



# Phase resetting, noise, and synchrony

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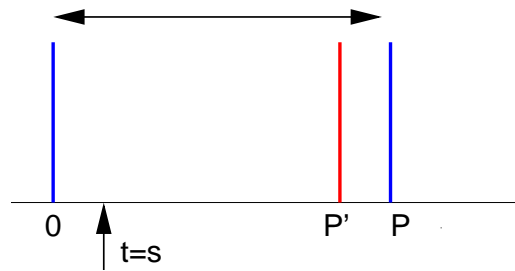
- Nathan Urban, Roberto Galan, Nicolas Fourcaud
- David Saunders
- Tay Netoff, John White
- Boris Gutkin & Alex Reyes

# Overview

- Phase resetting
- Experimental computations
- Maps and noise
- Invariant densities etc
- Stochastic synchrony

# Phase resetting

- Biological rhythms are governed by nonlinear oscillators

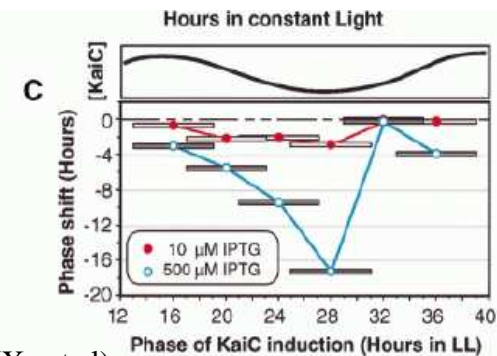
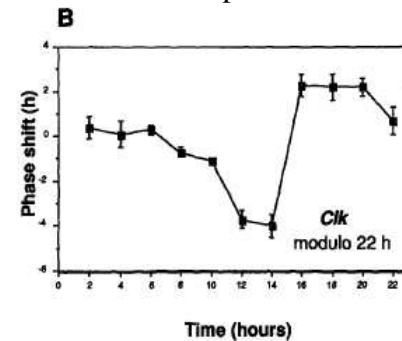
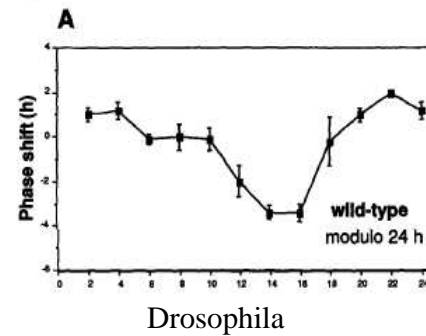
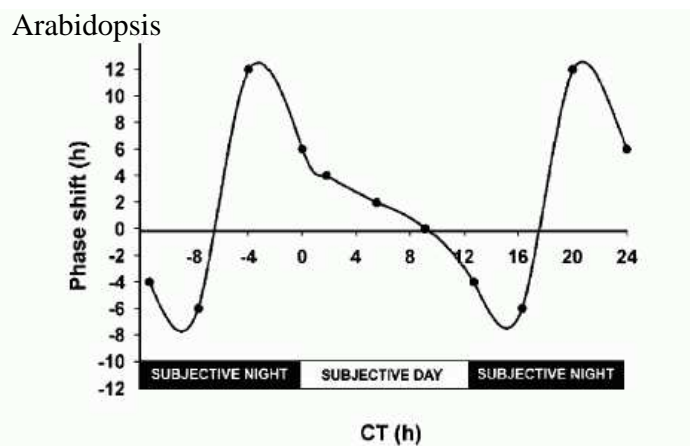
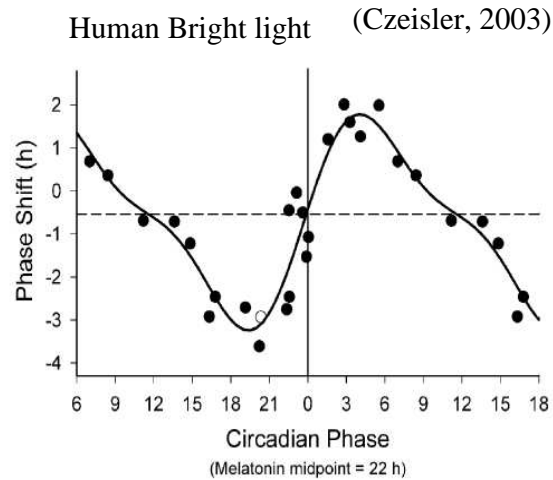


- The *Phase-resetting curve* (PRC) is defined as

$$\Delta(\phi) = 1 - \frac{P'(\phi)}{P}, \quad \phi \equiv \frac{s}{P}$$

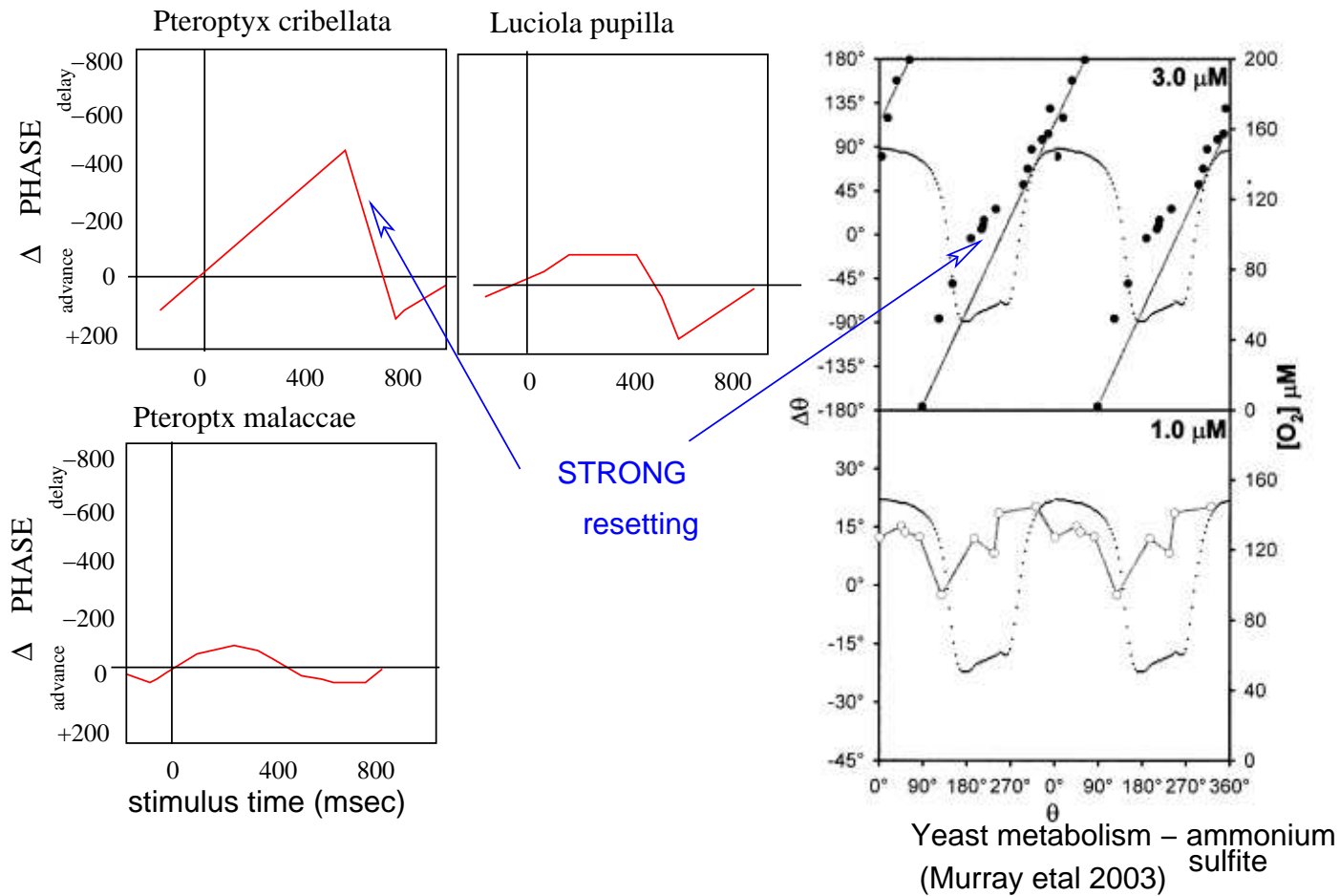
- tells us how an oscillator is changed due to the timing of inputs.

