## Supplementary Material

Heterogenous firing responses leads to diverse coupling to presynaptic activity in mice layer V pyramidal neurons

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### <span id="page-1-0"></span>1 Reduction to the equivalent cylinder

The key of the derivation relies on having the possibility to reduce the complex morphology to an equivalent cylinder [\(Rall, 1962\)](#page-10-1). We adapted this procedure to capture the change in integrative properties of the membrane that results from the mean synaptic bombardment during active cortical states, reviewed in [Destexhe et al. \(2003\).](#page-10-2)

For a set of synaptic stimulation  $\{\nu_p^e, \nu_i^p, \nu_e^d, \nu_i^d, s\}$ , let's introduce the following stationary densities of conductances:

$$
\begin{cases}\ng_{e0}^{p} = \pi \, d \, \mathcal{D}_{e} \, \nu_{e}^{p} \, \tau_{e}^{p} \, Q_{e}^{p} & ; \quad g_{i0}^{p} = \pi \, d \, \mathcal{D}_{i} \, \nu_{i}^{p} \, \tau_{i}^{p} \, Q_{i}^{p} \\
g_{e0}^{d} = \pi \, d \, \mathcal{D}_{e} \, \nu_{e}^{d} \, \tau_{e}^{d} \, Q_{e}^{d} & ; \quad g_{i0}^{d} = \pi \, d \, \mathcal{D}_{i} \, \nu_{i}^{d} \, \tau_{i}^{d} \, Q_{i}^{d}\n\end{cases} \tag{1}
$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_e$  and  $\mathcal{D}_i$  are the excitatory and inhibitory synaptic densities.

We introduce two activity-dependent electrotonic constants relative to the proximal and distal part respectively:

$$
\lambda^{p} = \sqrt{\frac{r_{m}}{r_{i}(1 + r_{m}g_{e0}^{p} + r_{m}g_{i0}^{p})}} \quad \lambda^{d} = \sqrt{\frac{r_{m}}{r_{i}(1 + r_{m}g_{e0}^{d} + r_{m}g_{i0}^{d})}}
$$
(2)

For a dendritic tree of total length l, whose proximal part ends at  $l_p$  and with B evenly spaced generations of branches, we define the space-dependent electrotonic constant:

$$
\lambda(x) = \left(\lambda^p + \mathcal{H}(x - l_p)(\lambda^d - \lambda^p)\right)2^{-\frac{1}{3}\lfloor \frac{Bx}{l} \rfloor} \tag{3}
$$

where |. is the floor function. Note that  $\lambda(x)$  is constant on a given generation, but it decreases from generation to generation because of the decreasing diameter along the dendritic tree. It also depends on the synaptic activity and therefore has a discontinuity at  $x = l_p$ .

Following Rall  $(1962)$ , we now define a dimensionless length X:

<span id="page-1-2"></span>
$$
X(x) = \int_0^x \frac{dx}{\lambda(x)}
$$
 (4)

We define  $L = X(l)$  and  $L_p = X(l_p)$ , the total length and proximal part length respectively (capital letters design rescaled quantities).

### <span id="page-1-1"></span>2 Mean membrane potential

We derive the mean membrane potential  $\mu_V(x)$  corresponding to the stationary response to constant densities of conductances given by the means of the synaptic stimulation. We obtain the stationary equations by removing temporal derivatives in Equation, the set of equation governing this mean membrane potential in all branches is therefore:

$$
\begin{cases}\n\frac{1}{r_i} \frac{\partial^2 \mu_v}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\mu_v(x) - E_L}{r_m} \\
- g_{e0}^p (\mu_v(x) - E_e) - g_{0i}^p (\mu_v(x) - E_i) \quad \forall x \in [0, l_p] \\
\frac{1}{r_i} \frac{\partial^2 \mu_v}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\mu_v(x) - E_L}{r_m} \\
- g_{e0}^d (\mu_v(x) - E_e) - g_{0i}^d (\mu_v(x) - E_i) \quad \forall x \in [l_p, l] \\
\frac{\partial \mu_v}{\partial x}|_{x=0} = r_i \left(\frac{\mu_v(0) - E_L}{R_m} + G_{i0}^S (\mu_v(0) - E_i)\right) \\
\mu_v(l_p^-, t) = \mu_v(l_p^+, t) \\
\frac{\partial \mu_v}{\partial x}|_{l_p^-} = \frac{\partial \mu_v}{\partial x}|_{l_p^+} \\
\frac{\partial \mu_v}{\partial x}|_{x=l} = 0\n\end{cases} (5)
$$

