

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS: NEURONAL RESILIENCE AND
CALCIUM SIGNALING PATHWAYS IN THE CONTEXT OF
SYNAPSE LOSS AND CALCIUM LEAKS: A COMPUTATIONAL
MODELLING STUDY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE*

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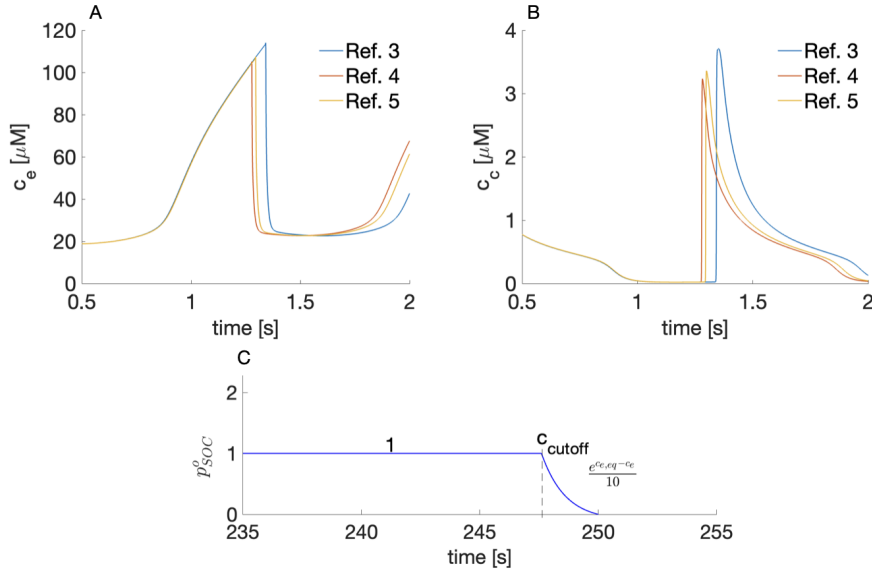


FIG. SM1. Convergence analysis using different refinement levels. (A-B) concentration profiles for Ca^{2+} in the cytosol and ER, respectively on an unbranched neurite. The refinement levels were $m = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$, with the edge length of $\Delta x = 2.0, 1.0, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125 \mu\text{m}$ and time step $\Delta t = 160, 80, 40, 20, 10 \text{ ms}$, respectively. (C) open state probability of SOC (p_{SOC}^o) is modeled after eq. ???. The value of p_{SOC}^o is set to 1 until it reaches a cutoff value ($247.602 \mu\text{M}$, calculated) after which it decays exponentially to zero.

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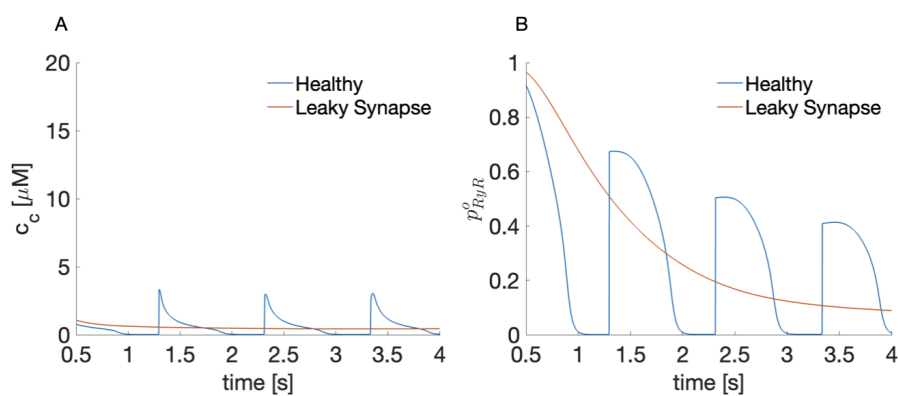


FIG. SM2. *RyR* open state probability in healthy vs. leaky synapse in an unbranched neurite with 5Hz stimulation. (A) The Ca^{2+} profile at the soma in the healthy state causes 1Hz wave responses, where c_c is low during equilibrium. In leaky synapses, baseline c_c is elevated and no such wave response is observed. (B) The decrease of c_c levels to baseline in the healthy state allows p_{RyR}^o to also return to 0 after a wave event. However, in case of leaky synapses, the elevated c_c levels prevent p_{RyR}^o to return to 0 rapidly and thus hinders wave initiation.

