



Implement a Hodgkin-Huxley neuron
model with BrainPy

BrainPy Overview

What is BrainPy?

BrainPy is a Python library designed for high-performance flexible brain modeling.

Among its key ingredients it supports:

- **General numerical solvers**

- ☐ Ordinary differential equations
- ☐ Stochastic differential equations
- ☐ Delayed differential equations
- ☐ Fractional differential equations

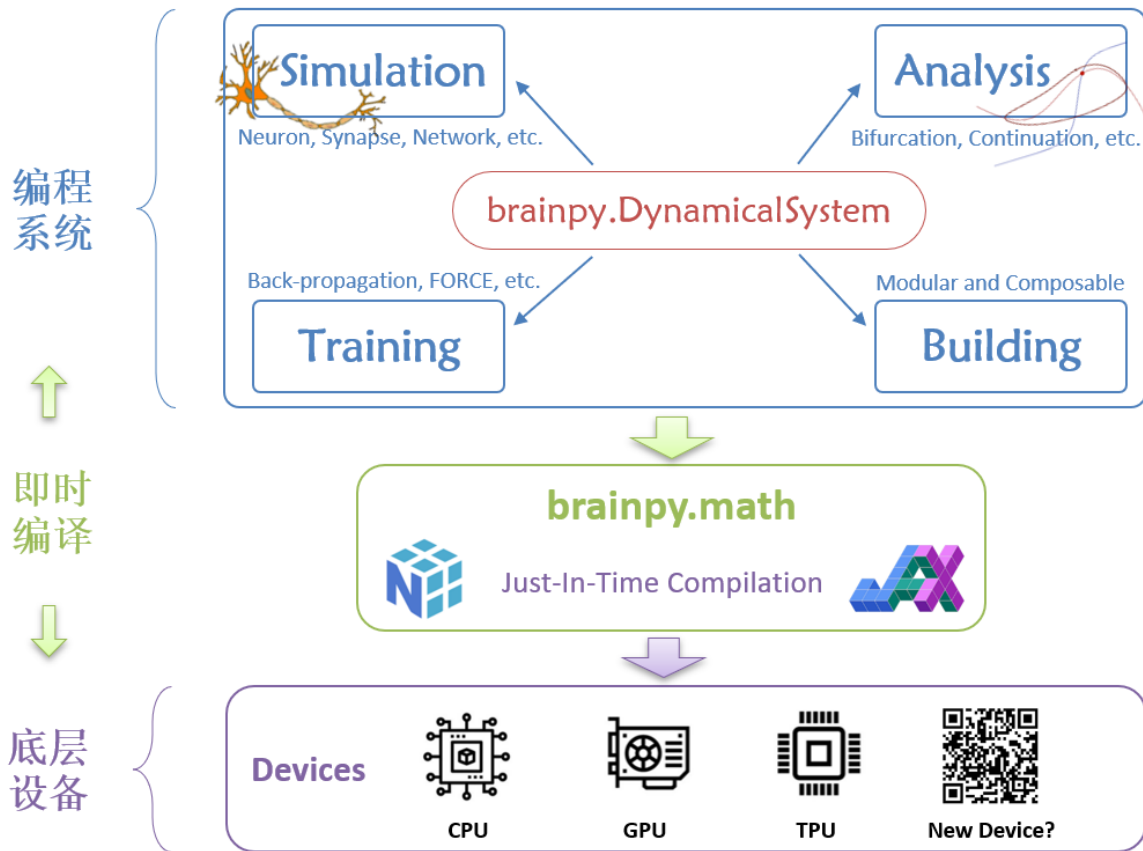
- **Neurodynamics simulation tools**

- ☐ Support brain objects, such like neurons, synapses, networks, soma, dendrites, channels, and even molecular.

- **Neurodynamics analysis tools**

- ☐ Support phase plane analysis and bifurcation analysis, continuation analysis.

A Just-In-Time compilation approach for brain modeling



Model definition, building and simulation are all done in Python.



- Easy to learn and use
- Efficient
- Flexible
- Transparent
- Extensible

```
> pip install brain-py
```

JIT in BrainPy



- Prefer loops, support Python control syntaxes
- Has poor parallel performance
- Same code cannot be used to run GPUs
- Poor performance for class objects

brainpy.math

Just-In-Time Compilation



- Prefer large networks, and has good parallel performance
- Same code can be deployed onto CPUs, GPUs and TPUs
- Support automatic differentiation
- Not support in-place updates, like $x[i] += y$
- Random numbers are different from NumPy
- Do not support direct Python control flows
- Intrinsic overhead, and is not suitable to run small networks
- Only work on pure functions

- We do not implement our own JIT compilation
- Instead, we choose mature industry-level JIT compilers available right now

brinpy.math module

- flexible switch between NumPy/Numba and JAX backends

```
[2]: # switch to NumPy backend  
bp.math.use_backend('numpy')
```

```
[3]: # switch to JAX backend  
bp.math.use_backend('jax')
```

