Ionotropic receptors as the driving force behind human synapse establishment

Supplementary Material

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Abstract

Model uncertainty and limited data are fundamental challenges to robust management of human intervention in a natural system. These challenges are acutely highlighted by concerns that many ecological systems may contain tipping points, such as Allee population sizes. Before a collapse, we do not know where the tipping points lie, if they exist at all. Hence, we know neither a complete model of the system dynamics nor do we have access to data in some large region of state-space where such a tipping point might exist.

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Project structure

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Preprocessing

This topic refers mainly to data wrangling done before the actual analysis with the intent of making it simpler.

Eukaryota species tree

We opted to use the TimeTree database in order to obtain an standardized Eukaryota species tree. However, some species were not present in it, so we devised a way to fill them in based on NCBI Taxonomy data.

NCBI Taxonomy tree

First we preprocess NCBI Taxonomy data to leave only STRING eukaryotes, thus making the task easier.

Resources

Table 1: Lists all organisms in STRING v11.

	string_species								
#	Col. name	Col. type	Used?	Example	Description				
1	taxid	character	yes	9606	NCBI Taxonomy identifier				
2	string_type	character	no	core	if the genome of this species is core or periphery				
3	string_name	character	yes	Homo sapiens	STRING species name				
4	$ncbi_official_name$	character	no	Homo sapiens	NCBI Taxonomy species name				

Location: data-raw/download/species.v11.0.txt

 $\textbf{Source:} \hspace{0.2in} stringdb\text{-}static.org/download/species.v11.0.txt}$

Table 2: Links outdated taxon IDs to corresponding new ones.

	ncbi_merged_ids								
#	# Col. name Col. type Used? Example Description								
1	taxid	character	yes	140100	id of node that has been merged				
2	${\rm new_taxid}$	character	yes	666	id of node that is the result of merging				

Location: data-raw/download/taxdump/merged.dmp

Source: ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pub/taxonomy/taxdump.tar.gz

Table 3: Represents taxonomy nodes.

	ncbi_edgelist								
#	Col. name	Col. type	Used?	Example	Description				
1	taxid	character	yes	2	node id in NCBI taxonomy database				
2	parent_taxid	character	yes	131567	parent node id in NCBI taxonomy database				
3	rank	character	no	superkingdom	rank of this node				
4			no		(too many unrelated fields)				

Location: data-raw/download/taxdump/nodes.dmp

Source: ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pub/taxonomy/taxdump.tar.gz

Table 4: Links taxon IDs to actual species names.

	ncbi_taxon_names								
#	Col. name	Col. type	Used?	Example	Description				
1	taxid	character	yes	2	the id of node associated with this name				
2	name	character	yes	Monera	name itself				
3	unique_name	character	no	Monera dacteria>	the unique variant of this name if name not unique				
4	$name_class$	character	yes	scientific name	type of name				

Location: data-raw/download/taxdump/names.dmp

Source: ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pub/taxonomy/taxdump.tar.gz

Updating STRING taxon IDs

Some organisms taxon IDs are outdated in STRING. We must update them to work with the most recent NCBI Taxonomy data.

```
string_species %<>%
left_join(ncbi_merged_ids) %>%
mutate(new_taxid = coalesce(new_taxid, taxid))
```

Creating tree graph

The first step is to create a directed graph representing the NCBI Taxonomy tree.

```
# leaving only "scientific name" rows
ncbi_taxon_names %<>%
filter(type == "scientific name") %>%
select(name, ncbi_name)

# finding Eukaryota taxid
eukaryota_taxon_id <- subset(ncbi_taxon_names, ncbi_name == "Eukaryota", "name", drop = TRUE)

# creating graph
g <- graph_from_data_frame(ncbi_edgelist[,2:1], directed = TRUE, vertices = ncbi_taxon_names)

# easing memory
rm(ncbi_edgelist, ncbi_merged_ids)</pre>
```

Traversing the graph

The second step is to traverse the graph from the Eukaryota root node to STRING species nodes. This

automatically drops all non-eukaryotes and results in a species tree representing only STRING eukaryotes (476).

```
eukaryote_root <- V(g)[eukaryota_taxon_id]
eukaryote_leaves <- V(g)[string_species[["new_taxid"]]]
# not_found <- subset(string_species, !new_taxid %in% ncbi_taxon_names$name)

eukaryote_paths <- shortest_paths(g, from = eukaryote_root, to = eukaryote_leaves, mode = "out")$vpath

eukaryote_vertices <- eukaryote_paths %>% unlist %>% unique

eukaryote_tree <- induced_subgraph(g, eukaryote_vertices, impl = "create_from_scratch")</pre>
```

