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## Part I: a Pair of Neurons

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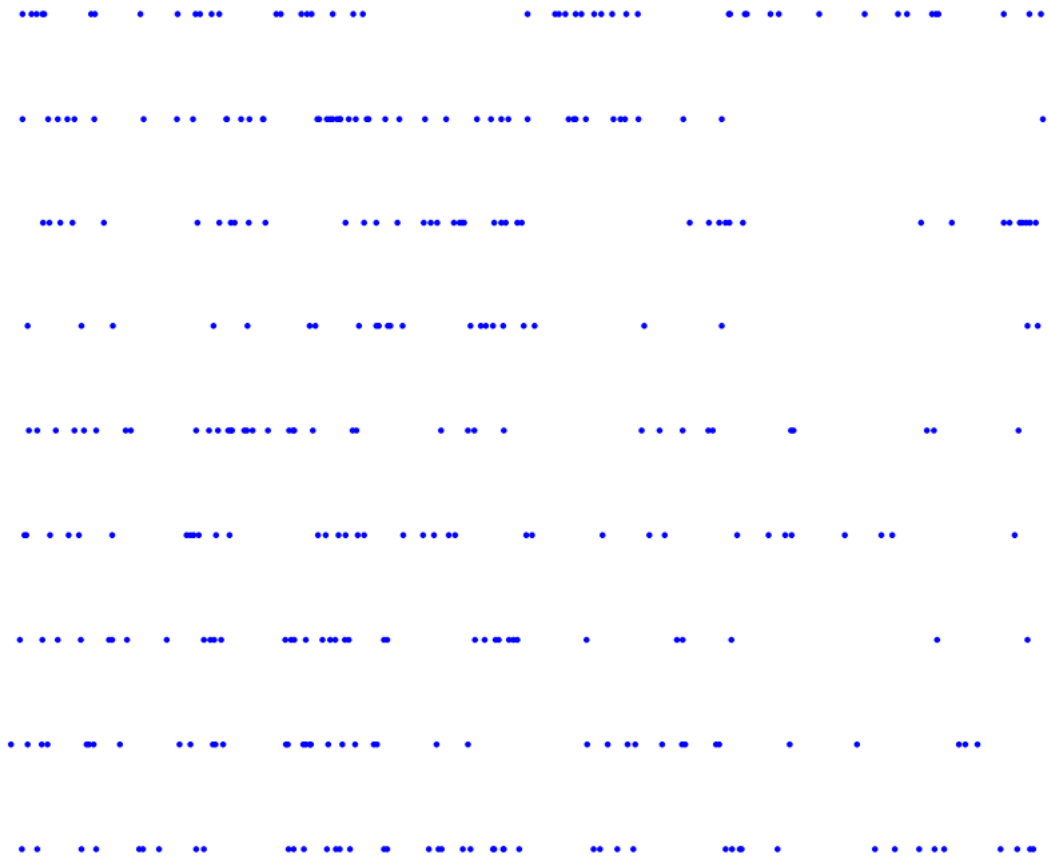
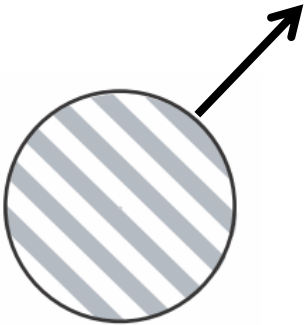
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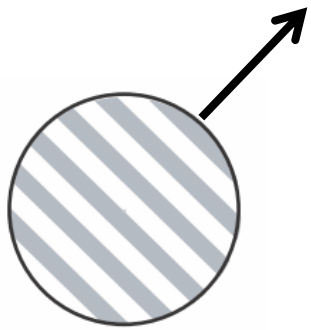
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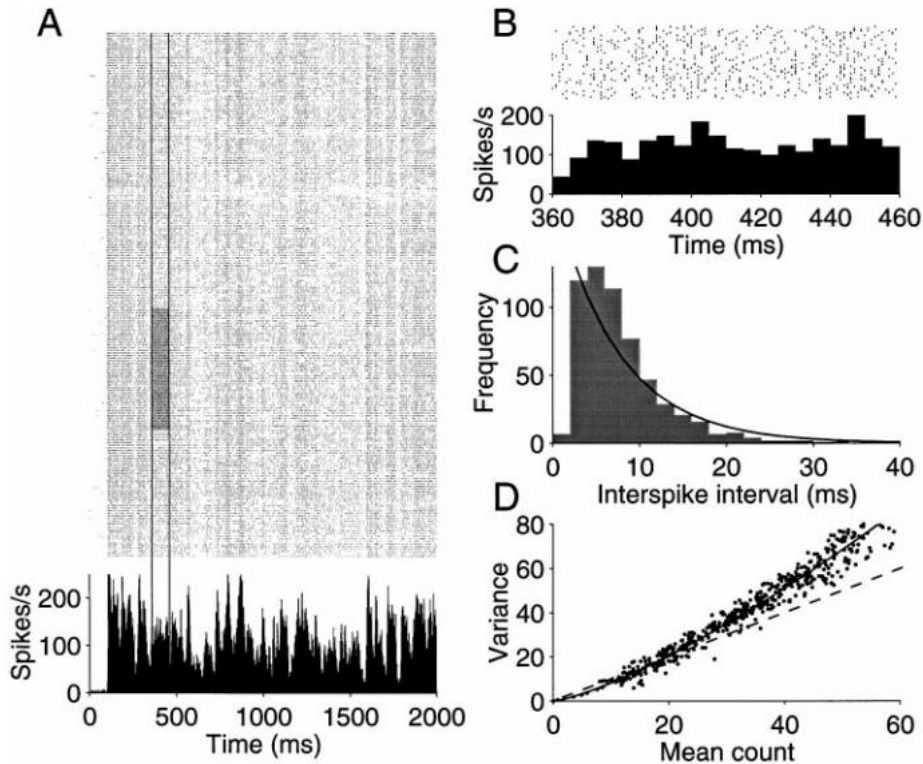


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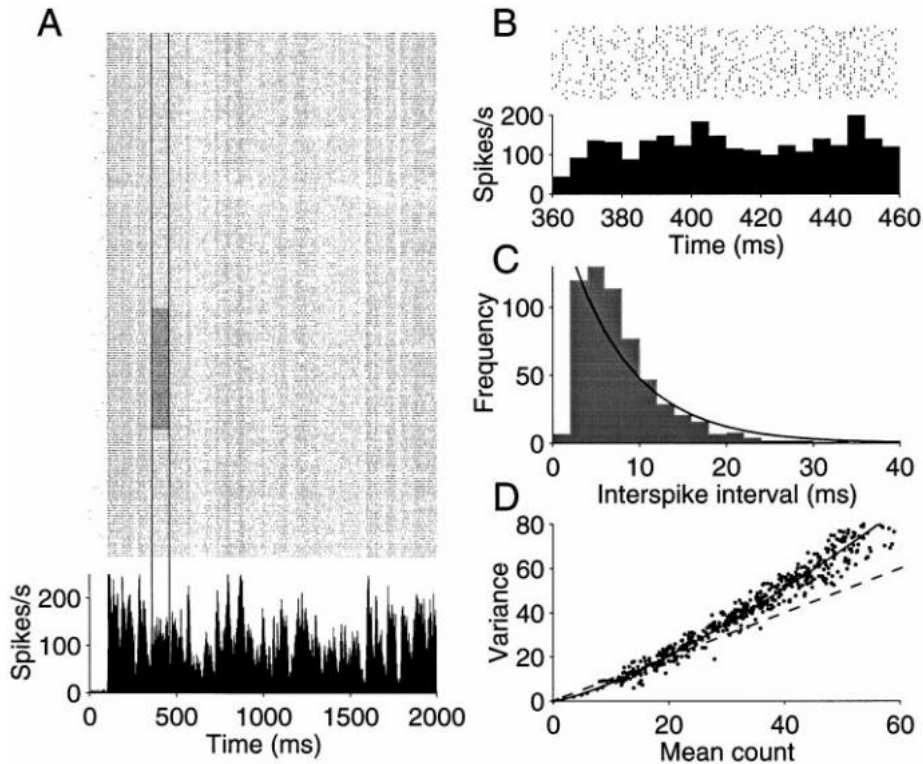
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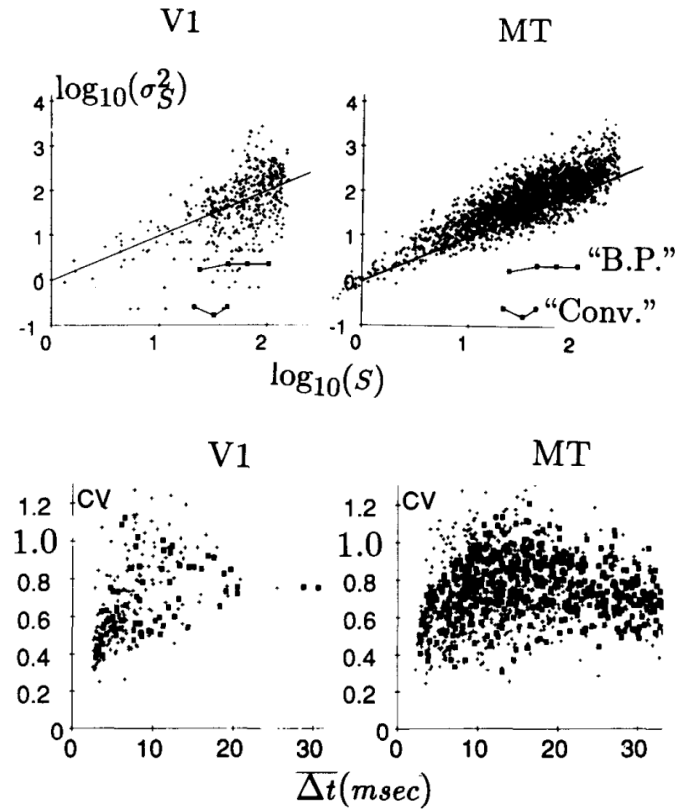
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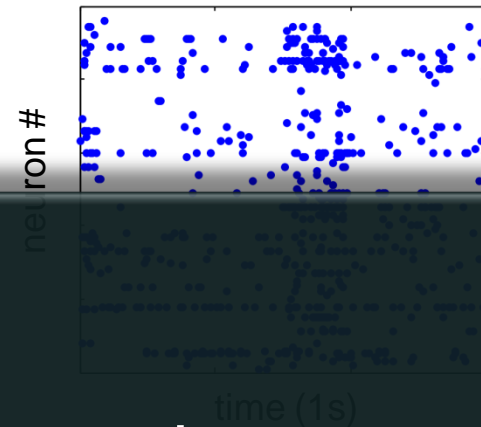
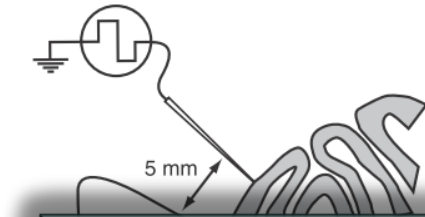
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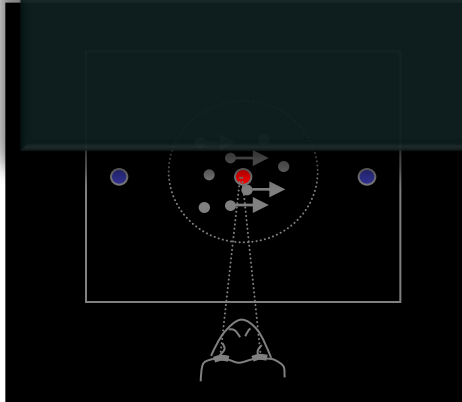
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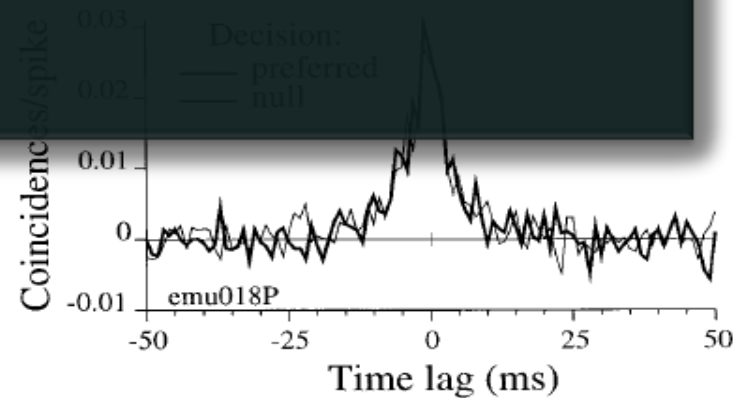


pair or multielectrode array activity

Why should we care about variability and correlations?