- unified numpy-like array operations

```
[6]: x = bp.math.array([[1,2], [3,4]])  
x  
[6]: JaxArray(DeviceArray([[1, 2],  
                           [3, 4]], dtype=...))
```

```
[9]: bp.math.repeat(x, 2, axis=1)  
[9]: JaxArray(DeviceArray([[1, 1, 2, 2],  
                           [3, 3, 4, 4]], dtype=...))
```

- unified ndarray data structure which supports in-place update

- JaxArray
- NumPyArray

- unified random APIs

- powerful jit() compilation which supports functions and class objects both

NumPy-like operators in BrainPy

brainpy.base module

brainpy.math module

- General Functions
- Core Functions in NumPy backend
- Core Functions in JAX backend
- Function Wrapper
- Comparison Table**
 - Multi-dimensional Array
 - Array Operations
 - Linear Algebra**
 - Discrete Fourier Transform
 - Random Sampling

brainpy.integrators module


brainpy.simulation module

brainpy.analysis module

brainpy.dnn module

brainpy.visualize module

Release notes

 Read the Docs v: latest ▾

Linear Algebra

NumPy	brainpy.math.numpy	brainpy.math.jax
<code>numpy.linalg.cholesky</code>	<code>brainpy.math.numpy.linalg.cholesky</code>	<code>brainpy.math.jax.linalg.cholesky</code>
<code>numpy.linalg.cond</code>	<code>brainpy.math.numpy.linalg.cond</code>	<code>brainpy.math.jax.linalg.cond</code>
<code>numpy.linalg.det</code>	<code>brainpy.math.numpy.linalg.det</code>	<code>brainpy.math.jax.linalg.det</code>
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<code>numpy.linalg.eigvalsh</code>	<code>brainpy.math.numpy.linalg.eigvalsh</code>	<code>brainpy.math.jax.linalg.eigvalsh</code>
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<code>numpy.linalg.matrix_rank</code>	<code>brainpy.math.numpy.linalg.matrix_rank</code>	<code>brainpy.math.jax.linalg.matrix_rank</code>
<code>numpy.linalg.multi_dot</code>	-	-
<code>numpy.linalg.norm</code>	<code>brainpy.math.numpy.linalg.norm</code>	<code>brainpy.math.jax.linalg.norm</code>
<code>numpy.linalg.pinv</code>	<code>brainpy.math.numpy.linalg.pinv</code>	<code>brainpy.math.jax.linalg.pinv</code>

JIT for objects in BrainPy

Any instance of `brainpy.Base` object can be just-in-time compiled into machine codes.

- A “self.” accessed variable which is not an instance of `bp.math.Variable` will be compiled as a static constant.
- All the variables you want to change during the function call must be labeled as `bp.math.Variable`.
- The dynamically changed variables must be in-place updated to hold their updated values.

1. Indexing and slicing. Like (More details

- Index: `v[i] = a`
- Slice: `v[i:j] = b`
- Slice the specific values: `v[[1, 3]] = c`
- Slice all values, `v[:] = d`, `v[...] = e`

2. Augmented assignment.

- `+=` (add)
- `-=` (subtract)
- `/=` (divide)
- `*=` (multiply)
- `//=` (floor divide)

```
class LogisticRegression(bp.Base):
    def __init__(self, dimension):
        super(LogisticRegression, self).__init__()

        # parameters
        self.dimension = dimension

        # variables
        self.w = bp.math.Variable(2.0 * bp.math.ones(dimension) - 1.3)

    def __call__(self, X, Y):
        u = bp.math.dot(((1.0 / (1.0 + bp.math.exp(
            -Y * bp.math.dot(X, self.w)))) - 1.0) * Y), X)
        self.w[:] = self.w - u

num_dim, num_points = 10, 20000000
num_iter = 30

points = bp.math.random.random((num_points, num_dim))
labels = bp.math.random.random(num_points)
```



```
# numpy backend, without JIT
```

```
lr1 = LogisticRegression(num_dim)
```

```
lr1(points, labels)
```

```
import time
```

```
t0 = time.time()
```

```
for i in range(num_iter):
```

```
    lr1(points, labels)
```

```
print(f'Logistic Regression model without jit used time {time.time() - t0} s')
```

```
Logistic Regression model without jit used time 19.143301725387573 s
```

```
# numpy backend, with JIT + parallel
```

```
lr3 = LogisticRegression(num_dim)
```

```
jit_lr3 = bp.math.jit(lr3, parallel=True)
```

```
jit_lr3(points, labels) # first call is the compiling
```

```
t0 = time.time()
```

```
for i in range(num_iter):
```

```
    jit_lr3(points, labels)
```

```
print(f'Logistic Regression model with jit+parallel used time {time.time() - t0} s')
```

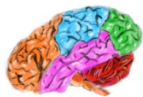
```
Logistic Regression model with jit+parallel used time 7.351796865463257 s
```

Coding HH model with
ODE numerical solver

Brain modeling by using differential equations

- Neuronal activities can be described by a set of differential equations.

