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Stochastic activity and high-conductance states, from single neurons to macroscopic levels

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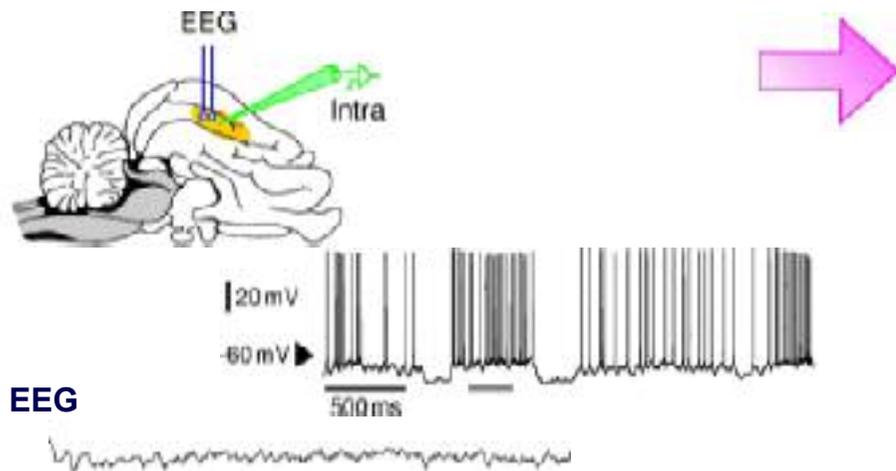
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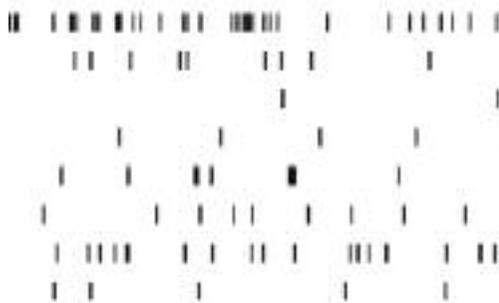
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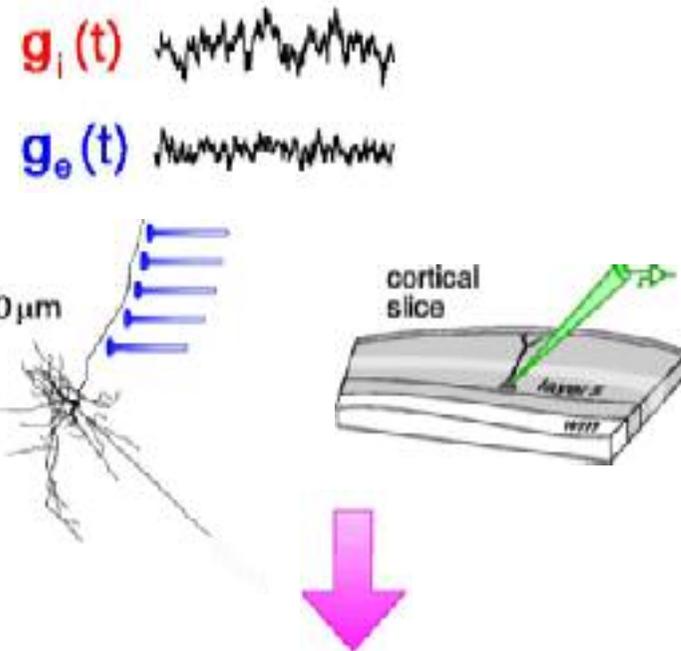
Characterization of “noisy” network activity in vivo:
High-conductance states



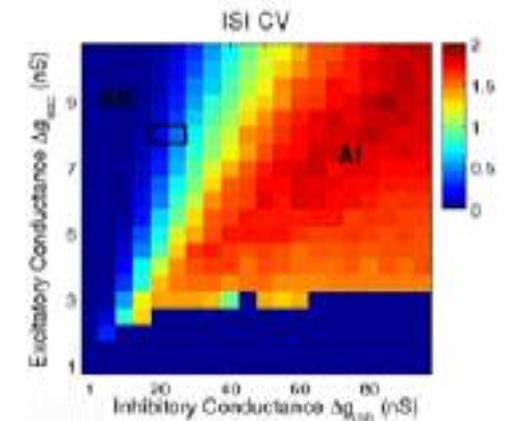
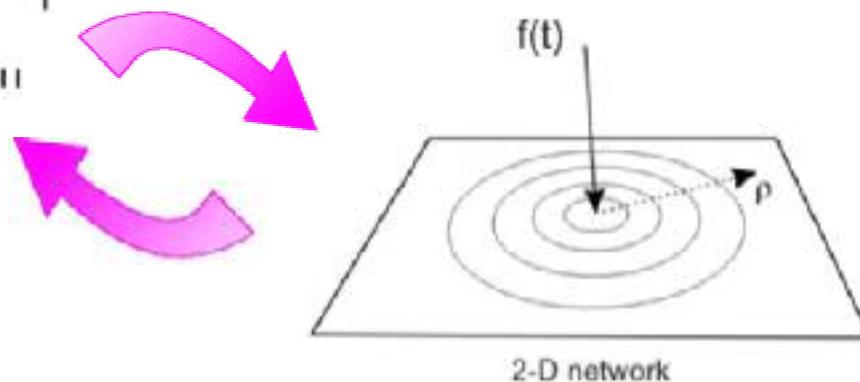
Units



Integrative properties of single neurons during *High-Conductance states*

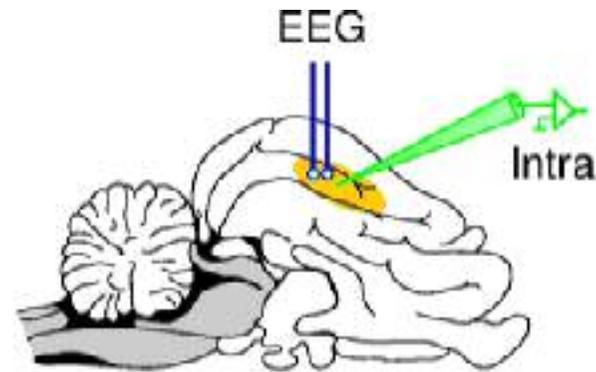


High-conductance states
at the network level

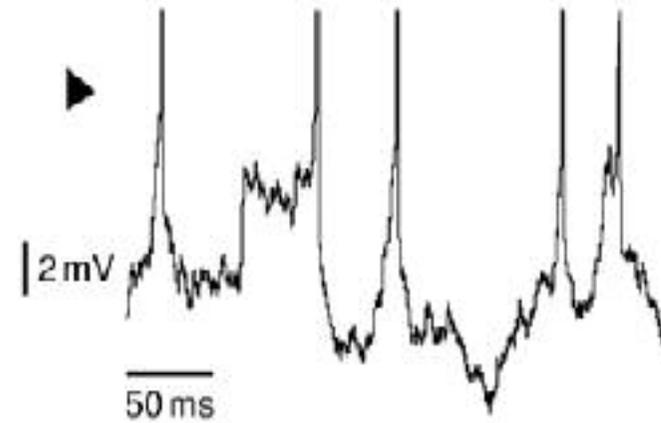
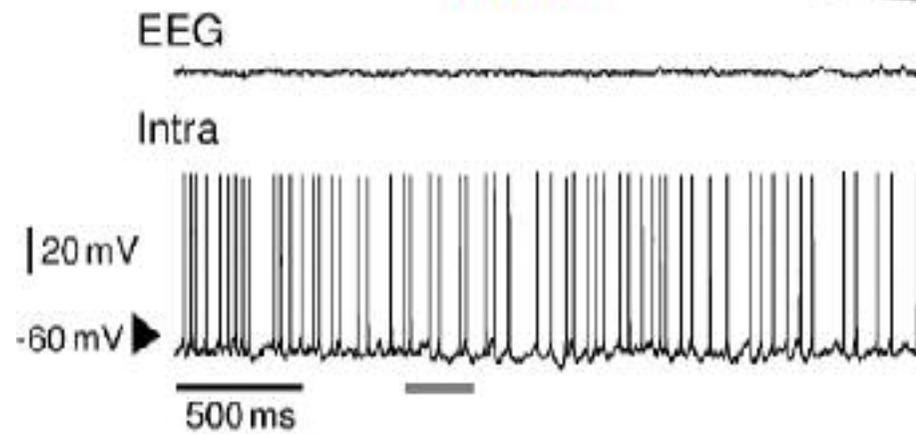


Integrative properties at the level
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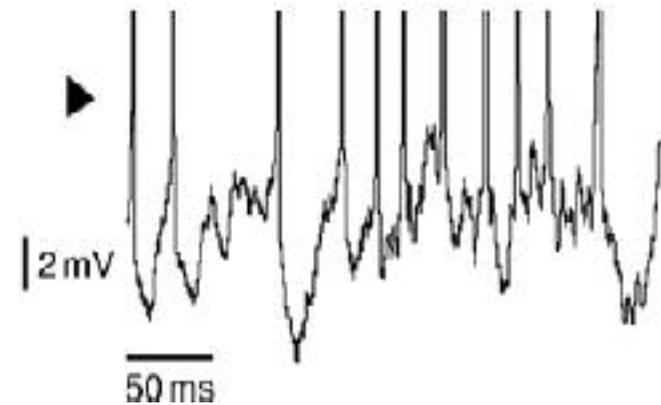
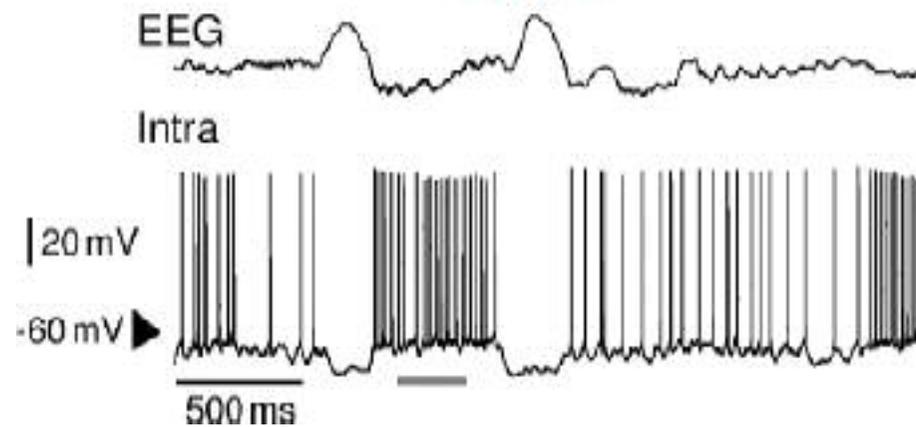
Extracting conductances from *in vivo* activity



Awake

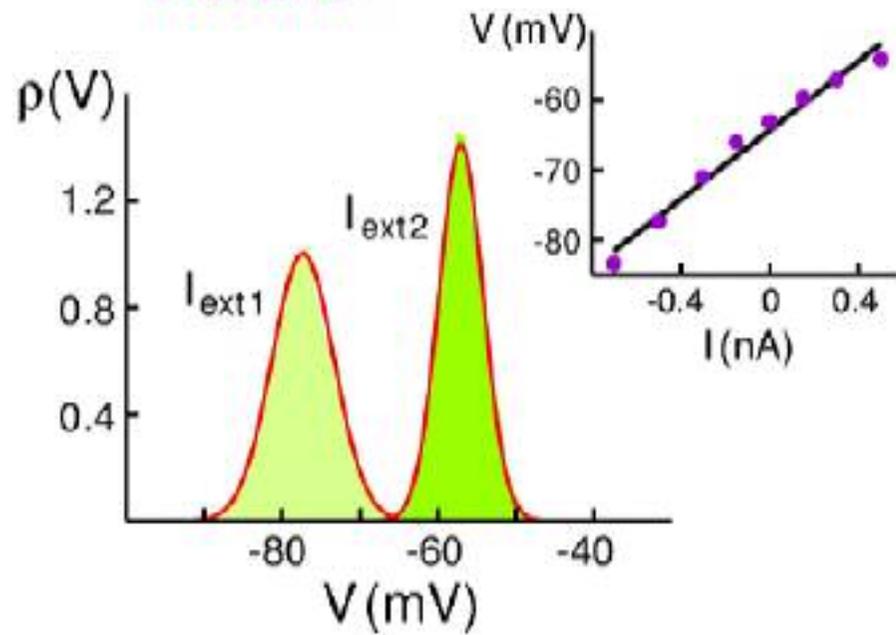


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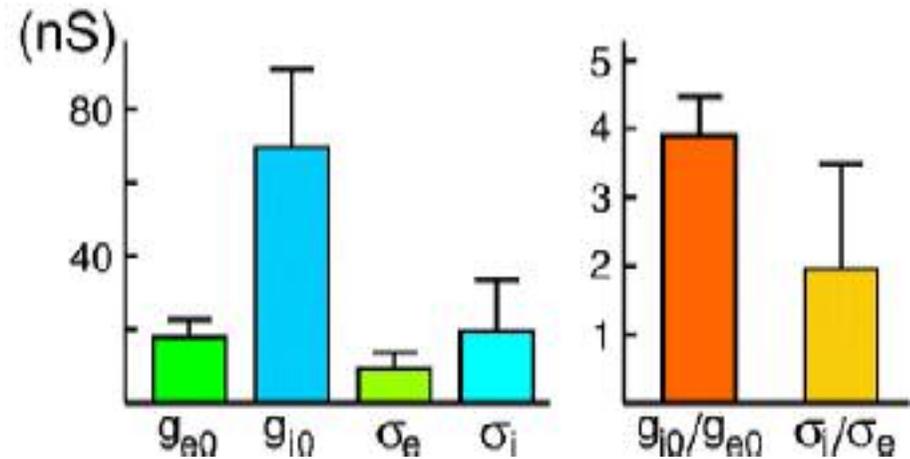
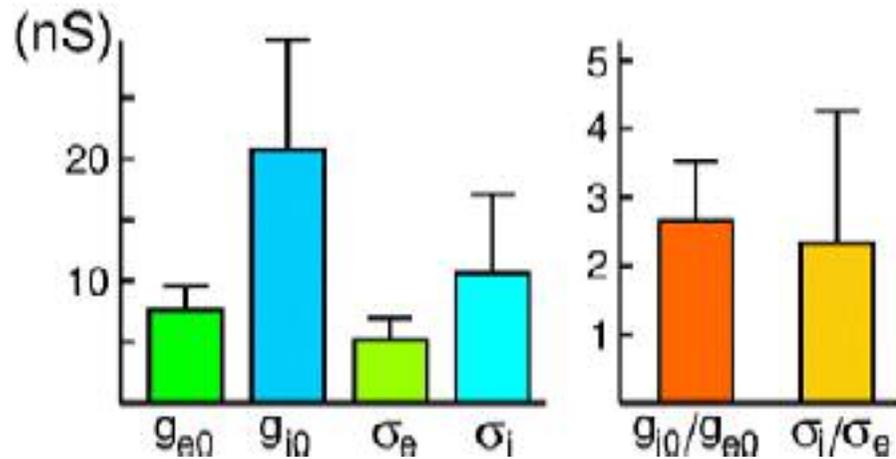
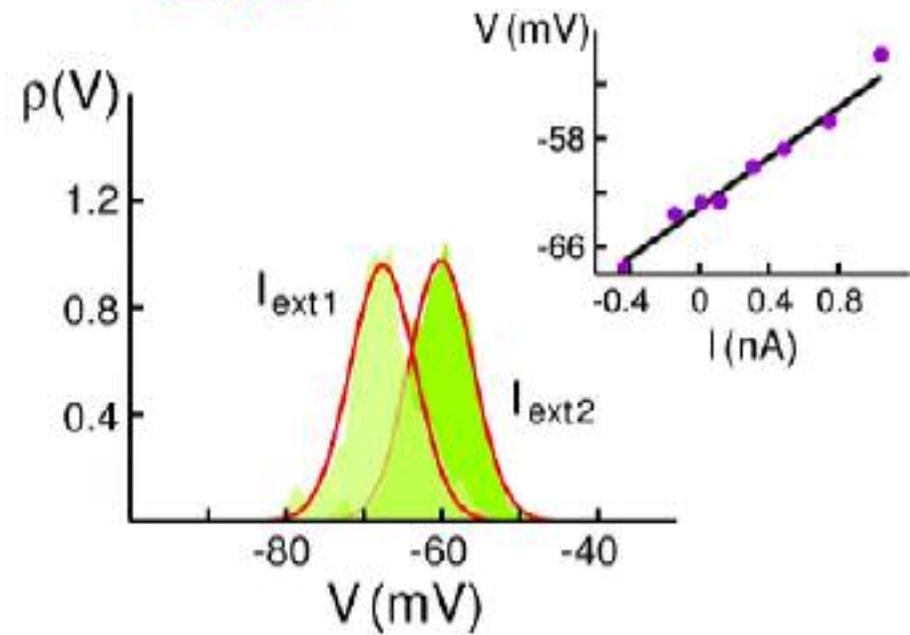


