

A cheatsheet for computational neuroscientists

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| 770-2900 $\mu\text{m}/\text{ms}$ | conduction speed of action potential in myelinated axons in the cortex [3] |
| 250-380 $\mu\text{m}/\text{ms}$ | conduction speed of action potential in unmyelinated axons in the cortex [3] |
| 140 $\mu\text{m}/\text{ms}$ | propagating speed of epileptiform waves in disinhibited hippocampal slices [7] |
| 60-90 $\mu\text{m}/\text{ms}$ | propagating speed of epileptiform waves in disinhibited neocortical slices [8, 1] |
| 6-10 $\mu\text{m}/\text{ms}$ | propagating speed of population activation in neocortical slices under conditions of unaltered excitability [10] |

Table 1: Activity propagation speed

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| $200-450 \times 10^{-6} \mu\text{m}^{-3}$ | density of pyramidal neurons in rodent hippocampus [6] |
| 50-60 μm | thickness of stratum pyramidal of rodent hippocampus (where pyramidal neurons lie) [4] |
| 2261 mm^2 | total cortical surface area of a hemisphere of a galago [2] |
| 127×10^6 | estimated number of neurons in the above cortical area [2] |
| 18577 mm^2 | total cortical surface area of a hemisphere of a Baboon [2] |
| 2.36×10^9 | estimated number of neurons in the above cortical area [2] |

Table 2: Neuron density

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| 0.77 mV | average peak unitary EPSP amplitude from baseline recorded from layer 5 pyramidal neurons in the rat visual cortex; note that the distribution is lognormal with some large EPSPs (> 5 mV) [9] |
| 21.1 ± 10.6 nS | average membrane conductance change between Up and Down state during spontaneous activity in the prefrontal cortex in anesthetized ferrets [5] |

Table 3: Synaptic activity

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