Because the reduction to the equivalent cylinder conserves the membrane area and the previous equation only depends on density of currents, the equation governing  $\mu_v(x)$  in all branches can be transformed into an equation on an equivalent cylinder of length L. We rescale x by  $\lambda(x)$  (see Equation [4\)](#page-1-2) and we obtain the equation verified by  $\mu_V(X)$ :

$$
\begin{cases}\n\frac{\partial^2 \mu_v}{\partial X^2} = \mu_v(X) - v_0^p & \forall X \in [0, L_p] \\
\frac{\partial^2 \mu_v}{\partial X^2} = \mu_v(X) - v_0^d & \forall X \in [L_p, L] \\
\frac{\partial \mu_v}{\partial X}|_{X=0} = \gamma^p \left(\mu_v(0) - V_0\right) \\
\mu_v(L_p^-) = \mu_v(L_p^+) \\
\frac{\partial \mu_v}{\partial X}|_{L_p^-} = \frac{\lambda^p}{\lambda^d} \frac{\partial \mu_v}{\partial X}|_{L_p^+} \\
\frac{\partial \mu_v}{\partial X}|_{X=L} = 0\n\end{cases} \tag{6}
$$

where:

$$
v_0^p = \frac{E_L + r_m g_{e0}^p E_e + r_m g_{i0}^p E_i}{1 + r_m g_{e0}^p + r_m g_{i0}^p}
$$
  
\n
$$
v_0^d = \frac{E_L + r_m g_{e0}^d E_e + r_m g_{i0}^d E_i}{1 + r_m g_{e0}^d + r_m g_{i0}^d}
$$
  
\n
$$
\gamma^p = \frac{r_i \lambda^p (1 + G_i^0 R_m)}{R_m}
$$
  
\n
$$
V_0 = \frac{E_L + G_i^0 R_m E_i}{1 + G_i^0 R_m}
$$
\n(7)

We write the solution on the form:

<span id="page-3-1"></span>
$$
\begin{cases}\n\mu_v(X) = v_0^p + A \cosh(X) + C \sinh(X) & \forall X \in [0, L_p] \\
\mu_v(X) = v_0^d + B \cosh(X - L) + D \sinh(X - L) & \forall X \in [L_p L]\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(8)

- Sealed-end boundary condition at cable end implies  $D = 0$
- Somatic boudary condition imply:  $C = \gamma^p (v_0^p V_0 + A)$
- Then v continuity imply :  $v_0^p + A \cosh(L_p) + \gamma^p (v_0^p V_0 + A) \sinh(L_p) =$  $v_0^d + B \cosh(L_p - L)$
- Then current conservation imply: A  $\sinh(L_p) + \gamma^p (v_0^p V_0 + A) \cosh(L_p) = \frac{\lambda^p}{\lambda^d} B \sinh(L_p L)$

We rewrite those condition on a matrix form:

$$
\begin{pmatrix}\n\cosh(L_p) + \gamma^p \sinh(L_p) & -\cosh(L_p - L) \\
\sinh(L_p) + \gamma^p \cosh(L_p) & -\frac{\lambda^p}{\lambda^d} \sinh(L_p - L)\n\end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_0^d - v_0^p - \gamma^p (v_0^p - V_0) \sinh(L_p) \\
-\gamma^p (v_0^p - V_0) \cosh(L_p)\n\end{pmatrix}
$$
\n(9)