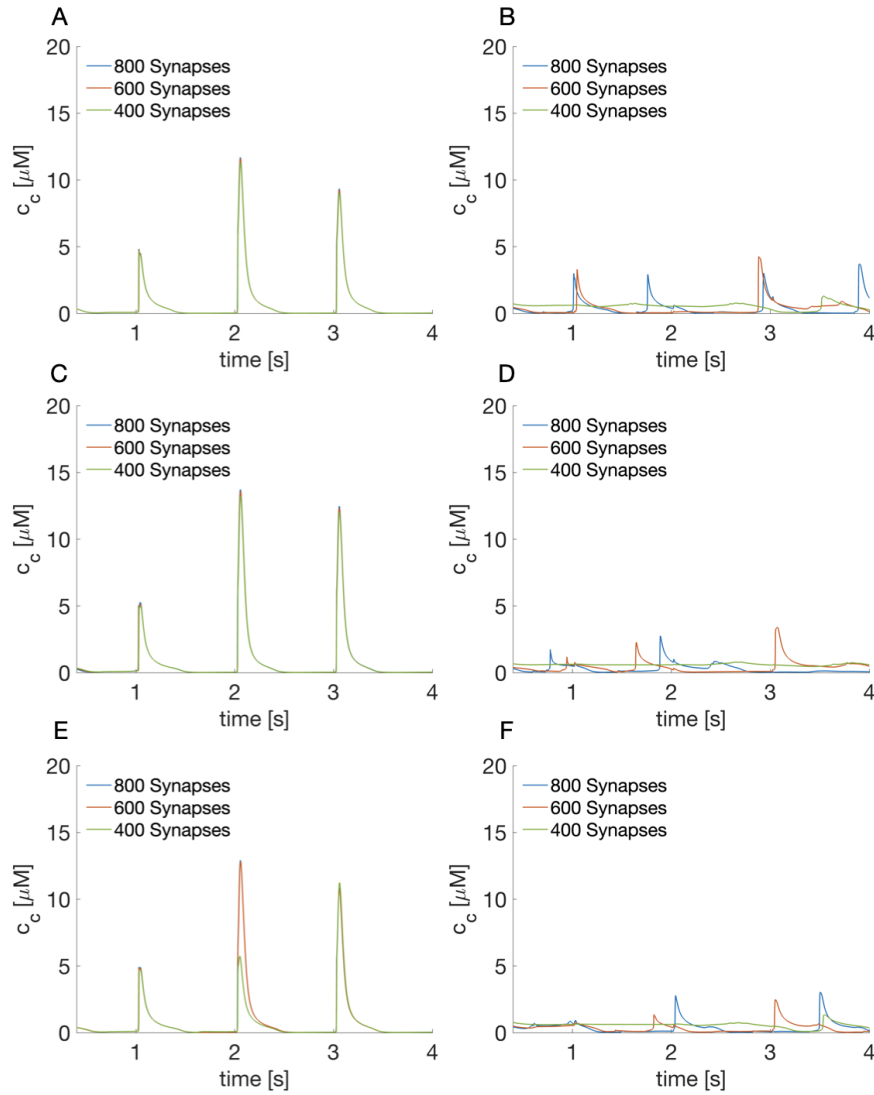


FIG. SM3. Comparing different electro-calcium coupling. (A-B) no VDCCs, i.e., no electrical coupling at 1Hz (A) and 5Hz (B) stimulation frequency. (C-D) N-Type VDCC coupling at 1Hz and 5Hz. This figure is intended to illustrate that coupling the calcium dynamics to the electrical signal is relevant and different results are to be expected when excluding electro-calcium coupling or including different types of VDCC.