Differential
Equations



$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) + g(x)dw$$

- Basic question:** How to solve the differential equations?

$$x(t) = ?$$

- Single neuron modeling --- Hodgkin-Huxley equations

$$\begin{aligned}C_m \frac{dV}{dt} &= -\bar{g}_K n^4 (V - V_K) - \bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h (V - V_{Na}) - \bar{g}_l (V - V_l) + I_{syn} \\ \frac{dm}{dt} &= \alpha_m(V)(1 - m) - \beta_m(V)m \\ \frac{dh}{dt} &= \alpha_h(V)(1 - h) - \beta_h(V)h \\ \frac{dn}{dt} &= \alpha_n(V)(1 - n) - \beta_n(V)n\end{aligned}$$

$$V(t) = ?$$

Methods to solve differential equations

- Get algebraic solution

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = \frac{x^3}{3} - 3x + K$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{\sin(t + 0.2)}{\theta^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\theta^3}{3} = -\cos(t + 0.2) + K$$

- Numerical integration

Euler's Method

$$y(t + dt) \approx y(t) + dt y'(t) + \frac{dt^2 y''(t)}{2!} + \frac{dt^3 y'''(t)}{3!} + \frac{dt^4 y^{iv}(t)}{4!} + \dots$$

$$y(t + dt) \approx y(t) + dt y'(t)$$

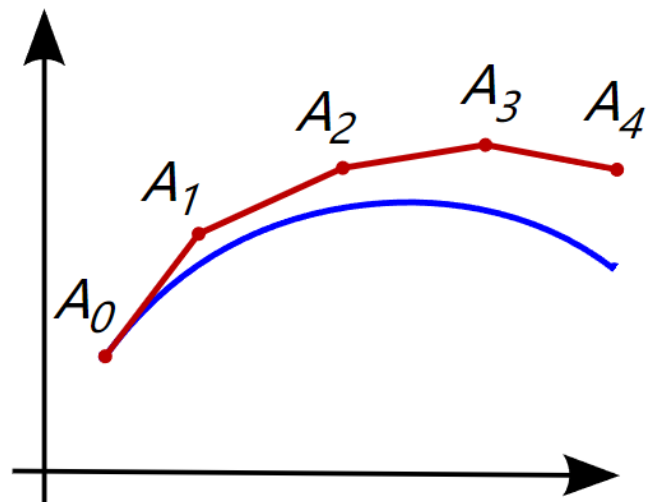
Solving HH neuron model by Euler method

$$m_t = m_{t-1} + \left[\alpha_m(V_{t-1})(1 - m_{t-1}) - \beta_m(V_{t-1})m_{t-1} \right] * dt$$

$$h_t = h_{t-1} + \left[\alpha_h(V_{t-1})(1 - h_{t-1}) - \beta_h(V_{t-1})h_{t-1} \right] * dt$$

$$n_t = n_{t-1} + \left[\alpha_n(V_{t-1})(1 - n_{t-1}) - \beta_n(V_{t-1})n_{t-1} \right] * dt$$

$$V_t = V_{t-1} + \left[\frac{-\bar{g}_K n_{t-1}^4 (V_{t-1} - V_K) - \bar{g}_{Na} m_{t-1}^3 h_{t-1} (V_{t-1} - V_{Na}) - \bar{g}_l (V_{t-1} - V_l) + I_{syn}}{C_m} \right] * dt$$



Define HH model with *brainpy.NeuGroup*

```
class HH(bp.NeuGroup):  
    def __init__(self, size, ENa=50., gNa=120., EK=-77., gK=36., EL=-54.387,  
                  gL=0.03, V_th=20., C=1.0, **kwargs):  
        # 初始化父类  
        super(HH, self).__init__(size=size, **kwargs)  
  
        # 定义神经元参数  
        self.ENa = ENa  
        self.EK = EK  
        self.EL = EL  
        self.gNa = gNa  
        self.gK = gK  
        self.gL = gL  
        self.C = C  
        self.V_th = V_th  
  
        # 定义神经元变量  
        self.V = bm.Variable(-65. * bm.ones(self.num)) # 膜电位  
        self.m = bm.Variable(0.5 * bm.ones(self.num)) # 离子通道m  
        self.h = bm.Variable(0.6 * bm.ones(self.num)) # 离子通道h  
        self.n = bm.Variable(0.32 * bm.ones(self.num)) # 离子通道n  
        self.input = bm.Variable(bm.zeros(self.num)) # 神经元接收到的输入电流  
        self.spike = bm.Variable(bm.zeros(self.num, dtype=bool)) # 神经元的发放状态  
        self.t_last_spike = bm.Variable(bm.ones(self.num) * -1e7) # 神经元上次发放的时刻
```