And we solved this equation with the solve\_linear\_system\_LU method of sympy

The coefficients  $A$  and  $B$  are given by:

$$
A = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \qquad \qquad B = \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \tag{10}
$$

where:

$$
\alpha = V_0 \gamma^P \lambda^D \cosh (L_p) \cosh (L - L_p) + V_0 \gamma^P \lambda^P \sinh (L_p) \sinh (L - L_p) \n- \gamma^P \lambda^D v_0^d \cosh (L_p) \cosh (L - L_p) - \gamma^P \lambda^P v_0^d \sinh (L_p) \sinh (L - L_p) \n- \lambda^P v_0^d \sinh (L - L_p) + \lambda^P v_0^p \sinh (L - L_p) \n\beta = \gamma^P \lambda^D \cosh (L_p) \cosh (L - L_p) + \gamma^P \lambda^P \sinh (L_p) \sinh (L - L_p) + \n\lambda^D \sinh (L_p) \cosh (L - L_p) + \lambda^P \sinh (L - L_p) \cosh (L_p) \n\gamma = \lambda^D (V_0 \gamma^P + \gamma^P v_0^d \cosh (L_p) - \gamma^P v_0^d \n- \gamma^P v_0^p \cosh (L_p) + v_0^d \sinh (L_p) - v_0^p \sinh (L_p) \n\delta = \gamma^P \lambda^D \cosh (L_p) \cosh (L - L_p) + \gamma^P \lambda^P \sinh (L_p) \sinh (L - L_p) \n+ \lambda^D \sinh (L_p) \cosh (L - L_p) + \lambda^P \sinh (L - L_p) \cosh (L_p)
$$

# <span id="page-3-0"></span>3 Membrane potential response to a synaptic event

We now look for the response to  $n_{src} = \lfloor \frac{B x_{src}}{l} \rfloor$  synaptic events at position  $x_{src}$  on all branches of the generation of  $x_s$ rc, those events have a conductance  $g(t)/n_{src}$  and reversal potential  $E_{rev}$ . We make the hypothesis that the initial condition correspond to the stationary mean membrane potential  $\mu_V(x)$ . This potential will also be used to fix the driving force at the synapse to  $\mu_v(x_{src})$  –  $E_{rev}$ , this linearizes the equation and will allow an analytical treatment. To derive the equation for the response around the mean  $\mu_v(x)$ , we rewrite Equation 9 in main text with  $v(x,t) = \delta v(x,t) + \mu_v(x)$ , we obtain the equation for  $\delta v(x,t)$ :

$$
\begin{cases}\n\frac{1}{r_i} \frac{\partial^2 \delta v}{\partial x^2} = c_m \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial t} + \frac{\delta v}{r_m} (1 + r_m g_{e0}^p + r_m g_{i0}^p) \\
- \delta (x - x_{src}) \left( \mu_v(x_{src}) - E_{rev} \right) \frac{g(t)}{n_{src}}, \quad \forall x \in [0, l_p] \\
\frac{1}{r_i} \frac{\partial^2 \delta v}{\partial x^2} = c_m \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial t} + \frac{\delta v}{r_m} (1 + r_m g_{e0}^d + r_m g_{i0}^d) \\
- \delta (x - x_{src}) \left( \mu_v(x_{src}) - E_{rev} \right) \frac{g(t)}{n_{src}}, \quad \forall x \in [l_p, l] \\
\frac{1}{r_i} \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = C_M \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial t} \Big|_{x=0} + \frac{\delta v(0, t)}{R_m} (1 + R_m G_{i0}^S) \\
\delta v(l_p^-, t) = \delta v(l_p^+, t) \\
\frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial x} \Big|_{t_p^+} = \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial x} \Big|_{t_p^+} \\
\frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=1} = 0\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(12)

Because this synaptic event is concomitant in all branches at distance  $x_{src}$ , we can use again the reduction to the equivalent cylinder (note that the event has now a weight multiplied by  $n_{src}$  so that its conductance becomes  $g(t)$ , we obtain:

<span id="page-4-0"></span>
$$
\begin{cases}\n\frac{\partial^2 \delta v}{\partial X^2} = \left(\tau_m^p + (\tau_m^d - \tau_m^p) \mathcal{H}(X - L_p)\right) \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial t} + \delta v \\
- \left(\mu_v(X_{src}) - E_{rev}\right) \delta (X - X_{src}) \times \\
\frac{g(t)}{c_m} \left(\frac{\tau_m^p}{\lambda^p} + \left(\frac{\tau_m^d}{\lambda^d} - \frac{\tau_m^p}{\lambda^p}\right) \mathcal{H}(X_{src} - L_p)\right) \\
\frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial X} \\
\frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial X}|_{X=0} = \gamma^p \left(\tau_m^S \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial t}|_{X=0} + \delta v(0, t)\right) \\
\delta v (L_p^-, t) = \delta v (L_p^+, t) \\
\frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial X} \frac{\partial v}{\partial X} = \frac{\lambda^p}{\lambda^d} \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial X} L_p^+ \\
\frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial X} \frac{\partial v}{\partial X} = 0\n\end{cases} \tag{13}
$$

where we have introduced the following time constants:

$$
\tau_m^D = \frac{r_m c_m}{1 + r_m g_{e0}^d + r_m g_{i0}^d}
$$
\n
$$
\tau_m^P = \frac{r_m c_m}{1 + r_m g_{e0}^p + r_m g_{i0}^p}
$$
\n
$$
\tau_m^S = \frac{R_m C_m}{1 + R_m G_{i0}^S}
$$
\n(14)

We now use distribution theory (see Appel  $(2008)$  for a comprehensive textbook) to translate the synaptic input into boundary conditions at  $X_{src}$ , physically this corresponds to: 1) the continuity of the membrane potential and 2) the discontinuity of the current resulting from the synaptic input.

$$
\begin{cases}\n\delta v(X_{src}^{-}, f) = \delta v(X_{src}^{+}, f) \\
\frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial X}_{X_{src}^{+}} - \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial X}_{X_{src}^{-}} = -(\mu_v(X_{src}) - E_{rev}) \times \\
(\frac{\tau_m^p}{\lambda^p} + (\frac{\tau_m^d}{\lambda^d} - \frac{\tau_m^p}{\lambda^p}) \mathcal{H}(X_{src} - L_p)) \frac{g(t)}{c_m}\n\end{cases} (15)
$$

We will solve Equation [13](#page-4-0) by using Fourier analysis. We take the following convention for the Fourier transform:

$$
\hat{F}(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} F(t) e^{-2i\pi ft} dt
$$
\n(16)

We Fourier transform the set of Equations [13,](#page-4-0) we obtain:

$$
\begin{cases}\n\frac{\partial^2 \hat{\delta v}}{\partial X^2} = (\alpha_f^p + (\alpha_f^d - \alpha_f^p) \mathcal{H}(X - L_p))^2 \hat{\delta v} \\
\frac{\partial \hat{\delta v}}{\partial X} & = \gamma_f^p \hat{\delta v}(0, f) \\
\hat{\delta v}(X_{src}^-, f) = \hat{\delta v}(X_{src}^+, f) \\
\frac{\partial \hat{\delta v}}{\partial X} X_{src} = \frac{\partial \hat{\delta v}}{\partial X} X_{src}^+ - (\mu_v(X_{src}) - E_{rev}) \times \\
(r_f^p + (r_f^d - r_f^p) \mathcal{H}(X_{src} - L_p)) g(f) \\
\hat{\delta v}(L_p^-, f) = \hat{\delta v}(L_p^+, f) \\
\frac{\partial \hat{\delta v}}{\partial X}_{L_p^-} = \frac{\lambda^p}{\lambda^d} \frac{\partial \hat{\delta v}}{\partial X}_{L_p^+} \\
\frac{\partial \hat{\delta v}}{\partial X}_{X=L} = 0\n\end{cases} (17)
$$

where

$$
\alpha_f^p = \sqrt{1 + 2i\pi f \tau_m^p} \qquad r_f^p = \frac{\tau_m^p}{c_m \lambda^p}
$$

$$
\alpha_f^d = \sqrt{1 + 2i\pi f \tau_m^d} \qquad r_f^d = \frac{\tau_m^d}{c_m \lambda^d}
$$

$$
\gamma_f^p = \gamma^p (1 + 2i\pi f \tau_m^S)
$$

$$
(18)
$$

To obtain the solution, we need to split the solution into two cases:

