

Stellate cell computational modeling predicts signal filtering in the molecular layer circuit of cerebellum

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List of abbreviations used below:

- SC, stellate cell
- PC, Purkinje cell
- AIS, axon initial segment
- Dendprox, proximal dendrites
- Denddist, distal dendrites
- AP, action potential
- AHP, afterhyperpolarization
- Thr, threshold
- Ampl, amplitude
- HW, half-width
- Freq, frequency
- eFEL, Electrophys Feature Extraction Library

Ionic channels

Nav1.1 - Nav1.6. Expression and distribution of SC sodium channels were determined experimentally^{1,2}. Nav1.1 channel was placed on the soma and Nav1.6 on the AIS and axonal compartment. The gating mechanism was taken from^{3,4}.

Kv1.1. The low threshold Kv1.1 channel, in accordance with experiments^{1,5,6}, was placed on all compartments. The gating mechanism was taken from⁷.

Kv3.4. This ionic channel with delayed rectifier properties was distributed on the soma, AIS and axon to repolarize the Na⁺ spikes⁸⁻¹⁰. The gating mechanism was taken from⁷.

Kv4.3. This ionic channel with A-type properties was placed on the soma and proximal dendrites¹¹⁻¹³. Moreover, Kv4.3 interacts with the LVA Ca^{2+} (Cav3.x) channels to create a complex with important functions in SC firing¹⁴. The gating mechanism was taken from¹⁵.

Kv7.x. The M-current was identified electrophysiologically¹⁶⁻¹⁸. Kv7 channels were expressed in the SC AIS were placed in the AIS using gating mechanisms developed for the granule cell¹⁹.

Kir. Inward rectifier K^+ channel was expressed in the SC soma²⁰⁻²².

KCa1.1 - KCa2.2. Large and small conductance calcium-activated potassium channels, which can cluster with Cav2.1 channels, were placed on the proximal/distal dendritic and somatic compartments based on immunohistochemical and electrophysiological data^{14,23-25}. The gating mechanism was taken from²⁶.

Cav2.1. The high-threshold calcium channels (P-type) were placed on the proximal/distal dendritic and somatic compartments^{27,28}. The gating mechanism of Cav2.1 was taken from^{26,29}.

Cav3.2 – Cav3.3. The low-threshold calcium channels (T-type) were placed on the proximal dendritic and somatic compartments^{11,12,14,30,31}. The gating mechanism of Cav2.1 was taken from^{32,33}.

HCN1. Hyperpolarization activated cyclic nucleotide-gated cationic channel) was placed on the AIS, somatic and axonal compartments^{34,35}. The gating mechanism was taken from^{36,37}.

Calcium dynamics. The calcium buffer was taken from¹⁵ and modified to contain Parvalbumin, the typical calcium binding proteins of the SC^{26,38-40}.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Supplementary Table 1. Ionic mechanisms in stellate cell models

| Ionic Channel | Location | Range Gi-max (mS/cm ²) | E _{rev} (mV) |
|---------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| Nav1.1 | Soma | 1e ⁻¹ - 4e ⁻¹ | 60 |
| Nav1.6 | Ais Axon | 6e ⁻¹ - 8e ⁻¹ 6e ⁻³ - 9e ⁻³ | 60 |
| Kv3.4 | Soma AIS Axon | 5e ⁻³ - 8e ⁻³ 2e ⁻² - 4e ⁻² 1e ⁻² - 3e ⁻² | -84 |
| Kv4.3 | Soma Dendprox | 4e ⁻³ - 6e ⁻³ 1e ⁻³ - 4e ⁻³ | -84 |
| Kv1.1 | Soma AIS Axon Dendprox Denddist | 6e ⁻⁴ - 4e ⁻³ 3e ⁻³ - 5e ⁻³ 2.5e ⁻³ - 5e ⁻³ 4e ⁻³ - 1e ⁻² 1e ⁻³ - 3e ⁻³ | -84 |
| Kir2.3 | Soma | 1e-5 - 5e-5 | -84 |
| Kv7 | AIS | 6e-5 - 8e-5 | -84 |
| KCa1.1 | Soma Dendprox Denddist | 4e ⁻³ - 9e ⁻³ 1e ⁻³ - 5e ⁻³ 1e ⁻³ - 4e ⁻³ | -84 |
| KCa2.2 | Soma Dendprox Denddist | 4e-4 - 9e-4 3e-06 - 4.5e-06 1e-05 - 2e-05 | -84 |
| Cav2.1 | Soma Dendprox Denddist | 2e ⁻⁴ - 3.5e ⁻⁴ 4e ⁻⁴ - 7e ⁻⁴ 2e ⁻⁴ - 4e ⁻⁴ | 137.5 |
| Cav3.2 | Soma Dendprox | 9e ⁻⁴ - 2e ⁻³ 7e ⁻⁴ - 1e ⁻³ | 137.5 |
| Cav3.3 | Soma Dendprox | 1.5e ⁻⁰⁵ - 2e ⁻⁰⁵ 1e ⁻⁰⁵ - 2e ⁻⁰⁵ | 137.5 |
| HCN1 | Soma AIS Axon | 2e ⁻⁴ - 7e ⁻⁴ 7e ⁻⁴ - 1e ⁻³ 6e ⁻⁴ - 1e ⁻³ | -34 |
| Leak | Soma AIS Axon Dendprox Denddist | 3e-5 | -48 |

