Calcium spiking as a mediator between metabolism and cell fate

- A life and death approach -





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Life: smart way to use energy for information processing



How Does (Multicellular) Life Work?

"Nothing in Biology Makes Sense Except in the Light of Evolution"

(Theodosius Dobzhansky 1973)

Evolution := mutation × selection \rightarrow heterogeneity × dynamics

"Nothing in Biology Makes Sense Except in the Light of *Cellular Heterogeneity Dynamics* "

Life := noise × regulation \rightarrow energy × information processing





Time

Challenge of Life: balance energy and information processing



ightarrow using energy **for gene-environment adaptation** away from equilibrium

The bright and dark side of Ca²⁺



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Physiological
 Phenotype
 → death of dopaminergic in substancia nigra

Clinical Phenotype tremor, rigidity, ...



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mechanism in neurodegeneration



Statistical spiking characteristics



Average interspike interval T_{av} (s)

- linear relation between σ and mean \rightarrow evidence for stochastic process - condition (cell type & stimulation) specific slope

Probabilistic model

T_{stoch} described by:

- time-dependent Poisson process with rate Λ(t) = λ (1 − e^{-ξt})
 λ ⇒ nucleation rate
 - $\xi \Rightarrow$ recovery rate
- probability of a spike at time t:

Features of statistical moments

$$\mathcal{P}_{\xi}(t) = \lambda \left(\mathbf{1} - e^{-\xi t}
ight) \exp \left[- \int_{0}^{t} \lambda \left(\mathbf{1} - e^{-\xi t'}
ight) dt'
ight]$$

ISI consists of 2 parts ...



ξ=0.0015



600

Information content of the environment

Information gain:

$$\mathcal{K}(p_1,p_2)=k\int_0^\infty p_1(t)\log\frac{p_1(t)}{p_2(t)}dt$$

For pure *P*_{poi} & recovery *P*ξ Poisson

$$egin{array}{rcl} \mathcal{K}_{\xi} &=& k \left[\mathcal{H} \left(\lambda / \xi
ight) + rac{1}{\left(1 + \lambda / \xi
ight)} - 1
ight] \ &=& f \left(\lambda / \xi
ight) \end{array}$$



The σ -T_{av} slope $m = g(\lambda/\xi) = CV$ also only depends on λ/ξ \mathcal{K} **1.6** since P_{ξ} leads to first 2 moments: 1.4 HEK 1.2 $T_{\text{stoch}} = \frac{e^{\frac{\lambda}{\xi}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\xi}\right)^{1-\frac{\lambda}{\xi}}}{\lambda} \left[\Gamma\left(\frac{\lambda}{\xi}\right) - \Gamma\left(\frac{\lambda}{\xi}, \frac{\lambda}{\xi}\right) \right]$ 0.8 0.6 **PLA** 0.4 $\left\langle \mathbf{T}^{2}\right\rangle = \frac{2e^{\frac{\lambda}{\xi}}}{\lambda^{2}} {}_{2}\mathbf{F}_{2}\left[\left(\frac{\lambda}{\xi},\frac{\lambda}{\xi}\right),\left(1+\frac{\lambda}{\xi},1+\frac{\lambda}{\xi}\right),-\frac{\lambda}{\xi}\right]$ 0.2 m 0.7 0.8 0.9 glia

σ (s)

Encoding of information within cells

[Thurley 2014]



Implications for life (of cells)?



Mitochondria activation



I. Dissecting crosstalk for metabolic decoding



by interdisciplinary approaches

Starting from computational model



7 variables, 3 conservation laws, 16 flux expressions and 58 parameters.

Deterministic model based on previous work



Impact of mitochondrial substrate on Ca²⁺



Decreasing mitochondrial substrates leads to decreasing cytosolic ATP and increasing frequency of Ca²⁺ signals.

"Reality" in C8-D1A astrocytic cell line



Ca²⁺ - Energy Metabolism Crosstalk

Effect of mitochondrial substrate limitations

To observe effect "energy buffers" (like glycogen) have to be depleted



Decreasing mitochondrial carbon inputs decrease cellular ATP levels, increase Ca²⁺ frequency and glutamine uptake

Effect of Ca²⁺ frequency on energy metabolism



How does Ca²⁺ spiking affect enzyme activity and substrate uptake?

Impact of Ca²⁺ Periods on the Energy Metabolism



Glucose & glutamine uptake rates increase with decreasing Ca²⁺ periods

Metabolic Decoding of Ca²⁺ Spikes

C8-D1A cells



Integration of Ca²⁺ triggering activity



Enzyme Activity

ctivity

Metabolic fluxes



Indicates further importance of stochastic dynamics

Frequency (min⁻¹)



2. Cellular dynamics in PD





PD @ single cell RNAseq resolution









Cellular heterogeneity and gene characterization

Indicate faster dopaminergic (mDA) neuron development



Cell cycle (and stemness) and mito genes differ most at day 10 and 14



Branching analysis for development



Ordering based pseudotime as a prior of developmental stage



Pseudotime/Developmental Stage

What's about calcium and LRRK2?



mitochondrial activity and aging ...

(Flemming lab)

0

10

Interspike interval (s)

30

40

3. Epithelial to mesenchymal transition



EMT triggered by Ca²⁺ dynamics signalling

mesenchymal

[Ca²⁺]

imaging

epithelial

computer

controlled

perfusion

system

Synchronized cells by perfusion system



30





Downstream analysis @ single cell resolution Stimulated

Control



mesenchymal and epithelial cells

Branching analysis with dynamic clustering

Applying dynamic clustering (Monocle 2)



Core network insights

Most 200 correlated genes



 → Regulation of mitochondria related genes
 → Apoptosis induction



1200 most absolute correlated genes

Functional network



Moment based cell state decoding



Stochastic spiking supports EMT

- CADM3 ↓ epithelial marker

- EPCAM epithelial marker

- CD63 mesenchymal marker
- FST ↓ epithelial marker
- FXYD3[↑] epithelial marker, insufficient for EMT(involved in E cell polarity)
- JUP↓ epithelial marker
- LAMB3↓ epithelial marker
- TMSB4X facilitate cell motility(EMT)

... and increases cellular heterogeneity – to be followed up



general code of *life* still lacking



 \rightarrow using energy for gene-environment adaptation away from equilibrium

Integrative multiscale approaches



Final Commercials

Bioinformatics: Systems Biology

CaSiAn: a Calcium Signaling Analyzer tool

Α

Intensity

D

AMP

Intensity

Peak value

SW threshold

Nadir value

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Free, easy to use and GUI based analysis tool for (Ca²⁺) spiking

- background removal
- spiking times
- amplitudes



http://r3lab.uni.lu/web/casa



Τ., (s) ATP Concentration (µM)

ISI (s)

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