

Data-driven approach for identifying regime transitions

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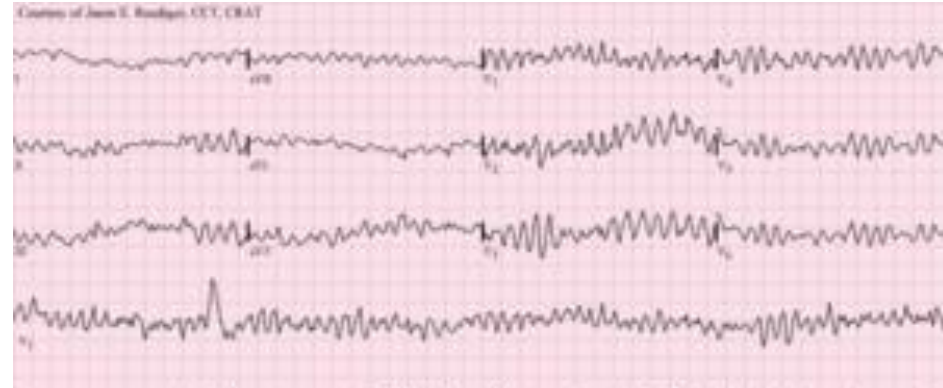
Dangerous regime transitions

Electroencephalographs - EEGs



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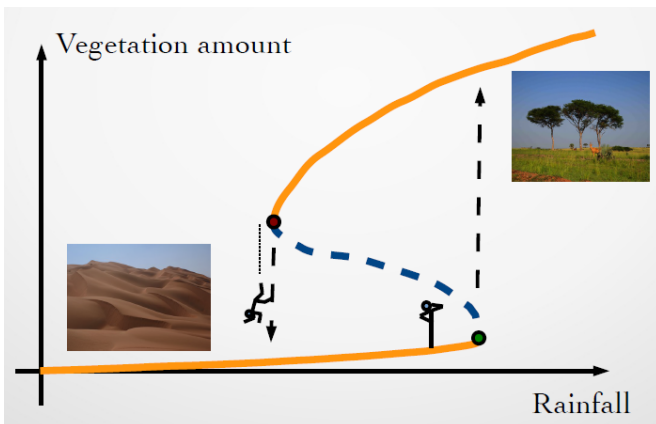
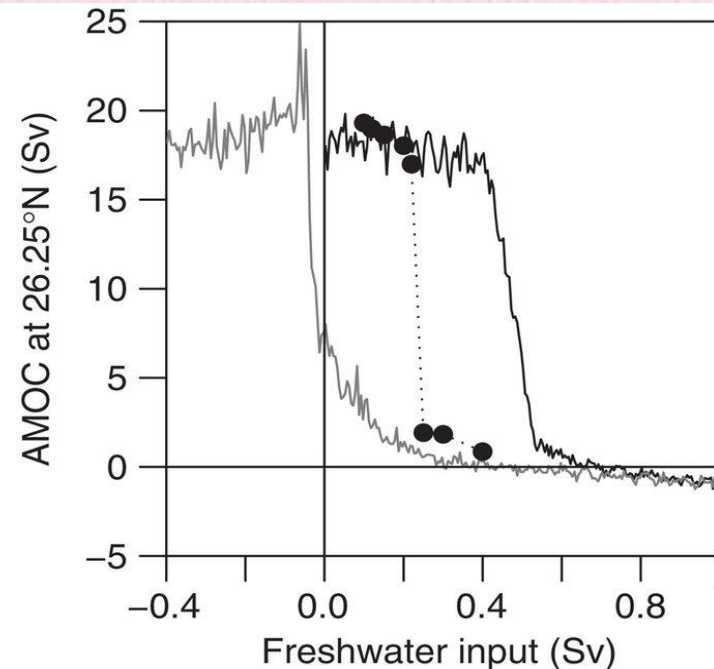
Cardiac arrhythmia



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Collapse of Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation

Nat. Comm. 2014



To develop **diagnostic tools** to identify and characterize regime transitions.

- Lasers: optical chaos emerges from noise
*Empirical data, from a semiconductor **laser** with feedback*
- Neuronal spikes: emergence of temporal correlations
*Synthetic data, generated with the **neuron** FitzHugh-Nagumo model*
- Climate: how to quantify regional climate change
*Surface air **temperature** (semi-empirical data)*

How optical chaos emerges from noise?



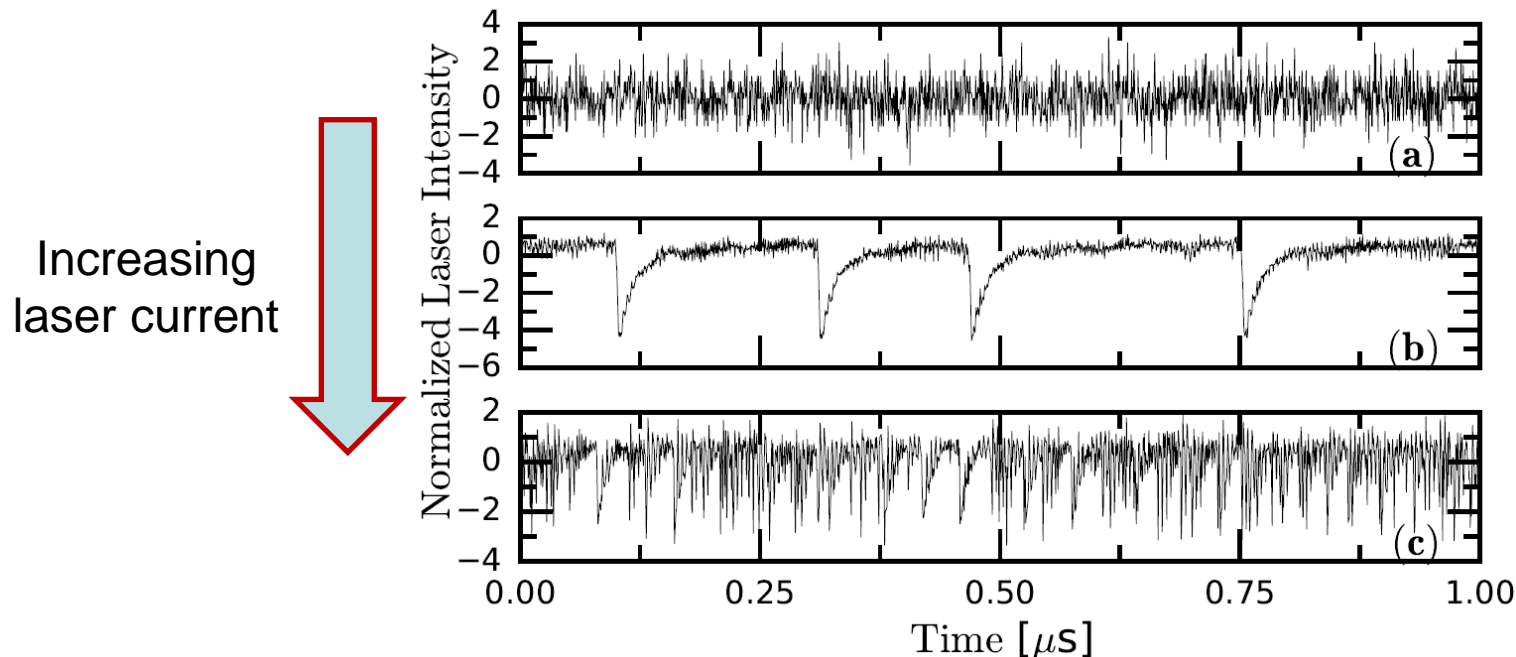
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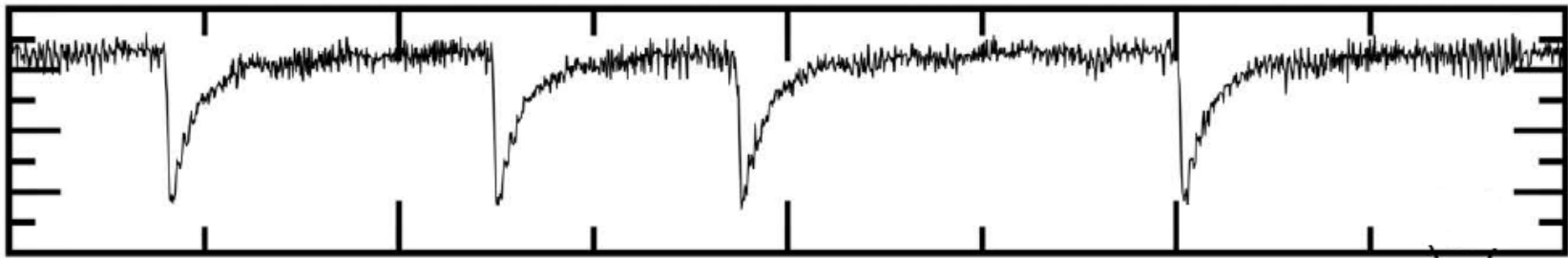
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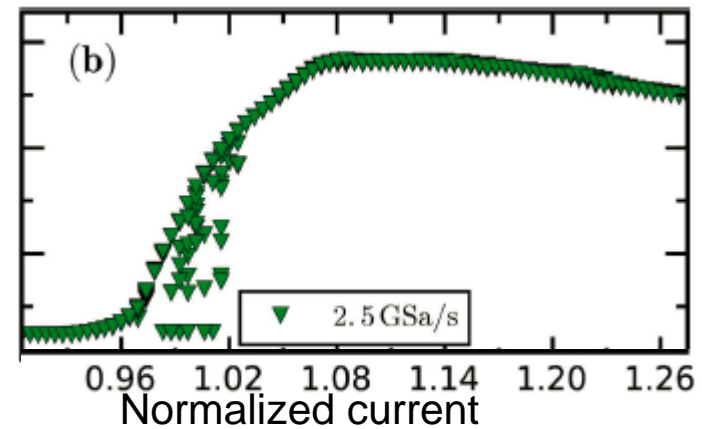
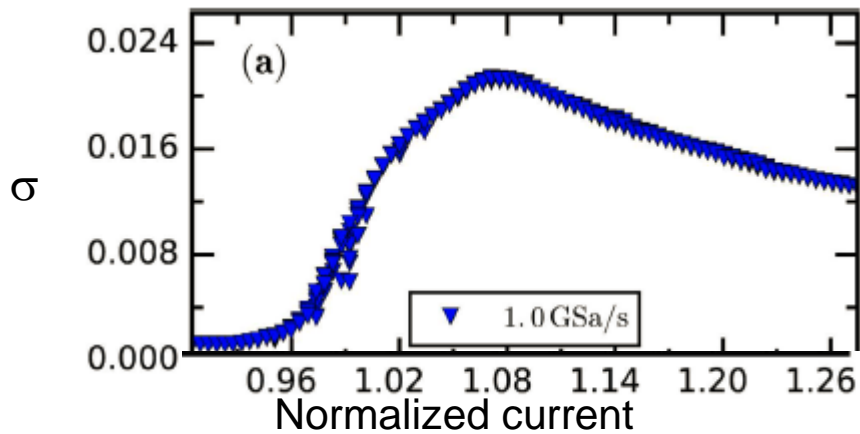
Low-frequency fluctuations (LFFs) and Coherence Collapse (CC)

- LFF and CC regimes have been intensively studied.
- Two different regimes?
- If yes, can we identify the onset of each regime?

