

# Models of drug and stimulation impact on neural populations

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# schizophrenia

## symptoms

- appears in adolescence or early adulthood
- characterised by e.g. delusions and hallucinations
- affects 1% of population

## treatment

medication and/or psychological counselling

## pharmacological medication limited in action

alternative modalities needed for non-pharmacological treatment

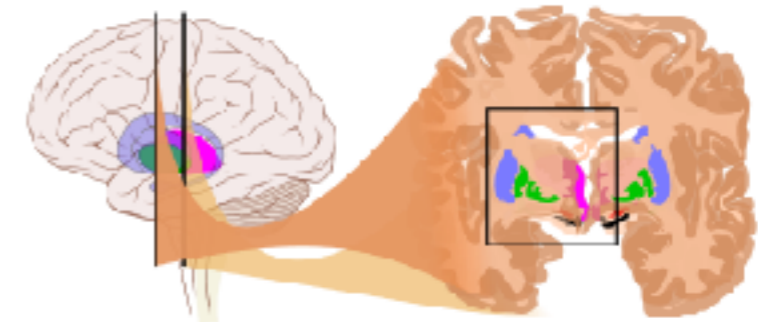
e.g. **repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS)**



# TMS in schizophrenia treatment



## cortico-thalamic loop (CTL)

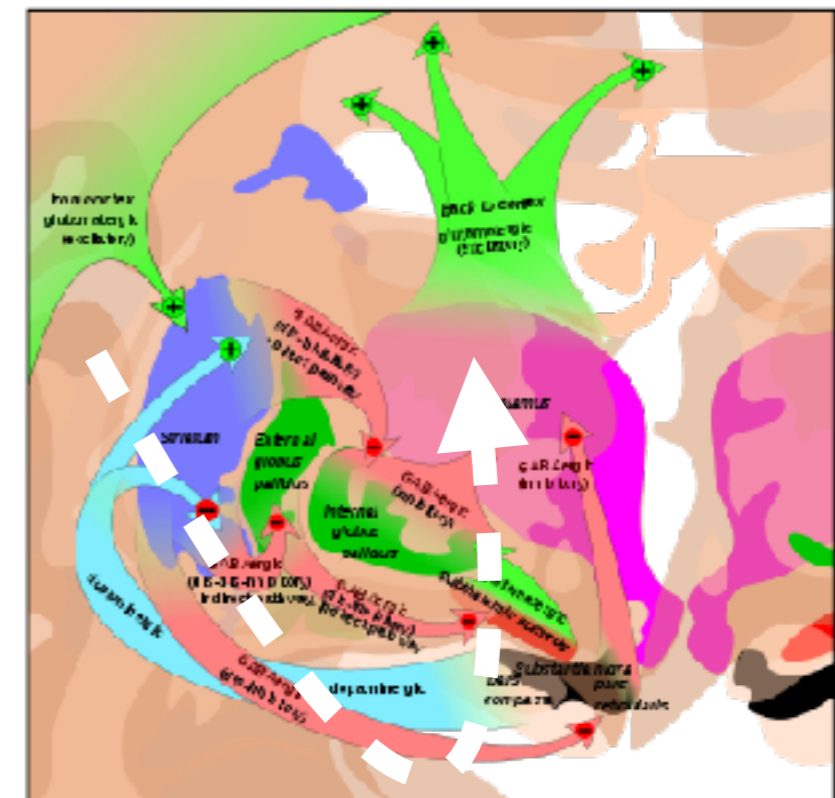


### Cooperation partner:

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(INSERM1114 Strasbourg)

### Research aim:

- understanding **action of antipsychotic *clozapine*** on CTL
- understanding **action of rTMS** on CTL



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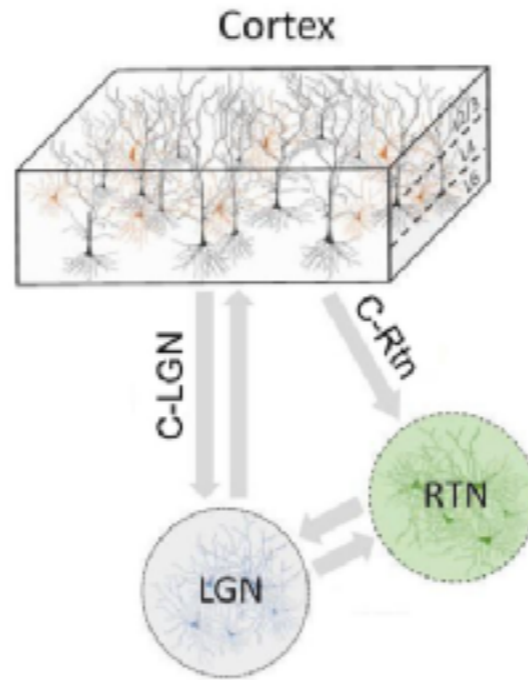
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# I) pharmacological effect of anti-psychotic drugs

a) dynamical model of action of *clozapine*

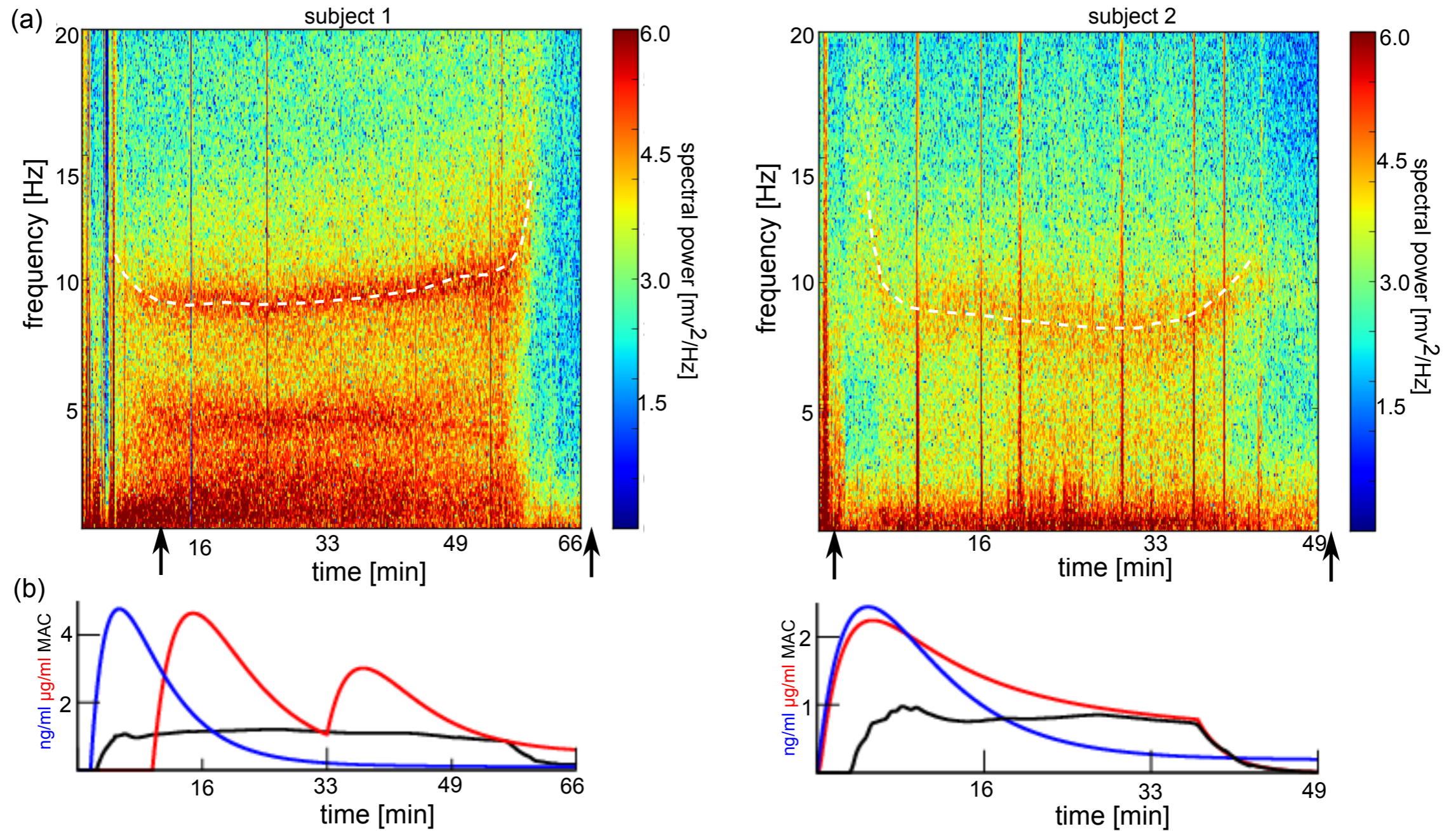
on cortico-thalamic loop



(NeuroImage 2018; eLife 2017;  
PLoSOne 2017; J. Neuroscience 2016)

# Some details on general anaesthesia

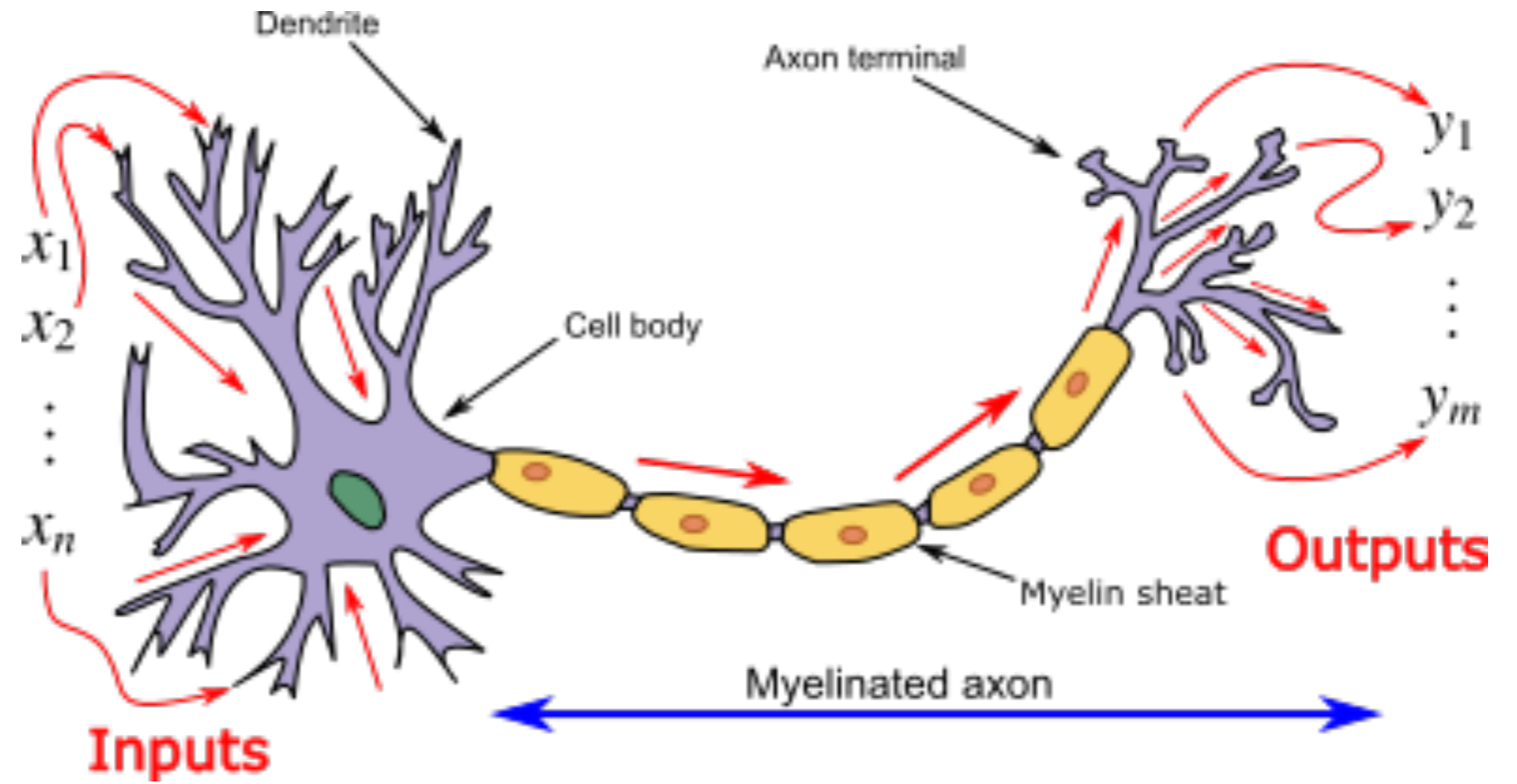
experimental data: frontal EEG in patients under surgery



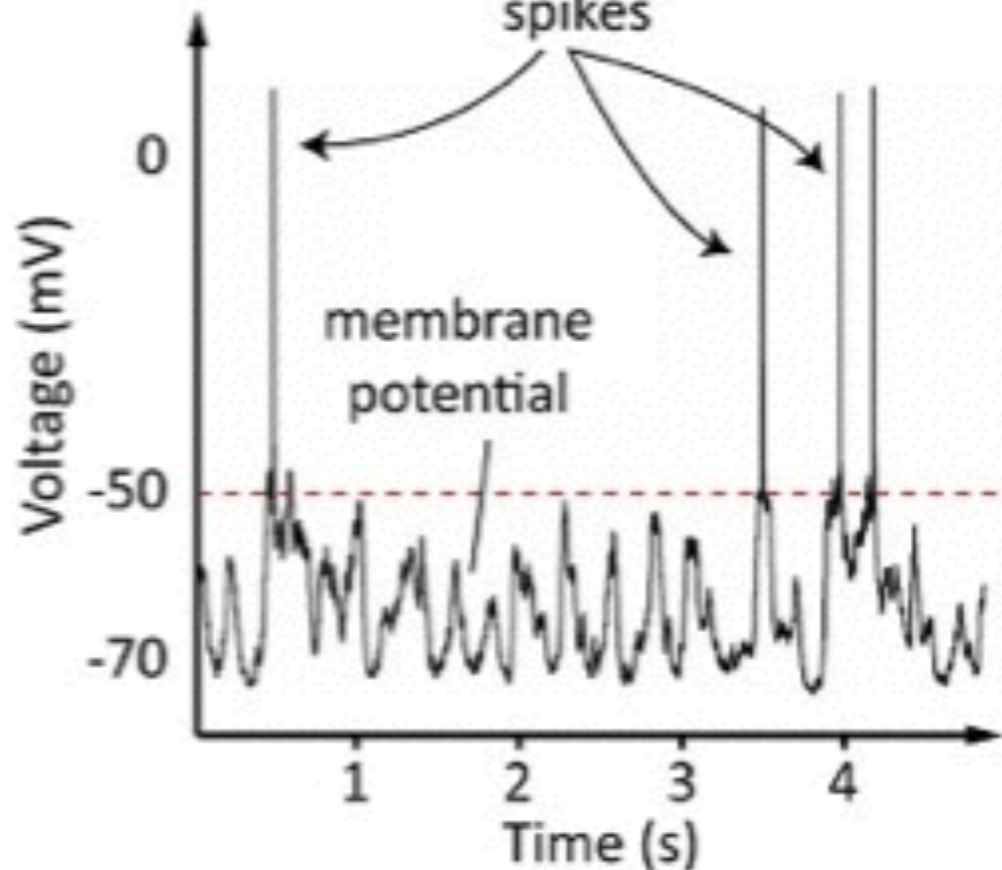
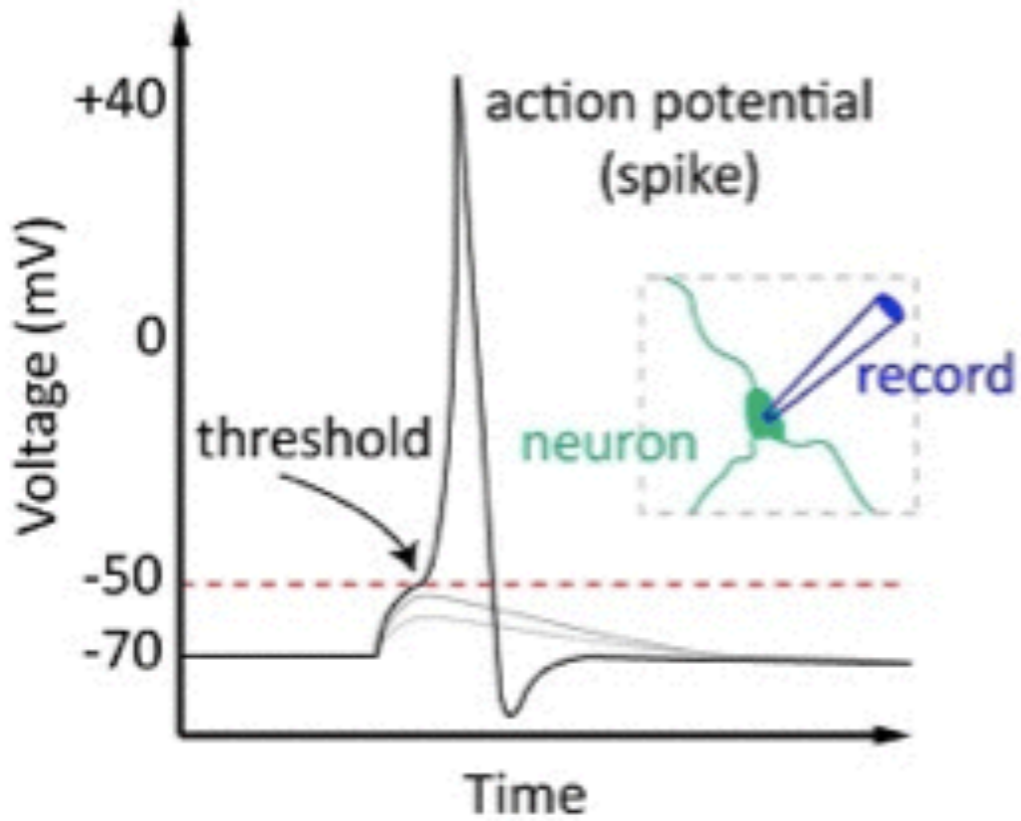
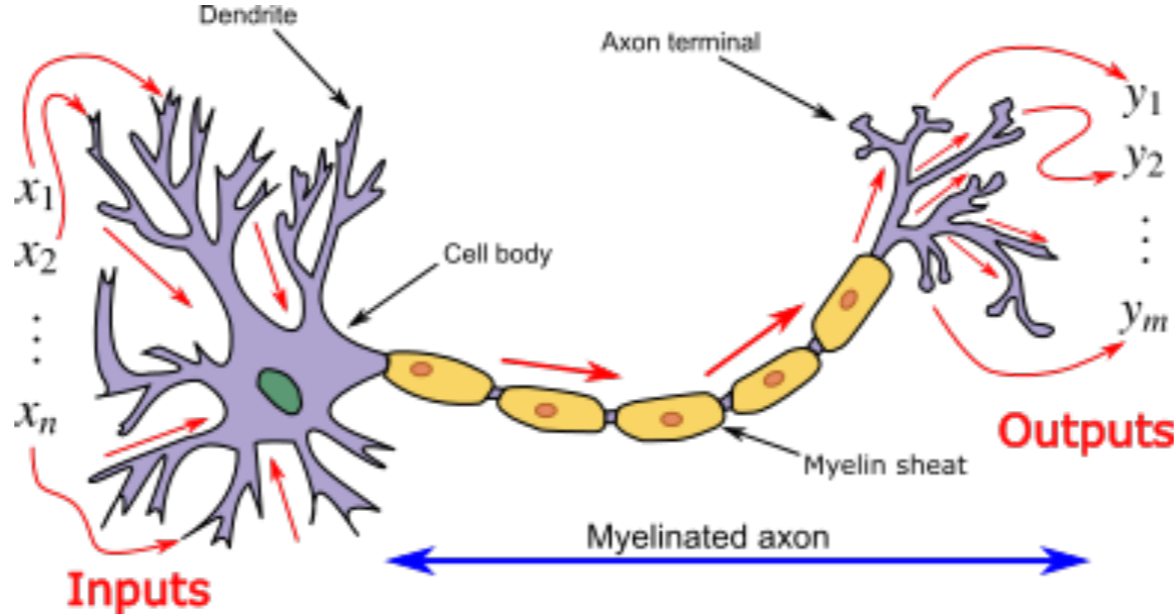
(Williams and Sleight, Anaesth. Int. Care (1999))



