Temporal correlations in neuronal spikes induced by noise and periodic forcing

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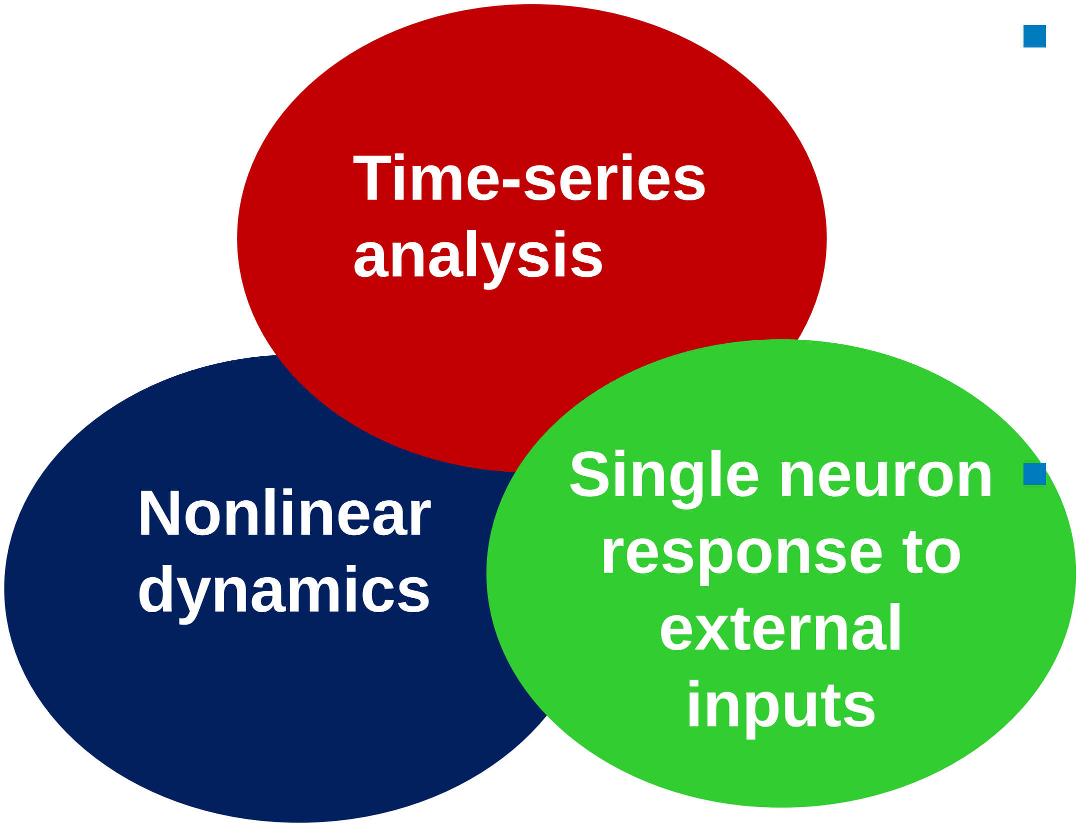
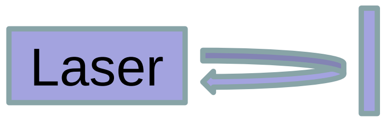
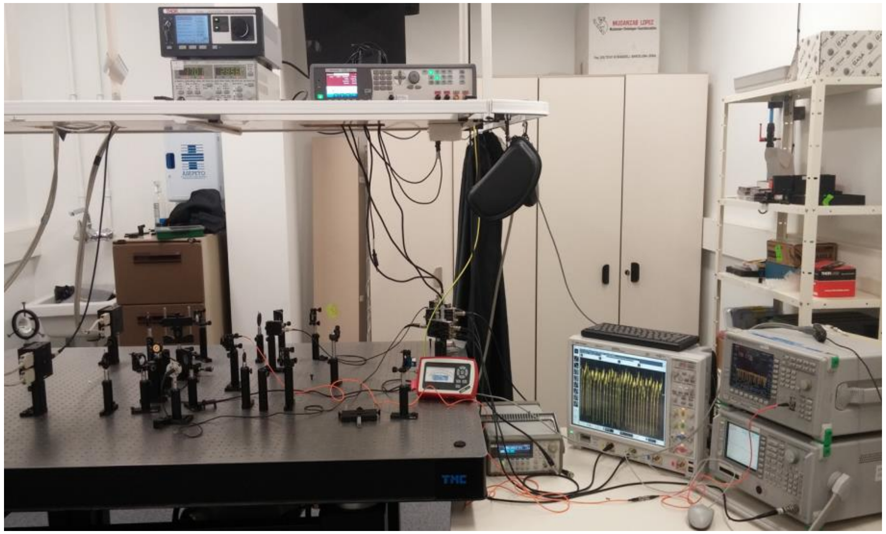
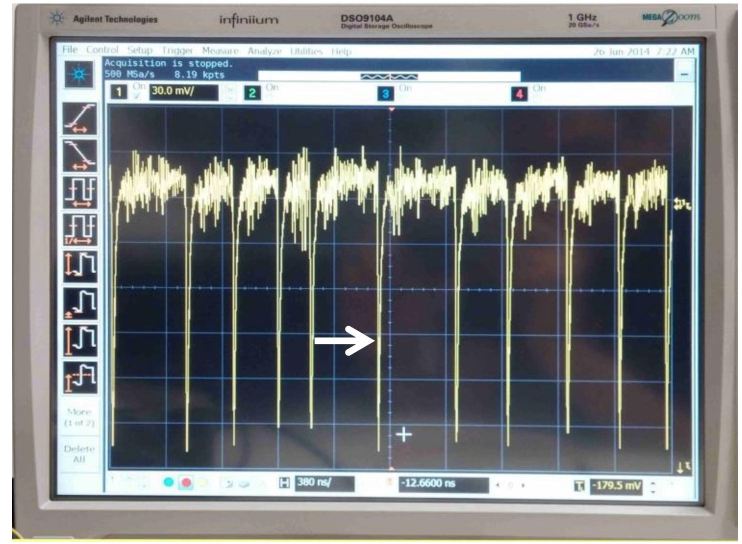


- Introduction
  - Motivation: spiking lasers that mimic neuronal behavior
  - Symbolic method of time-series analysis
- Results:
  - Contrasting optical and neuronal spikes
  - Analysis of ISI sequences generated by single-neuron models
- Summary

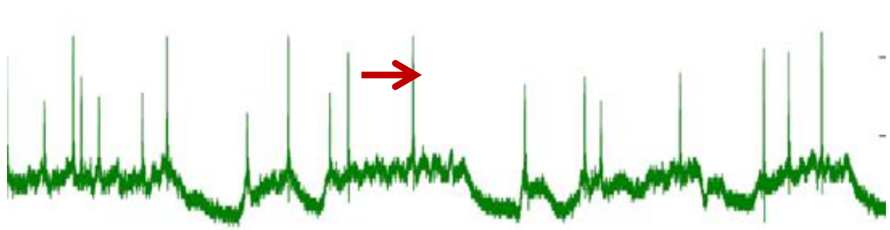


In our lab: experiments with semiconductor lasers





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)

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Comparison of empirical data: neuron & optical spikes

Neuron inter-spike interval (ISI) distribution

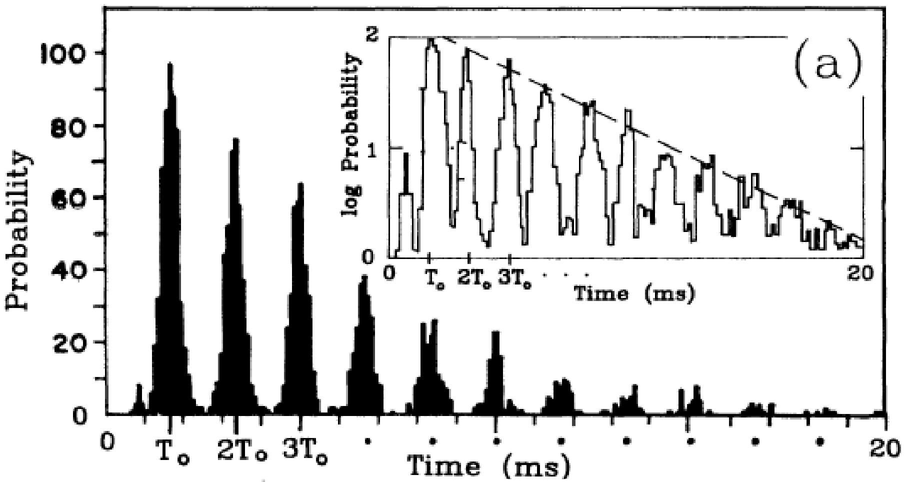
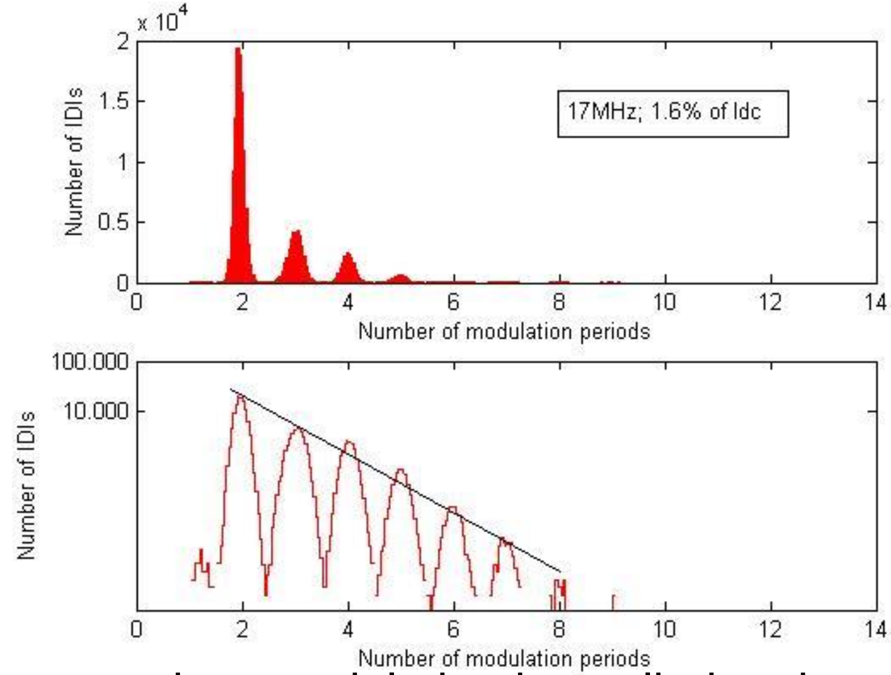


FIG. 1. (a) An experimental ISIH obtained from a single auditory nerve fiber of a squirrel monkey with a sinusoidal 80-dB sound-pressure-level stimulus of period $T_0 = 1.66$ ms applied at the ear. Note the modes at integer multiples of T_0. Inset:

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

Optical ISI distribution, data collected in our lab



when modulation is applied to the laser current

HOW SIMILAR NEURONAL AND OPTICAL SPIKES ARE?