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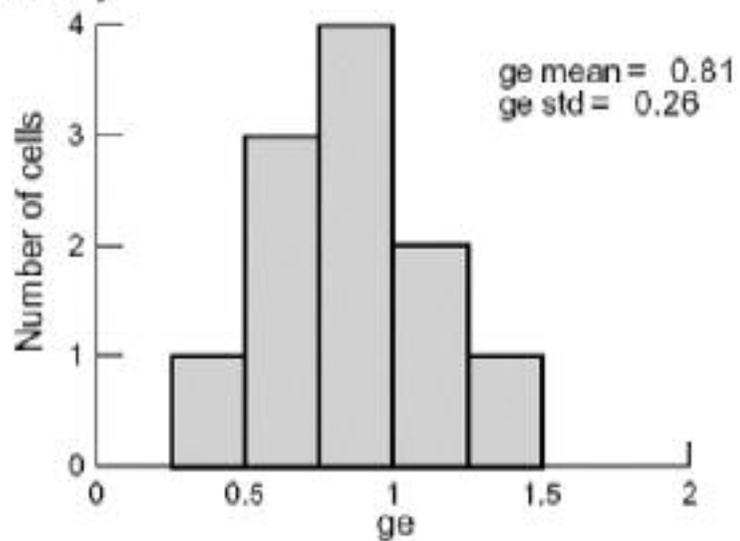


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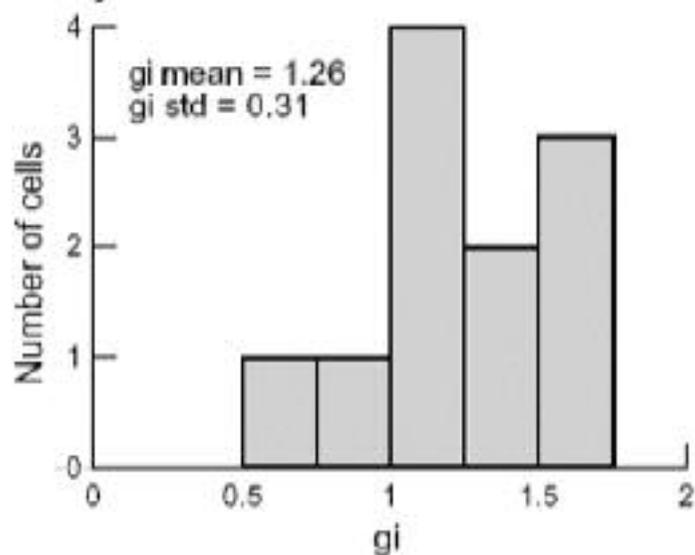
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Conductance measurements in awake cats

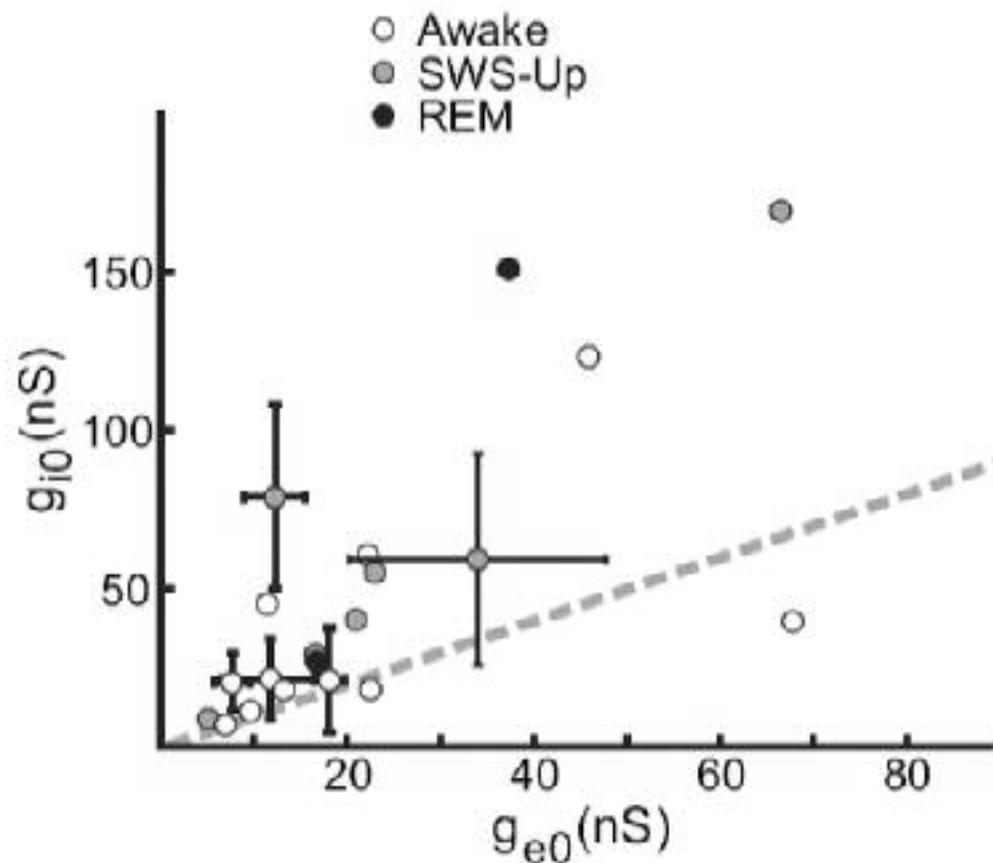
Excitatory



Inhibitory



Conductance mean



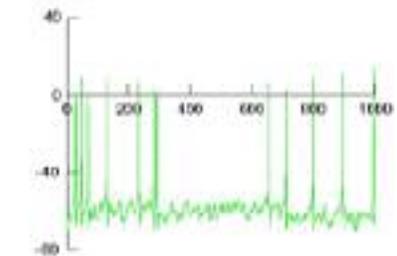
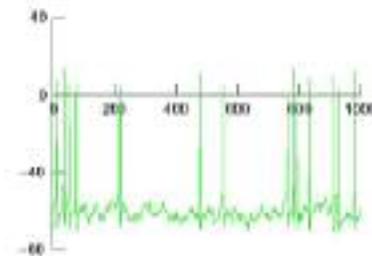
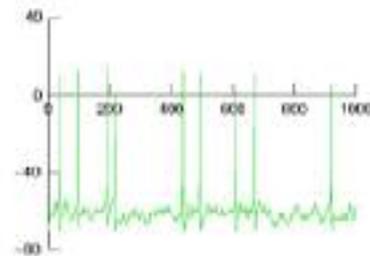
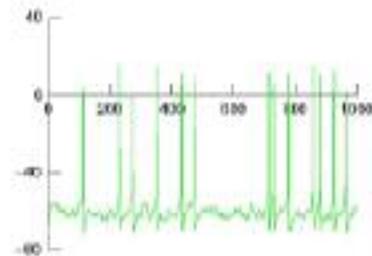
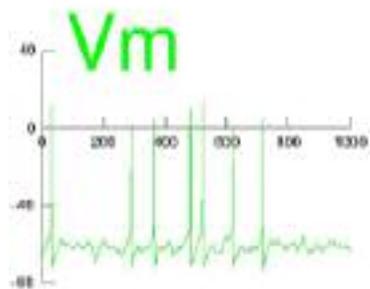
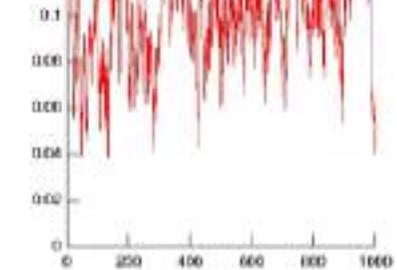
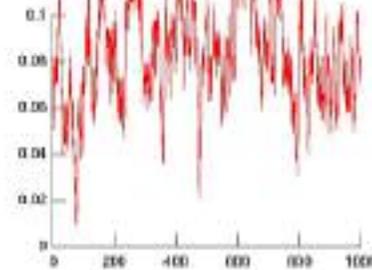
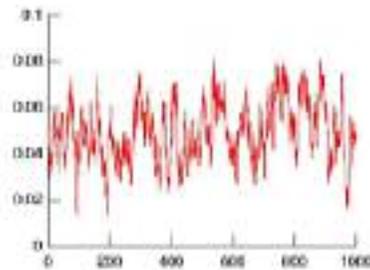
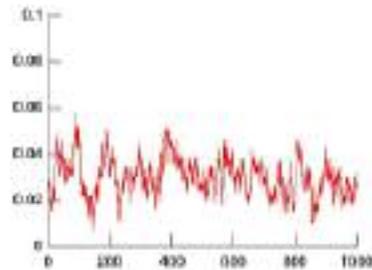
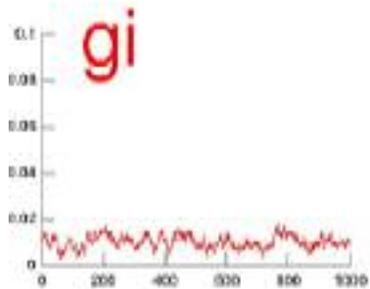
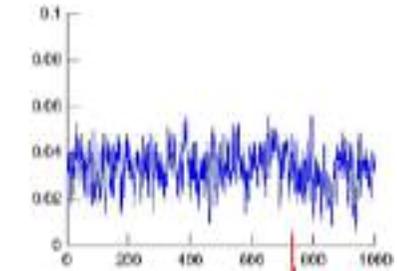
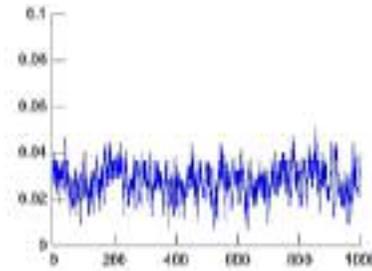
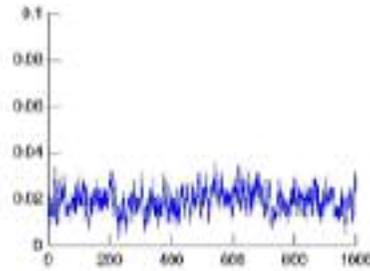
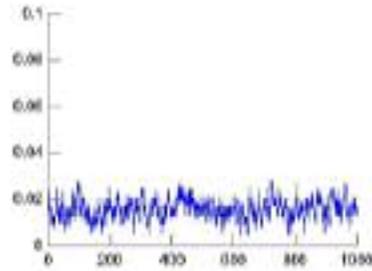
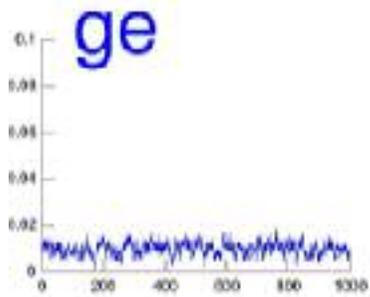
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Contrasting low and high conductance states

Low-conductance states
(excitation ~ inhibition)



High-conductance states
(inhibition \gg excitation)

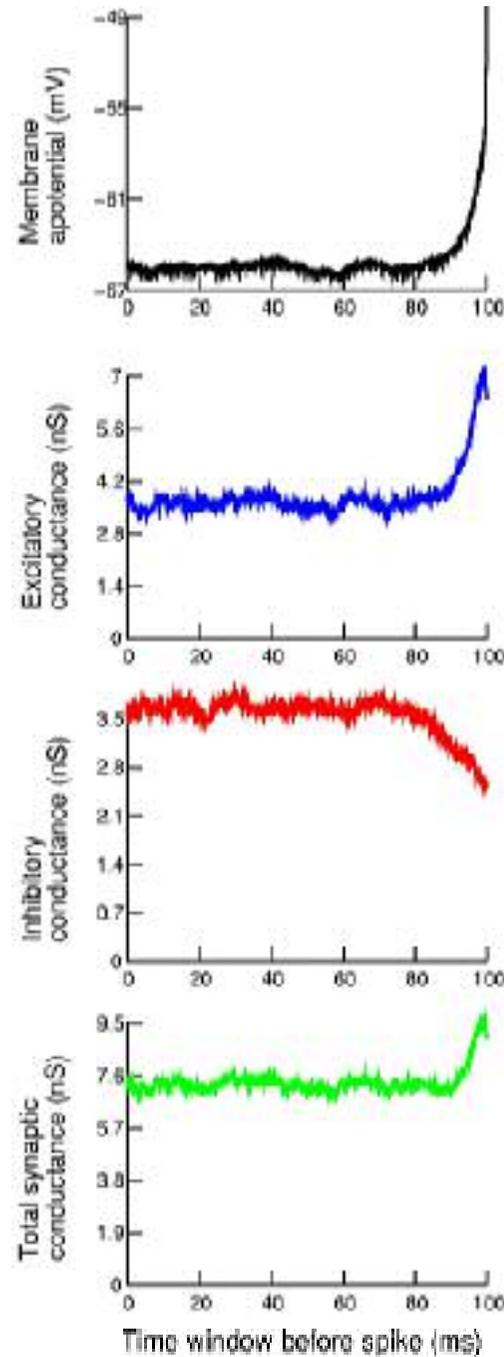


Spike-triggered averages of conductances

Dynamic-clamp



Low-conductance



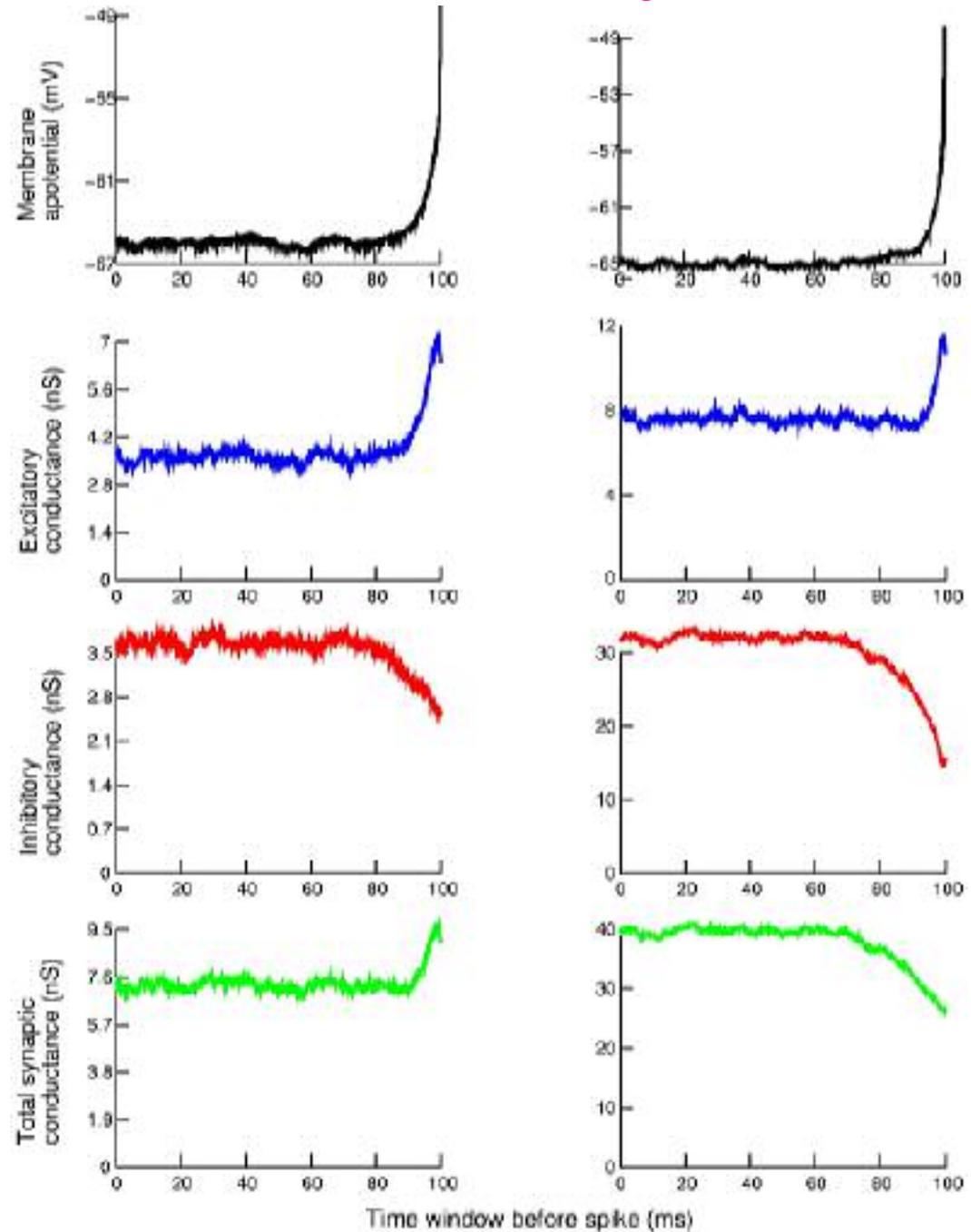
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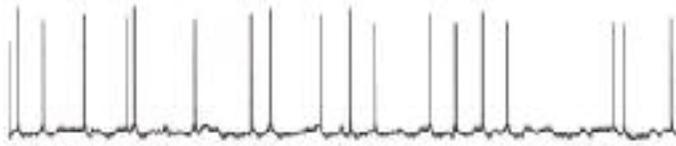
Low-conductance