monkey behavior



peaks in CCFs: temporal coincidences

# This is why you should care

- variability and correlations set fundamental limits of how much information can be extracted from the neuronal responses

Zohary et al, *Nature*, 1994

- how the observed variability and correlations arise from the underlying neuronal dynamics is largely unknown

Ginzburg and Sompolinsky, *Phys. Review E*, 1994

Moreno-Bote and Parga, *Phys. Review Letters*, 2006

de la Rocha et al, *Nature*, 2007

Kriener et al, *N. Computation*, 2008

Kumar et al, *N. Computation*, 2008

Renart et al, *Science*, 2010

Hertz, *N. Computation*, 2010



# This is why you should care

- correlations open the door to estimate functional connectivity between neurons

Aertsen et al, *J. Neurophys*, 1989

Schneidman et al, *Nature*, 2006

Pillow et al, *Nature*, 2008

Cocco et al, *PNAS*, 2009

- variability and correlations might indicate the type of neuronal computations carried out by neuronal circuits

Abeles, Book: *Corticonics*, 1991

Softky, *Current Opin. Neurobiology*, 1995

Shadlen and Newsome, *J. of Neurosci.*, 1998

Diesmann et al, *Nature*, 1999

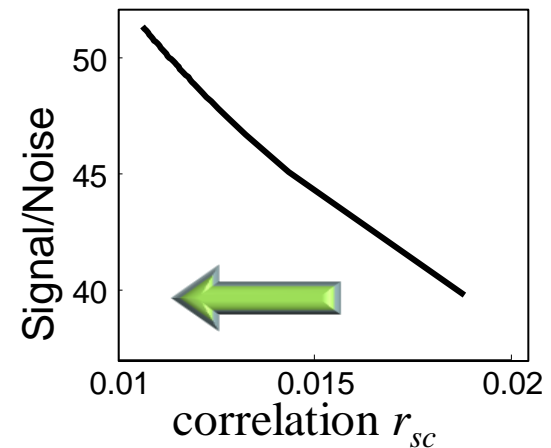
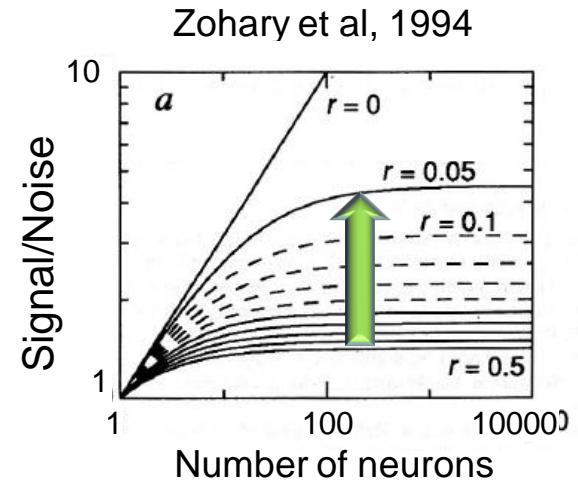
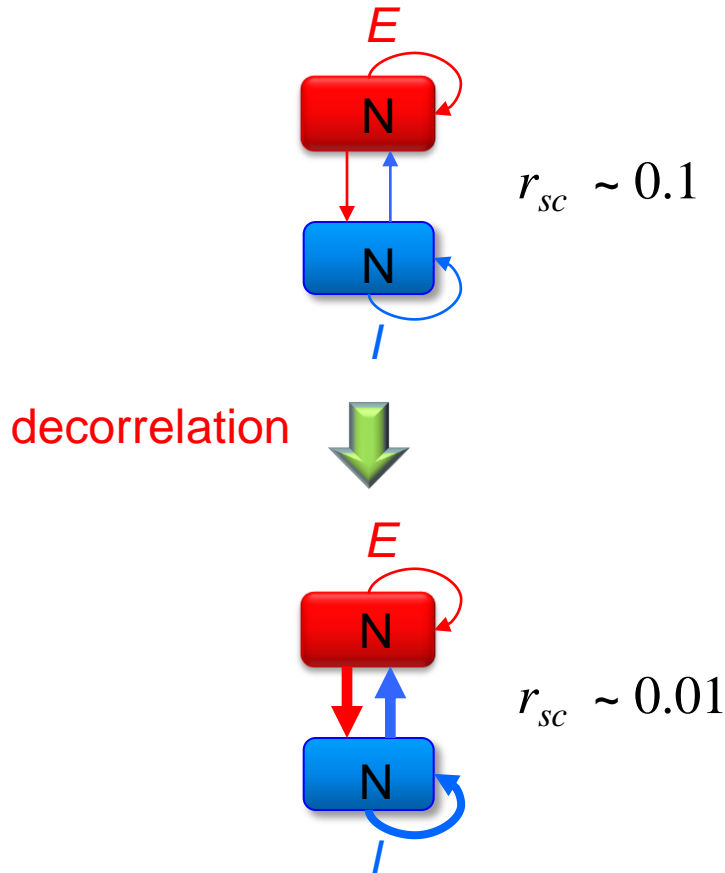
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# Signal/Noise limits induced by correlations

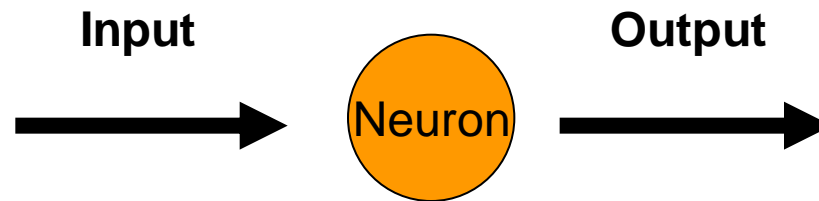


- In homogenous neuronal populations, correlations are deleterious
- Whether it is possible to decorrelate while keeping firing rate and variability constant is under investigation

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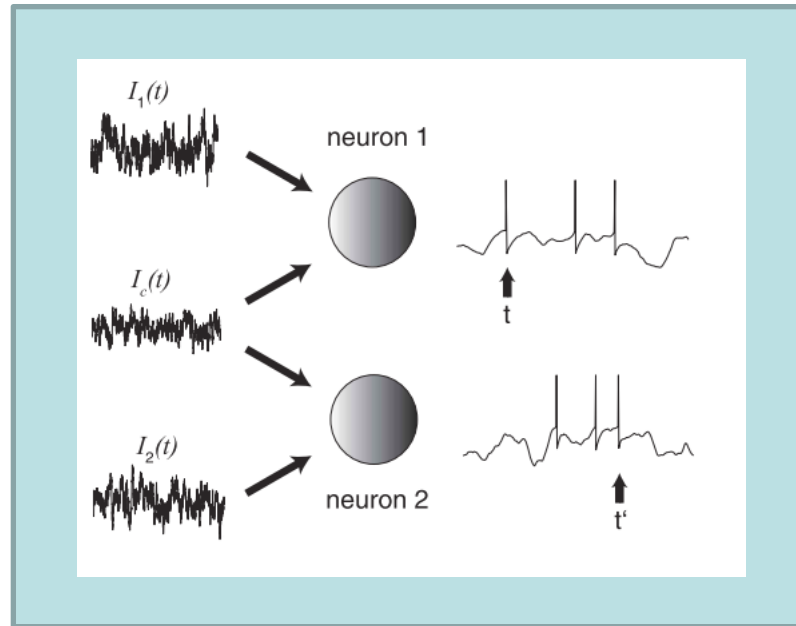
# A Golden Problem: Input-Output relationship



The problem can be faced in the **statistical sense**: average quantities

$$V_{in}$$
$$F_{N,in}$$
$$\rho_{in}$$
$$V_{out}$$
$$F_{N,out}$$
$$\rho_{out}$$

# A Golden Problem: Input-Output relationship



# Firing rate for a leaky integrate & fire (LIF) neuron with instantaneous synapses

$$\frac{dV(t)}{dt} = -\frac{V(t)}{\tau_m} + I(t),$$

$$I(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{C_E} J_{E_j} s_j(t) - \sum_{k=1}^{C_I} J_{I_k} s_k(t),$$

$$\nu^{-1} = \tau_{\text{ref}} + \tau_m \sqrt{\pi} \int_{\frac{V_{\text{res}} - \mu_V}{\sigma_V \sqrt{2}}}^{\frac{V_{\text{th}} - \mu_V}{\sigma_V \sqrt{2}}} dx e^{x^2} [1 + \text{erf}(x)]$$

$$CV^2 = 2\pi \nu^2 \int_{\frac{V_{\text{res}} - \mu_V}{\sigma_V \sqrt{2}}}^{\frac{V_{\text{th}} - \mu_V}{\sigma_V \sqrt{2}}} dx e^{x^2} \int_{-\infty}^x dy e^{y^2} [1 + \text{erf}(y)]^2$$

$$\mu_V = \tau_m \mu; \quad \sigma_V^2 = \frac{1}{2} \tau_m \sigma^2$$

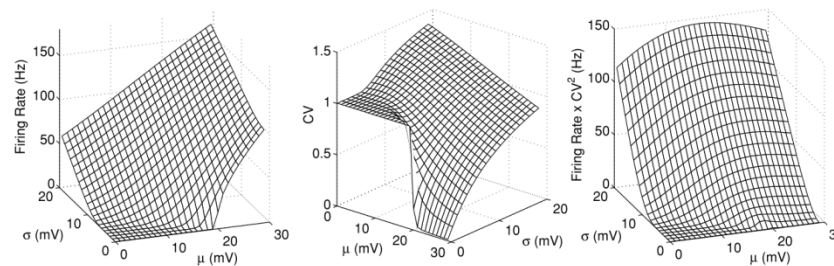


Figure 2: Mean firing rate  $\nu$  (left), CV (middle), and product  $\nu CV^2$  (right) of the LIF neuron as a function of the mean and standard deviation of the depolarization. Parameters:  $V_{\text{th}} = 20$  mV,  $V_{\text{res}} = 10$  mV,  $\tau_m = 10$  ms, and  $\tau_{\text{ref}} = 2$  ms.



