

# Machine Learning for Generalized Multiscale Modeling

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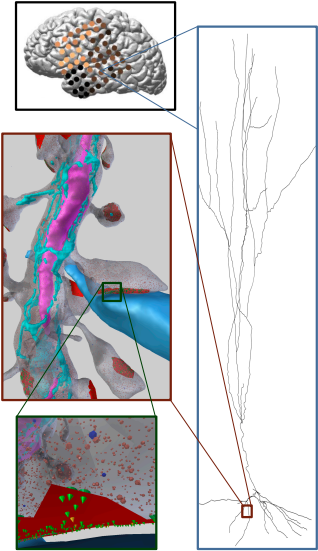
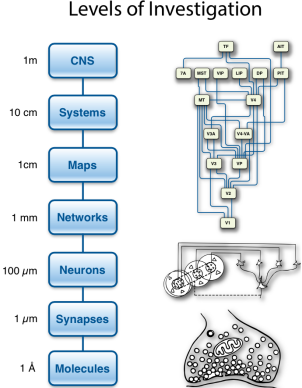
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# Levels of Investigation in Neuroscience



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# Multiscale Modeling of Rxn-Diffusion Systems

Two problems for multiscale modeling:

1. **“How”** - Model reduction of a complex system
2. **“What”** - What accuracy to use to describe the system in practice - may change over time!

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**Particle Distribution**

	Uniform	Non-uniform
Low	Gridless SSA (Stochastic Sim. Algorithm)	Particle-Based (MCell)
	Gridless SSA	Gridded SSA
	Stochastic ODEs	Stochastic PDEs
Infinite	ODEs (Mass action)	PDEs (Finite elements)

Particle Number ↑  
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**Chemical master equation (CME):**

$$\dot{p} = Wp$$

describes all dynamical regimes

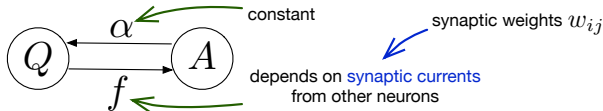
# Neural Master Equation

Goal: analysis rather than simulation

Model	References	Number of Parameters	Sampling Possible?	Fit for Large $N$ ?	Direct Estimates of Pattern Probabilities?	Low-Dimensional Model of Entire Distribution?
Pairwise maximum entropy	Schneidman et al. (2006); Shlens et al. (2006)	$\sim N^2$	Yes	Difficult	Difficult	No
K-pairwise maximum entropy	Tkacik et al. (2013, 2014)	$\sim N^2$	Yes	Difficult	Difficult	No
Spatiotemporal maximum entropy	Marre et al. (2009); Nasser et al. (2013)	$\sim RN^2$	Yes	Difficult	Difficult	No
Semi-restricted Boltzmann Machine	Köster et al. (2014)	$\sim N^2$	Yes	Difficult	Difficult	No
Reliable interaction model	Ganmor et al. (2011)	Data dependent	No	Yes	Approximate	No
Generalized linear models	Pillow et al. (2008)	$\sim DN^2$	Yes	Difficult	No	No
Dichotomized gaussian	Amari et al. (2003); Macke et al. (2009)	$\sim N^2$	Yes	Yes	No	No
Cascaded logistic	Park et al. (2013)	$\sim N^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Population coupling	Okun et al. (2012, 2015)	$3N$	Yes	Yes	No	No
Population tracking	This study	$N^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Note: For the “Number of parameters” column,  $N$  indicates the number neurons considered,  $\sim$  indicates “scales with,”  $D$  indicates the number of coefficients per interaction term, and  $R$  indicates the number of timepoints across which temporal correlations are considered.

Two state model:



C. ODonnell, J. T. Goncalves, N. Whiteley, C. Portera-Cailliau, and T. J. Sejnowski. The population tracking model: A simple, scalable statistical model for neural population data. *Neural Computation* 2016.

# Why is solving the CME hard?

## Two key challenges:

### 1. System state space size explosion:

- ▶ # states in CME grows exponentially with # variables describing system
- ▶ e.g. Gillespie SSA - but requires sufficient trajectories!

### 2. Moment closure:

- ▶ Diff. eqs. for moments depend on higher order moments (analogous: BBGKY hierarchy)

# Short outline of the rest of the talk

## Goal:

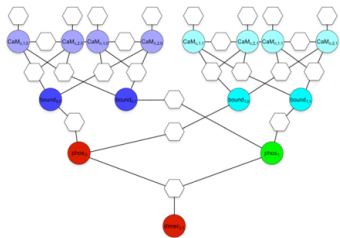
## Develop ML approaches to address these problems!