High-conductance



Spike-triggered averages of conductances

Intracellular recording



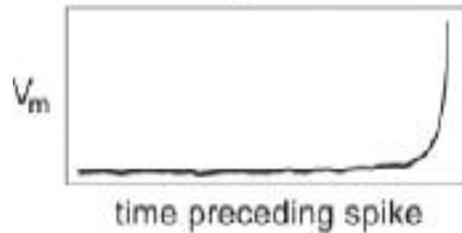
Calculate STA
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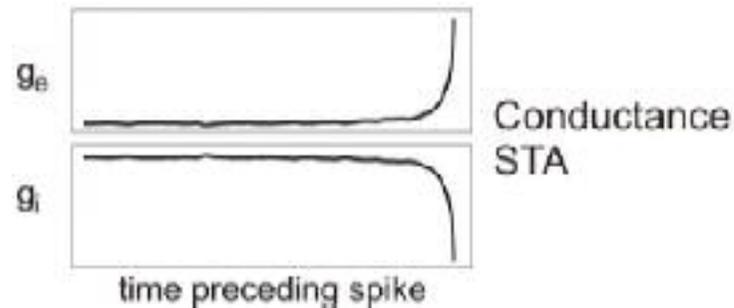
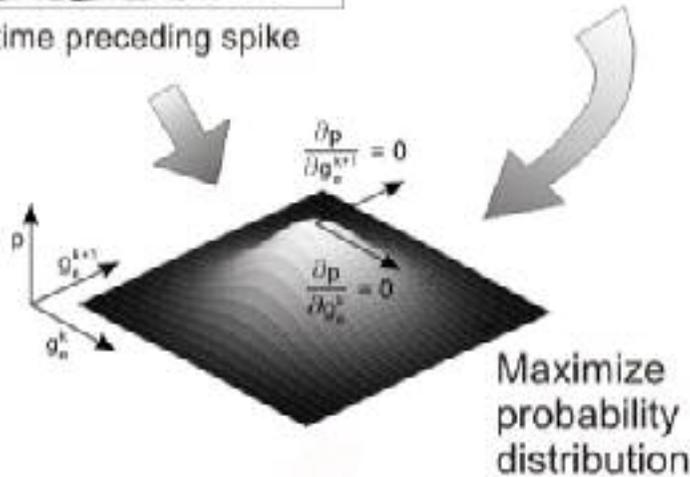
Extract mean and
standard deviation
of conductances

g_{e0} g_{i0} σ_e σ_i

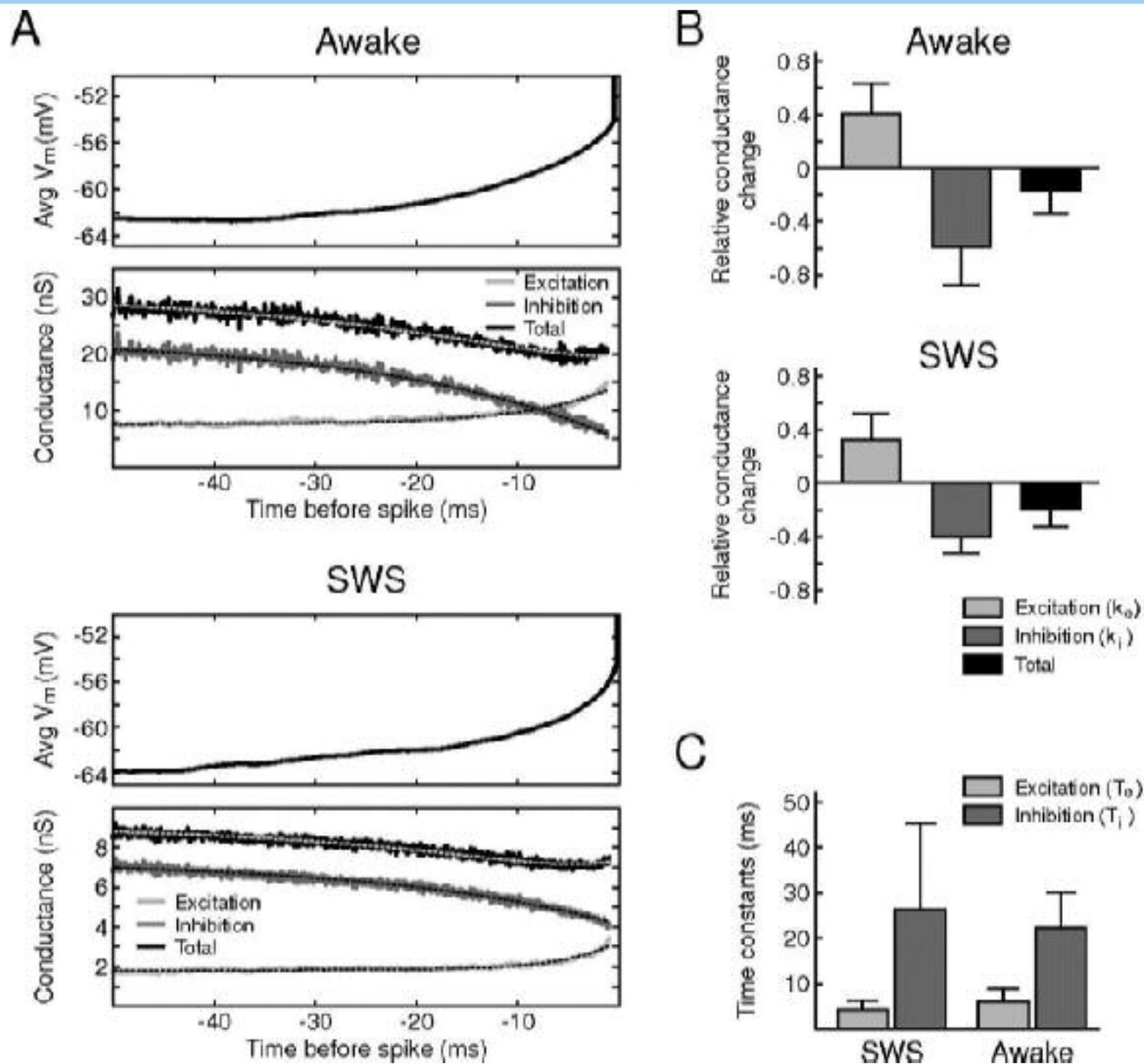
Extracting STA
from V_m activity



time preceding spike

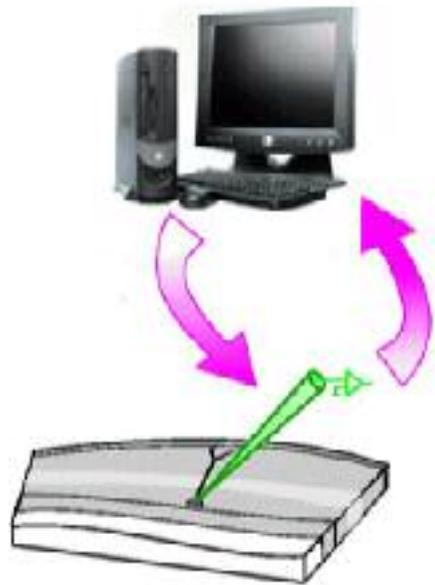


Spike-triggered averages of conductances



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Stochastic analysis of single cortical neurons *in vivo*

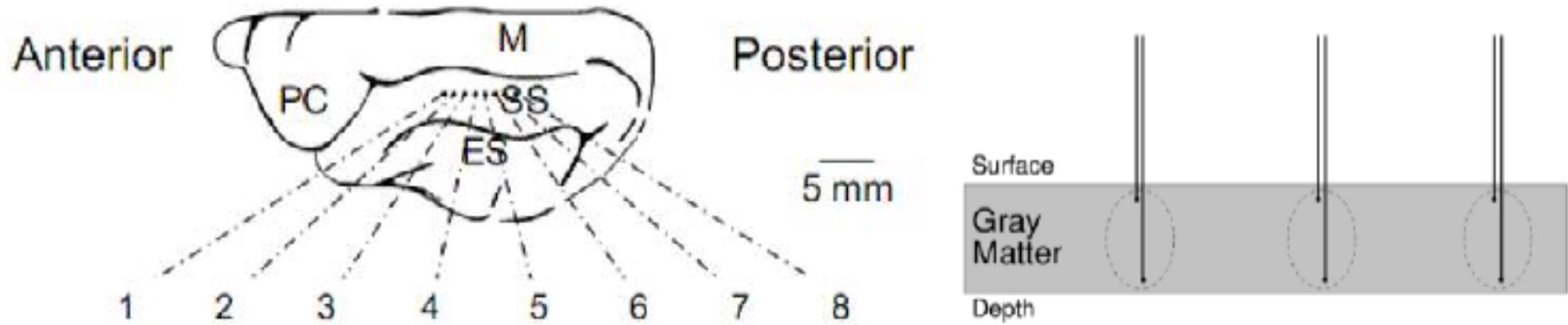


Summary of the stochastic analysis of High-conductance States

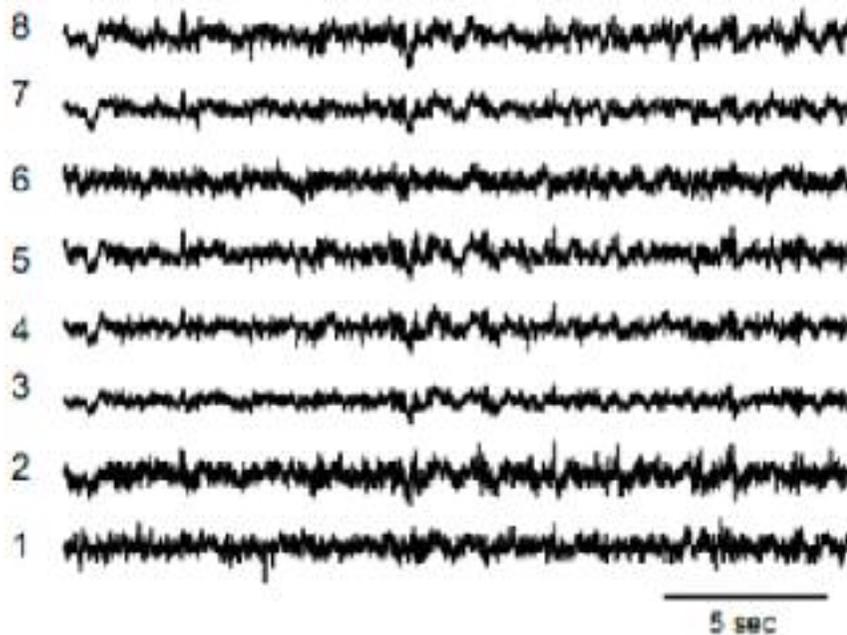
- Stochastic analysis of Vm fluctuations reveals dominant inhibitory conductances
- Two ways to evoke spikes: by excitation (rare) or release of inhibition (more generally seen)
- Considerable cell-to-cell variability (diversity)

Integrative properties at the level
of networks of neurons

Multisite recordings in awake cats



LFPs (macroscopic)

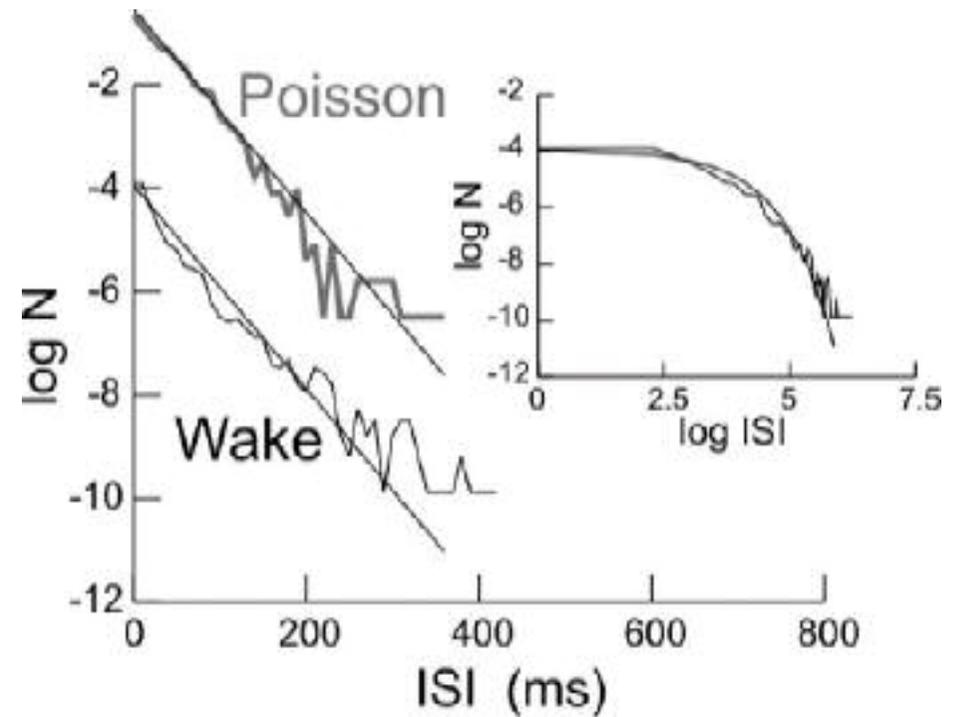
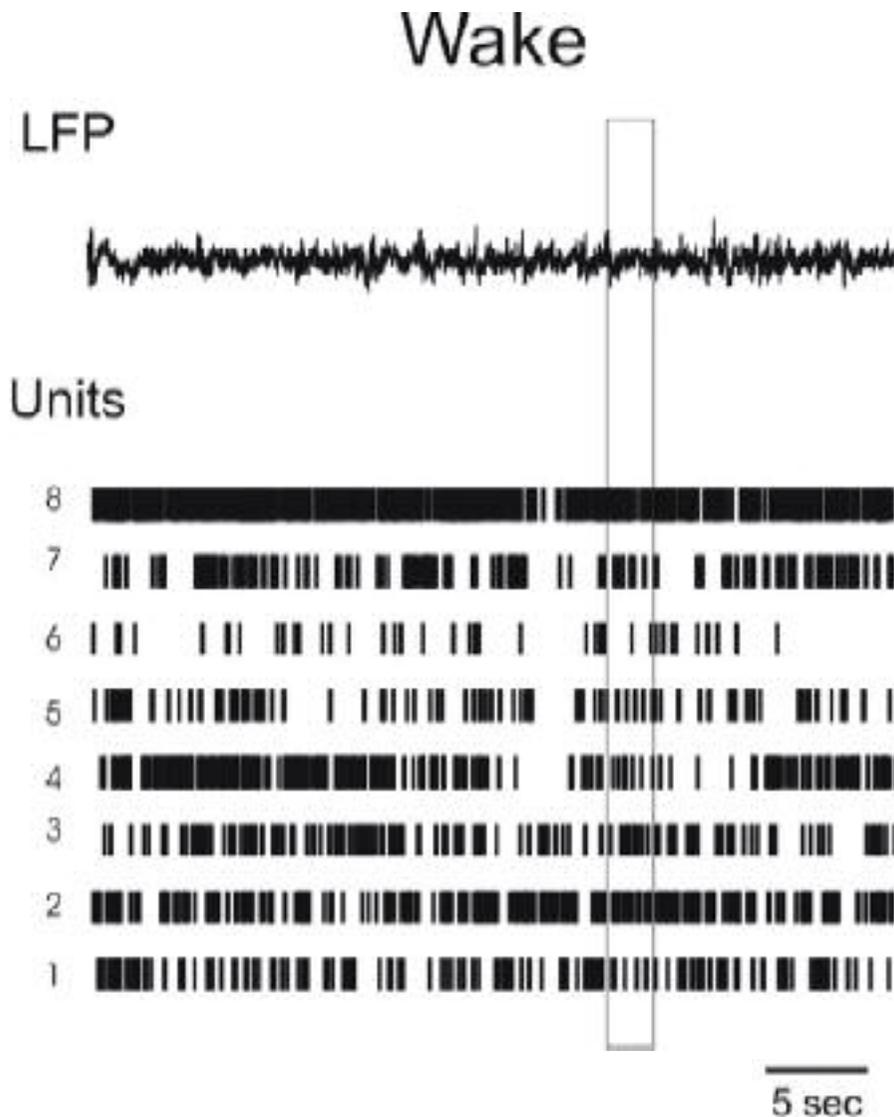