# Well known in circadian literature



cyanobacteria (Xu et al)

# ... and in other areas



# The PRC depends on bifurcation

1. Shea-Brown, Izhikevich, GBE
2. Hopf gives sinusoidal PRC that is positive and negative

$$\text{PRC}(x) = K \sin x + \phi$$

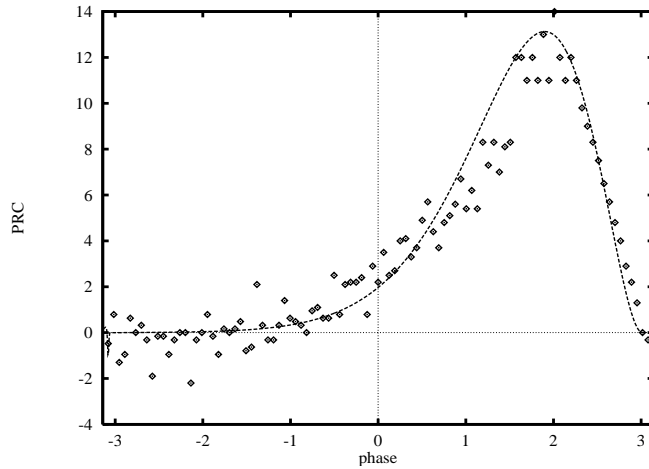
3. SNIC is strictly positive

$$\text{PRC}(x) = K(1 - \cos x)$$

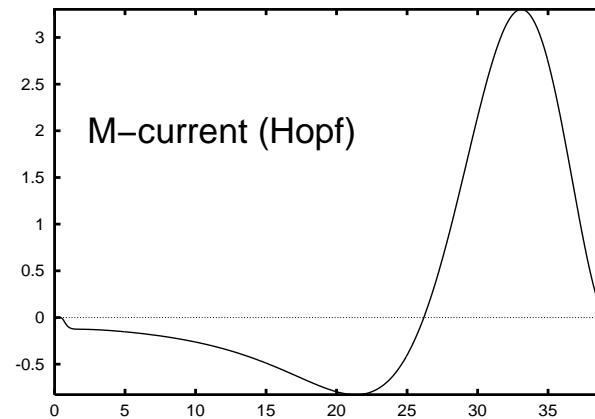
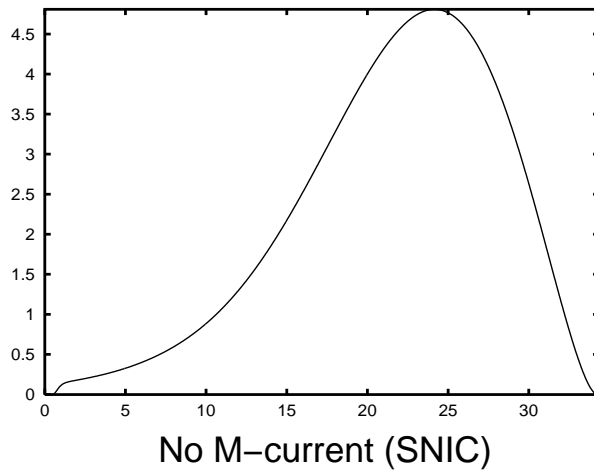
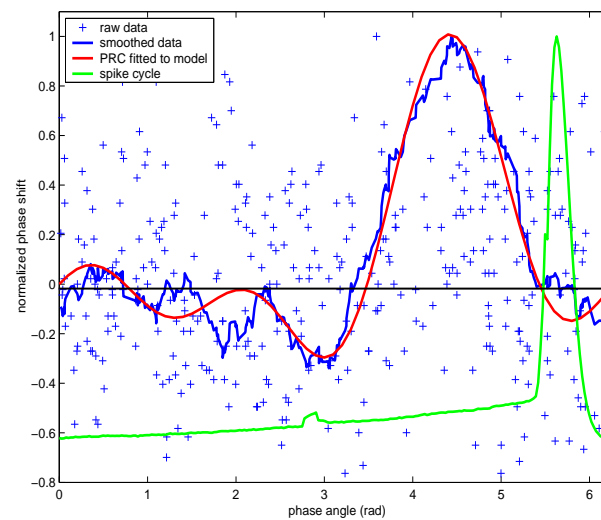
4. Ionic currents also alter (cf Kopell, Gutkin, Stieffel)

# Hints for neurons

RSU cortex (Reyes & Fetz)



Mitral cell (Galen et al)





# Why do we care about the PRC?

- Uses for entrainment are well known (Glass, Belair, ad infinitum)
- Coupling is less known, but
  - Shape of PRC determines phase patterns
  - Synchrony vs other patterns (Goel, Kreso, NK, White)

# Aside: Averaging and all that

1. General coupled oscillators:

$$\frac{dX_j}{dt} = F(X_j) + \sum_k G_{jk}(X_j, X_k)$$

2. Reduce to phase model:

$$\frac{d\theta_j}{dt} = \omega_j + \sum_k p_{jk}(\theta_k, \theta_j) \Delta_j(\theta_j)$$

3. Average, if  $p_{jk}$  small:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\theta_j}{dt} &= \omega_j + \sum_k H_{jk}(\theta_k - \theta_j) \\ H_{jk}(\phi) &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \Delta(t) p_{jk}(t + \phi) dt \end{aligned}$$

# Winfree model

$$p_{jk}(\theta_k, \theta_j) = c_{jk}P(\theta_k)$$

$$\frac{d\theta_j}{dt} = \sum_k c_{jk}P(\theta_k)\Delta(\theta_j)$$

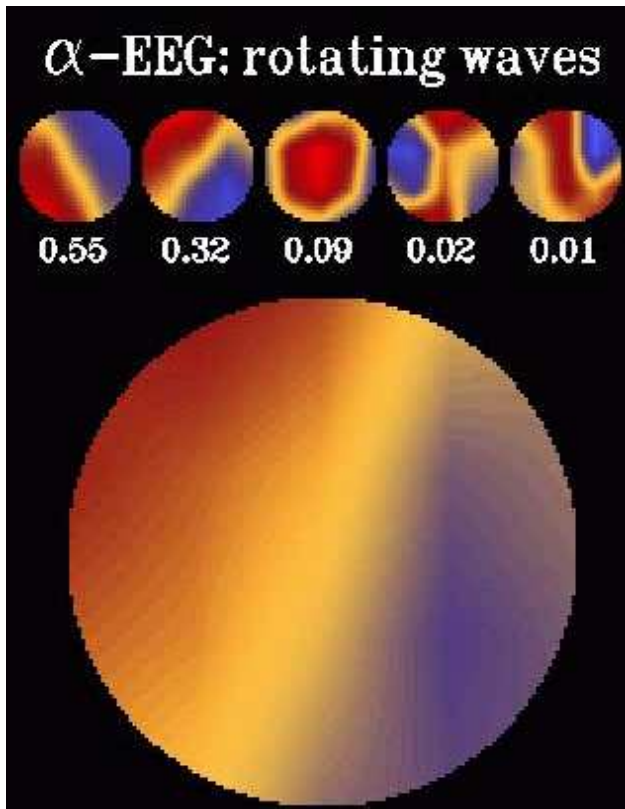
Assume

- $\sum_k c_{jk} = c, c_{jk} \geq 0$
- $\phi' = 1 + cP(\phi)\Delta(\phi)$  has soln,  $\phi(0) = \phi(T) + 1$ .
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$$\int_0^T P(\phi(t))\Delta'(\phi(t)) dt < 0$$

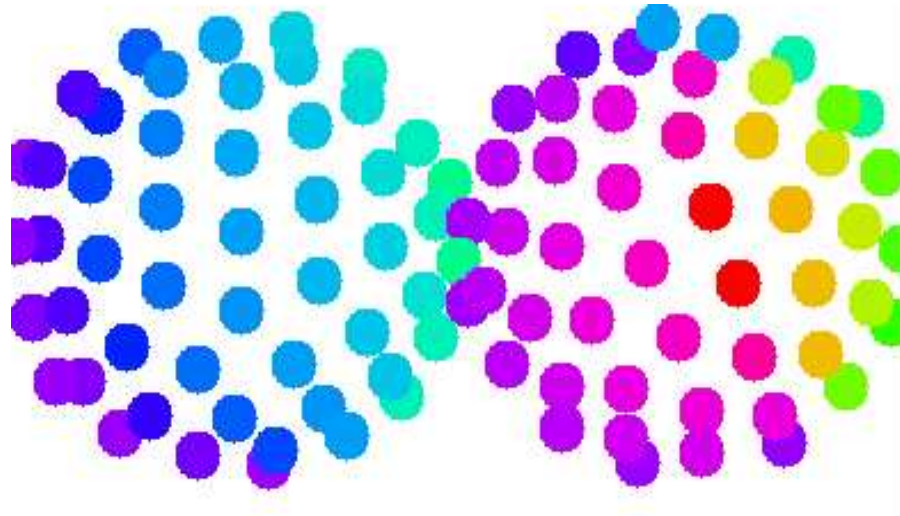
Then,  $\theta_j(t) = \phi(t)$  is asymptotically stable.