Short outline of the rest of the talk:

1. ML for model reduction
  - ▶ How: Moment closure + State space size explosion
2. Multiscale modeling extensions
  - ▶ What accuracy to use to describe the system in practice?
3. The future:
  - ▶ Applications to synaptic biochemistry?
  - ▶ Interfaces with library versions of MCell?
  - ▶ MCell/NEURON?

# ML for Model Reduction: Graph Constrained Correlation Dynamics (GCCD)

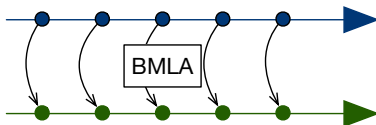
$$\tilde{p}(s, t; \{\mu\}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\mu(t))} \exp \left[ - \sum_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha}(t) V_{\alpha}(s) \right] \quad (1)$$



Example Markov Random Field (MRF) for CaMKII

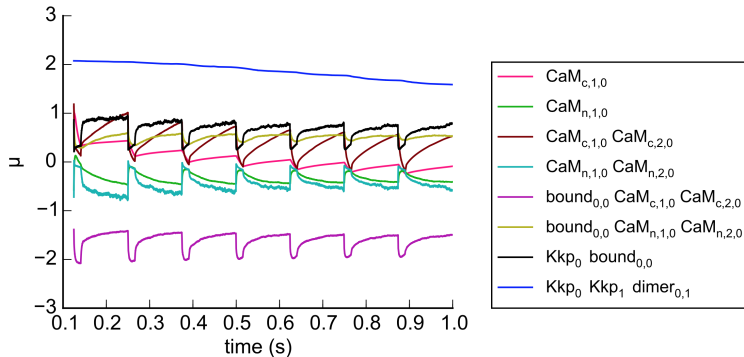
BMLA at each time

Stoch. Sim. of CaMKII by MCell



Interaction cliques  $\{\mu_{\alpha}(t)\}$

# Graph Constrained Correlation Dynamics (GCCD)



## Reduced parameters $\mu$ obey some dynamical model

1. What are the time evolution operators? ML them!
2. Spatial dynamics



# Define space of reduced dynamics

**True  
(fine scale)**

$p(n, \alpha, \mathbf{x}, t) = n$  particles at  $\mathbf{x}$  of species  $\alpha$

**Reduced  
model**

$$\tilde{p}(n, \alpha, \mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\{\nu\})} \exp \left[ - \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{\langle i \rangle} \nu_k(\mathbf{x}_{\langle i \rangle}, \alpha_{\langle i \rangle}, t) \right]$$

- ▶  $\nu_k(\mathbf{x}_{\langle i \rangle}, \alpha_{\langle i \rangle}, t) = k$ -particle interaction functions
  - ▶  $\nu_1(\{\alpha\}, \{x\}, t) =$  single particle (self) interaction
  - ▶  $\nu_2(\{\alpha, \beta\}, \{x, y\}, t) =$  two particle interaction
  - ▶ ... up to order  $K$
- ▶ Mean Field Theory - style, but slowly time-varying



# Variational problem for the time evolution operators

MaxEnt problem:

Minimize KL divergence between  $p$  and  $\tilde{p}$

$$\text{Action: } S = \int_0^\infty dt \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p \ln \frac{p}{\tilde{p}} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Solve: } \frac{\delta S}{\delta F_k(\{\nu\})} = 0 \quad (4)$$

Solution:

$$\text{Gives } \{F_k\} \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \nu_k(t) = F_k(\{\nu_l\}_{l=1}^K) \rightarrow \{\nu_k\}$$

$$\tilde{p}(n, t) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\{\nu\})} \exp \left[ - \sum_{k=1}^K \binom{n}{k} \nu_k(t) \right]$$

which is at all times MaxEnt to true CME  $p$

# Boltzmann machine (BM) - like learning algorithm

## Initialize:

Fully visible MRF with interaction cliques up to order  $K$   
Initial guess  $F_k(\{\nu\})$

## While not converged:

1. Solve for reduced dynamics  $\frac{d}{dt}\nu_k(t) = F_k(\{\nu\})$  from random IC
2. **Boltzmann machine step:**

*Awake phase:* Evaluate true moments  $\langle \binom{n}{k'} \rangle_p$  by stoch. sim.