Units (microscopic)



Multiunit extracellular recordings in awake cats

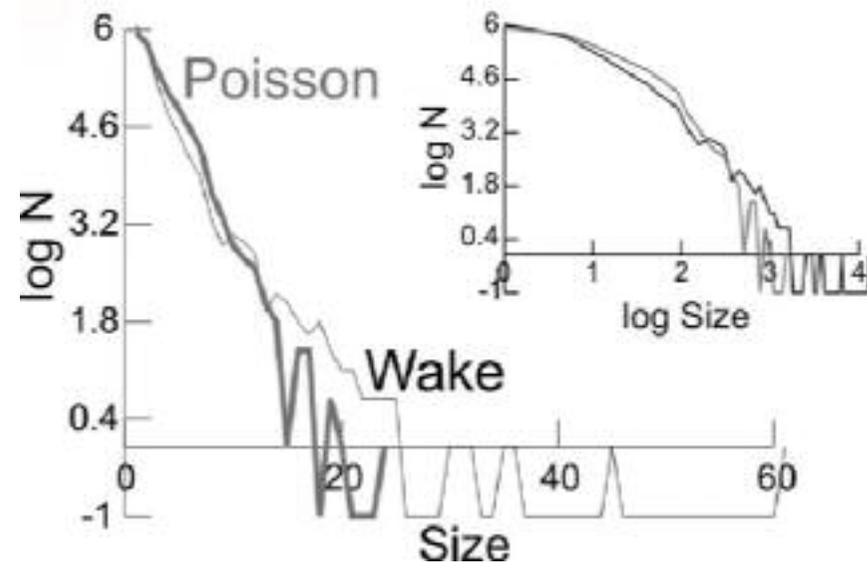
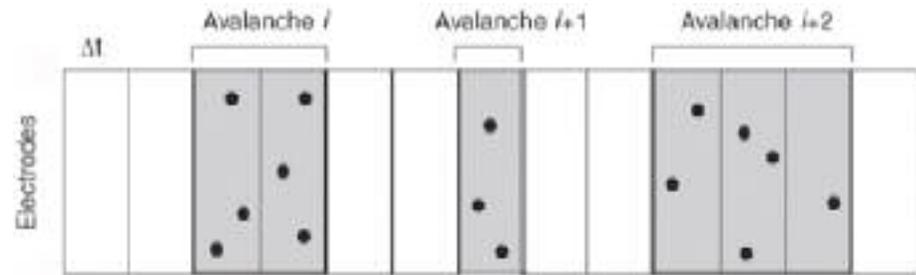
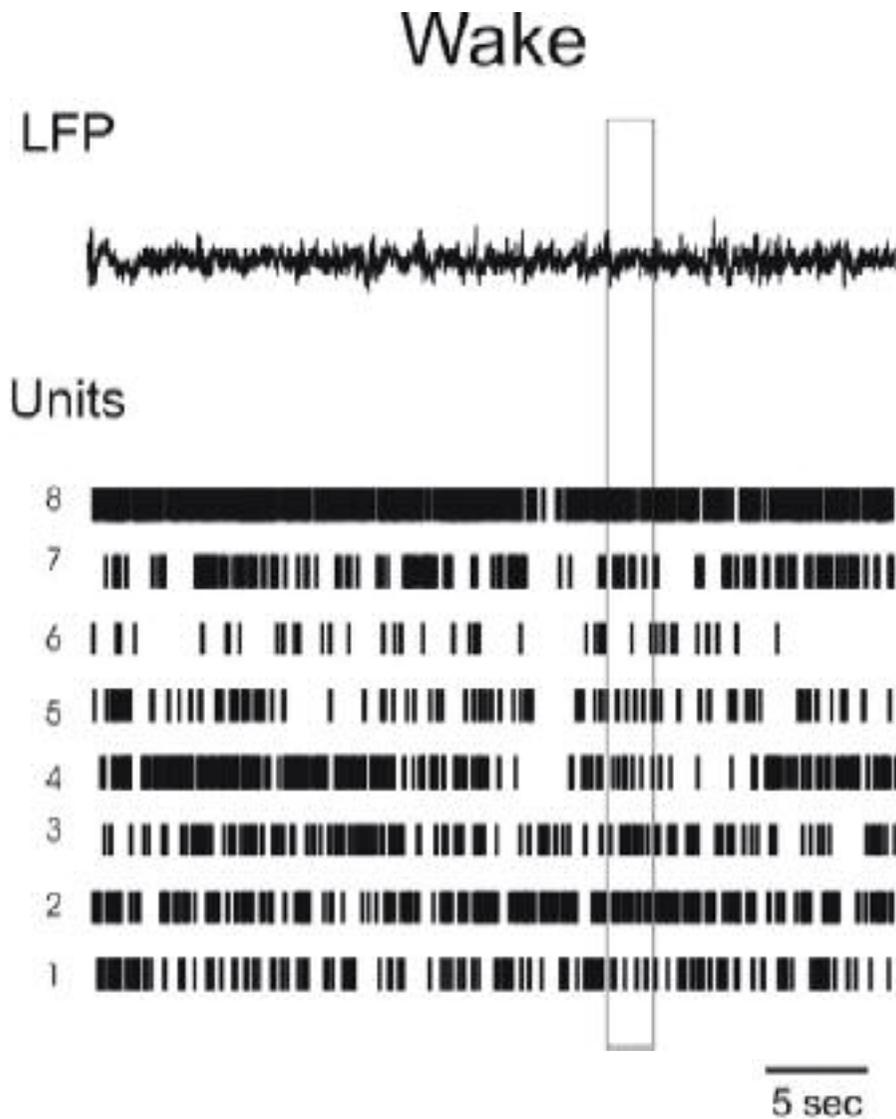
Apparent stochastic dynamics!



Softky & Koch, *J Neurosci.* 1993
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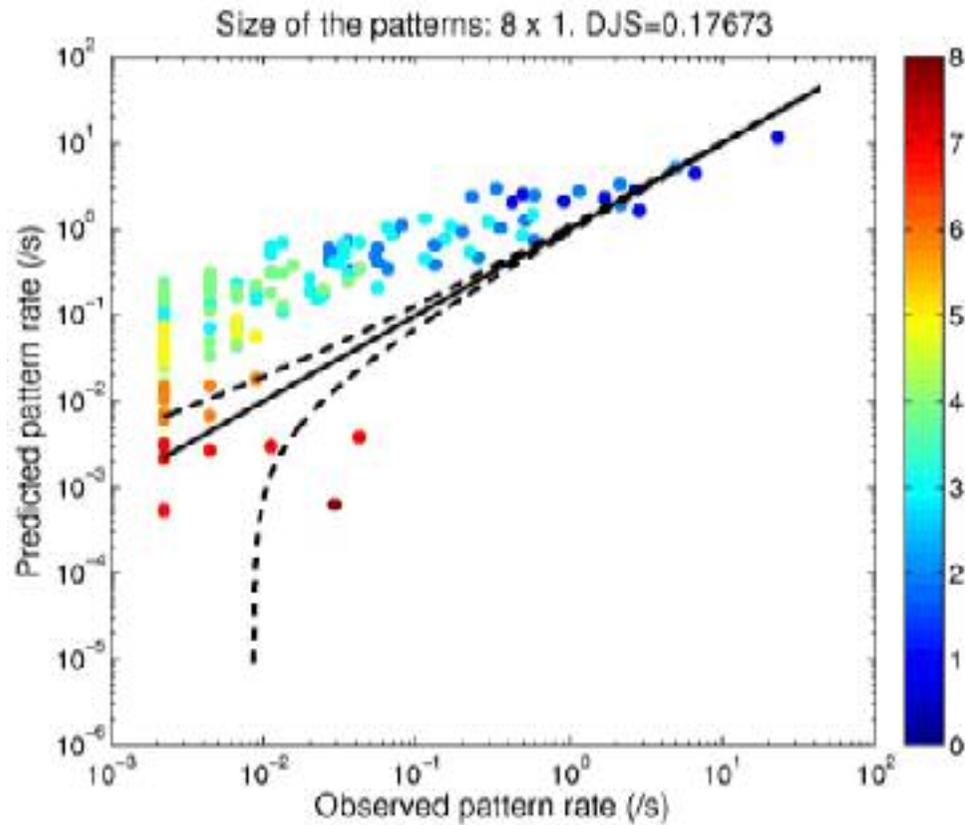
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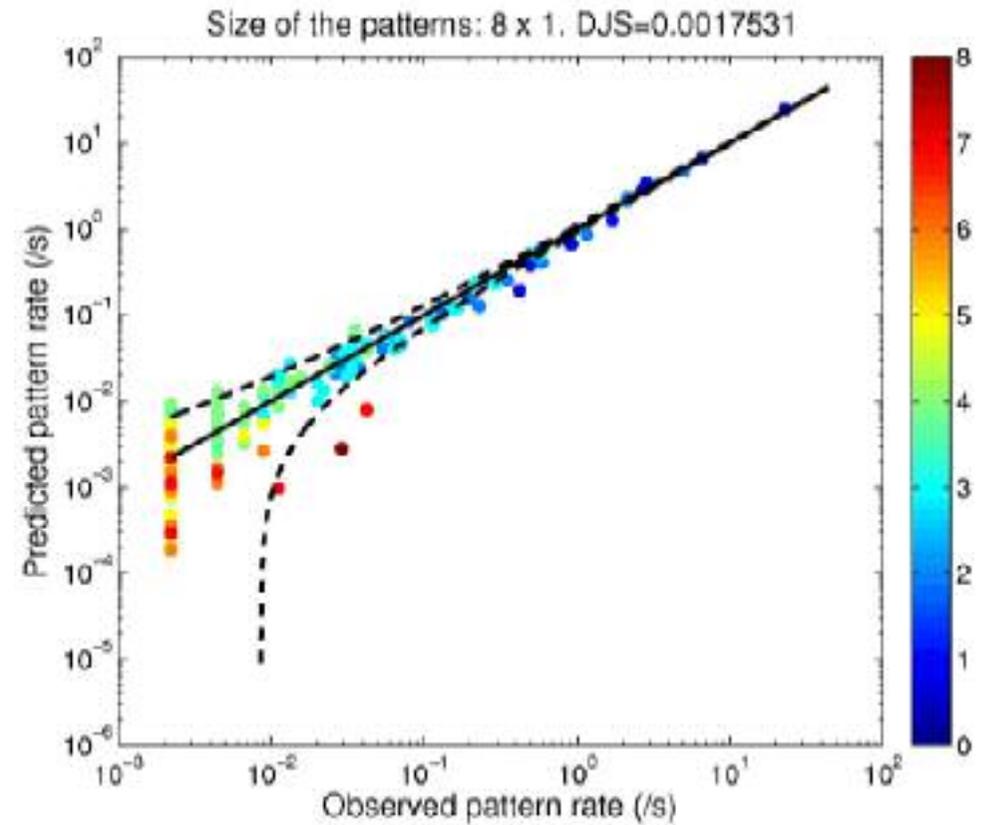
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Statistics of spike patterns in cat parietal cortex