The table shows the main properties of ionic channels used in the SC models. For each ionic channel type, the columns specify the maximum ionic conductance (G_i -max), ionic channels reversal potential (E_{rev}). The corresponding gating equations were written either in Hodgkin-Huxley (HH) style or in Markovian style.

Supplementary Table 2. Electrotonic compartments in stellate cell models

| Compartment | 1 stellate cell | 2 stellate cell | 3 stellate cell | 4 stellate cell |
|------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Soma | 1 section; area 37.3 μm^2 | 1 section; area 31.1 μm^2 | 1 section; area 70.1 μm^2 | 1 section; area 31.1 μm^2 |
| Proximal dendrites | 14 sections | 7 sections | 5 sections | 18 sections |
| Distal dendrites | 90 sections | 35 sections | 85 sections | 44 sections |
| Total length dendrites | 1162.8 μm | 755.1 μm | 875.7 μm | 587.4 μm |
| AIS | 1 section; length 25.5 μm | 1 section; length 13.8 μm | 1 section; length 46.6 μm | 1 section; length 26.6 μm |
| Axon | 14 sections; Length 191.0 μm | 20 sections; Length 361.1 μm | 76 sections; Length 1218.0 μm | 31 sections; Length 551.4 μm |

The table shows the morphological analysis with NEURON software of the four morphologies used for the multi-compartment SC models. The table reports the sections of the multi-compartment SC model along with their number, their length and the soma area.

Supplementary Table 3. Synaptic model parameters

| | SC | SC | SC | PC |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| | AMPA receptor | NMDA receptor | GABA _A receptor | AMPA receptor |
| Gmax (mS/cm ²) | 2300 | 10000 | 1600 | 1200 |
| P | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.42 | 0.13 |
| τ facil (ms) | 10.8 | 5 | 4 | 54 |
| τ recov (ms) | 35.1 | 8 | 38.7 | 35.1 |

The table summarizes the parameters used for modeling the AMPA, NMDA and GABA_A receptors⁴¹⁻⁴³.

Supplementary Table 4, 5. Spike features

Spontaneous firing

| | Clampfit EXP (n=9) | eFEL EXP (n=9) | eFEL MOD (n=4) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AP _{ampl} (mV) p=0.04 | 42.6 ± 3.6 | 37.3 ± 5.2 | 59.1 ± 6.3* |
| AP _{AHP} (mV) p=0.24 | -50.4 ± 2.1 | -44.2 ± 4.0 | -42.7 ± 0.8 |
| AP _{Thr} (mV) p=0.29 | -34.2 ± 1.1 | -31.8 ± 1.3 | -31.8 ± 0.6 |
| AP _{HW} (ms) p=0.26 | 0.76 ± 0.05 | 1.0 ± 0.2 | 1.1 ± 0.04 |
| AP Freq (Hz) p=0.84 | 24.2 ± 2.1 | 25.1 ± 2.1 | 22.8 ± 3.3 |
| V _m (mV) p=0.95 | -41.7 ± 1.8 | -41.2 ± 1.2 | -40.9 ± 0.8 |