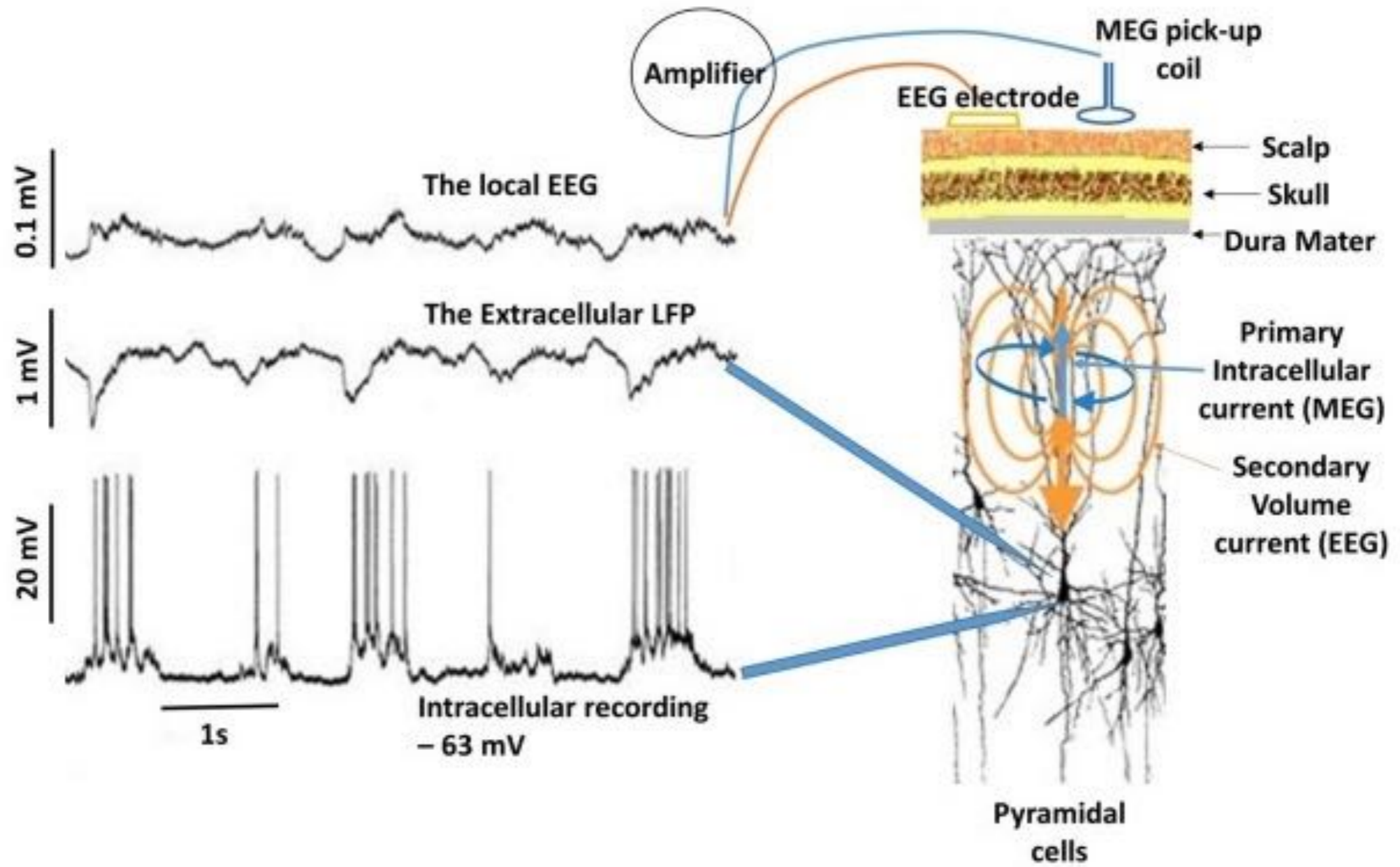
single neuron model:



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# single neuron + LFP + EEG model:



# .....some details on general anaesthesia

## mathematical model:

extracellular potentials in areas:

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_e} \frac{du_e^n(t)}{dt} = -u_e^n(t) + bv_e^n(t) + S_{e \rightarrow e}^n(t) + S_{i \rightarrow e}^n(t) + S_{th \rightarrow i}(t - \tau_{th}) + I_e + A_e^n(t)$$

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adaption currents:

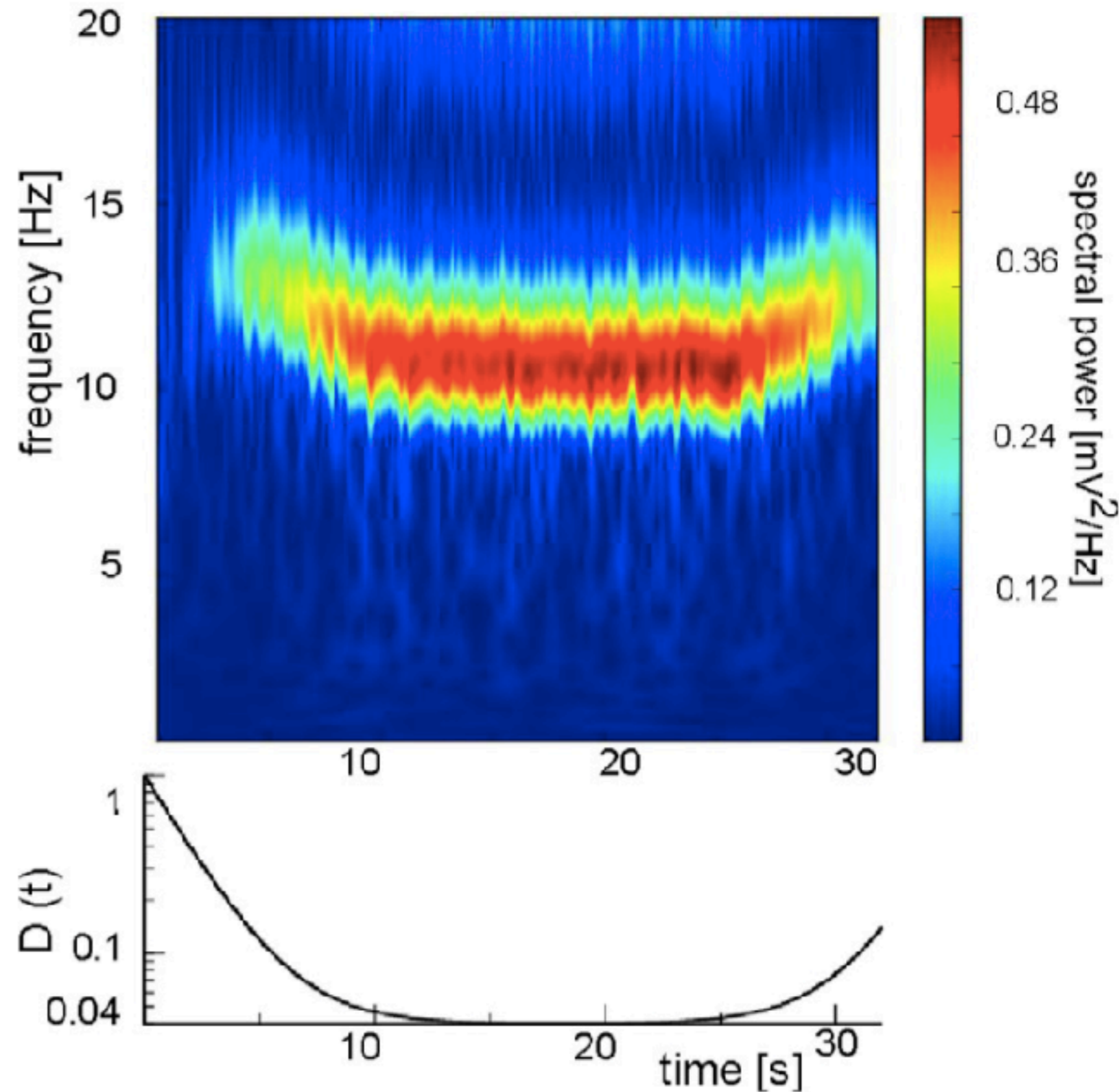
$$\frac{1}{a} \frac{dv_e^n(t)}{dt} = -v_e^n(t) + u_e^n(t) ; \frac{1}{a} \frac{dv_i^n(t)}{dt} = -v_i^n(t) + u_i^n(t)$$

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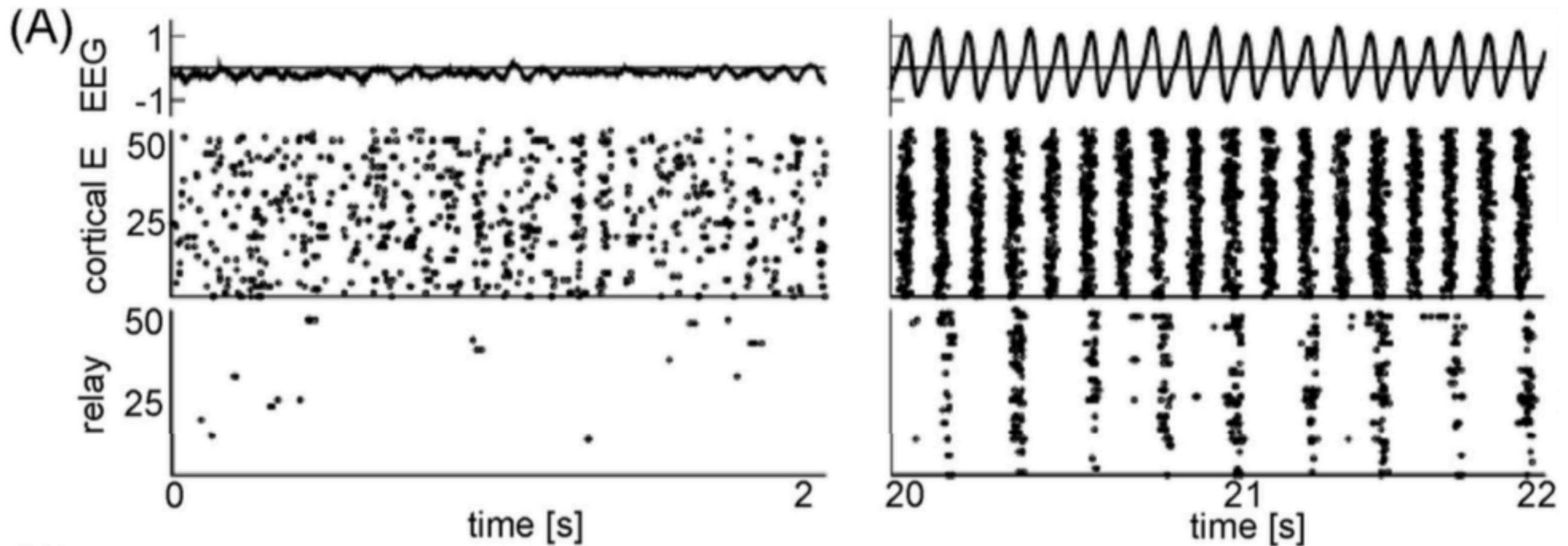
**simulated**  
EEG spectrum