Initialize Parameters

Initialize
Variables

```
def update(self, _t, _dt, **kwargs):
    V, m, h, n = self.V, self.m, self.h, self.n
```

更新下一时刻变量的值

```
alpha = 0.1 * (V + 40) / (1 - bm.exp(-(V + 40) / 10))
beta = 4.0 * bm.exp(-(V + 65) / 18)
dmdt = alpha * (1 - m) - beta * m
self.m += dmdt * _dt
```

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \alpha_m(1 - m) - \beta_m$$

```
alpha = 0.07 * bm.exp(-(V + 65) / 20.)
beta = 1 / (1 + bm.exp(-(V + 35) / 10))
dhdt = alpha * (1 - h) - beta * h
self.h += dhdt * _dt
```

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \alpha_h(1 - h) - \beta_h$$

```
alpha = 0.01 * (V + 55) / (1 - bm.exp(-(V + 55) / 10))
beta = 0.125 * bm.exp(-(V + 65) / 80)
dn dt = alpha * (1 - n) - beta * n
self.n += dn dt * _dt
```

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha_n(1 - n) - \beta_n$$

```
I_Na = (self.gNa * m ** 3.0 * h) * (V - self.ENa)
I_K = (self.gK * n ** 4.0) * (V - self.EK)
I_leak = self.gL * (V - self.EL)
dVdt = (- I_Na - I_K - I_leak + self.input) / self.C
V = self.V + dVdt * _dt
```

$$C \frac{dV}{dt} = -(\bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h (V - E_{Na}) + \bar{g}_K n^4 (V - E_K) + g_{leak} (V - E_{leak})) + I(t)$$

判断神经元是否产生膜电位

```
self.spike[:] = bm.logical_and(self.V < self.V_th, V >= self.V_th)
```

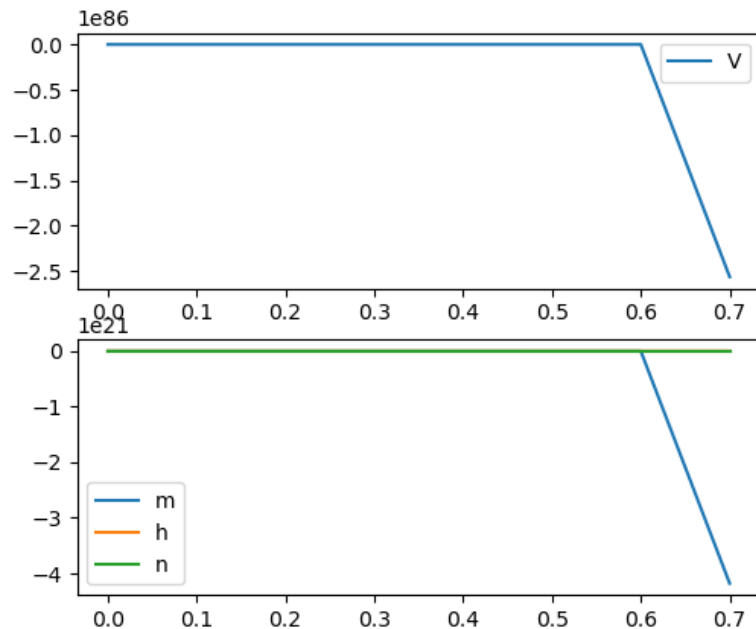
更新神经元发放的时间

```
self.t_last_spike[:] = bm.where(self.spike, _t, self.t_last_spike)
```

```
self.V[:] = V
```

```
self.input[:] = 0. # 重置神经元接收到的输入
```

```
def show(mon):
    plt.subplot(211)
    plt.plot(mon.ts, mon.V[:, 0], label='V')
    plt.legend()
    plt.subplot(212)
    plt.plot(mon.ts, mon.m[:, 0], label='m')
    plt.plot(mon.ts, mon.h[:, 0], label='h')
    plt.plot(mon.ts, mon.n[:, 0], label='n')
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
```