# Beyond synchrony -end aside



scalp EEG – Viktor Jirsa

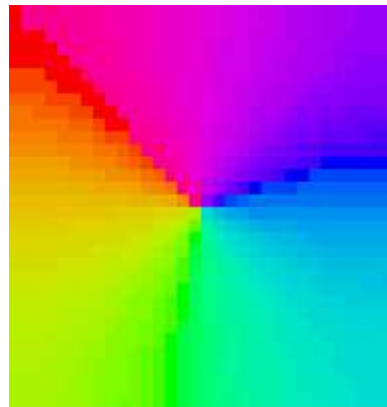
100 sine oscillators on sphere



Arrays of NN coupled oscillators

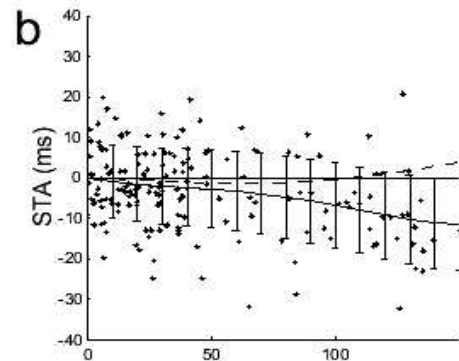
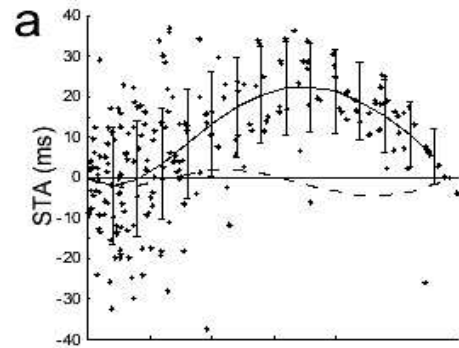
$\sin(x)$

$\sin(x) + b \cos(x)$



# Real PRCs are noisy!

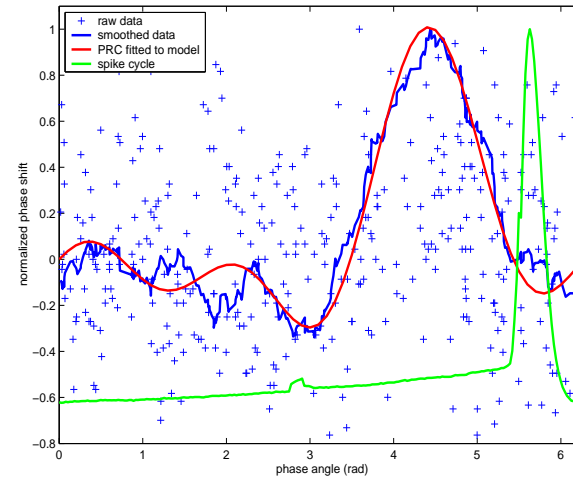
Entorhinal cortex



Time since last spike (ms)

Netoff et al., Figure 2  
J.Neurophys 2004

Mitral cell

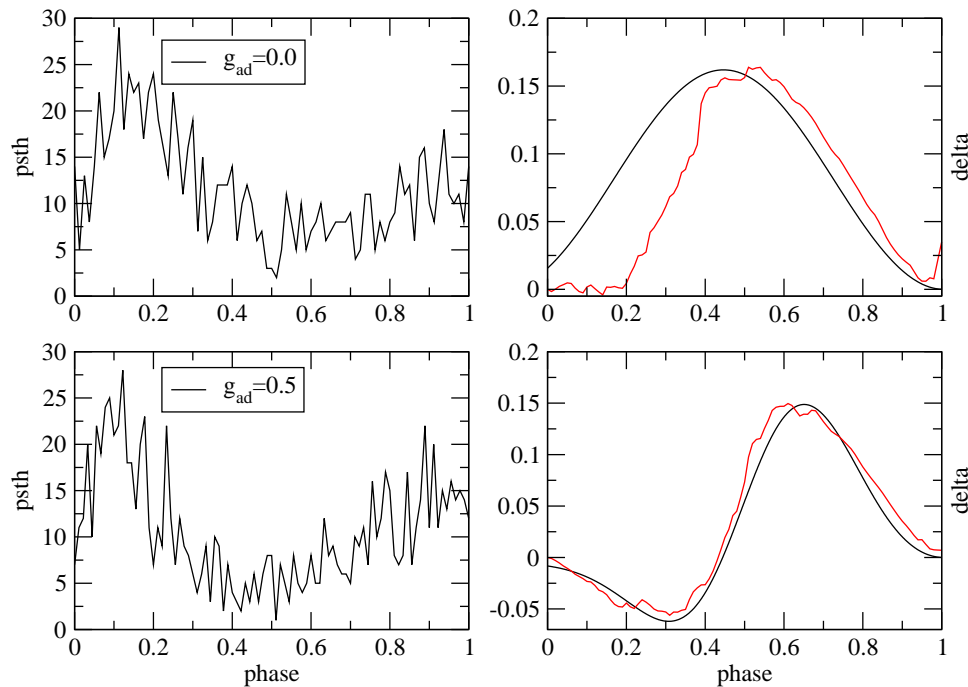


Galen et al (2005)

# How do we compute them?

- The obvious method is not terribly useful for neurons due to the noise.
- There are several other methods
  - PRC from PSTH
  - PRC from assumed function
    - Galan et al method
    - Izhikevich method

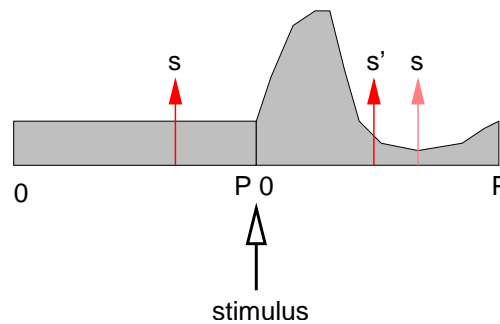
# PRC & PSTH



$$P \int_0^t \text{PSTH}(s) ds = F^{-1}(t), \quad F(t) = t + \Delta(t)$$

where  $P$  is the period and  $\Delta$  is the PRC.

# PRC from PSTH - proof



$$\begin{aligned} s' &= s - P\Delta(P-s) \\ &= F(s) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \text{PSTH}(t') dt' &= \Pr\{s' < t\} \\ &= \Pr\{F(s) < t\} \\ &= \Pr\{s < F^{-1}(t)\} \\ &= \frac{F^{-1}(t)}{P} \end{aligned}$$



# Least squares method

$$\theta' = \omega + \sum_i \delta(t - t_i) \Delta(\theta)$$

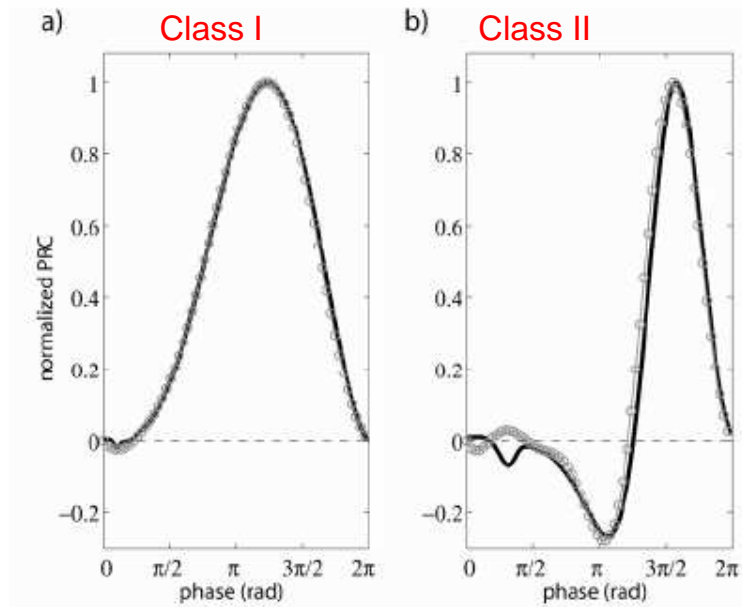
$$\Delta(\theta) = \sum_{n=0}^M a_n \cos n\theta + b_n \sin n\theta$$

