



Computational Neuroscience

Session 6: Modeling Epilepsy (1)

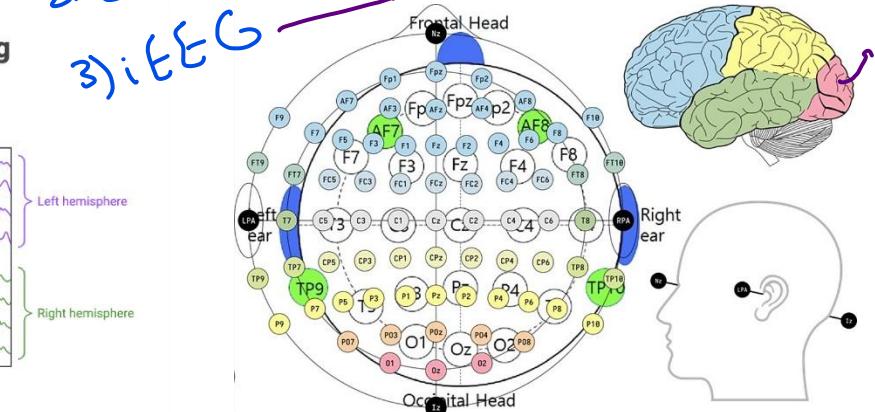
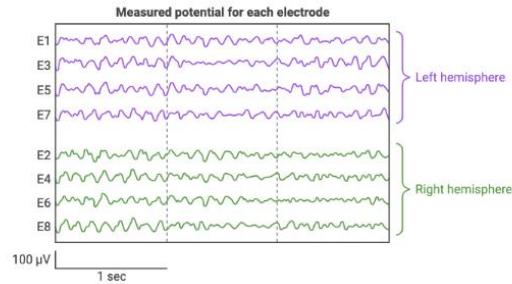
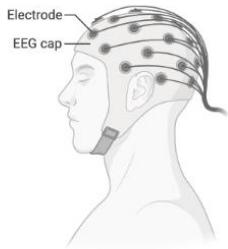
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Electroencephalography (EEG)

- 1) EEG → 3. iEEG
- 2) ECoG → 3. iEEG
- 3) iEEG

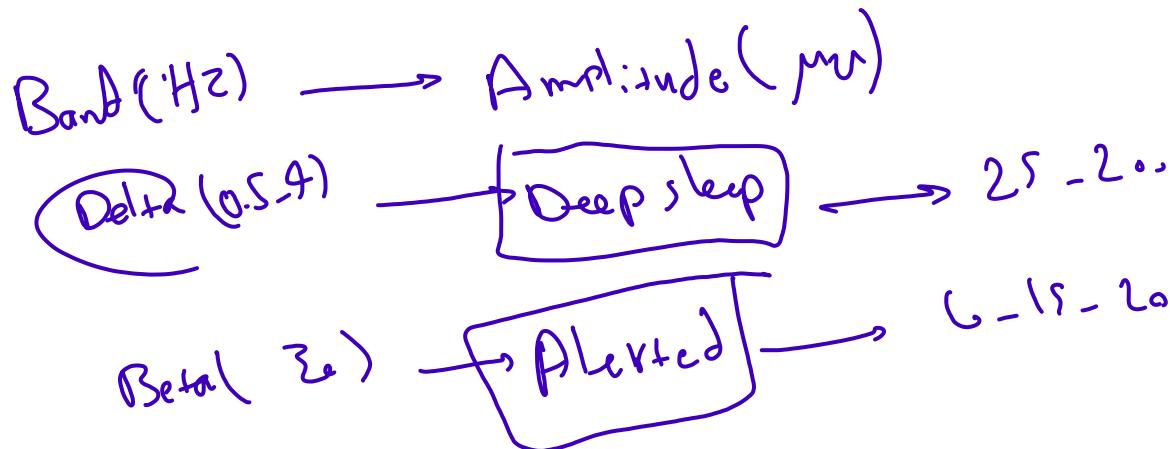
Electroencephalography (EEG) Recording



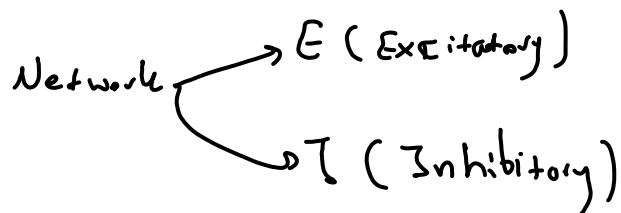
Electroencephalography (EEG)