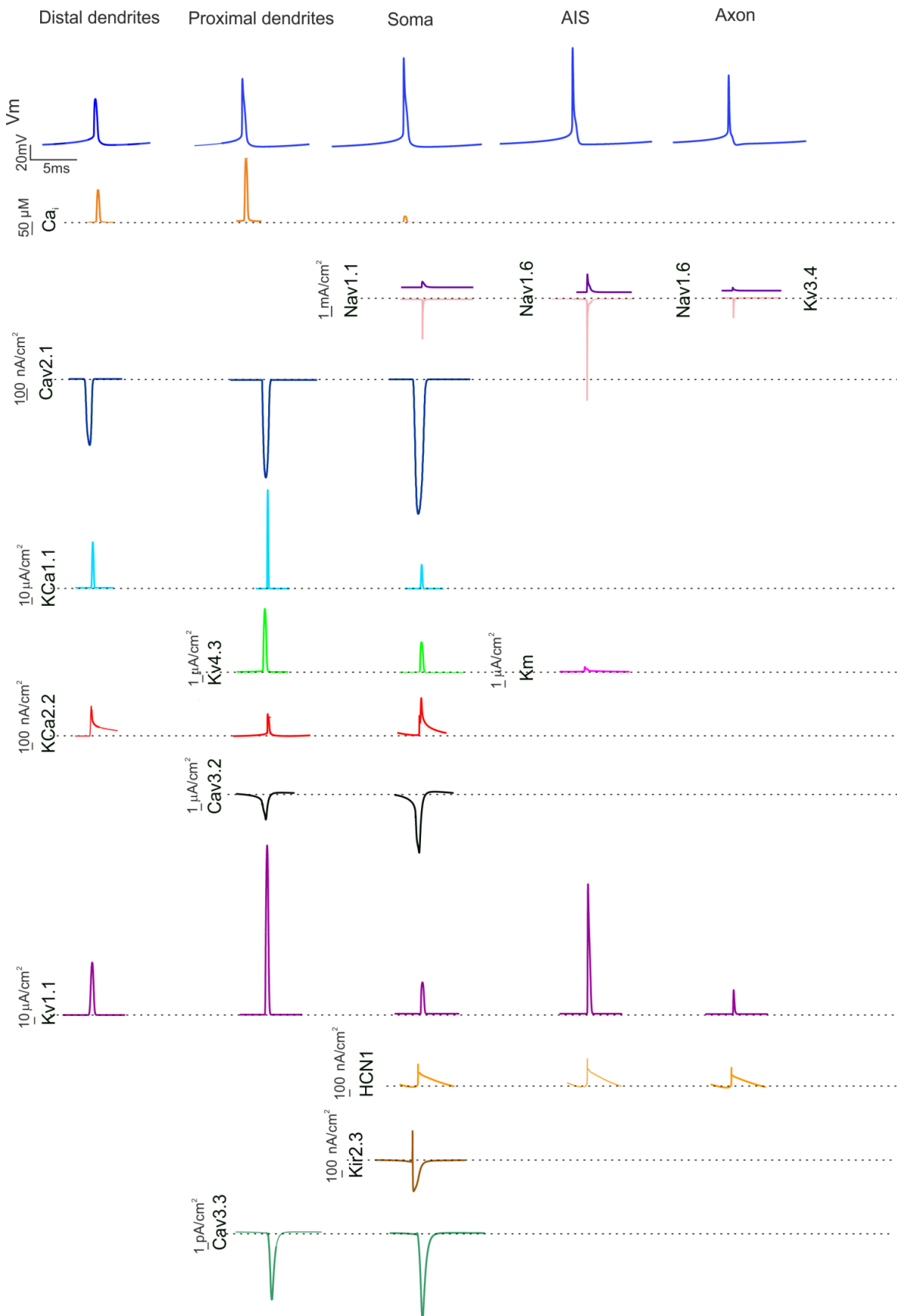
Injected current (16 pA)

| | Clampfit EXP (n=5) | eFEL EXP (n=5) | eFEL MOD (n=4) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AP _{Ampl} (mV) p=0.01 | 33.7 ± 4.8 | 32.8 ± 5.0 | 57.7 ± 5.7** |
| AP _{AHP} (mV) p=0.55 | -46.4 ± 5.2 | -46.6 ± 5.6 | -39.6 ± 0.6 |
| AP _{Thr} (mV) p=0.97 | -31.3 ± 2.1 | -30.3 ± 5.1 | -30.3 ± 0.6 |
| AP _{HW} (ms) p=0.4 | 0.96 ± 0.16 | 0.98 ± 0.14 | 1.2 ± 0.1 |
| AP Freq (Hz) p=0.06 | 80.4 ± 6.9 | 79.4 ± 7.6 | 54.4 ± 6.3 |

The tables show exemplar values of features, obtained from experimental traces (n = 9 used for the spontaneous firing recordings and n = 5 used for the current injection experimental protocols) and from simulations (n = 4) using eFEL and Clampfit software.

