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PP1-9-36

Sparsely Synchronized Brain Rhythm in A Small-World Neural Network

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Sparsely synchronized cortical rhythms, associated with diverse cognitive functions, have been observed in electric recordings of brain activity. At the population level, cortical rhythms exhibit small-amplitude fast oscillations, while at the cellular level, individual neurons show stochastic firings sparsely at a much lower rate than the population rate. We study the effect of network architecture on sparse synchronization in an inhibitory population of subthreshold Morris-Lecar neurons (which cannot fire spontaneously without noise). Previously, sparse synchronization was found to occur for both cases of global coupling (i.e., regular all-to-all coupling) and random coupling. However, a real neural network is known to be non-regular and non-random. Here, we consider sparse Watts-Strogatz small-world networks (with predominantly short-range connections and rare long-range connections). We start from the regular network with only short-range connections, and then investigate emergence of sparse synchronization by increasing the rewiring probability p for the short-range connections. For p=0, the average synaptic path length between pairs of neurons becomes long, and hence there appear only incoherent population states because the global efficiency of information transfer is low. However, as p is increased, long-range connections begin to appear, and global effective communication between distant neurons may be available via shorter synaptic paths. Consequently, as p passes a threshold, sparsely synchronized population rhythms emerge. However, with increasing p the network wiring length becomes longer. At an optimal value p^* of the rewiring probability, the ratio of the synchrony degree to the wiring cost is found to become maximal. In this way, an optimal sparse synchronization is found to occur at a minimal wiring cost in an economic small-world network through trade-off between synchrony and wiring cost.