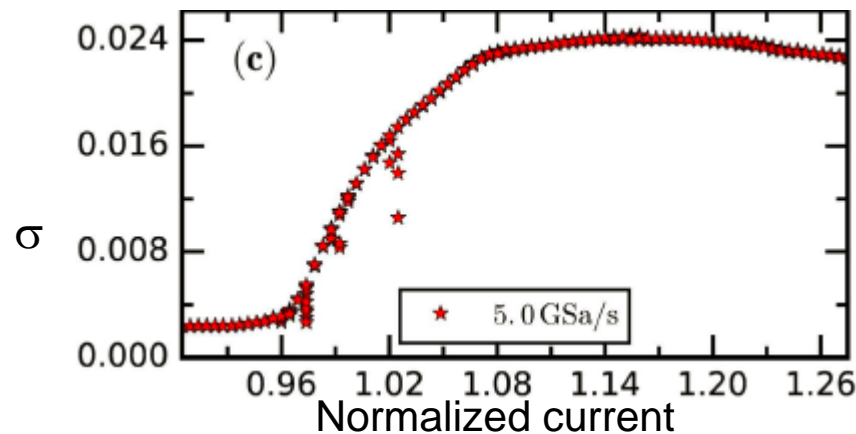




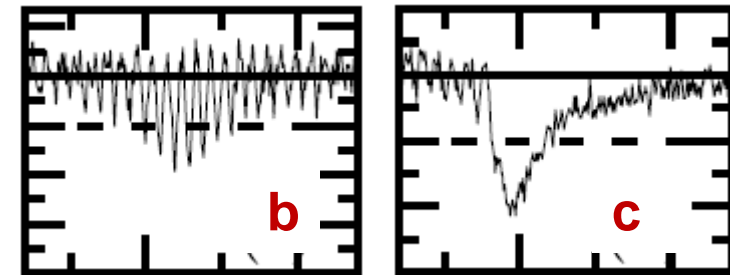
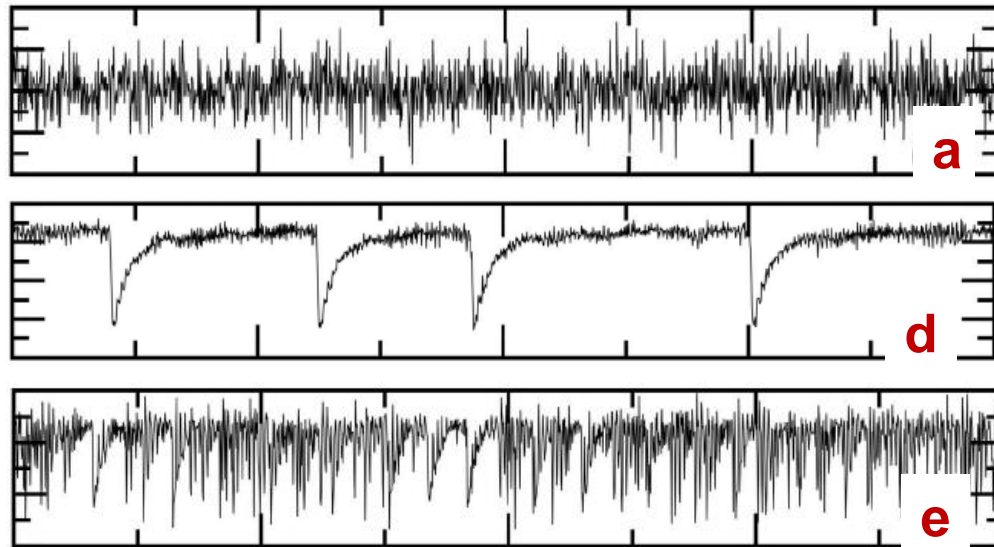
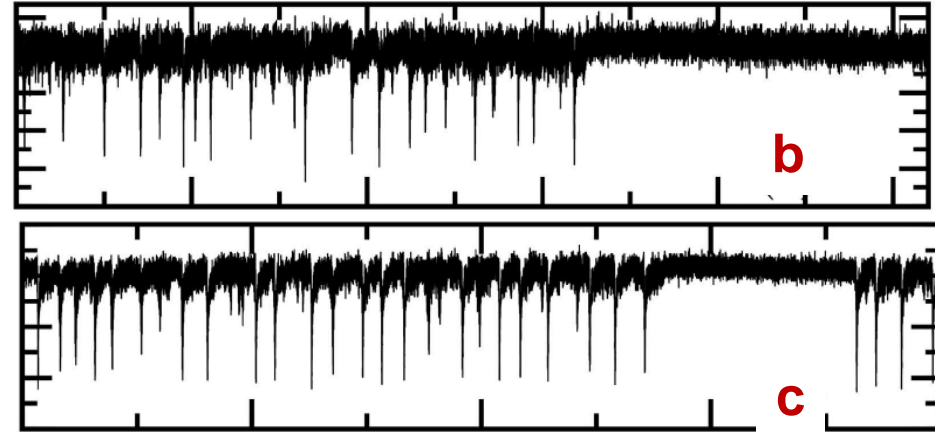
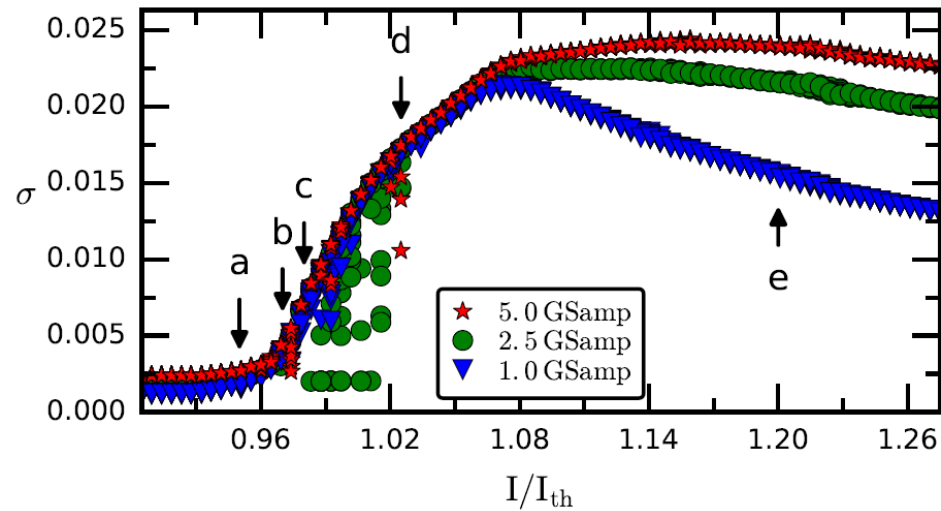
LFF slow-fast dynamics: intensity PDF depends on the oscilloscope sampling time



Threshold current=1

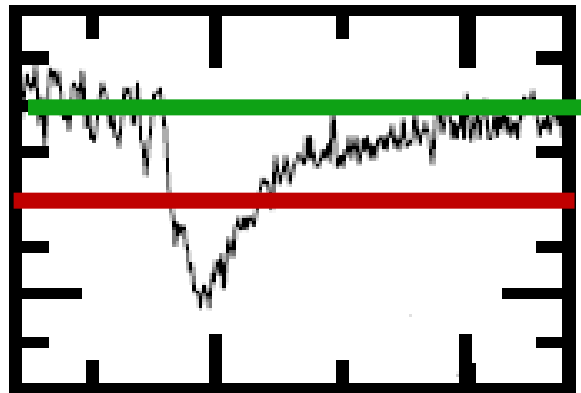


Identifying regime transition points

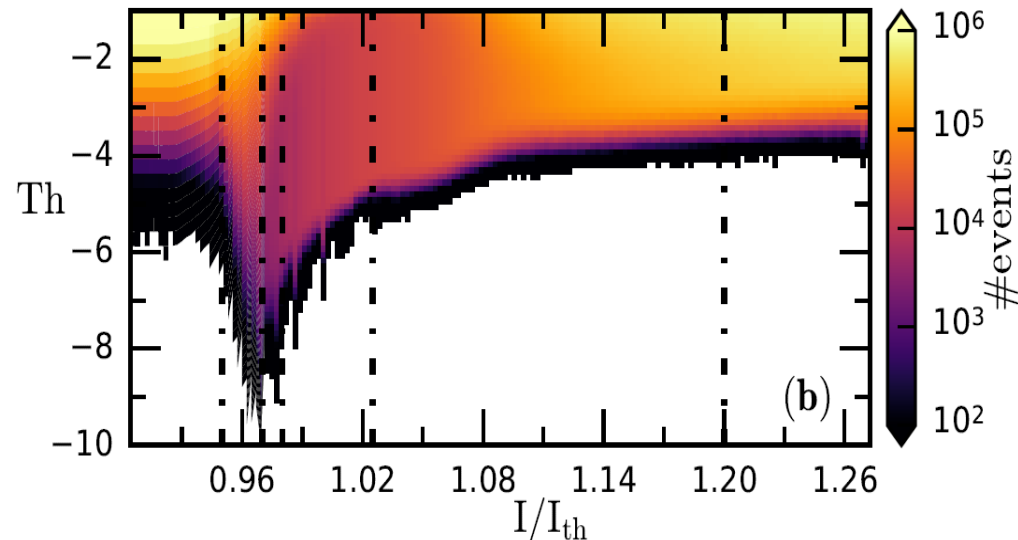
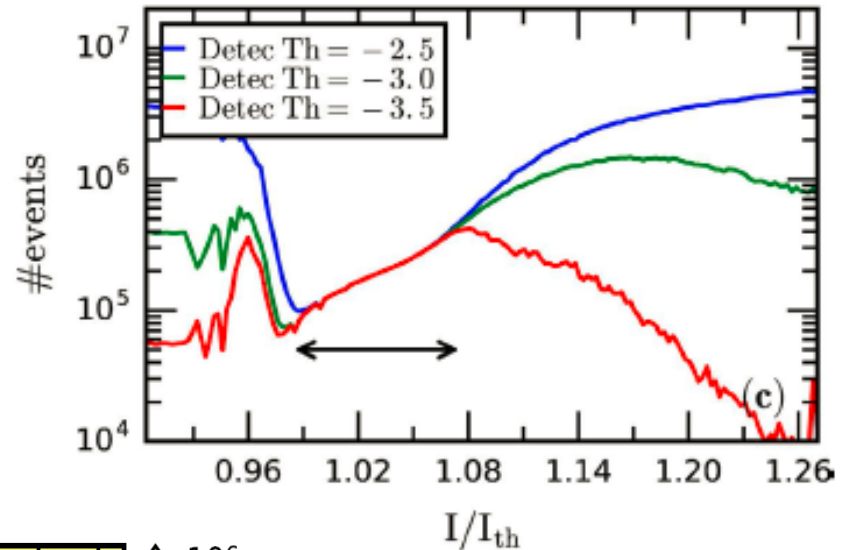


Number of threshold-crossing events

Each time series is first normalized to $\langle x \rangle = 0$ and $\sigma = 1$



Time



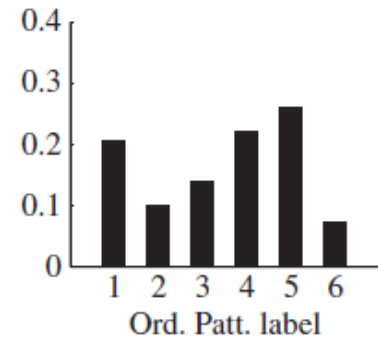
We can identify regions of:

- Regular LFFs
- “Extreme” LFFs

Temporal correlations: method of **symbolic** ordinal analysis

■ $X = \{\dots x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots\}$

Brandt & Pompe, PRL 88, 174102 (2002)



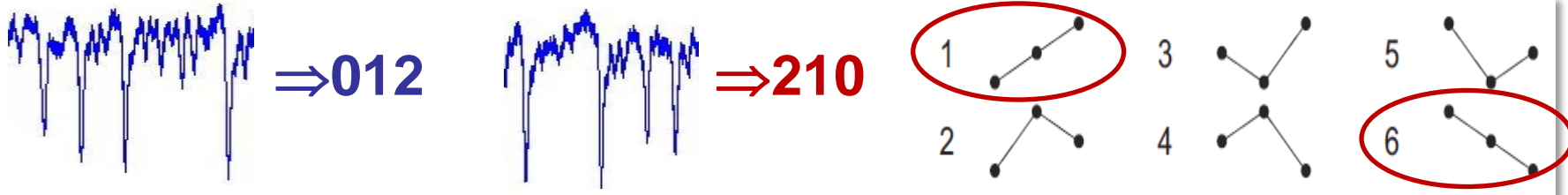
The OP probabilities allow identifying more expressed and/or infrequent patterns in the order of the sequence of data values.

Random data?

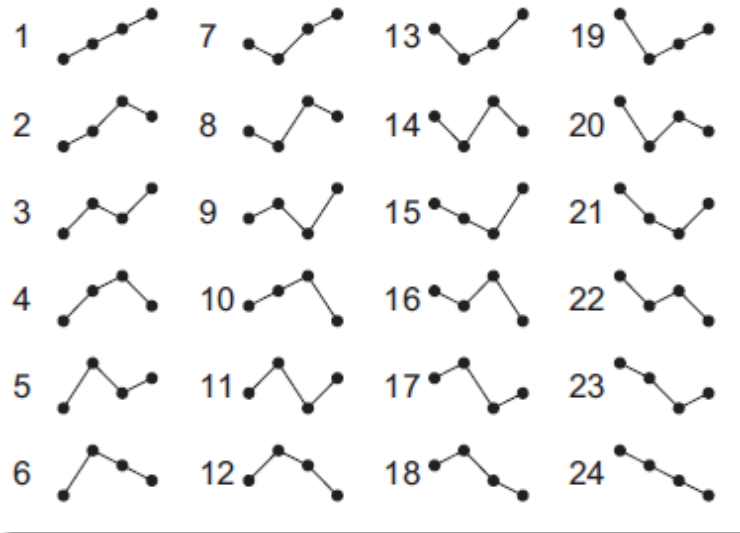
- Advantage: the probabilities uncover temporal correlations.
 - Drawback: we lose information about the actual values.
- ⇒ Ordinal analysis provides complementary information to that gained with other analysis tools.

Read more: M. Zanin, L. Zunino, O. A. Rosso, and D. Papo, *Entropy* 14, 1553 (2012)

- **D=3**: correlations among 3 inter-spike-intervals (ISIs).