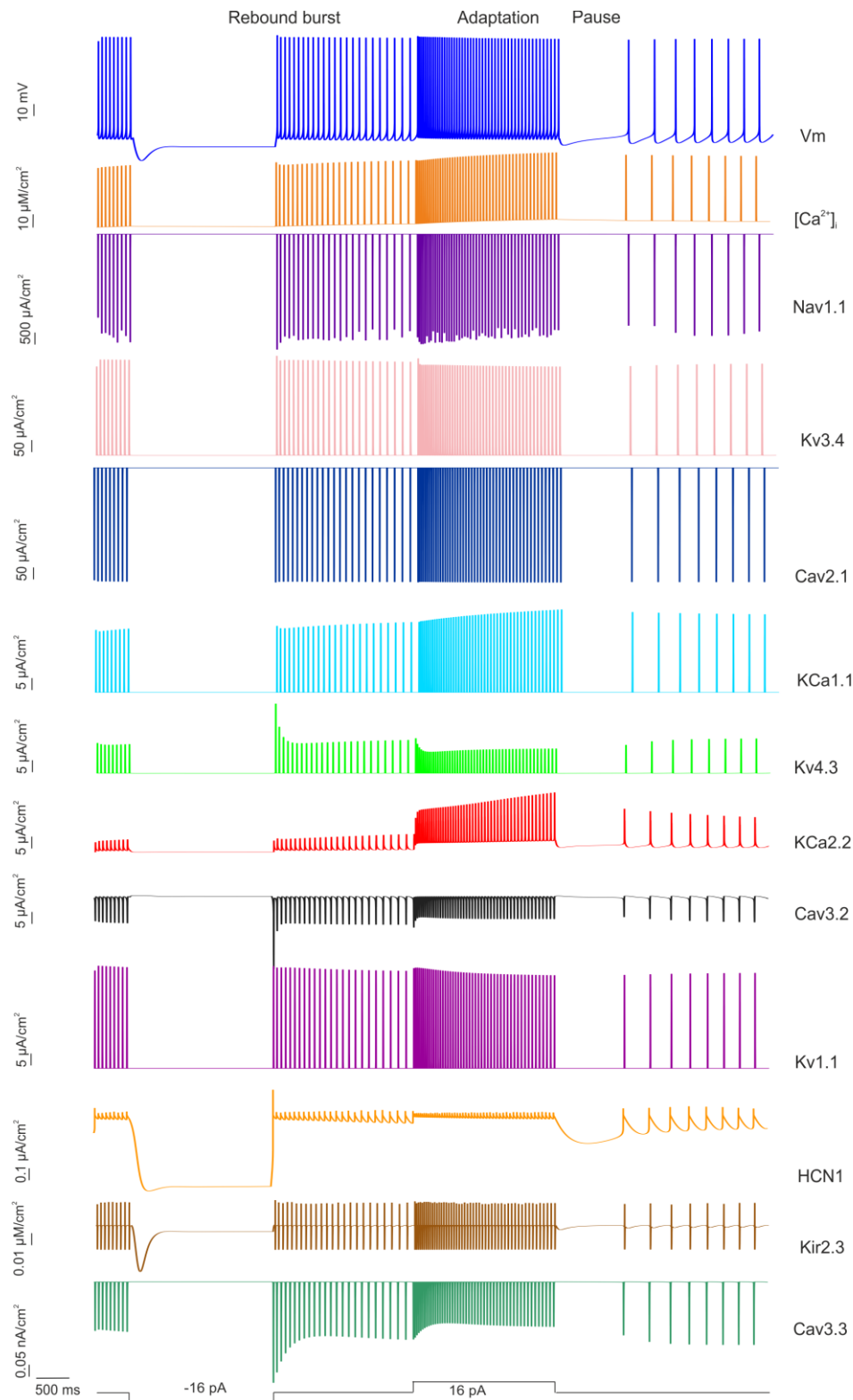
SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

Supplementary Figure 1. Ionic currents in stellate cell model sections



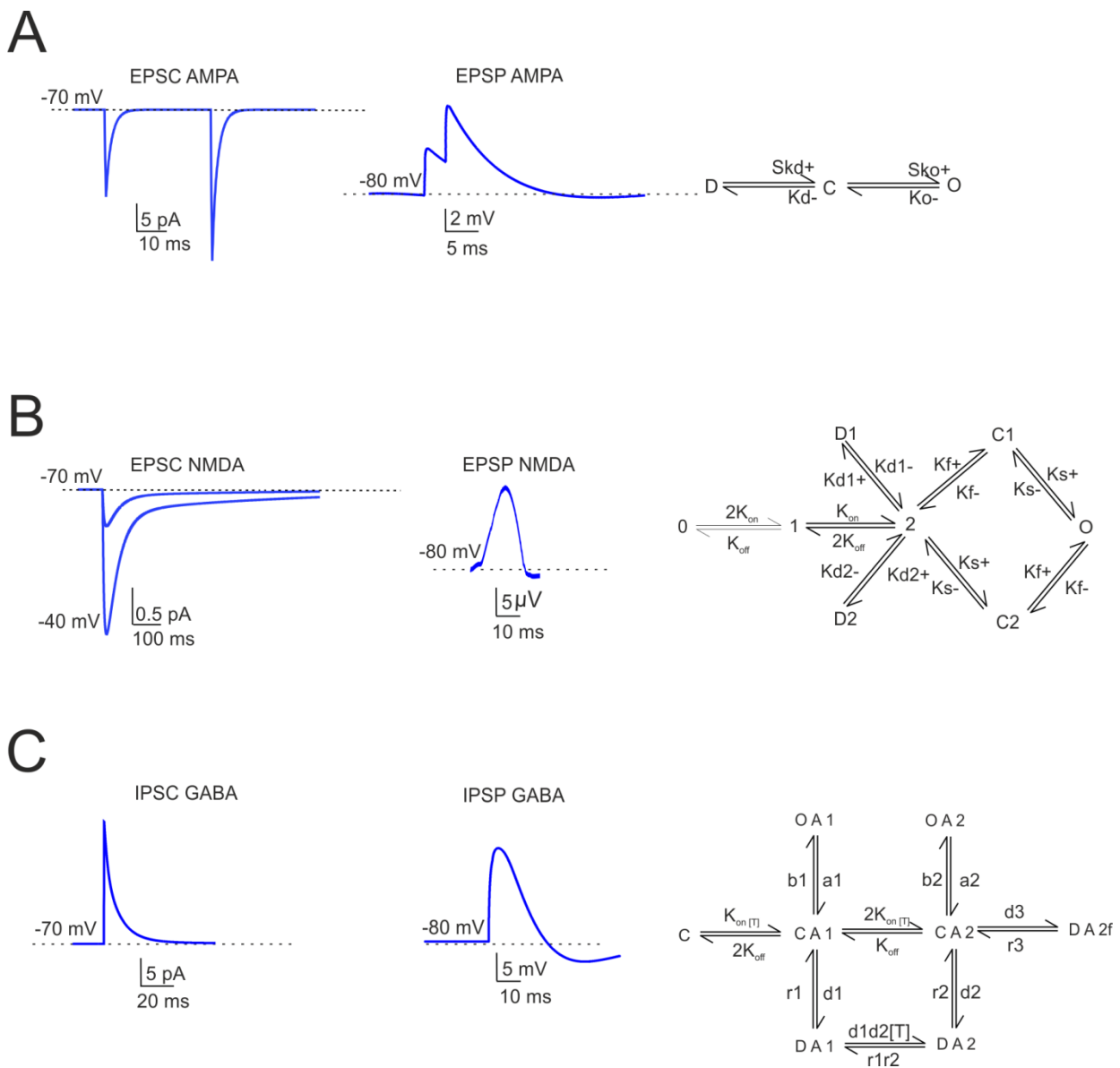
The traces show the ionic currents and calcium concentration changes generated by membrane channels in the SC model when a spike occurs during autorhythmic firing. Note the localization of channels in different sections and the different calibration scales.