TABLE SM1
Model Parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Reference
<i>Initial and equilibrium values</i>			
Cytosolic Ca^{2+}	c_c	50 nM	[SM4]
ER Ca^{2+}	c_e	250 μM	[SM4]
Reference ER Ca^{2+}	c_e^{ref}	250 μM	[SM4]
Extracellular Ca^{2+}	c_o	1 mM	[SM4]
Total Calbindin D _{28k} (Cytosol)	b^{tot}	40 μM	[SM19, SM4]
Total Calreticulin (ER)	b_e^{tot}	3.6 mM	[SM18]
<i>Diffusion/reaction</i>			
Diffusion coefficient (c_c)	D_c	220 $\mu\text{m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$	[SM1, SM4]
Diffusion coefficient (CalB)	D_c	20 $\mu\text{m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$	[SM24, SM4]
CalB forward rate	κ_b^+	27 $\mu\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[SM19, SM4]
CalB backward rate	κ_b^-	19 s^{-1}	[SM19, SM4]
Diffusion coefficient (c_e)	D_{ce}	10 $\mu\text{m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$	[SM6, SM17]
Diffusion coefficient (CalR)	D_{be}	27 $\mu\text{m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$	[SM18]
CalR forward rate	κ_{be}^+	10 ⁵ $\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[SM18]
CalR backward rate	κ_{be}^-	200 s^{-1}	Calculated using $K_d = 2 \text{ mM}$ ([SM2])
<i>RyR channel</i>			
$o_1 \rightarrow c_1$	k_a^-	28.8 s^{-1}	[SM14]
$c_1 \rightarrow o_1$	k_d^-	1500 $\mu\text{M}^{-4}\text{s}^{-1}$	[SM14]
$o_2 \rightarrow o_1$	k_b^-	385.9 s^{-1}	[SM14]
$o_1 \rightarrow o_2$	k_b^+	1500 $\mu\text{M}^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$	[SM14]
$c_2 \rightarrow o_1$	k_c^-	0.1 s^{-1}	[SM14]
$o_1 \rightarrow c_2$	k_c^+	1.75 s^{-1}	[SM14]
Reference current	I_{RyR}^{ref}	$3.5 \times 10^{-18} \text{ mol s}^{-1}$	[SM26]
<i>SERCA pumps</i>			
SERCA current	I_S	$6.5 \times 10^{-21} \text{ mol } \mu\text{M s}^{-1}$	[SM5, SM4](Adapt.)
	K_S	180 nM	[SM25]
SERCA density	ρ_S	2390 μm^{-2}	[SM18](Approx.)
<i>PMCA pumps</i>			
PMCA current	I_P	$1.7 \times 10^{-23} \text{ mol s}^{-1}$	[SM10]
Measure of Ca^{2+} affinity	K_P	60 nM	[SM8]
PMCA density	ρ_P	500 μm^{-2}	[SM4](Estim.)
<i>NCX pumps</i>			
NCX current	I_N	$2.5 \times 10^{-21} \text{ mol s}^{-1}$	[SM10](adapt.)
Measure of Ca^{2+} affinity	K_N	1.8 μM	[SM10]
NCX density	ρ_N	15 μm^{-2}	[SM4](Estim.)
<i>Store Operated Channels</i>			
Single SOC current	I_{SOC}^{ref}	2.1 fA	[SM9, SM13]
Faraday's Constant	F	96485 C/mol	
Valency of Ca^{2+} ion	z	2	
Density of SOC	ρ_{SOC}	0.4 μm^{-2}	choosen
<i>Aβ pores</i>			
Rate constant	k_β	1 s^{-1}	[SM16, SM7]
Cooperative factor	m	4	[SM16, SM7]
Concentration of A β	a	5 nM, 100 μM	[SM7, SM20]
<i>Miscellaneous</i>			
Input synaptic flux	j_{syn}	1×10^{-6}	[SM4, SM23]

