

# SHAPING SPIKING PATTERNS THROUGH SYNAPTIC PARAMETERS REVEALED BY WAVELET BIFURCATION ANALYSIS



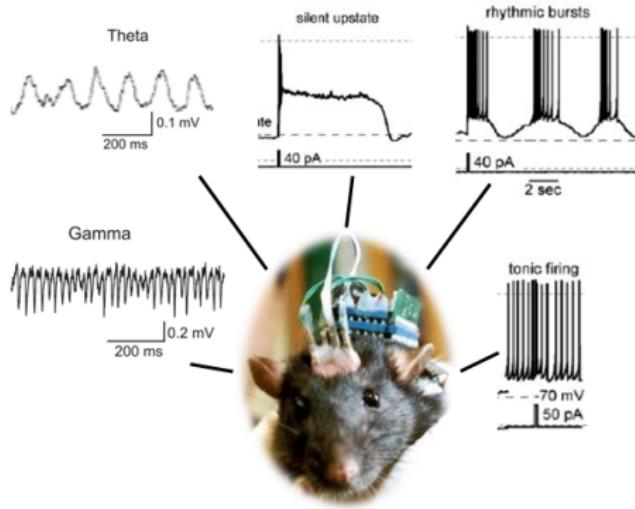
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# SYNCHRONOUS ACTIVITY OF NEURONAL NETWORK

## I. Rat brain: *in vitro* and *in vivo*



- Neuronal network (NN) in brain exhibits a rich variety of oscillatory states
- NN is able to switch between each other states
- Oscillatory elements are characterized by the different frequencies and amplitudes
- The shape of synchronous regime is defined by the coupling type between elements



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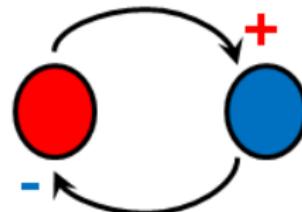
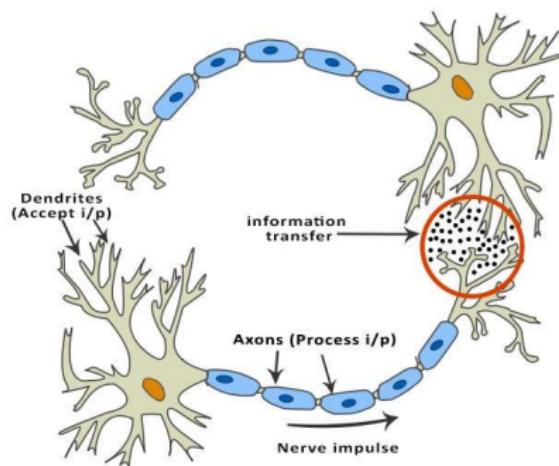
# SIMPLE MODEL OF THE SINGLE NEURON

## I. FitzHugh-Nagumo system [Biophysical Journal, 1961]

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dv}{dt} &= v - \frac{v^3}{3} - u + I \\ \frac{du}{dt} &= \varepsilon(v + a - bu),\end{aligned}$$

- $v$ - membrane potential or activator; allows regenerative self-excitation via a positive feedback (in fact, it introduces the voltage-like variable measurable in experiments)
- $u$ - recovery variable or inhibitor, provides negative slower feedback
- $I$ - input signal (experimental injection of external current into the membrane)
- $a, b$ - mimic ion kinetic
- $\varepsilon$ - time scale of oscillations

# TWO COUPLED FHN EQUATIONS



$$\frac{dv_i}{dt} = v_i - \frac{v_i^3}{3} - u_i + I_{\text{ext}}\delta_{i,P} + \sum_j I_{\text{syn}}^{(ji)},$$

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \varepsilon_i (v_i + a - b u_i).$$

# COUPLING

$$I_{\text{syn}}^{(ji)} = G_{ji} s_{ji} (E_{\text{ex,in}} - v_i)$$

$$\frac{ds_{ji}}{dt} = \frac{A}{2} \left( 1 + \tanh \frac{v_j}{v_{\text{vsl}}} \right) (1 - s_{ji}) - B s_{ji}$$

- $I_{\text{syn}}^{(ji)}$ - the current from cell  $j$  to cell  $i$
- $G_{ji}$ - coupling strength between elements
- $s_{ji}(t)$ - synaptic variable, that depends on a threshold function and defines two states of this variable: zero (non-active) or one (active).
- $A, B$  and  $v_{\text{vsl}}$ - parameters that determine synaptic kinetics