Uncorrelated



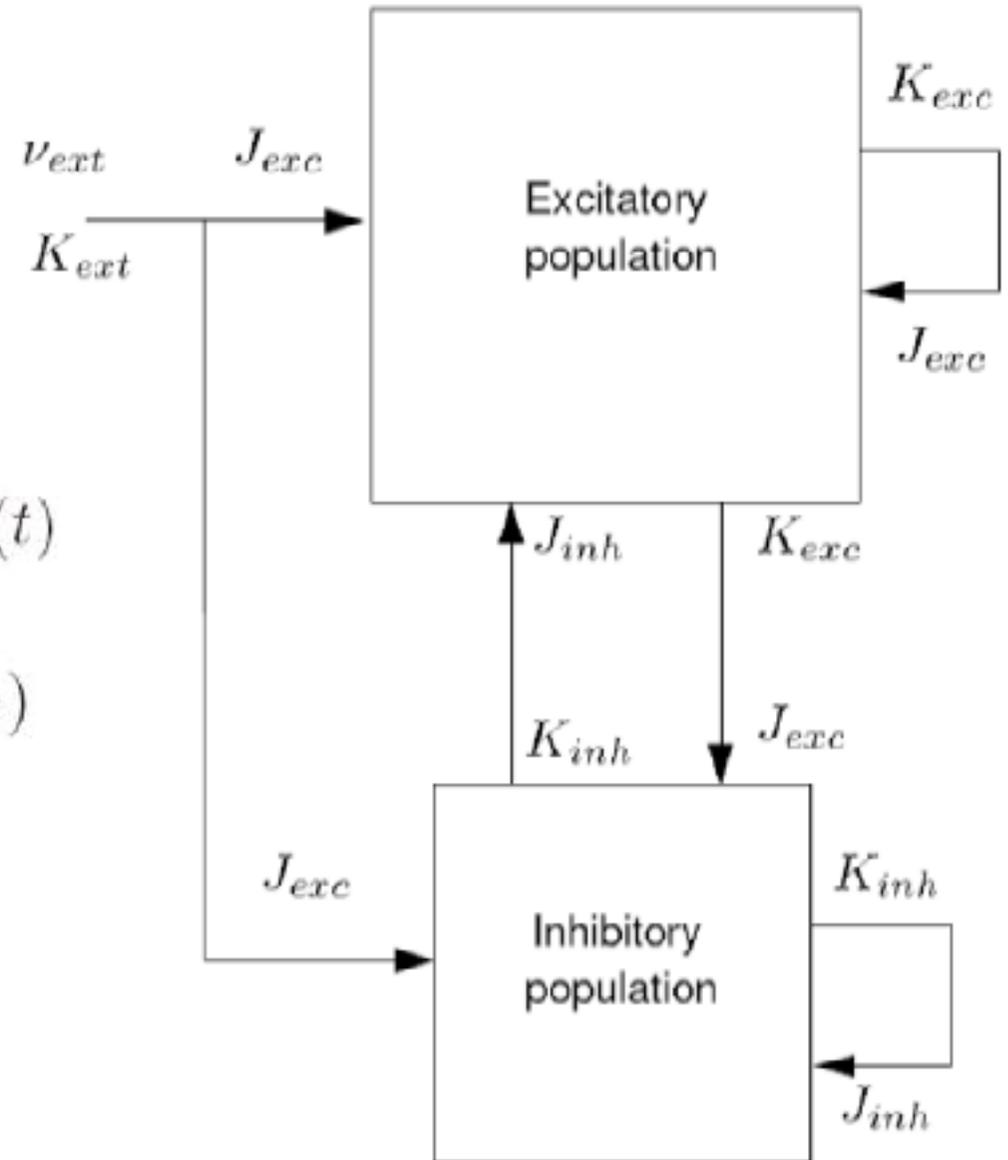
Correlated



Network models of self-sustained irregular states

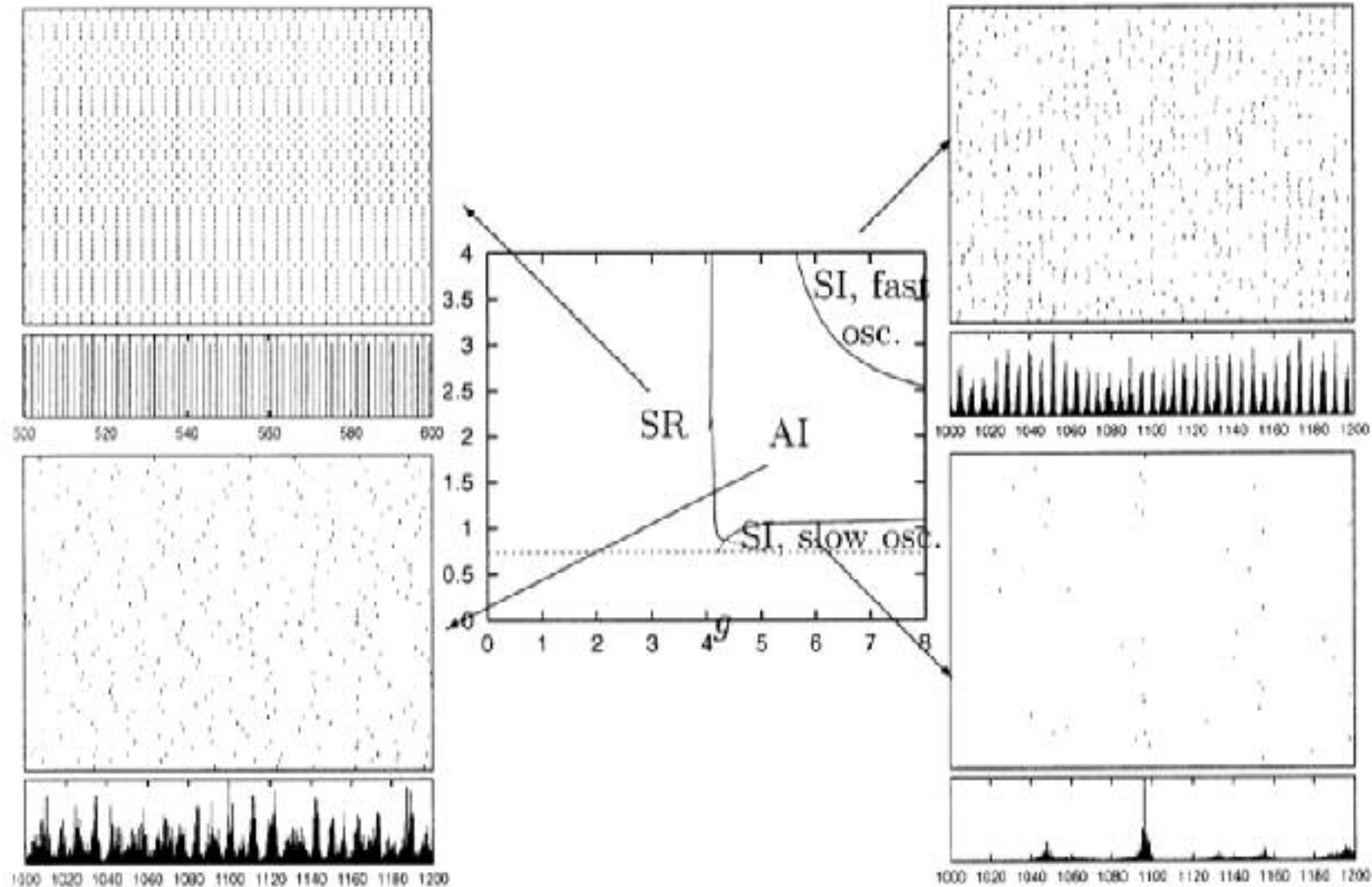
Networks of IF neurons

$$C_m \frac{dV_i}{dt} = -g_L(V_i - E_L) + S(t) - \sum_j g_{ji}(t)(V_i - E_j)$$



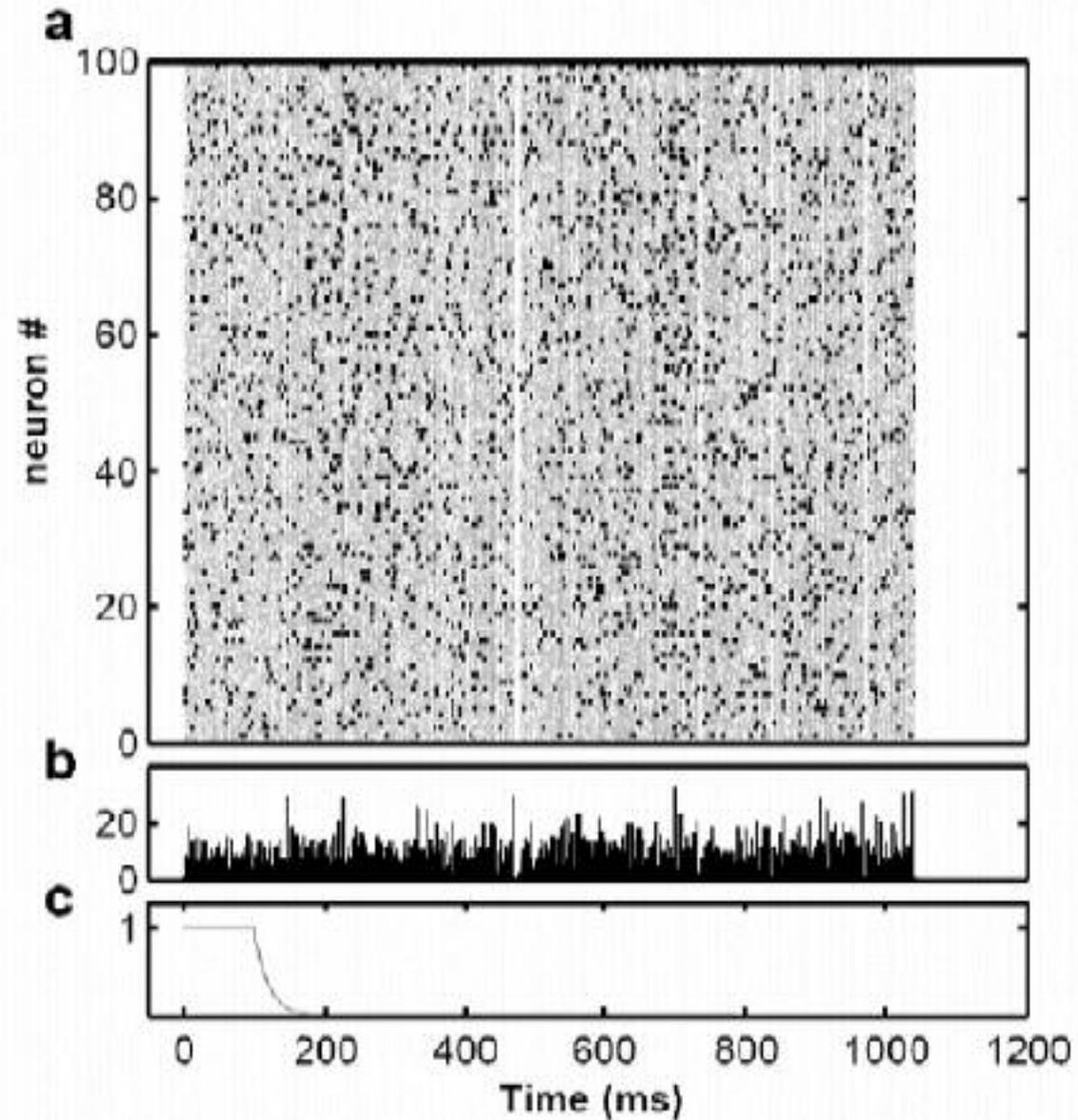
Network models of asynchronous irregular states

Networks of IF neurons



Self-sustained asynchronous irregular states

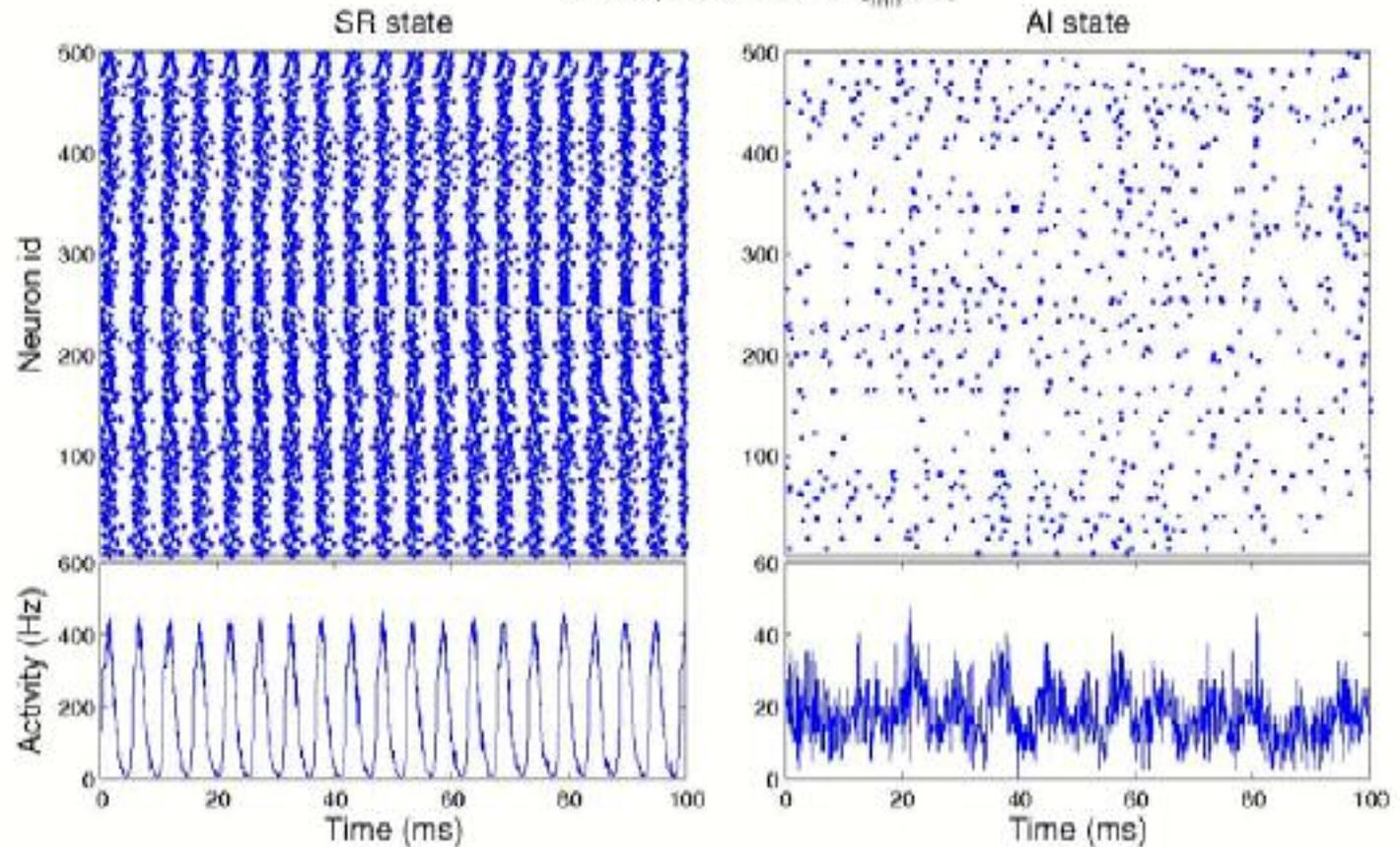
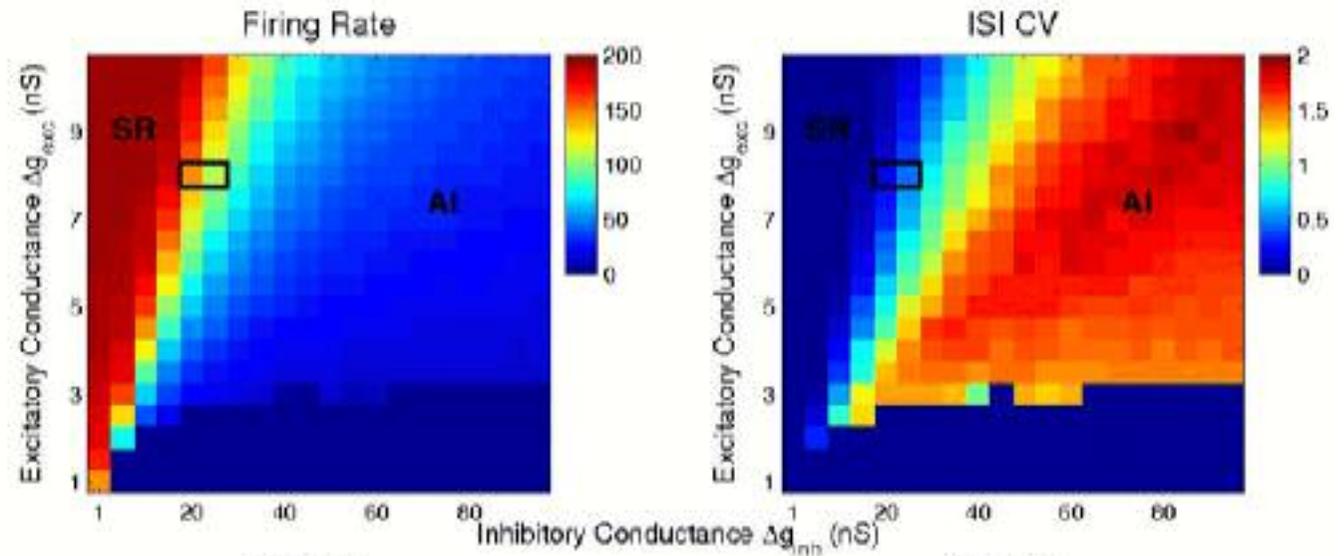
Networks of
IF neurons
(conductance-based)