Times of inputs known, times of neural spikes known, between spikes,  $\theta = \omega t$ , so unknowns  $a_n, b_n$  are **linear** functions of data!

$$2\pi = \omega T_j + \sum_{n=0}^m a_n \cos n\omega T_j + b_n \sin n\omega T_j$$

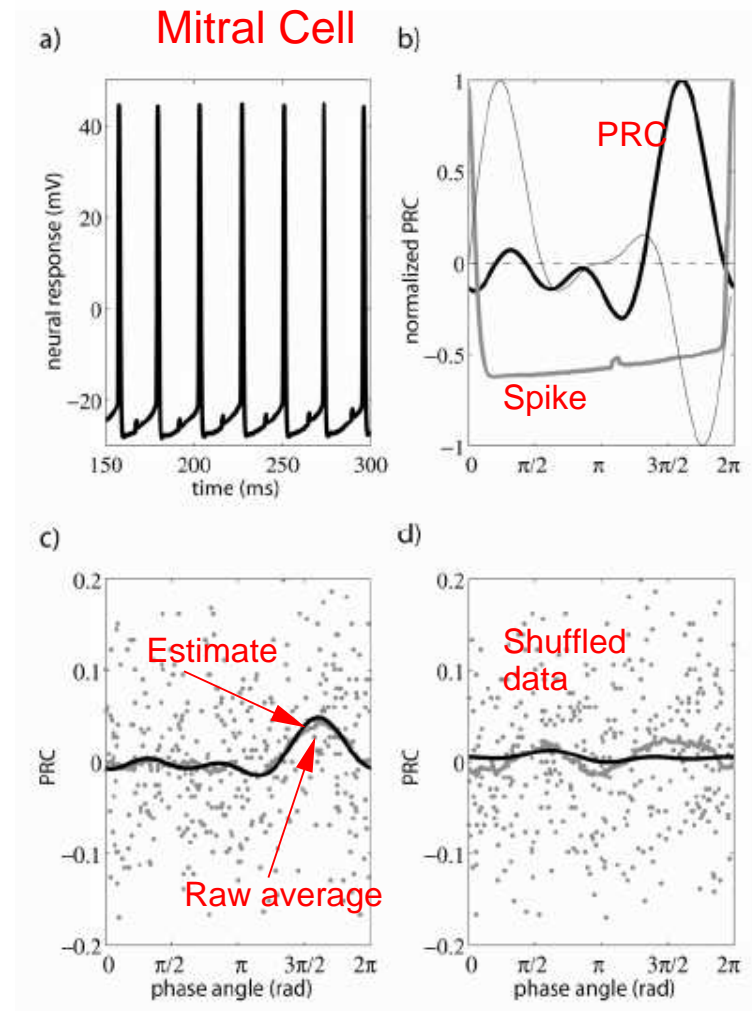
where  $T_j$  are interspike intervals.

# Application to data



Morris Lecar model

Galen et al PRL 2005



# Given the PRC, now what?

- Couple them into networks:

$$\theta'_j = \omega_j + \sum_k J_{jk} \delta(\theta_k) \Delta_j(\theta_j)$$

- or more generally

$$\theta'_j = \omega_j + \sum_{k,i} J_{jk}(t - t_k^i) \Delta_j(\theta_j)$$

where  $J_{jk}(t)$  is the signal of cell  $k$  to cell  $j$  and  $t_k^i$  are the firings.

- Winfree model:

$$\theta_j = \omega_j + \sum_k J_{jk} P_k(\theta_k) \Delta_j(\theta_j)$$

# Two oscillators

- Assume each cell has frequency,  $\omega_{A,B}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\phi'_A &\longrightarrow \frac{\omega_A}{\omega_B} [1 - F_B(\phi_B)] \\ \phi'_B &\longrightarrow \frac{\omega_B}{\omega_A} [1 - F_A(\phi_A)].\end{aligned}$$

where  $F(x) = x + \Delta(x)$ .

- Suppose they are identical – then phase-difference comes from iterates of the (noisy) maps

$$x \longrightarrow 1 - x - \Delta(x).$$

# Noisy maps

- Assume the noisy map has the form:

$$\begin{aligned} X_{n+1} &= 1 - X_n - \Delta(X_n) + Z_n R(X_n) \\ &\equiv F(X_n) + Z_n R(X_n) \end{aligned}$$

where  $R(x)$  is the phase-dependent noise.

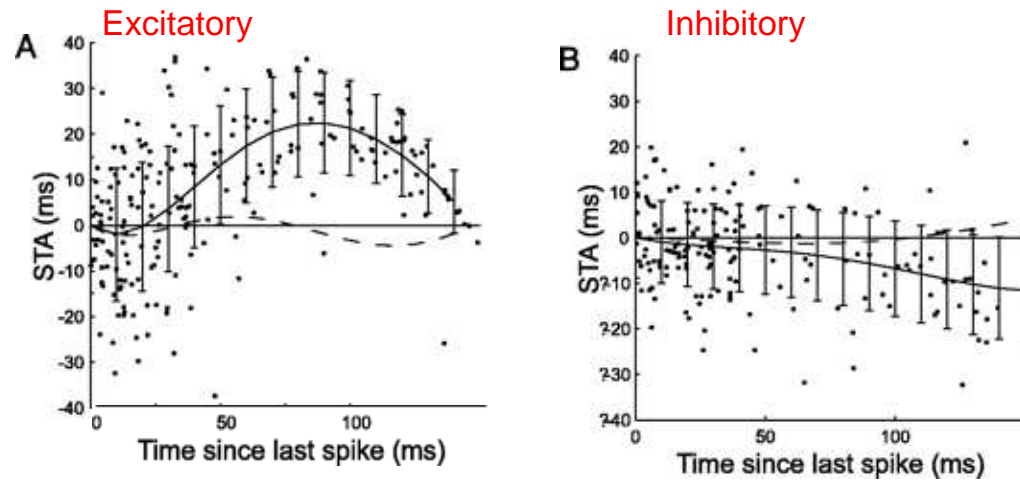
- Let

$$P_n(x)dx = \Pr\{x < X_n < x + dx\}$$

- Then

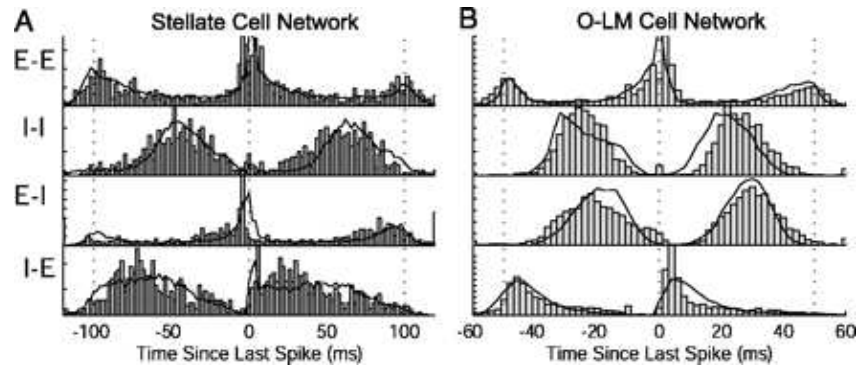
$$P_n(x) = \int_0^1 Q\left(\frac{x - F(y)}{R(y)}\right) \frac{P_n(y)}{R(y)} dy.$$