- The number of patterns grows as **D!**



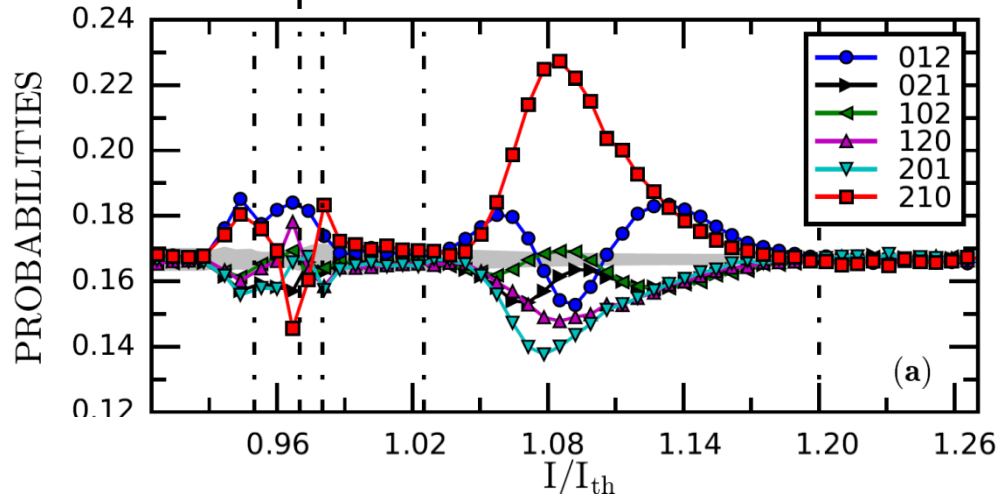
- How to quantify the information?
 - Permutation entropy

$$s_p = -\sum p_i \log p_i$$

- How to select optimal D? depends on:
 - The length of the data.
 - The length of the correlations

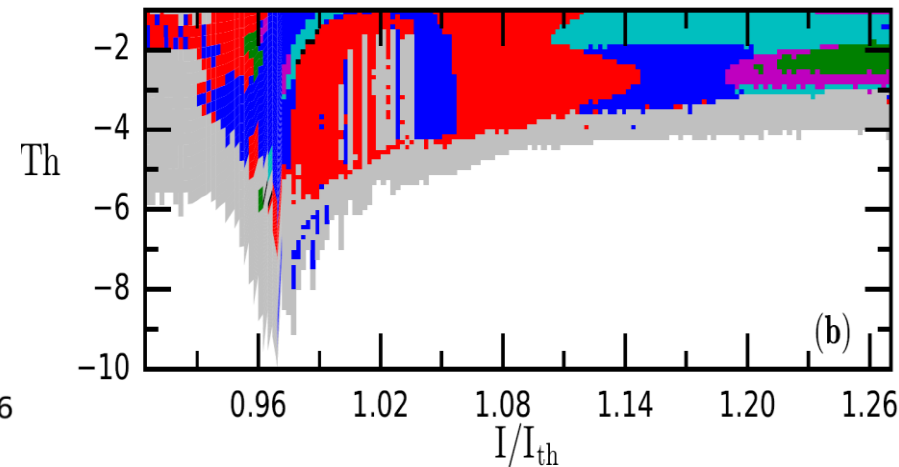
Ordinal analysis

Spike detection threshold = -3

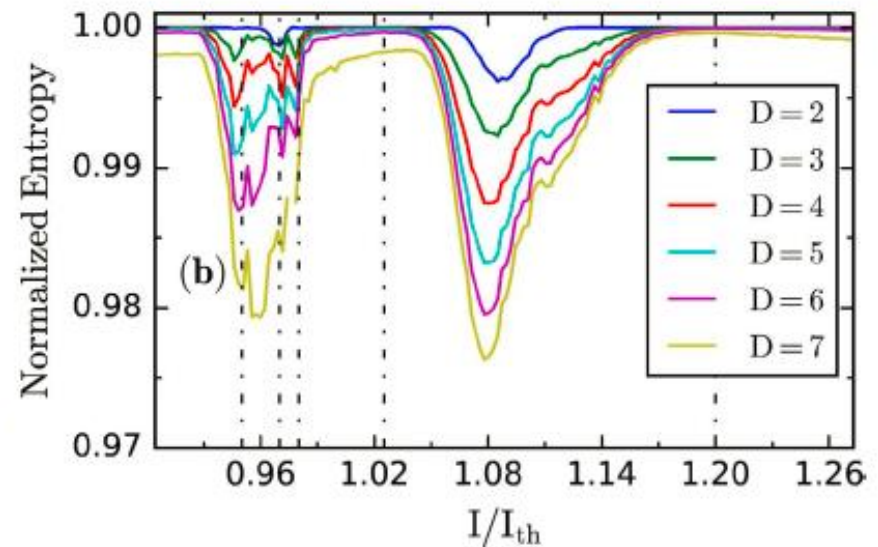
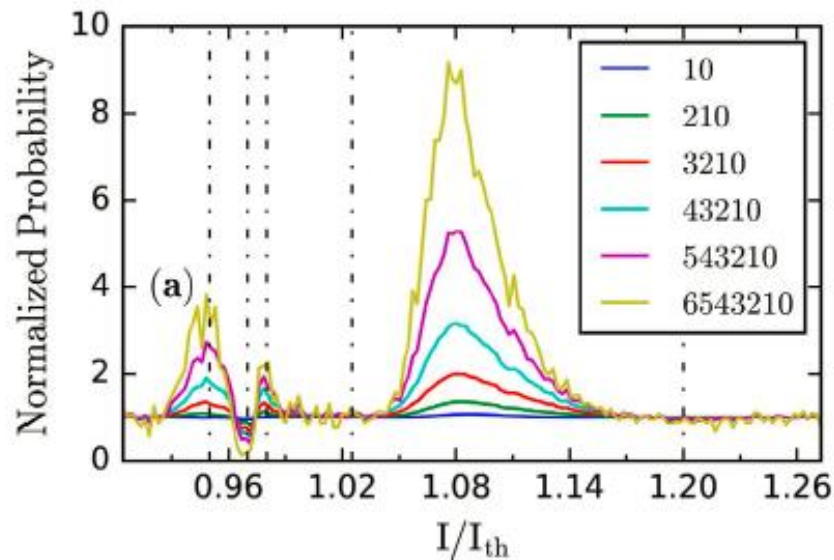


Gray region = equal probabilities

Most probable pattern



Gray region = not enough data



- Transition to optical chaos:
 - As the control parameter (pump current) increases, the low frequency fluctuations (LFFs) and the coherence collapse (CC) can be *quantitatively* distinguished.
 - By using three diagnostic tools:
 - σ of intensity pdf as a function of the sampling time;
 - number of threshold-crossings as function of the threshold;
 - ordinal probabilities as a function of the threshold.

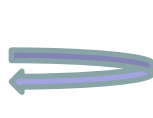
Emergence of temporal correlations in neuronal spikes



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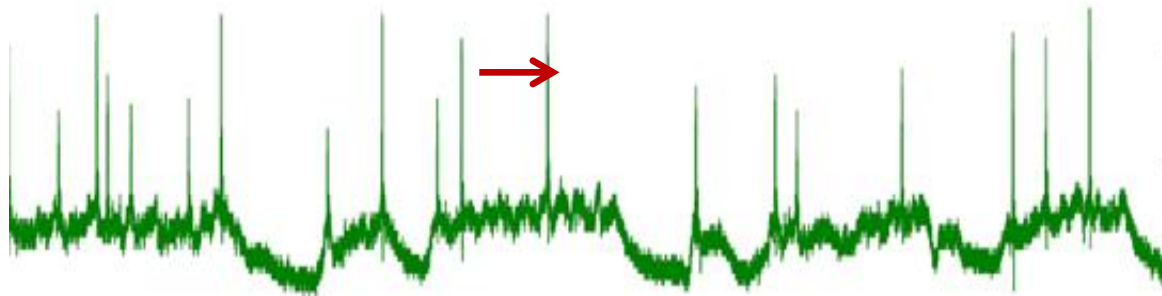
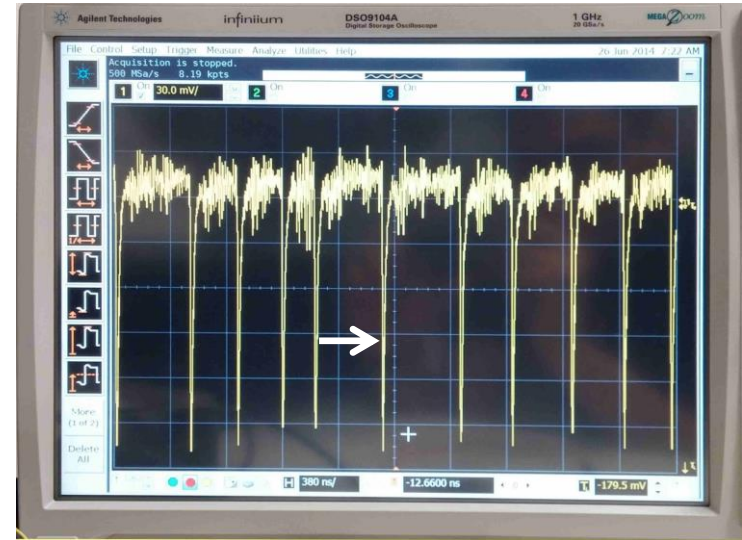
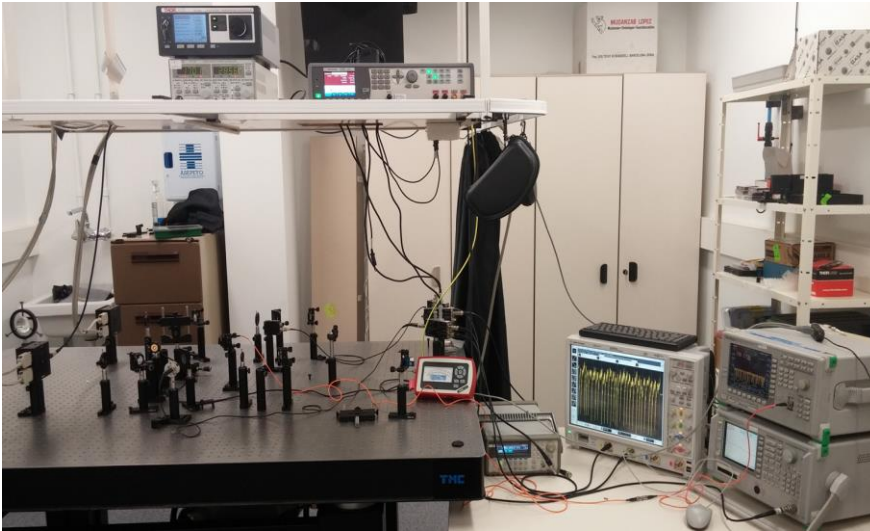
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Laser



Mirror

WHAT DO LASERS HAVE TO DO WITH NEURONS?



**Similar
statistics of
inter-spike
intervals?**

MOTIVATION



Science 345, 668 (2014)

“a computer that is inspired by the brain.”

Neuro-synaptic architecture allows to do things like image classification at a very low power consumption.

- Spiking lasers: photonic neurons?
- potential building blocks of brain-inspired computers.
- Ultra fast ! (micro-sec vs. mili-sec)

HOW SIMILAR NEURONAL AND OPTICAL SPIKES ARE?

Response to periodic stimulation

Neuron inter-spike interval (ISI) distribution

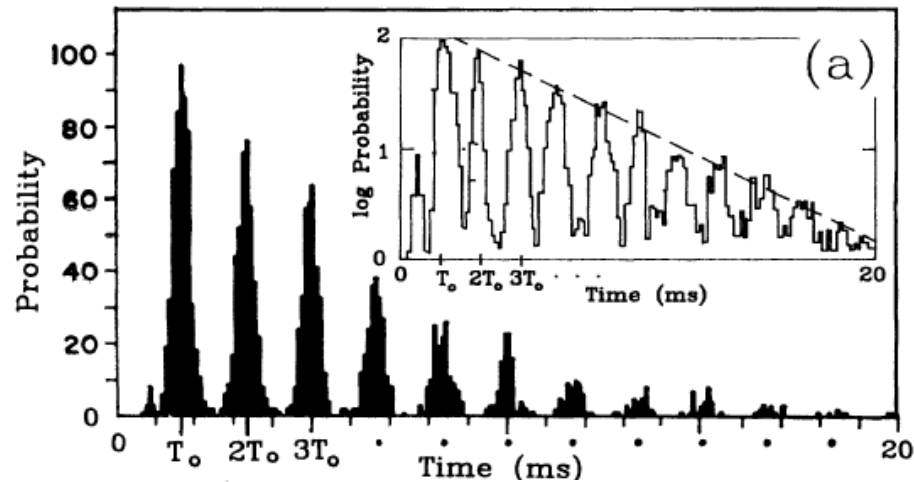
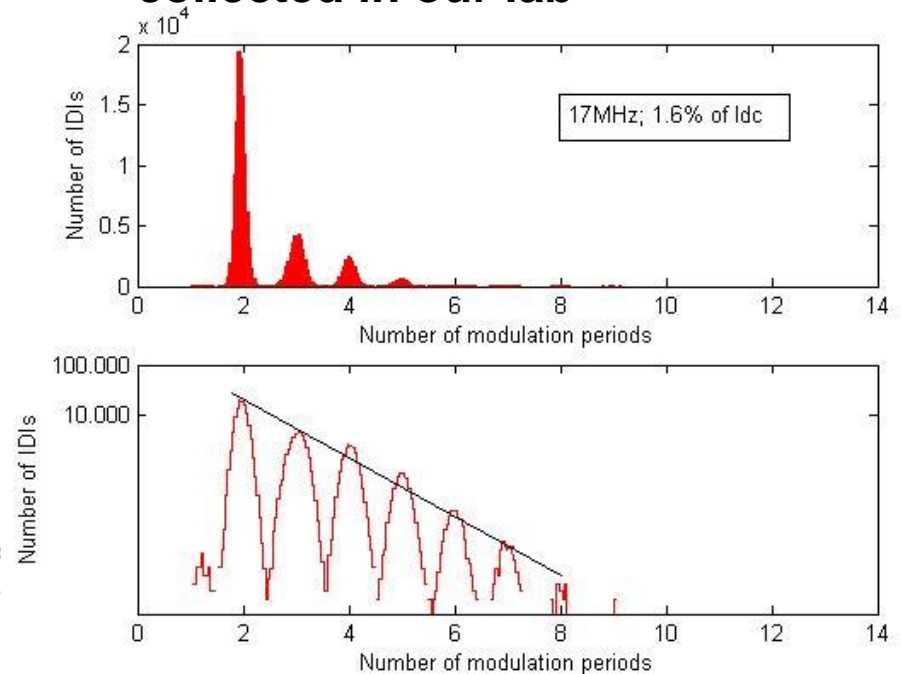


FIG. 1. (a) An experimental ISIH obtained from a single auditory nerve fiber of a squirrel monkey with a sinusoidal 80-dB sound-pressure-level stimulus of period $T_0 = 1.66$ ms applied at the ear. Note the modes at integer multiples of T_0 . Inset:

A. Longtin et al, PRL 67 (1991) 656

Optical ISI distribution, data collected in our lab



when a sinusoidal signal is applied to the laser current

Neuronal ISIs

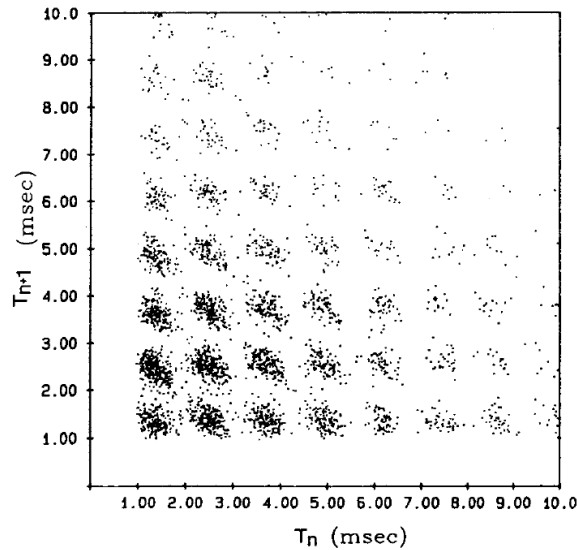
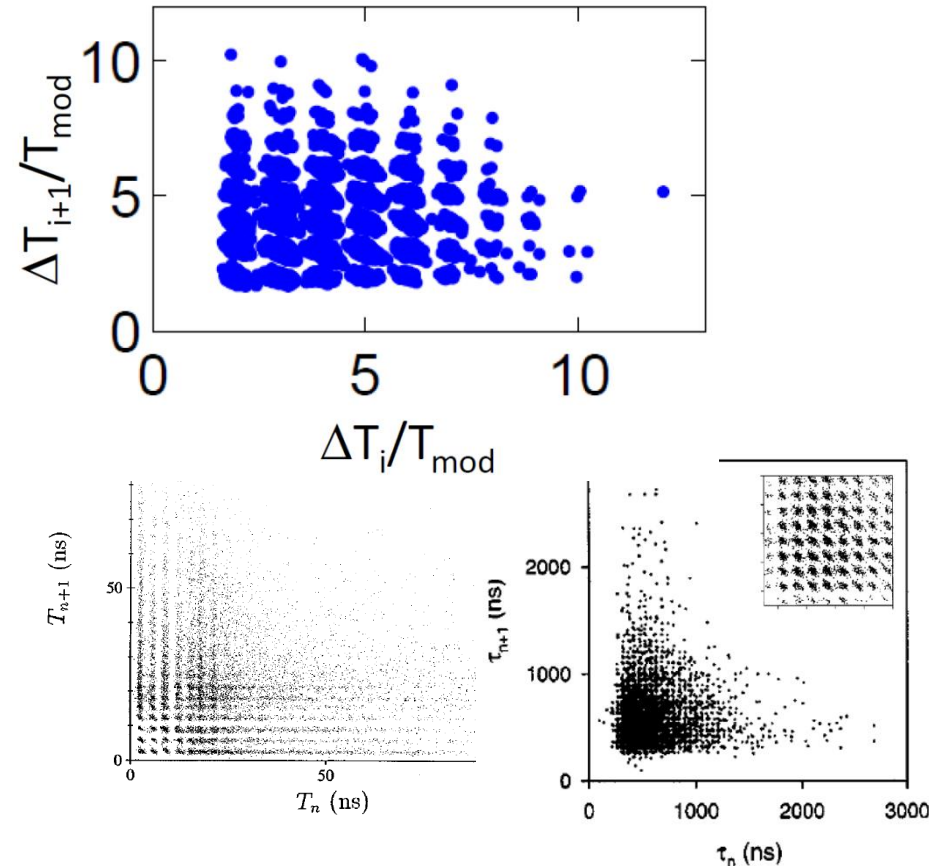


Fig. 4. Scatter plot of spike train data obtained from extracellular measurements of cat auditory fiber activity in response to an 800 Hz 60 dB sound pressure level pure tone presented to the outer ear. The stimulus is discontinuous (see

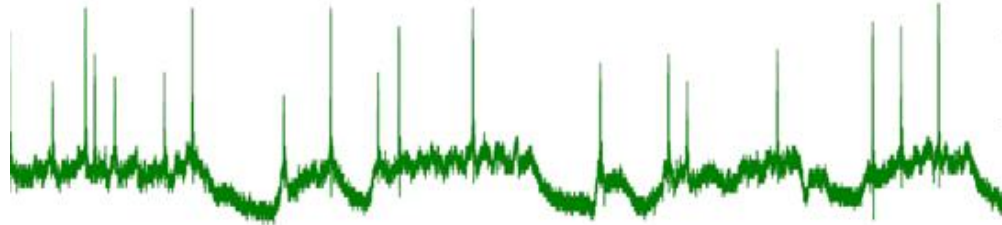
A. Longtin IJBC 3 (1993) 651

Optical ISIs



A. Aragoneses et al, Opt. Exp. (2014)
M. Giudici et al, PRE 55, 6414 (1997)
D. Sukow and D. Gauthier, JQE (2000)

How neurons encode information?



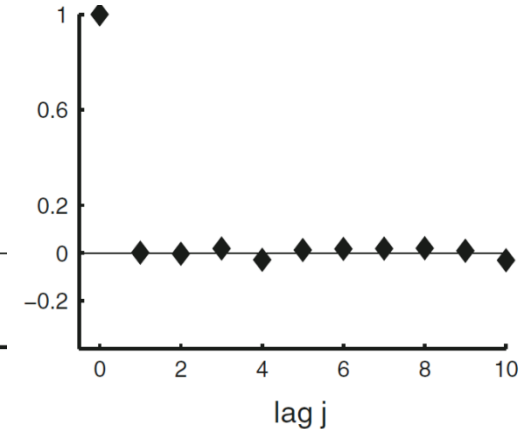
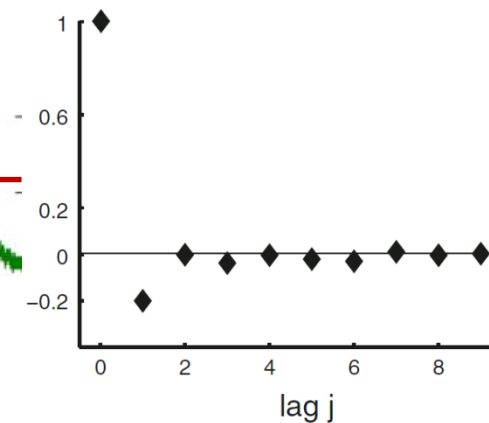
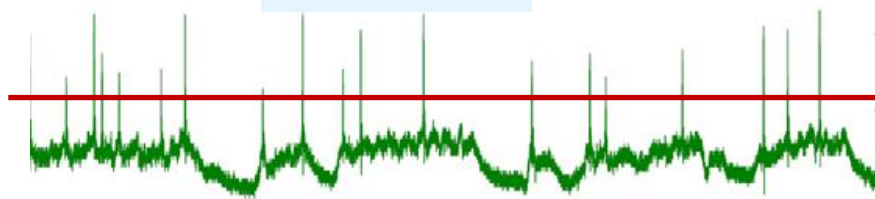
- In the spike rate?
- Is the **timing** of the spikes relevant?
 - Rate-based information encoding is slow.
 - Temporal codes transmit more information.

HOW TEMPORAL CORRELATIONS CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND QUANTIFIED?

Inter-spike-intervals serial correlation coefficients

$$\{\dots I_{i-1}, I_i, I_{i+1} \dots\} \quad C_j = \frac{\langle (I_i - \langle I \rangle) (I_{i-j} - \langle I \rangle) \rangle}{\sigma^2}$$

$$I_i = t_{i+1} - t_i$$



Exp Brain Res (2011) 210:353–371

HOW TO IDENTIFY TEMPORAL STRUCTURES? RECURRENT / INFREQUENT PATTERNS?

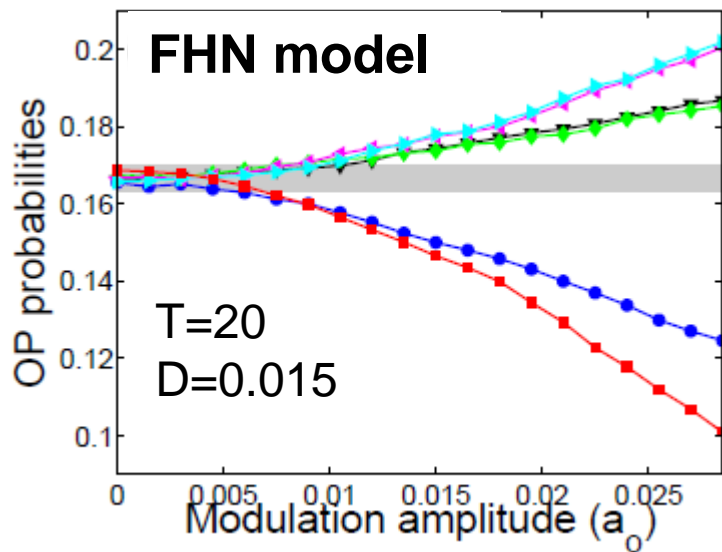
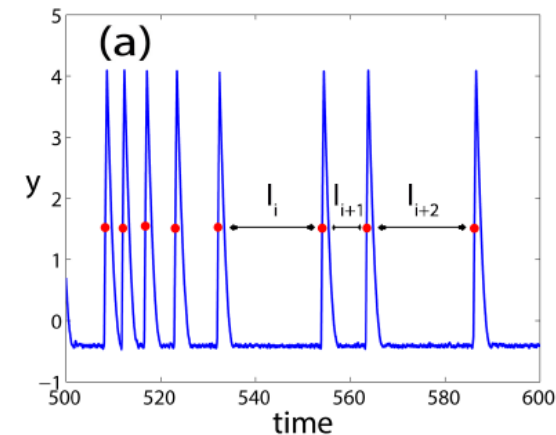
$$\epsilon \frac{dx}{dt} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} - y,$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x + a + a_o \cos(2\pi t/T) + D\xi(t),$$

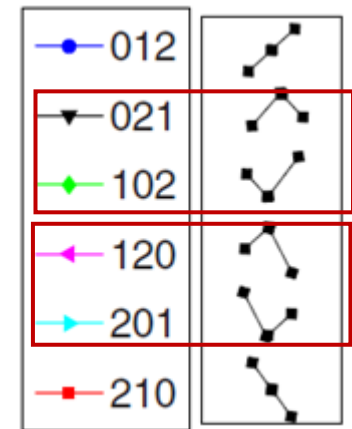
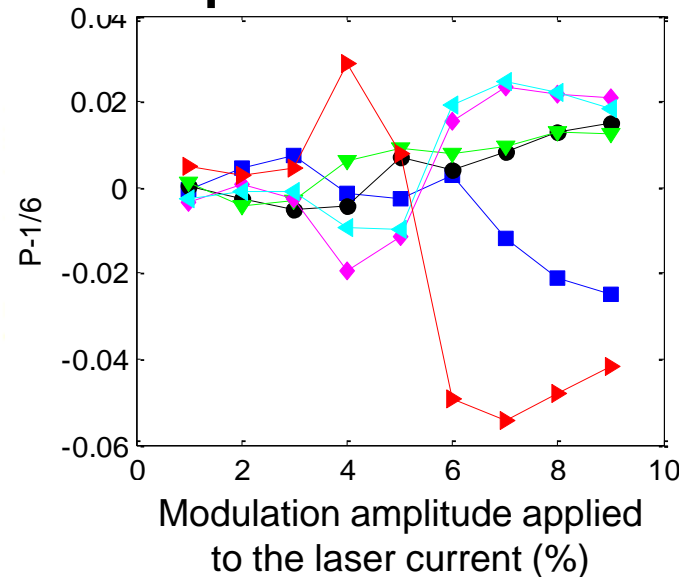
Gaussian white noise and subthreshold (weak) modulation: a_o and T such that spikes are only noise-induced.

Time series with 100,000 ISIs simulated.

