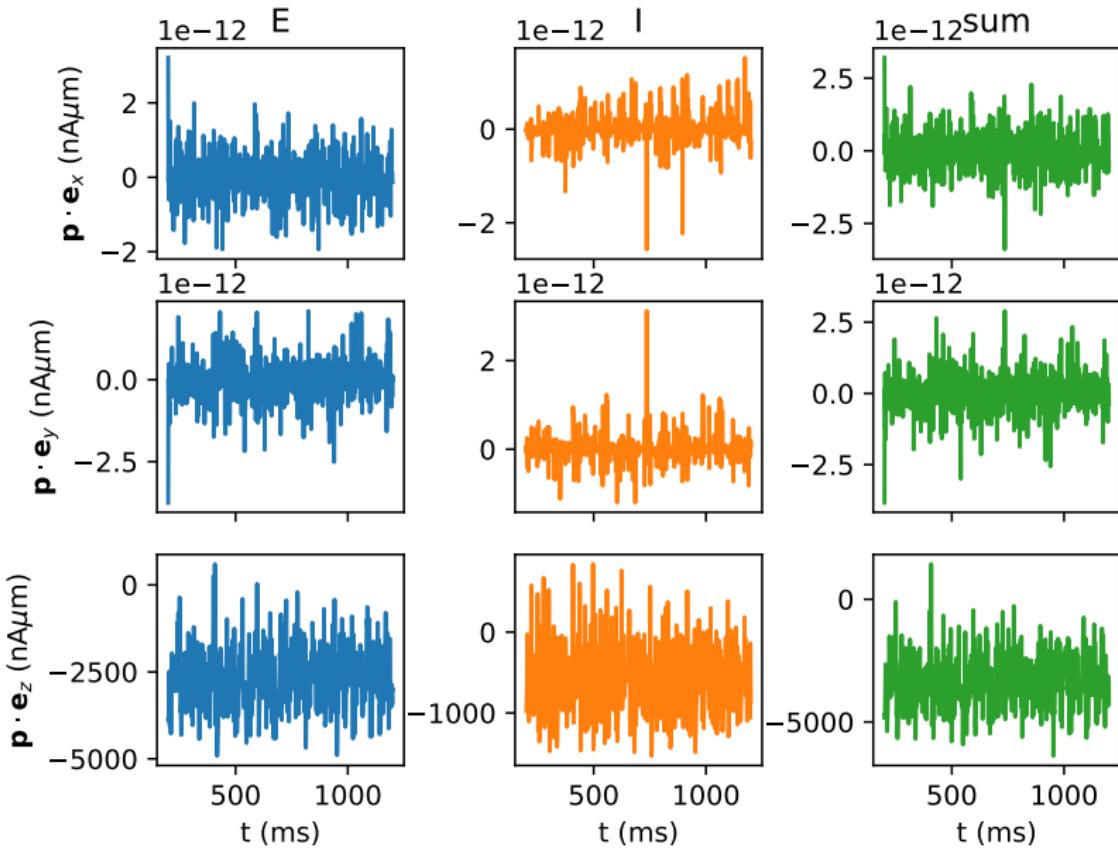
# spike raster



# extracellular potentials



## current-dipole moments



# Questions?

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Local Field Potentials in Python

## LFPy Homepage

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LFPy is a [Python](#) package for calculation of extracellular potentials from multicompartment neuron models and recurrent networks of multicompartment neurons. It relies on the [NEURON simulator](#) and uses the [Python interface](#) it provides.

Active development of LFPy, as well as issue tracking and revision tracking, relies on [GitHub.com](#) and [git](#) ([git-scm.com](#)). Clone LFPy on [GitHub.com](#): `git clone https://github.com/LFPy/LFPy.git`

LFPy provides a set of easy-to-use Python classes for setting up your model, running your simulations and calculating the extracellular potentials arising from activity in your model neuron. If you have a model working in [NEURON](#) or [NeuroML2](#) already, it is likely that it can be adapted to work with LFPy.