noise

## .....some details on general anaesthesia

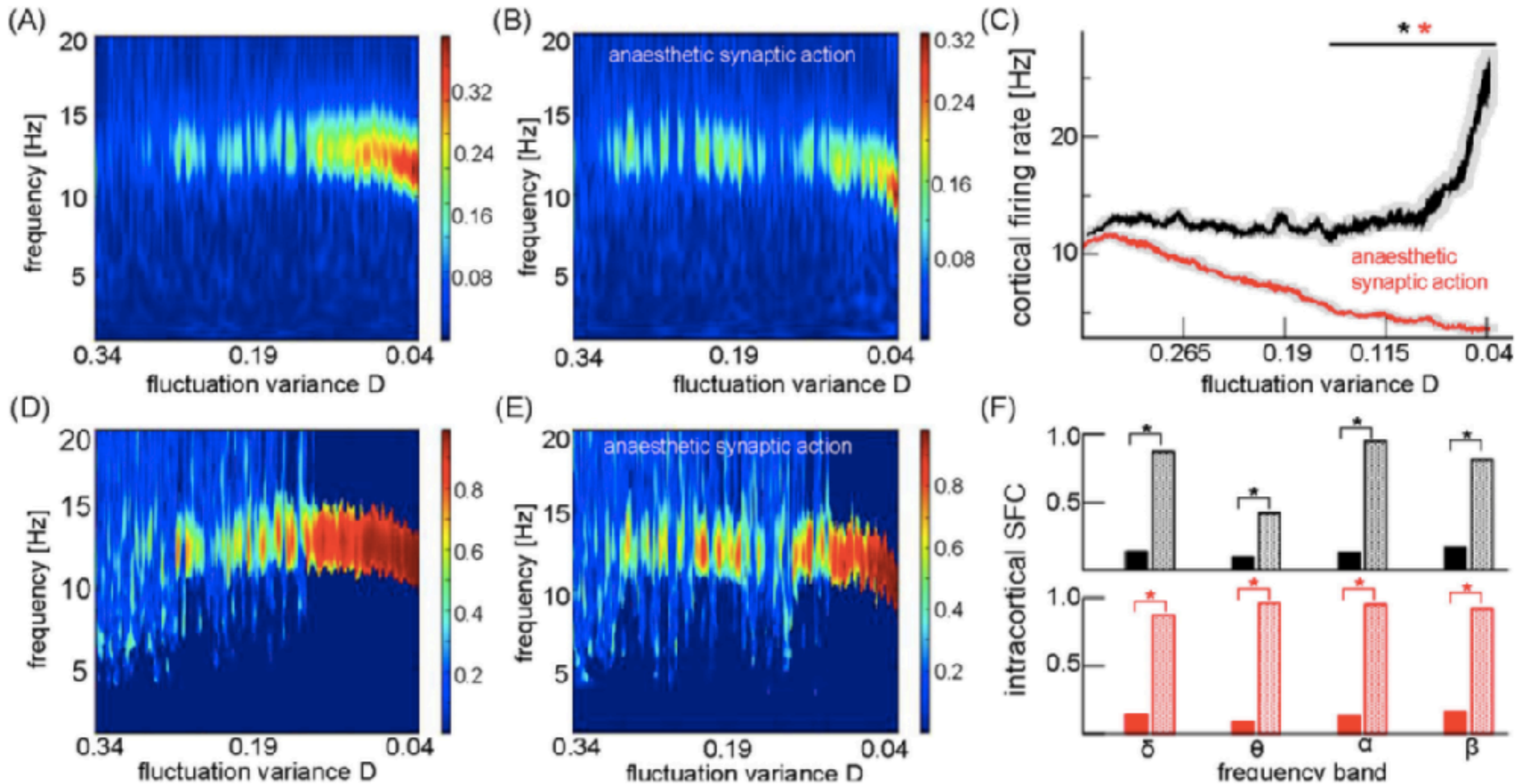
spiking activity in different areas



spike synchronisation by denoising

# .....some details on general anaesthesia

synchronisation in cortical population

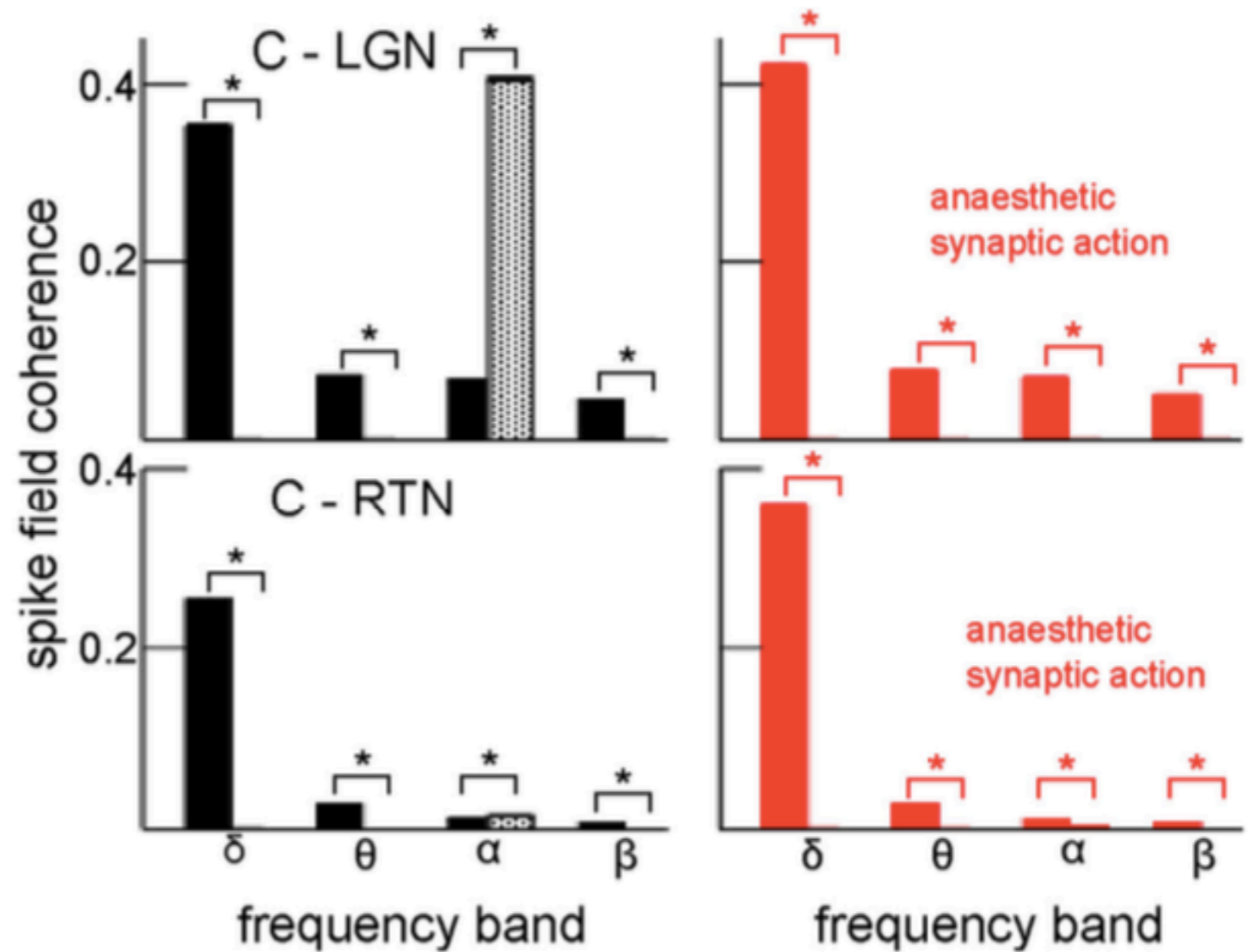
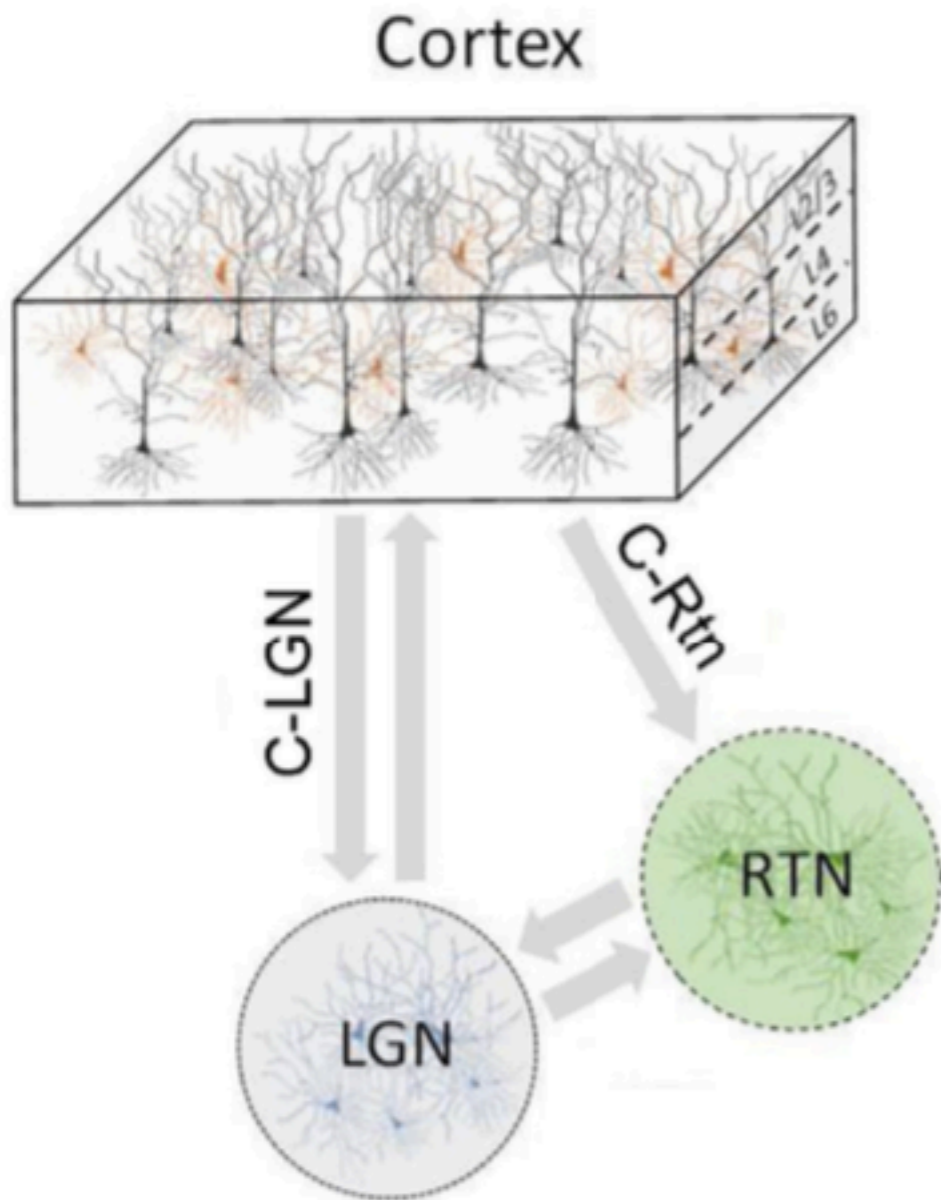


awake EEG is asynchronous,  
sedative EEG is synchronous



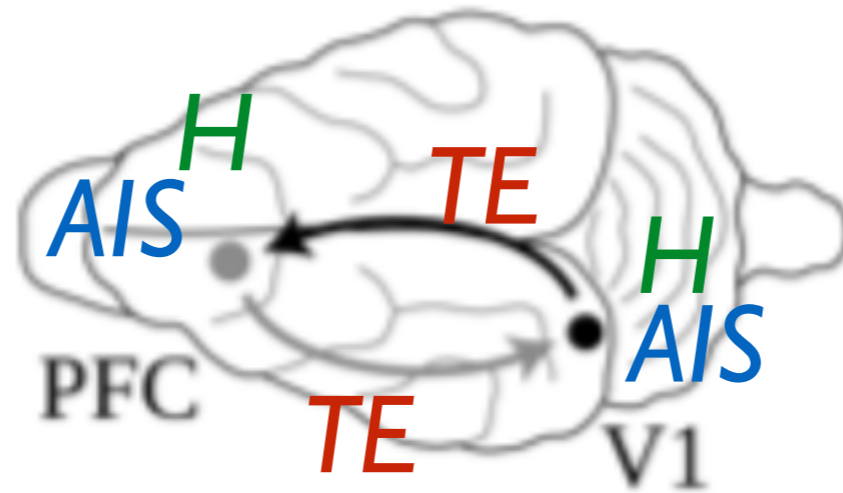
# .....some details on general anaesthesia

functional connectivity



found in experiment ?

## information theoretic measures:



**transfer entropy (TE):**

how much information is transferred ?

$$TE \leq H$$

**active information storage (AIS):**

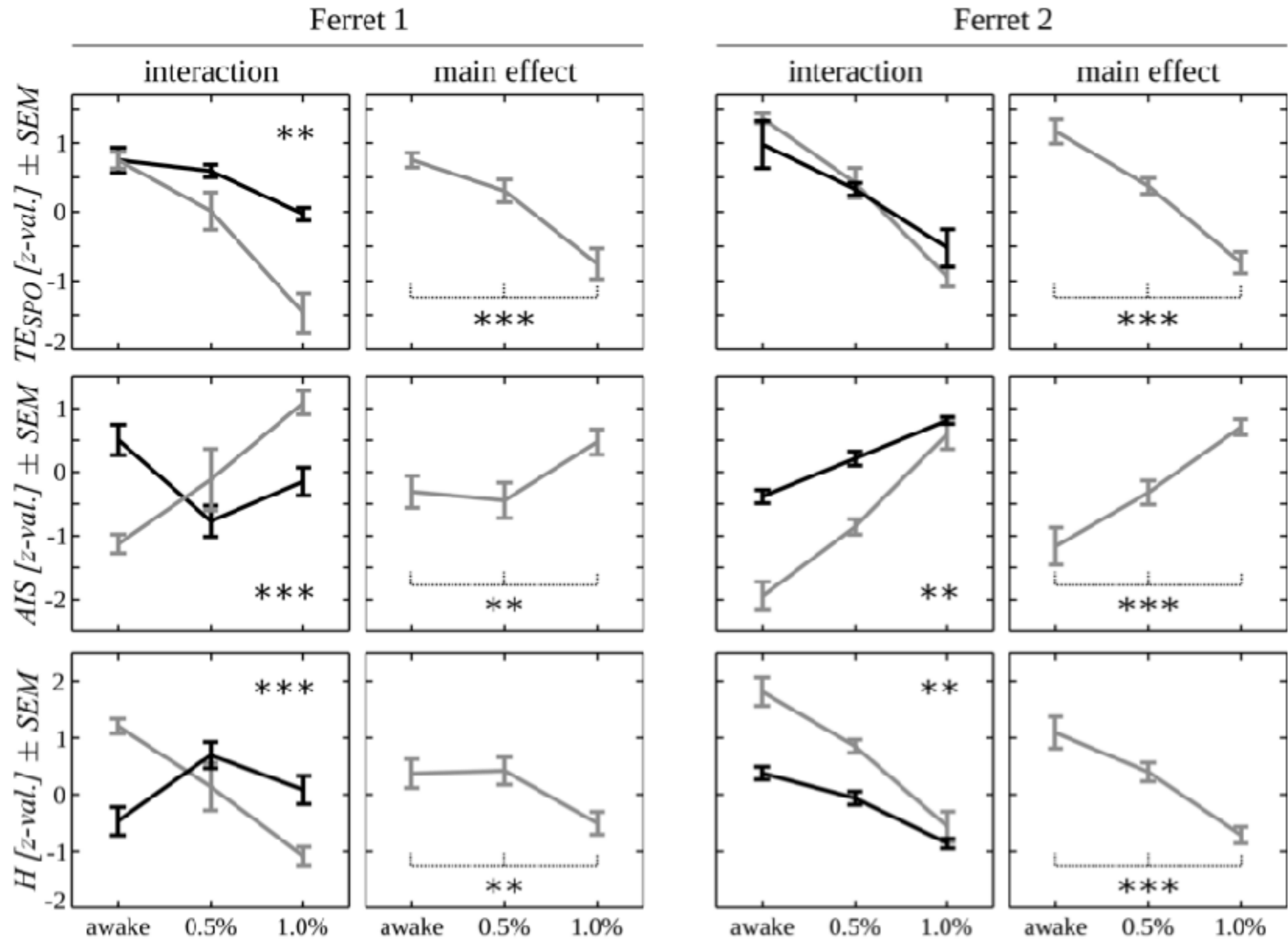
how much information is stored ?

$$AIS \leq H$$

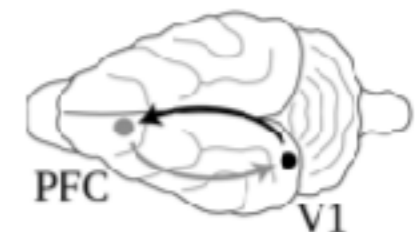
**differential entropy (H):**

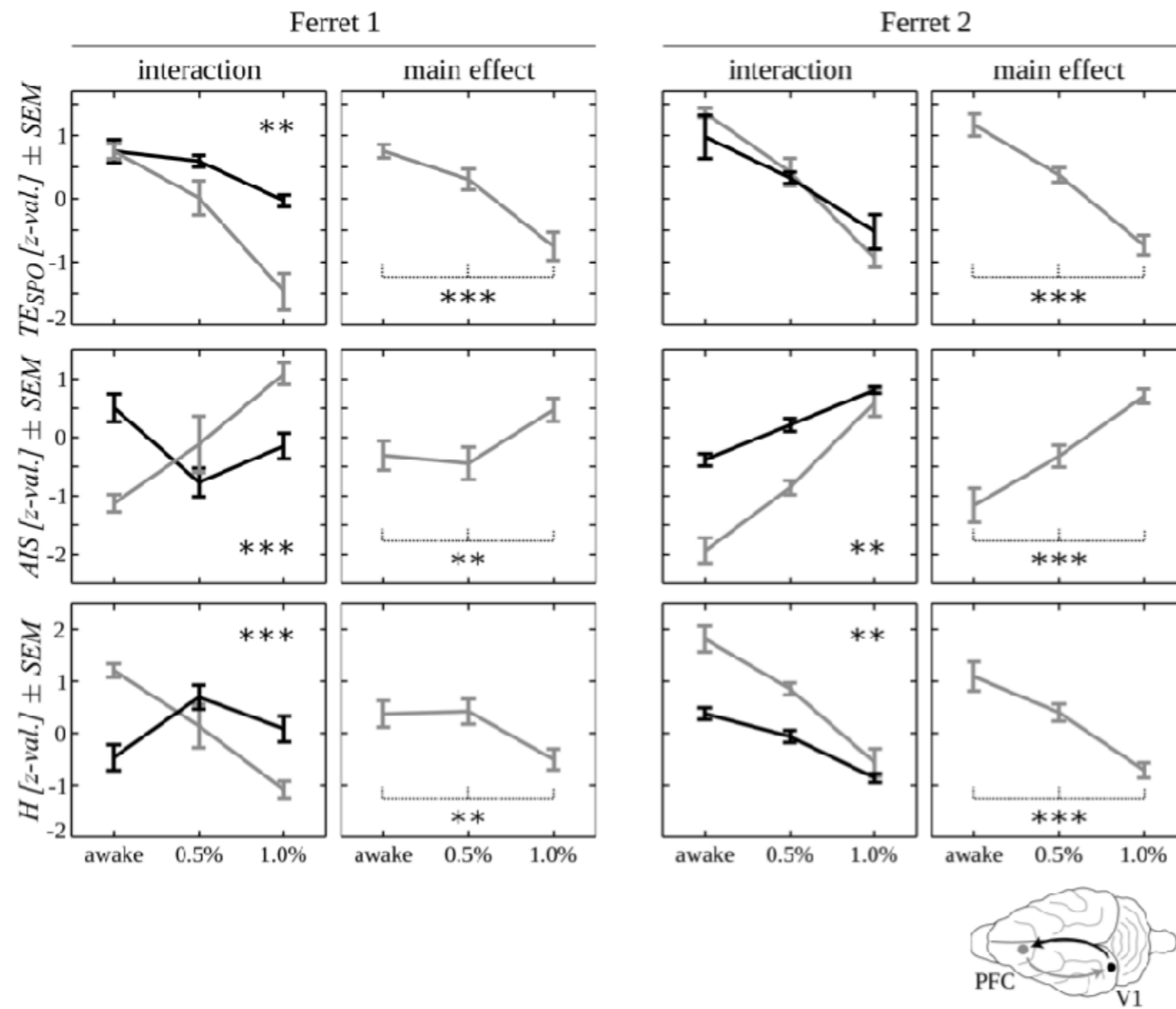
how much information is available ?

# information transfer during ferret resting state under anesthesia



(Wollstadt et al., PLoS Computational Biology (2017))





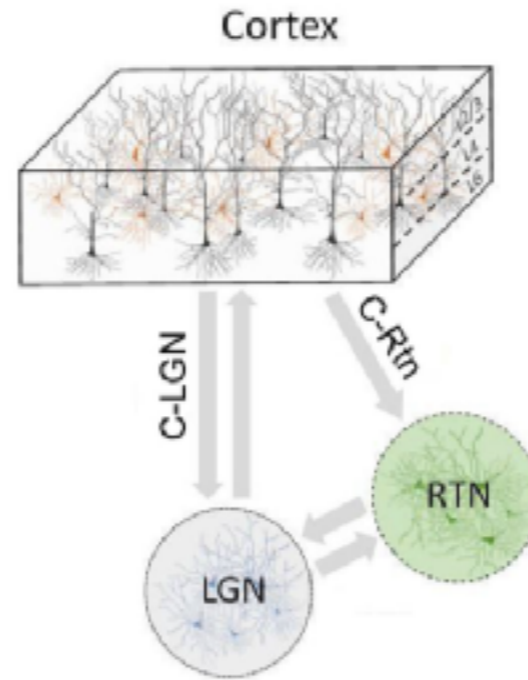
- reduction of information transfer  $V1 \triangleright PFC$
- enlargement of stored information in V1
- reduction of available information in V1



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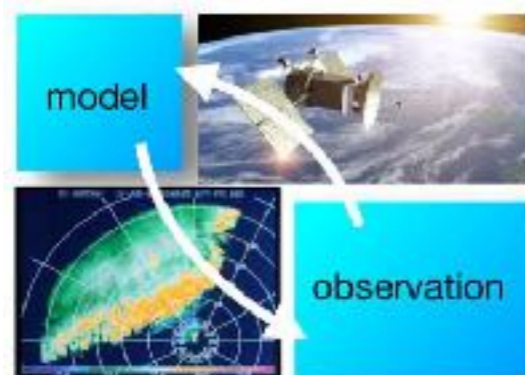
on cortico-thalamic loop



(NeuroImage 2018; eLife 2017;  
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b) comparison to observations (D. PINAULT) and

model adaption (e.g. Kalman filter) —> thesis of Joséphine RIEDINGER



Frontiers Research Topic on *Data Assimilation in Life Sciences* (2018); Frontiers Research Topic on *Data Assimilation of Nonlocal Observations* (2019), Frontiers in Applied Mathematics and Statistics

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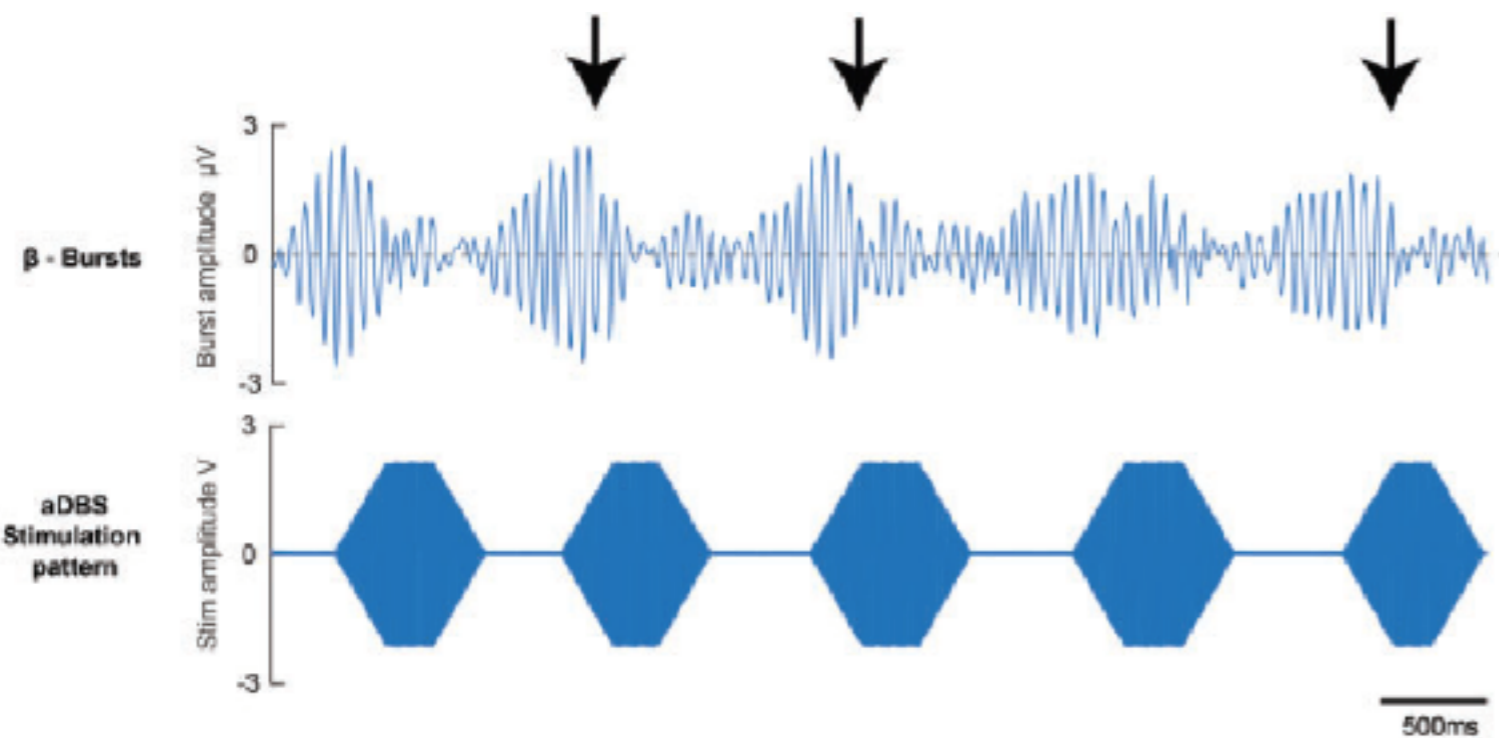
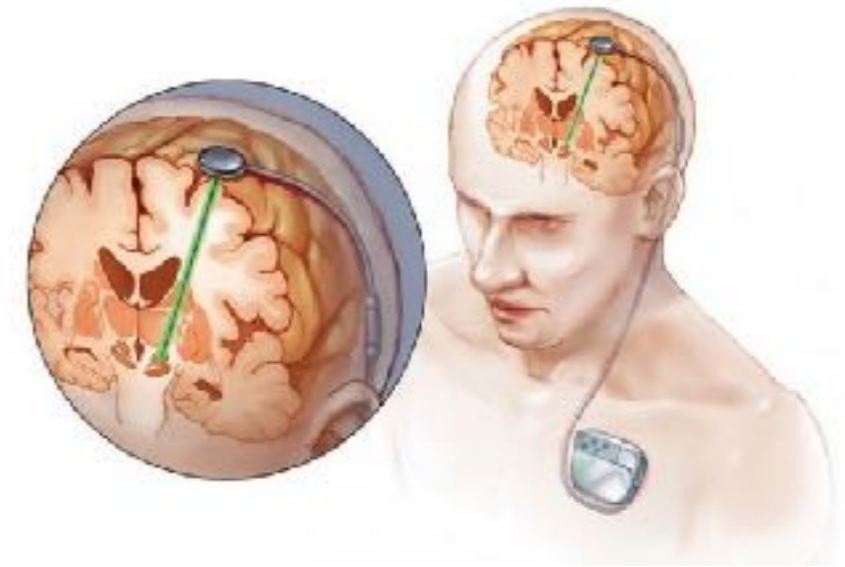
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# Motivation