# Rate with non-instantaneous synapses

## Fast neuronal dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= -\frac{V}{\tau_m} + \mu + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\tau_s}} z(t) \\ \dot{z} &= -\frac{z}{\tau_s} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tau_s}} \eta(t) \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x - \epsilon z) + \epsilon^2 L_z \right] P &= 0 \\ \epsilon &= \sqrt{\tau_m / \tau_s} \\ L_z &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} z + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \end{aligned} \quad \text{stationary FPE}$$

In the long synaptic time scale limit  $\tau_s \geq \tau_m$   
we treat  $\epsilon = \sqrt{\tau_m / \tau_s}$  as a small parameter

This limit is useful in the high conductance regime  
(Destexhe et al., Nat.Rev.Neurosc. 2003)  
or when slow filters (NMDA, GABA<sub>B</sub>, etc) are important

firing rate  $v = \int_{\hat{\Theta}/\epsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2} v_0(z).$

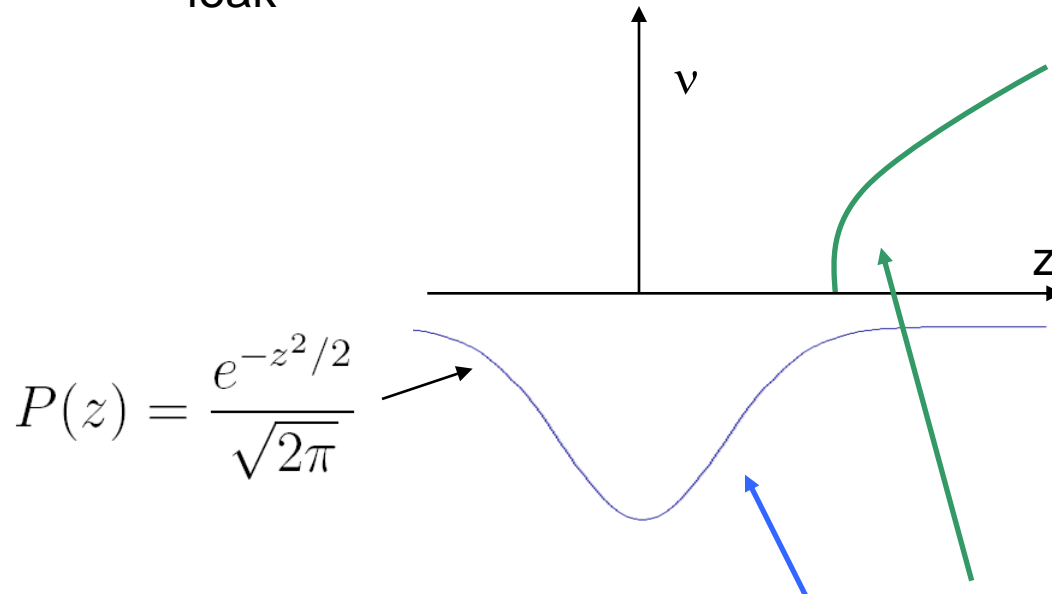
$$v_0^{-1}(z) = \tau_m \ln \left( \frac{\hat{H} - \epsilon z}{\hat{\Theta} - \epsilon z} \right)$$

$$\hat{\Theta} = \sqrt{2}(\Theta - \mu\tau_m)/\sigma\sqrt{\tau_m} \text{ and } \hat{H} = \sqrt{2}(H - \mu\tau_m)/\sigma\sqrt{\tau_m}$$

# Rate with non-instantaneous synapses

At zero-th order  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x - \gamma z) P_0 = 0 \longrightarrow \nu(z) = \frac{1}{\tau_m \log \left( \frac{\hat{H} - \epsilon z}{\hat{\Theta} - \epsilon z} \right)}$

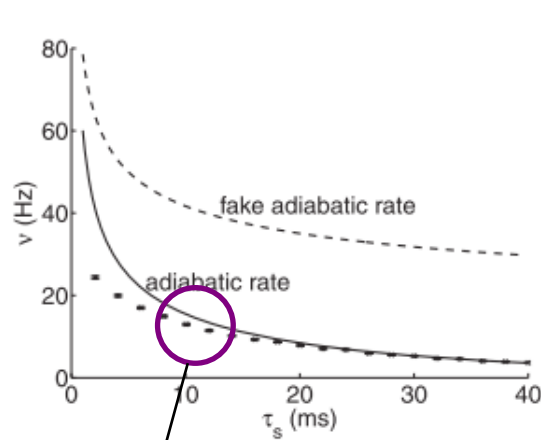
$x$  → leak  
 $\gamma z$  → constant drift



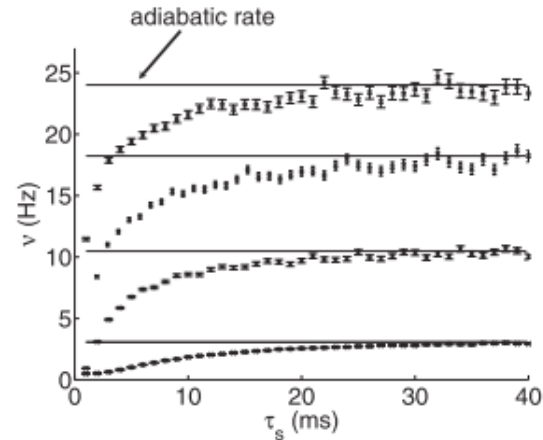
Firing rate  $\longrightarrow \nu = \int dz P(z) \nu(z)$

The only approx. is  $\tau_s \geq \tau_m$

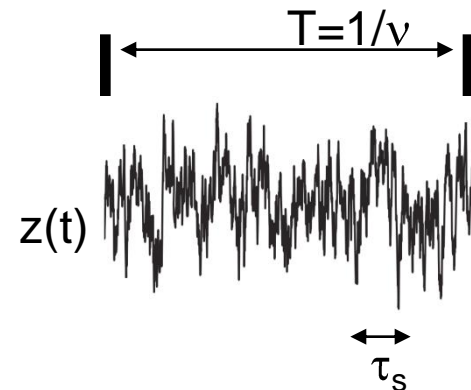
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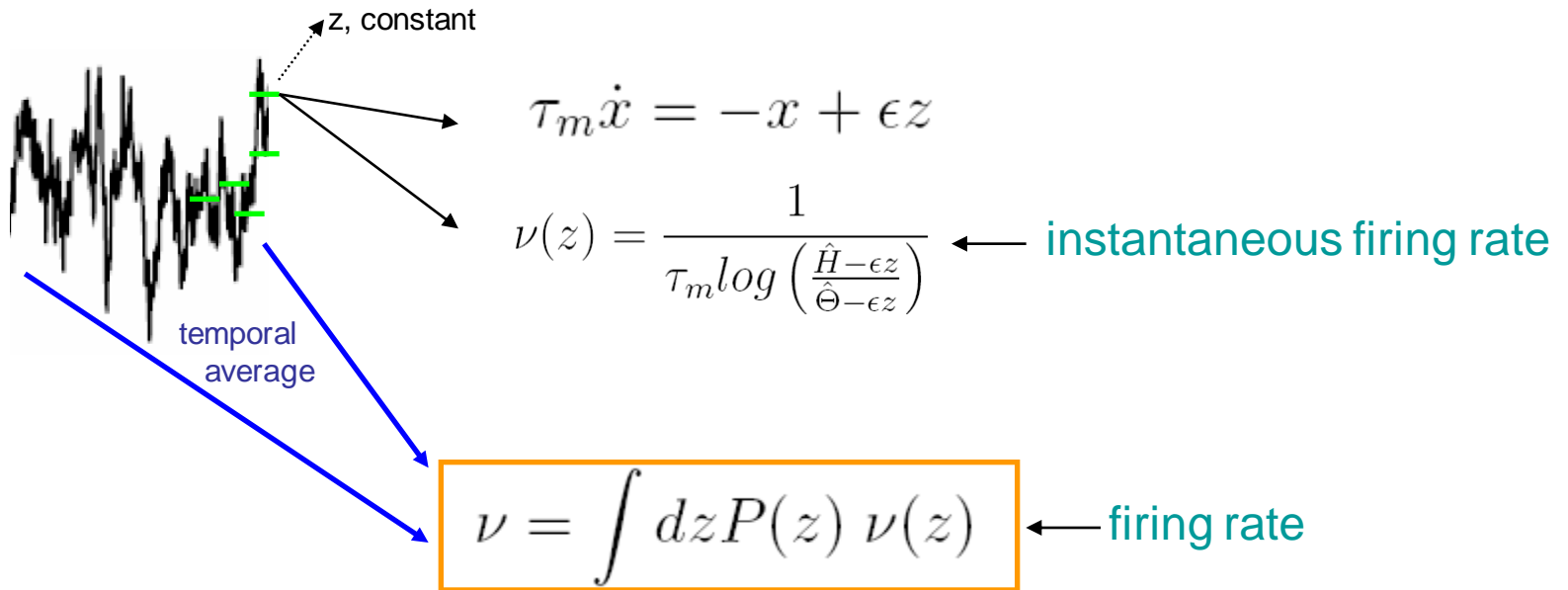
here  $\tau_s = \tau_m = 10$ ms



This is surprising because here  $z$  is not constant during an ISI of typical duration  $T = 100$ - $200$  ms.



# Rate with non-instantaneous synapses



Why not  $T = \int dz P(z) T(z)$ ?

It does not do a very good job

← ISI for fixed  $z$

# Rate with non-instantaneous synapses

## Fast synapses

In the short synaptic time scale limit  $\tau_s \leq \tau_m$   
 we treat the inverse of  $\epsilon = \sqrt{\tau_m/\tau_s}$  as a small parameter

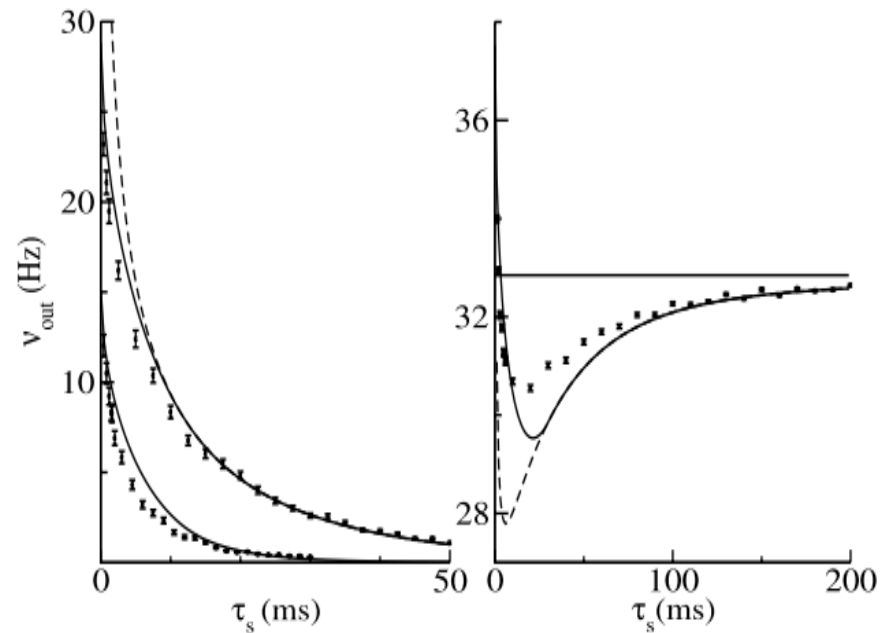
This limit is useful when AMPA receptors are abundant

firing rate

$$\frac{1}{\nu} = \tau_m \sqrt{\pi} \int \frac{\frac{\theta - \mu}{\sigma} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\tau_s}{\tau_m}}}{\frac{V_T - \mu}{\sigma} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\tau_s}{\tau_m}}} \Psi(s) ds$$

$$\Psi(s) = e^{s^2} (1 + \operatorname{erf}(s))$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{2} \left| \zeta \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \right| \approx \sqrt{2} \cdot 1.46$$