*Asleep phase:* Evaluate  $\langle \binom{n}{k'} \rangle_{\tilde{p}}$  by Gibbs sampling

3. **Evaluate the objective function:**

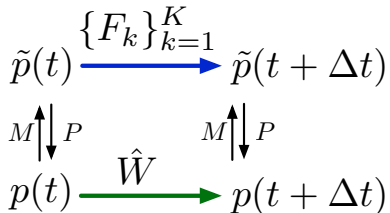
$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta F_k(\{\nu\})} = \sum_{k'=1}^K \int_0^\infty dt \left( \left\langle \binom{n}{k'} \right\rangle_p(t) - \left\langle \binom{n}{k'} \right\rangle_{\tilde{p}}(t) \right) \frac{\delta \nu_{k'}(t)}{\delta F_k(\{\nu\})} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\delta \nu_{k'}(t)}{\delta F_k(\{\nu\})} \right) = \delta(t) \delta_{kk'} \delta(\{\nu\} - \{\nu_0\}) + \sum_{l=1}^K F_l(\{\nu_0\}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu_{l0}} \left( \frac{\delta \nu_{k'}(t)}{\delta F_k(\{\nu\})} \right) \quad (6)$$

4. **Gradient descent:**

$$F_k(\{\nu\}) \rightarrow F_k(\{\nu\}) - \lambda \frac{\delta S}{\delta F_k(\{\nu\})} \quad (7)$$

# Multiscale modeling!



- ▶ How do you know which interactions to include?
- ▶ Which spatial correlations are important?

## Shift the ML problem:

- ▶ **Previously:**

**Known:** which correlations are important:  $\nu_k \rightarrow \langle \binom{n}{k} \rangle$

**ML:** what are the basis functions  $F_k$  (time evolution)?

- ▶ **Now:**

**Known:** analytic  $F_k$  controlling different correlations

**ML:** which are important to include?

# The discrete limit & Ising models

- ▶ Continuous  $\rightarrow$  discrete



$\bullet$  = spin 1

$\bigcirc$  = spin 0

$$\tilde{p}(\{s_i\}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left[ h \sum_{i=1}^N s_i + J \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} s_i s_{i+1} \right]$$

- ▶ MaxEnt consistent with moments
  - ▶  $\sum_{i=1}^N s_i =$  ave. # of particles
  - ▶  $\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} s_i s_{i+1} =$  ave. # of nearest neighbors

## Basis functions:

Analytically find:  $\frac{dh}{dt} = F_h(h, J)$

$\frac{dJ}{dt} = F_J(h, J)$

# Analytic basis functions

- ▶ Partition function in 1D is analytically accessible  
**Solves inverse Ising problem:**

$$\text{At large } N : \ln \mathcal{Z} \approx \lambda_+^N \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \langle \sum_{i=1}^N s_i \rangle (t) = \partial_h \ln \mathcal{Z} \\ \langle \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} s_i s_{i+1} \rangle (t) = \partial_J \ln \mathcal{Z} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

## Solution for basis functions:

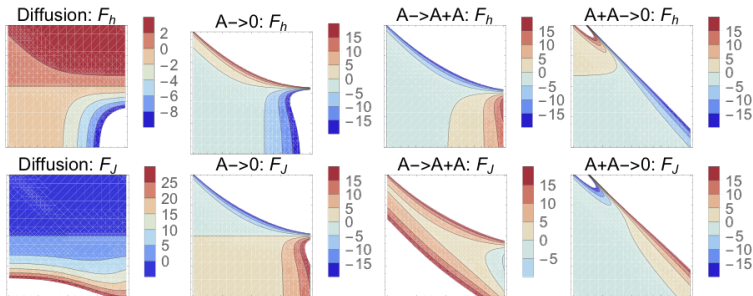
$$\begin{pmatrix} F_h(h, J) \\ F_J(h, J) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_h^2 \ln \mathcal{Z} & \partial_h \partial_J \ln \mathcal{Z} \\ \partial_h \partial_J \ln \mathcal{Z} & \partial_J^2 \ln \mathcal{Z} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} \langle \sum_{i=1}^N s_i \rangle \\ \frac{d}{dt} \langle \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} s_i s_{i+1} \rangle \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

RHS  $\frac{d}{dt} \langle \dots \rangle$  given by CME

- ▶ Moment closure:  $\frac{d}{dt} \langle \dots \rangle$  may not close  
**But: all moments** can be related to  $h, J$  since  $\mathcal{Z}$  is analytically accessible!

# Analytic solutions for simple systems

## Simple Reaction Motifs



Horizontal/Vertical:  $h, J \in [-4, 4]$

1. **General reversible process:**  $A \leftrightarrow B + C$ .
2. **Substrate Enzyme Product (SEP):**  
 $E + S \leftrightarrow ES \rightarrow E + P$ .