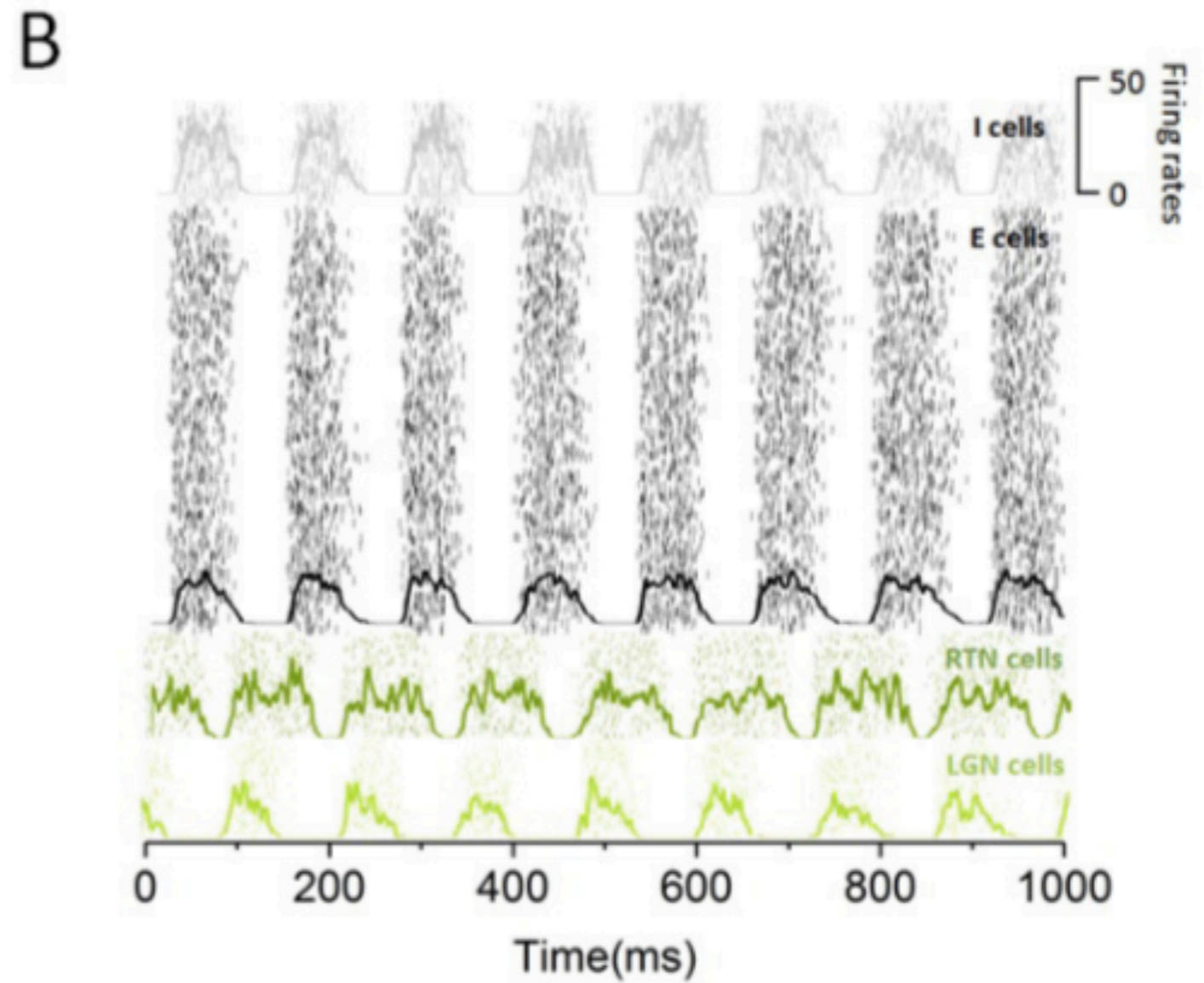
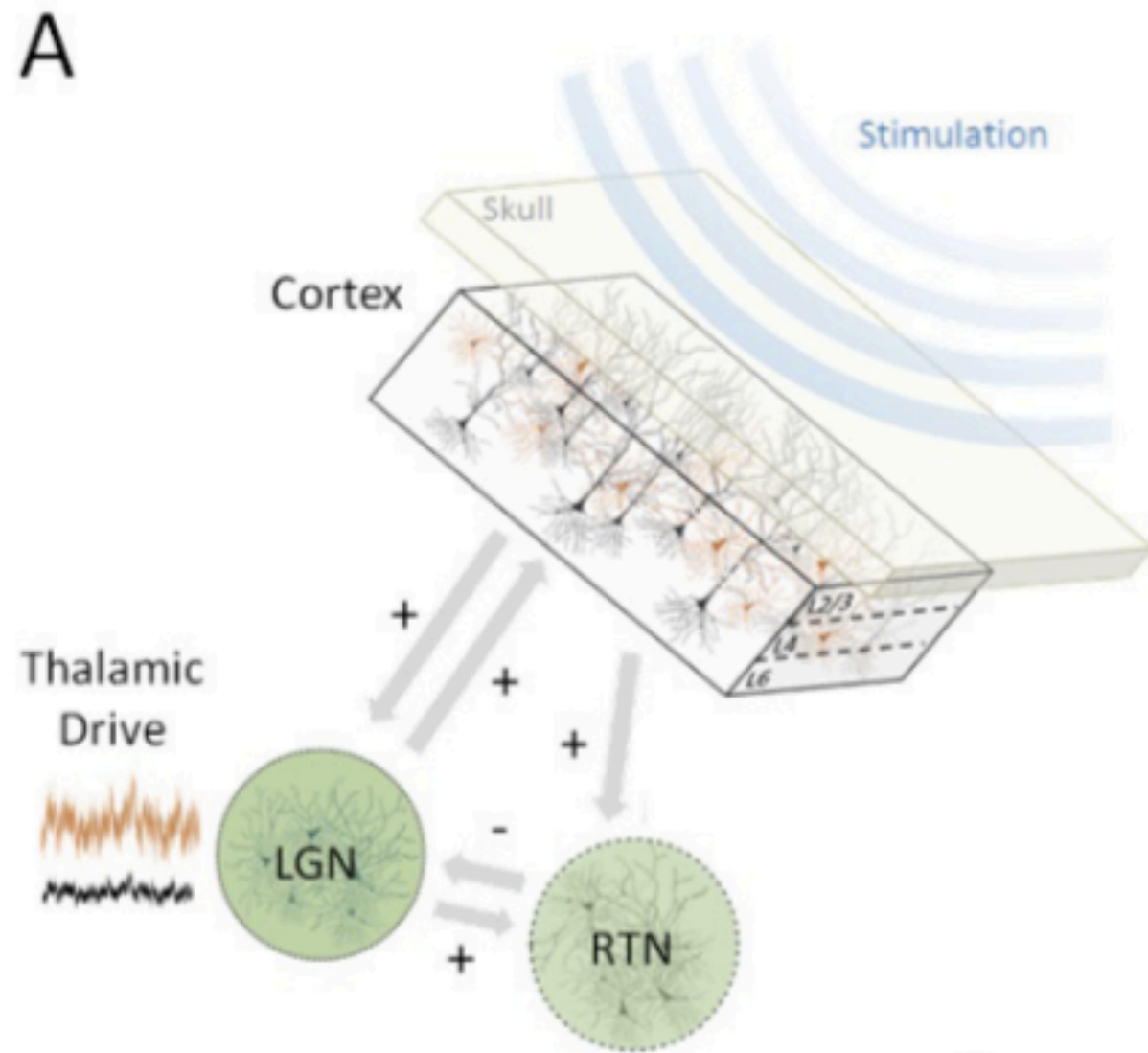
## Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS)



monopolar stimulation with 130 Hz

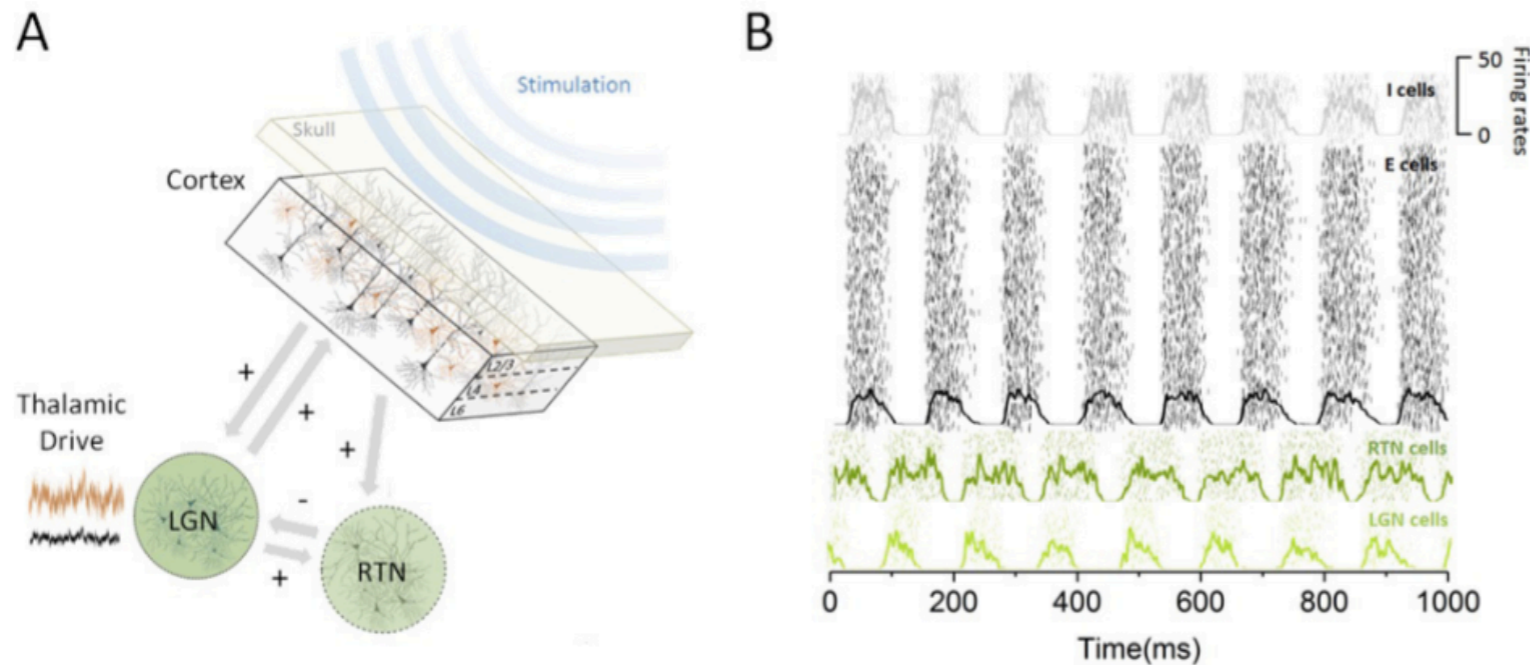
(Tinkhauser et al. (2017), Brain 140: 1053–1067)

# Cortical stimulation under task and rest condition



(Lefebvre et al., eLife (2017); doi: <https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.32054>)

# Cortical stimulation under task and rest condition



evolution equations of each area:

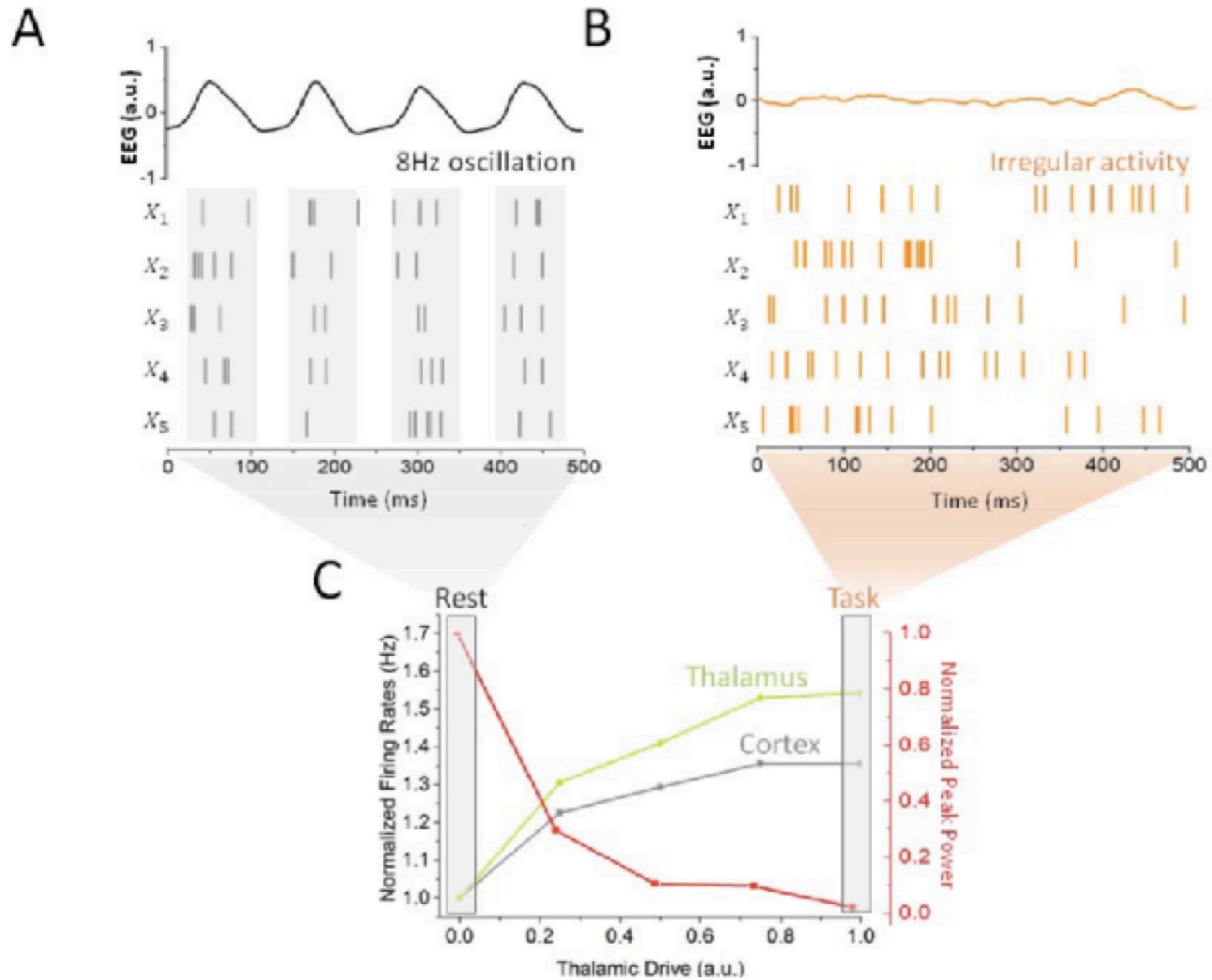
$$\alpha_n^{-1} \frac{du_n^j(t)}{dt} = -u_n^j(t) + b v_n^j(t) + \sum_m S_{nm}(t) + I_n + \sqrt{2D_n} \xi_n^j(t) + S_{e,i}(t)$$