Saving

Saving ncbi_tree and string_eukaryotes for package use. These data files are documented by the package. We also create a plain text file 476_ncbi_eukaryotes.txt containing the updated names of all 476 STRING eukaryotes. This file will be queried against the TimeTree website.

```
ncbi_tree <- treeio::as.phylo(eukaryote_tree)

# plot(ncbi_tree %>% ape::ladderize(), type="cladogram")

string_eukaryotes <- string_species %>% filter(new_taxid %in% ncbi_tree$tip.label) %>% inner_join(ncbi_taxon_names, by = c("new_taxid" = "name"))

write(string_eukaryotes[["ncbi_name"]],"476_ncbi_eukaryotes.txt")

# usethis::use_data(ncbi_tree, overwrite = TRUE)

write.tree(ncbi_tree, "ncbi_tree.nwk")
usethis::use_data(string_eukaryotes, overwrite = TRUE)

## <U+2714> Setting active project to 'C:/R/neuro'
```

Duplicated Genera

<U+2714> Saving 'string_eukaryotes' to 'data/string_eukaryotes.rda'

Some species from different kingdoms may share the same genus name. These genera must be noted down because one of the ways we fill in missing species is by looking at genera names.

Loading data

See Table 3 and Table 4.

```
taxid_rank <- read_delim(
  "download/taxdump/nodes.dmp",
  skip = 1,
  delim = "|",
  trim_ws = TRUE,
  col_names = c("taxid","rank"),
  col_types = "c-c"
)

ncbi_taxon_names <- read_delim(
  "download/taxdump/names.dmp",
  delim = "|",
  trim_ws = TRUE,
  col_names = c("taxid","ncbi_name","type"),
  col_types = "cc-c"
)</pre>
```

Finding duplicated genera

```
# keeping genera nodes
taxid_rank %<>% filter(rank == "genus")

# keeping scientific names
ncbi_taxon_names %<>%
filter(type == "scientific name") %>%
select(taxid, ncbi_name) %>%
inner_join(taxid_rank)

# extracting and saving duplicated values
duplicated_genera <- ncbi_taxon_names %>%
pull(ncbi_name) %>%
extract(duplicated(.)) %>%
write("duplicated_genera.txt")
```

Hybrid tree

Once we have both the NCBI eukaryotes tree and the list of duplicated genera, we can start assembling the complete hybrid tree.

Downloading data

Besides downloading all TimeTree species data (Eukaryota_species.nwk) we also need to manually query the website for the 476 STRING eukaryotes (476_ncbi_eukaryotes.txt). The file is called 476_ncbi_eukaryotes.txt because it contains updated NCBI Taxonomy names rather than STRING outdated names. This ensures better results.

Loading data

```
# loading species names and taxon ids
data(string_eukaryotes, package = "neurotransmissionevolution")

# loading newick tree manually obtained from timetree
timetree_newick <- read.tree("download/timetree_335_eukaryotes.nwk")

# the following genera names are unreliable and should not be searched for
duplicated_genera <- scan("duplicated_genera.txt", what = "character")

# loading all TimeTree species data we have just download (85000 species)
tree_85k <- read.tree("download/Eukaryota_species.nwk")</pre>
```

Unfound species with matching genera

Some of the 476 STRING eukaryotes are not present in the TimeTree database. However, sometimes TimeTree does contain tree data for closely related species (e.g. Monosiga brevicollis is not present, but Monosiga ovata is). Therefore, we can use these closely related species as proxies for the actual species. This is done by searching for genera names in the complete database (Eukaryota_species.nwk). In the given Monosiga brevicollis example, we search for Monosiga in the complete database. We see that there is information for at least one other species of the Monosiga genus (in this case, Monosiga ovata), so we add Monosiga brevicollis as a sister branch to the found species.