# Linearity of Basis Functions $\rightarrow$ ML for Multiscale

- ▶ Linearity in the CME  $\Rightarrow$  linearity in the basis functions

$$\dot{p} = \sum_r W_r p \Rightarrow F_h = \sum_r F_{h,r}$$

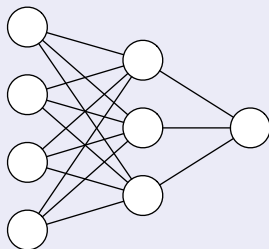
What accuracy should be used to describe system ?

ML linear combinations of known basis functions

$$F_{h,\text{learned}} = \sum_r \theta_{h,r} F_{h,r} \text{ and similarly for } J \quad (10)$$

Basis functions  
for analytically  
solvable reaction  
systems

$$F_{h,r}$$



Optimal basis  
function  
 $F_{h,\text{learned}}$

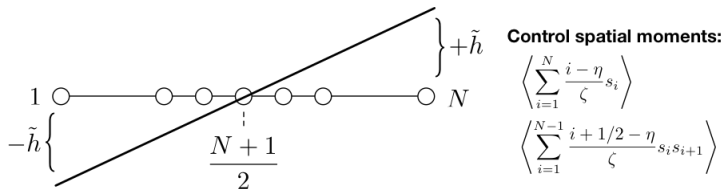
**Train from stoch. sim. (e.g. MCell) to learn polynomial**

# 1D $\rightarrow$ 2D $\rightarrow$ 3D

- ▶ Ising model: homogenous  $h, J$

Control:  $\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N s_i \right\rangle = \# \text{ particles}$        $\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} s_i s_{i+1} \right\rangle = \text{NN}$

- ▶ **Arbitrary spatial correlations:** Linear perturbations:

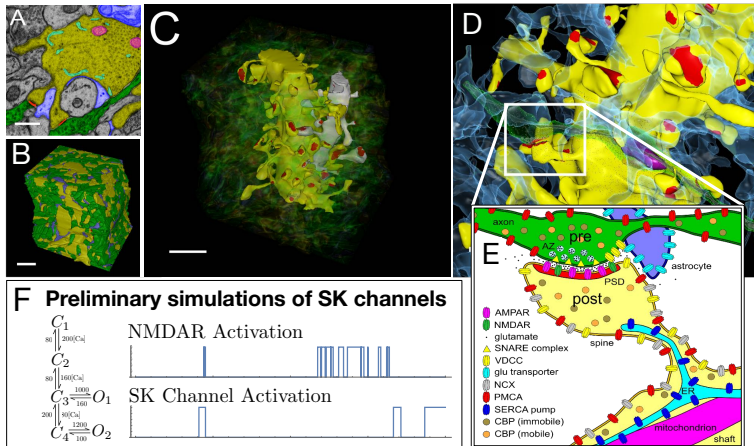


- ▶  $\mathcal{Z}$  is analytically accessible  $\Rightarrow$  analytic basis functions

## Complex Spatial Correlations in 3D

Approximate using **piecewise linear functions** on mesh  
Analogous to basis (“hat” functions) in **Finite Elements**

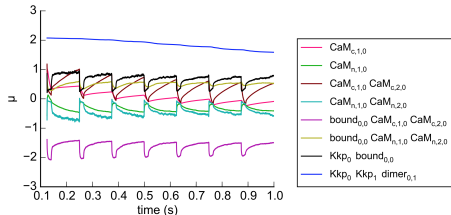
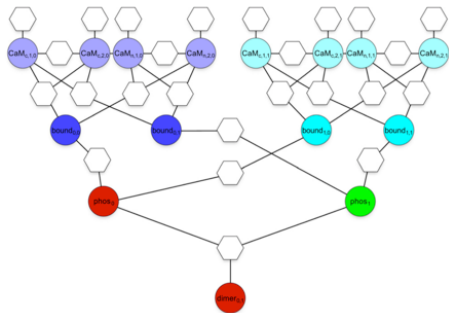
# SK channels



Bartol, T. et al. Computational reconstitution of spine calcium transients from individual proteins. *Frontiers in Synaptic Neuroscience* (2015)

Hirschberg, B. et al, Gating of recombinant small-conductance Ca-activated K channels by calcium. *J. Gen. Physiol* (1998)