1.  $X_{src} \leq L_p$ 

Let's write the solution to this equation as the form (already including the boundary conditions at  $X = 0$  and  $X = L$ ):

$$
\hat{\delta v}(X, X_{src}, f) =
$$
\n
$$
\begin{cases}\nA_f(X_{src}) \left(\cosh(\alpha_f^p X) + \gamma^p \sinh(\alpha_f^p X)\right) \\
\text{if } 0 \le X \le X_{src} \le L_p \le L \\
B_f(X_{src}) \cosh(\alpha_f^p (X - L_p)) + C_f(X_{src}) \sinh(\alpha_f^p (X - L_p)) \\
\text{if } 0 \le X_{src} \le X \le L_p \le L \\
D_f(X_{src}) \cosh(\alpha_f^d (X - L)) \\
\text{if } 0 \le X_{src} \le L_p \le X \le L\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(19)

We write the 4 conditions corresponding to the conditions in  $X_{src}$  and  $L_p$ to get  $A_f, B_f, C_f, D_f$ . On a matrix form, this gives:

$$
M = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh(\alpha_f^p X_{src}) + \gamma_f^p \sinh(\alpha_f^p X_{src}) & -\cosh(\alpha_f^p (X_{src} - L_p)) & -\sinh(\alpha_f^p (X_{src} - L_p)) & 0\\ \alpha_f^p (\sinh(\alpha_f^p X_{src}) + \gamma_f^p \cosh(\alpha_f^p X_{src})) & -\alpha_f^p \sinh(\alpha_f^p (X_{src} - L_p)) & -\alpha_f^p \cosh(\alpha_f^p (X_{src} - L_p)) & 0\\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\cosh(\alpha_f^d (L_p - L))\\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_f^p & -\alpha_f^d \frac{\lambda_f^p}{\lambda_d^d} \sinh(\alpha_f^d (L_p - L)) \end{pmatrix}
$$

$$
M \cdot \begin{pmatrix} A_f \\ B_f \\ C_f \\ D_f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -r_f^p I_f \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}
$$
 (21)

And we will solve it with the solve\_linear\_system\_LU method of sympy. For the  ${\mathcal A}_f(X_{src})$  coefficient, we obtain:

$$
A_f(X_{src}) = \frac{a_f^1(X_{src})}{a_f^2(X_{src})}
$$
\n(22)

with:

$$
a_f^1(X_{src}) = I_f r_f^P \left(-\alpha_f^D \lambda^P \cosh\left(L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^P + X_s \alpha_f^P\right) + \alpha_f^D \lambda^P \cosh\left(L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P - X_s \alpha_f^P\right) + \alpha_f^P \lambda^D \cosh\left(L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^P + X_s \alpha_f^P\right) + \alpha_f^P \lambda^D \cosh\left(L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P - X_s \alpha_f^P\right) a_f^2(X_{src}) = \alpha_f^P \left(-\alpha_f^D \gamma_f^P \lambda^P \cosh\left(-L\alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P\right) + \alpha_f^D \gamma_f^P \lambda^P \cosh\left(L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P\right) \alpha_f^D \lambda^P \sinh\left(-L\alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P\right) + \alpha_f^P \lambda^P \sinh\left(L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P\right) + \alpha_f^P \gamma_f^P \lambda^D \cosh\left(-L\alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P\right) + \alpha_f^P \gamma_f^P \lambda^D \cosh\left(L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P\right) + \alpha_f^P \lambda^D \sinh\left(-L\alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P\right) + \alpha_f^P \lambda^D \sinh\left(L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P\right) + \alpha_f^P \lambda^D \sinh\left(L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P\right)
$$