Supplementary Figure 2. Ionic currents in the somatic compartment in response to current injection



The traces show the model response recorded from the soma during alternated phases of pacemaking, hyperpolarization and depolarization. The upper traces shows membrane potential (V_m) and $[Ca^{2+}]_i$, the other traces show the ionic currents. It should be noted that marked changes in current size are correlated with rebound bursts, adaptation and pauses.

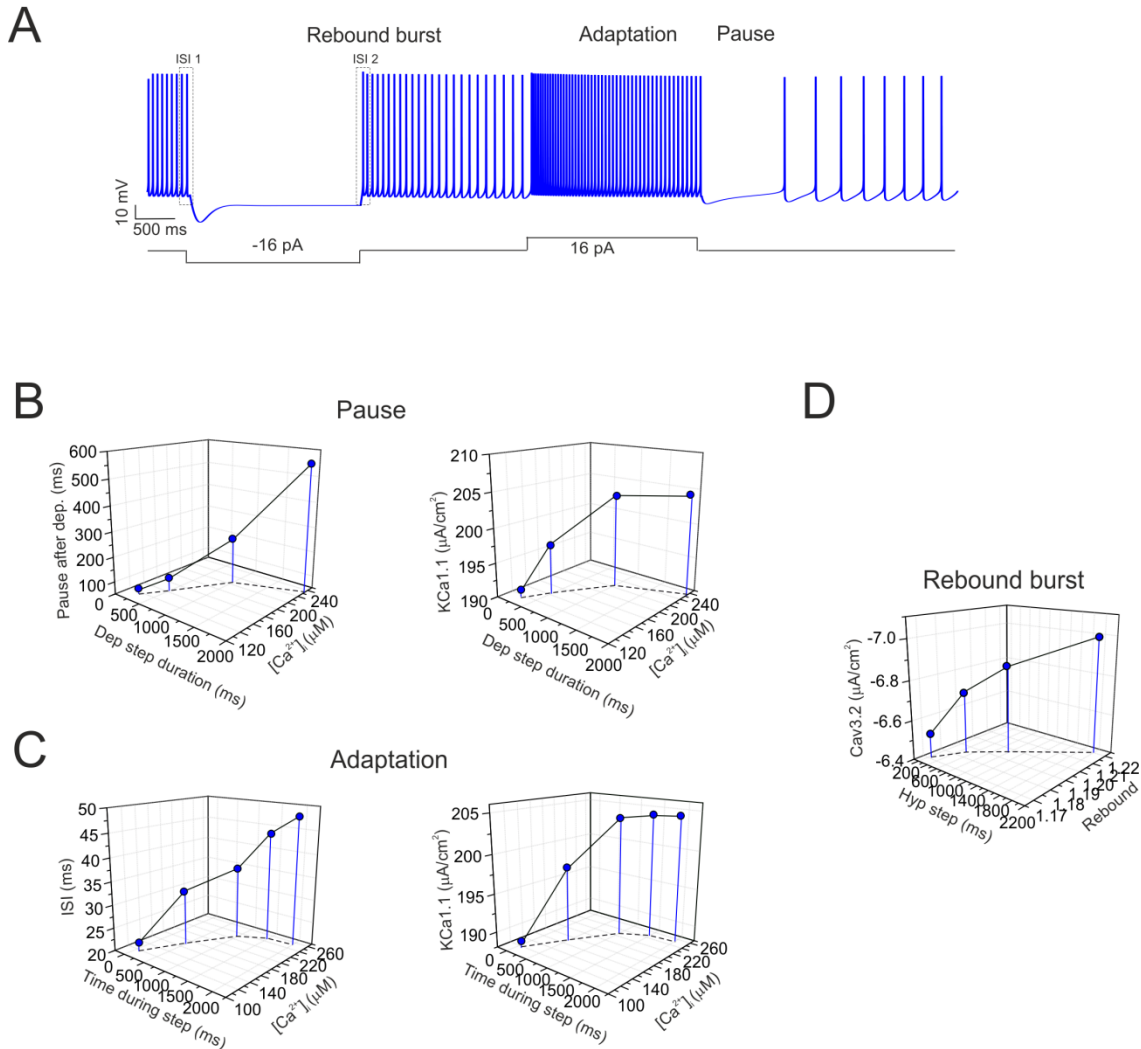
Supplementary Figure 3. AMPA-NMDA-GABA_A receptors