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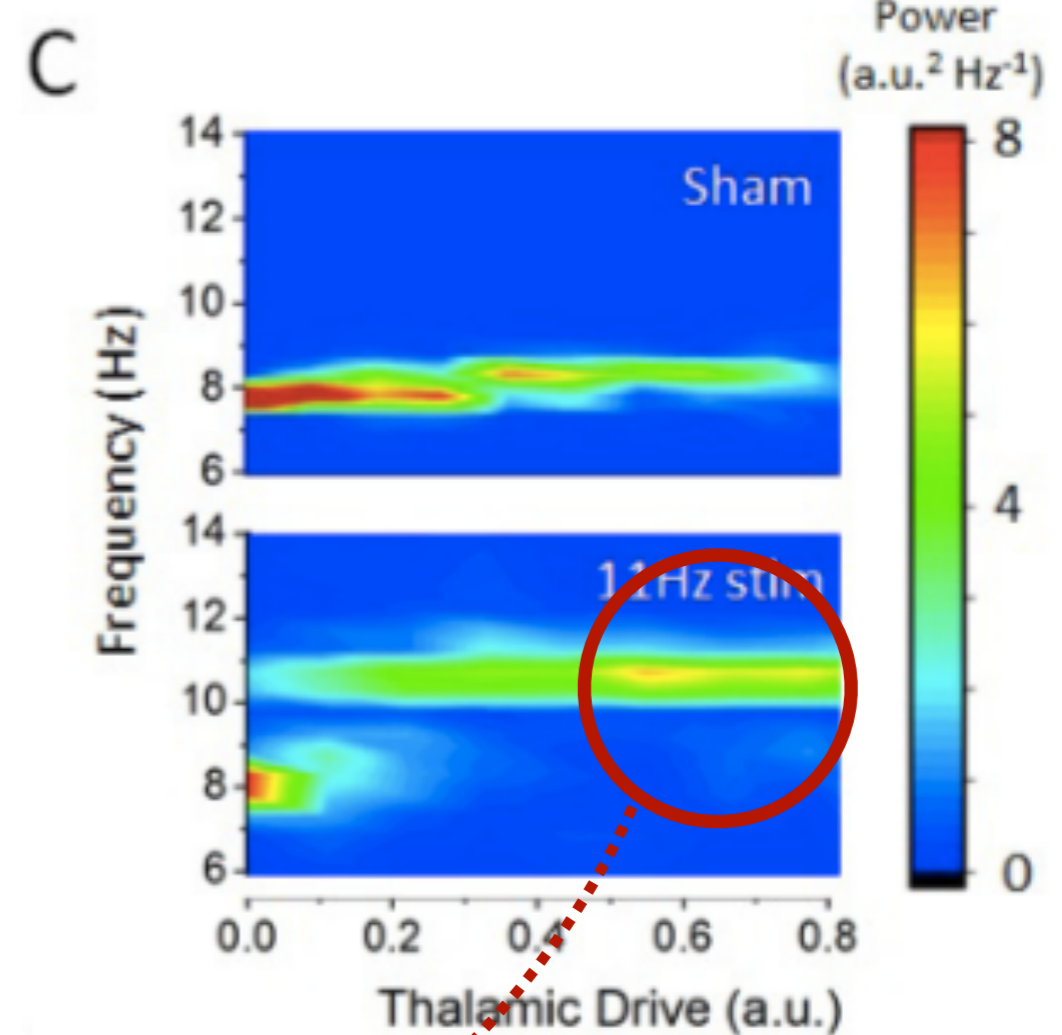
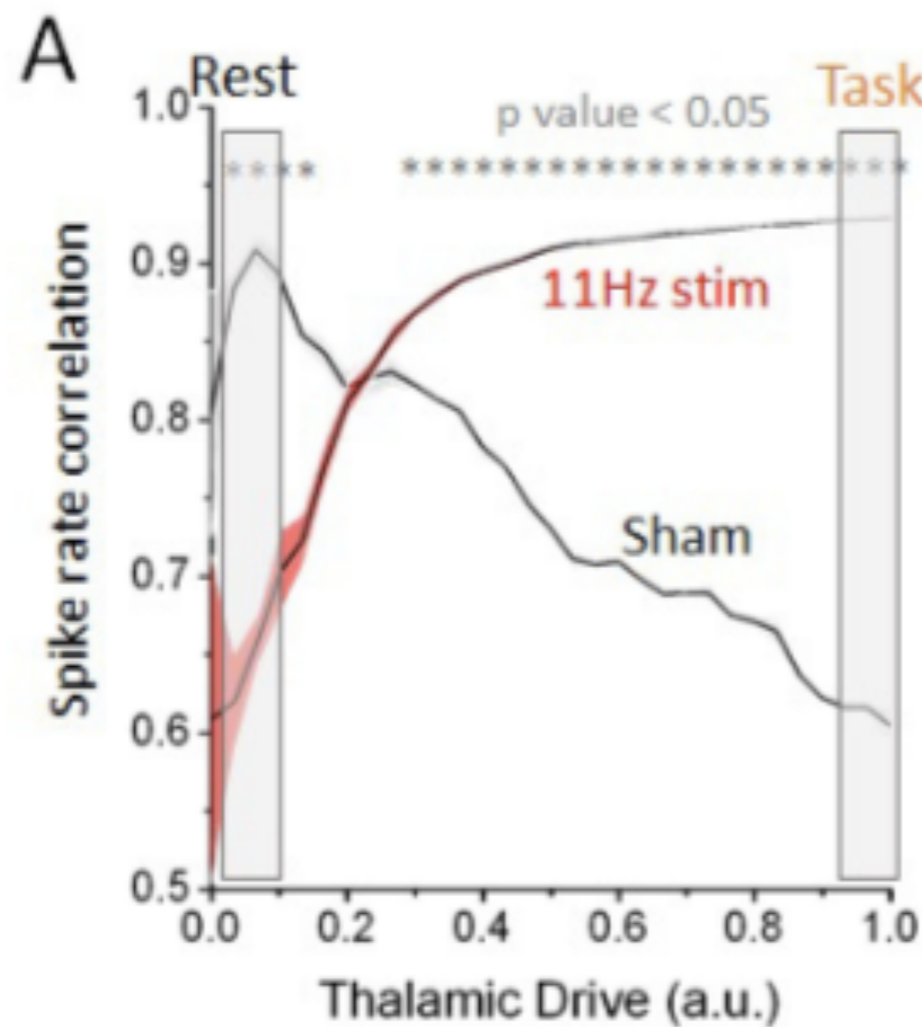


# no cortical stimulation



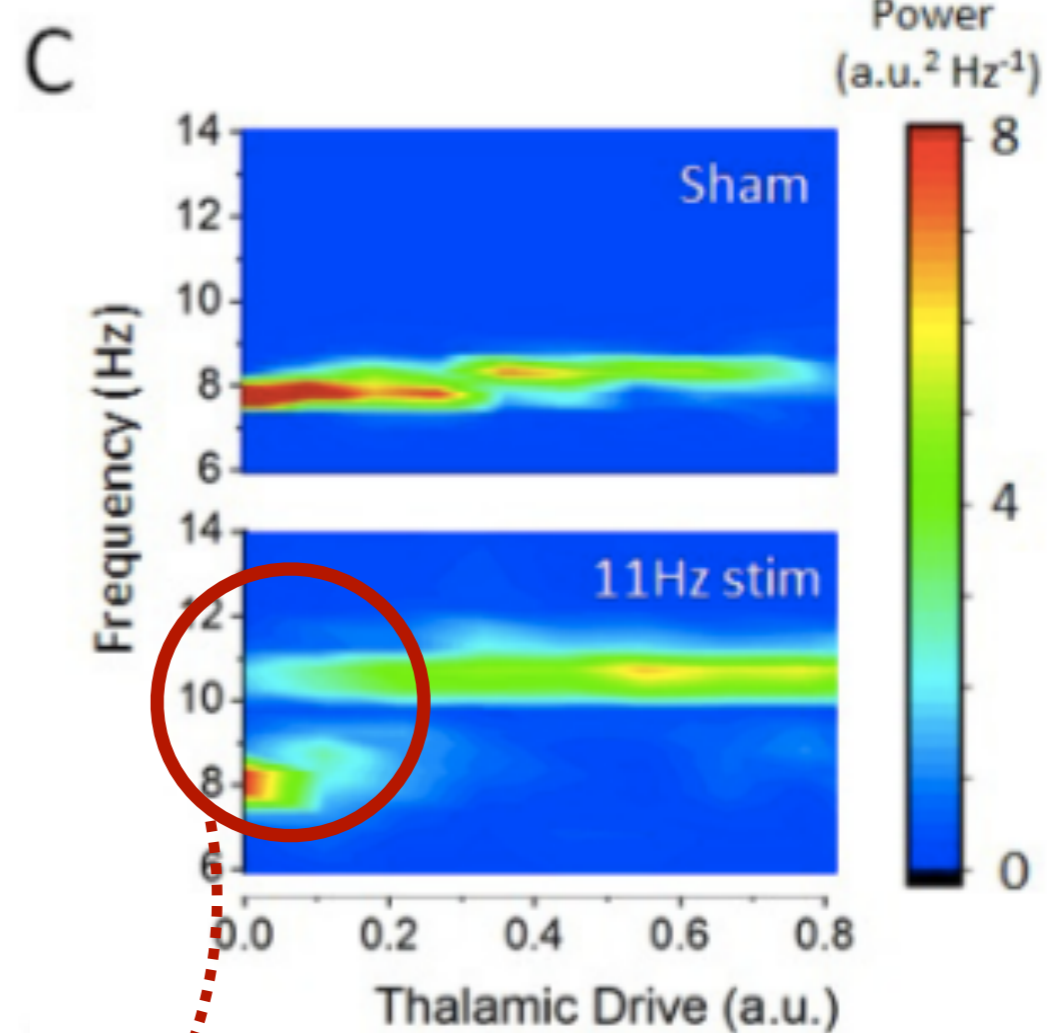
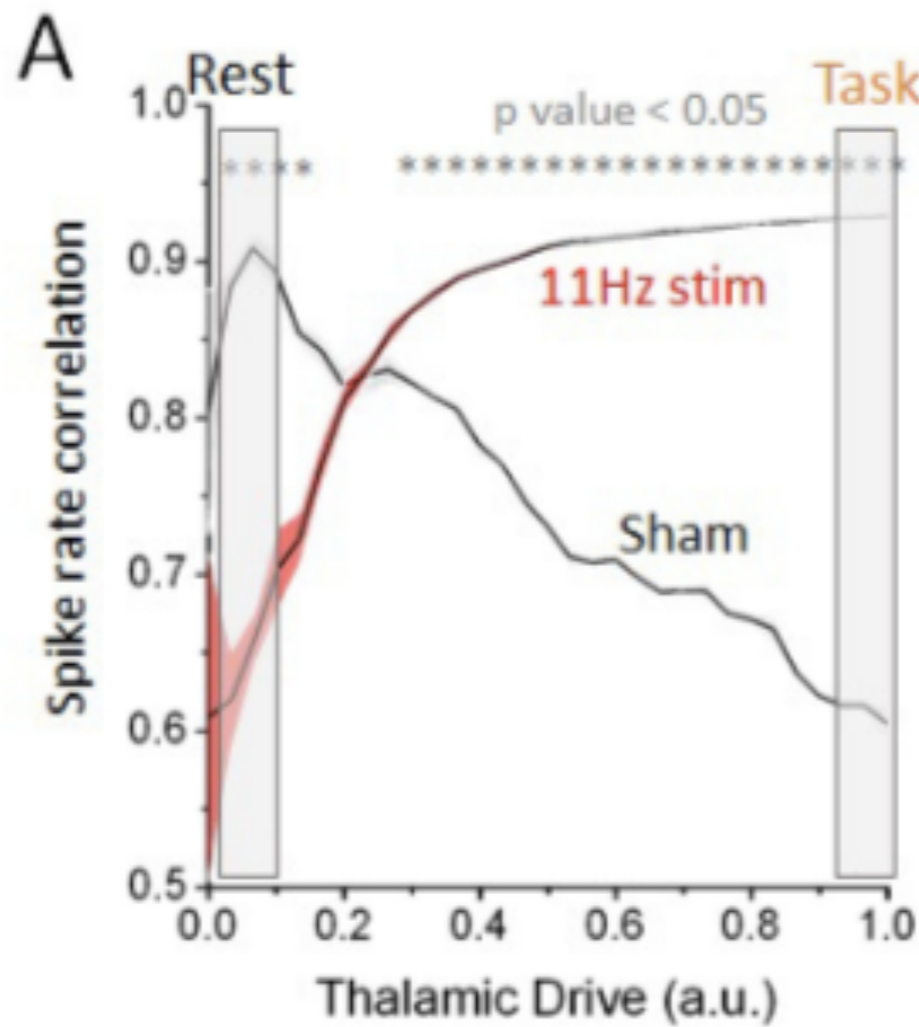
**thalamic noise stimulation desynchronizes EEG**

## cortical stimulation with 11Hz



**thalamic noise stimulation  
enhances EEG at stimulation frequency**

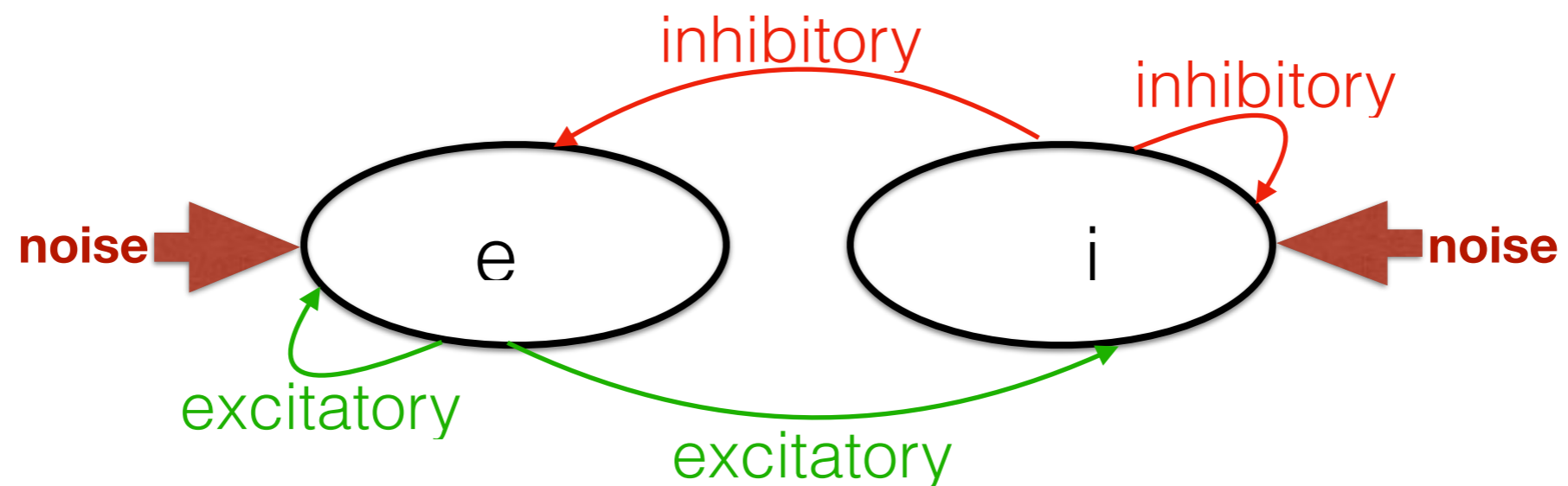
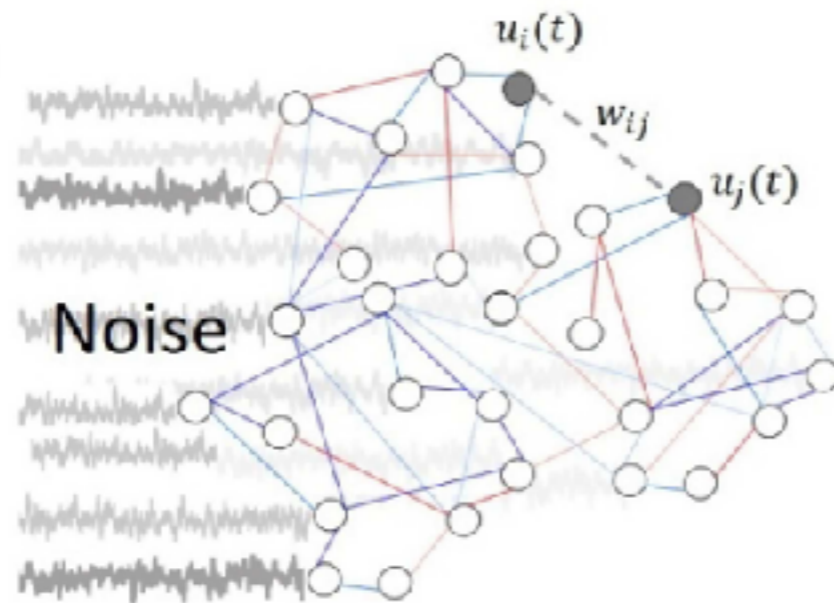
## cortical stimulation with 11Hz



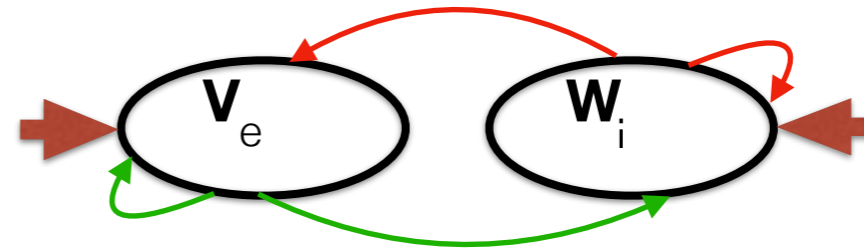
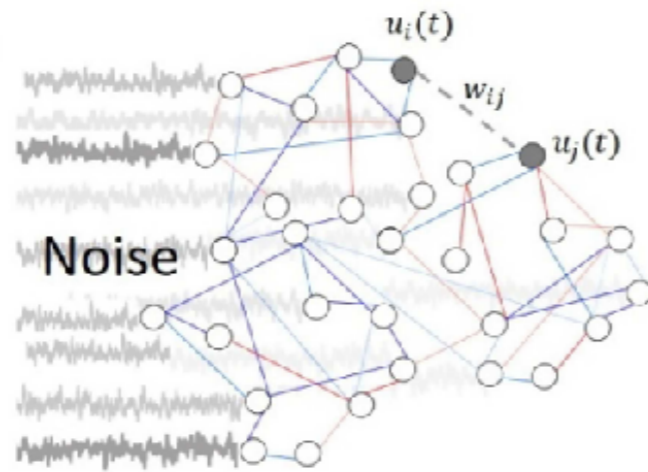
**clinical finding: no stimulus response observed in certain patients**



# Analytical description of stochastic stimulation



( A. Hutt, J. Lefebvre, D. Hight and H. Kaiser,, [Frontiers in Applied Mathematics and Statistics 5:69 \(2020\)](#) )

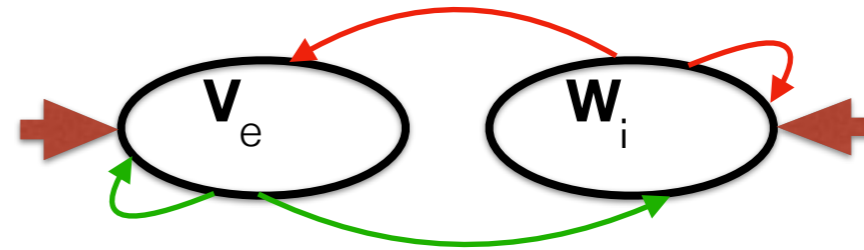
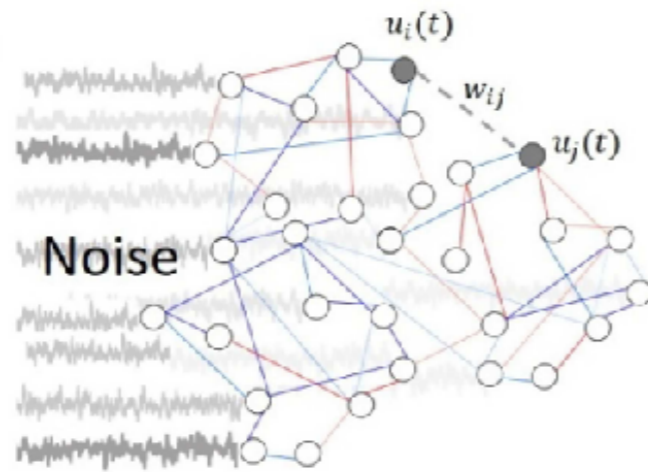


**model:**

$$\hat{L}V_n = \sum_{m=1}^N F_{nm}h_1[V_m] - \sum_{m=1}^N M_{nm}h_2[W_m] + I_0^{(1)} + \xi_n^{(1)}(t)$$

$$\hat{L}W_n = - \sum_{m=1}^N F_{nm}h_2[W_m] + \sum_{m=1}^N M_{nm}h_1[V_m] + I_0^{(2)} + \xi_n^{(2)}(t)$$

$$\hat{L} = \frac{d}{dt} + 1 \quad h_1, h_2 \begin{cases} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{cases}$$



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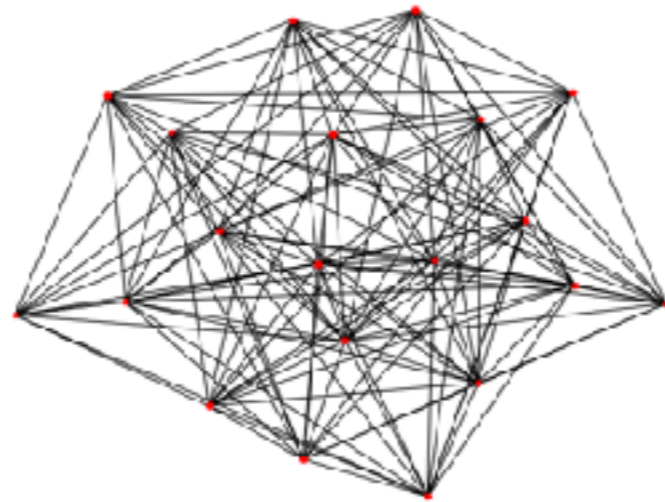
**uncorrelated noise**