FHN model

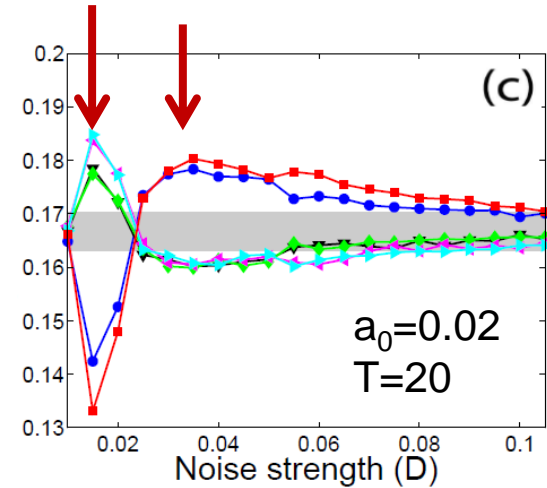
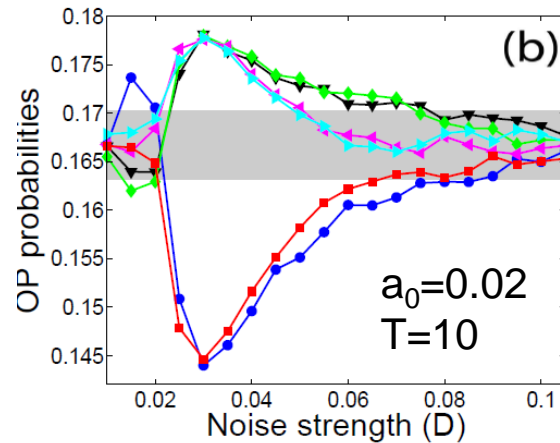
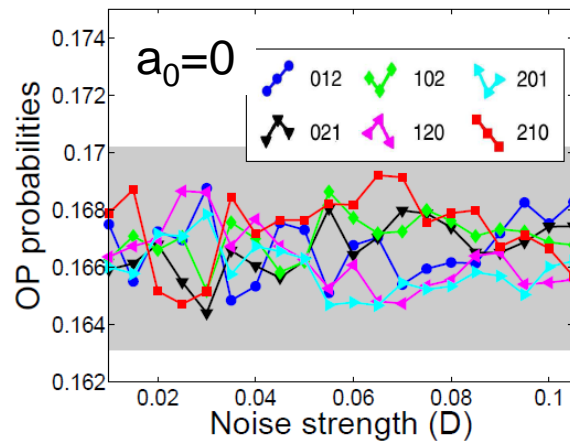


Empirical laser data



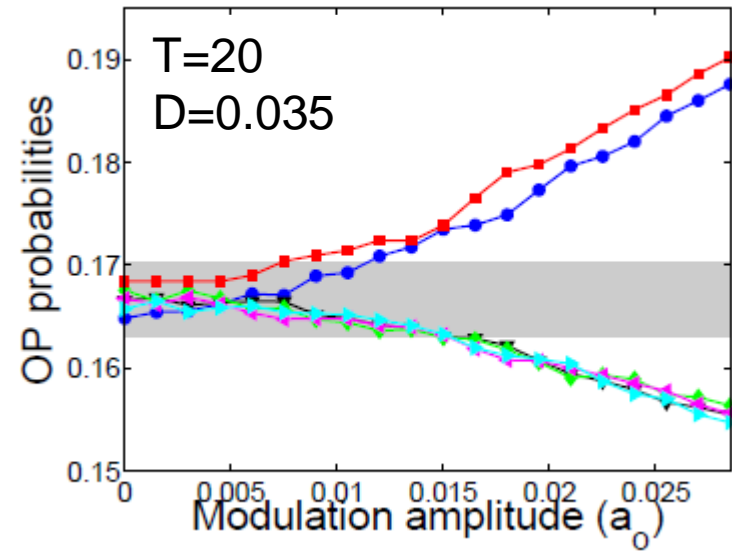
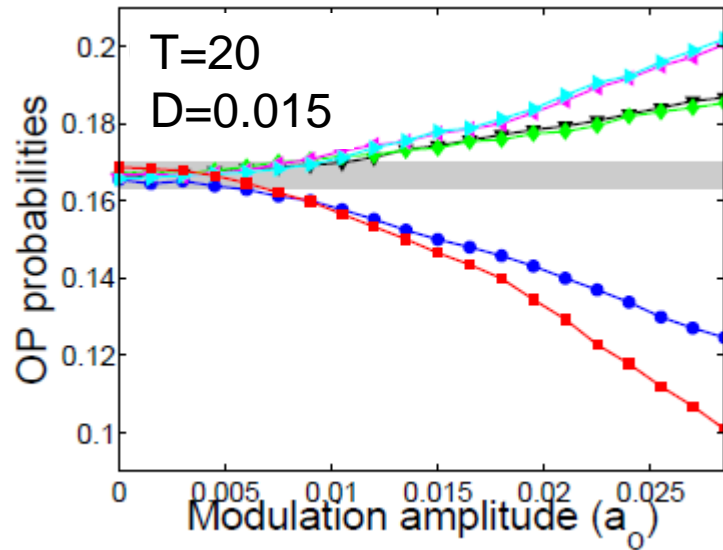
⇒ Good qualitative agreement

FHN model: role of the noise strength

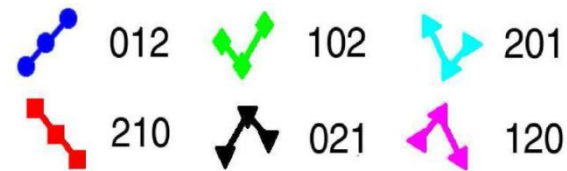


- Without external input: no temporal ordering.
- External periodic input induces temporal ordering.
- Preferred ordinal patterns depend on the noise strength.
- Resonant-like behavior.

Role of the modulation amplitude

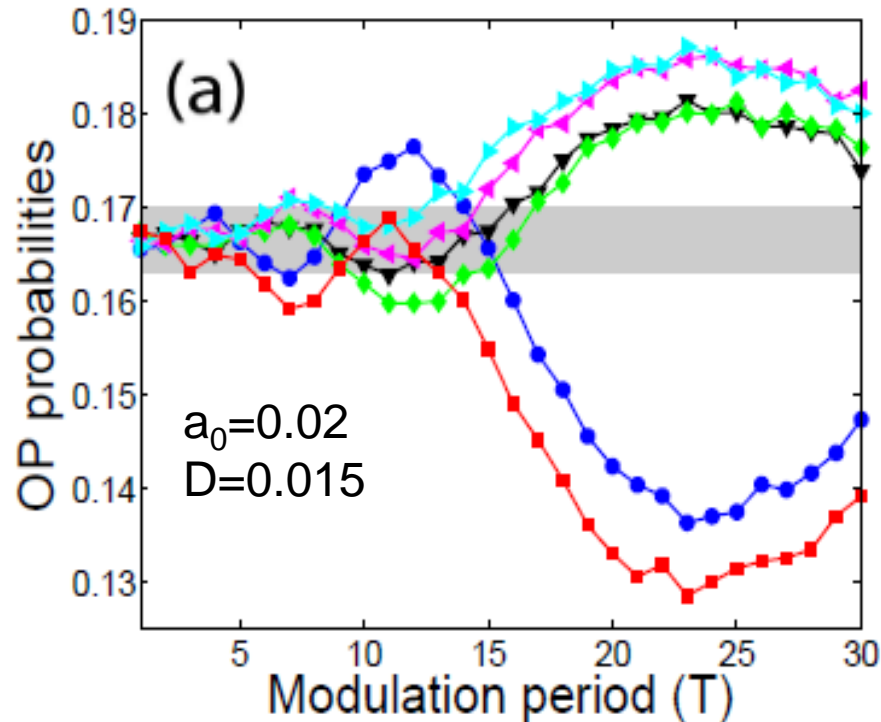


- The amplitude of the (weak) modulation does not modify the preferred and the infrequent patterns.

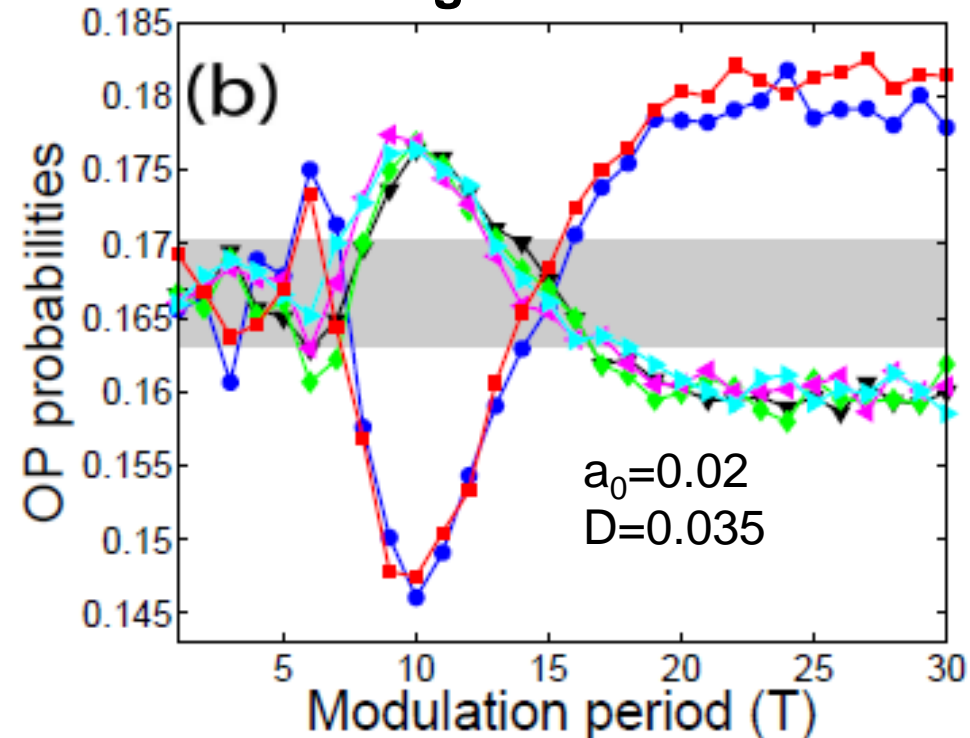


Role of the modulation period

Weak noise



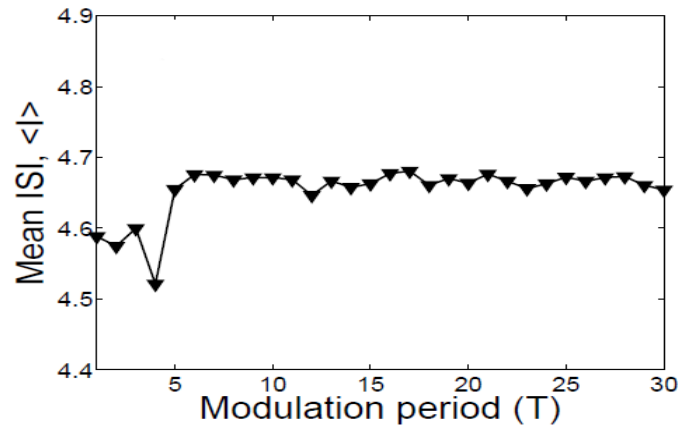
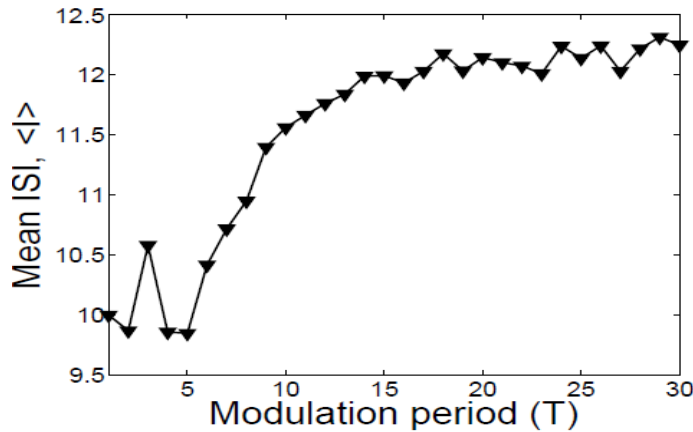
Stronger noise



More probable patterns depend on the period of the external signal and on the noise strength.

Underlying mechanism?

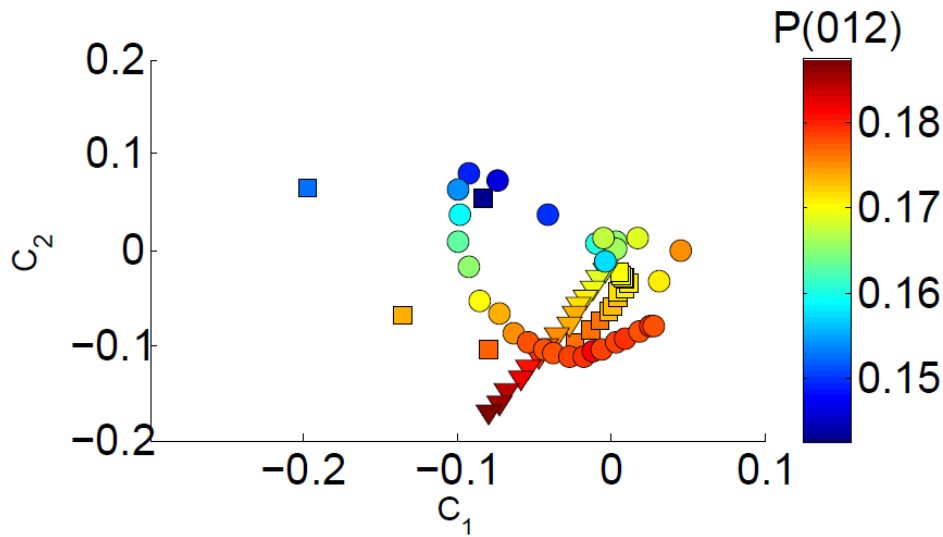
- change of the spike rate? (i.e., mean ISI)



⇒ No direct relation.

- Serial correlation coefficients?

$$C_j = \frac{\langle (I_i - \langle I \rangle) (I_{i-j} - \langle I \rangle) \rangle}{\sigma^2}$$



⇒ there is a relation but it is not univocal.