Kumar et al.
Neural Computation 2008

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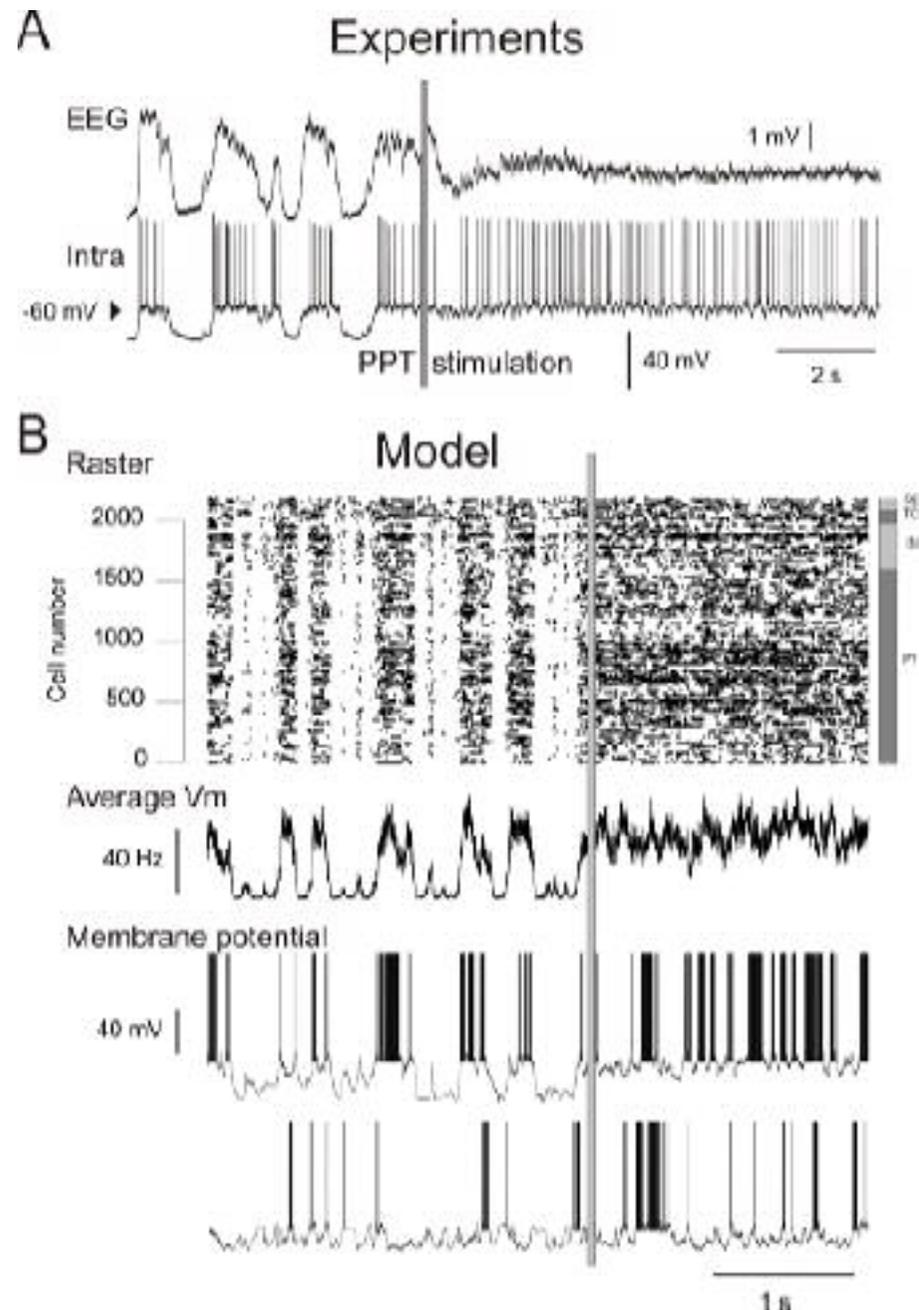


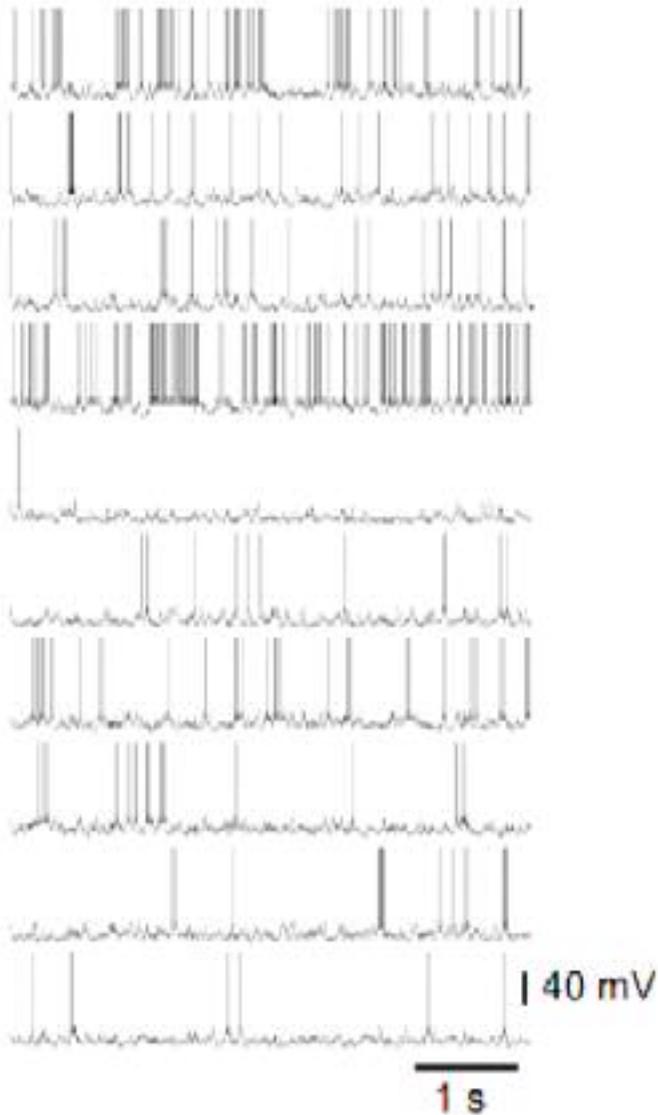
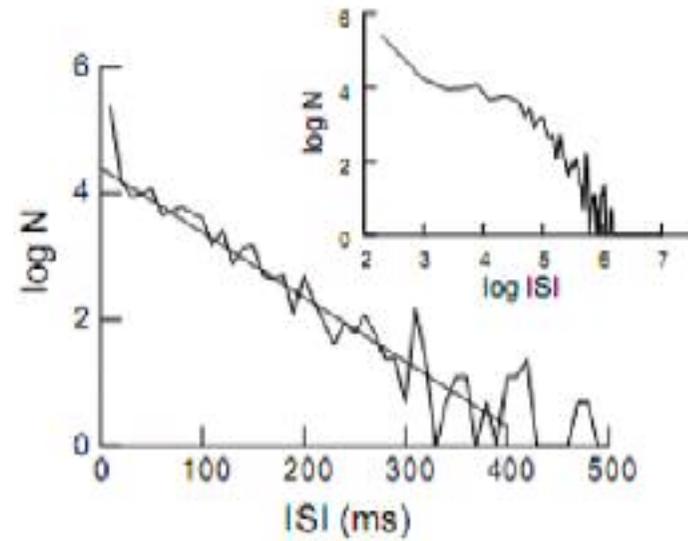
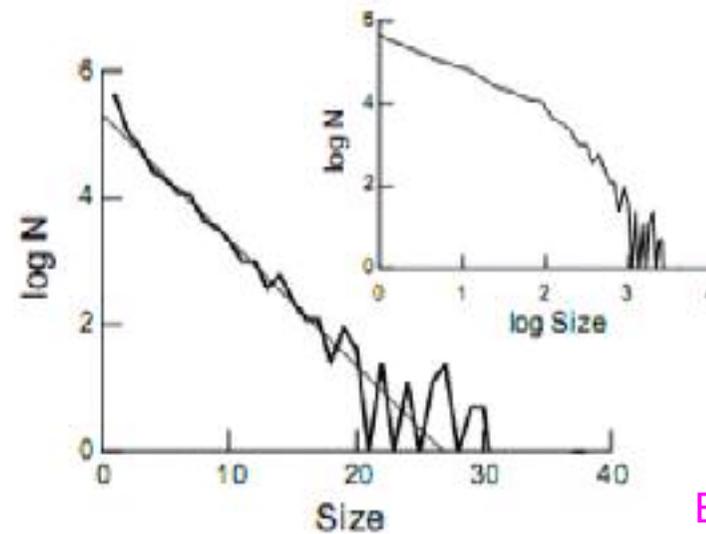
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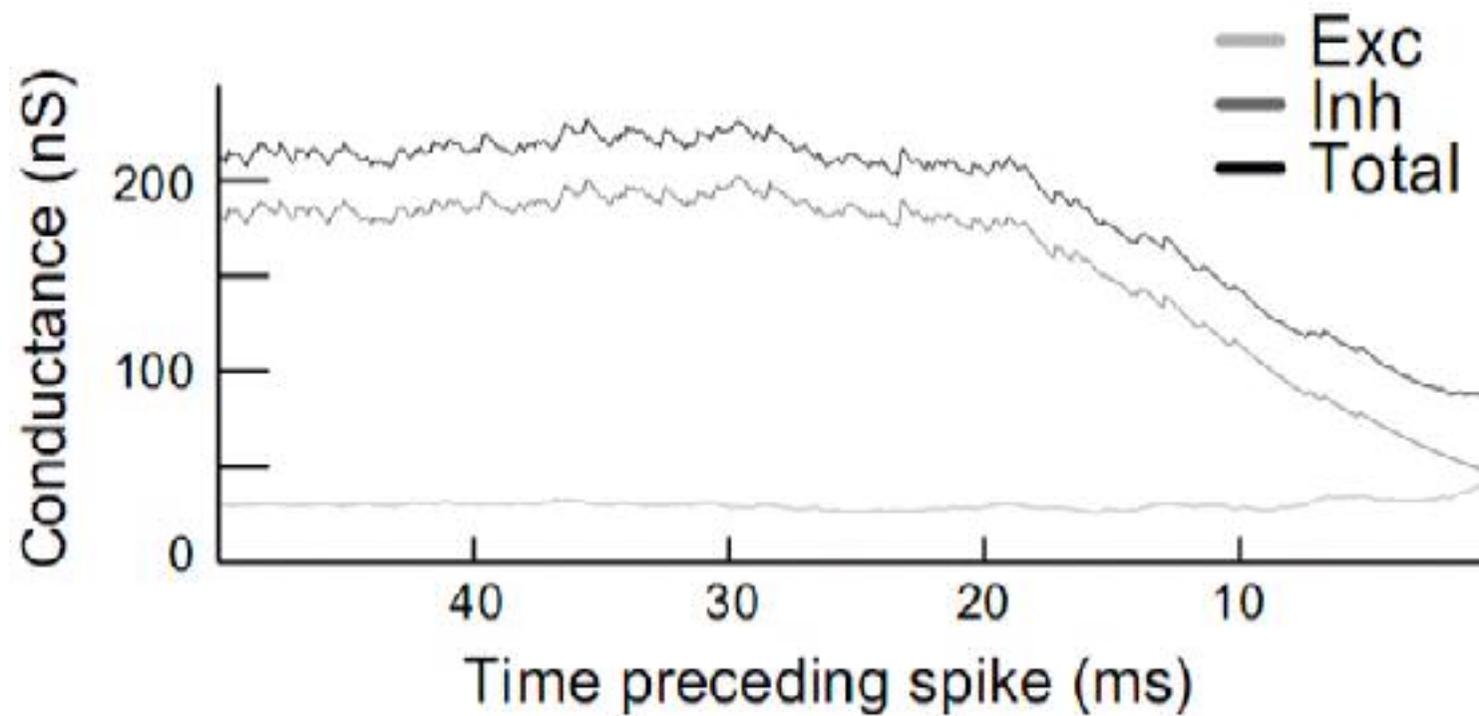
Self-sustained asynchronous irregular states

Networks of
adaptive exponential
IF neurons
(conductance-based)



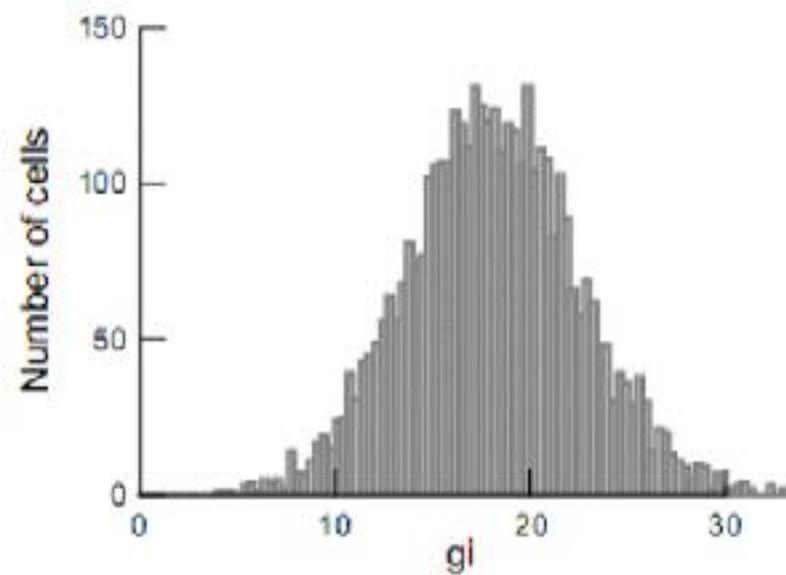
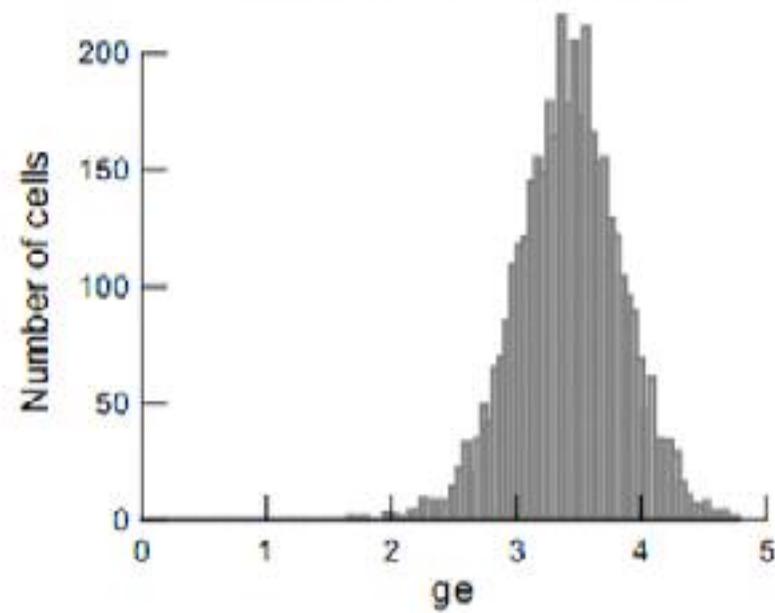
A**B****ISI distributions****Avalanche analysis**

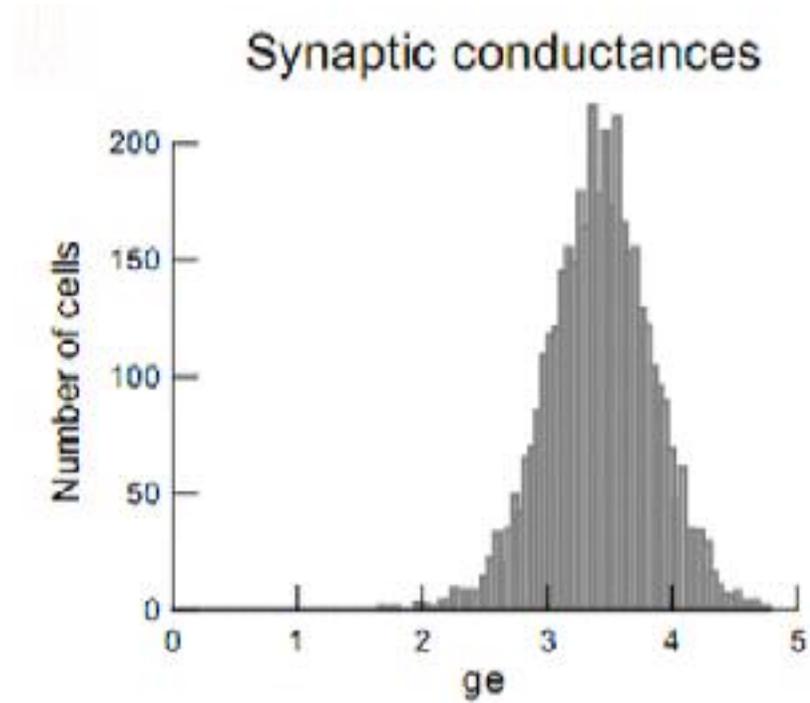
Spike-triggered average analysis



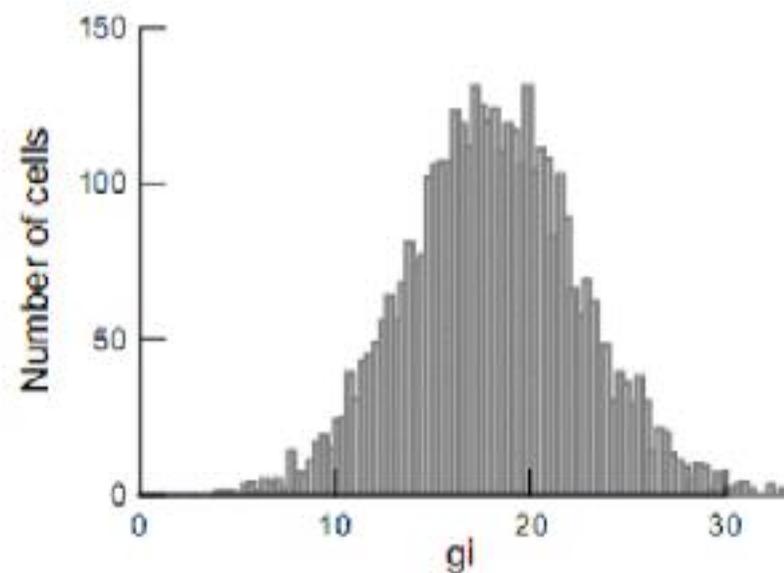


Synaptic conductances





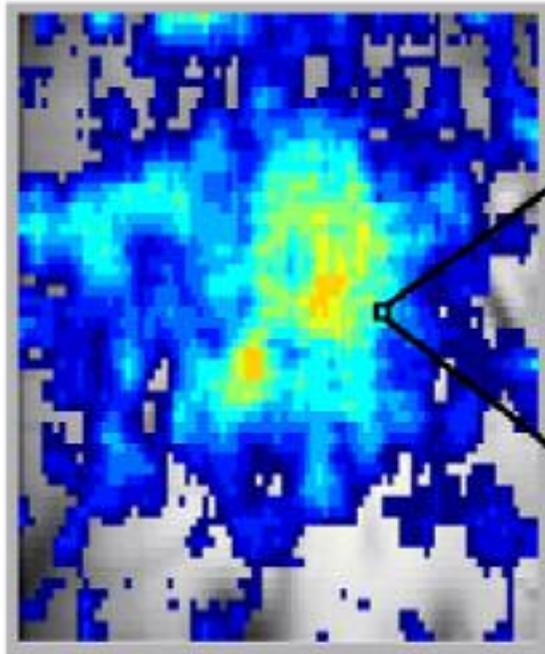
20 times
too many!



