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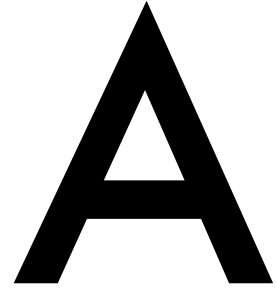
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Appendix

Summary

Nederlandse Samenvatting

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Terugblik

Summary

The primary goal of this dissertation was to further elucidate questions regarding the neural mechanism of cerebellar impact on thalamic nuclei and thalamus' primary output structure the cerebral cortex. To do so key experiments were performed using amongst others optogenetics in mice having an epileptic phenotype.

In **Chapter 2** we provide an overview of cell-specific markers usable for optogenetics in both cerebellar cortex and nuclei. This high-detail description of technical issues and solutions makes it an efficient guideline for starting and experienced researchers regarding cerebellar research.

Where chapter 2 ends, **Chapter 3** continues with a re-evaluation of the therapeutic potential of cerebellar stimulation in epilepsy. This chapter gives an introduction of the impact of cerebellum and its main output structure cerebellar nuclei on thalamocortical networks. Further we give directions on how to optimize the potential impact by adjusting stimulation parameters such as frequency, regularity and synchronicity.

In **Chapter 4** we show that a substantial portion of Purkinje cells show increase simple and complex spike activity combined with increased synchronicity for adjacent and remote Purkinje cells during GSWDs. Furthermore the activation of complex spike activity indirectly implicates widespread changes in olivary firing during seizures.

Chapter 5 embodies crucial evidence for this dissertation in which we show that CN neurons are potent modulators of GSWDs in thalamocortical networks. This is an evolution of the old idea that manipulation of cerebellar cortex activity intervenes with epileptic seizures into the fact that not cerebellar cortex but cerebellar nuclei seem easier to target and stronger in their manipulation of thalamocortical activity. An obvious next question is: How are CN neurons capable of suppressing seizures? In **Chapter 6 and 7** we test the hypothesis that CN neurons can cause desynchronization in the thalamus by first showing *in vitro* differences between post synaptic responses upon cerebellar terminal stimulation in different thalamic nuclei. Second we confirm this evidence *in vivo* where we find different response types in different thalamic cells recorded in different thalamic nuclei.

Finally we test in **Chapter 8** if CN manipulation can also dampen seizures in a much more severe mouse model of generalized epilepsy; i.e. the Dravet mouse. It turns out that either electrical CN stimulation or different thalamic nuclei stimulation sites are not capable of seriously controlling the generalized convulsive seizures. In the end our colleagues show that manipulation using a SK blocker is more capable.

Samenvatting

Deze dissertatie richt zich op het verder uitwerken van de vraag wat de achterliggende mechanisms zijn waarmee het cerebellum haar invloed uitoefent op thalamocorticale netwerken. Om dit te bereiken hebben we gebruik gemaakt van verschillende technieken, waaronder optogenetica, in muizen met en zonder epilepsie.

In **Hoofdstuk 2** wordt beschreven hoe verschillende cel-specifieke markers gebruikt kunnen worden in combinatie met optogenetica voor de manipulatie van cerebellaire schors en kernen. We bespreken technische moeilijkheden en oplossingen wat maakt dat het een mooi uitgangswerk is voor de beginnende en meer ervaren onderzoeker.

Hierop voortbordurend is **Hoofdstuk 3** ontstaan waarin de therapeutische (on)mogelijkheden van cerebellaire stimulatie bij epilepsie besproken worden. Een introductie als voorbereiding op het volgende hoofdstuk wordt gegeven over de impact van het cerebellum op thalamocorticale netwerken en we geven suggesties hoe deze impact gemaximaliseerd kan worden door middel van verschillende stimulatie parameters aan te passen.

In Hoofdstuk 4 laten we zien dat een substantieel deel van de Purkinje cellen een verhoogde simplex en complex spike activiteit heeft gedurende GSWDs. Dit gaat dan ook nog eens gepaard met een verhoogde synchroniciteit tussen aanliggende en op afstand zijnde collega Purkinje cellen. Indirect geeft dit aan dat de verhoogde complex spike activiteit gezien kan worden als veranderingen in het vuurgedrag van een andere belangrijke hersenstructuur; de inferieure olijf.

Hoofdstuk 5 gaat over de kern van deze dissertatie waarin we bewijs leveren dat CN neuronen krachtige modulators van pathologische thalamocorticale oscillaties kunnen zijn. Een verandering in denken tov het oude idee dat juist de cerebellaire schors hier goed in zou zijn. *seem easier to target and stronger in their manipulation of thalamocortical activity.* Een logische vervolgvraag op hoofdstuk 5 is: Wat is het achterliggende mechanisme waarmee CN neuronen de epilepsie kunnen stoppen? Met andere woorden, wat is het effect van hun vuurgedrag op de thalamus en via de thalamus op de cerebrale schors. In **Hoofdstuk 6 en 7** testen we de hypothese dat CN neuronen thalamische neuronen kunnen desynchroniseren in hun vuurgedrag. Dit laten we eerst *in vitro* zien waarbij we in verschillende thalamische kernen verschillende sterkte in post-synaptische respons zien. Vervolgens blijkt dit ook *in vivo* waarbij er verschillende respons types lijken te zijn tussen verschillende cellen maar dat binnen dezelfde cel de respons wel hetzelfde blijft.

Als laatste testen we in **Hoofdstuk 8** of CN manipulatie ook seizures kan stoppen in een muis model met een ernstiger epileptisch phenotype; de Dravet muis. Het blijkt dat

zowel CN stimulatie als stimulatie van verschillende thalamische kernen niet in staat is de convulsieve aanvallen te stoppen.

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Af!! Klaar! Dat was het dan. Nog een paar woorden en het is definitief af. Een raar moment? Ja zeker, maar daarom niet minder waardevol om deze terugblik op papier te zetten. Het geploeter in het lab, muizen die wel of niet meewerken, de trots van het eerste optogenetica experiment, het vinden van cerebellaire en thalamische kerncellen en de directe confrontaties met Matlab gecombineerd met het geroddel en de gezelligheid van koffie om 8u 's morgens met de bekende vroege vogels was in 1 woord geweldig. Maar of ik het weer zou doen? Het afmaken en de bijbehorende mentale pijn, al helemaal als je vervolgens in de kliniek werkt, staat ook vrij helder op m'n netvlies. En zoals elke promovendus to be weet, dit boek (behalve inleiding en discussie) was er echt nooit gekomen zonder de volgende mensen.

Met stipt op 1 en schier oneindig onoverbrugbare afstand tot de rest:

Prof. Dr. Freek Hoebeek, ik weet nog goed hoe ik in september 2009 jouw kamer binnenkwam en jij me vertelde over de toevalsbevinding die je had gedaan betreffende de vuurpatronen van cerebellaire kernen bij 'epilepsie-muizen'. Een en ander was snel beklonken en nu zijn we jaren verder waarin jij professor (verdiend!) bent geworden en ik deze promotie tot een eind heb gebracht. Trots en met veel plezier denk ik terug aan de afgelopen jaren. De werkbesprekingen, die met grote regelmaat diep in de nacht plaatsvonden, de congressen en het bier drinken om ook eens niet over werk te praten heeft de afgelopen jaren niet alleen maar een mentor-student karakter gegeven. **Veel dank.**

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