TABLE SM2
Model Parameters for VDCCs and electrical dynamics equations

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Reference
<i>Voltage Dependent Calcium Channels (VDCC) N-type</i>			
Valence	z_k, z_l	2, 1	[SM11, SM3]
Voltage	$V_{1/2,k}, V_{1/2,l}$	-21 mV, -40 mV	[SM11, SM3]
Rate parameter	γ_k, γ_l	0, 0	[SM11, SM3]
Rate parameter	K_k, K_l	1.7 ms, 70 ms	[SM11, SM3]
Time constant	$\tau_{0,k}, \tau_{0,l}$	1.7 ms, 70 ms	[SM11, SM3]
Permeability of Ca^{2+}	$\bar{p}_{\text{Ca}^{2+}}$	3.8 cm^3/s	[SM11, SM3]
Faraday Constant	F	96485 C/mol	[SM11, SM3]
Gas Constant	R	8.314 J/Kmol	[SM11, SM3]
Temperature	T	310 Kelvin	[SM11, SM3]
<i>Voltage Dependent Calcium Channels (VDCC) T-type</i>			
Valence	z_k, z_l	2, 1	[SM3]
Voltage	$V_{1/2,k}, V_{1/2,l}$	-36 mV, -68 mV	[SM3]
Rate parameter	γ_k, γ_l	0, 0	[SM3]
Rate parameter	K_k, K_l	1.5 ms, 10 ms	[SM3]
Time constant	$\tau_{0,k}, \tau_{0,l}$	1.5 ms, 10 ms	[SM3]
Permeability of Ca^{2+}	$\bar{p}_{\text{Ca}^{2+}}$	1.9 cm^3/s	[SM11, SM3]
<i>Parameters for Electrical Dynamics</i>			
Axonal Resistance	R_{ax}	0.75 $\Omega \cdot m$	[SM21]
Membrane Capacitance	C	0.01 F/ m^2	[SM21]
K^+ Conductance	\bar{g}_K	50 S/ m^2	[SM21]
Na^{2+} Conductance	\bar{g}_{Na}	500 S/ m^2	[SM21]
Leak Conductance	\bar{g}_l	0.05 S/ m^2	[SM21]
K^+ Reversal Potential	V_K	-0.90 V	[SM21]
Na^{2+} Reversal Potential	V_{Na}	0.50 V	[SM21]
Leak Reversal Potential	V_l	-0.60 V	[SM21]
Ca^{2+} Reversal Potential	V_{Ca}	A function of Ca^{2+}	[SM22, SM15]
Initial K^+ Channel Probability	n_0	0.00654	[SM12]
Initial Na^{2+} Channel Probability	m_0	0.00654	[SM12]
Initial Na^{2+} Channel Probability	h_0	0.9997	[SM12]
Initial Ca^{2+} Channel Probability	σ_0	0.9750	[SM22, SM15]
Calcium Current Parameter	K	0.01 mol/ m^3	[SM22, SM15]

SM1. Derivation for 1D reduced model. In this section, we derive the 1D reduced PDEs for cytosolic Ca^{2+} concentration c_c . Fig. SM4 illustrates a section of unbranched neurite of width dx . The ER radius and the dendrite radius are denoted by r and R respectively. The fluxes (J_{PM}) between cytosolic (Ω_C) and extracellular domain are on boundary Γ_{PM} while the fluxes (J_{ERM}) between ER (Ω_{ER}) and cytosolic domains are on boundary Γ_{ERM} . At a given point, surface area of $\Gamma_{PM} = 2\pi R$ and $\Gamma_{ERM} = 2\pi r$. The area of $\Omega_C = \pi(R^2 - r^2)$ and $\Omega_{ER} = \pi r^2$.