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Neuronal ISIs

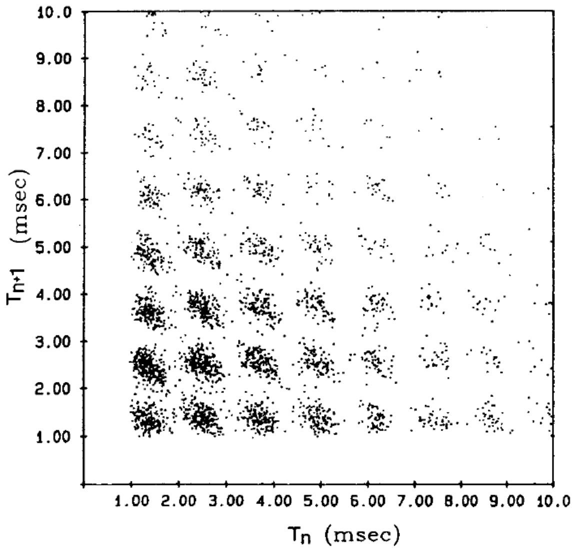
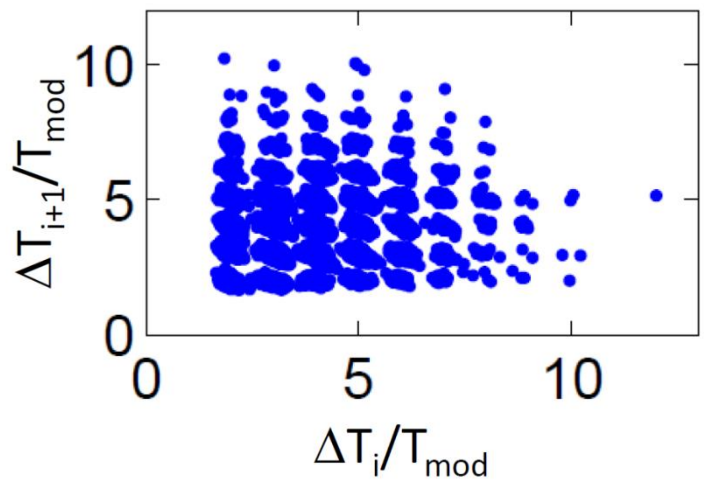
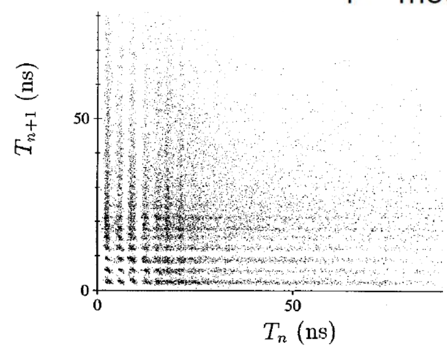


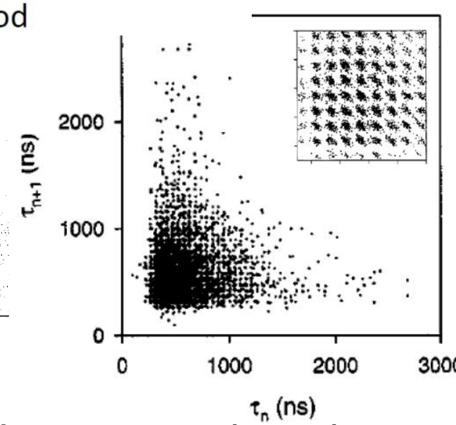
Fig. 4. Scatter plot of spike train data obtained from extracellular measurements of cat auditory fiber activity in response to an 800 Hz 60 dB sound pressure level pure tone presented to the outer ear. The stimulus is discontinuous (see

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. Gautheir, JQE (2000)

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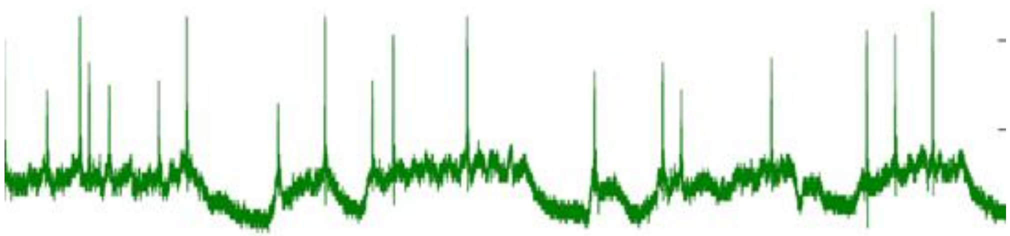
How neurons encode information?



- In the spike rate?

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

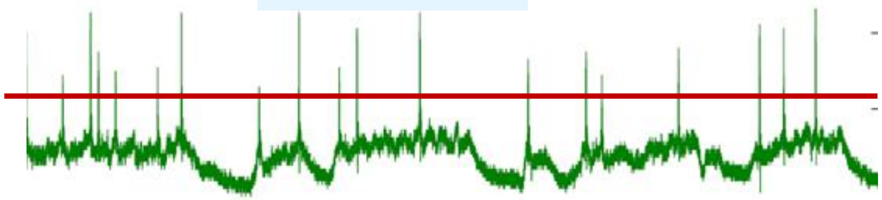
HOW TEMPORAL CORRELATIONS CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND QUANTIFIED?

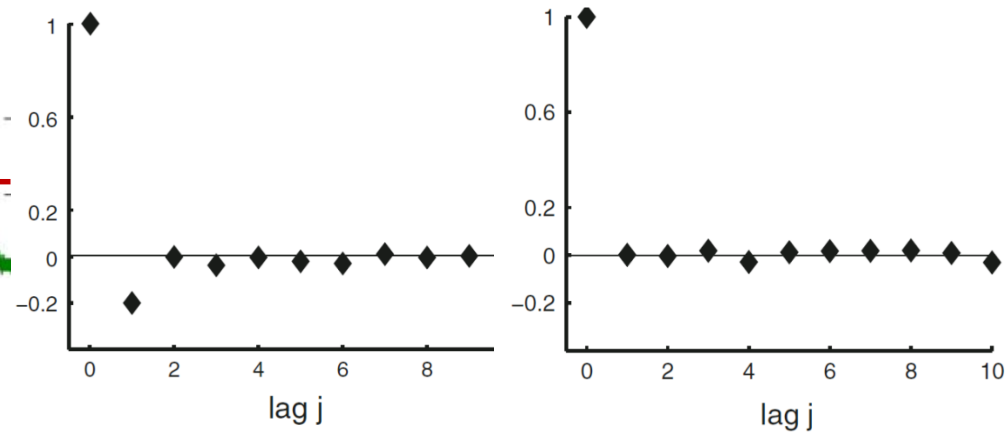
Inter-spike-intervals serial correlation coefficients

$$\{\ldots I_{i-1}, I_i, I_{i+1} \ldots\}$$

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

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





Exp Brain Res (2011) 210:353–371

HOW TO INDENTIFY TEMPORAL STRUCTURES?
RECURRENT / INFREQUENT PATTERNS?