2.  $L_p \leq X_{\rm src}$ 

Let's write the solution to this equation as the form (already including the boundary conditions at  $X = 0$  and  $X = L$ :

$$
\hat{\delta v}(X, X_{src}, f) =
$$
\n
$$
\begin{cases}\nE_f(X_{src}) \left(\cosh(\alpha_f^p X) + \gamma^p \sinh(\alpha_f^p X)\right) \\
\text{if } 0 \le X \le L_p \le X_{src} \le L \\
F_f(X_{src}) \cosh(\alpha_f^d (X - L_p)) + G_f(X_{src}) \sinh(\alpha_f^d (X - L_p)) \\
\text{if } 0 \le L_p \le X \le X_{src} \le L \\
H_f(X_{src}) \cosh(\alpha_f^d (X - L)) \\
\text{if } 0 \le L_p \le X_{src} \le X \le L\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(24)

We write the 4 conditions corresponding to the conditions in  $X_{src}$  and  $L_p$ to get  $A_f$ ,  $B_f$ ,  $C_f$ ,  $D_f$ . On a matrix form, this gives:

We rewrite this condition on a matrix form:

$$
M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh(\alpha_f^p L_p) + \gamma_f^p \sinh(\alpha_f^p L_p) & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ \alpha_f^p (\sinh(\alpha_f^p L_p) + \gamma_f^p \cosh(\alpha_f^p L_p)) & 0 & -\alpha_f^d \frac{\lambda^p}{\lambda^d} & 0\\ 0 & \cosh(\alpha_f^d (X_{src} - L_p)) & \sinh(\alpha_f^d (X_{src} - L_p)) & -\cosh(\alpha_f^d (X_{src} - L))\\ 0 & \alpha_f^d \sinh(\alpha_f^d (X_{src} - L_p)) & \alpha_f^d \cosh(\alpha_f^d (X_{src} - L_p)) & -\alpha_f^d \sinh(\alpha_f^d (X_{src} - L))\\ \end{pmatrix} \tag{25}
$$

$$
M \cdot \begin{pmatrix} E_f \\ F_f \\ G_f \\ H_f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -r_f^d I_f \end{pmatrix}
$$
 (26)

And we will solve it with the solve\_linear\_system\_LU method of sympy. For the  $E_f(X_{src})$  coefficient, we obtain:

$$
E_f(X_{src}) = \frac{e_f^1(X_{src})}{e_f^2(X_{src})}
$$
\n
$$
(27)
$$

with:

$$
e_f^1(X_{src}) = 2I_f \lambda^P r_f^D \cosh (\alpha_f^D (L - X_s))
$$
  
\n
$$
e_f^2(X_{src}) = -\alpha_f^D \gamma_f^P \lambda^P \cosh (-L\alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P)
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \alpha_f^D \gamma_f^P \lambda^P \cosh (L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P)
$$
  
\n
$$
- \alpha_f^D \lambda^P \sinh (-L\alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P)
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \alpha_f^D \lambda^P \sinh (L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P)
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \alpha_f^P \gamma_f^P \lambda^D \cosh (-L\alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P)
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \alpha_f^P \gamma_f^P \lambda^D \cosh (L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P)
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \alpha_f^P \lambda^D \sinh (-L\alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P)
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \alpha_f^P \lambda^D \sinh (L\alpha_f^D - L_p \alpha_f^D + L_p \alpha_f^P)
$$

From this calculus, we can write the PSP at the soma on the form:

<span id="page-8-1"></span>
$$
\hat{\delta v}(X=0, X_{src}, f) = K_f(X_{src}) \left(\mu_v(X_{src}) - E_{rev}\right) g(f) \tag{29}
$$

where  $K_f(X_{src})$  given by:

$$
K_f(X_{src}) = \begin{cases} A_f(X_{src}) & \forall X_{src} \in [0, L_p] \\ E_f(X_{src}) & \forall X_{src} \in [L_p, L] \end{cases} \tag{30}
$$

This is obtained by taking a unitary current  $I_f=1$  in the previous calculus.

# <span id="page-8-0"></span>4 Deriving the power spectrum of the membrane potential fluctuations

The calculus rely on the ability to obtain the power spectrum of the membrane potential fluctuations at the soma  $P_V(f)$ .