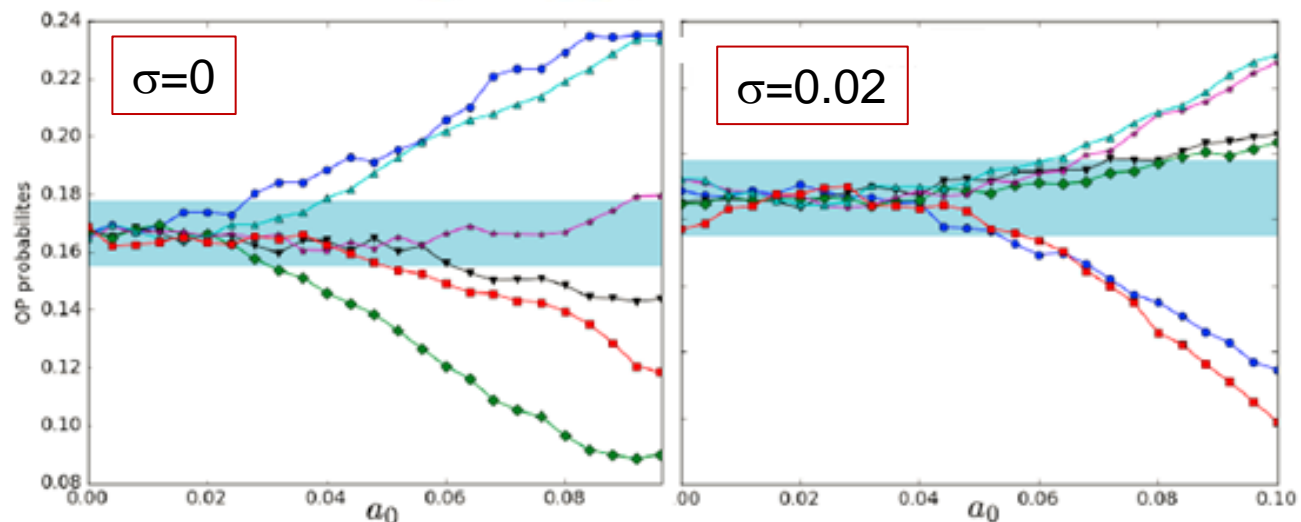
- Role of weak coupling? induce preferred/infrequent patterns?

$$\epsilon \dot{u}_1 = u_1 - \frac{u_1^3}{3} - v_1 + \boxed{a_0 \cos(2\pi t/T)} + \boxed{\sigma u_2} + \sqrt{2D}\xi_1(t)$$

$$\dot{v}_1 = u_1 + a,$$

$$\epsilon \dot{u}_2 = u_2 - \frac{u_2^3}{3} - v_2 + \boxed{\sigma u_1} + \sqrt{2D}\xi_2(t)$$

$$\dot{v}_2 = u_2 + a$$



What did we learn?

- Temporal correlations induced by periodic modulation: good qualitative agreement in optical & neuronal spikes.
- FHN model:
 - Preferred ordinal patterns depend on the noise strength and on the period of the input signal, but not on (weak) amplitude of the signal.
 - Resonance-like behavior: certain periods and noise levels maximize the probabilities of the preferred patterns, enhancing temporal order.
- Open issues:
 - Hierarchical & clustered structure: universal feature?
 - Mathematical insight: can we calculate the probabilities?
 - Empirical data? (single-neuron ISI sequences)

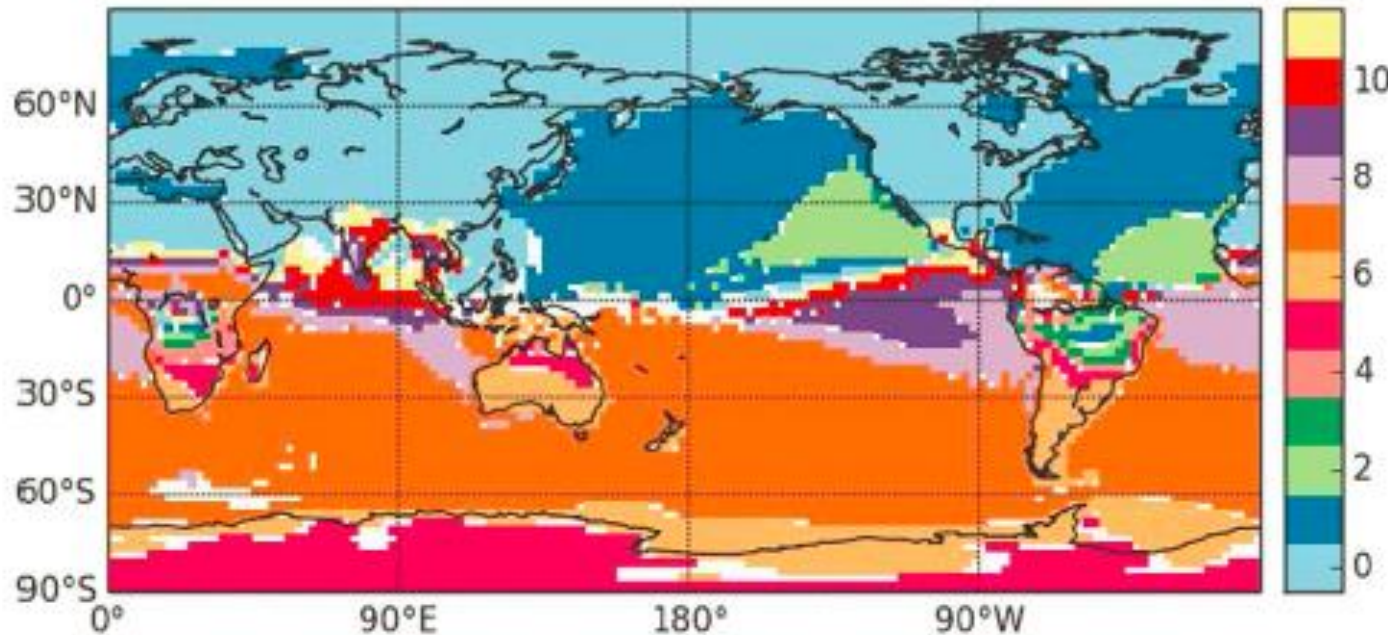
How to quantify regional climate change?



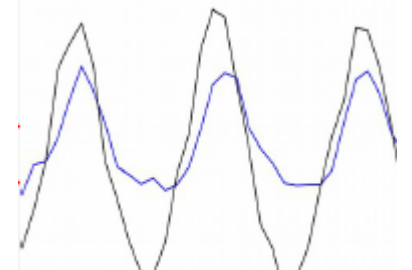
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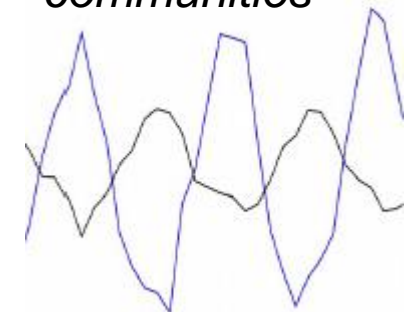
- To detect phase / frequency **synchronization** in climate data.
- Communities of regions with “in-phase” seasonal cycle.



Regions in the same community

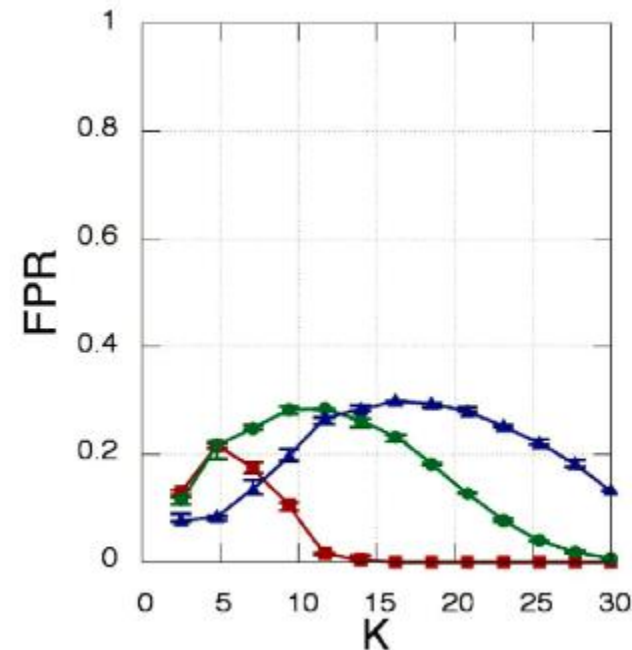
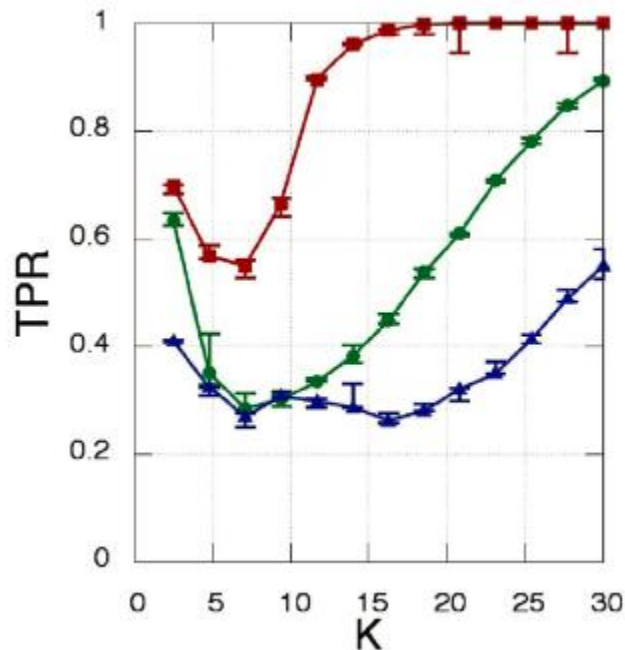


Regions in different communities



G. Tirabassi and C. M., Sci. Rep. 2016

- In coupled Kuramoto oscillators, the best way to infer the network from data is by similarity analysis of instantaneous frequencies.



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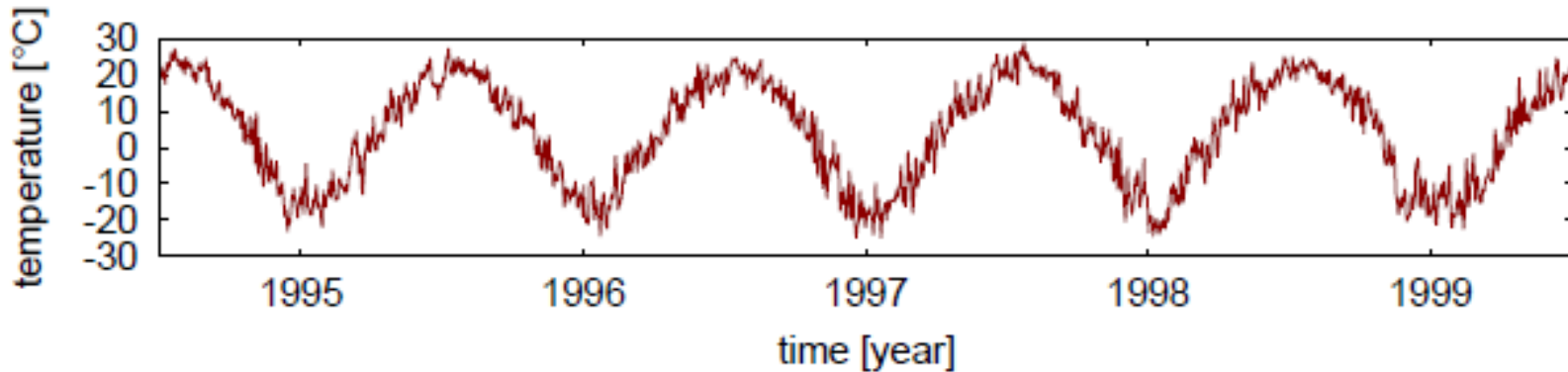
The data: surface air temperature

- Spatial resolution $2.5 \times 2.5 \Rightarrow 10512$ time series
- Daily resolution January 1979 to June 2016 $\Rightarrow 12328$ data points

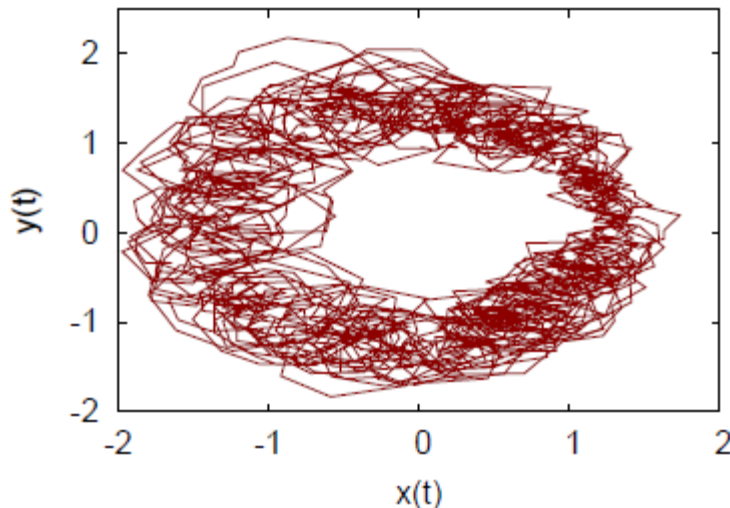
Where does the data come from?

- Freely available (ERA-Interim by European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts, ECMRF)
- Reanalysis = run a sophisticated model of general atmospheric circulation and feed the model (data assimilation) with empirical data, where and when available.
- This process restricts the solution of the model to one as close to reality as possible in regions/times where there are data available, and to a solution physically “plausible” in regions/times where no data is available.