Jump

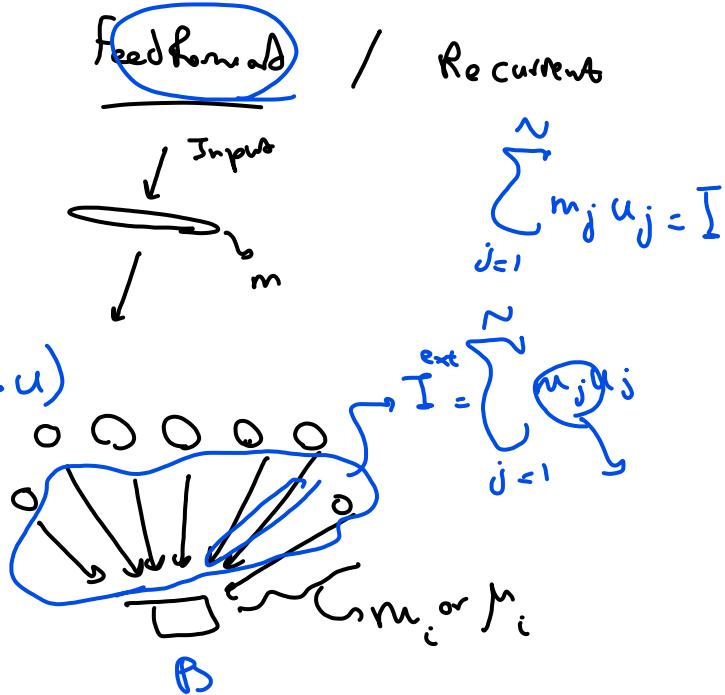
- EEG measures voltage fluctuations at the scalp resulting primarily from postsynaptic potentials (PSPs) in cortical pyramidal neurons.
- EEG signals are typically measured in microvolts and are classified into spectral bands with approximate frequency ranges and associated behavioral states.
- In epilepsy, interictal spikes and seizure discharges often exhibit dominant frequencies in the delta or theta ranges, and the amplitude can be much larger than during normal cognition.



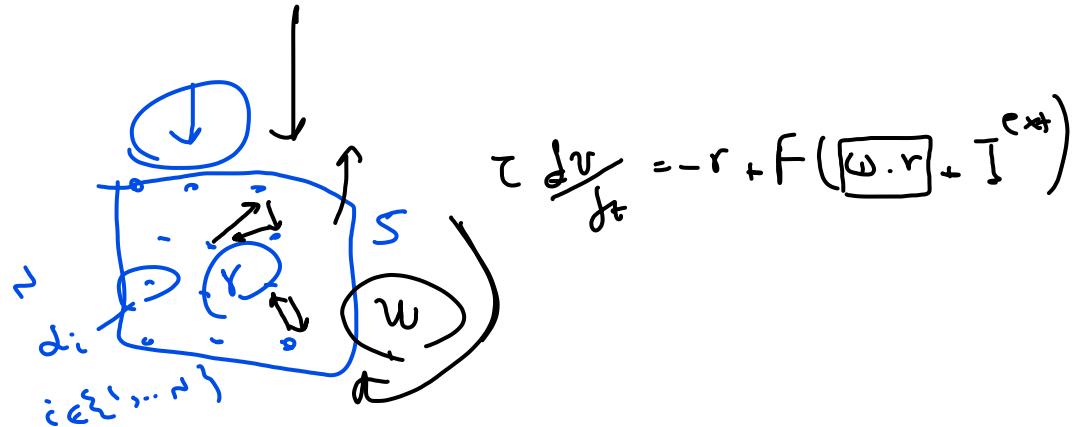
Wilson-Cowan



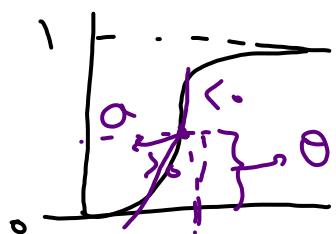
$$\tau_r \frac{dv}{dt} = -v + F(I^{\text{ext}}) = -v + F(m \cdot u)$$



Recurrent

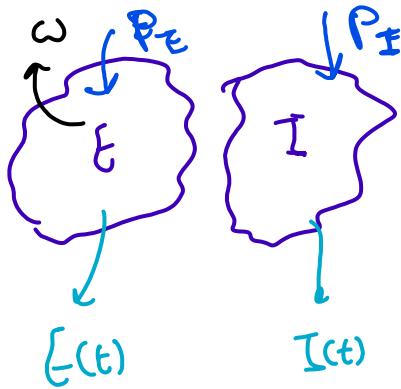


$F = ?$ Transfer function \rightarrow Sigmoidal $\rightarrow F(I; \alpha, \theta)$



$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{(-\alpha)(1-\theta)}} - \frac{1}{1 + e^{\alpha\theta}}$$

Gain



Wilson-Cowan

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tau_E \frac{\delta E}{\delta t} = -E + F_E (w_{EE} E - w_{EI} I) + P_E \\ \tau_I \frac{\delta I}{\delta t} = -I + F_I (w_{IE} E - w_{II} I) + P_I \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\delta E}{\delta t} = 0 \\ \frac{\delta I}{\delta t} = 0 \end{array} \right. \rightarrow \text{Fixed points}$$

$$\rightarrow J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_E}{\partial E} & \frac{\partial f_E}{\partial I} \\ \frac{\partial f_I}{\partial E} & \frac{\partial f_I}{\partial I} \end{bmatrix}$$