This can be obtained from shotnoise theory [\(Daley and Vere-Jones, 2007\)](#page-10-4) (see also [El Boustani et al. \(2009\)](#page-10-5) for an application similar to ours), the general form of the power spectrum density can be expressed as:

<span id="page-9-1"></span>
$$
P_V(f) = \sum_{\{syn\}} N_{syn} F_{\text{synch}} \nu_{syn} ||\text{PSP}_{syn}(f)||^2
$$

(31)

(32)

where  $\{syn\}$  is the set of identical synapses, each having  $N_{syn}$  synapses, a Poisson release probability:  $\nu_{syn}$  and creating a post-synaptic event  $\text{PSP}_{syn}(t)$ . In addition,  $F_{\text{synch}}$  is a synchrony factor (depending on the variable s in the model), it accounts for the effects of the synchronous arrivals of presynaptic events. Given the synchrony generator considered in the main text, the synchrony factor takes the form:

$$
F_{\text{synch}} = (1 - s) + (s - s^2)2^2 + (s^2 - s^3)3^2 + s^3 4^2
$$

because single events arise with a probability  $1 - s$ , double events with a probability  $s - s^2$  (and the PSP are squared in Eq. [4,](#page-9-1) hence the  $2^2$  factor), etc...

Now obtaining the power spectrum density  $P_V(f)$  in our situation requires to explicit the sum over synapses:  $\sum_{\{syn\}}$ , In our cases, we need to sum over 1) their type (excitatory/inhibitory,  $\sum_{s \in \{e,i\}}$ ), 2) their location (we will integrate over the dendritic length  $\int_0^L dx$  3) branches.

<span id="page-9-2"></span>
$$
P_V(f) = \sum_{s \in \{e, i\}} \int_0^L dx \, \pi \, \mathcal{D}_s \Big( d_t \, 2^{-\frac{2}{3} \lfloor \frac{B \cdot x}{l} \rfloor} \Big) \, 2^{\lfloor \frac{B \cdot x}{l} \rfloor} \, F_{\text{synch}} \, \nu_s(x) \, \|\hat{\delta v}_s(0, x, f)\|^2
$$

$$
+ \pi \, \mathcal{D}_i \, l_S \, d_S \, F_{\text{synch}} \, \nu_i(0) \, \|\hat{\delta v}_i(0, 0, f)\|^2 \tag{33}
$$

where  $\hat{\delta v}_s(0, x, f)$  is given by Eq. [29](#page-8-1) (note that the dependency on synaptic type s comes from the reversal potential term  $E_{rev}$  in Eq. [29\)](#page-8-1). The factor  $2^{\lfloor \frac{Bx}{l} \rfloor}$  corresponds to the sum of the synapses over the different branches at the distance x. The term  $\left(d_t 2^{-\frac{2}{3} \lfloor \frac{B x}{l} \rfloor}\right)$  is the diameter of the branches at the distance x.

The last term in Eq. [33](#page-9-2) corresponds to the contribution of somatic inhibitory synapses (number of somatic inhibitory synapses:  $\pi \mathcal{D}_i l_S d_S$ .

### <span id="page-9-0"></span>5 Deriving the fluctuations properties  $(\mu_V, \sigma_V, \tau_V)$

The final expressions for the fluctuation propeorties as a function of  $(\nu_e^p, \nu_i^p, \nu_e^d, \nu_i^d, s)$ are thus given by:

- $\mu_V$ : we obtain the mean of the fluctuations at the soma by taking  $\mu_V(0)$ in Equation [8.](#page-3-1)
- $\sigma_V$ : we obtain the standard deviation of the fluctuations from the power spectrum density in Equation [33](#page-9-2) and the expression:

$$
\sigma_V^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} P_V(f) \, df \tag{34}
$$

This integral expression was discretized and evaluated numerically

•  $\tau_V$ : we obtain the autocorrelation time of the fluctuations from the power spectrum density in Equation [33](#page-9-2) and the expression [\(Zerlaut et al., 2016\)](#page-10-6):

$$
\tau_V = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} P_V(f) \, df}{P_V(0)} \right)^{-1} \tag{35}
$$

This integral expression was discretized and evaluated numerically

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