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```
class Cell
class TemplateCell
class NetworkCell
class PointProcess
class Synapse
class StimIntElectrode
class RecExtElectrode
class Network
class NetworkPopulation
```

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## Module LFPy

Initialization of LFPy, a Python module for simulating extracellular potentials.

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### Classes:

- Cell - The pythonic neuron object itself laying on top of NEURON representing cells
- TemplateCell - Similar to Cell, but for models using cell templates
- Synapse - Convenience class for inserting synapses onto Cell objects
- StimIntElectrode - Convenience class for inserting electrodes onto Cell objects
- PointProcess - Parent class of Synapse and StimIntElectrode
- RecExtElectrode - Class for performing simulations of extracellular potentials

# LFPy - Further reading and material

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for LFPy. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Pull requests, Issues, Marketplace, and Explore. Below the navigation is a search bar and a sidebar with repository statistics: 556 commits, 1 branch, 15 releases, 9 contributors, and a GPL-3.0 license. A green "Clone or download" button is visible. The main content area displays a list of recent commits by Espen Hagen v2.0.0, including changes to LFPy, continuous\_integration, doc, examples, readthedocs.yml, .travis.yml, and LICENSE files. The commits are dated from 12 days ago to 3 years ago.

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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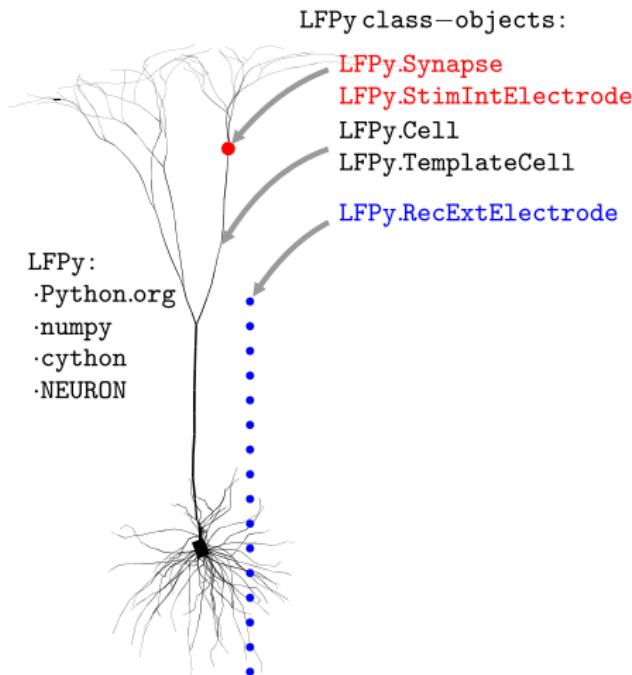
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# LFPy - Examples

## Example **Python** files

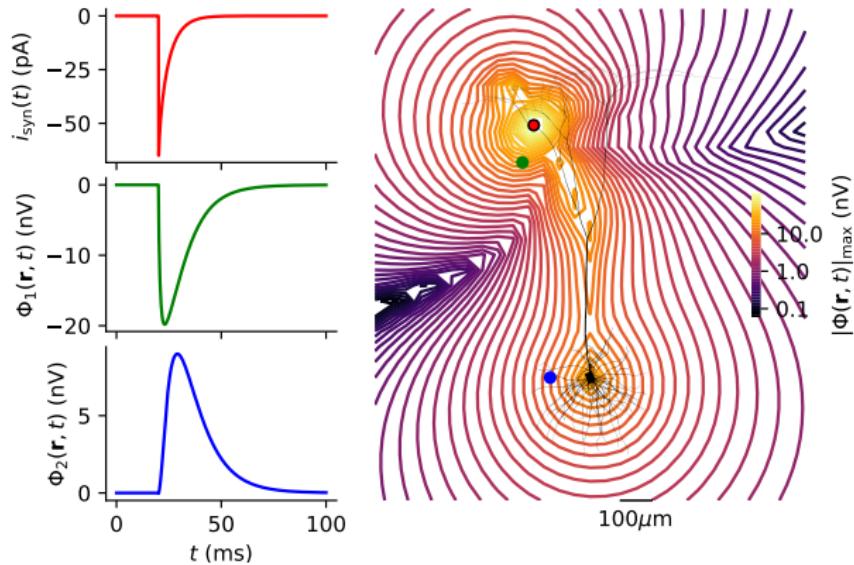
- ▶ /path/to/LFPy/examples
- ▶ Jupyter notebooks (\*.ipynb)
- ▶ Python scripts (example\*.py)
- ▶ Compute extracellular potentials
  - ▶ passive vs. active models