# Experimental phase-densities

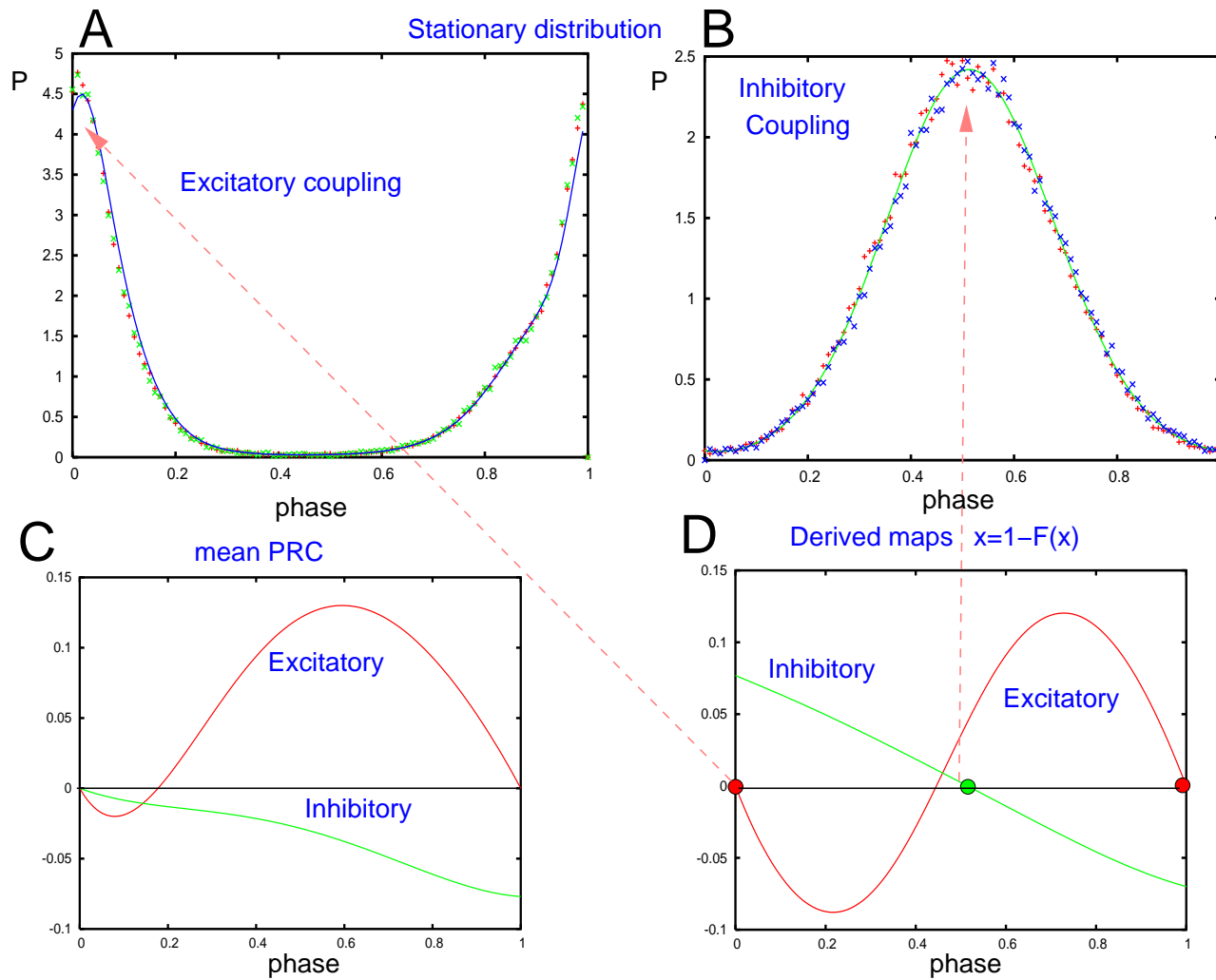


Dynamic clamp/Monte carlo

Netoff et al J.Neurophys '05

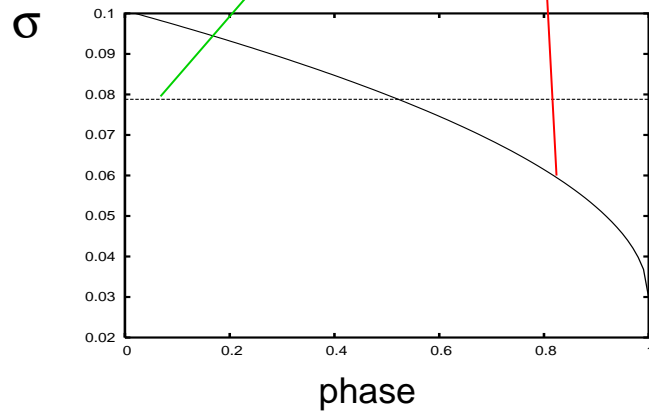
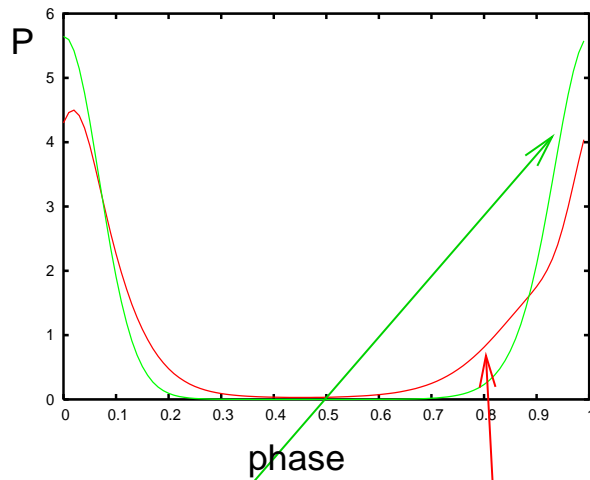


# Stationary solutions

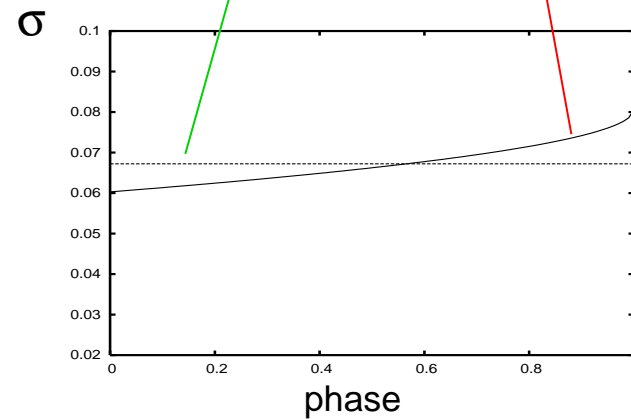
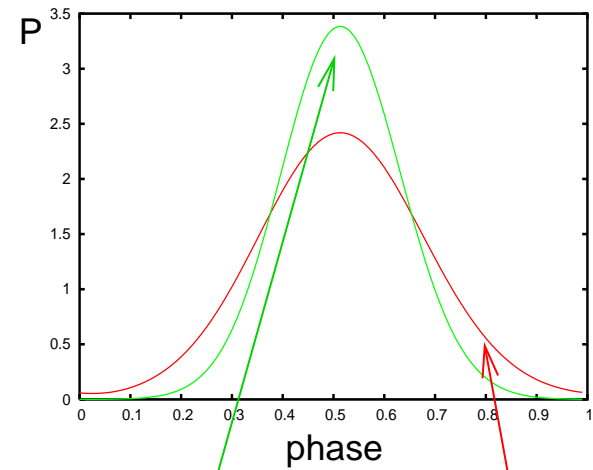


# Phase-dependent noise

Excitatory

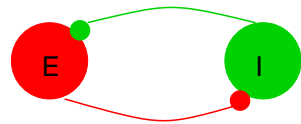
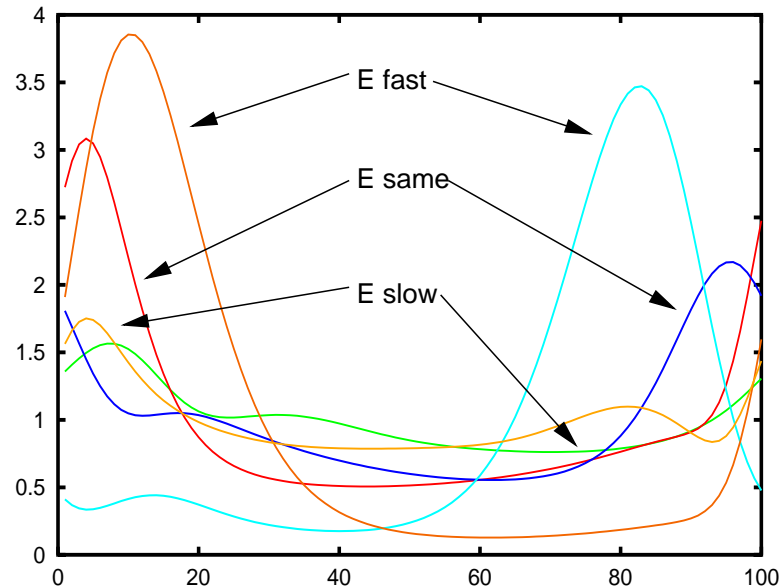