Symbolic method of analysis of ISI sequences

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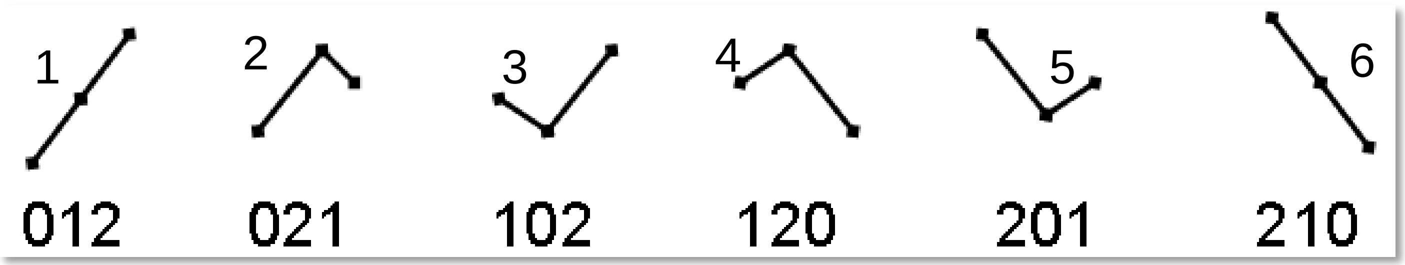
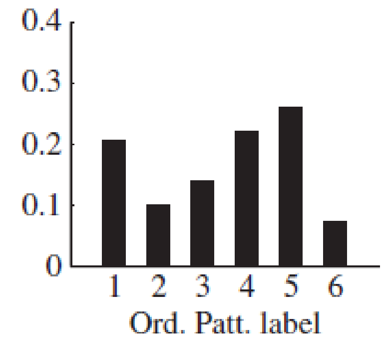
Ordinal analysis

Brandt & Pompe, PRL 88, 174102 (2002)

$$\{\ldots I_{i-1}, I_i, I_{i+1} \ldots\}$$



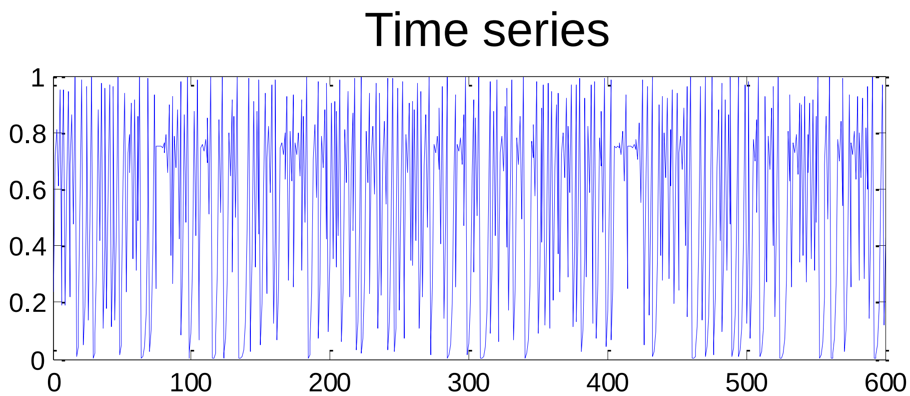


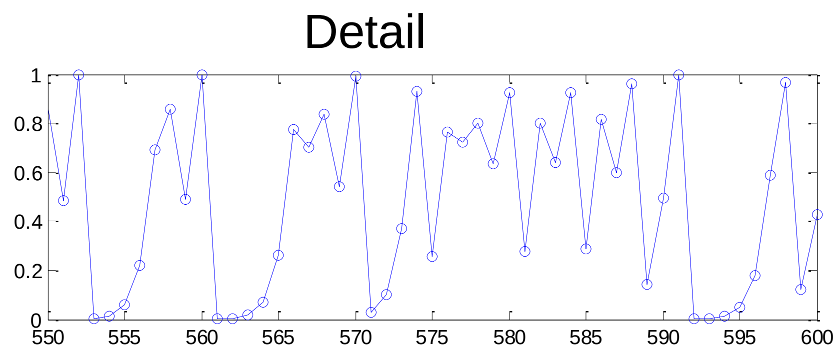
Random data
⇒ OPs are
equally probable

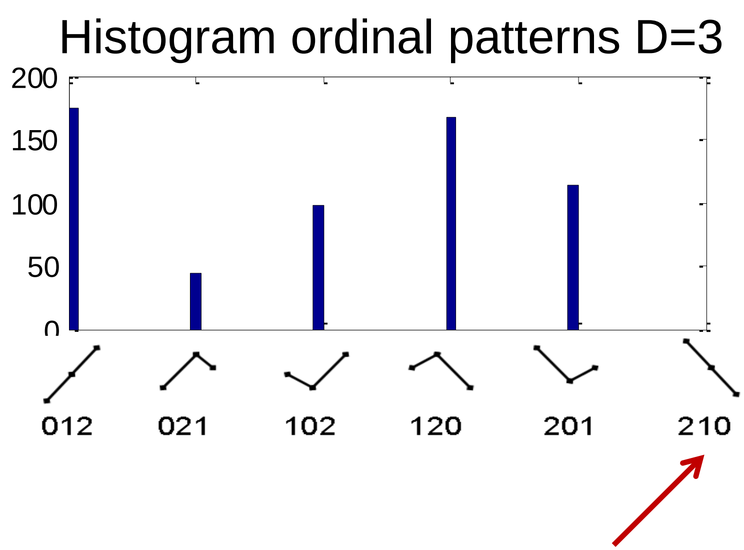
The OP probabilities allow to identify frequent patterns in the *ordering* of the data points

- Advantage: the probabilities uncover temporal correlations.
- Drawback: we lose information about the actual values.

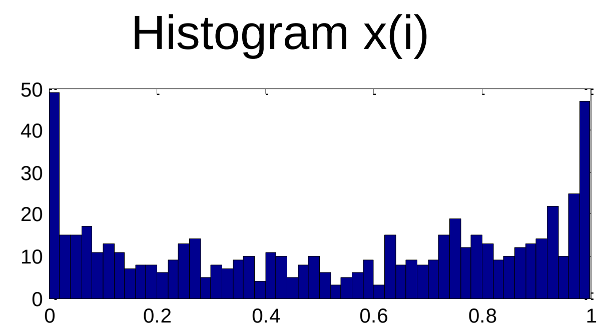
To fix ideas: the logistic map $x(i+1)=4x(i)[1-x(i)]$





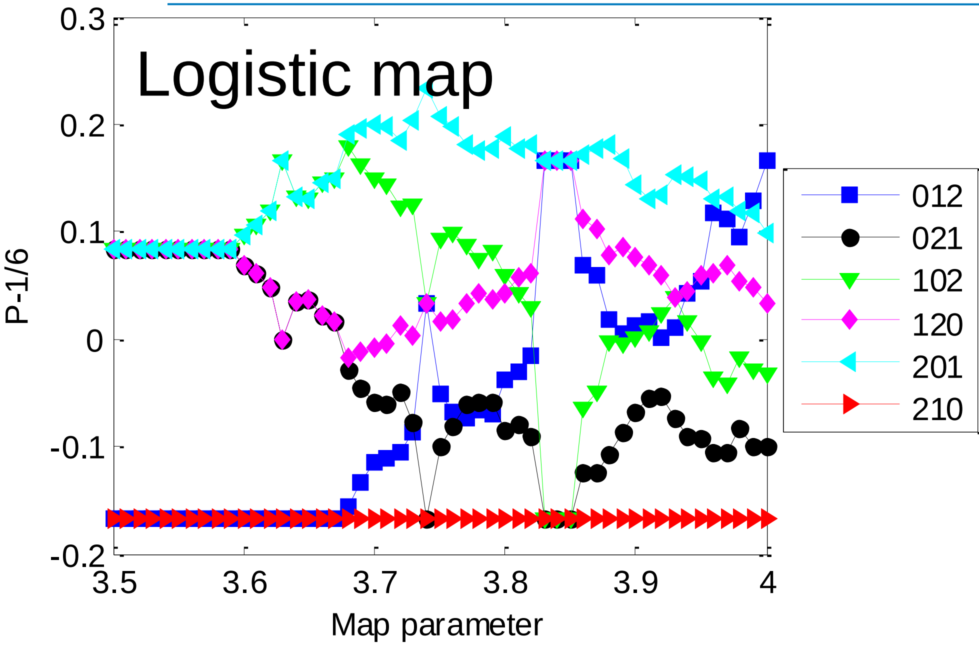


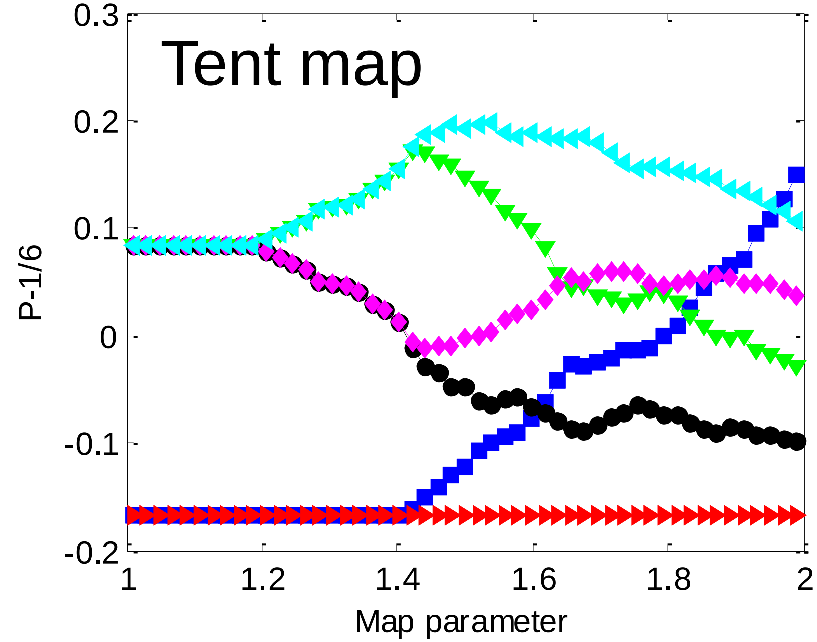
Forbidden pattern

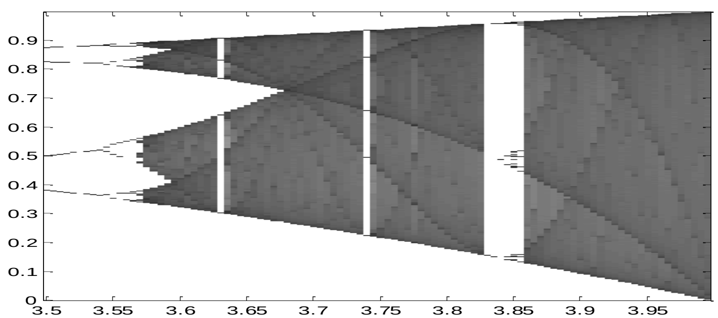


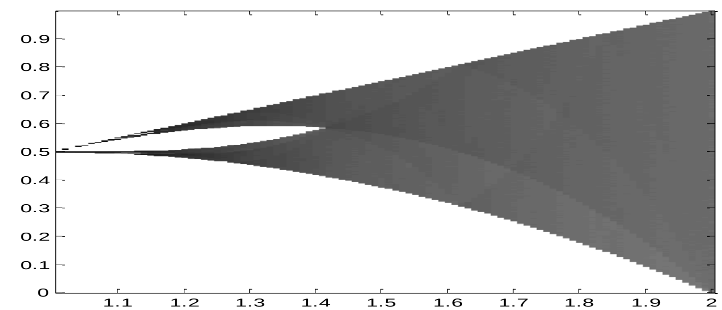
- Ordinal analysis provides complementary information.