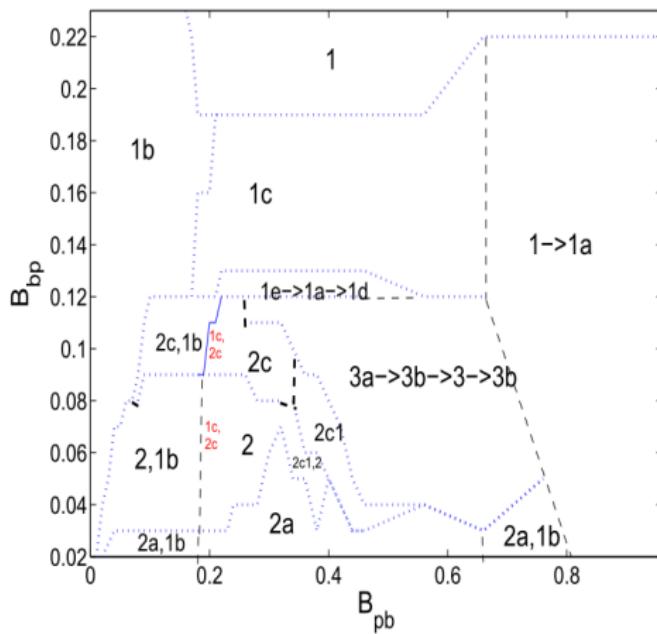
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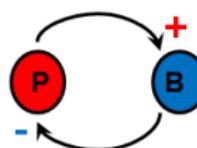
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**Goal: Can only synaptic parameters define a network dynamics?**

# REGIMES DIAGRAMM



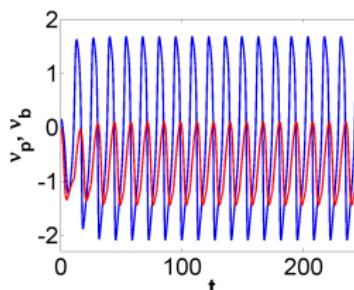
- parameters  $A$  and  $v_{vsl}$ - don't influence on the mini-network dynamics
- Parameters of the system:  
 $a=0.5, b=0.8, \varepsilon=0.3,$   
 $G_{bp}=G_{pb}=0.5, I_{ext}=0.5, A=1,$   
 $v_{sl} = 0.1$



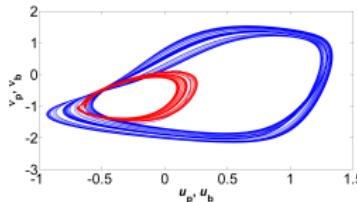
# REGIMES CLASSIFICATION

Fast oscillations:  $T \approx 15 - 25$  rel.units

## 1. Regular spiking

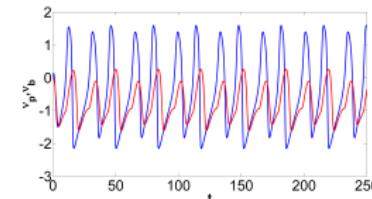


## 1a. Aperiodic spiking

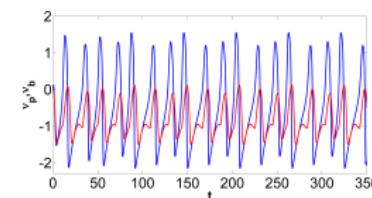


- 1b- cell  $B$  oscillates sub-threshold

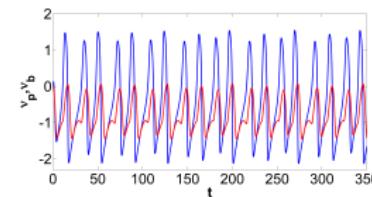
## 1c. Two-cycles spiking



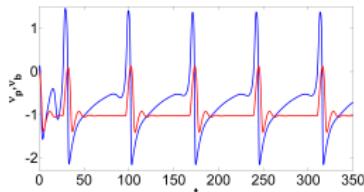
## 1d. Three-cycles spiking



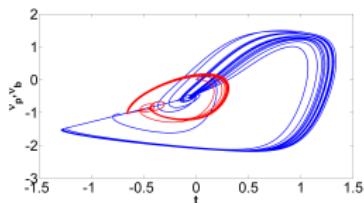
## 1e. Four-cycles spiking



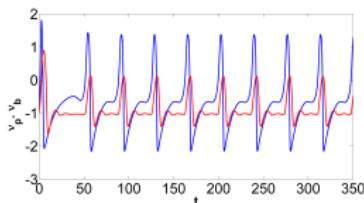
Slow oscillations:  $T > 32$  rel.units  
 $2.50 < T < 300$  rel.units