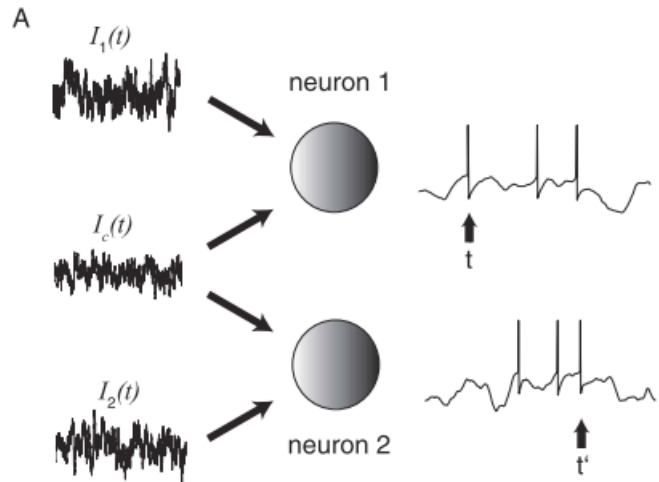


Interpolating the fast and slow synaptic  
 time scale limits

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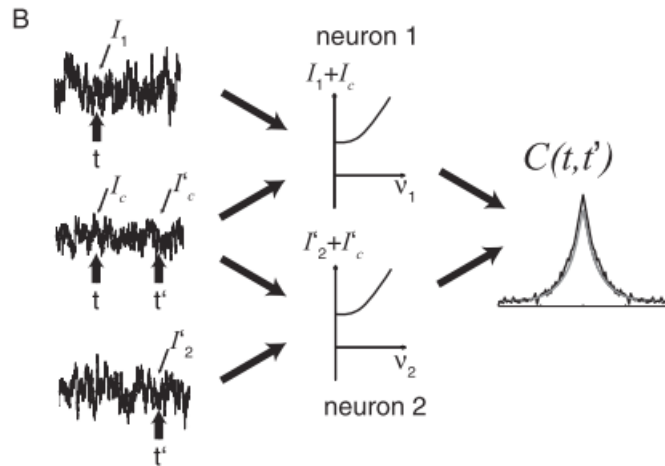


$$\tau_m \dot{V}_1 = -V_1 + \tau_m (I_1(t) + I_c(t)),$$

$$\tau_m \dot{V}_2 = -V_2 + \tau_m (I_2(t) + I_c(t)).$$

$$\tau_s \dot{I}_i(t) = -I_i(t) + \mu_{ind} + \sigma_{ind} \eta_i(t),$$

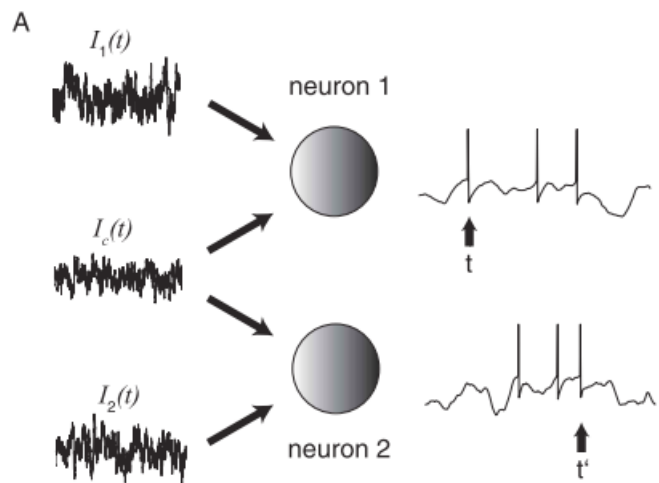
$$\tau_s \dot{I}_c(t) = -I_c(t) + \mu_c + \sigma_c \eta_c(t),$$



$$C(t, t') \simeq \int dI_1 dI_2' dI_c dI_c' P(I_c, t; I_c', t') P(I_1) P(I_2')$$

$$\times v_1(I_1 + I_c) v_2(I_2' + I_c').$$

# Correlations with non-instantaneous synapses

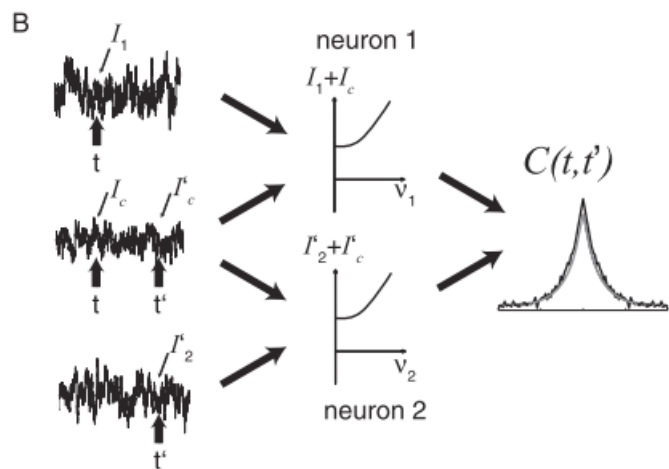


d. The linear approximation of the cross-correlation function for two LIF neurons given in c is

$$C(\Delta) = \tilde{v}(\mu_c)^2 + \tilde{v}'(\mu_c)^2 C_{I,c}(\Delta), \quad (2.62)$$

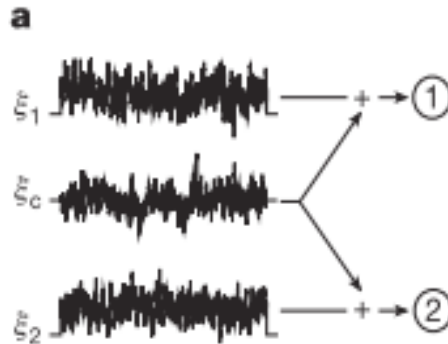
where  $\tilde{v}(I_c) = \int dI P(I) v(I + I_c)$  with  $v^{-1}(I) = \tau_m \ln(\frac{\tau_m I - H}{\tau_m I - \Theta})$ ,  $\tilde{v}'(\mu_c)$  is the derivative of  $\tilde{v}(I_c)$  evaluated at  $\mu_c$ , and

$$C_{I,c}(\Delta) = \frac{\sigma_c^2}{2\tau_s} e^{-|\Delta|/\tau_s}. \quad (2.63)$$





# Correlations with instantaneous synapses



$$\tau_m \frac{dV_i}{dt} = -V_i + \mu + \sigma \sqrt{\tau_m} (\sqrt{1-c} \xi_i(t) + \sqrt{c} \xi_c(t))$$

$$I_i = \mu_i + \sigma_i (\sqrt{1-c} \xi_i(t) + \sqrt{c} \xi_c(t))$$

$$\rho \approx S(\mu, \sigma) c = \frac{\sigma^2 \left( \frac{dv}{d\mu} \right)^2}{CV^2 v} c$$

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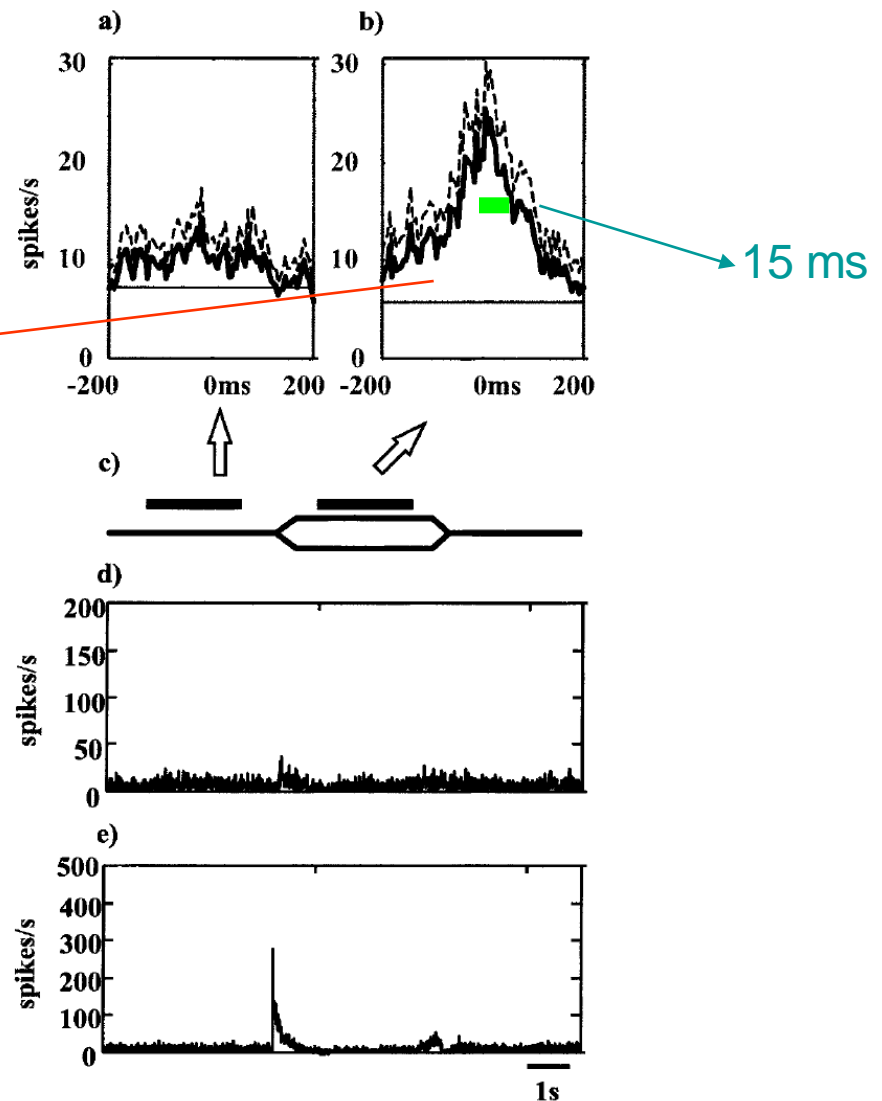
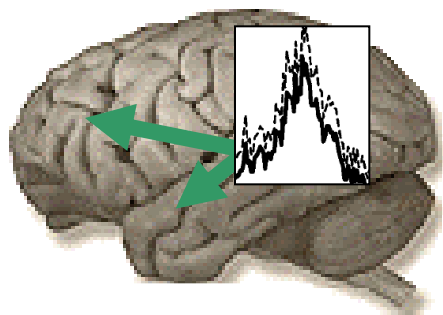
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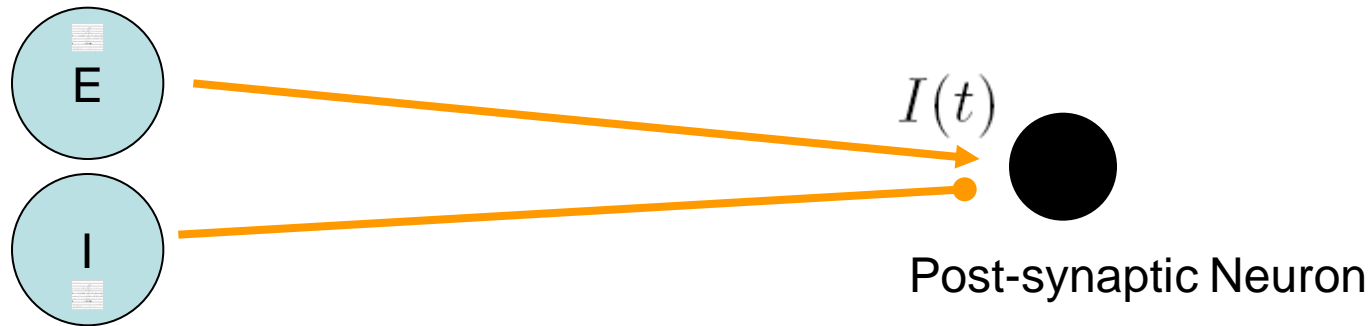
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# I. Correlated activity in primary auditory cortex

