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ABSTRACT

Predicting spike trains from low frequency local field potentials has the capability of extending the life of models used to control robotics from a brain machine interface. Typically neuron spikes are predicted from the higher frequency multi-unit spiking activity and the lower frequency local field potential is ignored. Here we demonstrate that the local field potential can partially replicate the “hoops” spike sorting model fitted on multi-unit spiking activity by using logistic and multinomial regression with leading, lagging, and transformed covariates on the local field potential. Given the perceived stability of the local field potential signal and the decay of multi-unit spiking activity signals, this new model may allow for a longer continuous operation of a robotic prosthetic after a “hoop” algorithm is no longer effective.

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