(A) The traces show simulated AMPA EPSC and EPSP. The AMPA receptor-channels kinetic scheme is shown on the left. (B) The traces show simulated NMDA EPSC and EPSP. The NMDA receptor-channels kinetic scheme is shown on the left. (C) The traces show simulated GABA-A IPSC and IPSP. The GABA-A receptor-channels kinetic scheme is shown on the left.

Supplementary Figure 4. Dendritic currents in response to current injection

Intrinsic excitability



The figure shows the main dendritic mechanisms correlated with injected current pulses of different duration.

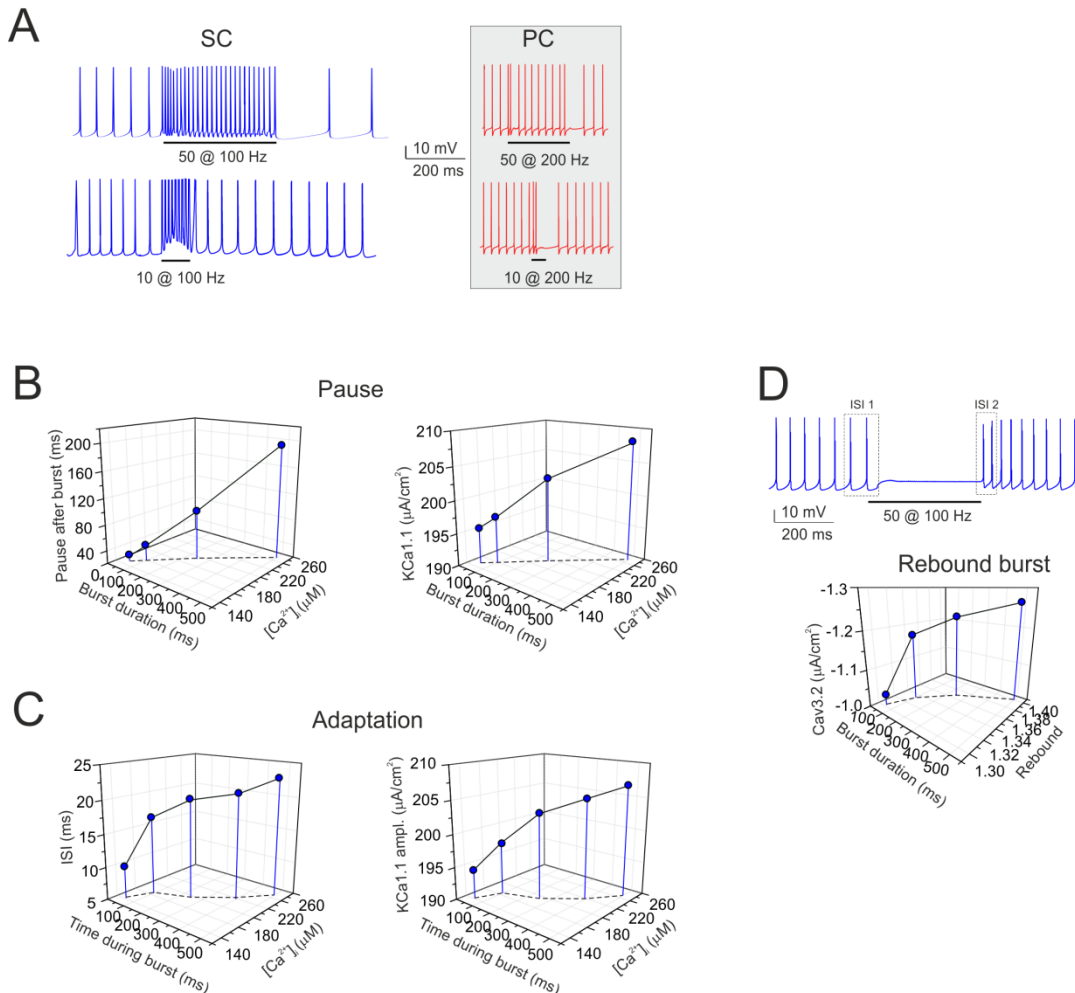
(A) The trace shows the model response during alternated phases of pacemaking, hyperpolarization and depolarization (as in Supplementary Fig. 2).