Exponential-like correlations



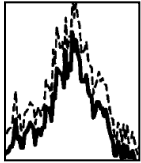
# I. Model. The total presynaptic current



$$\dot{V}(t) = -\frac{V(t)}{\tau_m} + I(t) \quad \text{Leaky Integrate-and-Fire neuron}$$

$$I(t) = J_E \sum_{i=1}^{N_E} \sum_k \delta(t - t_i^k) - J_I \sum_{j=1}^{N_I} \sum_l \delta(t - t_j^l)$$

# I. Model. Temporal Correlations



Auto-correlations:

$$C_p(t, t') \equiv \left\langle \left( \sum_k \delta(t - t_i^k) - \nu_p \right) \left( \sum_{k'} \delta(t' - t_i^{k'}) - \nu_p \right) \right\rangle$$

$i, p = E, I$

$j, q = E, I$

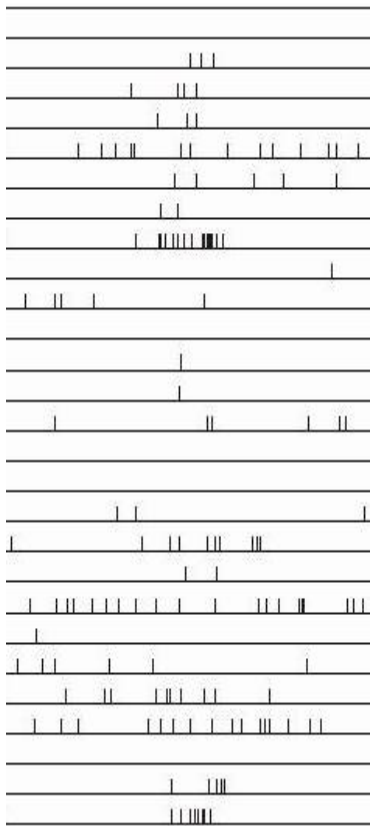
$$= \underbrace{\nu_p}_{\text{rate}} \delta(t - t') + \nu_p \underbrace{\left( \frac{F_p - 1}{2\tau_c} \right)}_{\text{Fano factor}} e^{-\frac{|t-t'|}{\tau_c}}$$

Cross-correlations:

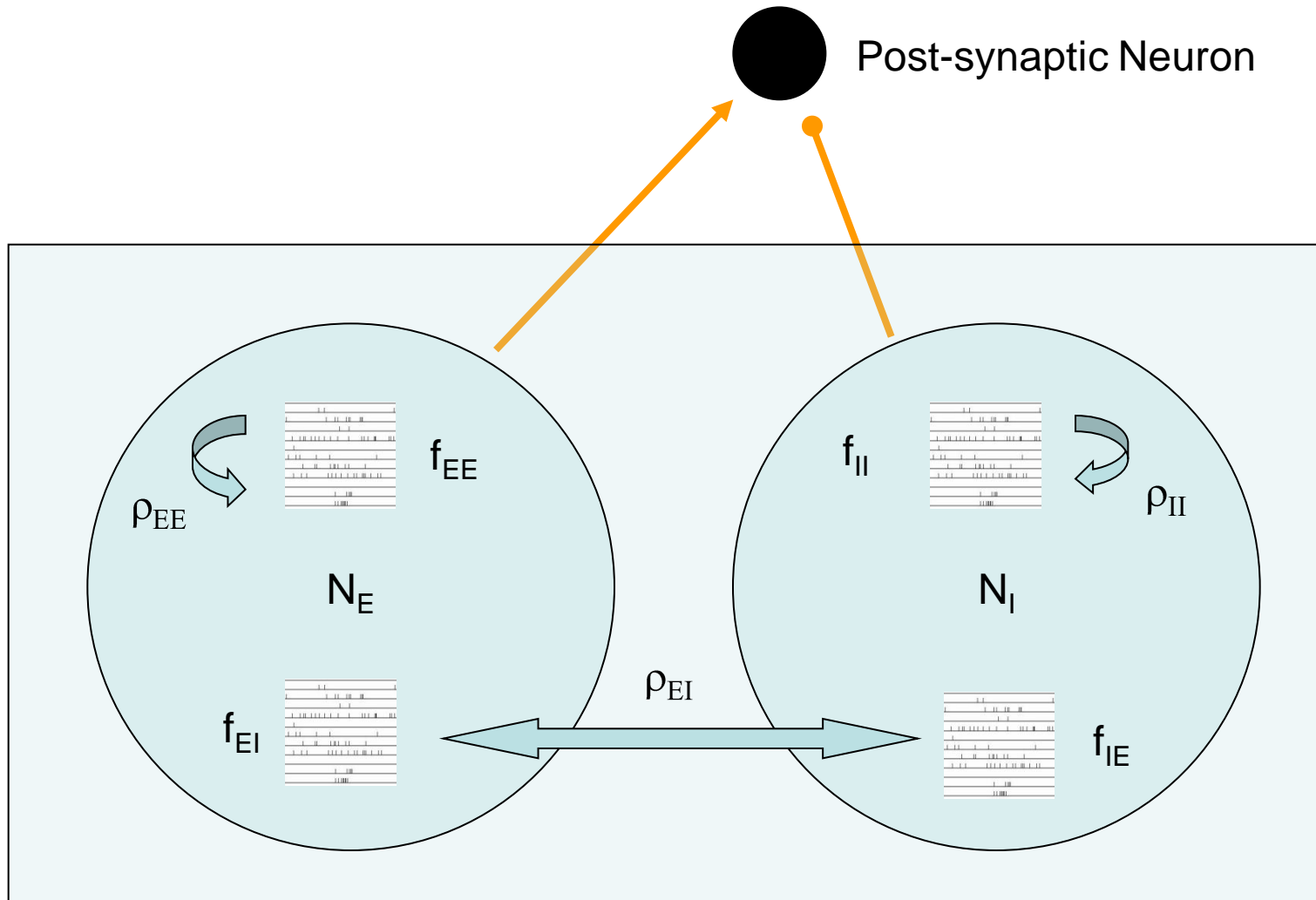
$$C_{pq}(t, t') \equiv \left\langle \left( \sum_{k_p} \delta(t - t_i^{k_p}) - \nu_p \right) \left( \sum_{k_q} \delta(t' - t_j^{k_q}) - \nu_q \right) \right\rangle$$

$$= \sqrt{\nu_p \nu_q} \underbrace{\left( \frac{\rho_{pq} \sqrt{F_p F_q}}{2\tau_c} \right)}_{\text{correlation coefficient}} e^{-\frac{|t-t'|}{\tau_c}}$$

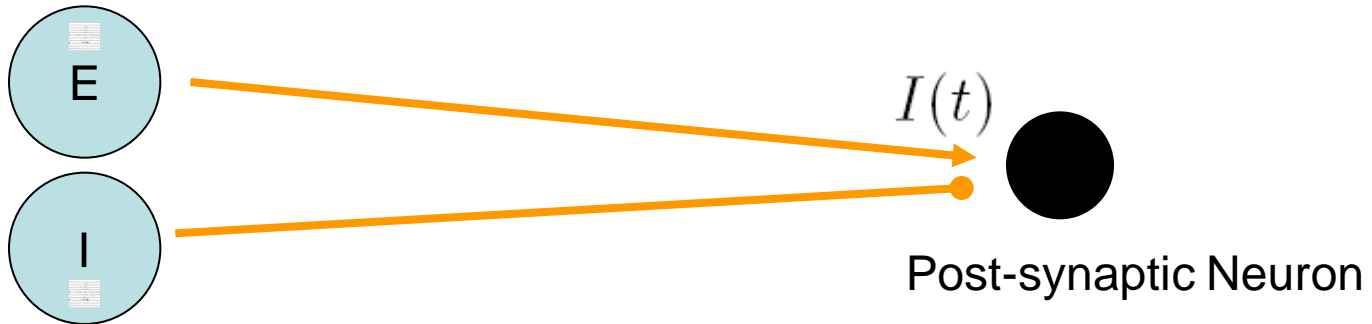
corr.  
time



# I. Model. Spatial Correlations



# I. Results. Properties of the syn. current



$$I(t) = J_E \sum_{i=1}^{N_E} \sum_k \delta(t - t_i^k) - J_I \sum_{j=1}^{N_I} \sum_l \delta(t - t_j^l)$$

$$\mu = J_E N_E \nu_E - J_I N_I \nu_I$$

mean current

$$C_{current}(t, t') = \sigma_w^2 \left[ \delta(t - t') + \frac{\alpha}{2\tau_c} e^{-\frac{|t-t'|}{\tau_c}} \right]$$

correlation magnitude

white noise variance

correlation time



# I. Results. $\alpha$ and $\tau_c$

$$C_{current}(t, t') = \sigma_w^2 \left[ \delta(t - t') + \frac{\alpha}{2\tau_c} e^{-\frac{|t-t'|}{\tau_c}} \right]$$

correlation magnitude

correlation time

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_w^2 &= J_E^2 N_E \nu_E + J_I^2 N_I \nu_I \\ \alpha \sigma_w^2 &= J_E^2 N_E \nu_E [(F_E - 1) + f_{EE}(f_{EE} N_E - 1) F_E \rho_{EE}] \\ &\quad + J_I^2 N_I \nu_I [(F_I - 1) + f_{II}(f_{II} N_I - 1) F_I \rho_{II}] \\ &\quad - 2 J_E J_I f_{EI} f_{IE} N_E N_I \sqrt{\nu_E \nu_I} \sqrt{F_E F_I} \rho_{EI} . \end{aligned}$$

# I. How to generate such a current?

$$I(t) = J_E \sum_{i=1}^{N_E} \sum_k \delta(t - t_i^k) - J_I \sum_{j=1}^{N_I} \sum_l \delta(t - t_j^l)$$

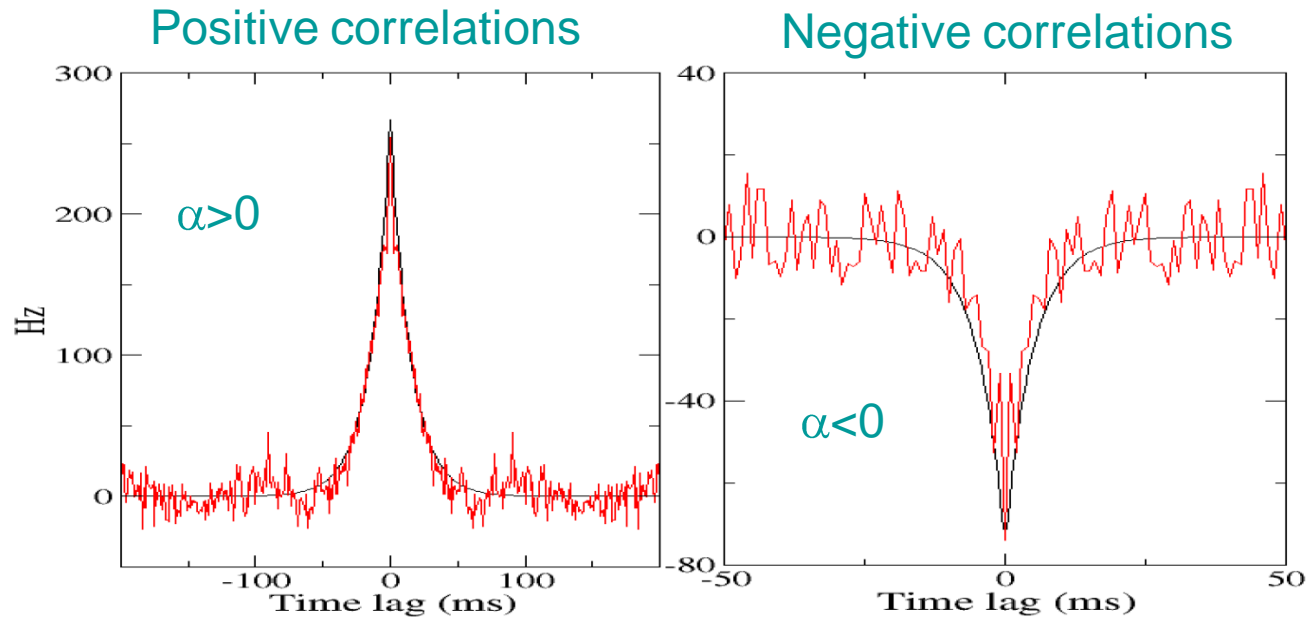
$$\mu = J_E N_E \nu_E - J_I N_I \nu_I$$

$$C_{current}(t, t') = \sigma_w^2 \left[ \delta(t - t') + \frac{\alpha}{2\tau_c} e^{-\frac{|t-t'|}{\tau_c}} \right]$$

Why a simple representation of the current is required?