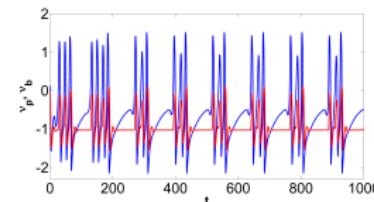
2a. Aperiodic spiking



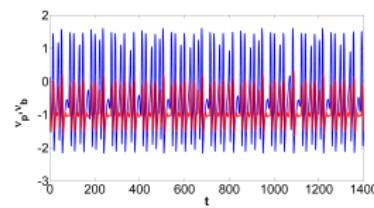
$2c. 30 < T < 40$  rel.units



Bursting  
3. Regular bursts

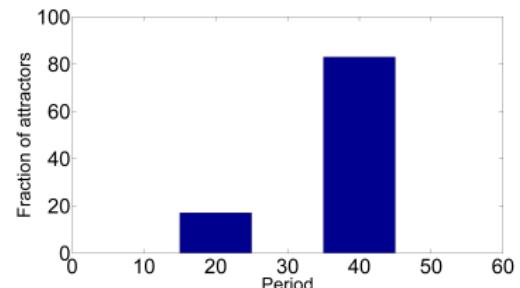
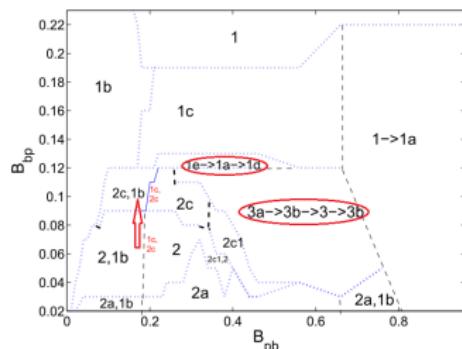


3a. Unregular bursts

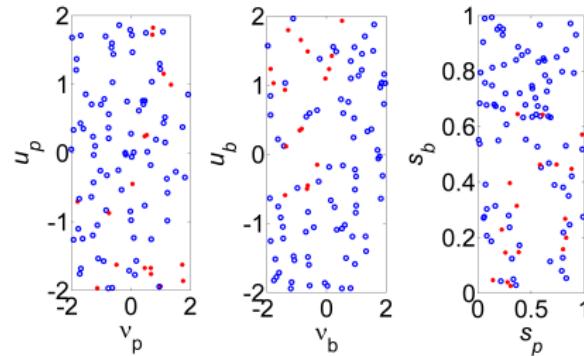


- 3b- medium regime: short breaks between spikes patches

## MULTISTABILITY



## Distribution of initial conditions



# CWT WITH THE MORLET WAVELET

$$w(a, b) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) e^{i\omega_0 \frac{t-b}{a}} e^{-\frac{(t-b)^2}{2a^2}} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2\pi a}},$$

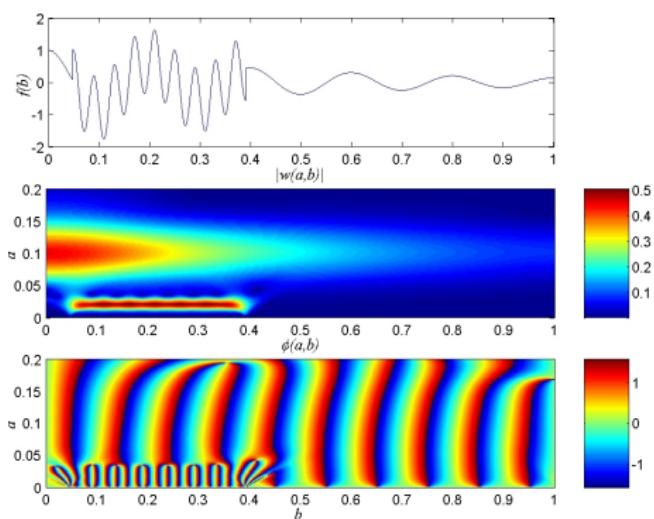
where

$t, b$  – time variables:  
experimental time and  
shift time

$a$  – scale variable

$\omega_0$  – central frequency  
Local period is  
defined as

$$T = 2\pi a_{max}/\omega_0$$



## BACKGROUND FOR CWT ANALYSIS OF TRANSITIONS

The system with a **slow varying parameter**:

$$\frac{dv_i}{dt} = v_i - \frac{v_i^3}{3} - u_i + I_{ext}\delta_{i,P} + \sum_j G_{ji} (E_{ex,in} - v_i) s_{ji},$$