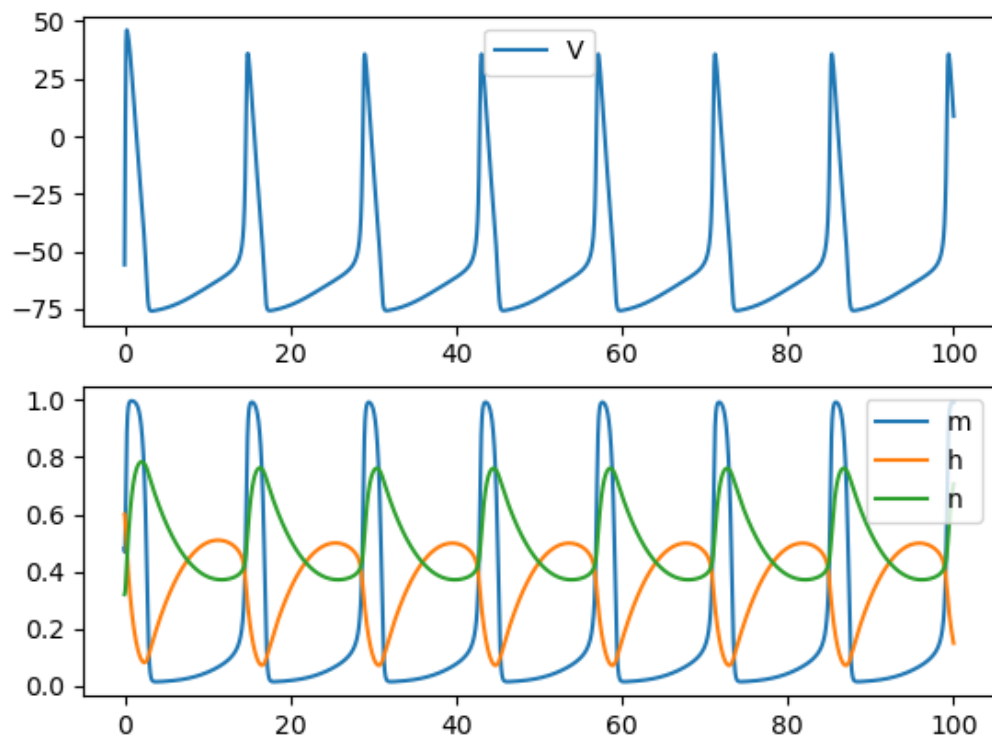
```
hh = HHEuler(1, monitors=['V', 'm', 'n', 'h'])
hh.run(100, inputs=['input', 10], report=0.1, dt=0.1,)
```

```
show(hh.mon)
```

强大的inputs支持, (key, value, ops), 支持 +, -, *, /, = 赋值

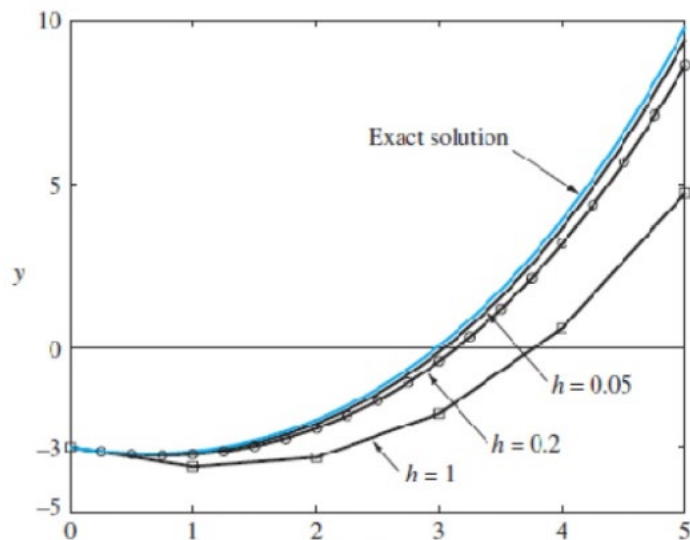

```
hh = HHEuler(1, monitors=['V', 'm', 'n', 'h'])  
hh.run(100, inputs=['input', 10], report=0.1, dt=0.01,)
```

```
show(hh.mon)
```