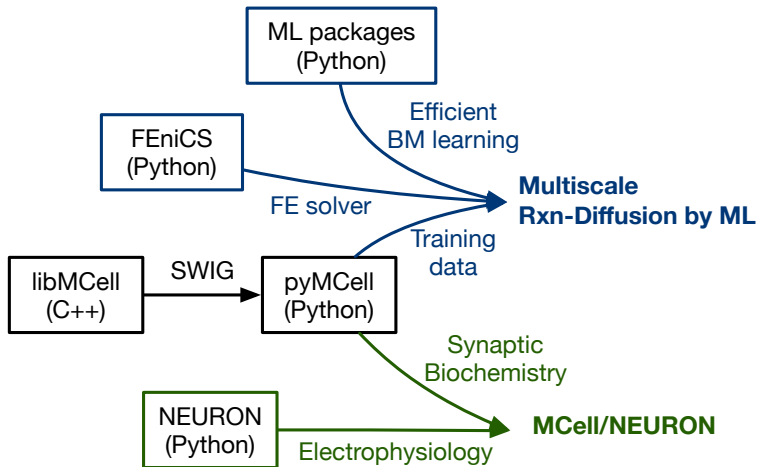
# Calmodulin/CaMKII complex



Johnson et al. Model reduction for stochastic CaMKII reaction kinetics in synapses by graph-constrained correlation dynamics. *Physical biology* 2015.

- ▶ Reduced models for simulations scaling up to electrophysiology
- ▶ PSD-CaMKII interactions?

# Interface with library versions of MCell: libMCell & pyMCell

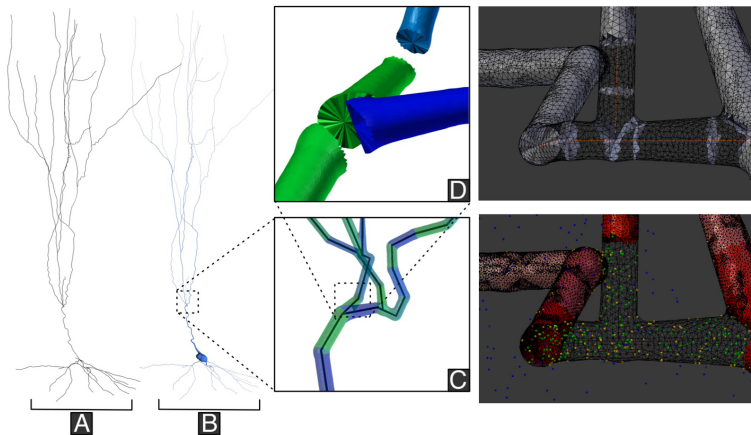


libMCell/pyMCell: Thanks Jacob, Bob, Evan, Tom et al.!

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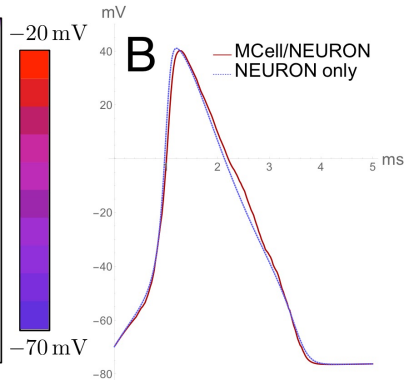
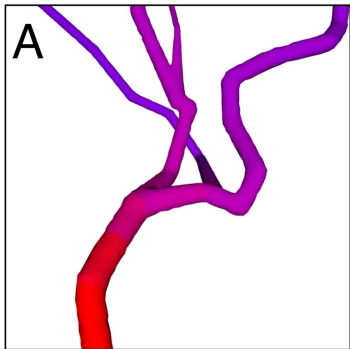
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<b>C</b> Closed-loop "checkpointing"	Closed-loop <b>Preliminary Python</b>	Open-loop <b>MCell only</b>
414.2 s = previous implementation without Python	1.6 s = proposed implementation, without parallel processing	0.4 s = maximum speed possible

- ▶ **“How to do model reduction”:**  
→ Boltzmann machine learning algorithms that *approximate time evolution operators* of a reduced model
- ▶ **“What accuracy to use to describe the system in practice”:**  
→ ML algorithms to determine optimal scales from stoch. sim. data (e.g. MCell)
- ▶ **Future:**
  - ▶ 1D → 2D → 3D via Finite Elements
  - ▶ Tailor methods to real synaptic biochemistry: SK channels & CaMKII reduced model
  - ▶ Software packages interfacing with libMCell/pyMCell



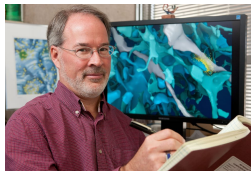
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