1. Generating the current in the way defined above is complex.
2. If the representation of the current is simple enough, it can allow us to find an analytical solution in some limits.
3. It can be used to simulate neurons receiving correlated inputs.
4. It can be used to stimulate real neurons with current waves mimicking correlated inputs.

# I. Results. Generating $I(t)$ using an auxiliar OUP



$$I(t) = \mu + \sigma_w \eta(t) + \sigma_w \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2\tau_c}} z(t)$$

$$\dot{z}(t) = -\frac{z}{\tau_c} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tau_c}} \eta(t),$$

$$\beta = \pm \sqrt{1 + \alpha} - 1$$

$$\rightarrow C_{current}(t, t') = \sigma_w^2 \left[ \delta(t - t') + \frac{\alpha}{2\tau_c} e^{-\frac{|t-t'|}{\tau_c}} \right]$$

# I. Results. FPE and stationary response

The **FPE** associated to the equation for  $V$  and the current is

$$\left[ L_x + \frac{L_z}{k^2} + \frac{2}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - \frac{\beta z}{2} \right) \right] P_\beta(x, z) = -\tau_m \delta(x - \sqrt{2} \hat{H}) J_\beta(z)$$

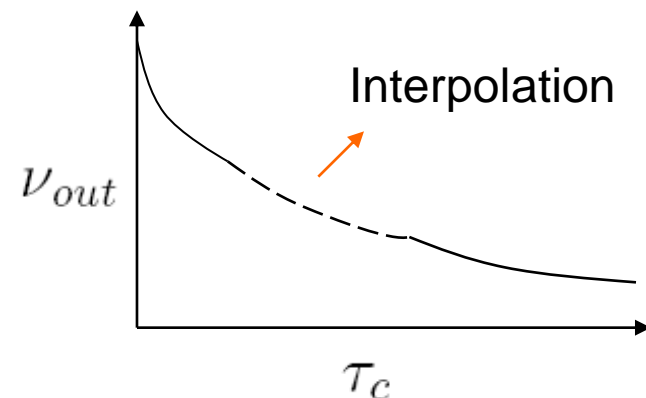
It can be solved in the **long correlation time limit**

$$v_{out} = v_0 + \frac{C}{\tau_c}$$

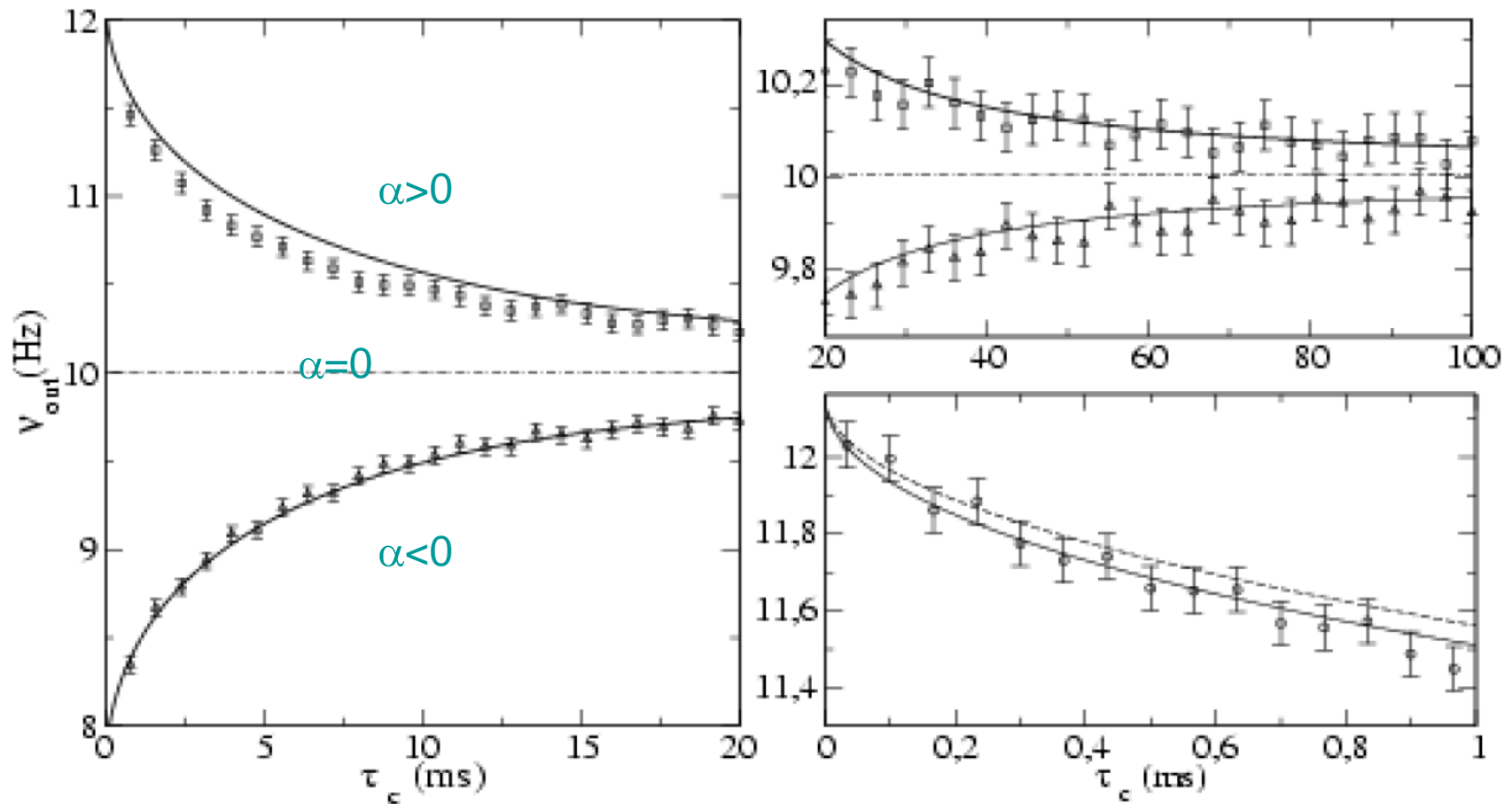
A similar FPE is solved in the **short correlation time limit**

$$v_{out} = v_{eff} - \alpha \sqrt{\tau_c \tau_m} v_0^2 R(\hat{\Theta})$$

$$\sigma_{eff}^2 = \sigma_w^2 (1 + \alpha)$$



# I. Results. Stationary rate as a function of $\tau_c$



# I. Results. Non-stationary response.

## Fast responses predicted by the FPE

The **instantaneous firing rate** of the neuron is exactly

$$\nu_{out}(t) = -\frac{\sigma_w^2(t)}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dw P(V, w, t) |_{V=\Theta}$$

Changing  $\sigma_w^2(t)$  will procude an instantaneous change in the rate

When the **correlation time** becomes **zero**, it can be expressed as

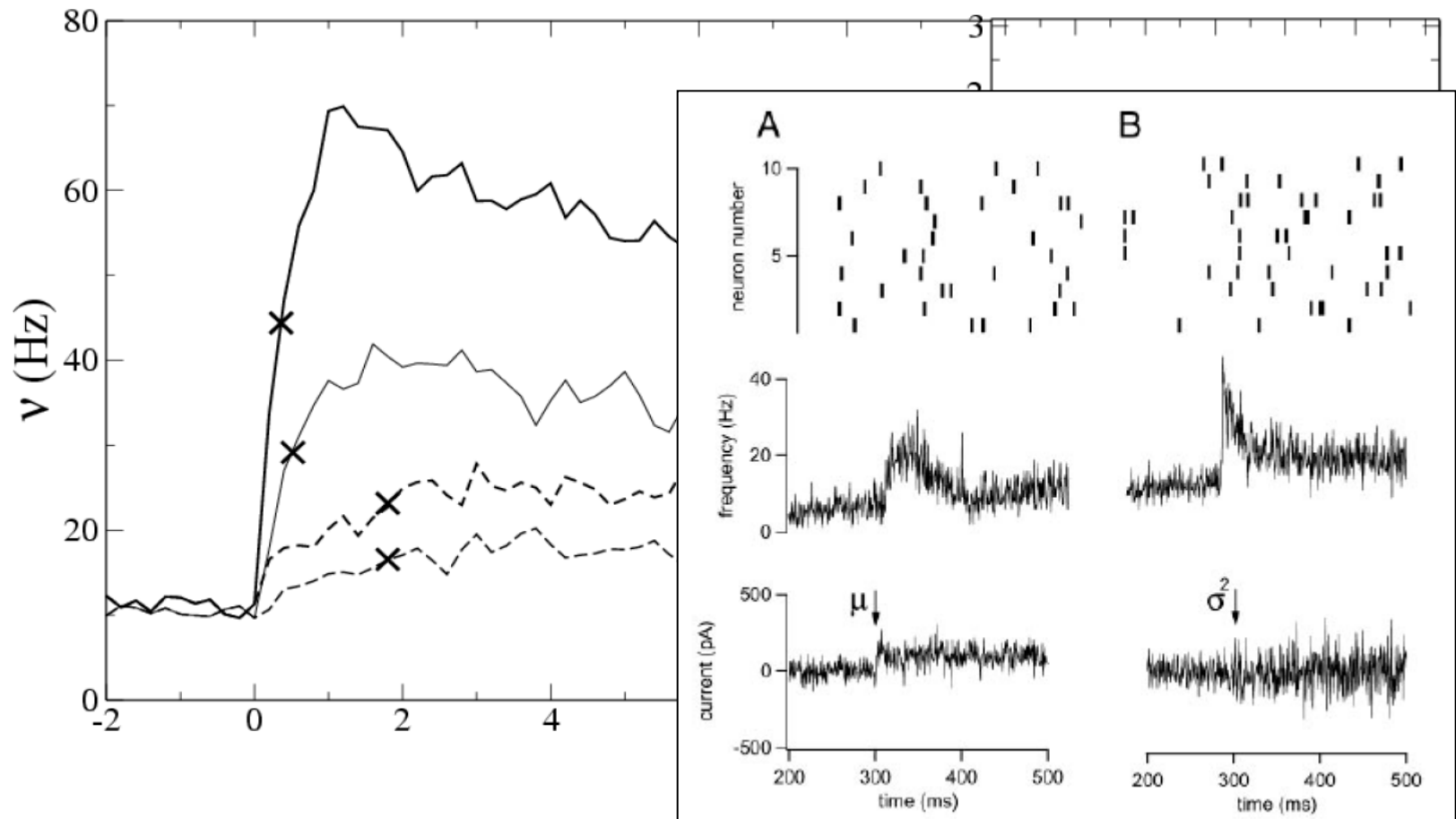
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$$\sigma_{eff}^2 = \sigma_w^2 (1 + \alpha)$$