Ordinal bifurcation diagrams









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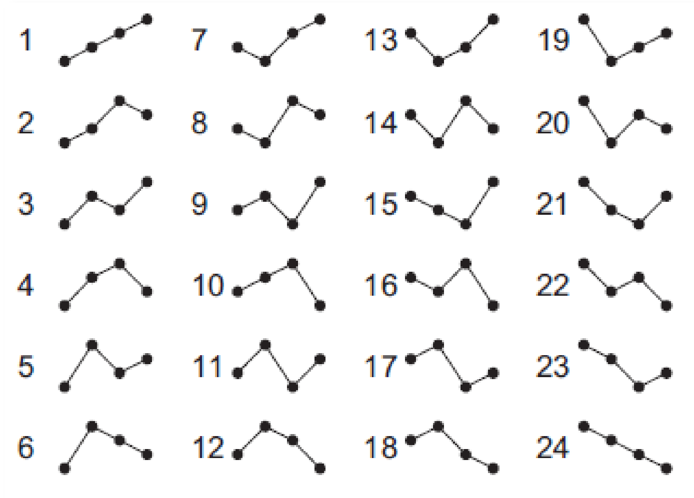
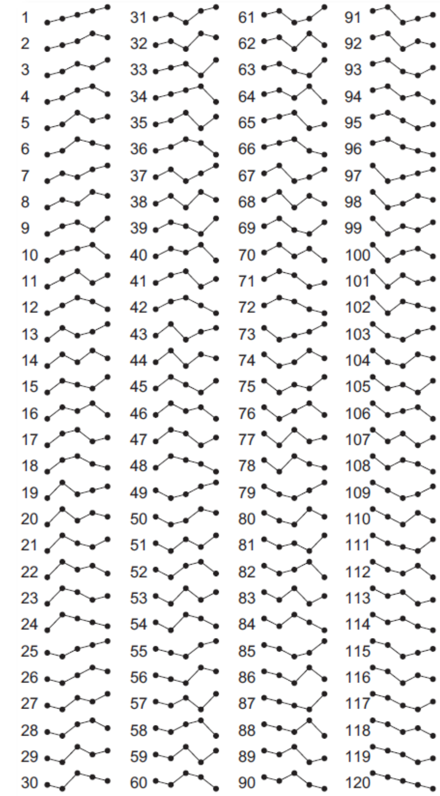
Number of possible ordinal patterns: D!

D=4



D=5



- How to select optimal D?

  depends on:
  - The length of the data.
  - The length of correlations in the data.
- With D=3 we study correlations among 4 consecutive spikes.

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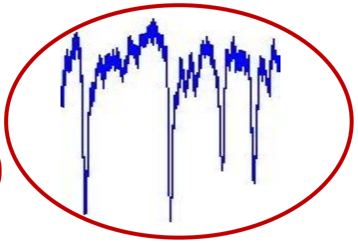

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Applications of ordinal analysis

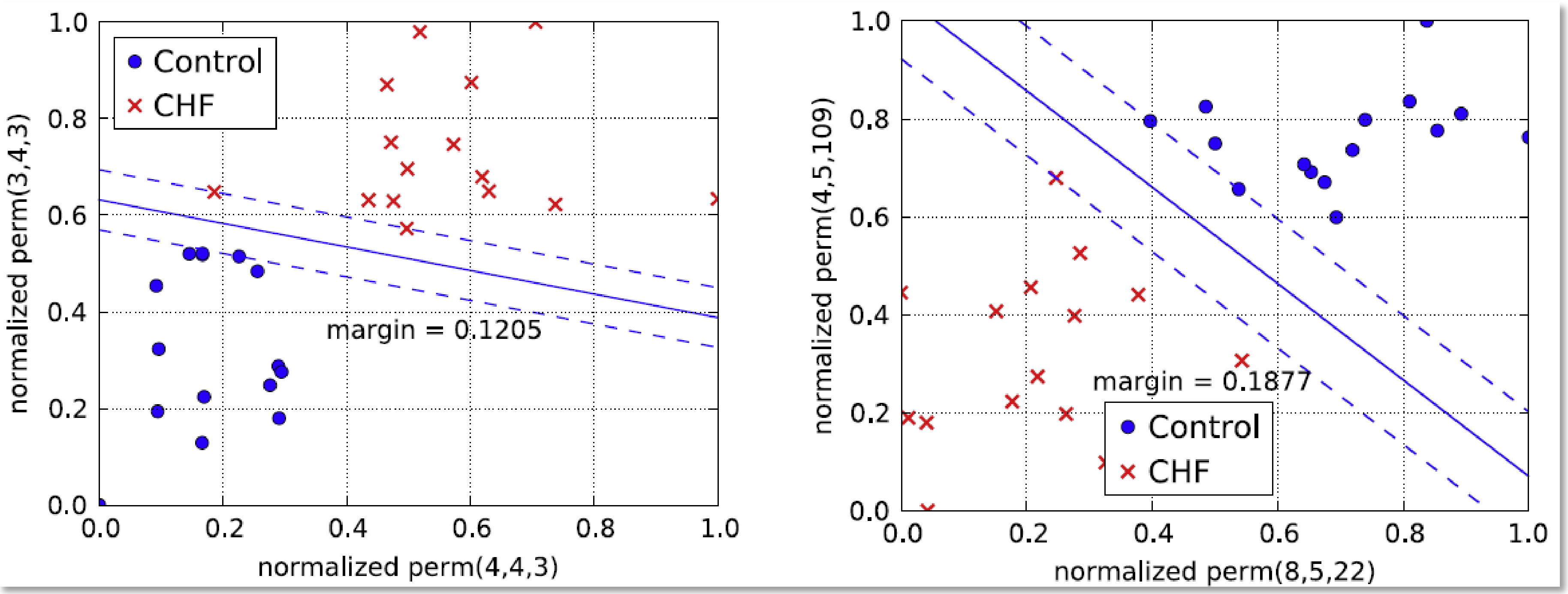
- Widely used to analyze the observed output signals of complex systems
  - **Financial**
  - **Biological**
  - **Geosciences, climate**

- Understand data:
  - **Model validation, parameter estimation**
  - **Classification of dynamical behaviors (pathological, healthy)**
  - **Predictability - forecasting**

- Able to:
  - **Distinguish stochasticity and determinism**
  - **Quantify complexity**
  - **Identify couplings and directionality**

Example: classifying cardiac biosignals using ordinal pattern statistics

Congestive heart failure (CHF) vs healthy subjects.



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Read more:
Permutation Entropy and Its Main Biomedical and Econophysics Applications
M. Zanin et al, Entropy 14, 1553 (2012)

Contrasting empirical optical spikes with synthetic neuronal spikes

- do they have similar ordinal statistics?
- are there more/less frequent patterns?

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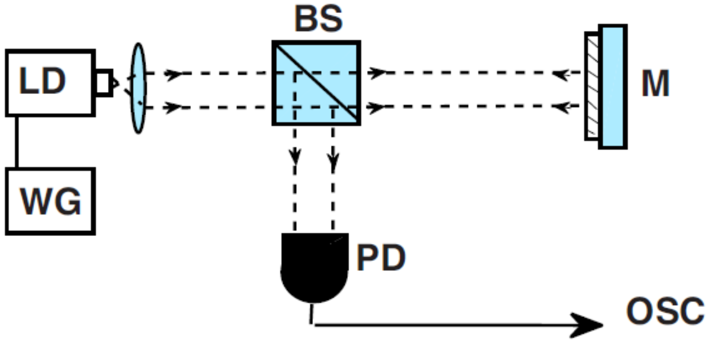
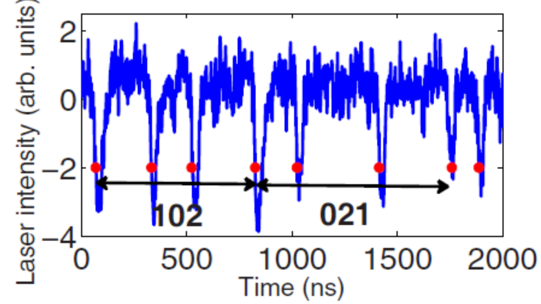
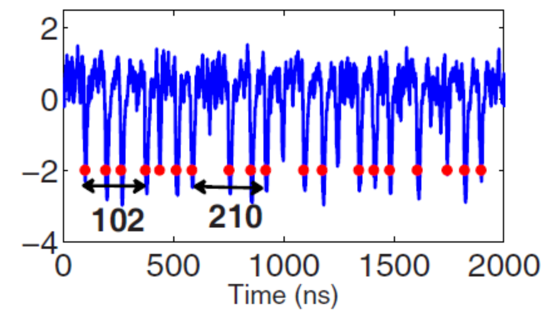
Ordinal analysis of optical spikes