Hilbert analysis



- De-trend and normalize each SAT time-series: $\langle x(t) \rangle = 0$, $\sigma_x = 1$
- Then apply Hilbert transform (**$H(\sin \omega t) = \cos \omega t$**)
- **No filter is applied.**

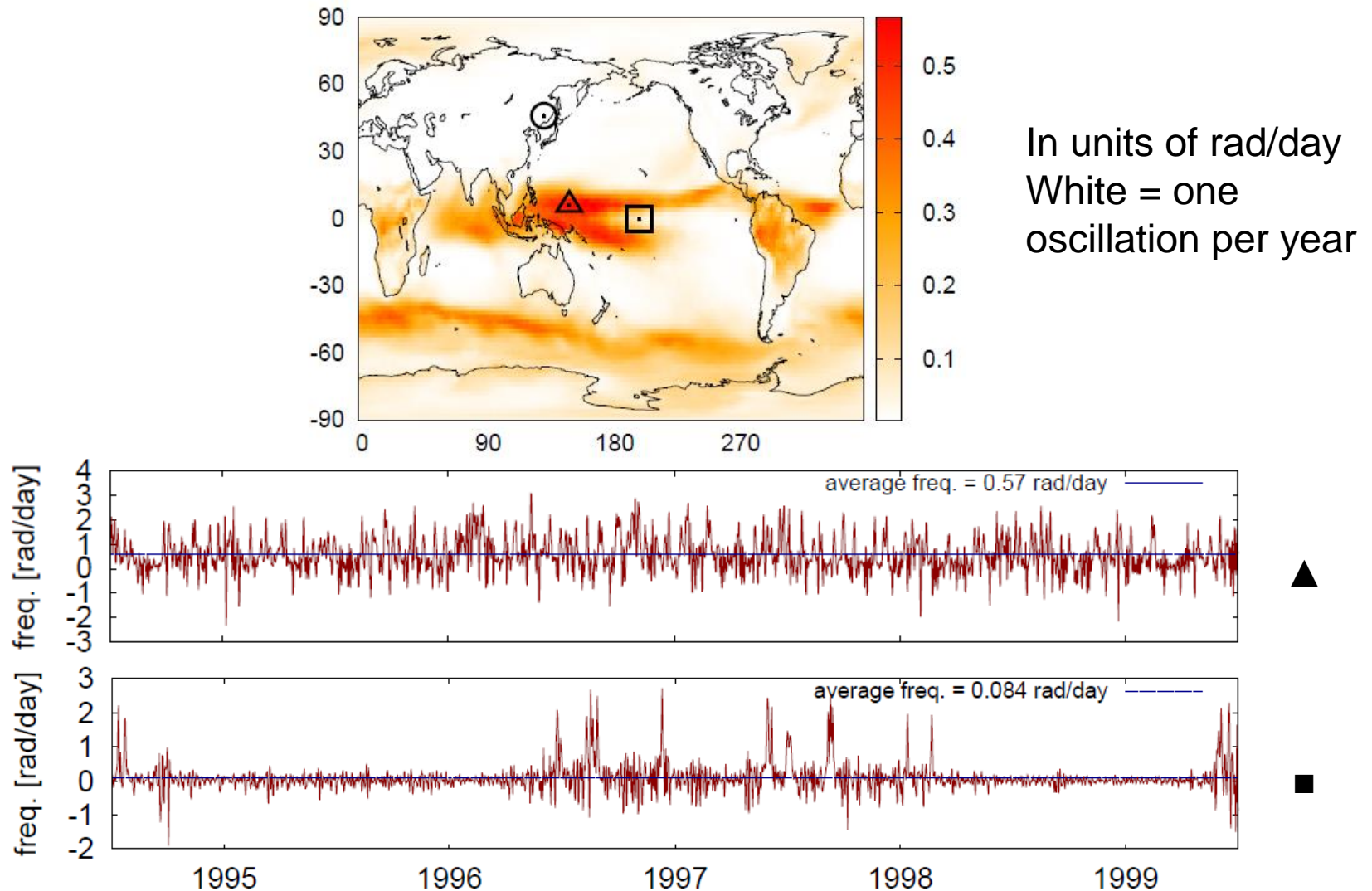


$$a_j(t) = \sqrt{[x_j(t)]^2 + [y_j(t)]^2}$$

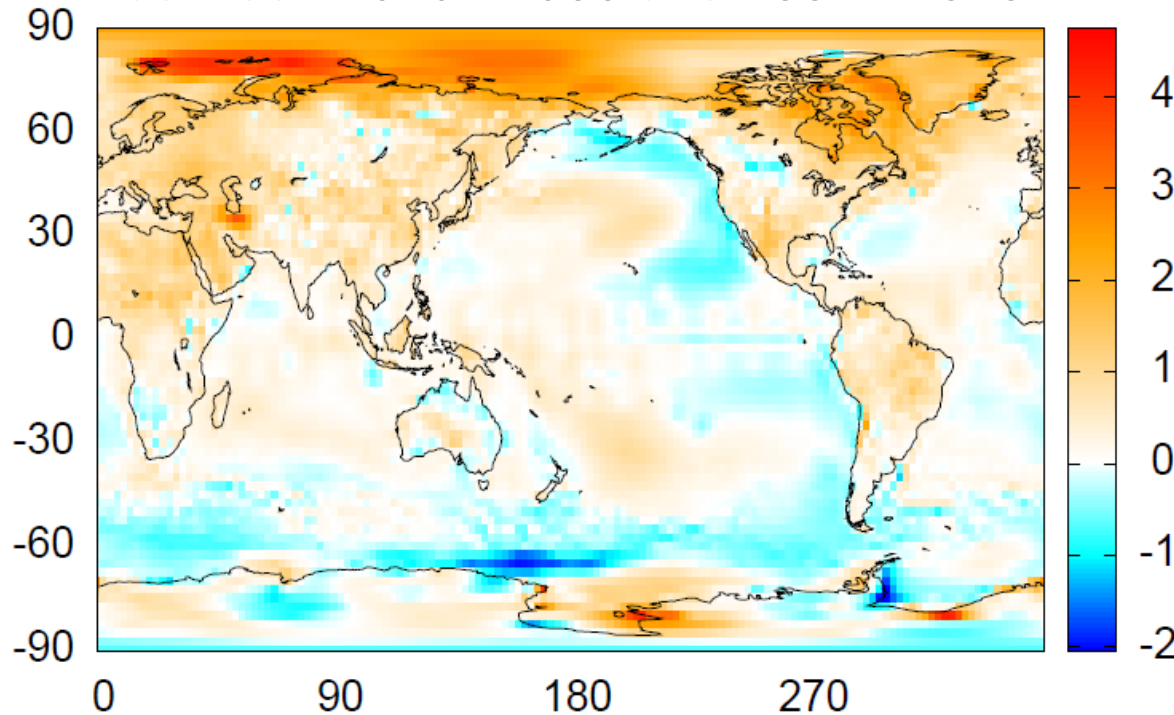
$$\varphi_j(t) = \arctan \frac{y_j(t)}{x_j(t)} \Rightarrow \omega_j(t) = \dot{\varphi}_j(t)$$

$$x_j(t) = a_j(t) \cos(\omega_j(t)t)$$

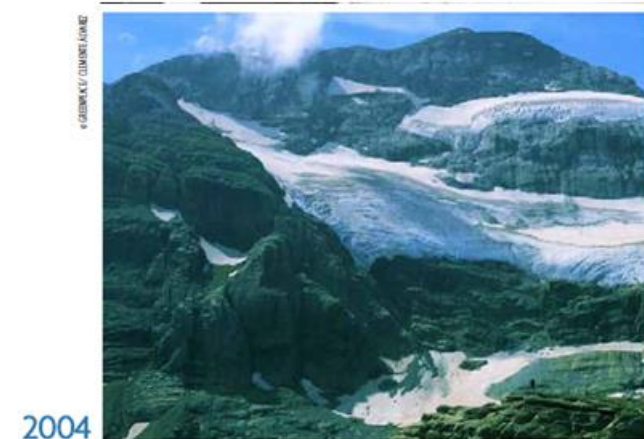
Time-averaged instantaneous frequency



Change in the average temperature (in C)
between 1979 - 1988 and 2007 - 2016

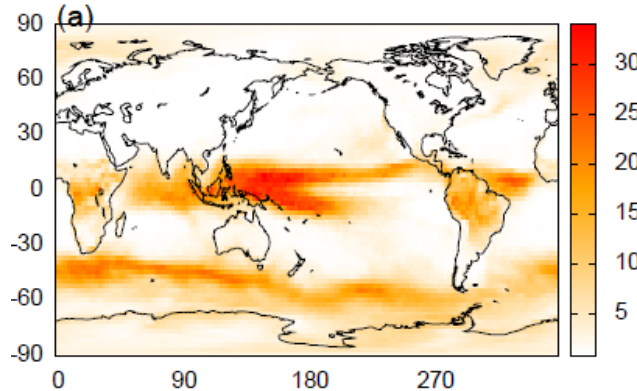


Monte Perdido (Pyrenees)

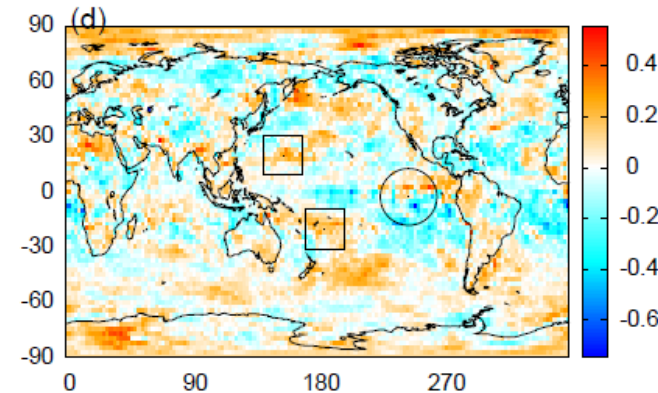
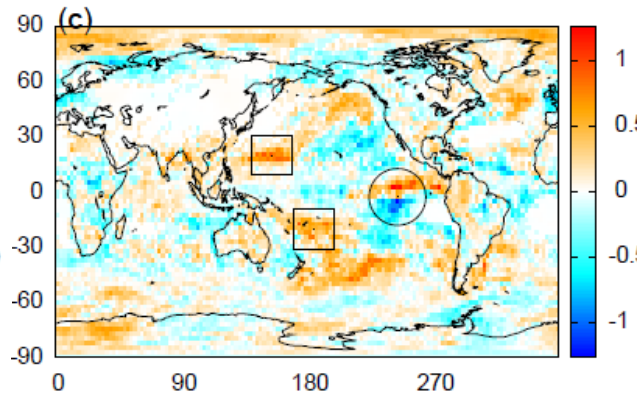
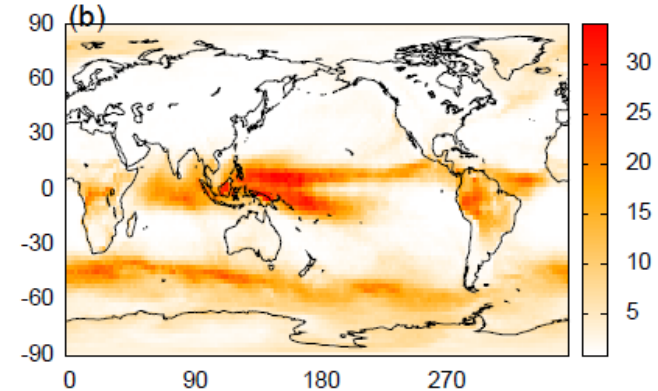


Change in averaged Hilbert frequency

1979 - 1988



2007 - 2016



White: one
oscillation
per year

$$\Delta\omega / \langle\omega\rangle$$

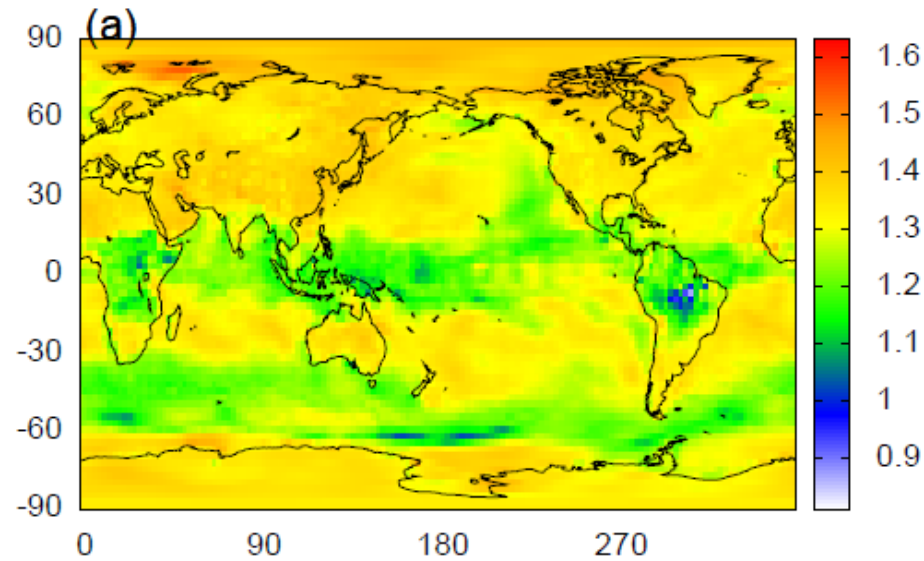
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of the inter-tropical convergence zone (ITCZ)
and a widening of the rainfall band in the
western Pacific Ocean**

Zero-crossings

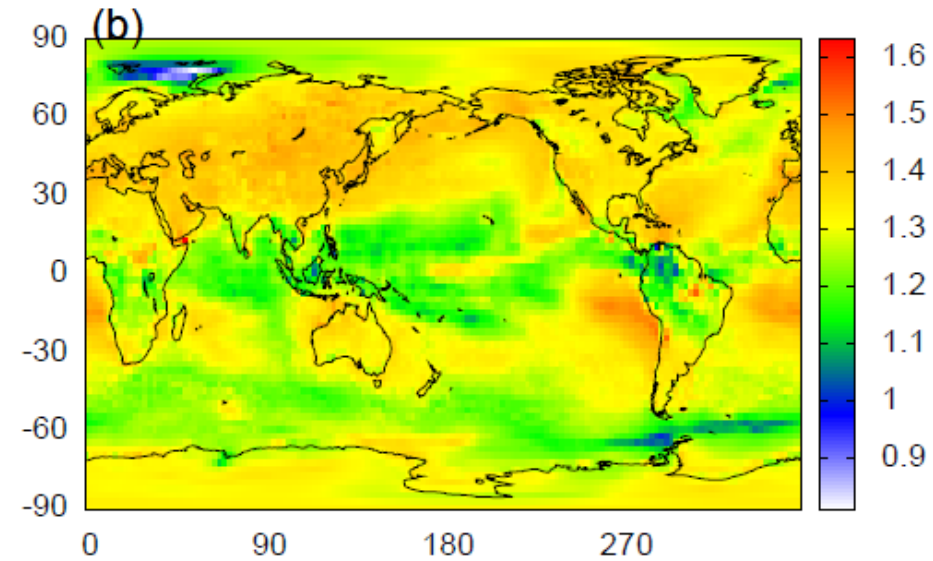
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Time-averaged Hilbert amplitude