Inhibitory





# Mixed cells

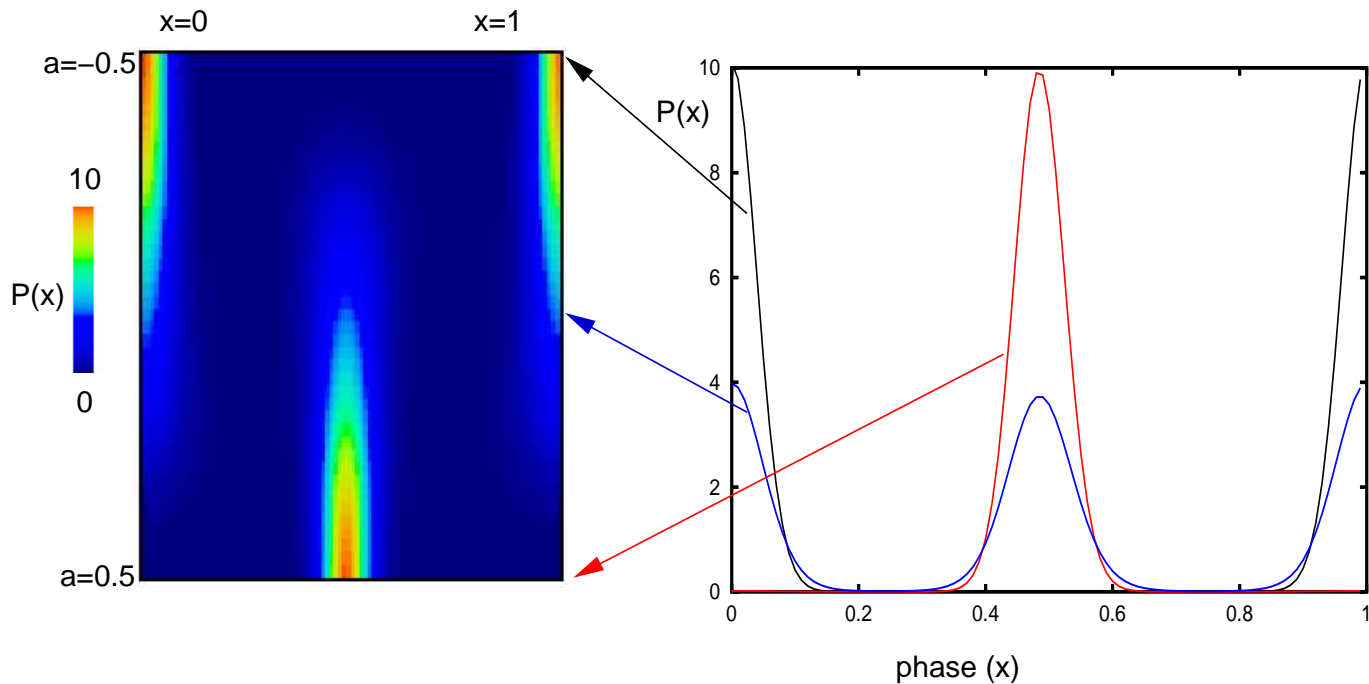


- Excitatory leads
- With faster I cells, phase-drift
- Faster E gives sharper locking

# Bistable media

- Expt'l maps seem to have either synchrony or antiphase as solutions
- What if the deterministic map is bistable?

$$\Delta(x) = a \sin x + 0.25(1 + \cos x) - 0.35 \sin 2x$$



# Transition rates

- In noisy bistable systems, want jumping rate
- Let  $I \subset [0, 1]$  and  $X_n$  sequence from noisy map:

$$N(x) = \inf \{n \mid X_n \notin I, X_0 = x\}.$$

- $g_1(x) = E[N(x)]$  satisfies:

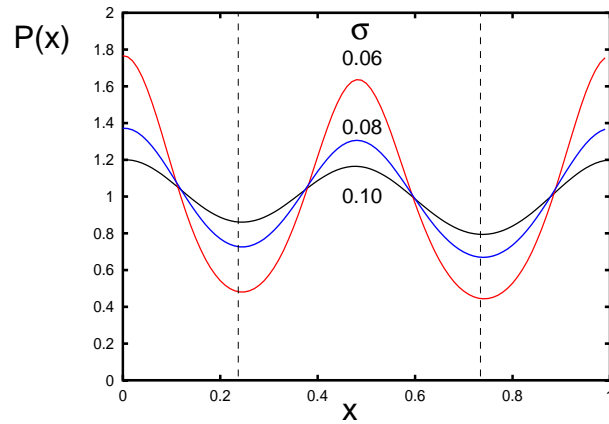
$$g_1(x) = 1 + \int_0^1 \frac{Q[(y - G(x))/R(x)]}{R(x)} g_1(y) \chi_I(y) dy$$

is the mean “first passage time.”

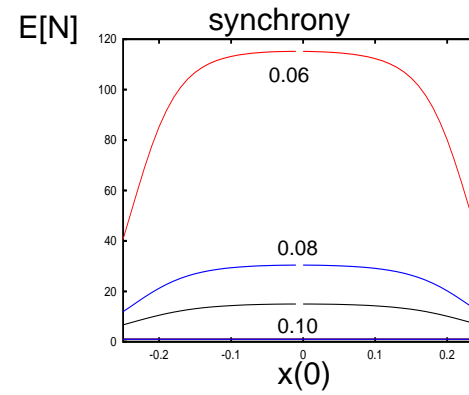
- Similar eqns for higher moments

# Example

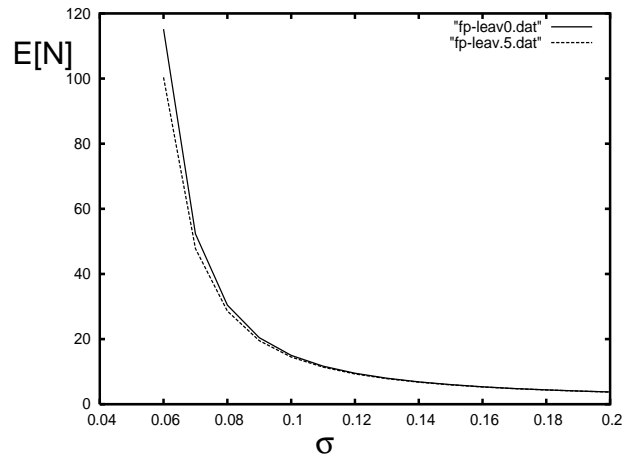
Invariant density ( $a=0$ )