Changing it will procude an instantaneous change in the rate

**For short enough correlation times, the response has also to be very fast!**

# I. Results. Rapid response to instantaneous changes of $\alpha$





# I. ... in conclusion

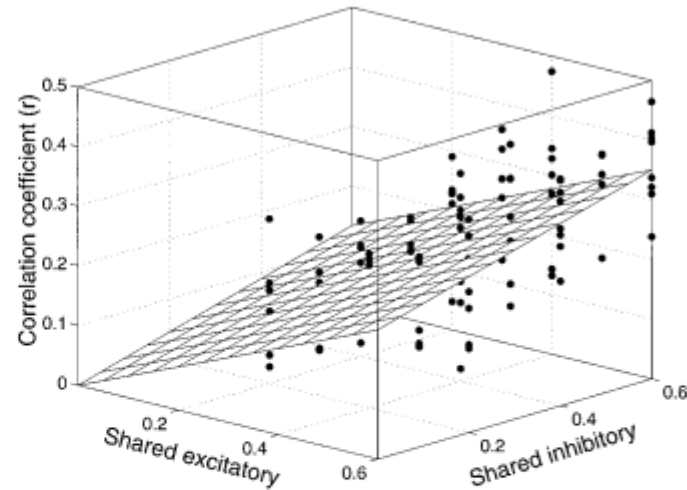
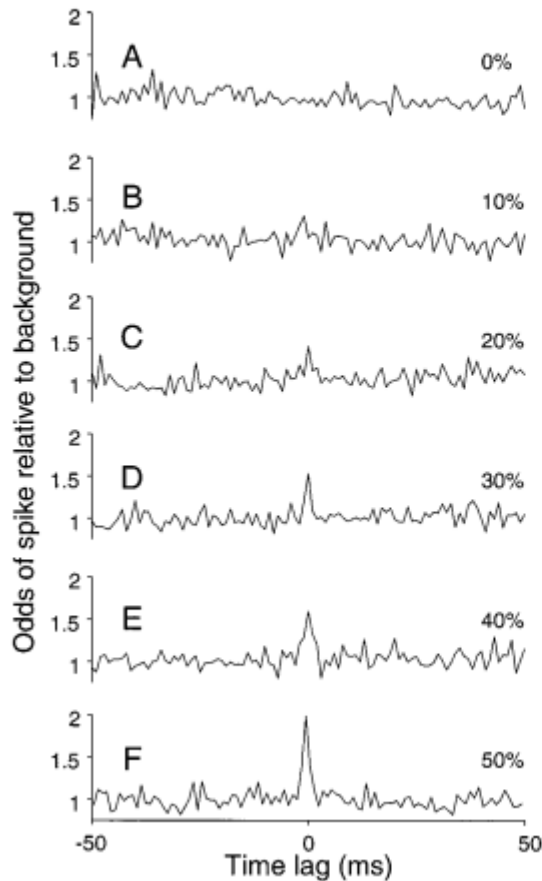
1. We have described the statistical properties of a current that considers the activity of many correlated neurons.
2. This current has been generated using an auxiliary OU process.
3. The associated FPE to this current and to an IF neuron has been solved in the limits of short and long correlation times.
4. These solutions predict the modulation of neuronal responses to variations of the parameters defining the correlated activity.
5. Changing the correlation magnitude of pre-synaptic populations produces a very fast increase of the output firing rate.



# I. Weak effects of correlations on firing rate?

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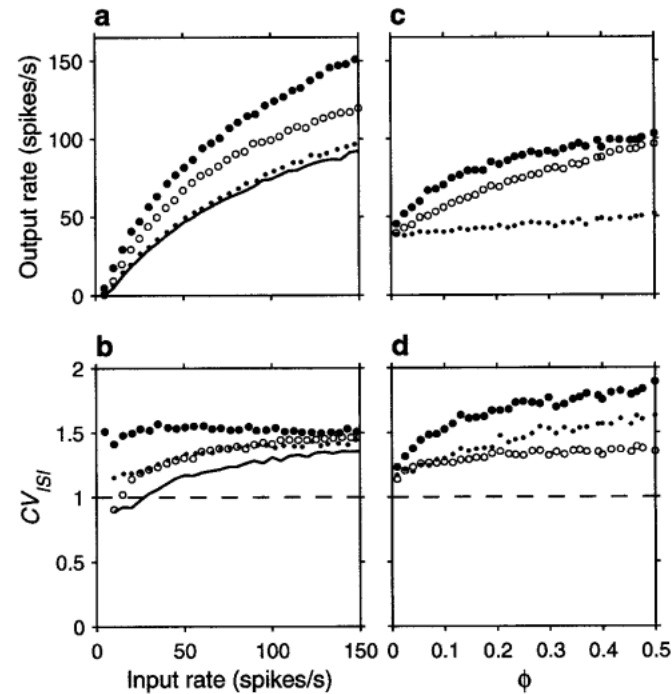
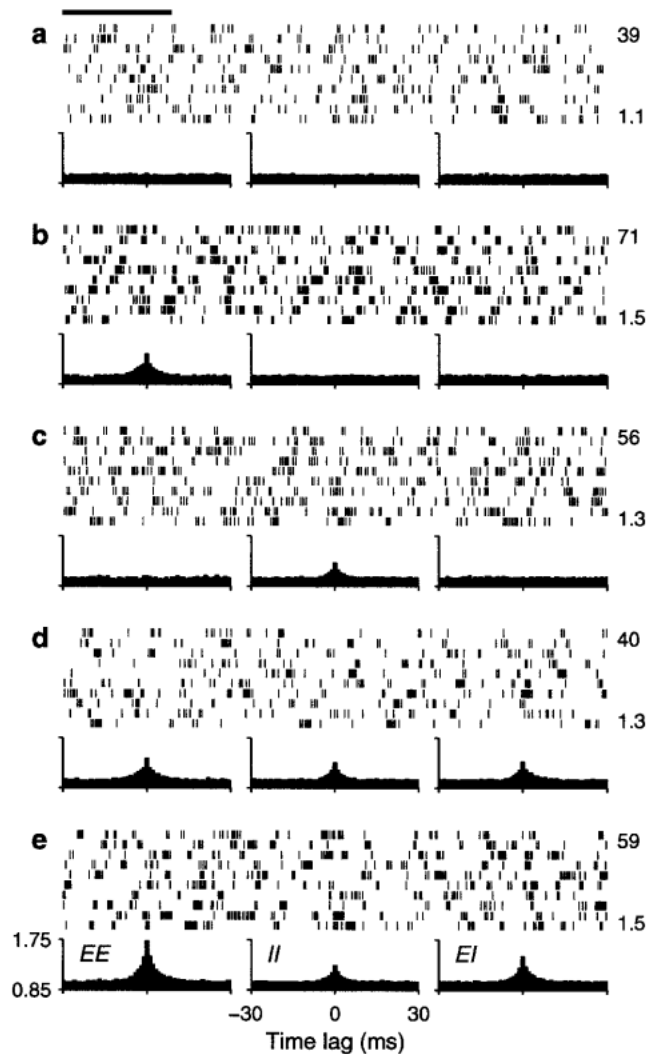
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*Figure 9.* Effect of common input on response covariance. The correlation coefficient is plotted as a function of the fraction of shared excitatory and shared inhibitory input to a pair of model neurons. Each point was obtained from 20 sec of simulated spike discharge using a variety of model parameters (input spike rate, number of inputs, and barrier height). In each simulation, the output spike rate was approximately the same as the average of any one input (within a factor of  $\pm 0.25$ ). The best fitting plane through the origin is shown. A substantial degree of shared input is required to achieve even modest correlation.

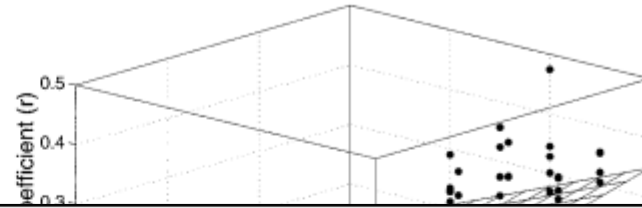
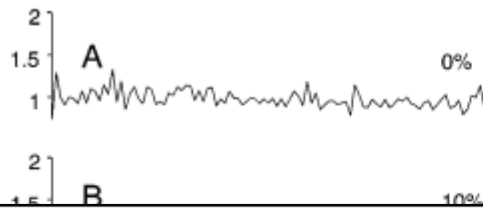
of shared excitatory and shared inhibitory connections affect the correlation coefficient. Shared excitation has a greater impact, because it can lead directly to a spike from both neurons.

# I. Strong effects correlations on rate and CV



**Figure 5.** Effect of input correlations generated by common drive on the firing rate and variability of the same balanced ( $\beta = 1$ ) model neuron used in Figure 4. For each data point, the output spike train was recorded for 30–90 sec of simulation time, and the mean rate and coefficient of variation were computed from this segment. *a*, Mean output firing rate  $r_{out}$  as a function of input rate  $r_{E^*}$  for four conditions. The *continuous line* indicates uncorrelated inputs ( $\phi_E = 0, \phi_I = 0$ ), *filled circles* indicate correlations between excitatory inputs only ( $\phi_E = 0.1, \phi_I = 0$ ), *open circles* indicate correlations among inhibitory inputs only ( $\phi_E = 0, \phi_I = 0.1$ ), and *dots* indicate all pairs equally correlated ( $\phi_E = 0.1, \phi_I = 0.1$ ). *b*,  $CV_{ISI}$  of the output spike trains as a function of input rate, computed from the same simulations as in *a*; *symbols* have identical meaning. The *dashed line* marks a  $CV_{ISI}$  of 1, expected from a Poisson process. *c*, Mean output firing rate  $r_{out}$  as a function of correlation strength, for a fixed input rate  $r_E = 40$  spikes/sec. *Filled circles* correspond to correlations between excitatory neurons only ( $\phi_E$  varies along the *x* axis and  $\phi_I = 0$ ), *open circles* correspond to

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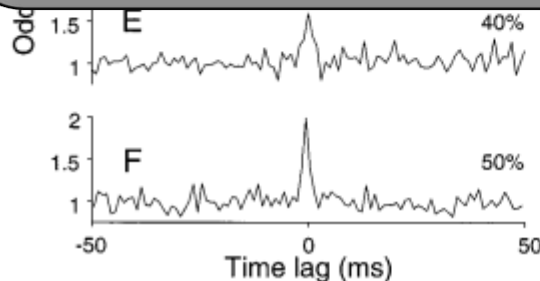


$$\sigma_w^2 = J_E^2 N_E \nu_E + J_I^2 N_I \nu_I$$

$$\alpha \sigma_w^2 = J_E^2 N_E \nu_E [(F_E - 1) + f_{EE}(f_{EE} N_E - 1) F_E \rho_{EE}]$$

$$+ J_I^2 N_I \nu_I [(F_I - 1) + f_{II}(f_{II} N_I - 1) F_I \rho_{II}]$$

$$- 2 J_E J_I f_{EI} f_{IE} N_E N_I \sqrt{\nu_E \nu_I} \sqrt{F_E F_I \rho_{EI}} .$$