(B) The 3D plots show that the pause increases with the duration of the depolarizing step, the increase in $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ and the size of the KCa1.1 current.

(C) The 3D plots show that adaptation increases during the 2000ms-depolarizing step along with $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ and KCa1.1 current.

(D) The 3D plot shows that the rebound burst (ISI2/ISI1) increases with the duration of the hyperpolarizing step and the size of the Cav3.2 current.

Synaptic excitability



The figure shows the main dendritic mechanisms correlated with bursts of synaptic activity.

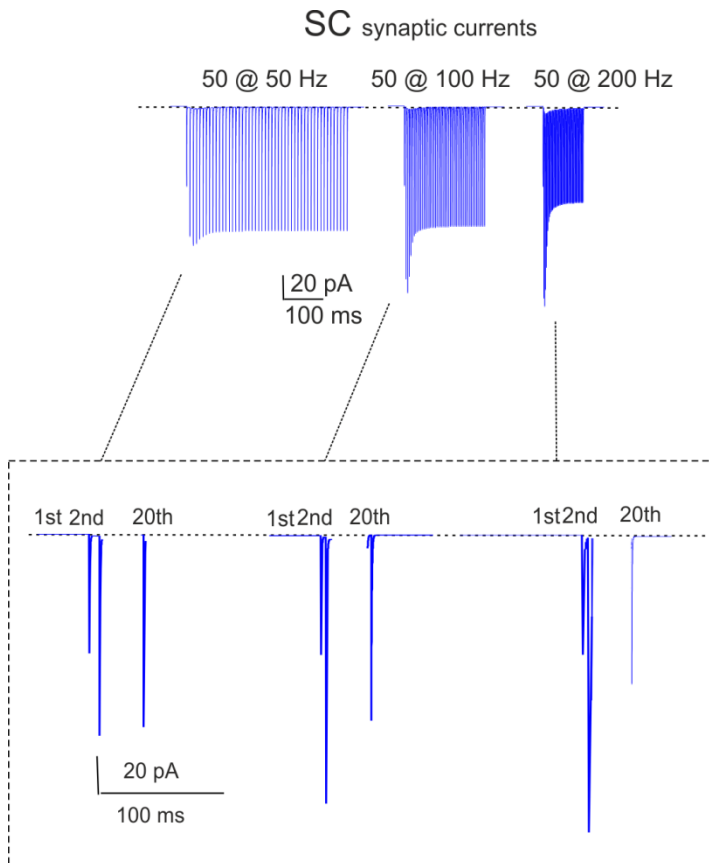
(A) After a short burst (10 pulses @ 100 Hz; the trace is replotted from Fig. 6A), the SC model does not make any pause. After a long duration burst (50 pulses @ 100 Hz), the SC model shows a pause. These properties resemble those appearing at the end of a prolonged depolarizing current injection of the same duration (cf. Fig. 3 and Supplementary Fig. 4). For comparison, the figure compares the PC model, which shows a pause following bursts of both short and long duration demonstrating that the behavior of stellate cells reflects the specific balance, composition and localization of their ionic channels.

(B) The 3D plots show that the pause increases with burst duration (@100Hz , 3 synapses PF→SC), the increase in $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ and the size of the KCa1.1 current.

(C) The 3D plots show that the adaptation increases during the 500ms-burst (@100Hz , 3 synapses PF→SC), along with $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ and KCa1.1 current.