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \varepsilon_i(v_i - a - bu_i)$$

$$\frac{ds_{ji}}{dt} = \frac{A}{2} \left( 1 + \tanh \frac{v_j}{v_{vsl}} \right) - [B_j^0 + k_j(t)t] s_{ji}$$

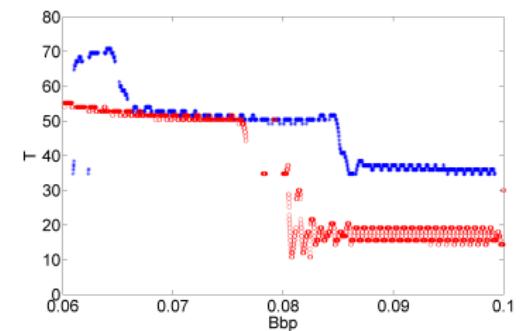
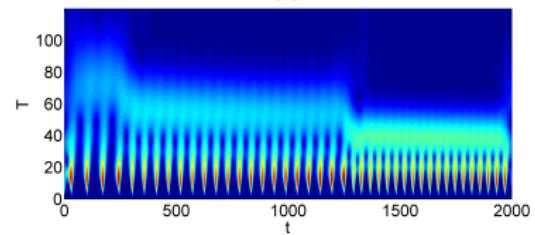
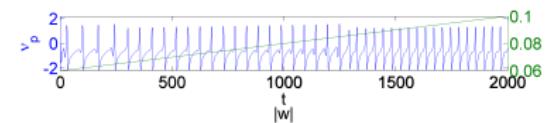
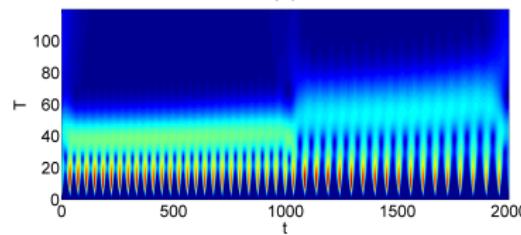
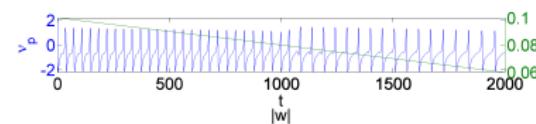
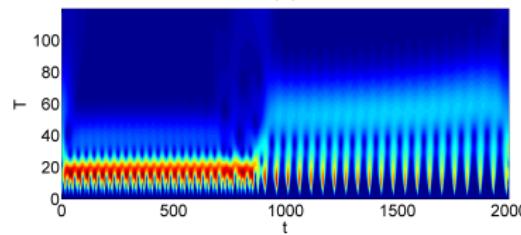
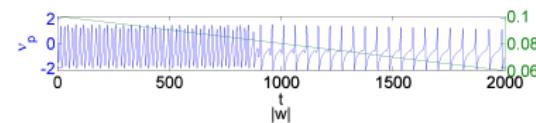
A slow (adiabatic) variation implies that

$$k(t) \approx \frac{dB_j}{dt} \ll \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T},$$

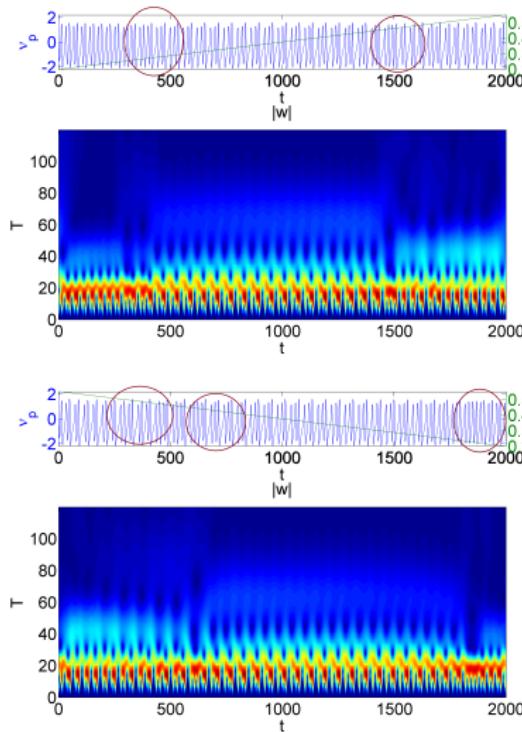
where  $T$  is the period of oscillations with a constant  $B_j$ .