  - ▶ single-synapse vs. multi-synapse responses
  - ▶ extracellular action potential waveforms
  - ▶ population signal
- ▶ All use **LFPy.Cell**,  
**LFPy.Synapse**,  
**LFPy.RecExtElectrode**, ...



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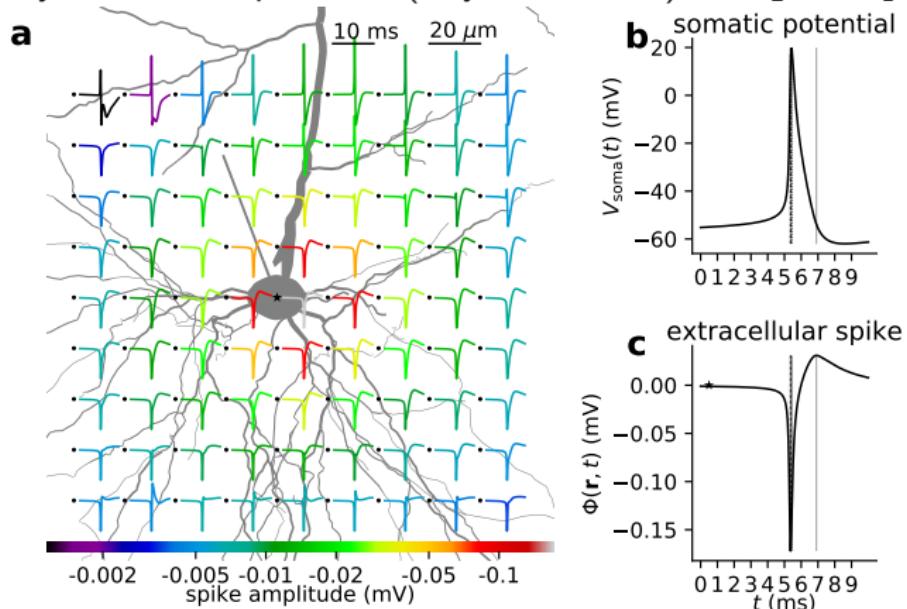
Apical synapse response, passive cable model



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

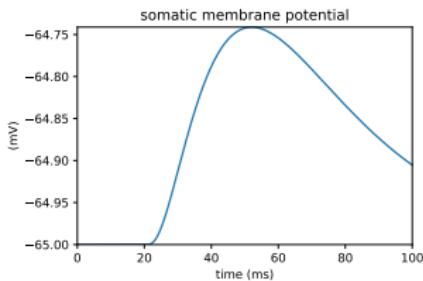
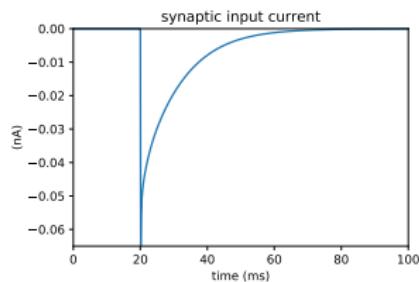
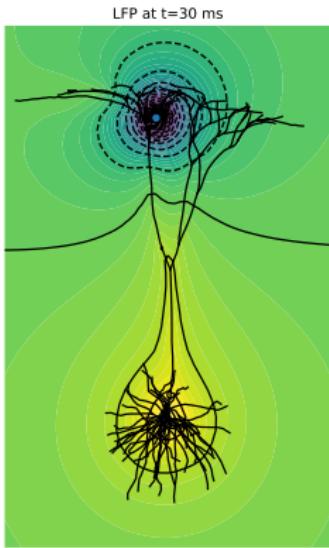


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Extracellular potentials, single-synapse input current

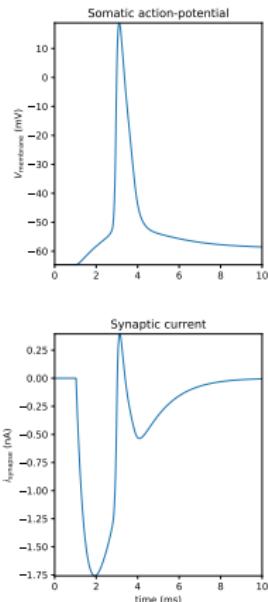
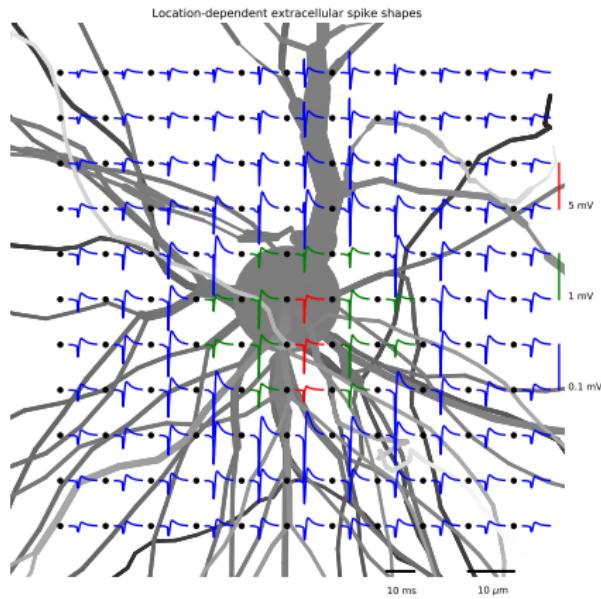
example 1



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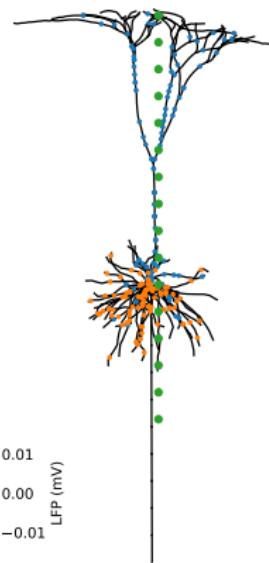
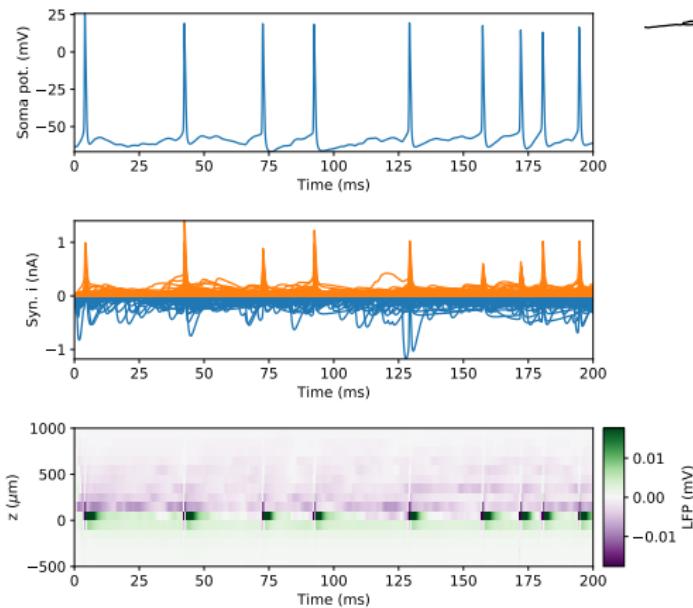
Extracellular potentials for action-potential of L5 pyramidal cell



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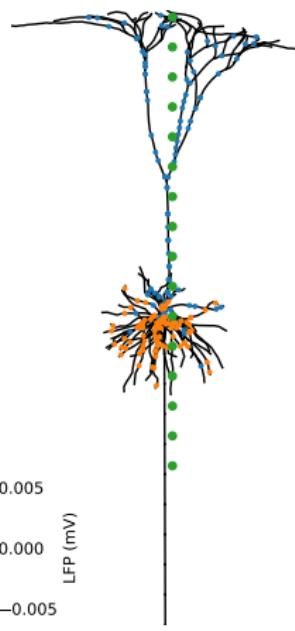