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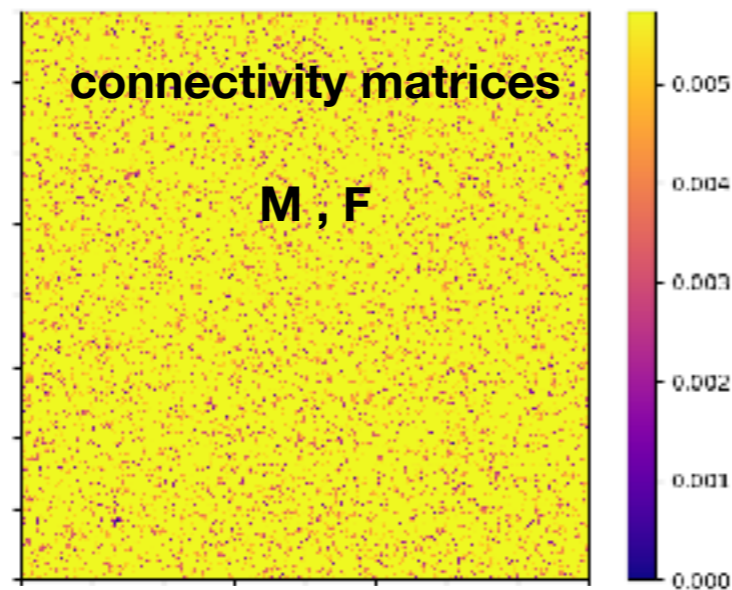
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## connection matrices

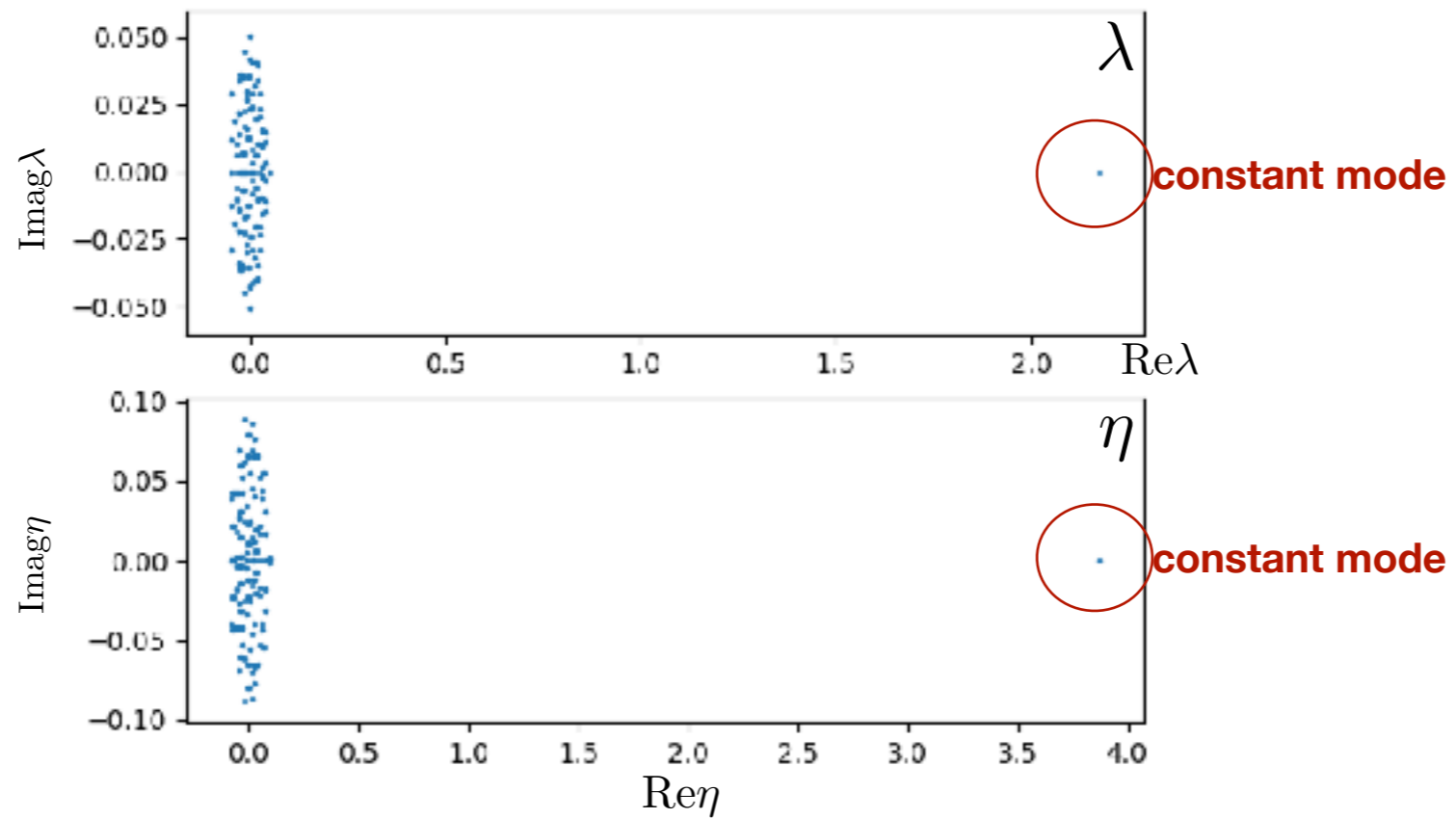


**Erdős-Rényi network**  
with connection probability  $c=0.95$



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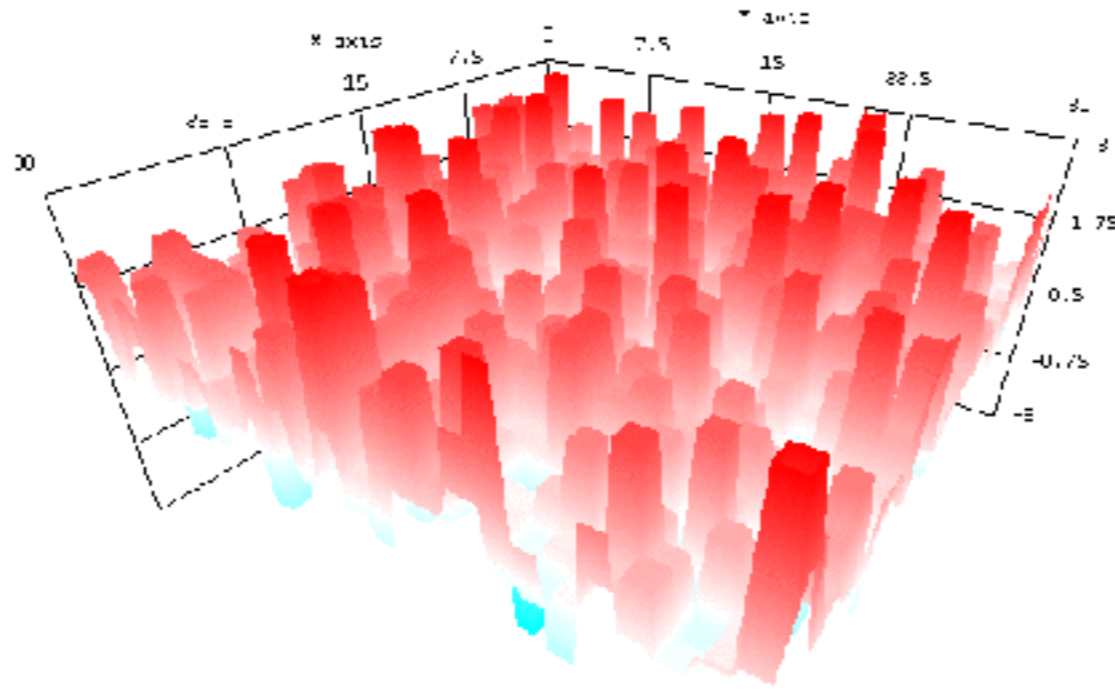
## connection kernel spectra



$$\mathbf{v}^t \mathbf{K} = \lambda \mathbf{v}^t$$

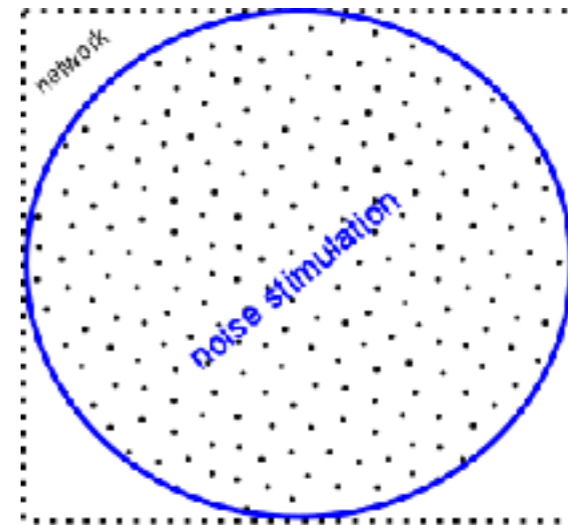
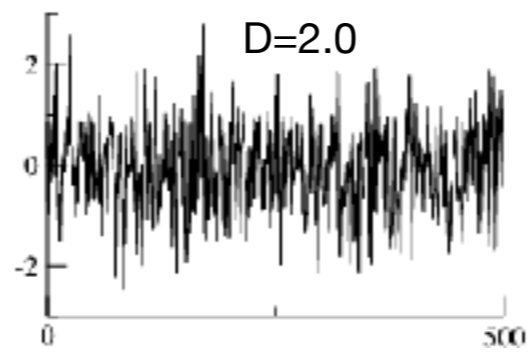
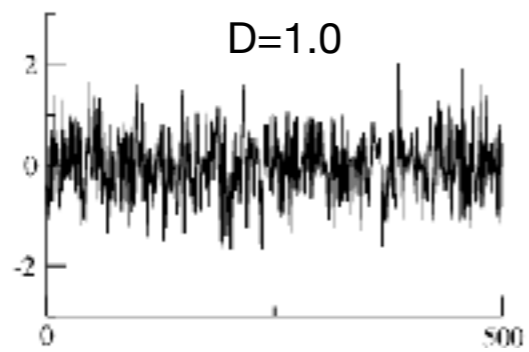
$$\mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{M} = \eta \mathbf{w}^t$$

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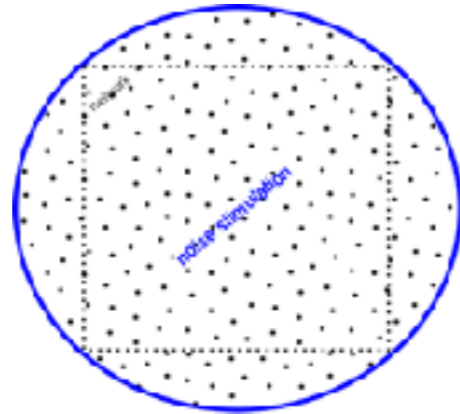


$$\xi_n^{(1)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, D)$$

$$\xi_n^{(2)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.5)$$



analysis:



$$V_n(t) = \bar{V}(t) + v_n(t)$$

$$W_n(t) = \bar{W}(t) + w_n(t)$$

$$\bar{V} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N V_n, \quad \bar{W} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N W_n$$

mean field dynamics:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{L}\bar{V} &= FS_1(\bar{V}) - MS_2(\bar{W}) + I_1 \\ \hat{L}\bar{W} &= -FS_2(\bar{W}) + MS_1(\bar{V}) + I_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{L}w_n &= \xi_n^{(2)}(t) \\ \hat{L}v_n &= \xi_n^{(1)}(t) \end{aligned}$$

stationary probability density:

$$\rho_v = \mathcal{N}(0, D)$$

$$\rho_w = \mathcal{N}(0, 0.5)$$

Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

if  $E[FH(\bar{V} + v)] \approx E[F] \cdot E[H(\bar{V} + v)]$

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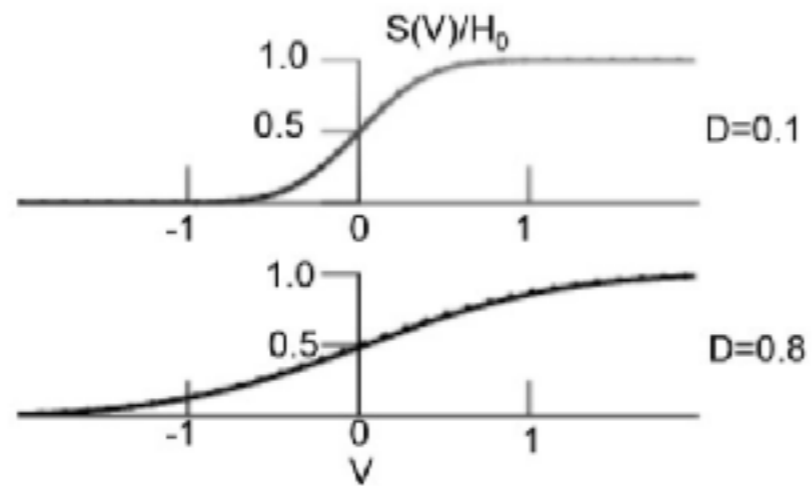
## additive noise tunes transfer function

$$S_1(\bar{V}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_1(\bar{V} + v)\rho_v(v)dv$$

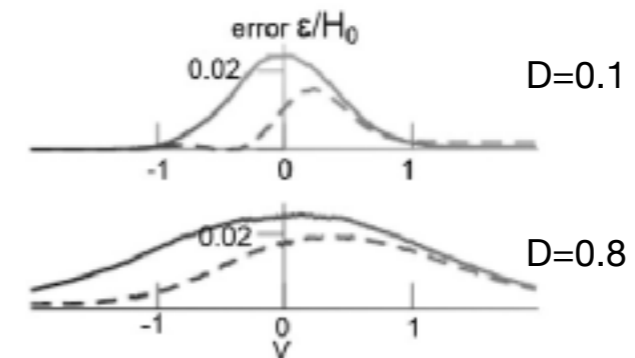
$$\rho_v = \mathcal{N}(0, D)$$

$$S_2(\bar{W}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_2(\bar{W} + w)\rho_w(w)dw$$

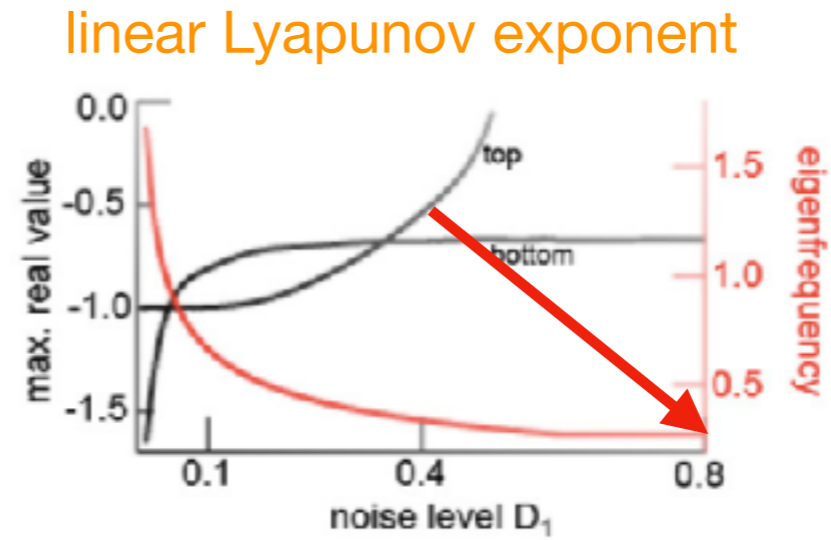
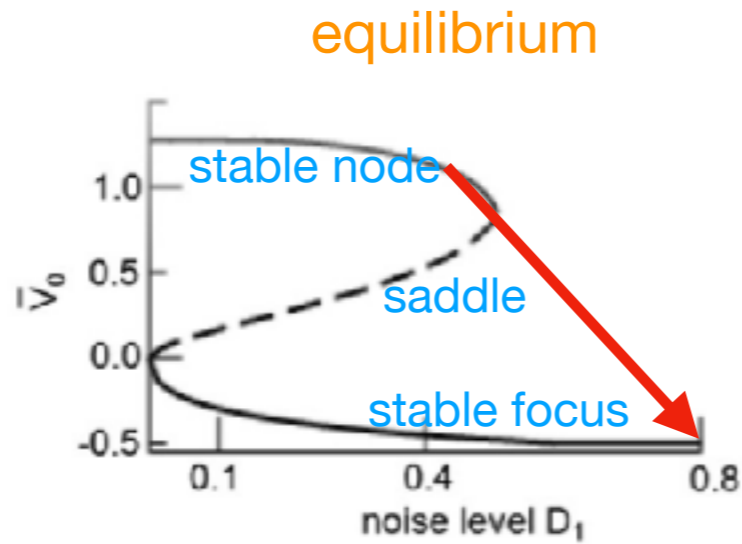
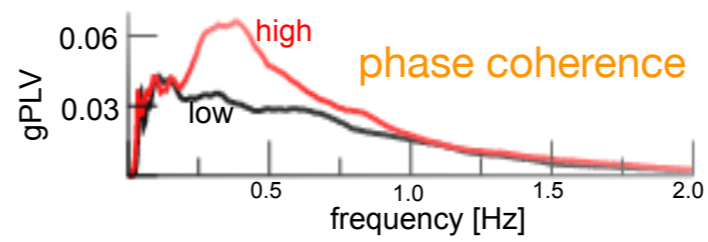
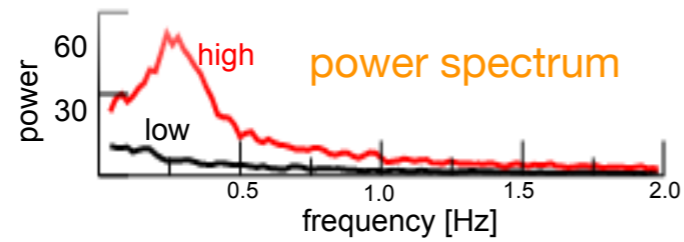
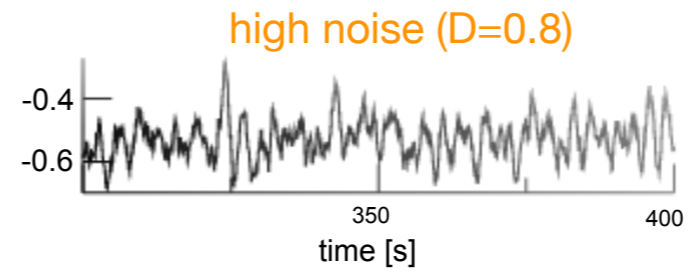
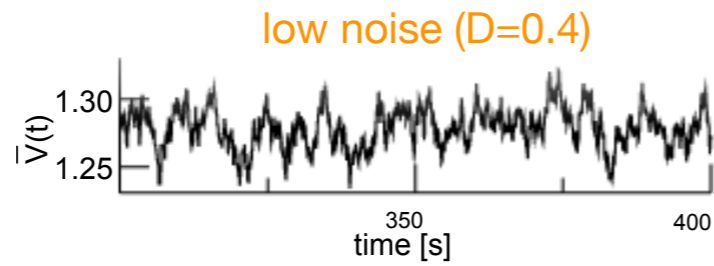
$$\rho_w = \mathcal{N}(0, 0.5)$$