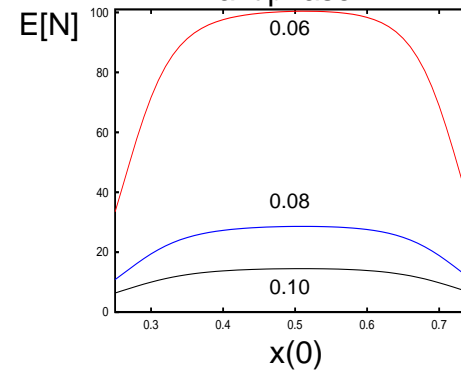
$g_1(x)$



mean first passage



antiphase



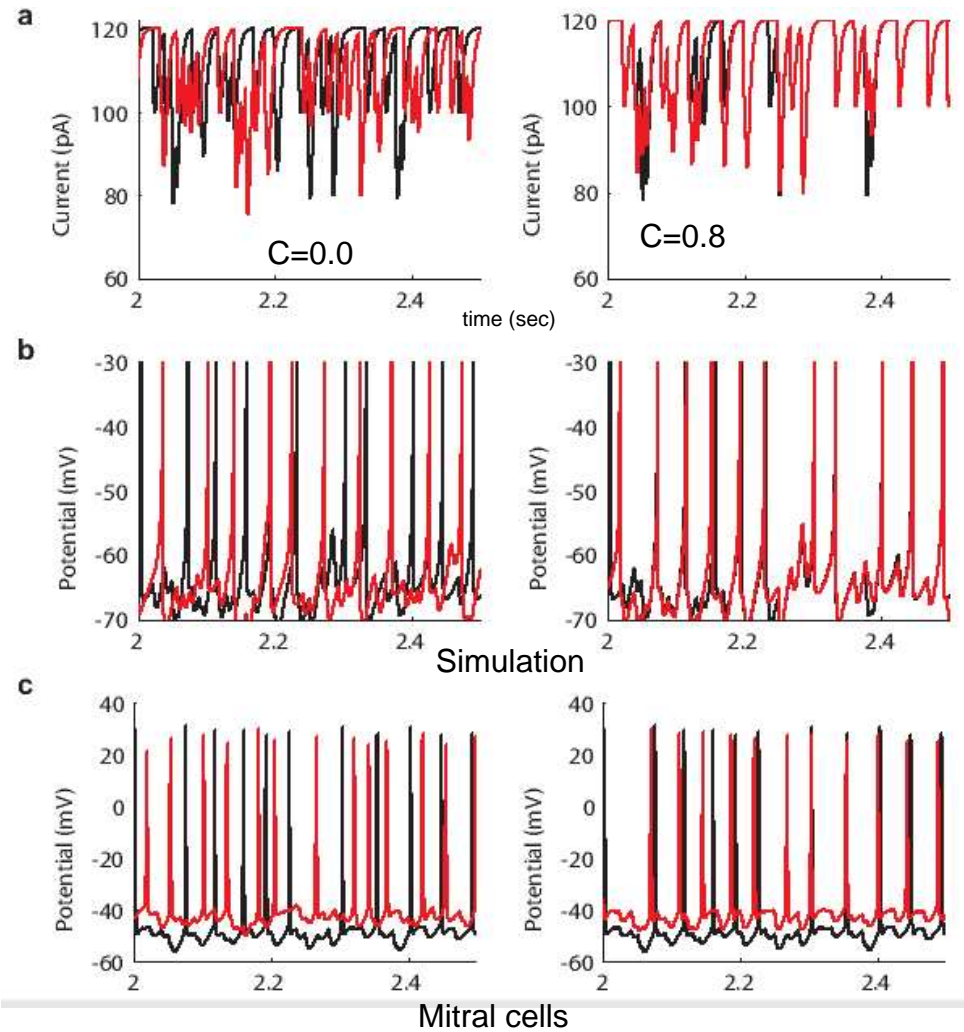
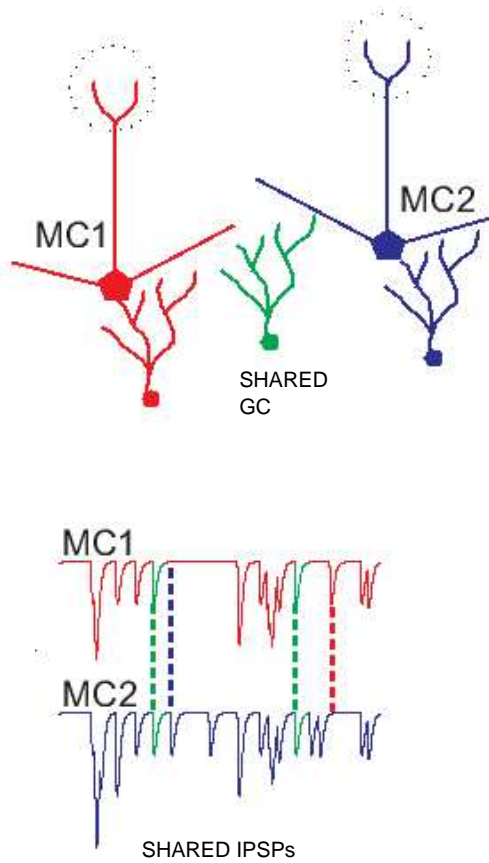
# Stochastic synchrony

1. Local field potential oscillations (20-40 Hz) in olfactory bulb
2. Mediated by inhibitory granule cells
3. IPSPs last 300-500 msec - too long for 20 Hz
4. Small random 10-20 msec IPSPs on top