When you search for a term in TimeTree, it uses a synonym list obtained from NCBI to try to resolve it. Sometimes TimeTree will resolve a searched term to a scientific name different from the one you searched for. The problem with this is that TimeTree does not make it obvious that it is returning a different term. The first step is to find out which species resolved to different names in the timetree_335_eukaryotes.nwk file:

```
# plot(timetree_newick %>% ladderize, type = "cladogram", use.edge.length = F)

# replacing timetree species underscores with spaces
timetree_newick[["tip.label"]] %<>% str_replace_all("_", " ")

# which timetree species' names exactly match with ncbi's
taxid_indexes <- timetree_newick[["tip.label"]] %>% match(string_eukaryotes[["ncbi_name"]])

# find out which timetree species names didn't exactly match ncbi's
unmatched_names <- timetree_newick[["tip.label"]] %>% magrittr::extract(taxid_indexes %>% is.na)
print(unmatched_names)
```

Now we can start looking for unfound species genera in the complete tree data.

```
species_dictionary %<>%
  mutate(genus_search = coalesce(timetree_name, ncbi_name) %>%
  strsplit(" ") %>%
sapply("[", 1))
selected_genera <- species_dictionary[["genus_search"]] %>% unique
unreliable_genera <- intersect(selected_genera, duplicated_genera)</pre>
# this is actually really important
tree_85k[["node.label"]] <- NULL</pre>
tree_85k[["edge.length"]] <- NULL
# replacing timetree's underscores with spaces
tree_85k[["tip.label"]] %<>% str_replace_all("_", " ")
tree_85k[["tip.genus"]] <- sapply(strsplit(tree_85k[["tip.label"]]," "), "[", 1)</pre>
tree_85k_genera <- tree_85k[["tip.genus"]] %>% unique
tree_85k_genera %<>% setdiff(unreliable_genera)
# keeping only selected genera, including unreliable ones
tree_genus <- tree_85k %$% keep.tip(., tip.label[tip.genus %in% selected_genera])</pre>
tree_genus[["tip.genus"]] <- sapply(strsplit(tree_genus[["tip.label"]]," "), "[", 1)</pre>
# unfound species which genera are present in the 85k tree
unfound_species <- species_dictionary %>%
  filter(is.na(timetree_name) & genus_search %in% tree_85k_genera)
```

Once we figured out which species have proxy genera in the complete data, we can start filling them in as sister branches.

Species of unfound genera

In this part, we try to fill in the remaining missing species (those which genera were not found in TimeTree) by searching for their closest relatives (according to NCBI Taxonomy) that are present in the current tree. Once we find its two closest relatives, we can add the missing species as a branch from their LCA. This is a conservative approach.

```
# converting ncbi phylo to igraph
graph_ncbi <- read.tree("ncbi_tree.nwk") %>% as.igraph.phylo(directed = TRUE)
# converting phylo to igraph
graph_genus <- as.igraph.phylo(tree_genus, directed = TRUE)</pre>
unfound_genera <- species_dictionary %>% filter(is.na(timetree_name) & !genus_search %in% tree_85k_genera)
tip_nodes <- V(graph_ncbi)[degree(graph_ncbi, mode = "out") == 0]
# undirected distances between all species nodes
tip_distances <- graph_ncbi %>%
 distances(v = tip_nodes, to = tip_nodes, mode = "all") %>% as_tibble(rownames = "from") %>%
 pivot_longer(-from, names_to = "to", values_to = "distance")
tip_distances %<>% filter(distance > 0)
tip_distances %<>% inner_join(unfound_genera %>% select(from = new_taxid))
tip_distances %<>% inner_join(found_species %>% select(to = new_taxid))
tip_distances %<>%
 group_by(from) %>%
  top_n(-2, distance) %>% # top 2 smallest distances
  top_n(2, to) # more than 2 species have the same smallest distance, so we get the first ones
out_distances <- graph_genus %>% distances(mode = "out")
```

```
# for each species of unfound genera,
# we find the NRCA for its two closest relatives
unfound_genera_mrca < 'tip_distances %% group_by(from) %% summarise(mrca = {
# which rows have no infinite distances? the last one represents the NRCA
mrca_row_index < 'max_w(which(rows)ums(is.infinite(out_distances[, to])) == 0))
rownames(out_distances)[mrca_row_index]
})

# adding unfound genera species nodes
graph_genus %<% add_vertices(nrow(unfound_genera_mrca), color = "red", attr = list(name = unfound_genera_mrca[["from"]]))
# defining unfound genera species edges
# edges_to_add(1] >> edges_to_add(2] >> edges_to_add[3]...
edges_to_add <= V(graph_genus)[unfound_genera_mrca %% select(mrca, from) %% t %% as.vector]$name
# connecting species leafs to the supposed MRCA
graph_genus %<% add_edges(V(graph_genus)[edges_to_add])
# plotting
# plotting
# plot(as.undirected(graph_genus), layout = layout_as_tree(graph_genus), vertex.label = NA, vertex.size=2)
# finally converting to phylo format
phylo_graph_genus << treeio::as.phylo(graph_genus)
# which species_dictionary rows correspond to each tip.label?
match_tiplabel_taxid <- match(phylo_graph_genus)[["tip.label*]], species_dictionary[["new_taxid*]])

# phylo_graph_genus %<% list_modify(
# adding tip.alias (this is not exported with write.tree)
tip.alias = species_dictionary[["string_name"]][match_tiplabel_taxid],
# converting back to string ids
tip.label = species_dictionary["taxid"]][match_tiplabel_taxid]

# ensuring a cleaner newick file with only necessary data
phylo_graph_genus["dee_length"] <- NULL
# usethis::use_data(phylo_graph_genus, overwrite = TRUE)
# write.tree(phylo_graph_genus, overwrite = TRUE)</pre>
```