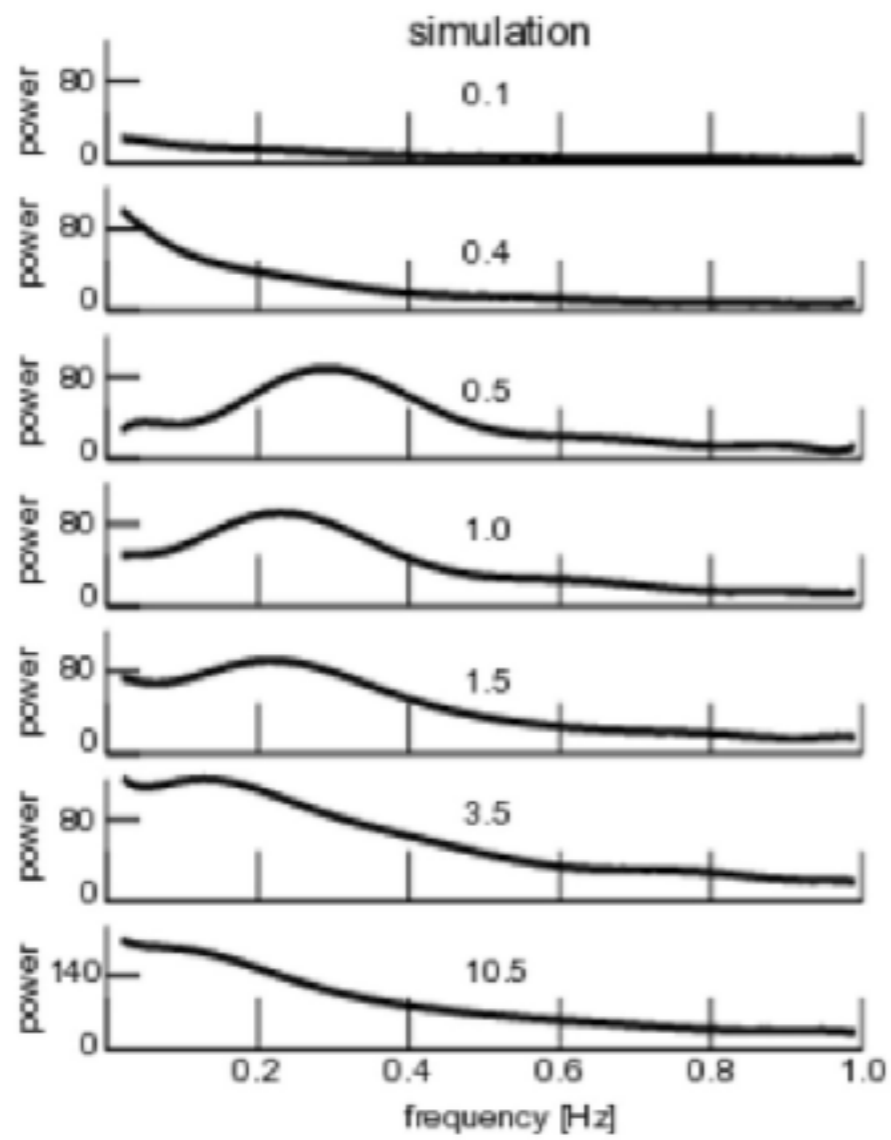
**the stronger the noise,  
the more flat is the transfer function**



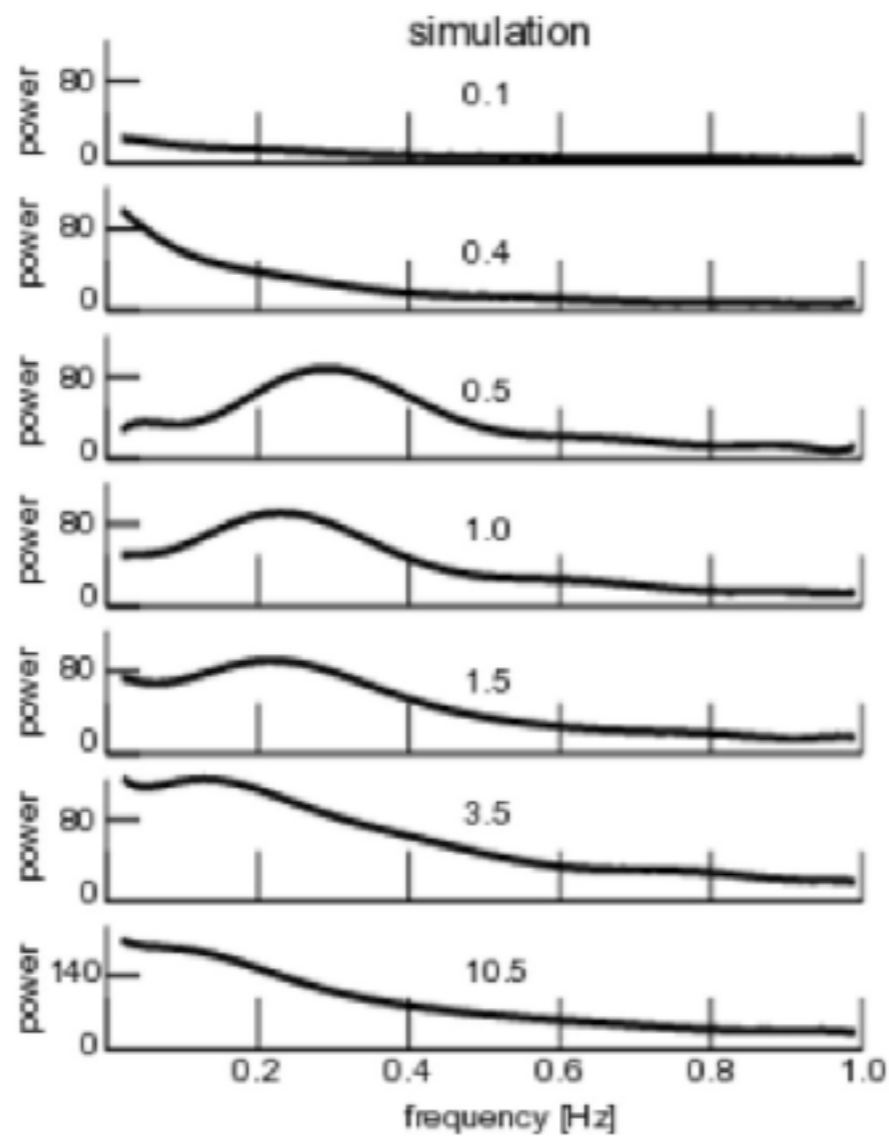




## link to coherence resonance



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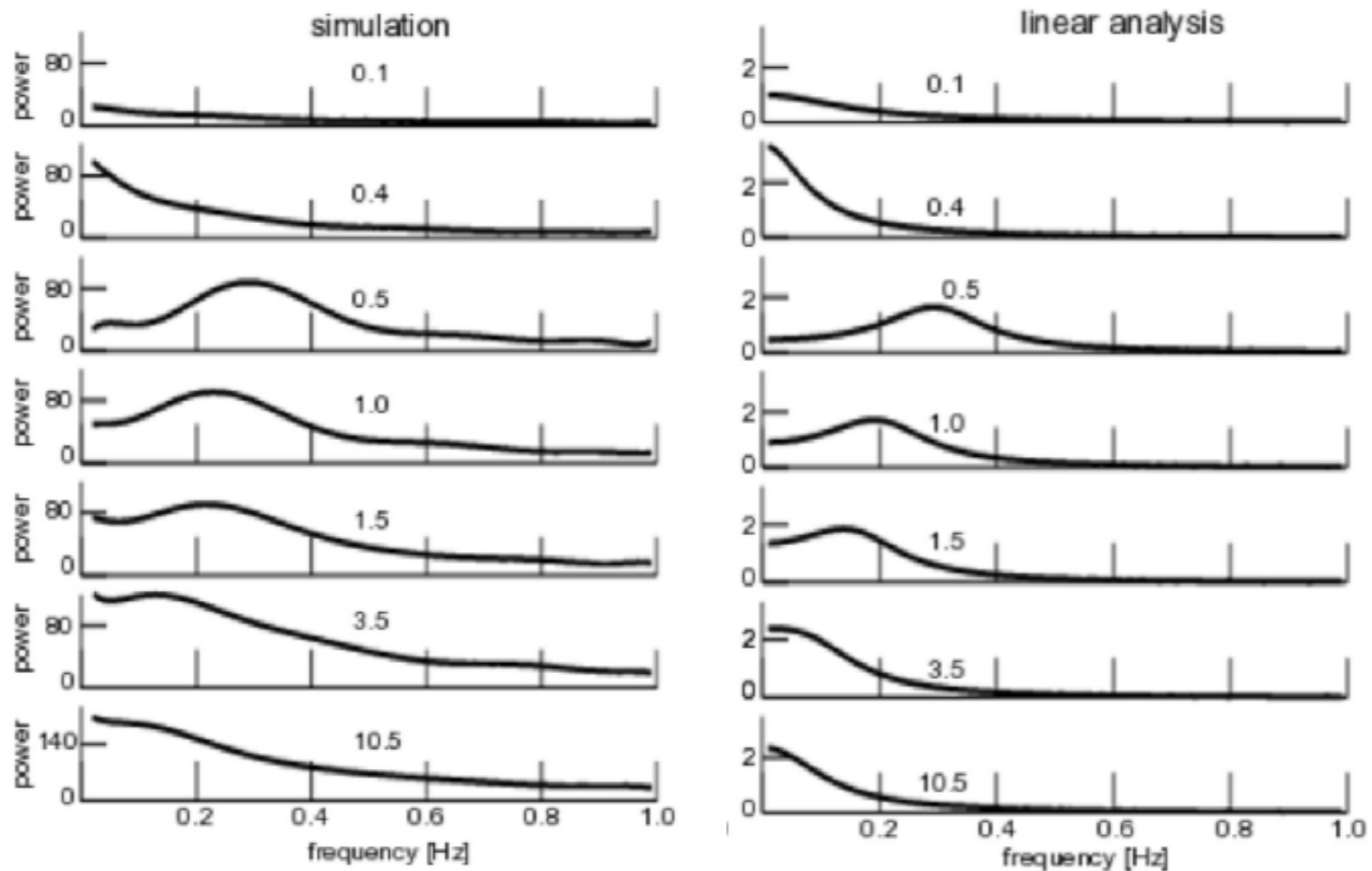


analytical linear power spectrum

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 + FS'_1(\bar{V}_0) & -MS'_2(\bar{W}_0) \\ MS'_1(\bar{V}_0) & -1 - FS'_2(\bar{W}_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R(\nu) = \frac{D_0(L_{22}^2 + L_{12}^2 + 4\pi^2\nu^2)}{4\pi^2(L_{11} + L_{22})^2\nu^2 + (\det\mathbf{L} - 4\pi^2\nu^2)^2}$$

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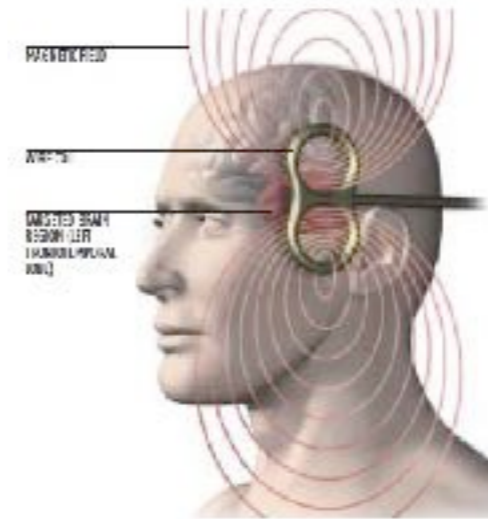
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**what are analog drugs and digital drugs ?**





Alzheimer disease medication  
(F. Blanc, iCube Strasbourg)



rTMS

psychedelic drugs  
inducing trance  
LSD, mescaline



binaural beats (*digital drug*)

anaesthetic drugs  
(D. Hight, University Hospital Bern)



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# analytical/digital drug

sleep drugs

electro sleep /  
Cranial Electric Stimulation (**CES**)

drugs to relieve

**schizophrenia**

**major depression**

**Alzheimer disease**

repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (**rTMS**)  
transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (**tDCS**)

transcranial Alternating Current Stimulation (**tACS**)

psychedelic drugs

inducing trance

binaural beats

anaesthetic drugs

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television viewing in children



## Action Exploratoire

sleep drugs

electro sleep /  
Cranial Electric Stimulation (CES)

drugs to relieve

# A/D Drugs

schizophrenia  
major depression

repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS)  
Neural networks 2 weeks after stimulation  
transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS)  
Neural networks 2 months after stimulation  
cranial Alternating Current Stimulation (tACS)

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Alzheimer disease

psychedelic drugs  
inducing trance

binaural beats

anaesthetic drugs

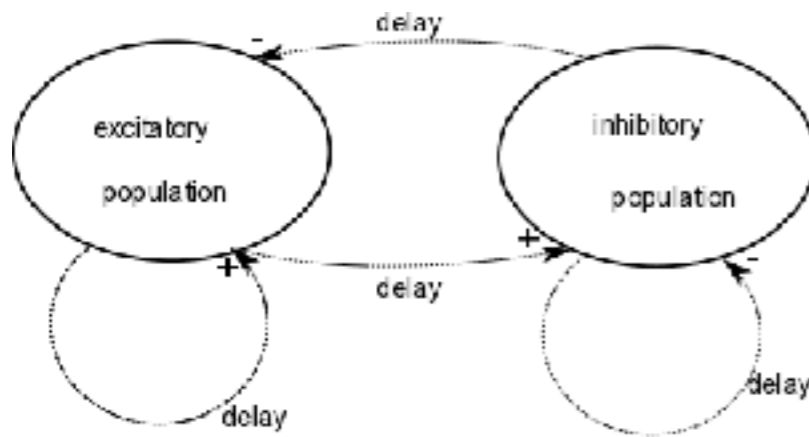
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television viewing in children

**first application**



## reduced cortico-thalamic model

$$\alpha_e^{-1} \frac{dU_e}{dt} = -U_e + bV_e + \bar{W}_{e \rightarrow e} F_e[U_e(t - \tau)] + \bar{W}_{i \rightarrow e} F_i[U_i(t - \tau)] + I_e$$

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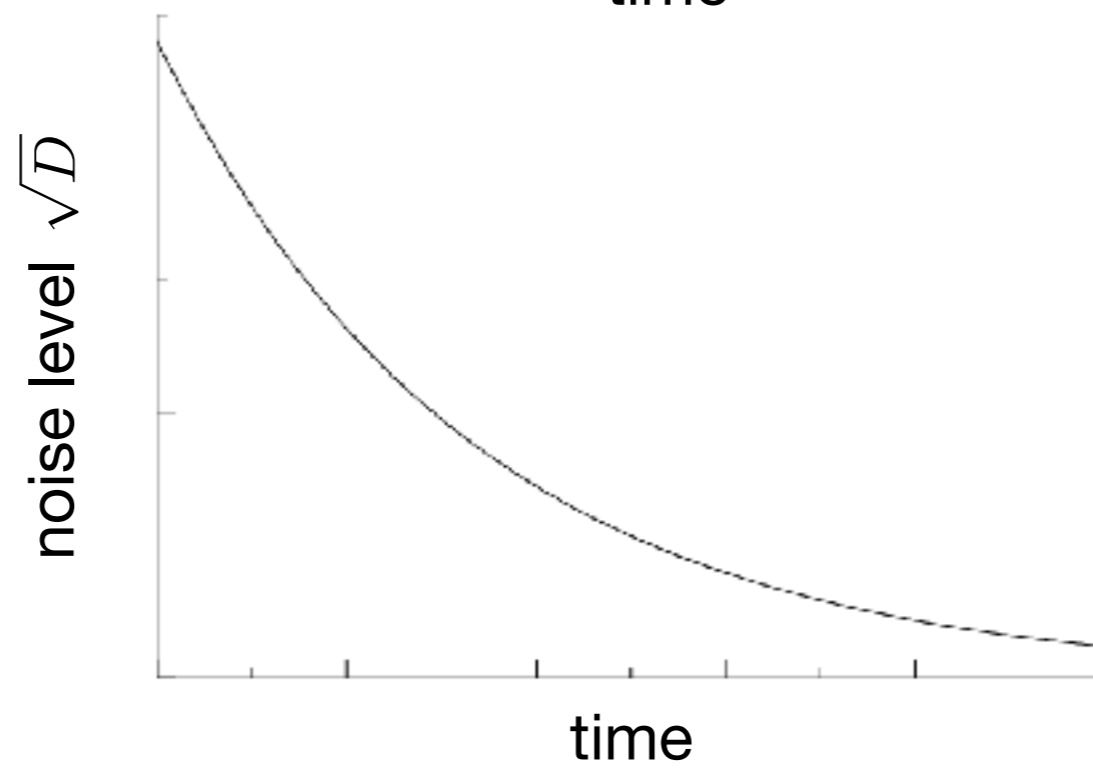
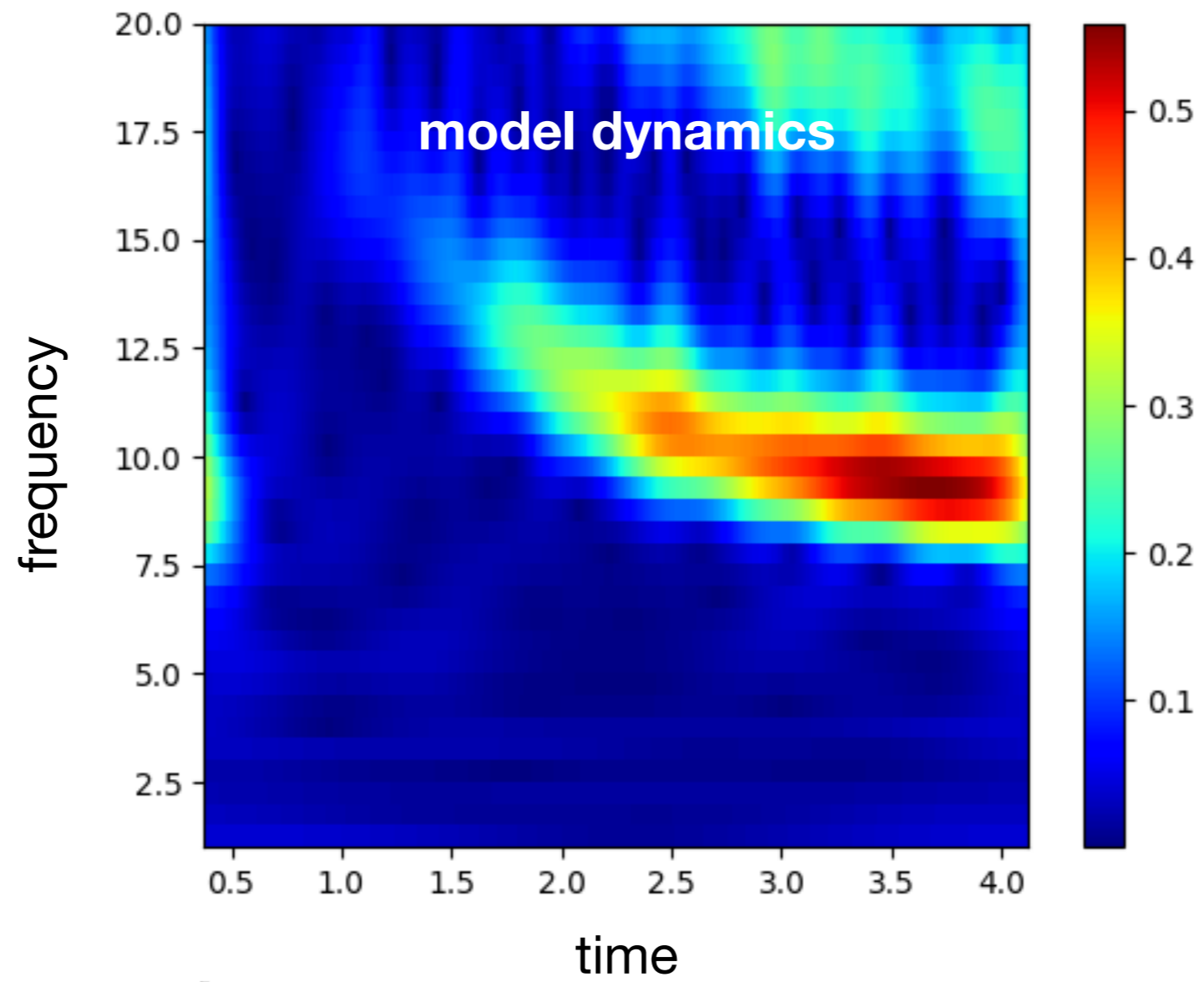
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mathematical model

$$F_k[U] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{U - h}{\sigma_k \sqrt{2}} \right) \right],$$

$$A = \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{a + \lambda_+}{\lambda_+ - \lambda_-}, \quad B = -\sqrt{2\pi} \frac{a + \lambda_-}{\lambda_+ - \lambda_-}$$

$$\sigma_k = -\sqrt{2}D \left( \frac{A^2}{2\lambda_+} + \frac{2AB}{\lambda_+ + \lambda_-} + \frac{B}{2\lambda_-} \right) \quad \lambda_{\pm} = \left( -a_k - \alpha_k \pm \sqrt{(a_k - \alpha_k)^2 + 4ba_k\alpha_k} \right) / 2$$