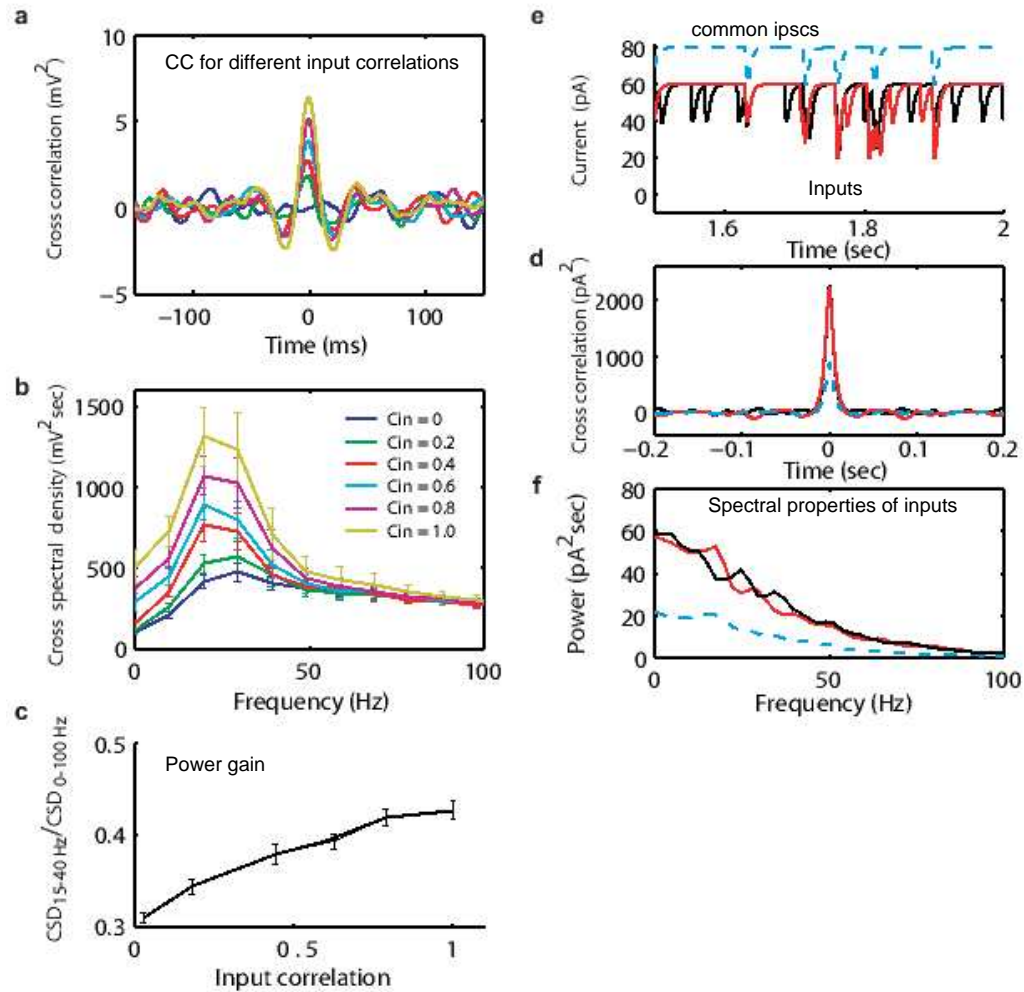
# Basic idea

1. Two oscillators share common noise
2. Not enough to effect firing rate
3. Push the phases together

# Mitral cell responses

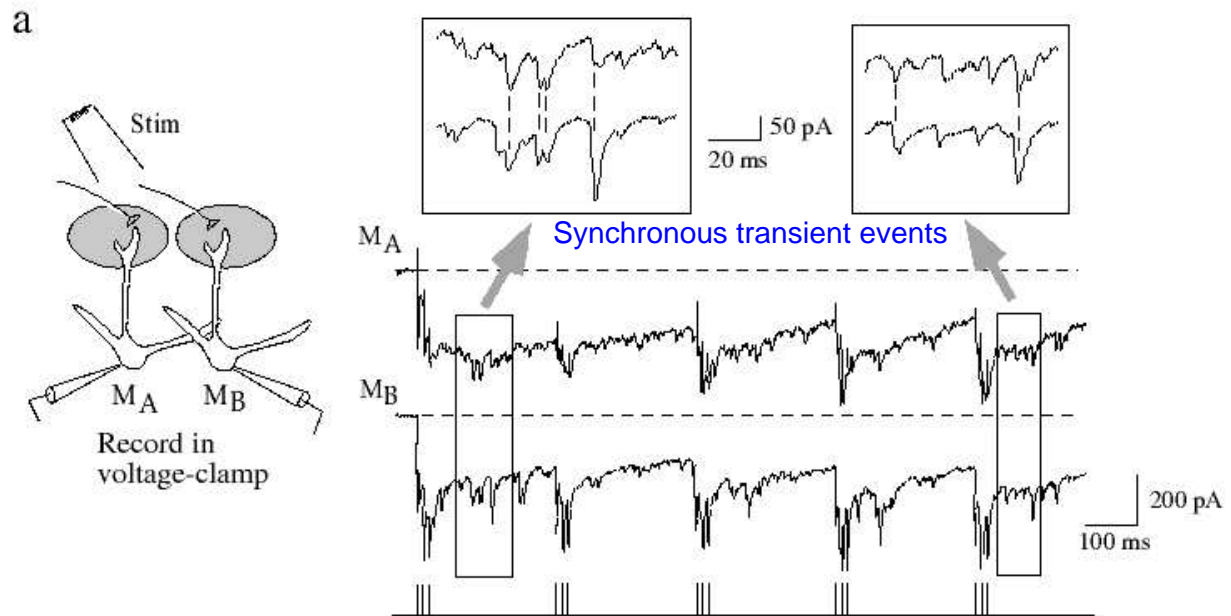


# Power boost



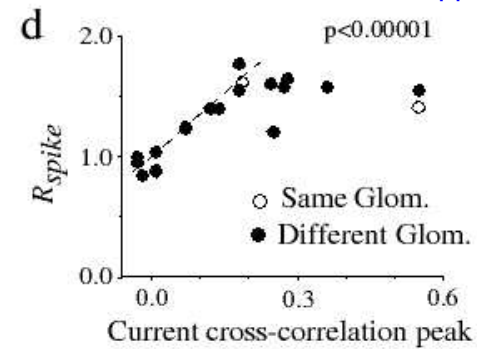
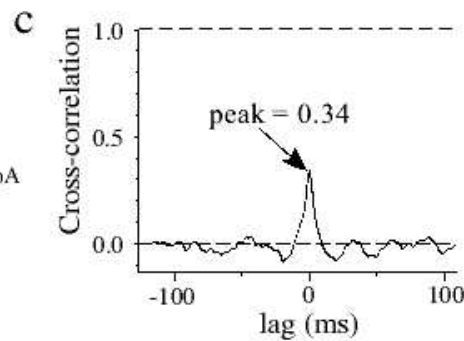
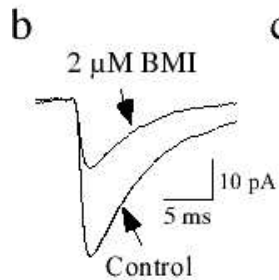


# Could it happen *in vivo*



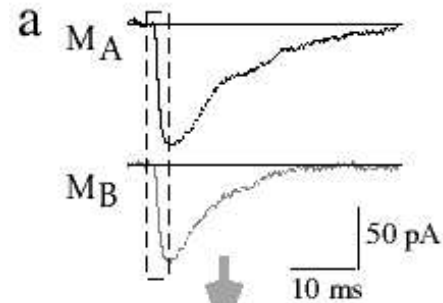
Events are GABA-mediated

Data from Nathan Schoppa

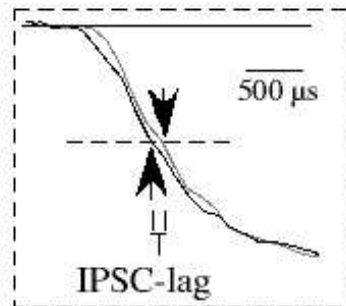


# Correlated GC IPSPs

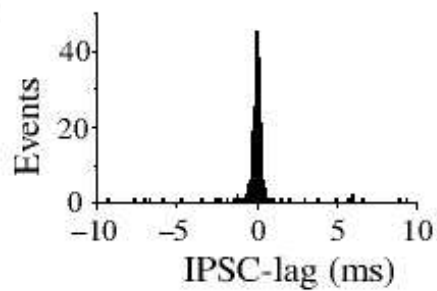
Precise shared IPSPs



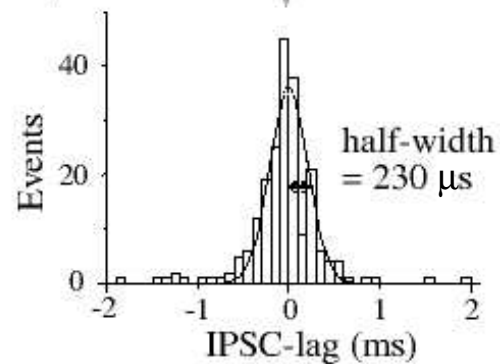
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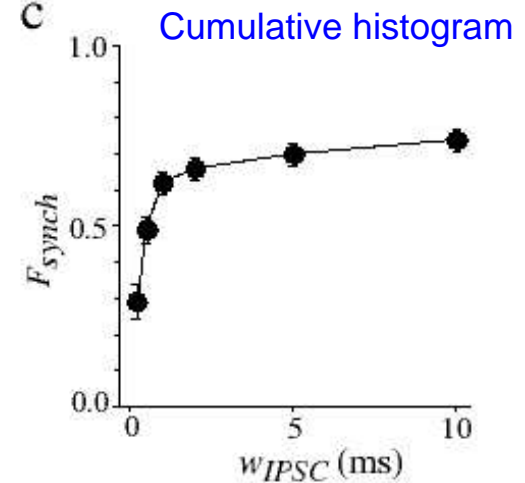
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Expanded



c



Data from Nathan Schoppa

# Theory: Poisson - Kuramoto/GBE

- Two oscillators with shared Poisson inputs

$$x' = 1 + \sum_k \delta(t - t_k) \Delta(x)$$

$$y' = 1 + \sum_k \delta(t - t_k) \Delta(y)$$

- This becomes a random map:

$$x_{n+1} = T_n + x_n + \Delta(x_n)$$

$$y_{n+1} = T_n + y_n + \Delta(y_n)$$

- Difference:

$$z_{n+1} = F'(v_n) z_n \quad F(x) = x + \Delta(x)$$

# Theory: Poisson, ctd

- Contraction:

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \prod_{j=1}^n |F'(v_n)| \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$
$$\lambda \equiv \log \rho = \int_0^1 P(v) \log |F'(v)| dv$$

- But  $P(v)$  is uniform and if  $F(x)$  is monotone:

$$\lambda = \int_0^1 \log |F'(v)| dv \leq \log \left( \int_0^1 F'(v) dv \right) = 0$$

from Jensen's inequality

- Equality only when trivial PRC, so always contracts!

# Theory: White noise

1. Ritt, PRE, Teramae PRL 2004, GBE (back of envelope)
2. Two uncoupled oscillators w/ white noise

$$\begin{aligned}dx &= (1 + a)dt + (pdW + (1 - p)dW_x)\Delta(x) \\ dy &= dt + (pdW + (1 - p)dW_y)\Delta(y)\end{aligned}$$

3. Consider the difference:

$$\begin{aligned}dz &= a dt + p\Delta'(u)z dW + (1 - p)[\Delta(y)dW_y - \Delta(x)dW_x] \\ &\approx a dt + pDz dW + (1 - p)GdW_1\end{aligned}$$

where  $D = \|\Delta'(u)\|_2$  and  $G = \|\Delta(u)\|_2$ .

4. Stationary phase distribution:

$$P(z) = K \frac{e^{a \arctan dz/g}}{d^2 z^2 + g^2} \quad d = pD, \quad g = (1 - p)G.$$

5. Centered around  $a/2d^2$  so it is strongly synchronizing

# Further questions

- Advantage of explicit maps over Monte carlo
- Analytic expressions for random maps (yes if  $\Delta(x)$  is small)
- More than 2 oscillators?
- Infinitely many - Kuramoto analogue?