How to obtain models consistent with conductance measurements ?

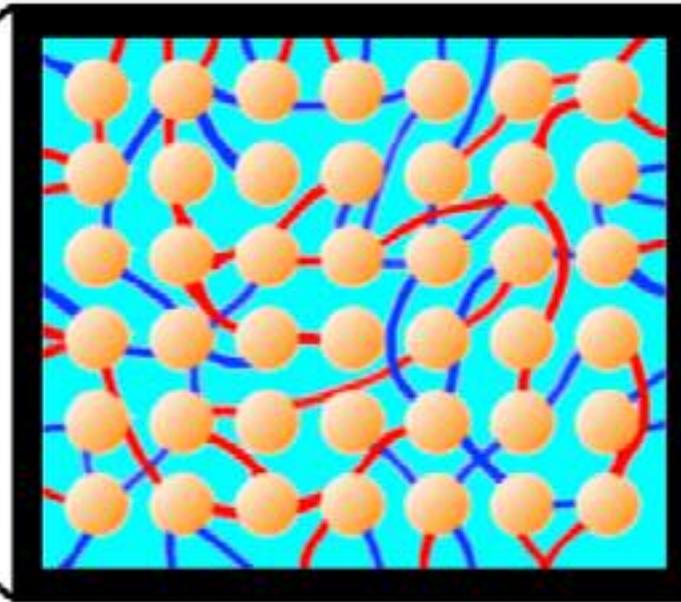
Macroscopic modeling of AI states in spiking networks

Optical imaging



1 mm

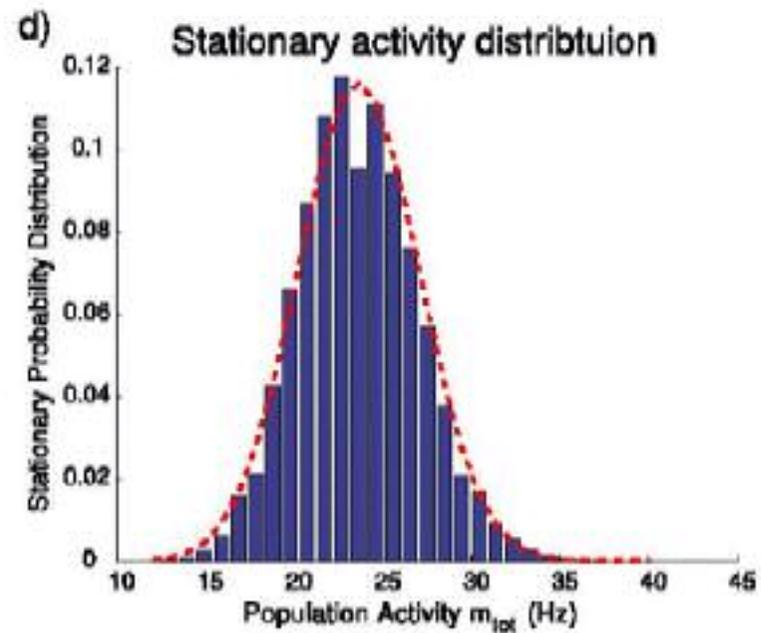
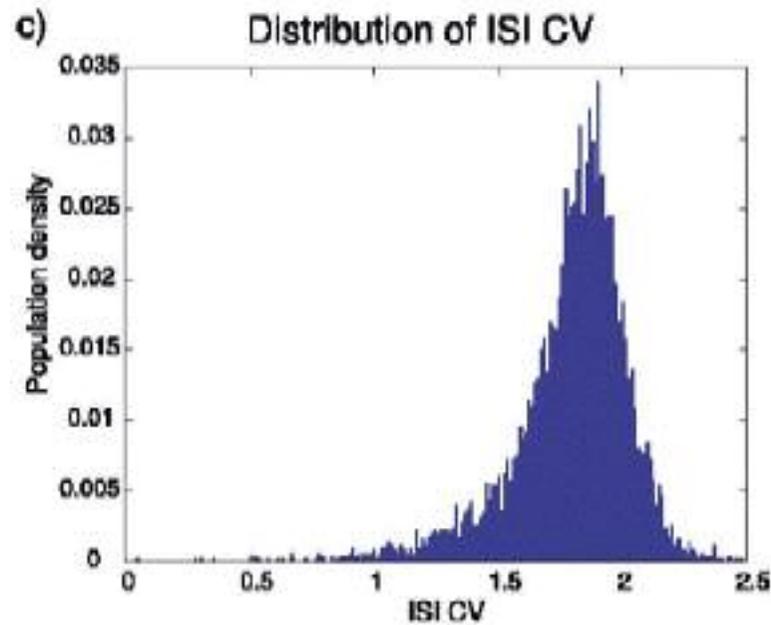
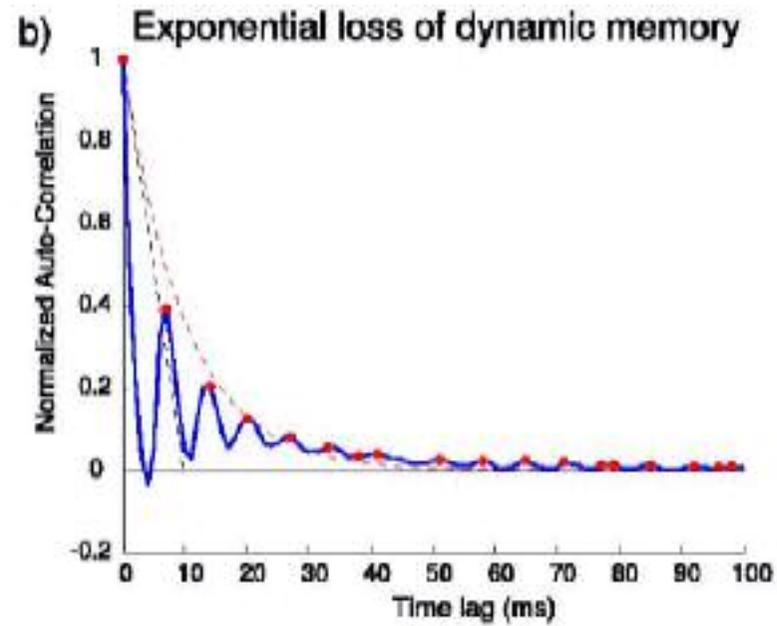
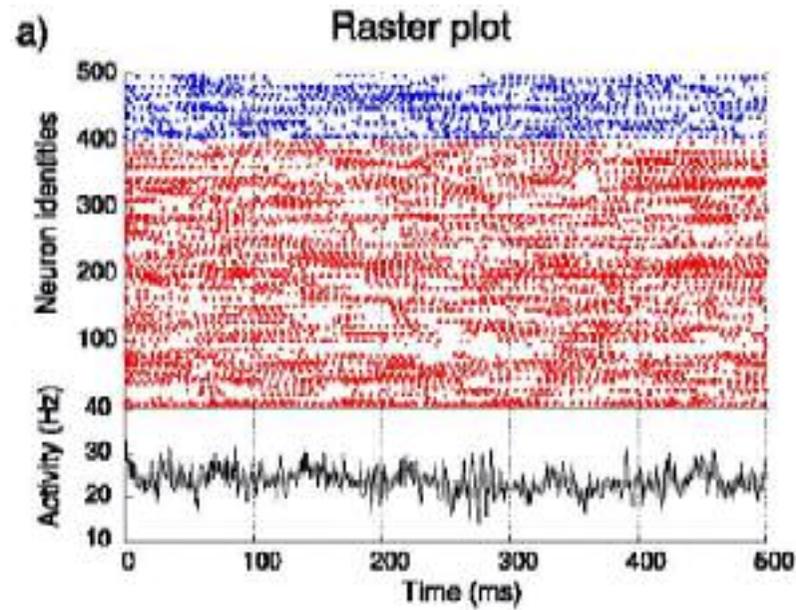
1 pixel = network of randomly-connected neurons



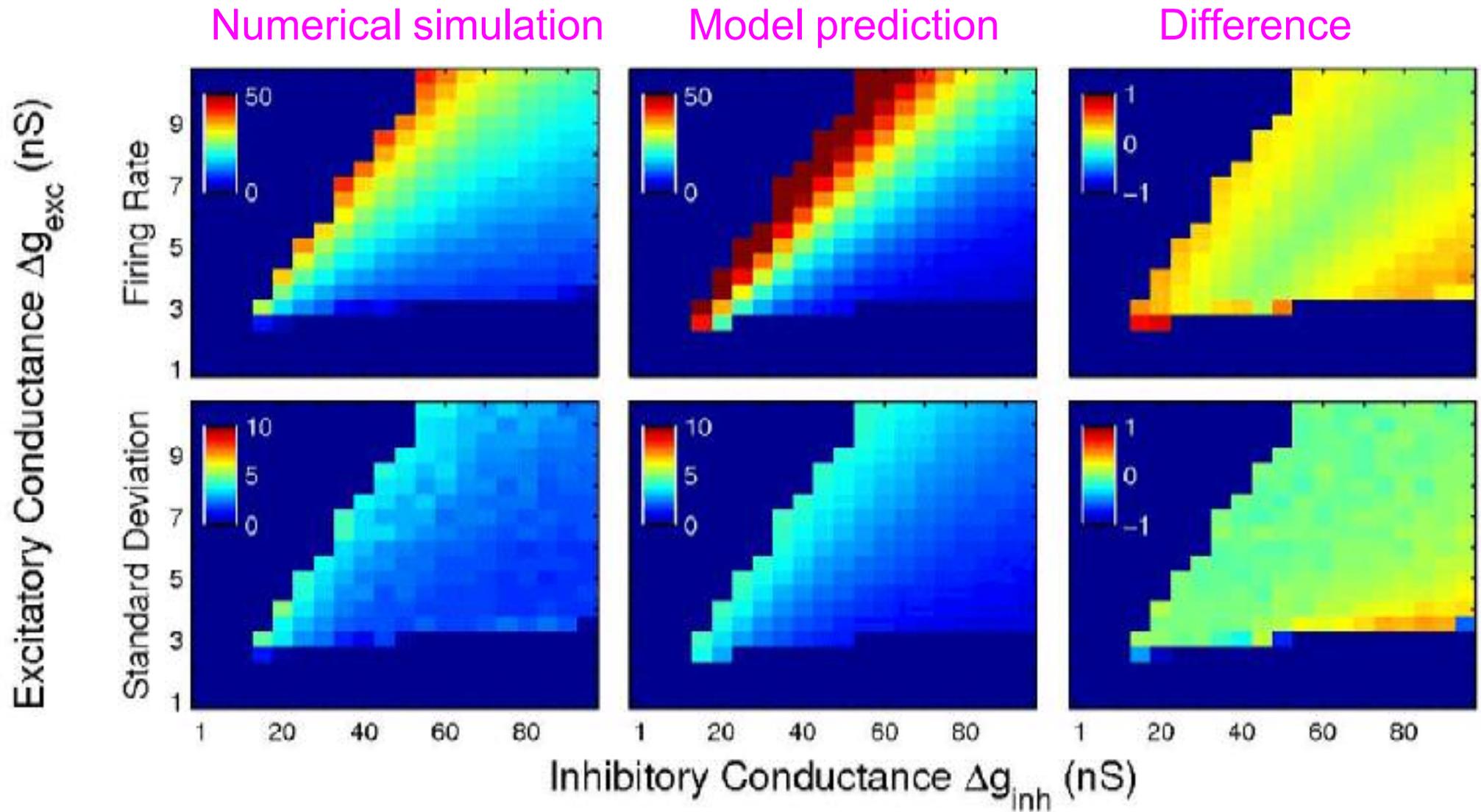
$$T \partial_t \langle m_\mu \rangle = (v_\mu - \langle m_\mu \rangle) + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\lambda \partial_\eta v_\mu c_{\lambda\eta}$$

$$T \partial_t c_{\mu\nu} = \delta_{\mu\nu} A_{\mu\mu}^{-1} + (v_\mu - \langle m_\mu \rangle)(v_\nu - \langle m_\nu \rangle) + \partial_\lambda v_\mu c_{\nu\lambda} + \partial_\lambda v_\nu c_{\mu\lambda} - 2c_{\mu\nu}$$

