

Quantitative reductions of HH - type models:

Timescale Separation and Generalized Integrate + Fire Models.

CH. 5 of GERSTNER.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dV}{dt} = f_V(V, \vec{x}) + I(t) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dx_j}{dt} = f_j(V, x_j) \end{array} \right. .$$

$$= (x_j^\infty(V) - x_j) / \tau_j(V)$$

Say...  $j = 1 \dots N$  fast of these conductance variables are "fast":  $\tau_j(V) \ll 1$  for values of  $V$  near "resting" equilibrium... or just for typical values of  $V$  before a spike.

ie, letting  $\tilde{\tau}_j(V)$  be  $O(1)$ ,

$$\frac{dx_j}{dt} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_j} (x_j^\infty(V) - x_j) / \tilde{\tau}_j(V), \text{ ie}$$

$x_j(t) \rightarrow x_j^\infty(V)$  with very rapid dynamics,

at least when  $V$  is subthreshold, ie before a spike.

So... original system

(don't need to write)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f \left( \underbrace{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{N-1}, x_N}_{N_{\text{fast}}} \right)$$

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = f_1(V, x_1)$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = f_2(V, x_2)$$

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$$\frac{dx_N}{dt} = f_N(V, x_N)$$

BECOMES...

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = f \left( \underbrace{x_1^{\infty}(V), \dots, x_{N_{\text{FAST}}}^{\infty}(V)}_{N_{\text{FAST}}}, x_{N_{\text{FAST}}+1}, x_{N_{\text{FAST}}+2}, \dots, x_N \right)$$

$$\frac{dx_{N_{\text{FAST}}+1}}{dt} = f_{N_{\text{FAST}}+1}(V, x_{N_{\text{FAST}}+1})$$

$$\frac{dx_N}{dt} = f_N(V, x_N)$$

Have eliminated fast variables. Formalize:

(geometric) singular perturbation theory.

Next ... say the remaining variables are slow :

eg. 
$$\frac{dx_N}{dt} = \epsilon \frac{x_N^\infty(V) - x_N}{\tau_N(V)} \quad \dots \text{for "typical values" of } V \text{ before spike.}$$

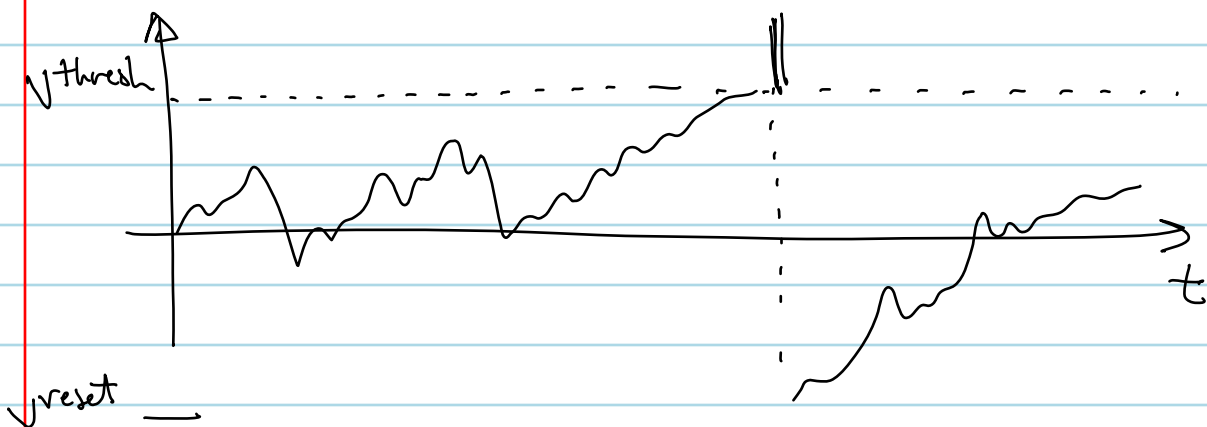
Then say ... when  $V$  subthreshold,

$$x_N(t) \approx \underline{\text{const.}} \quad (\text{Let that const. be } \bar{x}_N).$$

And ... left w/ single ODE:

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = f \left( \underbrace{x_1^\infty(V), x_2^\infty(V), \dots}_{\text{fast}}, \underbrace{\bar{x}_{N-1}, \bar{x}_N}_{\text{slow}} \right) \quad (1)$$

... for  $V$  below spiking threshold  $V_{\text{thresh}}$ .



Then, "declare" spike; and reset  $V(t) \rightarrow V_{\text{reset}} \dots$   
 then follow (i) again.

This is [As will see below,  $\omega(\text{multi } x^\infty(V))$ ,] the NAKAMURA  
INTEGRATE + FIRE MODEL.

*(5.15 in Gerstner)*  
E.g. ... The original 1952 HH eq's are of form...

$$C\dot{V} = \bar{g}_{Na} m^3 h (E_{Na} - V) + \bar{g}_K n^4 (E_K - V) + g_L (E_L - V) + I(t)$$

$$\dot{m} = f_m(V, m) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \underline{\text{fast}}$$

$$\dot{n} = f_n(V, n) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{slow}$$

$$\dot{h} = f_h(V, h) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{slow} \dots$$

So get (Gerstner 5.15)  $F(V)$

$$C\dot{V} = \bar{g}_{Na} (m^\infty(V))^3 \bar{h} (E_{Na} - V) + \bar{g}_K n^4 (E_K - V) + g_L (E_L - V) + I(t)$$

Fourcard-Trocme 2003:

$$F(V) \approx \frac{-V - V_{\text{rest}}}{\tau} + \frac{\Delta}{\tau} \exp\left(\frac{V - V_t}{\Delta}\right) \quad , \text{i.e.}$$

is well-fit by linear + exp. terms. This defines the

(EXPONENTIAL INTEGRATE + FIRE MODEL) (EIF)

Side  
 5.3  
 (not this.)

The EIF has also been successfully fit to data.

Badell et al, 2008. Idea:

$$C \frac{dV}{dt} = F(V(t)) + I(t)$$

Known current  
Inject into neuron,  
measure resulting

$V(t)$  (→ hence  $\frac{dV}{dt}$ )

$$\text{Let } F(V(t)) = \left\langle C \frac{dV}{dt} - I(t) \right\rangle$$

for given  $V(t)$

Avg. over all times  
when voltage =  $V(t)$

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[ Slide... Gerstner 5.5 ... AND 5.6, which gives addn<sup>l</sup> time-dep.

by re-fitting model in diff. time windows following spike.

\* "Best" value of  $C$  is one that minimizes the width of the  $V$ -conditioned distrib. above.

SIDE/EXTRA NOTES...

Thinking about ... choosing value of  $C$ :



base point  
 Fix  $V$ .  
 For any  $C$ , make scatter of  $C \frac{dV}{dt} - I(V)$ .  
 For each, mean =  $F(V)$   
 choose  $C$  so that this scatter minimized (averaged over all values of  $V$ )

Trivial,  $C=0$  works only if  $I(V) \equiv \text{const} \dots$