Close to threshold



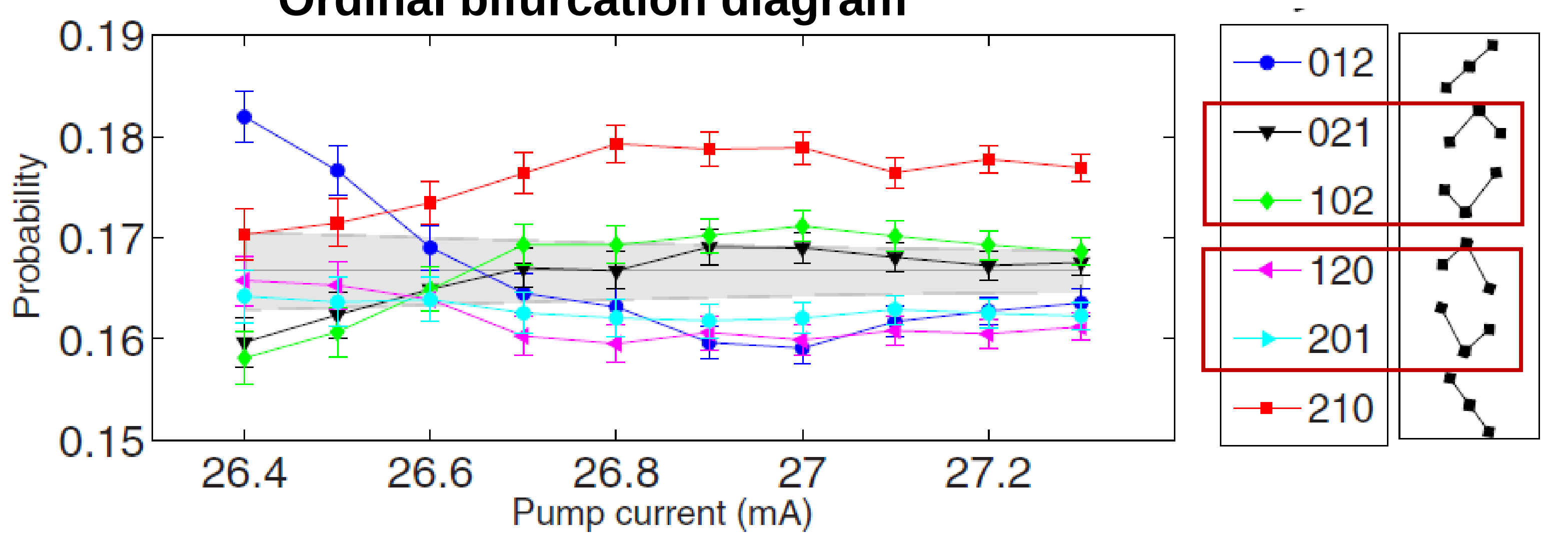
Higher pump current



Ordinal bifurcation diagram

>10,000 ISIs

Grey region computed with binomial test: probabilities consistent with uniform distribution



A. Aragoneses, S. Perrone, T. Sorrentino, M. C. Torrent and C. Masoller, Sci. Rep. **4**, 4696 (2014).

Modified circle map

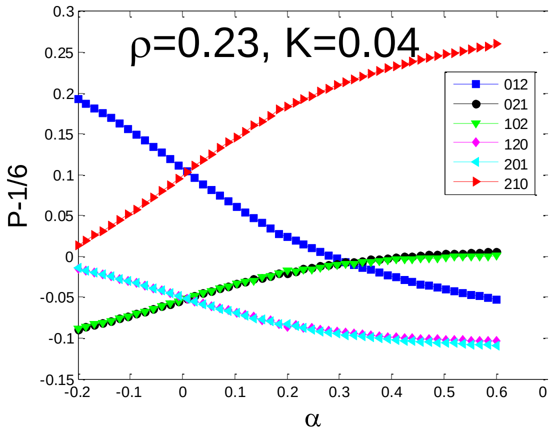
$$\varphi_{i+1} = \varphi_i + \rho + \frac{K}{2\pi}\left[\sin(2\pi\varphi_i) + \alpha \sin(4\pi\varphi_i)\right]$$

$$X_i = \varphi_{i+1} - \varphi_i$$

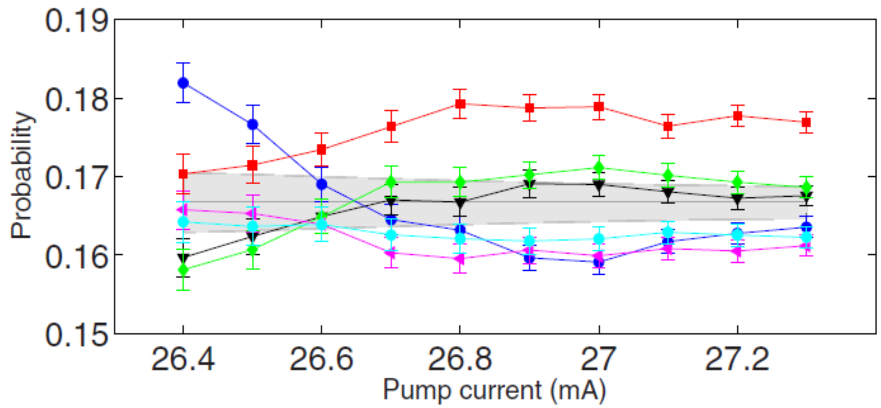
$\rho = \frac{\text{natural frequency}}{\text{forcing frequency}}$

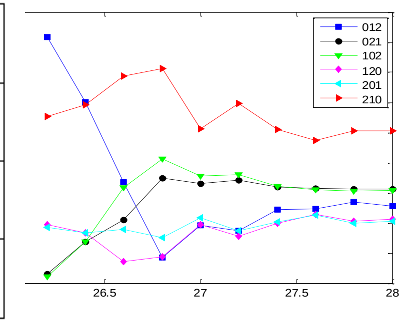
K = forcing amplitude

Circle map data



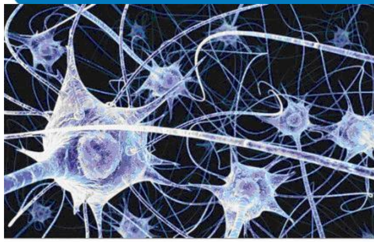
Empirical laser data (two different lasers)





- Same "clusters" & same hierarchical structure
- Modified circle map: minimal model for ordinal correlations in *optical* ISIs.
- Qualitative agreement improves when noise is included (not shown).

Connection with neurons



- The circle map describes many excitable systems.
- The modified circle map has been used to describe spike correlations in biological neurons.

A. B. Neiman and D. F. Russell, *Models of stochastic biperiodic oscillations and extended serial correlations in electroreceptors of paddlefish*, PRE 71, 061915 (2005)

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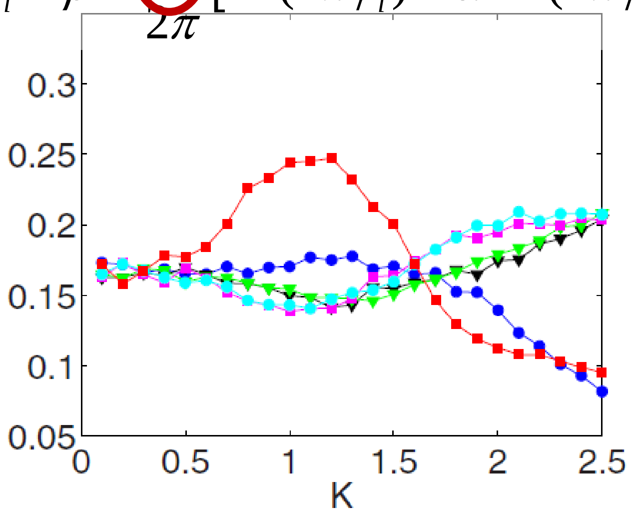

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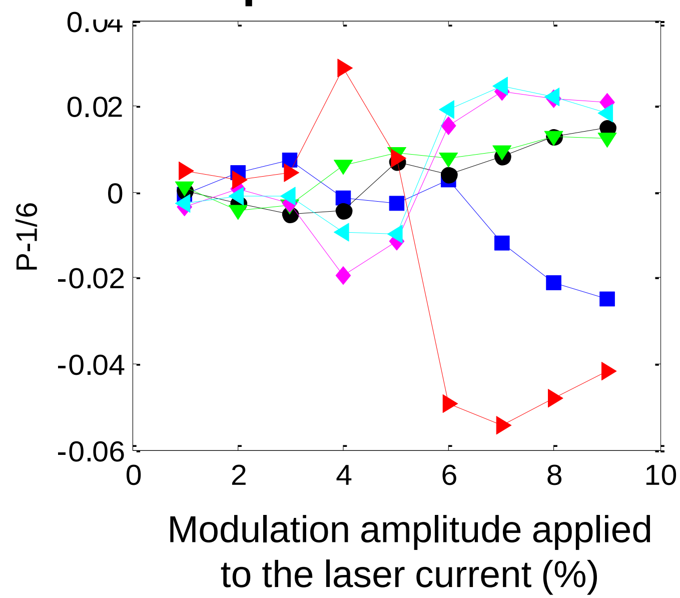
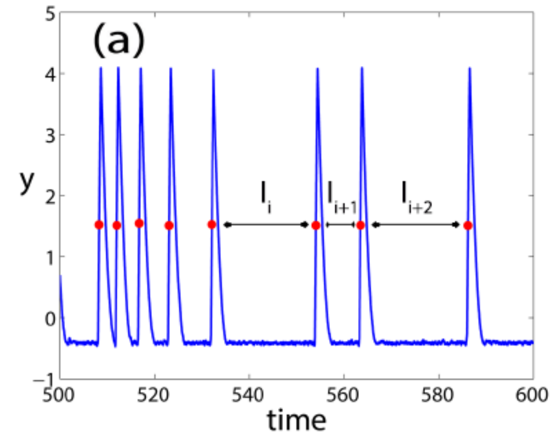
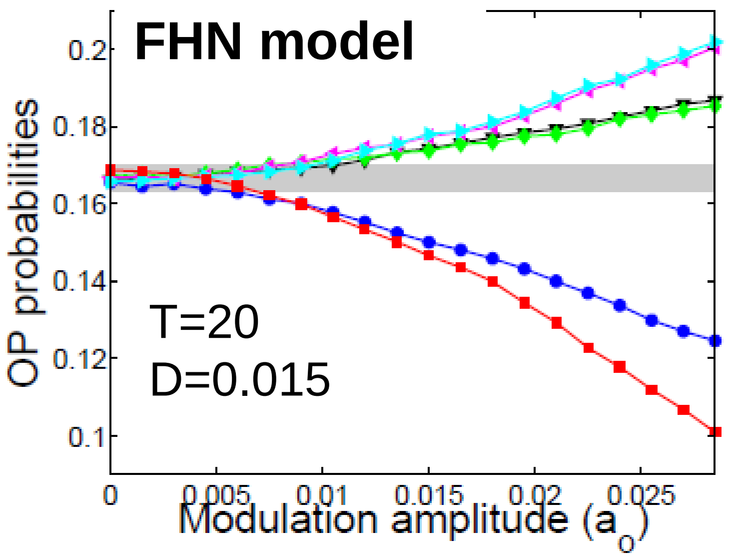