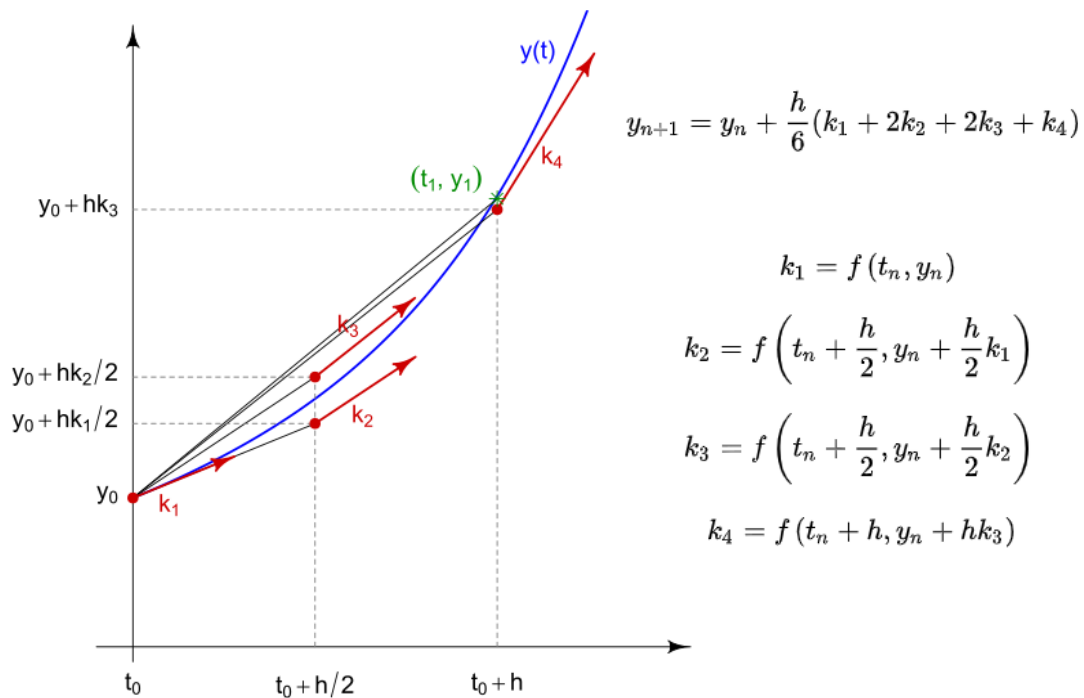


We need more high-order methods

Euler 方法



RK4 方法



Support for Ordinary Differential Equations in BrainPy

An ODE system

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= f_1(x, t, y, p_1) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= f_2(y, t, x, p_2)\end{aligned}$$



ODE as a Python function

- Can be a **scalar**
- Can be a **vector / matrix**

Variables

Parameters

```
def diff(x, y, t, p1, p2):  
    dx = f1(x, t, y, p1)  
    dy = g1(y, t, x, p2)  
    return dx, dy
```

- Can be a **system**:
group of variables

```
import numpy as np  
  
def diff(xy, t, p1, p2):  
    x, y = xy  
    dx = f1(x, t, y, p1)  
    dy = g1(y, t, x, p2)  
    return np.array([dx, dy])
```

Simple decorator for
numerical integration

Numerical method

```
@bp.odeint(method='rk4', dt=0.01)  
def diff(x, y, t, p1, p2):  
    dx = f1(x, t, y, p1)  
    dy = g1(y, t, x, p2)  
    return dx, dy
```

Numerical precision



Supported ODE Numerical Methods

Runge-Kutta Methods	Adaptive Runge-Kutta Methods	Other Methods
Euler	Runge–Kutta–Fehlberg 4(5)	Exponential Euler
Midpoint	Runge–Kutta–Fehlberg 1(2)	
Heun's second-order method	Dormand–Prince method	
Ralston's second-order method	Cash–Karp method	
RK2	Bogacki–Shampine method	
RK3	Heun–Euler method	
RK4		
Heun's third-order method		
Ralston's third-order method		
Third-order Strong Stability Preserving Runge-Kutta		
Ralston's fourth-order method		
Runge-Kutta 3/8-rule fourth-order method		

Define HH model with *brainpy.NeuGroup* and *brainpy.odeint*

```
@bp.odeint(method='exponential_euler')
def integral(self, V, m, h, n, t, Iext):
    alpha = 0.1 * (V + 40) / (1 - bm.exp(-(V + 40) / 10))
    beta = 4.0 * bm.exp(-(V + 65) / 18)
    dmdt = alpha * (1 - m) - beta * m

    alpha = 0.07 * bm.exp(-(V + 65) / 20.)
    beta = 1 / (1 + bm.exp(-(V + 35) / 10))
    dhdt = alpha * (1 - h) - beta * h

    alpha = 0.01 * (V + 55) / (1 - bm.exp(-(V + 55) / 10))
    beta = 0.125 * bm.exp(-(V + 65) / 80)
    dndt = alpha * (1 - n) - beta * n

    I_Na = (self.gNa * m ** 3.0 * h) * (V - self.ENa)
    I_K = (self.gK * n ** 4.0) * (V - self.EK)
    I_leak = self.gL * (V - self.EL)
    dVdt = (- I_Na - I_K - I_leak + Iext) / self.C

    return dVdt, dmdt, dhdt, dndt
```

```
def update(self, _t, _dt, **kwargs):
```

```
    # 更新下一时刻变量的值
```

```
    V, m, h, n = self.integral(self.V, self.m, self.h, self.n, _t, self.input, dt=_dt)
```

```
    # 判断神经元是否产生膜电位
```

```
    self.spike[:] = bm.logical_and(self.V < self.V_th, V >= self.V_th)
```

```
    # 更新神经元发放的时间
```

```
    self.t_last_spike[:] = bm.where(self.spike, _t, self.t_last_spike)
```

```
    self.V[:] = V
```

```
    self.m[:] = m
```

