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Abstract

The phenomenon of spontaneous periodic up and down transitions is considered

to be a significant characteristic of slow oscillations. Our previous theoretical

studies have shown that the single neuron and network model can both exhibit

spontaneous up and down transitions. Another characteristic of up and down

dynamics is the synchronicity. So in this paper, we focused on the synchronized

characteristic of up and down transitions in the network based on stimula-

tions. Spontaneous activities showed no synchronous transitions between neu-

rons. However, the external stimulation, mainly the stimulation frequency and

the number of neurons stimulated on, were related to the synchronous transi-

tions of up and down states. The simulation results suggested that simultaneous

high frequency excitation or firing of neurons in the network was responsible for

the generation of synchronous transitions of up and down states. Through the

observation and analysis of the findings, we have tried to explain the reason for

synchronous up and down transitions and to lay the foundation for further work

on the role of these synchronized transitions in cortex activity.

Keywords: up and down states, synchronicity, stimulation frequency,

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