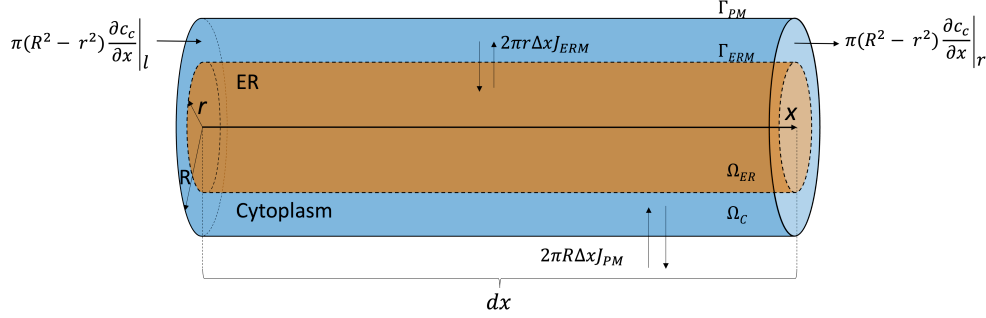


FIG. SM4. Illustration of a section of an unbranched neurite of width dx displaying mechanisms affecting cytosolic Ca^{2+} concentration.

We begin with the flux balance equation where each flux is scaled by the corresponding area/volume:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(R^2 - r^2)\Delta x \frac{\partial c_c}{\partial t} &= \left(\pi(R^2 - r^2) \frac{\partial c_c}{\partial x} \Big|_r - \pi(R^2 - r^2) \frac{\partial c_c}{\partial x} \Big|_l \right) + 2\pi r \Delta x J_{ERM} \\ &\quad + 2\pi R \Delta x J_{PM} + \pi(R^2 - r^2)(k_b^-(b^{tot} - b) - k_b^+ b c_c) \\ (R^2 - r^2) \frac{\partial c_c}{\partial t} &= \frac{((R^2 - r^2) \frac{\partial c_c}{\partial x} \Big|_r - (R^2 - r^2) \frac{\partial c_c}{\partial x} \Big|_l)}{\Delta x} \\ &\quad + (R^2 - r^2)(k_b^-(b^{tot} - b) - k_b^+ b c_c) + 2r J_{ERM} + 2R J_{PM} \end{aligned}$$

Dividing by Δx and taking Δx to 0 leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} (R^2 - r^2) \frac{\partial c_c}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left((R^2 - r^2) \frac{\partial c_c}{\partial x} \right) + (R^2 - r^2)(k_b^-(b^{tot} - b) - k_b^+ b c_c) \\ &\quad + 2r J_{ERM} + 2R J_{PM} \\ \frac{\partial c_c}{\partial t} &= \frac{1}{(R^2 - r^2)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left((R^2 - r^2) \frac{\partial c_c}{\partial x} \right) + (k_b^-(b^{tot} - b) - k_b^+ b c_c) \\ &\quad + \frac{2r}{R^2 - r^2} J_{ERM} + \frac{2R}{R^2 - r^2} J_{PM}, \quad \text{in } \Omega_C \end{aligned}$$

Equivalently, we derive the 1D reduced equations for c_e , b and b_e :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial c_e}{\partial t} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(r^2 D_c \frac{\partial c_e}{\partial x} \right) + (k_{be}^- (b_e^{tot} - b_e) - k_{be}^+ b_e c_e) \\
&\quad - \frac{2}{r} J_{ERM} + \frac{2}{r} J_{SOC}, \quad \text{in } \Omega_{ER} \\
\frac{\partial b}{\partial t} &= \frac{1}{(R^2 - r^2)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left((R^2 - r^2) D_b \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} \right) + (k_b^- (b^{tot} - b) - k_b^+ b c_c), \quad \text{in } \Omega_C \\
\frac{\partial b_e}{\partial t} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(r^2 D_{be} \frac{\partial b_e}{\partial x} \right) + (k_{be}^- (b_e^{tot} - b_e) - k_{be}^+ b_e c_e) \quad \text{in } \Omega_{ER}
\end{aligned}$$

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