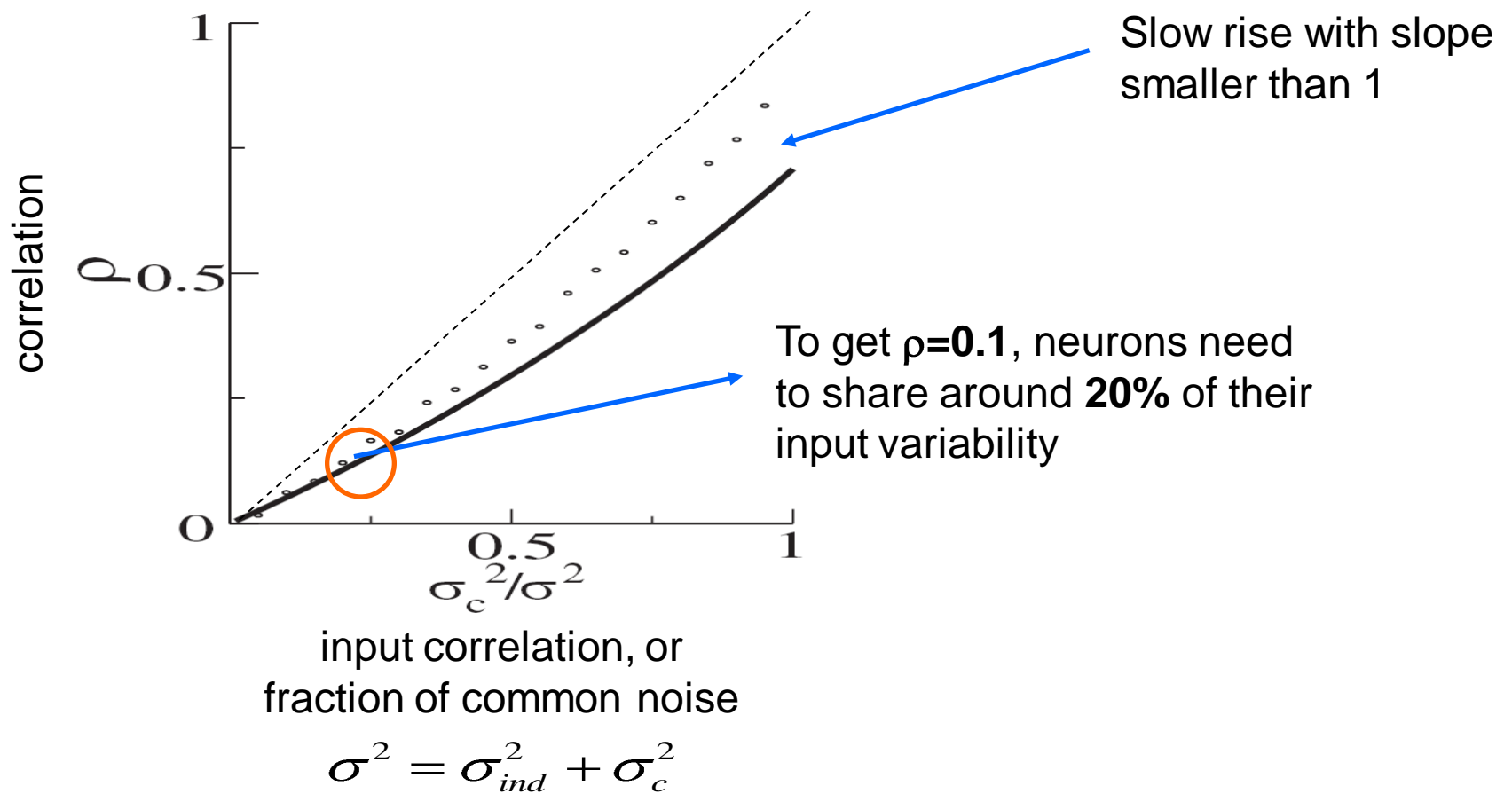
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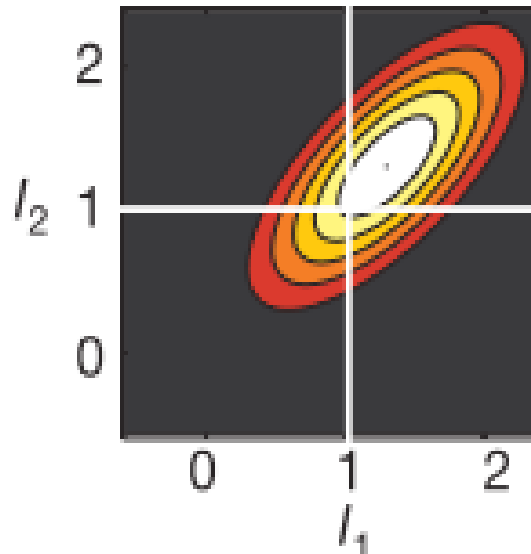
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Correlation coefficient:  $\rho = \frac{2 \int C(s) ds}{F_{N\nu}}$

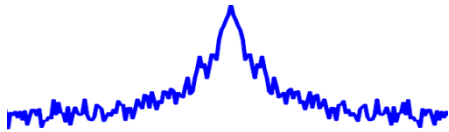




The correlation coefficient of the output of a pair of non-linear rate neurons receiving correlated Gaussian noise is bounded by the correlation in the input

## Low fraction of common noise

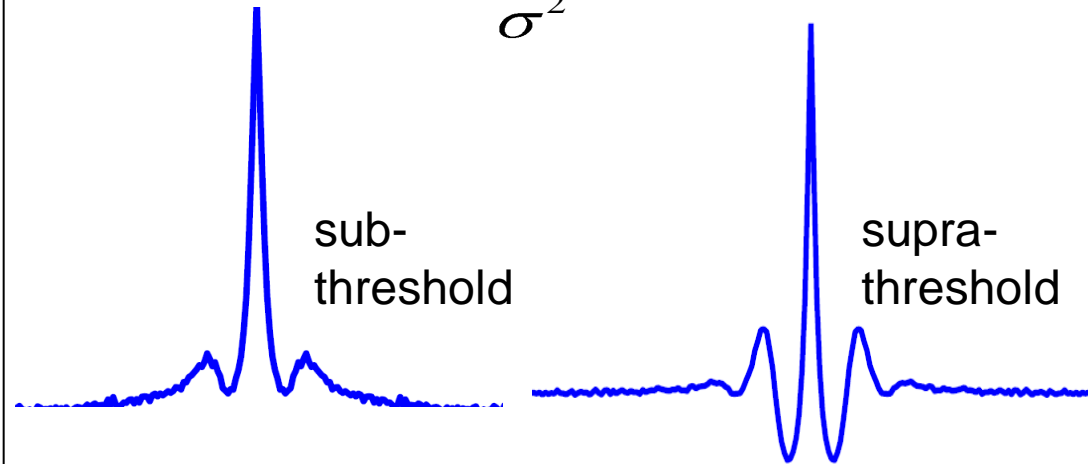
$$\frac{\sigma_c^2}{\sigma^2} \ll 1$$



- A **single peak** in both sub- and supra-threshold regimes
- Width** of the **peak** is approx.  $\tau_s$

## Large fraction of common noise

$$\frac{\sigma_c^2}{\sigma^2} \approx 1$$

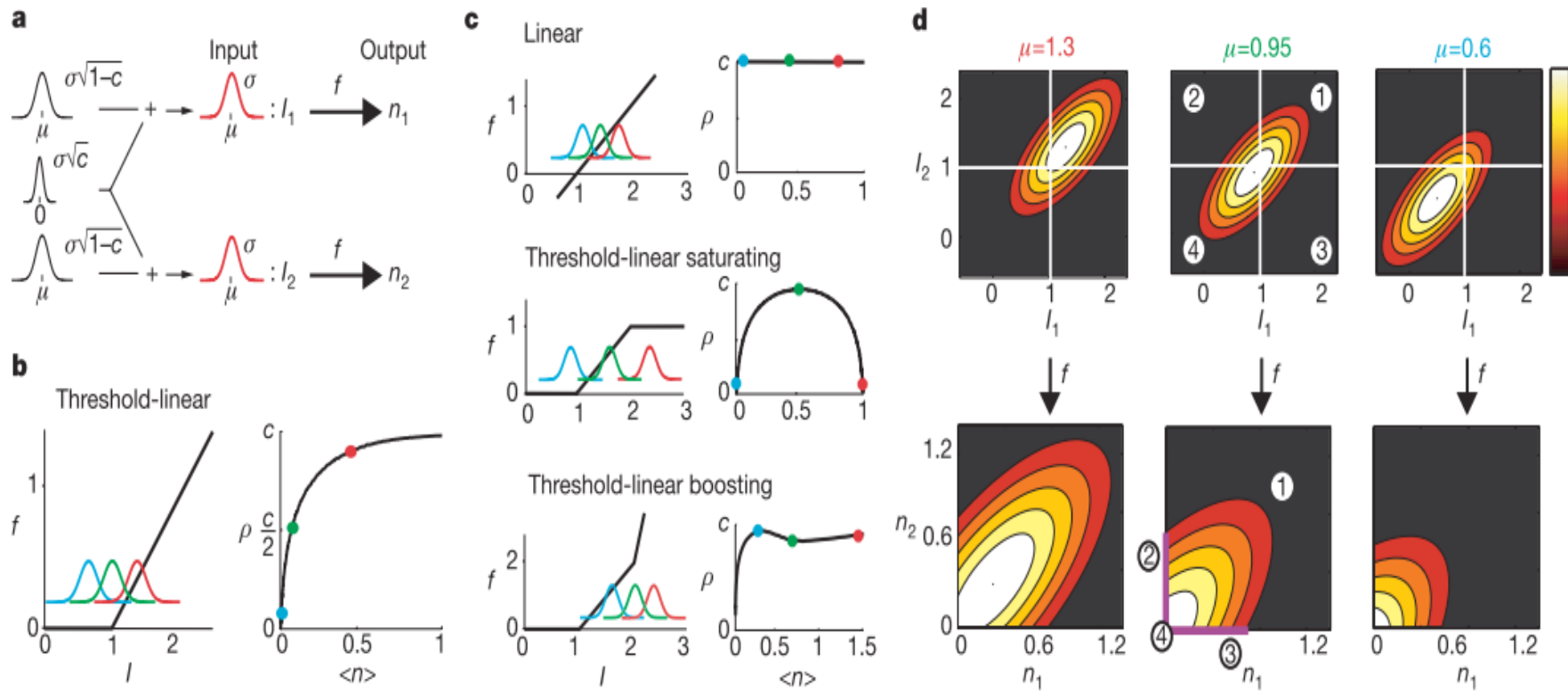


- Damped oscillatory profile** in both regimes
- Width** is not simply related to  $\tau_s$

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Output correlation increases with output firing rate

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- The Fokker-Planck equation (FPE) for a pair of correlated neurons remains unsolved exactly for all limits, except for one case (however, very good approximations are available in some limits, as described in this tutorial)
- How correlation transfer operates in more complex neuronal models (e.g., Hodgkin & Huxley) is not known
- How correlation transfer depends on reciprocal connections is largely unknown (but await to the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the tutorial)
- The relationship between correlations and information in a pair of neurons remains unexplored