Model-Based Estimation of Intracortical Connectivity

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***Abstract*—**

I. Introduction

Discuss model-based estimation

II. Method

A. Stochastic Neural Field Model

$$v\left(\mathbf{r},t\right) = e^{-\zeta t} v\left(\mathbf{r},0\right) + \int_0^t h\left(t-t'\right) g\left(\mathbf{r},t'\right) \mathrm{d}t', \quad (1)$$

where $v\left(\mathbf{r},0\right)$ is the membrane voltage at the initial time $t=0$, $g(\cdot)$ describes the mean firing rate, $h(\cdot)$ is the first-order post-synaptic response kernel. of the form

$$h(t) = \eta(t)\exp\left(-\zeta t\right), \quad (2)$$

where $\zeta = \tau^{-1}$, τ is the synaptic time constant and $\eta(t)$ is the Heaviside step function. The firing rate is modeled by having both a deterministic and stochastic components as

$$g(\mathbf{r},t)\mathrm{d}t = \tilde{g}(\mathbf{r},t)\mathrm{d}t + \sigma_W \mathrm{d}W(\mathbf{r},t), \quad (3)$$

where $\sigma_W \geq 0$ is a measure of the introduced space-time randomness. For $\sigma_W = 0$ a pure deterministic process is recovered. Alternatively if $\sigma_W > 0$, the membrane voltage $v(\mathbf{r},t)$ is itself a stochastic process. Incorporating the stochastic process is a variation of the typical WC or Amari formulations accounting for model uncertainty and unknown inputs. and is modeled by a spatially coloured space-time Wiener process $W(\mathbf{r},t)$.

Assuming an infinite propagation velocity for action potentials within the field (intracortical patch), the deterministic incoming firing rate is described by the spatial convolution

$$\tilde{g}\left(\mathbf{r},t\right) = \int_\Omega w\left(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\right) f\left(v\left(\mathbf{r}',t\right)\right) \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}', \quad (4)$$

where $w(\cdot)$ is the spatial connectivity kernel and Ω is the spatial domain representing the cortical sheet or surface. The function $f(\cdot)$ relates mean post-synaptic potentials to mean firing rates and follows a sigmoid described by

$$f\left(v\left(\mathbf{r}',t\right)\right) = \frac{1}{1+\exp\left(\varsigma\left(v_0 - v\left(\mathbf{r}',t\right)\right)\right)}, \quad (5)$$

where v_0 and ς describe the firing threshold and the slope of the sigmoid respectively. By substituting equation 3 into equation 1 we obtain the stochastic integral equation model

$$v\left(\mathbf{r},t\right) = e^{-\zeta t} v\left(\mathbf{r},0\right) + \int_0^t h\left(t-t'\right) \tilde{g}\left(\mathbf{r},t'\right) \mathrm{d}t' + \sigma_W \int_0^t h\left(t-t'\right) \mathrm{d}W\left(\mathbf{r},\right. \quad (6)$$

Here we assume that $v\left(\mathbf{r},0\right)$ is independent of the disturbance on the action potentials and assumed to be generated by a known distribution. We stress that σ_W does not depend on the field $v(\mathbf{r},t)$ and hence the noise in equation 6 is strictly additive. The general integral-differential equation is given by

$$\mathrm{d}v(\mathbf{r},t) + \zeta v(\mathbf{r},t)\mathrm{d}t = \tilde{g}(\mathbf{r},t)\mathrm{d}t + \mathrm{d}W(\mathbf{r},t) \quad t \geq 0, v(\mathbf{r},0) = GP? \quad (7)$$

To show that this is indeed the case consider the function $\kappa(v(\mathbf{r},t),t) = v(\mathbf{r},t)e^{\zeta t}$. We note that $\kappa(v(\mathbf{r},t),t)$ is twice differentiable so that we can apply Ito's formula to obtain

$$\mathrm{d}\kappa = e^{\zeta t} g(\mathbf{r},t)\mathrm{d}t + e^{\zeta t}\sigma \mathrm{d}W(\mathbf{r},t) \quad (8)$$

Integrating over $[0,t]$ and multiplying throughout by $e^{-\zeta t}$ gives the required result. The neural field equations must be written as a discrete-time finite-dimensional model in order to relate it to patient-specific data. The discrete-time model is found applying the a first-order Euler-Maruyama method on equation 7 giving

$$v\left(\mathbf{r},t+T_s\right) - v\left(\mathbf{r},t\right) + \zeta T_s v\left(\mathbf{r},t\right) = T_s \int_\Omega w\left(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\right) f\left(v\left(\mathbf{r}',t\right)\right) \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}' + \sigma_W [W \quad (9)$$

where T_s is the time step or sampling period. To simplify the notation, the sample at the the current time step shall be indexed by t and the future time step by $t+1$ for the rest of the paper. Rearranging equation 9 gives the integro-difference equation (IDE) form

$$v_{t+1}\left(\mathbf{r}\right) = \xi v_t\left(\mathbf{r}\right) + T_s \int_\Omega w\left(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'\right) f\left(v_t\left(\mathbf{r}'\right)\right) \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}' + e_t\left(\mathbf{r}\right), \quad (10)$$

where $e_t(\mathbf{r}) = \sigma_W[W\left(\mathbf{r},t+T_s\right) - W\left(\mathbf{r},t\right)]$ is the increment of a space-time Wiener process, *i.i.d.* with zero spatial mean such that $e_t(\mathbf{r}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mathbf{0}, T_s\sigma_W^2\gamma(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'))$. Here

$\mathcal{GP}(\mathbf{0}, T_s\sigma_W^2\gamma(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'))$ denotes a zero mean spatial Gaussian process with covariance function $\gamma(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')$ [**?**].