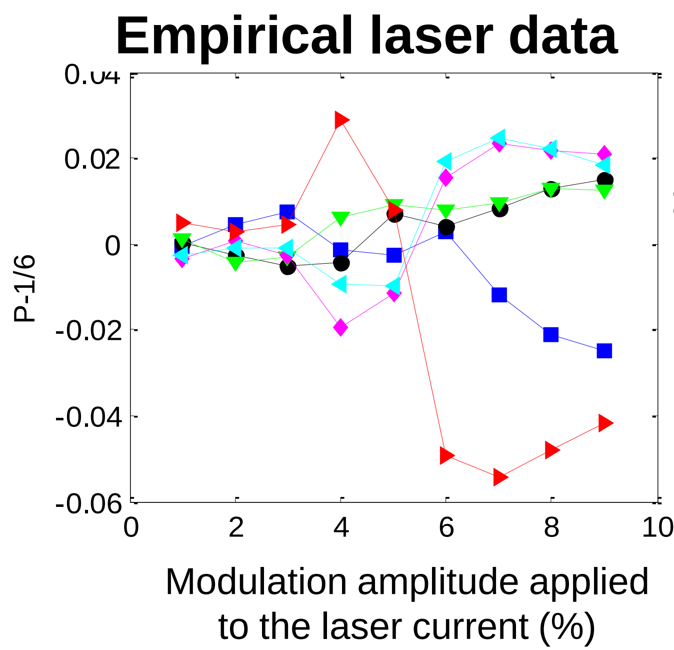
FHN model

$$\epsilon \frac{dx}{dt} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} - y,$$
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x + a + \boxed{a_o \cos(2\pi t/T)} + D\xi(t),$$



Gaussian white noise and <u>subthreshold</u> (weak) modulation: **a_0** and **T** such that spikes are only noise-induced.
Time series with 100,000 ISIs simulated.





$\Rightarrow$ Good qualitative agreement

Analysis of synthetic ISI sequences generated by single-neuron models

- more/less frequent patterns encode information?

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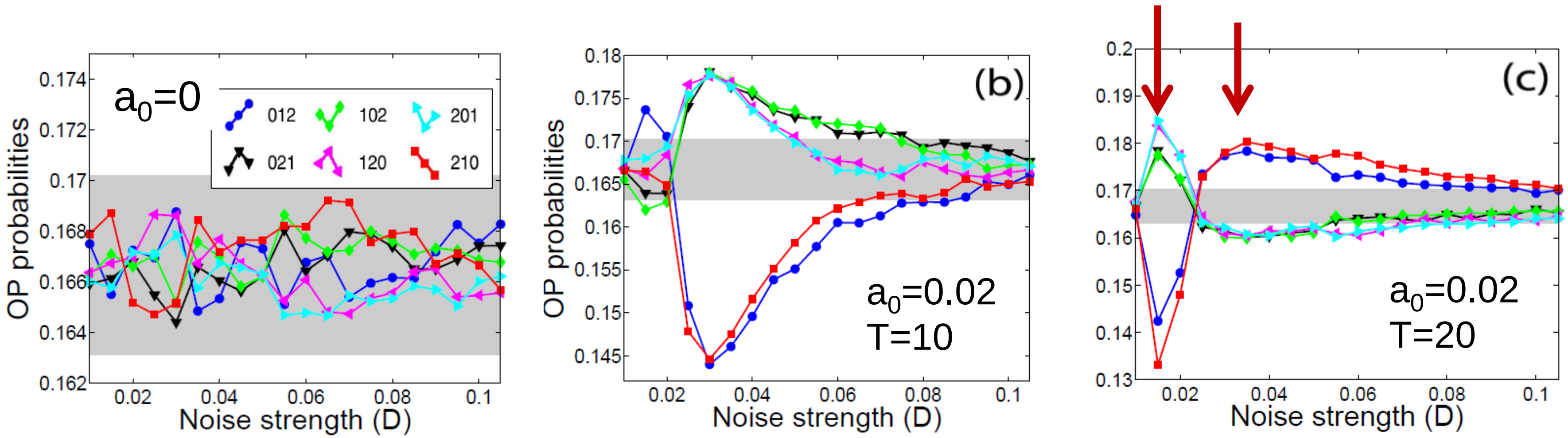
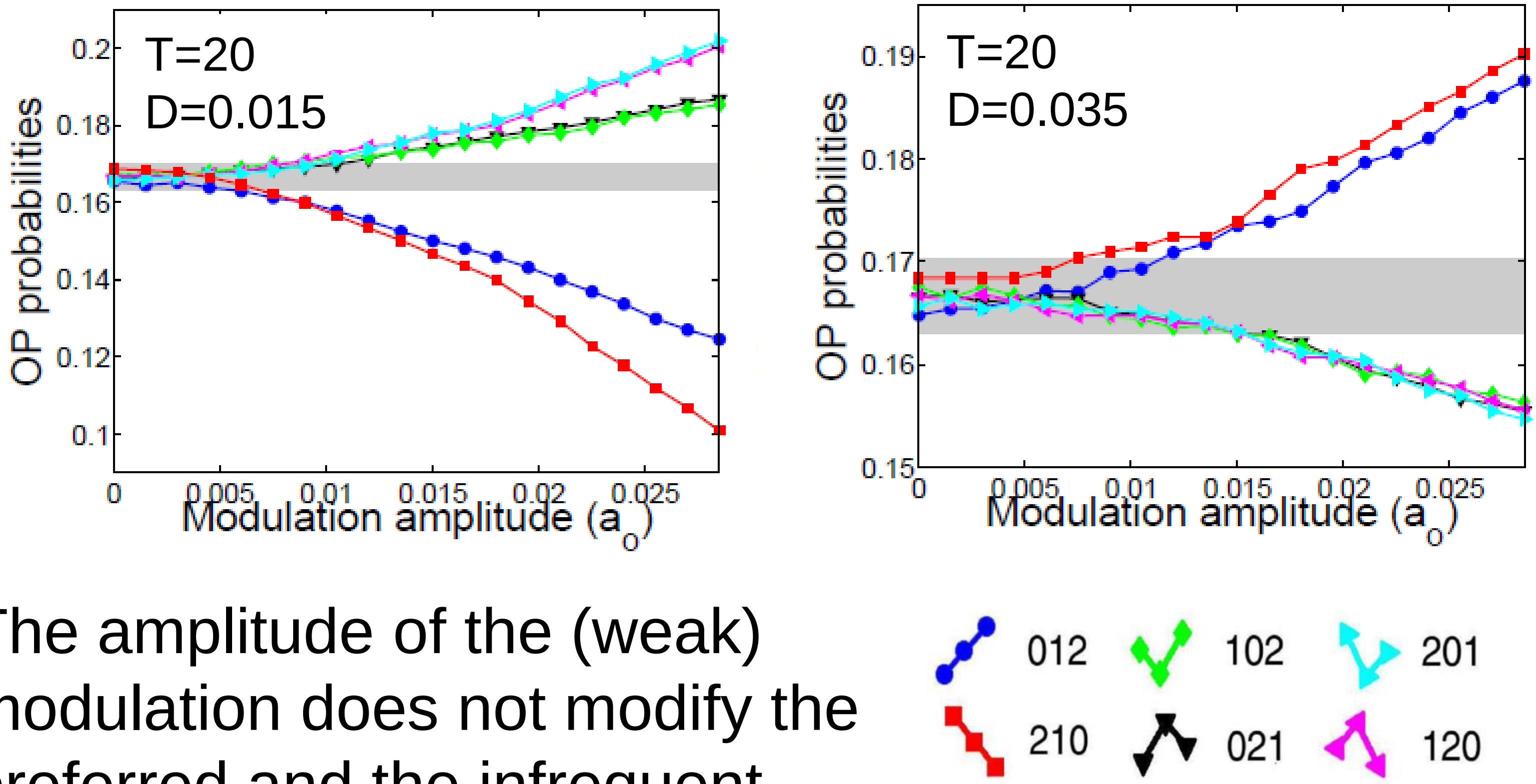
FHN model: role of the noise strength



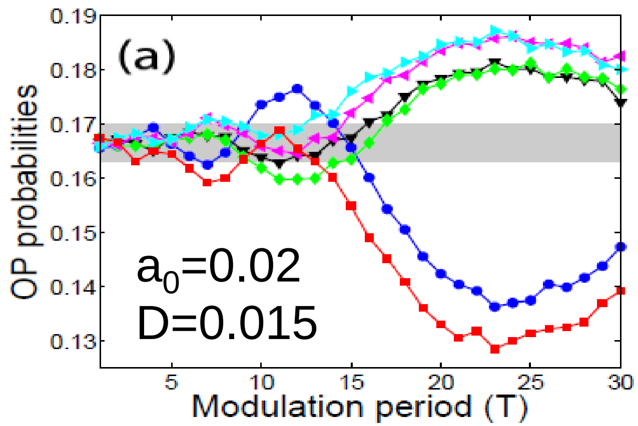
- No noise-induced temporal ordering.
- External periodic input induces temporal ordering.
- Preferred ordinal patterns depend on the noise strength.
- Resonant-like behavior.