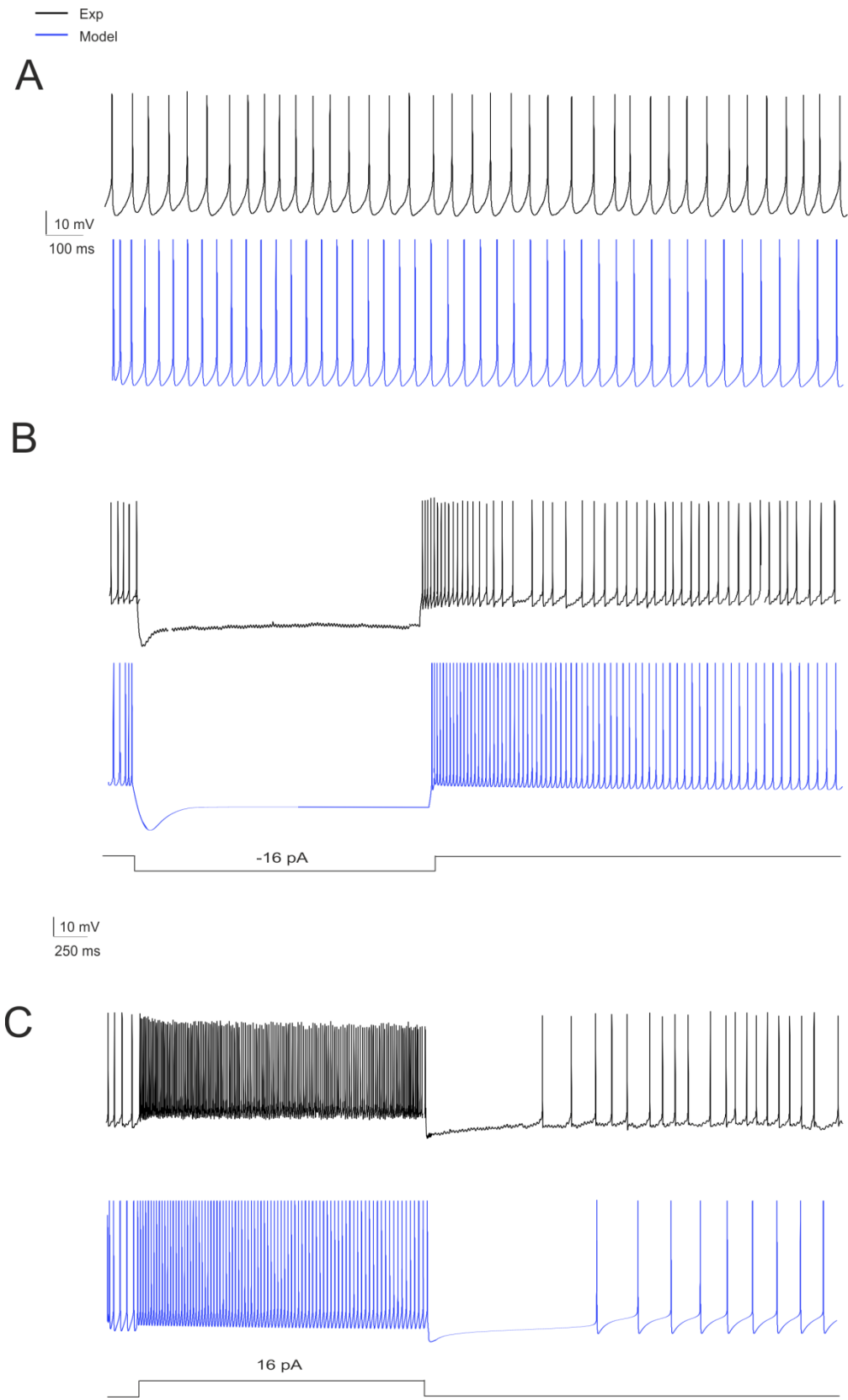
(D) Top, the trace shows the SC model response during inhibitory burst duration (@100Hz , 32 synapses SC→ SC). Bottom, the 3D plots show rebound burst (ISI2/ISI1) increases with the inhibitory burst duration (@100Hz , 32 synapses SC→SC) and the size of the Cav3.2 current.

Supplementary Figure 6. Simulation of long-duration EPSC trains in SCs



Simulated synaptic currents in a SC evoked by activation of 3 PF-SC synapses with long input bursts. Note that, at all tested frequencies, the spike amplitude decreases after the initial increase but remains over the control level.

Supplementary Figure 7.



Enlargement of voltage traces showed in Fig. 2A, 3A and 3C.

Supplementary Movie 1. Stellate cell morphology

The movie shows a SC morpho-electrical equivalent (morphology 1 in Fig. 1). The dendritic tree was flattened on the sagittal plane of the *folium* and the axon, after an initial part travelling parallel to the dendrite, advanced along the transverse plane.

Supplementary Movie 2. Stellate cell pacemaker activity

The movie shows the SC model spontaneous activity (membrane potential in the soma).

Supplementary Movie 3. Parallel fibers – stellate cell – Purkinje cell activity

SC model activation by a PF burst (10 impulses @ 200 Hz). The PC receives SC inhibition and generates a pause. The plots show membrane potential traces taken in the SC and PC soma.

Supplementary Movie 4. Parallel fibers – stellate cell – Purkinje cell activity

SC and PC models activation by a PF burst (10 impulses @ 200 Hz). The PC model receives both SC inhibition and PF excitation and generates a burst-pause. The plots show membrane potential traces taken in the SC and PC soma.

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