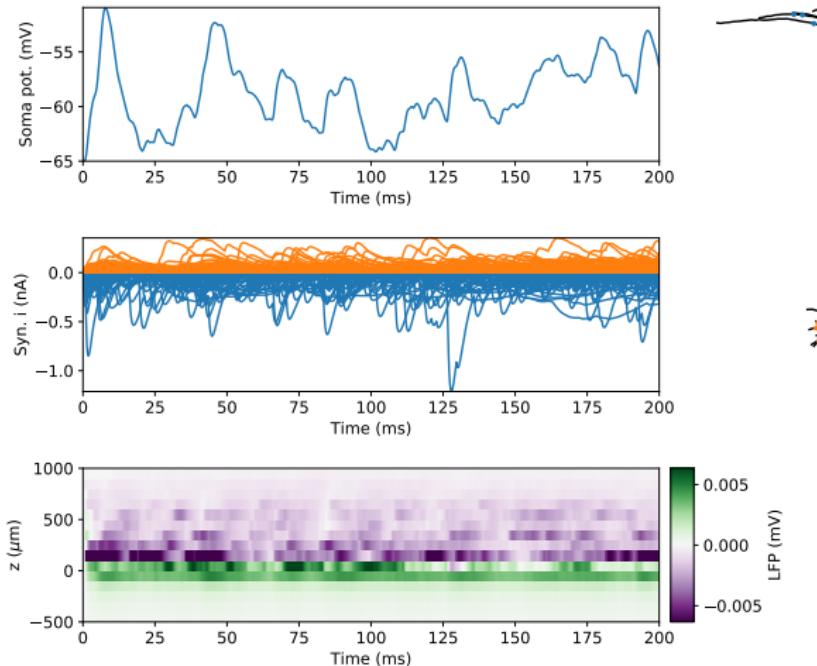
Extracellular potentials, synapse currents, somatic voltage, distributed synapses, active model



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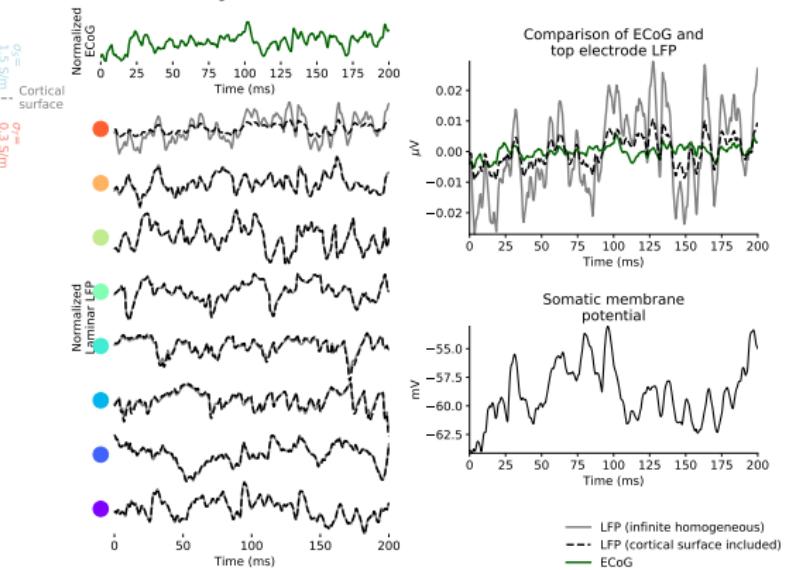
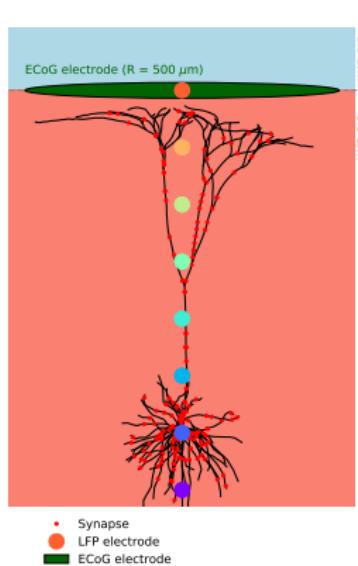
Extracellular potentials, synapse currents, somatic voltage, distributed synapses, passive model



# LFPy - Examples

/path/to/LFPy/examples/example\_ECoG.py

Extracellular potentials as recorded by ECoG contact



# LFPy - Examples

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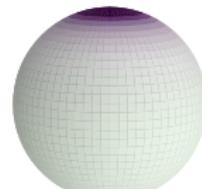
Single-synapse contribution to surface EEG

Cell and synapse



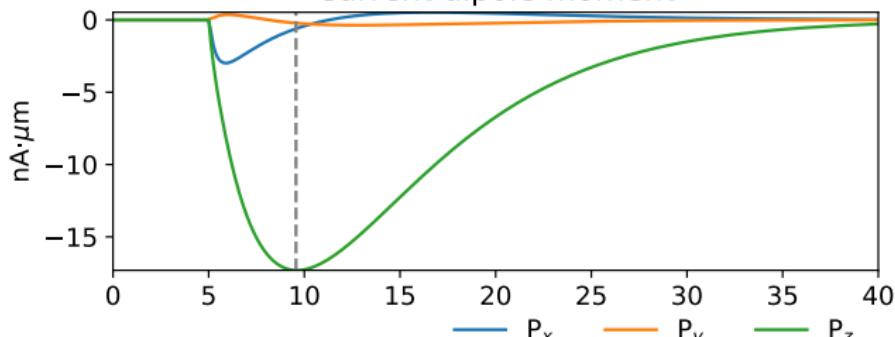
★ Synapse

Max EEG potential  
at 4-sphere surface



-6 -3 0 3 6  
 $\phi$  (pV)

Current dipole moment



EEG at top

# Questions?

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# LFPy - Class overview

## LFPy.Cell:

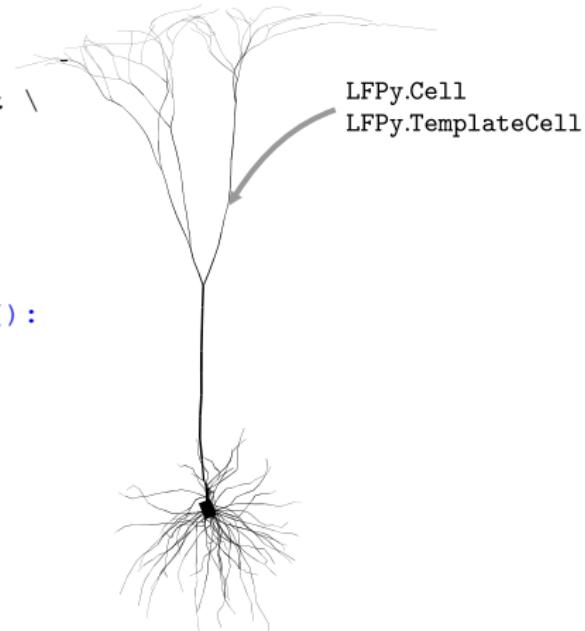
- ▶ Tip on drawing cell:

```
from matplotlib.collections import \
    PolyCollection
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

cell = LFPy.Cell('j4a.hoc')
zips = []
for x, z in cell.get_idx_polygons():
    zips.append(zip(x, z))
polycol = PolyCollection(zips,
    edgecolors='none',
    facecolors='gray')

fig, ax = plt.subplots(1)
ax.add_collection(polycol)
ax.axis(ax.axis('equal'))
plt.show()
```

LFPy class-objects:



# LFPy - Unit tests

## py.test module:

- ▶ runs code
- ▶ check if output is correct  
(validate LFPy output against analytical expressions for equivalent ball&stick models)
- ▶ run tests using pytest module:

```
cd /path/to/LFPy
py.test LFPy
```

## ▶ output:

```
===== test session starts =====
platform darwin -- Python 3.6.9, pytest-4.6.3, py-1.8.0, pluggy-0.11.3
rootdir: /Users/ehagen/Repositories/LFPy
plugins: cov-2.7.1
collected 289 items

LFPy/test/test_alias_method.py ..... [ 1%]
LFPy/test/test_cell.py ..... [ 26%]
...
== 289 passed in 85.66 seconds ==
```

# LFPy - Ephaptic interactions

- ▶ Neuron dynamics independent of extracellular predictions!
- ▶ LFPy.Cell.insert\_v\_ext(v\_ext, t\_ext):

```
import LFPy, matplotlib.pyplot as plt, numpy as np
# create cell
cell = LFPy.Cell('morphologies/example_morphology.hoc')
# time vector and extracellular potential for each segment:
dt = cell.timeres_python
t_ext = np.arange(100 / dt + 1) * dt
v_ext = np.random.rand(cell.totnsegs, t_ext.size)-0.5
# insert potentials and record response:
cell.insert_v_ext(v_ext, t_ext)
cell.simulate(rec_imem=True, rec_vmem=True)
# plot
plt.matshow(v_ext); plt.axis('tight'); plt.colorbar()
plt.matshow(cell.imem); plt.axis('tight'); plt.colorbar()
plt.matshow(cell.vmem); plt.axis('tight'); plt.colorbar()
plt.show()
```