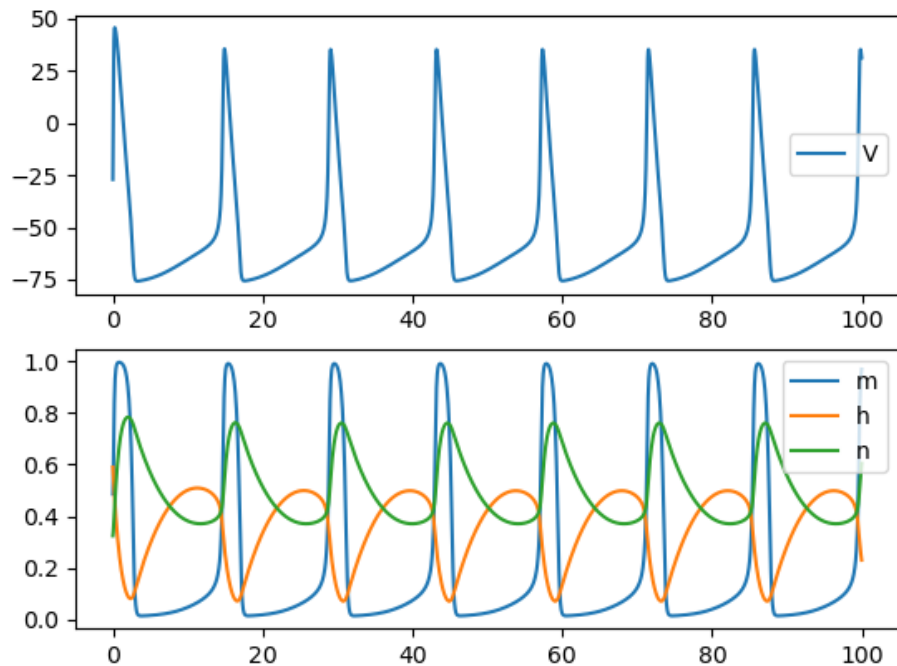
```
    self.h[:] = h
```

```
    self.n[:] = n
```

```
    self.input[:] = 0. # 重置神经元接收到的输入
```

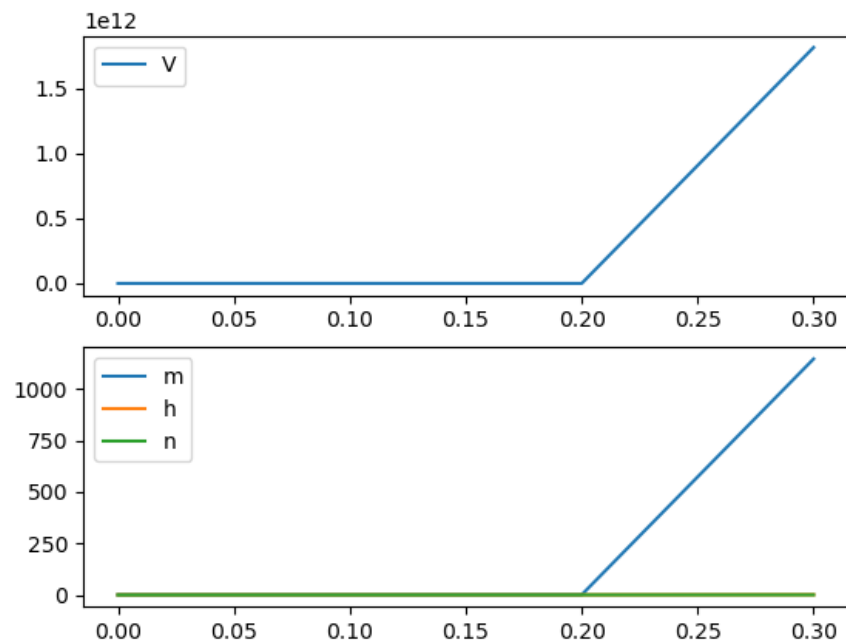
```
hh = HH(1, monitors=['V', 'm', 'n', 'h'], method='rk4')  
hh.run(100, inputs=['input', 10], report=0.1, dt=0.05,)
```

```
show(hh.mon)
```



```
hh = HH(1, monitors=['V', 'm', 'n', 'h'], method='rk4')  
hh.run(100, inputs=['input', 10], report=0.1, dt=0.1,)
```

```
show(hh.mon)
```



指数Euler方法

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_m \frac{dV}{dt} &= - [\bar{g}_K n^4 + \bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h + \bar{g}_l] V + \bar{g}_K n^4 V_K + \bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h V_{Na} + \bar{g}_l V_l + I_{syn} \\
 \frac{dm}{dt} &= [-\alpha_m(V) - \beta_m(V)] m + \alpha_m(V) \\
 \frac{dh}{dt} &= [-\alpha_h(V) - \beta_h(V)] h + \alpha_h(V) \\
 \frac{dn}{dt} &= [-\alpha_n(V) - \beta_n(V)] n + \alpha_n(V)
 \end{aligned}$$