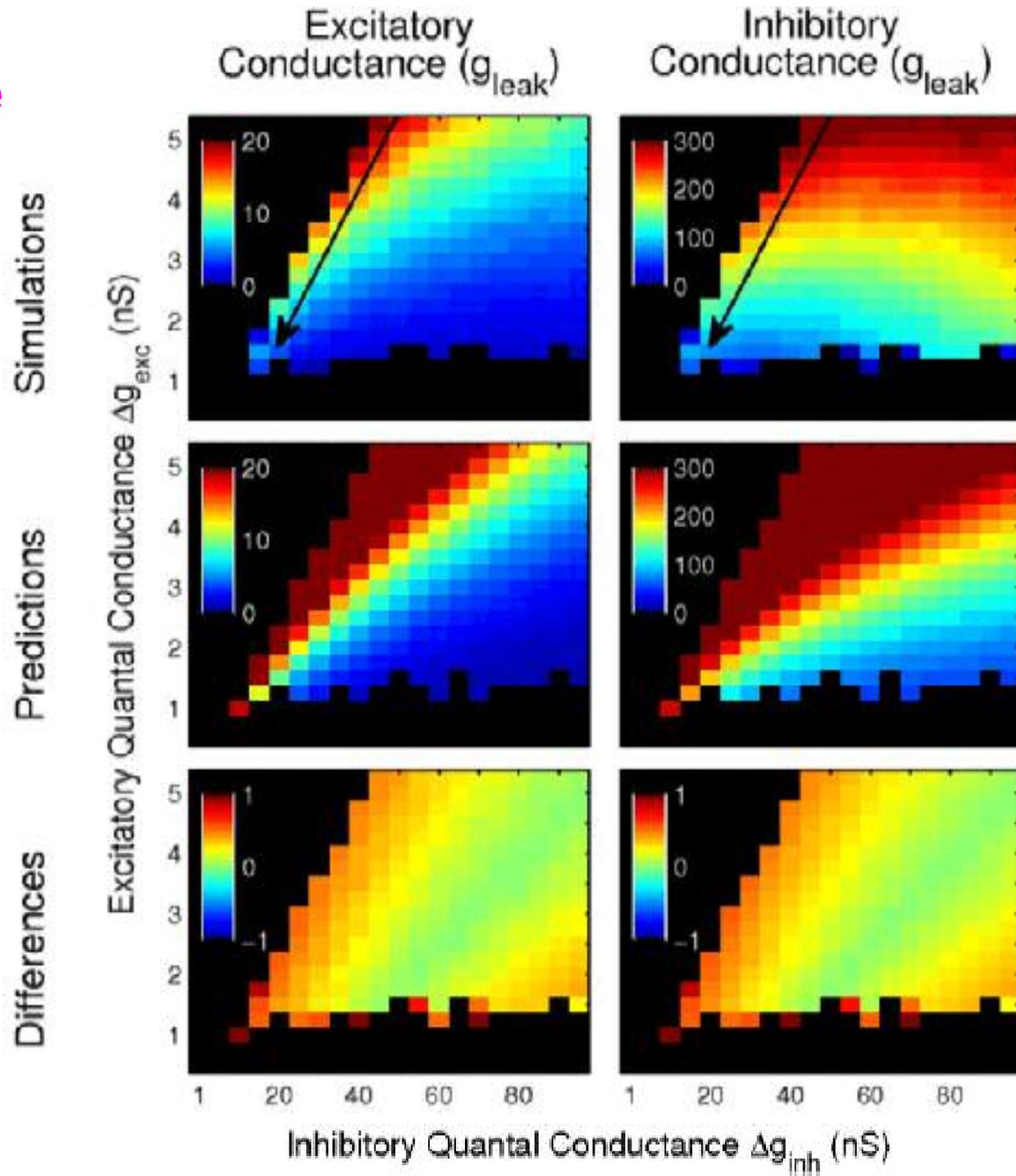
Mean-field model of AI states



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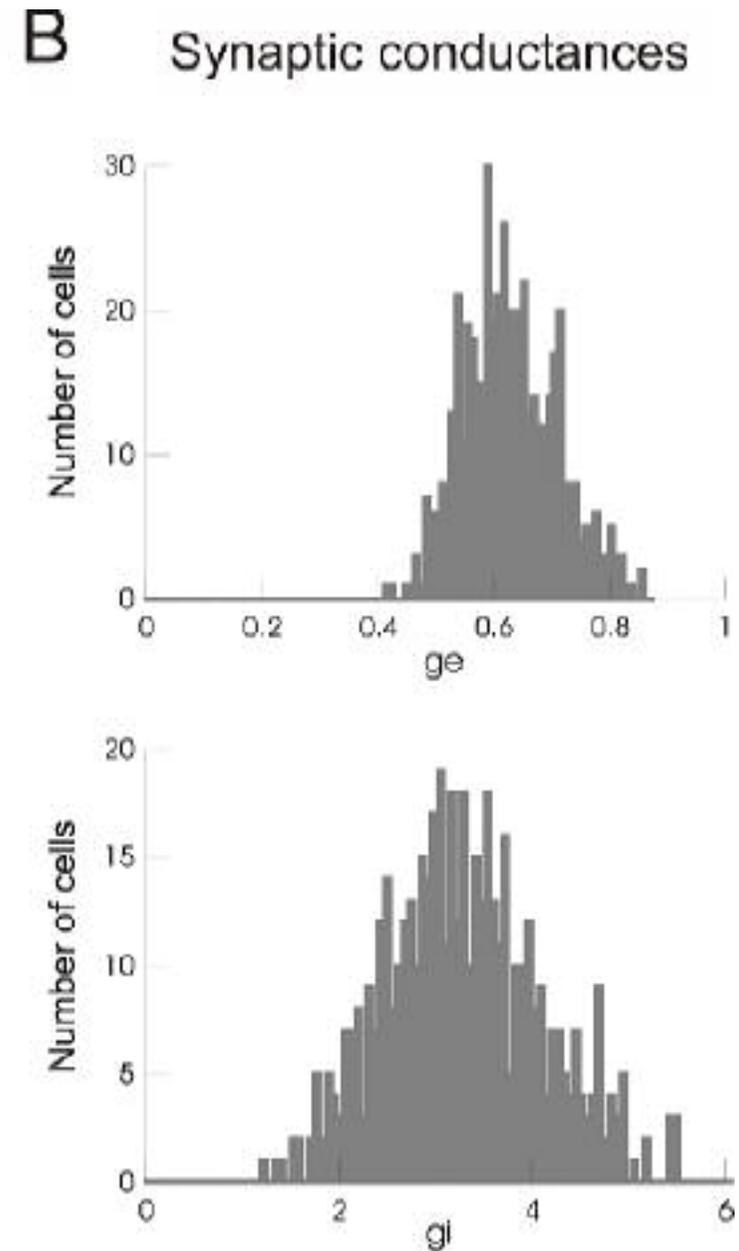
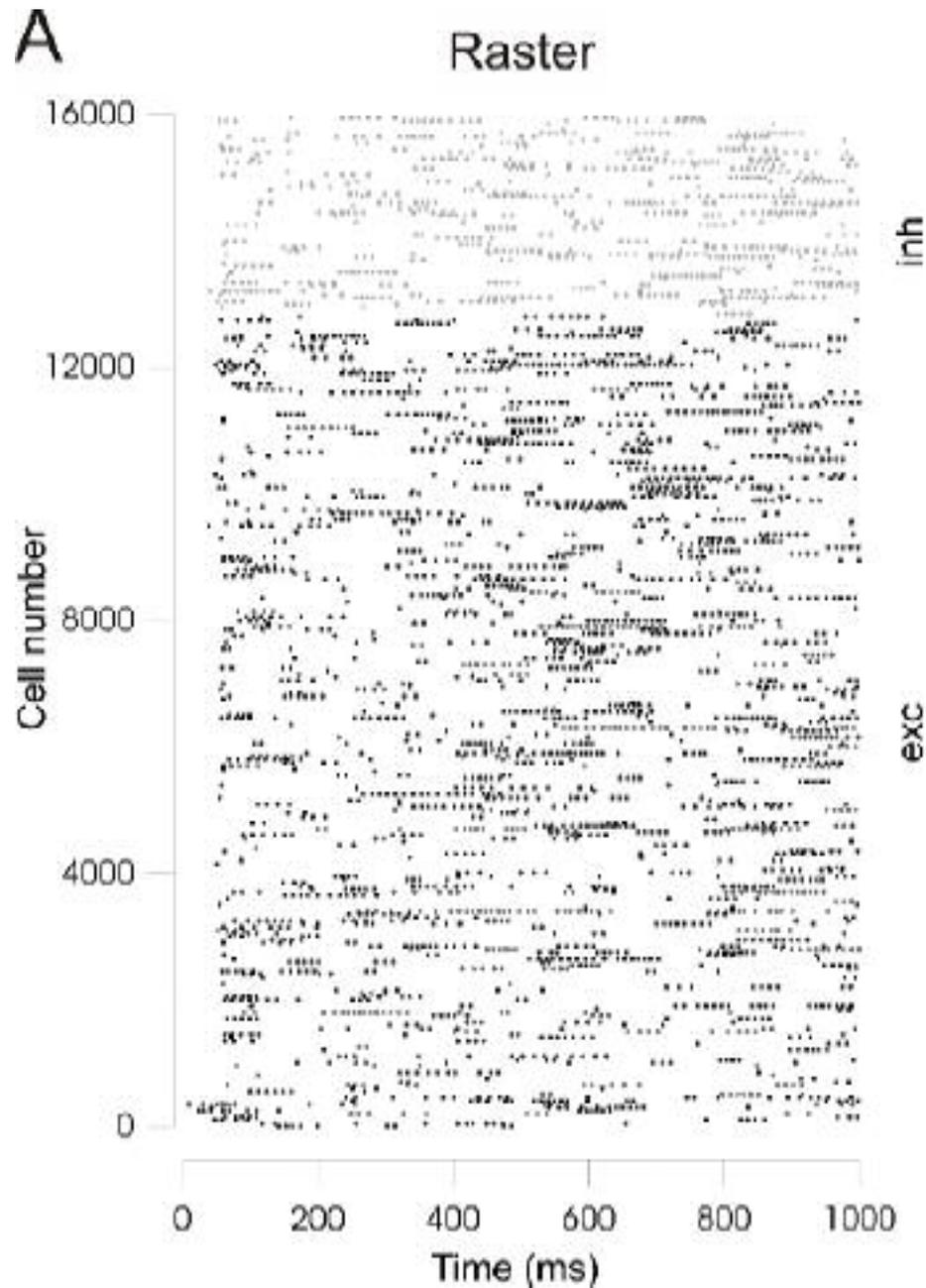


Conductance maps



Network models with realistic conductance patterns

Best model: $N=16000$, 320 synapses/neuron

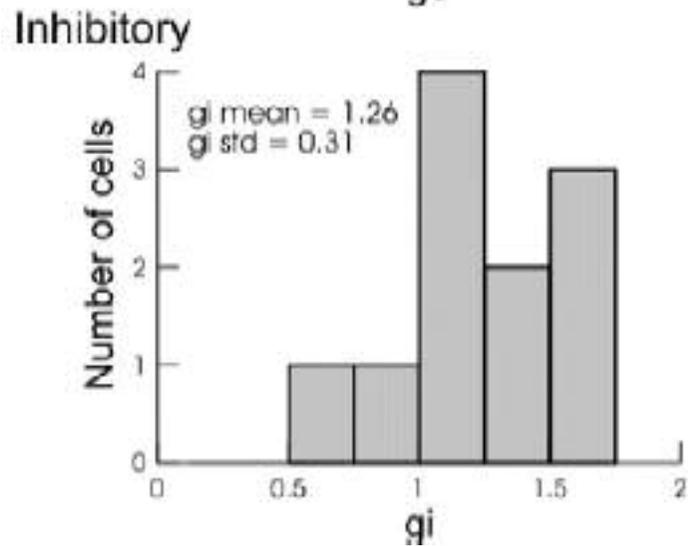
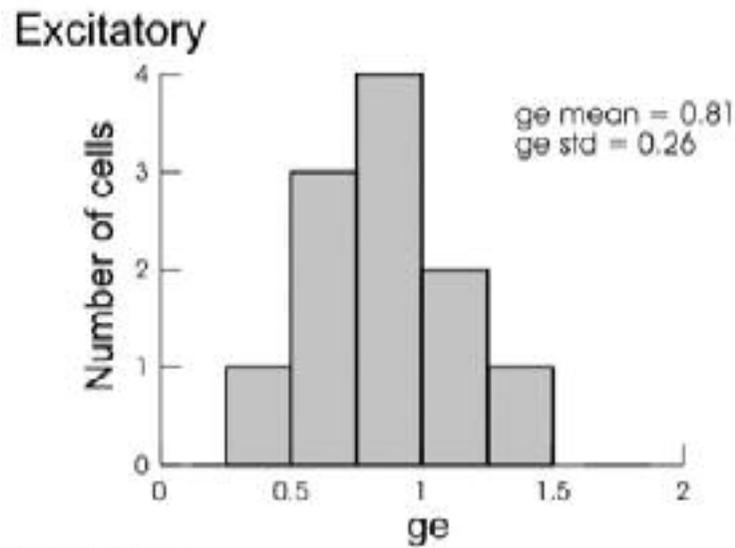


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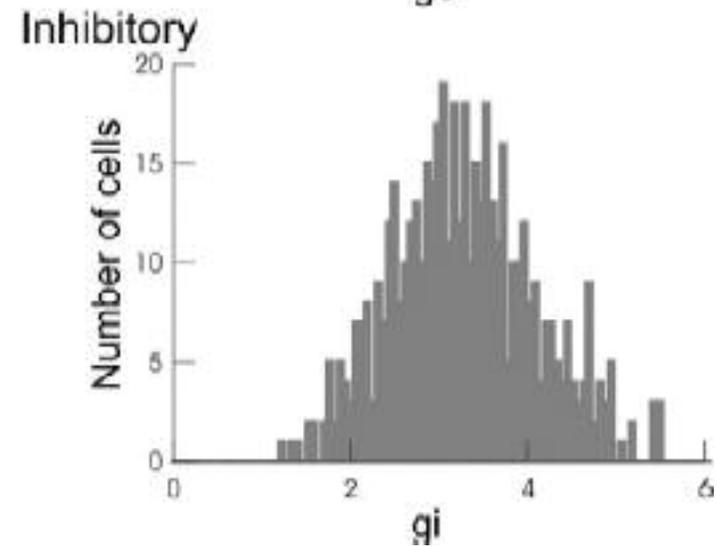
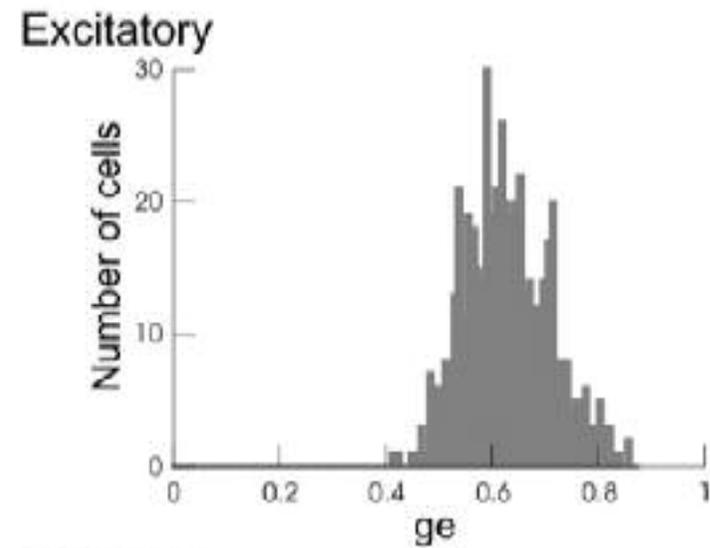
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Comparison

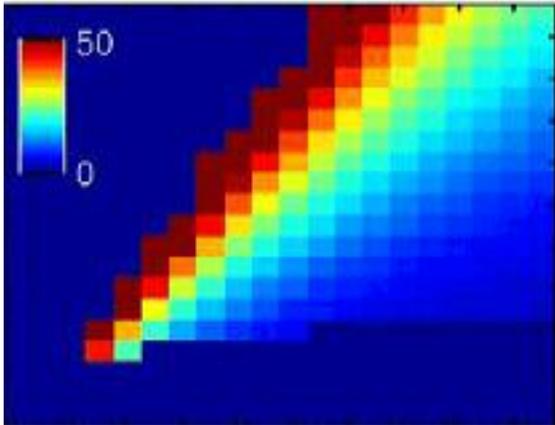
A Experiments



B Model



Impact of network activity on populations of neurons



Conclusions

- Randomly connected networks of IF neurons can easily generate dynamics which reproduce experimental observations...
- ... except for conductances measurements!
- Mean-field models can be used to identify network configurations with correct conductance state

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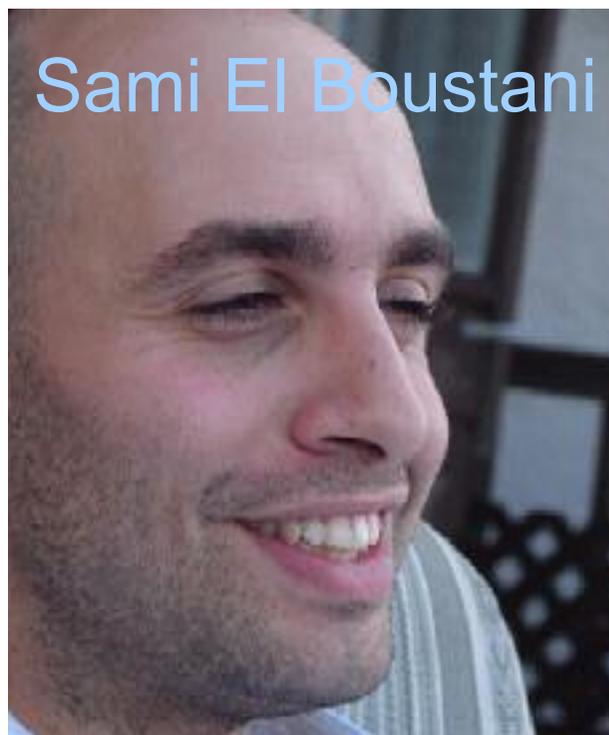


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