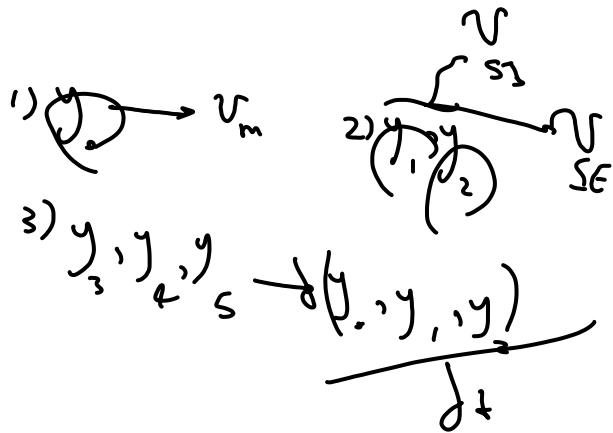
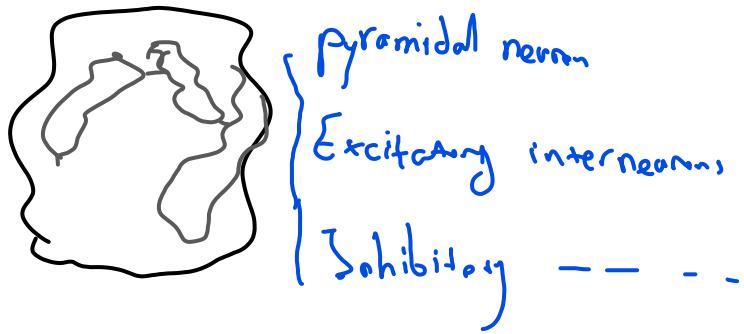
λ_i

\rightarrow Stable
 \rightarrow Bistability-Unstable

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} w_{EE} & w_{EI} \\ w_{IE} & w_{II} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} E \\ I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tau_E \frac{dv}{dt} = \dots + \cancel{v_{ext}}$$

Jansen-Rit



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{y}_0 = y_3 \\ \dot{y}_3 = \alpha \beta F(y_1 - y_2) - 2\alpha y_3 - \alpha^2 y_0 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{y}_4 = J_4 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{U}(J) = J_1 - J_2 \\ & \text{Diagram: } \begin{array}{c} \text{Two parallel horizontal lines} \\ \text{A diagonal line from top-left to bottom-right} \\ \text{A diagonal line from top-right to bottom-left} \\ \text{A small circle at the intersection of the diagonals} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

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bifurcation \Rightarrow Stable \rightarrow limit cycle } \rightarrow Epilepsy \rightarrow Noise!

Deter.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, \mu) + G_p(\xi(t))$$

$\xi(t)$ is a noise vector.

Stoch.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) + G_n(\eta(t))$$

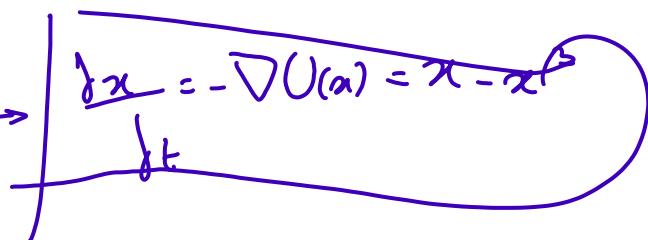
$\eta(t)$ is white noise.

1D ODE

$$U(x) = \frac{x^4}{4} - 0.5x^2$$

SDE

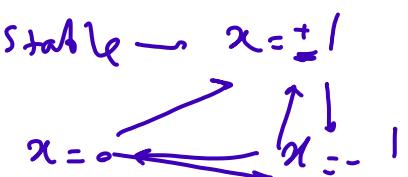
1D



$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x - x^3 + \eta(t)$$

2 stable $\rightarrow x = \pm 1$

2)



$$\left\{ \frac{dE}{dt} = -E + F(\omega_{EE}^I \cdot \omega_{EI}^I + P_E) + G_E \eta_E^{(+)} \right. \\ \left. \eta_E^{(+)} \sim N(0,1) \right.$$

if $G_E \rightarrow 0$

oscillation

if $G_E \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) + \zeta(t)$$

* $\frac{dx}{dt} = -\nabla U(x) + \zeta(t) \rightarrow$ Langevin eqns.

Effective potential $\left(\frac{\Delta U}{k_B T} \right)$

if $\zeta(t) \sim e^{-t/T}$

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$T = \inf \{ t > 0 : x(t) \geq x_c \}$$