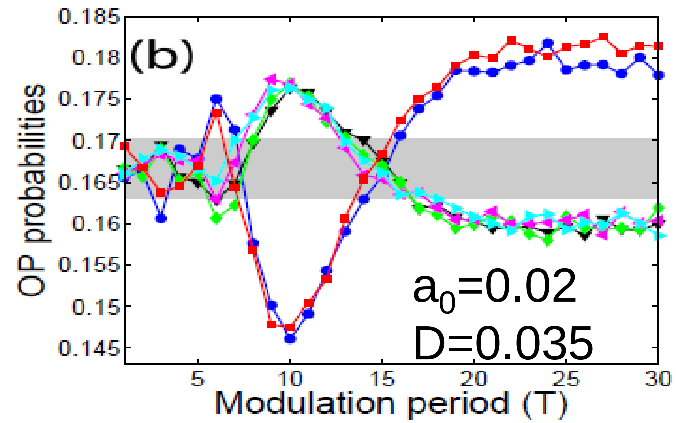
Role of the modulation amplitude



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

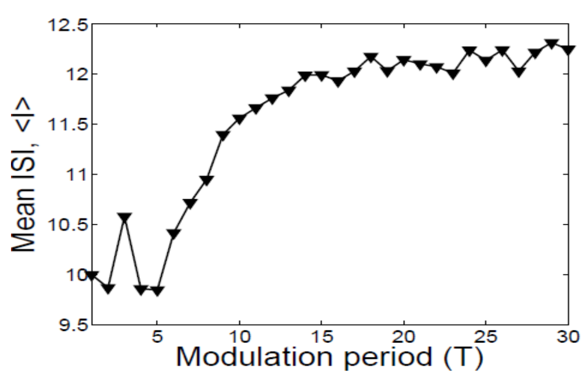
Role of the modulation period

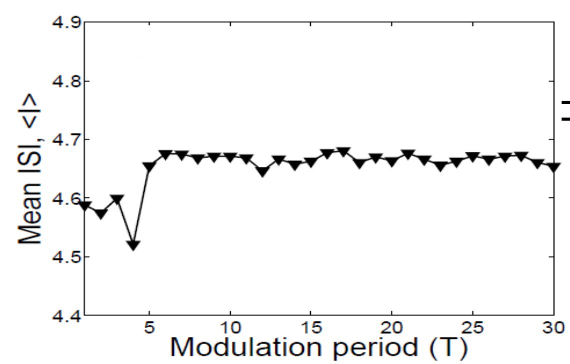




- More probable patterns depend on the period of the external input and on the noise strength.

Which is the underlying mechanism? A change of the spike rate?

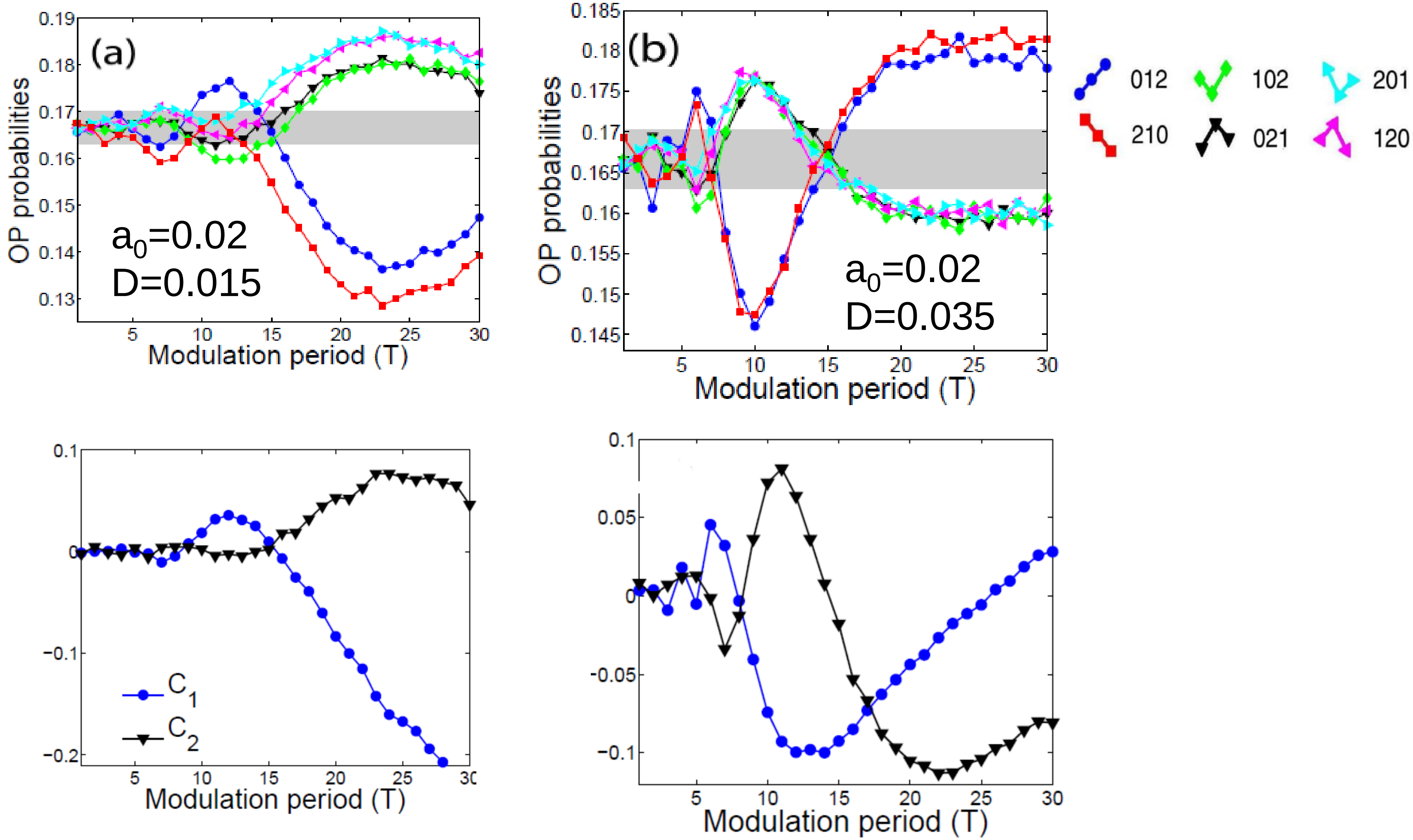




$\Rightarrow$ No direct relation.

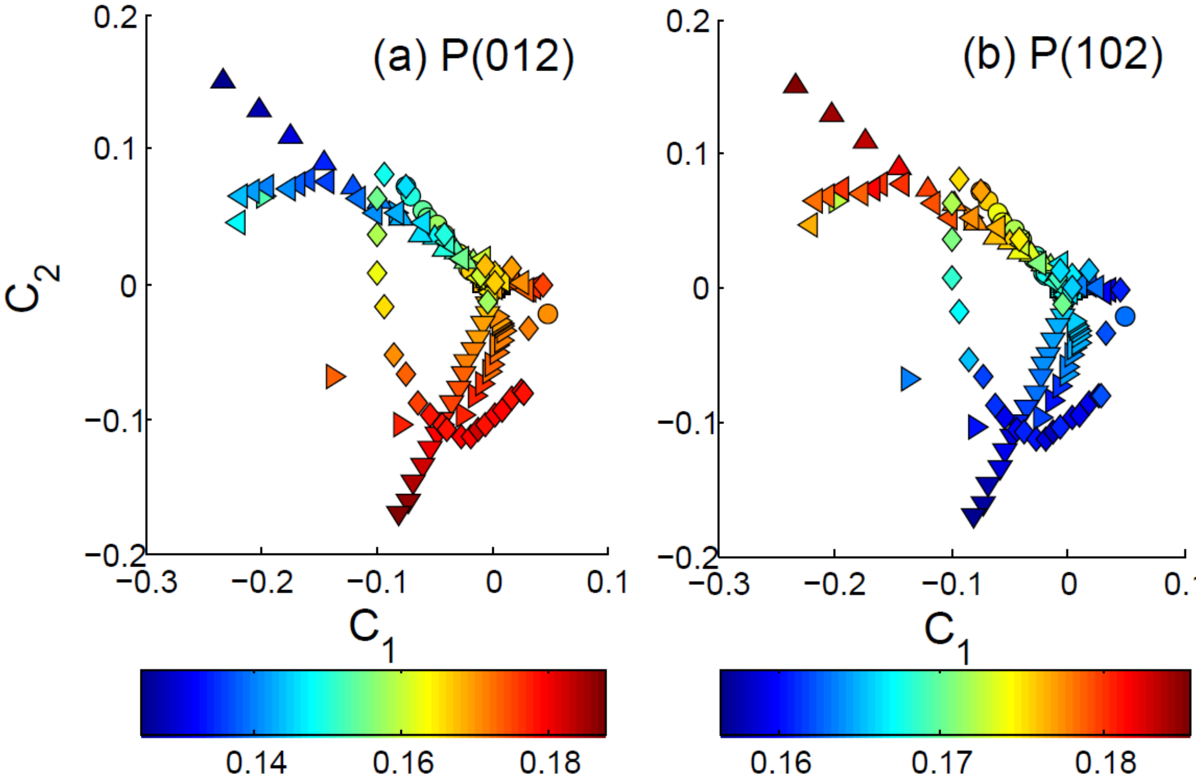
Comparison with serial correlation coefficients

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



Relation between OP probabilities and C_1 & C_2?