Ctenophora as sister to all animals

According to TimeTree, Ctenophora remains as a sister group to Cnidaria. We believe the most recent consensus in literature is to consider them a sister group to all animals. The following code block moves *Mnemiopsis leidyi*, the only ctenophore in our analysis, to the base of the metazoan lineage.

```
# moving ctenophora before porifera
mnemiopsis_taxid <- species_dictionary %>% filter(ncbi_name == "Mnemiopsis leidyi") %>% pull(taxid)
amphimedon_taxid <- species_dictionary %>% filter(ncbi_name == "Amphimedon queenslandica") %>% pull(taxid)

# reordering tip.labels
from_to <- c(
    "400682" = "27923", # amphimedon to mnemiopsis
    "10228" = "400682", # trichoplax to amphimedon
    "27923" = "10228" # mnemiopsis to trichoplax
)

modified_phylo <- phylo_graph_genus
modified_phylo[["tip.label"]] %<>% recode(!!!from_to)
write.tree(modified_phylo, "../data/hybrid_tree_modified.nwk")
```

Gene selection and annotation

The anchoring point for this study is basic annotation about genes and the pathways in which they participate. This section describes the process of structuring such data. In the end we will have a table to which all kinds of additional data will be left joined into.

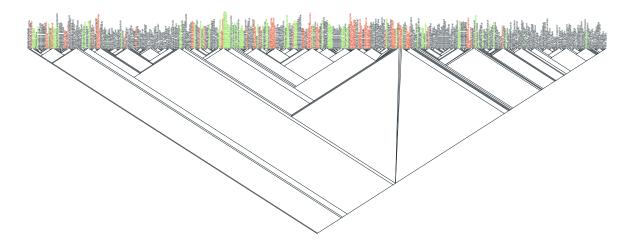


Figure 1: Complete 476 eukaryotes tree. Green species have been filled in by a genus proxy in TimeTree. Red species have been filled in by looking at NCBI Taxonomy.

Neurotransmitter systems annotation

We start by querying the KEGG api for the pathways of interest. Resulting data is then pivoted to a wider format.

Table 5: All links between genes and pathways in KEGG.

	link_pathway_entrez								
#	Col. name Col. type Used? Example Description								
1	$entrez_id$	character	yes	hsa:10411	NCBI Taxonomy identifier				
2	$pathway_id$	character	yes	path:hsa04726	KEGG pathway ID				

Location: data-raw/download/link_pathway_entrez.tsv

Source: http://rest.kegg.jp/link/pathway/hsa

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- ## <U+2714> Saving 'gene_pathways' to 'data/gene_pathways.rda'

entrez_id	vesicle	glutamatergic	cholinergic	serotonergic	gabaergic	dopaminergic	system_count
10312	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10497	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10814	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10815	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
112755	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1173	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Base ID lookup table

Now we start building a base ID lookup table containing entrez gene IDs, STRING ensembl protein IDs, ensembl gene IDs, STRING protein names and entrez gene names. Every piece of data in subsequent analyses will be progressively joined to it.