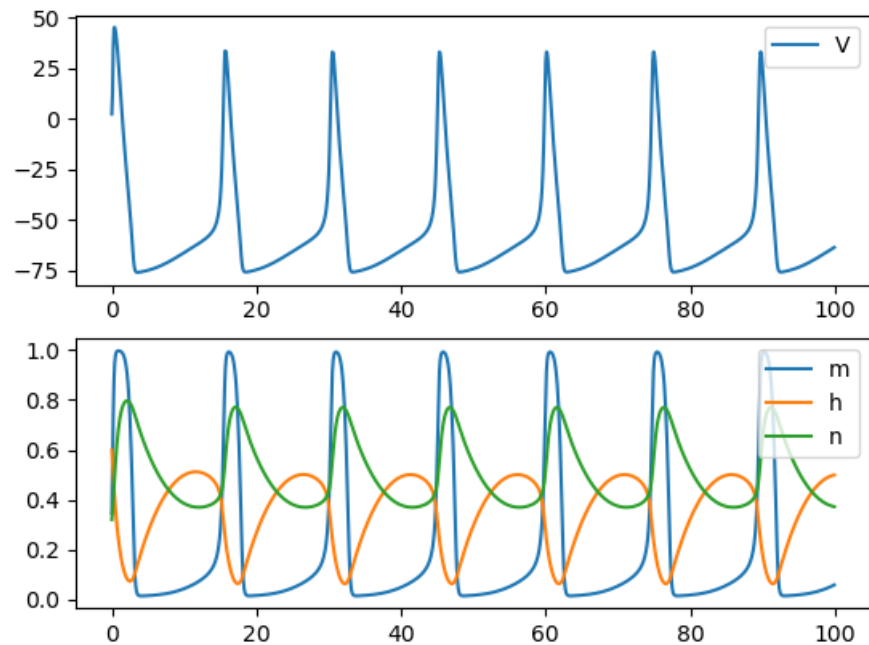
For linear ODE system: $y' = Ay + B$, the exponential euler schema is equal to

$$y_{n+1} = y_n e^{hA} - B/A(1 - e^{hA})$$

where $A = f'(y_n)$

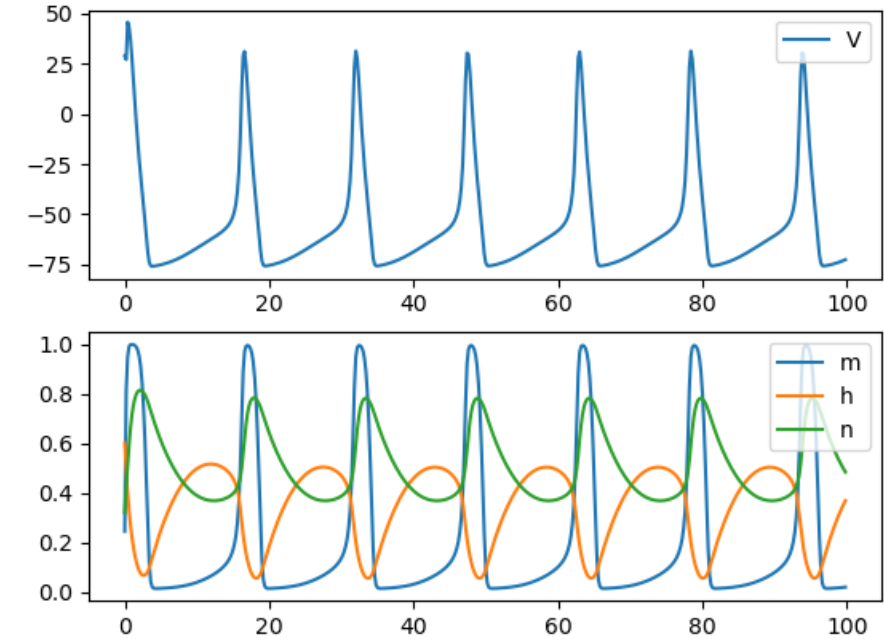

```
hh = HH(1, monitors=['V', 'm', 'n', 'h'],  
        method='exponential_euler')  
hh.run(100, inputs=['input', 10], report=0.1, dt=0.1,)
```

```
show(hh.mon)
```



```
hh = HH(1, monitors=['V', 'm', 'n', 'h'],  
        method='exponential_euler')  
hh.run(100, inputs=['input', 10], report=0.1, dt=0.2,)
```

```
show(hh.mon)
```



Homework

课后作业 Homework

1. 安装Anaconda/miniconda Python环境(<https://docs.anaconda.com/anaconda/install/>)
2. 安装 BrainPy == 1.1.0rc5 (<https://pypi.org/project/brain-py/1.1.0rc5/>)
3. 阅读:
 - <https://brainmodels.readthedocs.io/en/latest/apis/generated/brainmodels.neurons.HH.html>
 - https://brainmodels.readthedocs.io/en/latest/apis/neurons/HH_model.html
4. **【提交作业，代码 + report (配图)】** 实现上述 HH 模型
5. 将“代码+report”打包以“姓名_学号_HH报告.zip”命名, [发送到 chutianhao@stu.pku.edu.cn](#), 10.26截至