# DYNAMICAL TRANSITIONS BETWEEN REGIMES

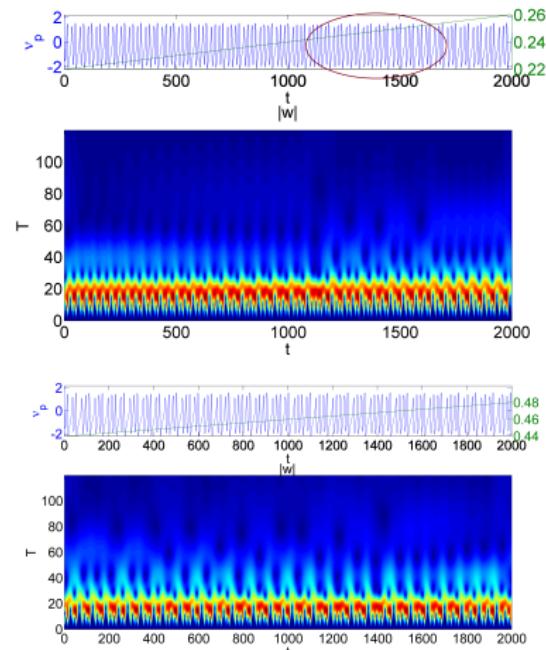
Transition 2c $\rightarrow$ 2.  $B_{pb} = 0.19$



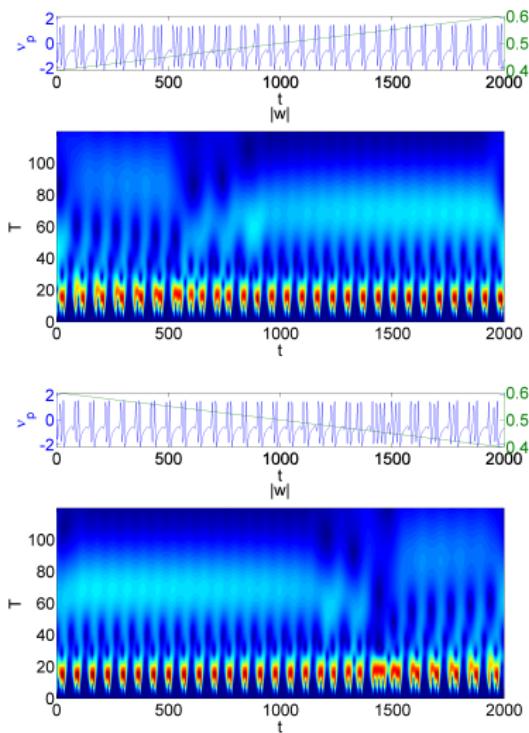
Transition from two-cycles spiking regime (1c) to four-cycles spiking rhythm (1d).  $B_{bp} = 0.12$



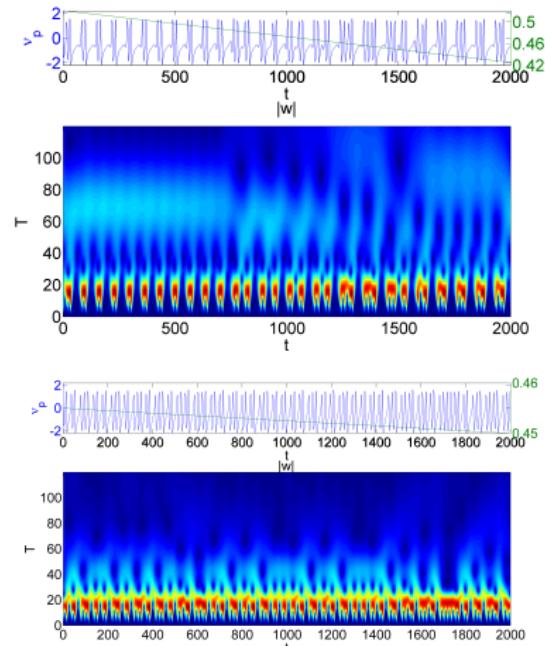
Chaotic scenario of 1e→1d transition



Transitions in bursting rhythm.  $B_{bp} = 0.08$



Chaotic scenario of 2-burst to 3-burst transition



## CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK

- A rich variety of synchronous regimes could be obtained in the system of two identical neurons where coupling is non-symmetrical and determined by the kinetic parameters of their connection.
- Bifurcation Analysis of periodical orbits in this case is very complicated and is practically impossible due to methods restriction in well-known programms (matcont, Logbif)
- Wavelet analysis is simple and universal method for studying complex and unclear transitions between different rhythms. Application of this method allows to avoid a lot of numerical mistakes that arise at the programming of "bifurcation analysis" code