Table 6: Conversion dictionary from entrez ID to STRING's ensembl protein ID.

	link_entrez_string								
#	# Col. name Col. type Used? Example Description								
1	taxid	numeric	no	9606	NCBI Taxonomy ID				
2	$entrez_id$	numeric	yes	7157	entrez gene ID				
3	$string_id$	character	yes	9606.ENSP00000269305	STRING ID				

Location: data-raw/download/human.entrez_2_string.2018.tsv.gz

Source: https://string-db.org/mapping_files/entrez/human.entrez_2_string.2018.tsv.gz

Table 7: Conversion dictionary from STRING ID to protein name.

	string_names								
#	Col. name	Col. type	Used?	Example	Description				
1	taxid	numeric	no	9606	NCBI Taxonomy ID				
2	$string_name$	character	yes	TP53	protein name				
3	$string_id$	character	yes	9606.ENSP00000269305	STRING ID				

Location: data-raw/download/human.name_2_string.tsv.gz

Source: https://string-db.org/mapping_files/STRING_display_names/human.name_2_string.tsv.gz

Table 8: Conversion dictionary from entrez ID to gene name.

	entrez_names								
#	# Col. name Col. type Used? Example Description								
1	taxid	numeric	no	9606	taxon ID				
2	$entrez_id$	character	yes	7157	entrez gene ID				
3	$entrez_name$	character	yes	TP53	gene name				
4			no		(too many unrelated fields)				

Location: data-raw/download/Homo_sapiens.gene_info.gz

Source: https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/DATA/GENE_INFO/Mammalia/Homo_sapiens.gene_info.gz

Table 9: Conversion dictionary from entrez ID to ensembl gene (ENSG) ID.

	link_ensembl_entrez								
#	# Col. name Col. type Used? Example Description								
1	$entrez_id$	character	yes	hsa:7157	entrez gene ID				
2	$ensembl_id$	character	yes	ensembl: ENSG 00000141510	ensembl gene ID				

Location: data-raw/download/link_ensembl_entrez.tsv

Source: http://rest.genome.jp/link/ensembl/hsa

```
# removing all kegg prefixes (e.g. "hsa:")
link_ensembl_entrez %<>% mutate_all(~ str_split_n(., ":", 2))

# joining all data
gene_ids <- gene_pathways %>%
select(entrez_id) %>%
left_join(link_ensembl_entrez) %>%
left_join(link_entrez_string) %>%
left_join(string_names) %>%
left_join(entrez_names)
```

Some STRING proteins couldn't be automatically resolved, so we perform it manually

gene_ids[!complete.cases(gene_ids),]

entrez_id	ensembl_id	string_id	string_name	entrez_name
9296	ENSG00000128524	NA	NA	ATP6V1F
100137049	ENSG00000243708	NA	NA	PLA2G4B
85358	ENSG00000251322	NA	NA	SHANK3
8681	ENSG00000168970	NA	NA	JMJD7-PLA2G4B
1139	ENSG00000175344	NA	NA	CHRNA7
107987478	NA	NA	NA	LOC107987478
107987479	NA	NA	NA	LOC107987479
1564	ENSG00000205702	NA	NA	CYP2D7
801	ENSG00000198668	NA	NA	CALM1
805	ENSG00000143933	NA	NA	CALM2
808	ENSG00000160014	NA	NA	CALM3

```
"8681", "ENSG0000168970", "9606.ENSP0000371886", "JMJD7-PLA2G4B", "JMJD7-PLA2G4B",
"1139", "ENSG0000175344", "9606.ENSP0000407546", "CHRNA7", "CHRNA7",
"107987478", NA, NA, NA, NA, "L0C107987478",
"107987479", NA, NA, NA, "L0C107987479",
"864", "ENSG00000205702", NA, NA, "L0C107987479",
"801", "ENSG00000198668", "9606.ENSP0000349467", "CALM1", "CALM1",
"805", "ENSG00000143933", "9606.ENSP00000272298", "CALM2", "CALM2",
"808", "ENSG00000160014", "9606.ENSP00000291295", "CALM3", "CALM3",

# removing incomplete cases and adding updated ones
gene_ids %<>% na.omit %>% bind_rows(complete_info)

# removing taxid prefix from STRING IDs
gene_ids[["string_id"]] %<>% str_split_n("\\.", 2)

# exporting for package use
usethis::use_data(gene_ids, overwrite = TRUE)
```

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