B. Maybe: Basis Function Decomp

C. Estimation of Connectivity Kernel Support

III. RESULTS

A. Linear Neural Field Model

Show the exact estimation of the kernel.

B. Nonlinear Neural Field Model

IV. DISCUSSION

V. CONCLUSION

The conclusion goes here.

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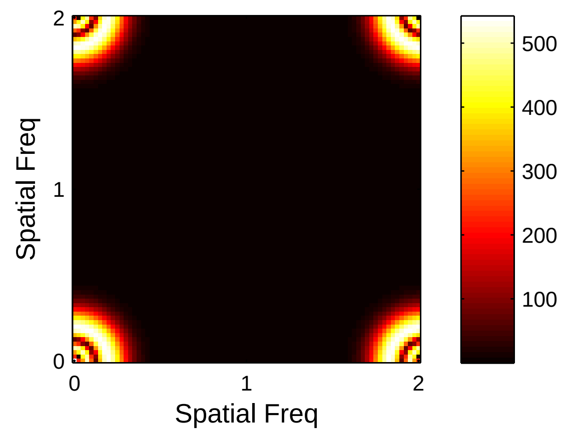

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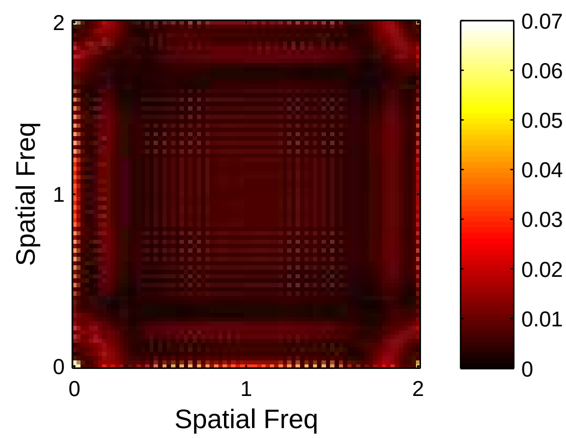

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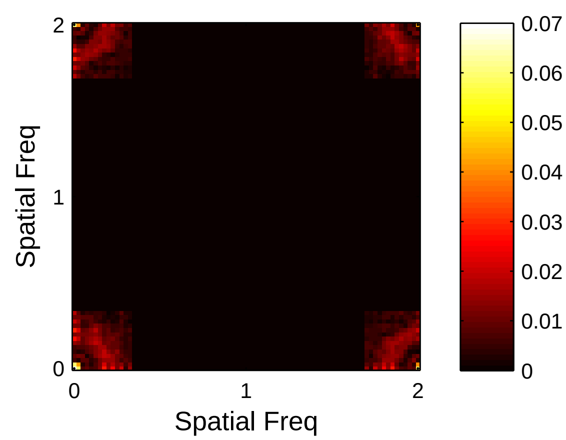

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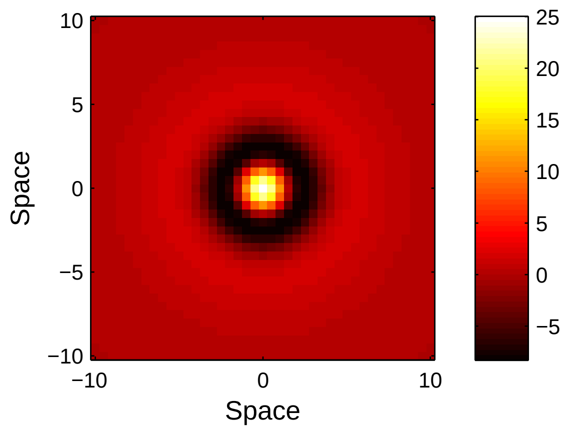
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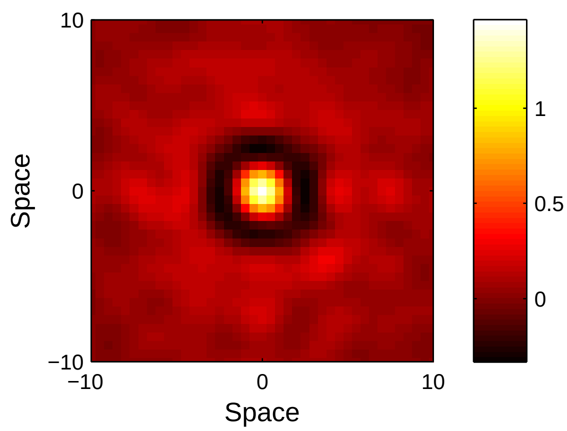
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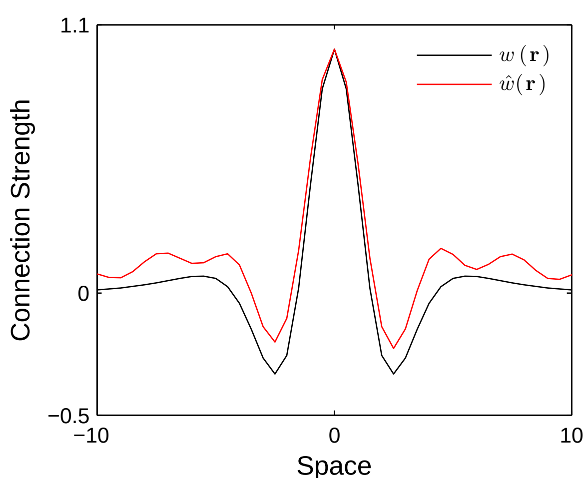
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Fig. 3.