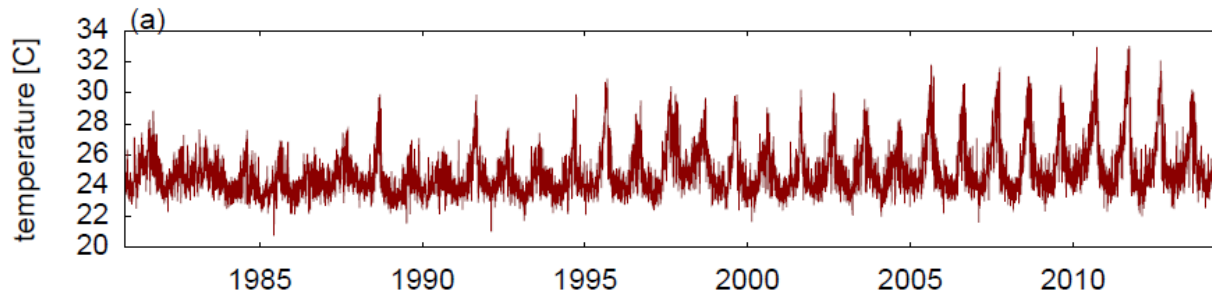
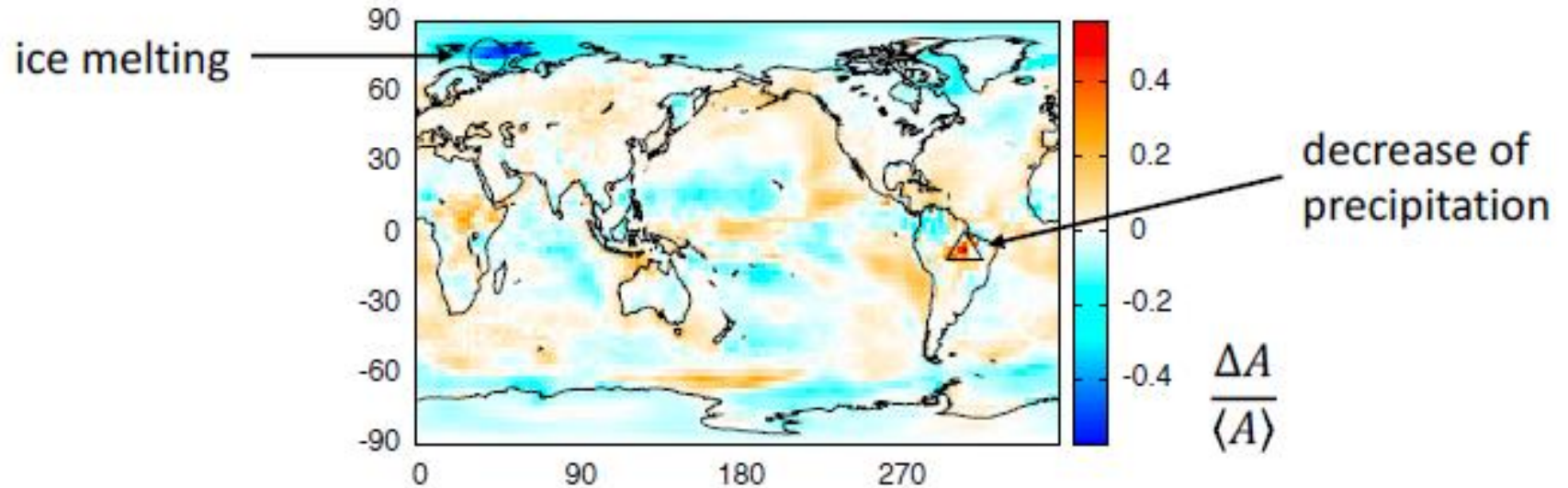
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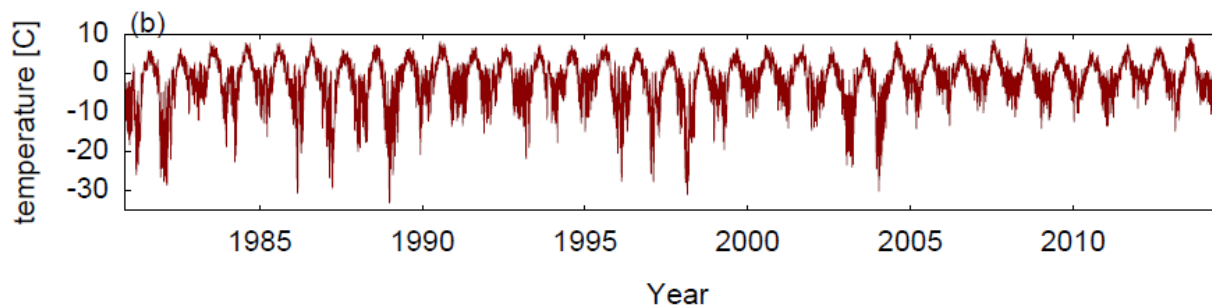
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Variation and time series in "hotspots"



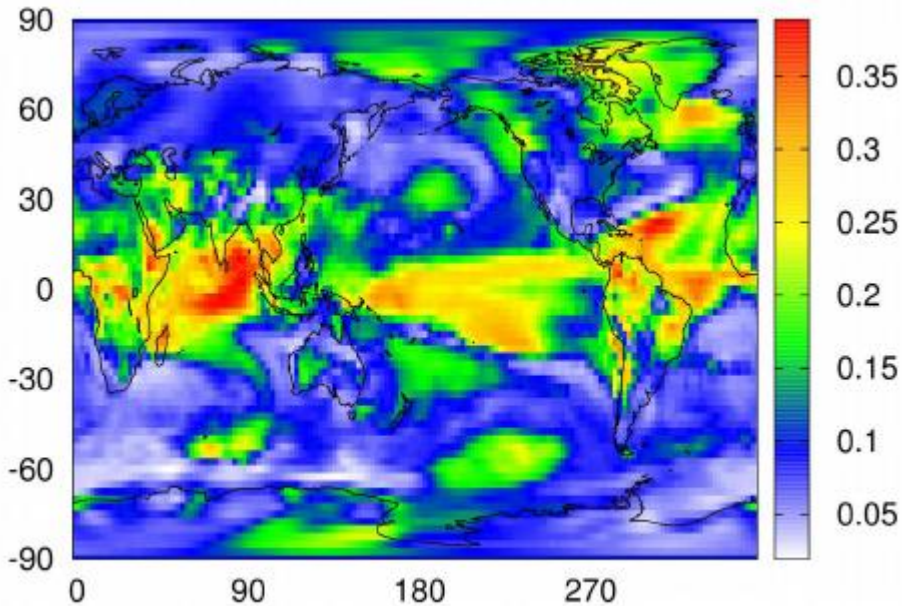
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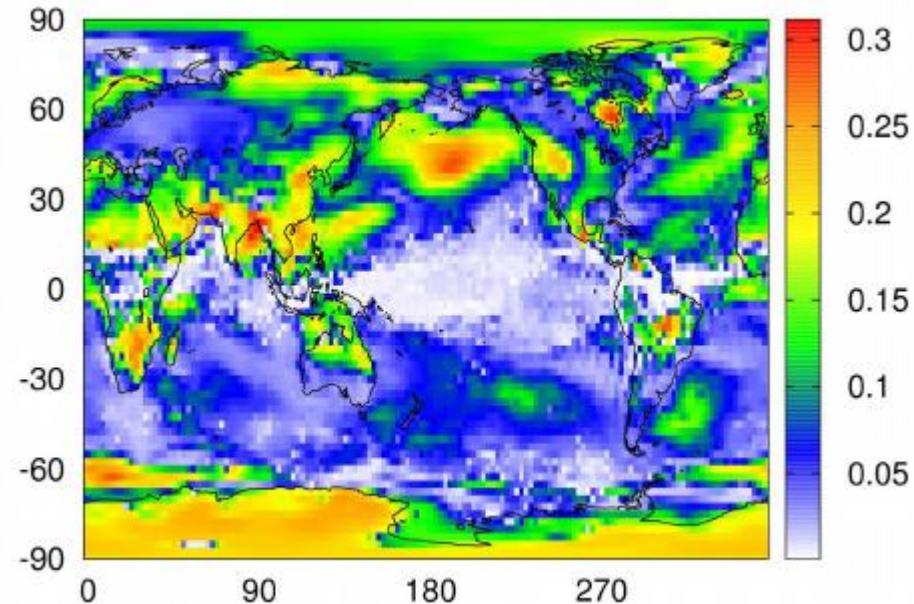
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Ongoing work: frequency synchronization

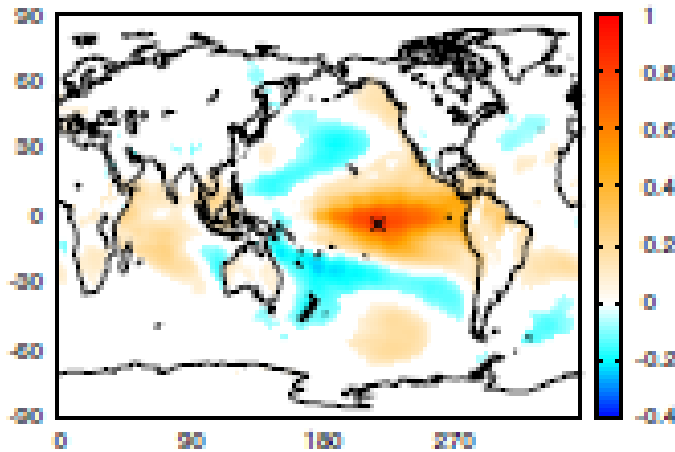
**Network constructed from
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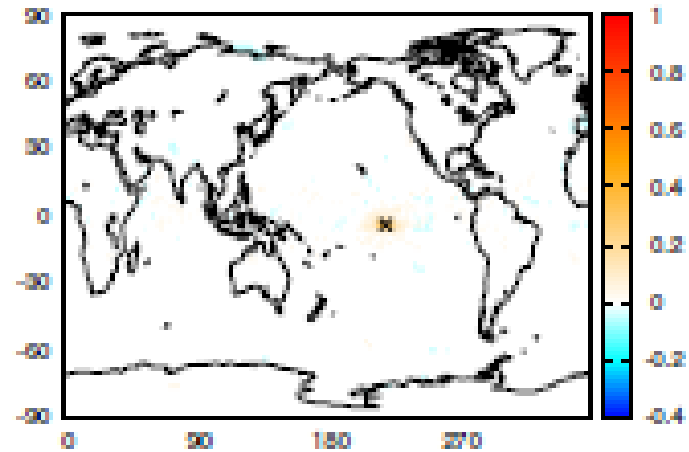
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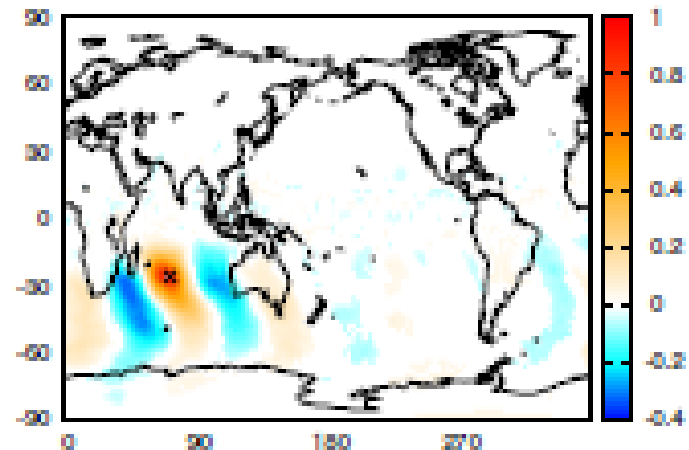
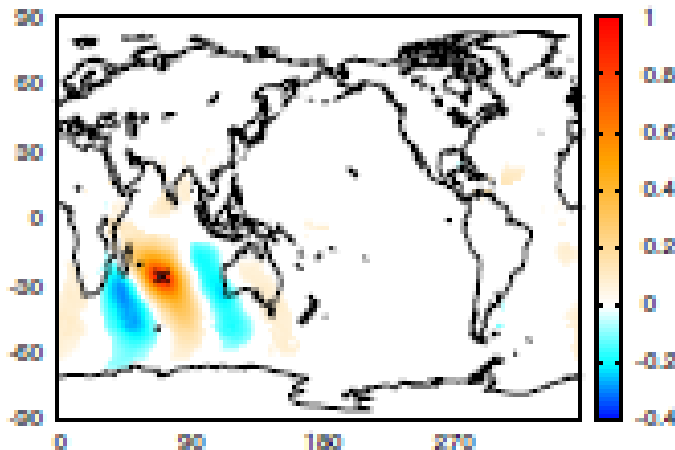
Why? Connectivity maps (cross-correlation)



(a)



(b)



- Hilbert analysis uncovers inter-decadal changes in SAT daily time series.
- Large variations of Hilbert amplitude (more than 50%) in the Arctic and in Amazonia were interpreted respectively as due to ice melting and precipitation decrease.
- Hilbert frequency also uncovered areas of large changes (more than 100%).
- No filter used (Hilbert directly applied to data).
- Powerful tool to detect transitions, directly from the observed data.



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