Text S4

S4 Differences between sub-threshold steady-state membrane potential distributions

Using a Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for the sub-threshold steady-state membrane potential distributions (null hypothesis is that distributions are the same), p-values can be obtained for the differences between these distributions.

- 1. (Fig.1e) Current-based synapses with w = 4.867 mV and f = 100 Hz.
 a) FP vs. simulations: p=7.38e-85
 b) DiPDE vs. simulations: p=0.524
 c) FP vs. DiPDE: A sample size of N = 421 neurons in the population for p = 0.05 and N = 605 for p = 0.01.
- 2. (Fig.S1e) Current-based synapses with w = 0.974 mV and f = 1,000 Hz.
 a) FP vs. simulations: p=0.0874
 b) DiPDE vs. simulations: p=0.9934
 c) FP vs. DiPDE: A sample size of N = 27,227 neurons for p = 0.05 and N = 39,104 for p = 0.01.
- 3. (Fig.S3d) Conductance-based synapses with w = 4.749 mV and f = 100 Hz. a) DiPDE vs. simulations: p=0.3967
- 4. For steady state membrane potential distributions obtained from synaptic distributions matched for mean input current shown in Fig. (2e), there is no empirical sampled data, so the comparison here is the minimum number of independent recordings of sub-threshold steady state membrane potential recordings required to distinguish between the two distributions (Supplement Table (S2)). Larger numbers mean the distributions are more similar. The values above the diagonal are the sample sizes needed for p=0.01, and below the diagonal are the sizes for p=0.05.
- 5. The same arguments as above can be applied to steady state membrane potential distributions obtained from synaptic distributions matched for drift and diffusion shown in Fig. (S7b). The minimum number of independent recordings required to differentiate two synaptic weight distributions are listed in Supplement Table (S3). Larger numbers mean the distributions are more similar. The values above the diagonal are the sample sizes needed for p=0.01, and below the diagonal are the sizes for p=0.05.