Relation between ordinal probabilities and serial correlation coefficients C_1 , C_2

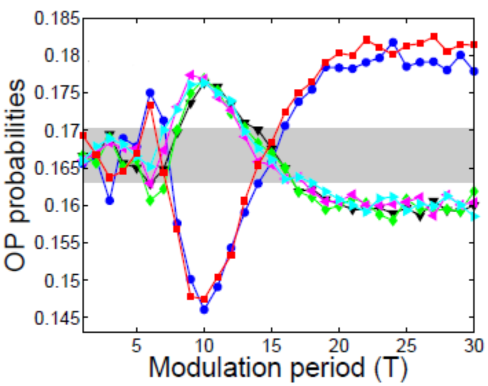


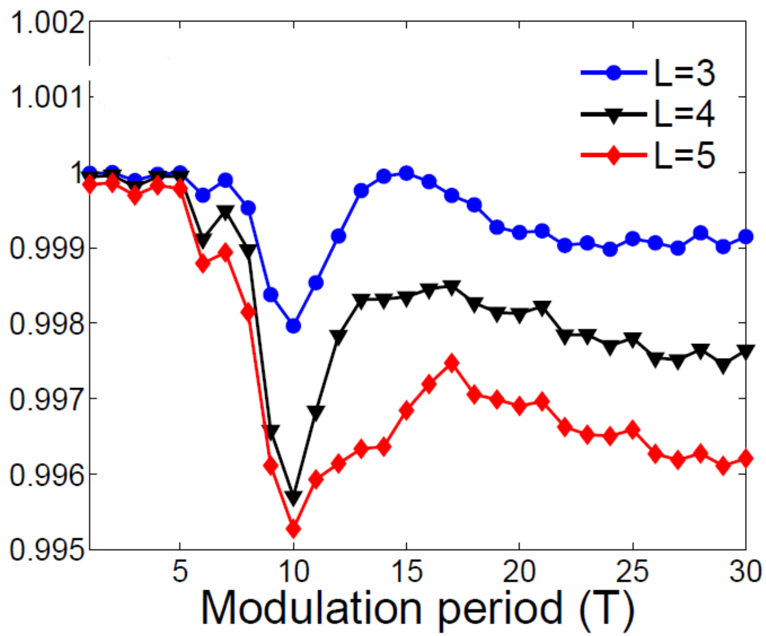
When varying noise strength, modulation amplitude and period: all datasets collapsed
$\Rightarrow$ clear trend with C_2, no trend with C_1

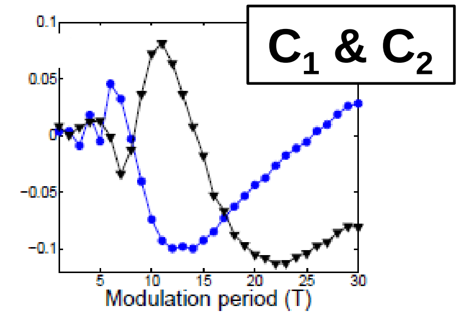
Are there longer temporal correlations?

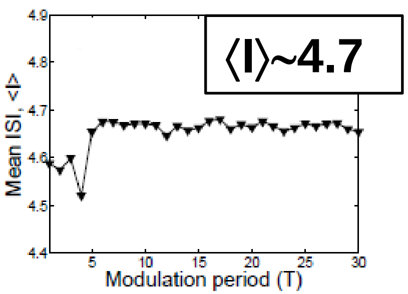
- **Permutation entropy**: computed from ordinal probabilities & normalized to maximum value.

$$S_{PE} = \frac{-\sum p_i \log p_i}{\log L!}$$









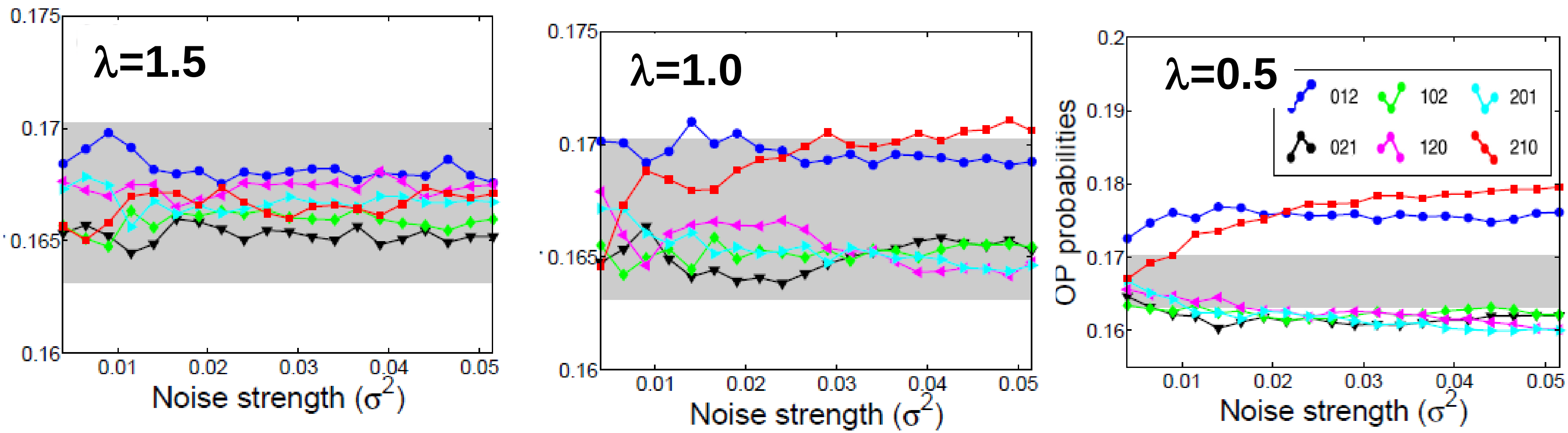
- Modulation period T > ⟨I⟩ induces long temporal correlations
- Sharp transition seen in S_{pe} at T=10 not detected by C_1 or C_2

Influence of correlated noise

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

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x + a + \zeta,$$

$$\langle \zeta_t \zeta_s \rangle = \sigma^2 e^{-|t-s|/\lambda}$$



- Correlated noise with long enough correlation time (λ^{-1}) induces temporal ordering
- More/less frequent patterns depend on the noise strength
- Similar results with Integrate and Fire model (not shown)

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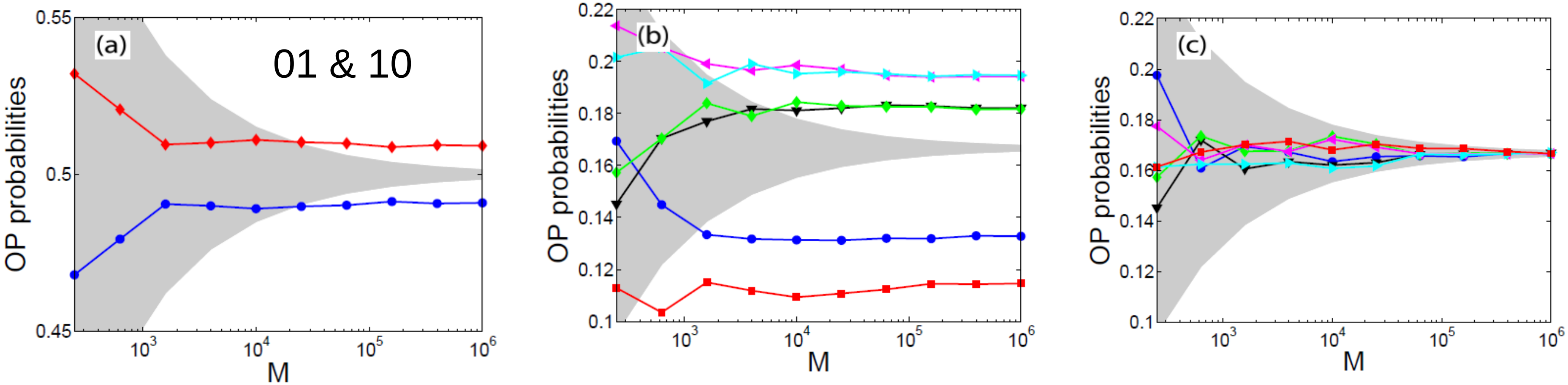
Statistically significant results? Influence of the length of the data

$a_0 \neq 0$ $a_0 \neq 0$ $a_0 = 0$



- Long datasets are need for a robust estimation of the ordinal probabilities.

Conclusions

What did we learn?

- Take home message:
  - ordinal analysis is useful for understanding data, uncovering patterns,
  - for model comparison, parameter estimation, classifying events, etc.
  - robust to noise and artifacts in the data.
- Main conclusions
  - Optical & neuronal spikes compared: good qualitative agreement.
  - Minimal model for optical spikes identified: a modified circle map.
  - FHN model with subthreshold modulation and Gaussian white noise
    - There are preferred ordinal patterns which 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.
  - Similar results found with integrate-and-fire model (not shown)
- Open issues (ongoing and future work):
  - Hierarchical & clustered structure: universal feature of excitable systems?
  - Mathematical insight: can we calculate the probabilities analytically?
  - Role of coupling? induce preferred/infrequent patterns?
  - Compare with empirical data (single-neuron ISI sequences)

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