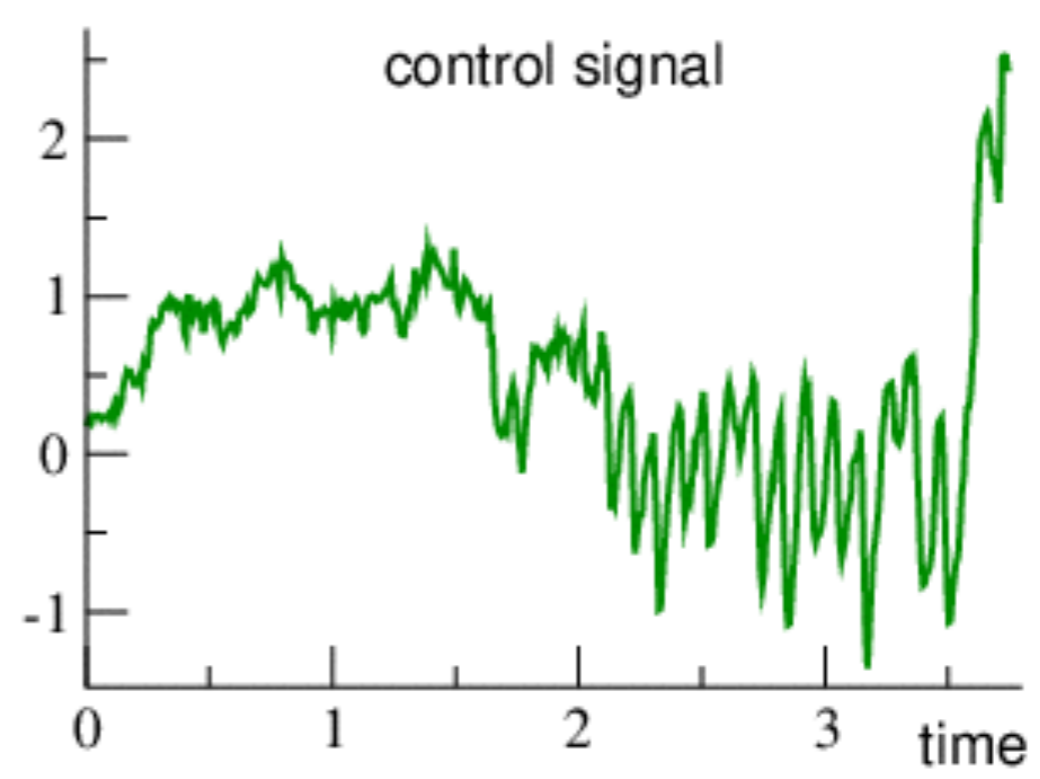
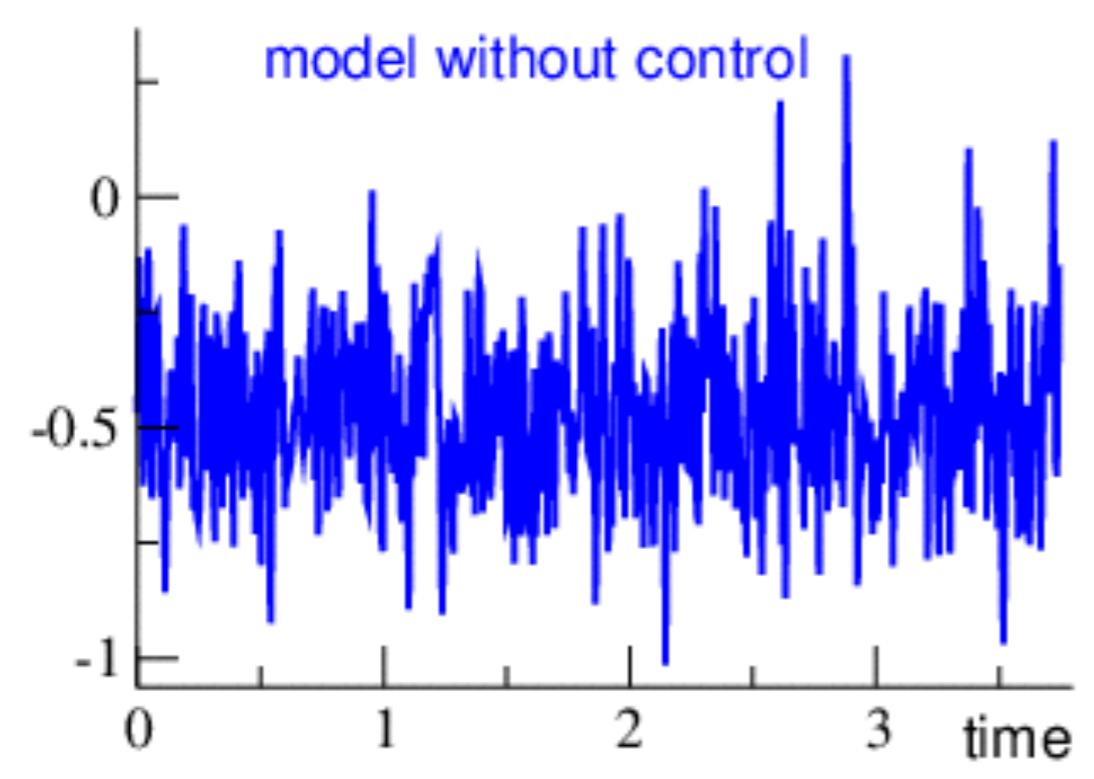
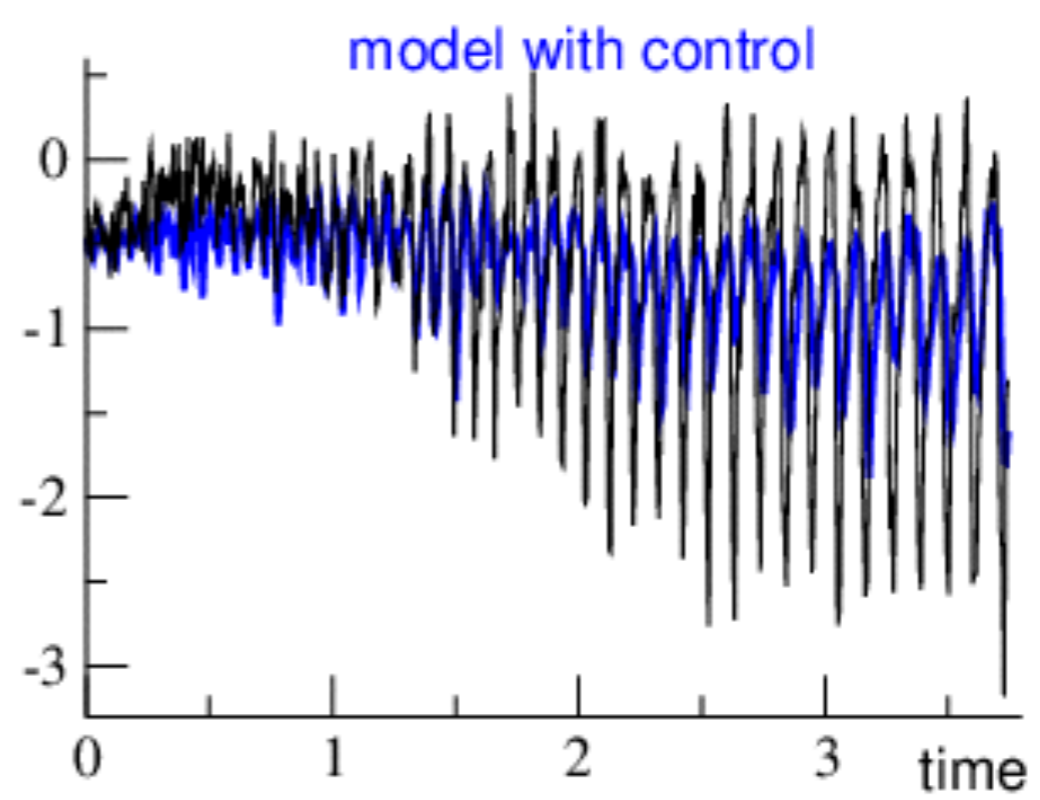
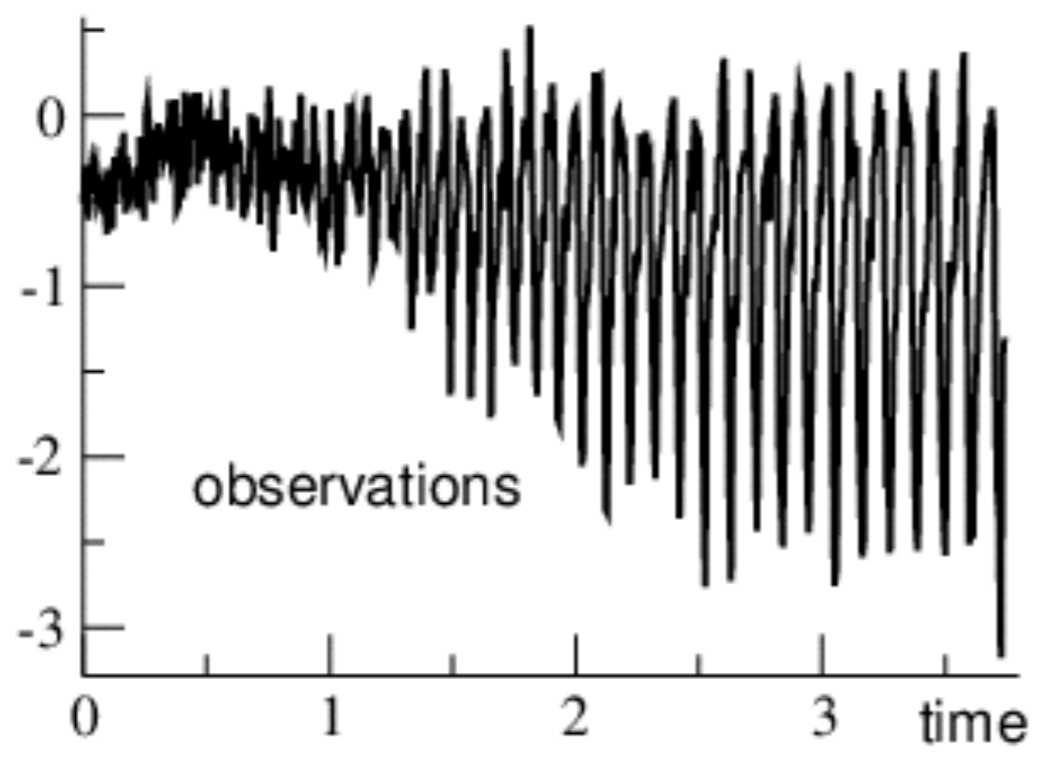
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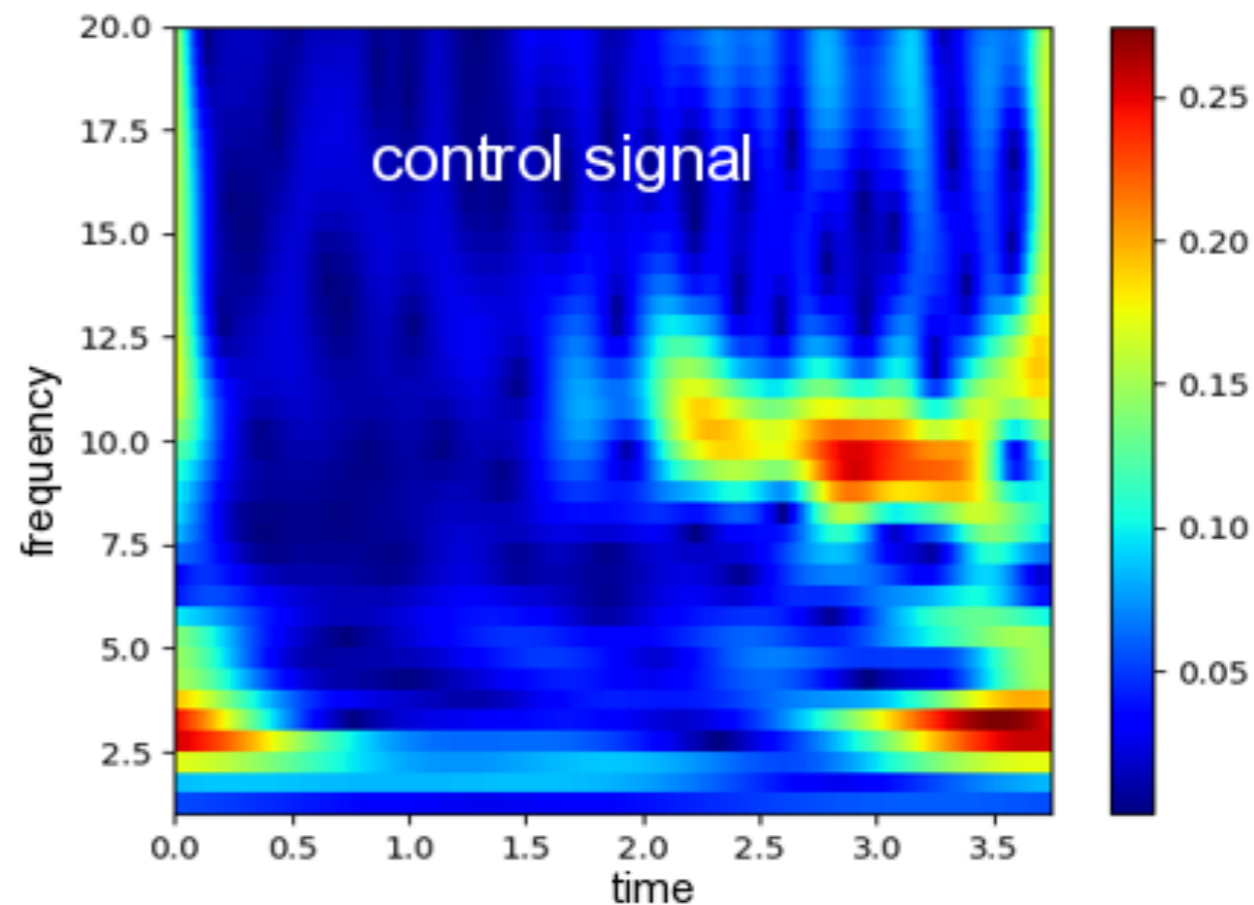
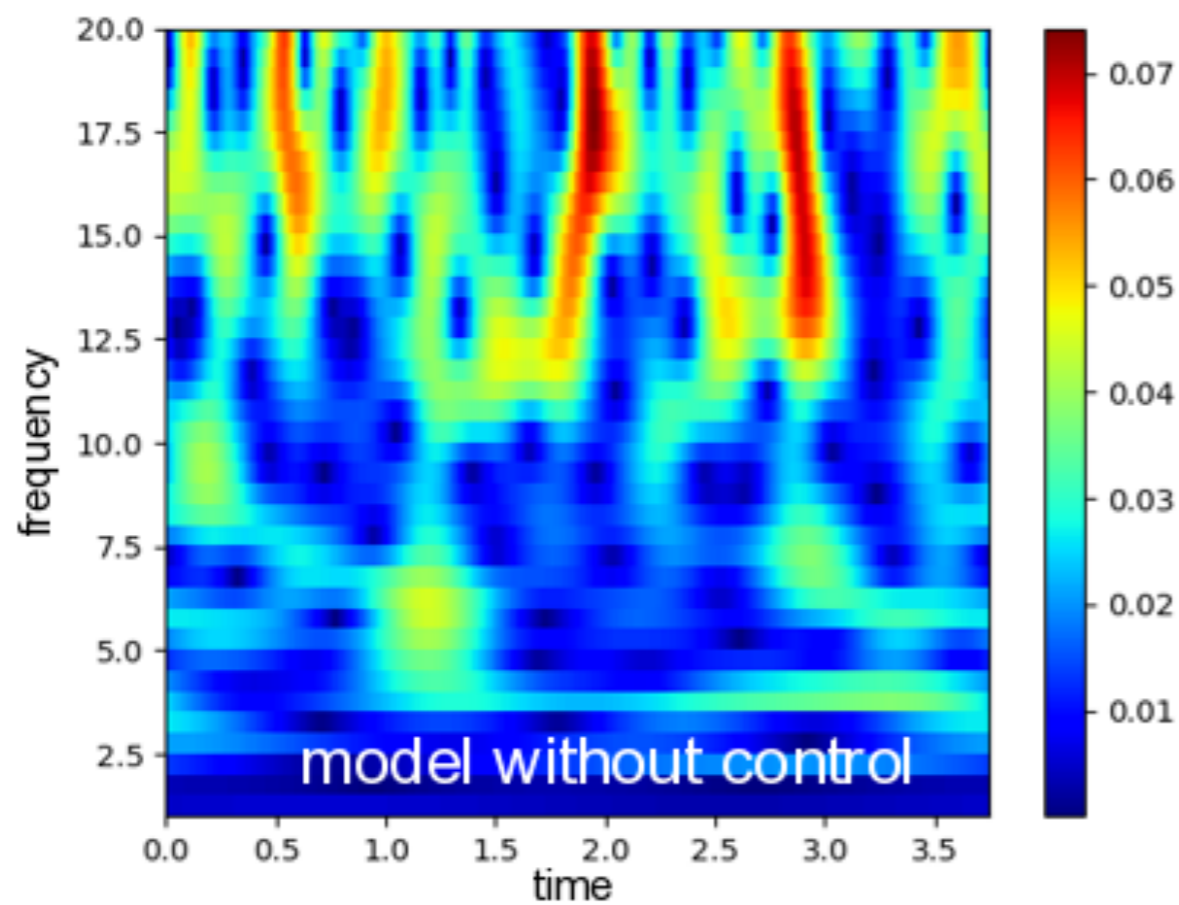
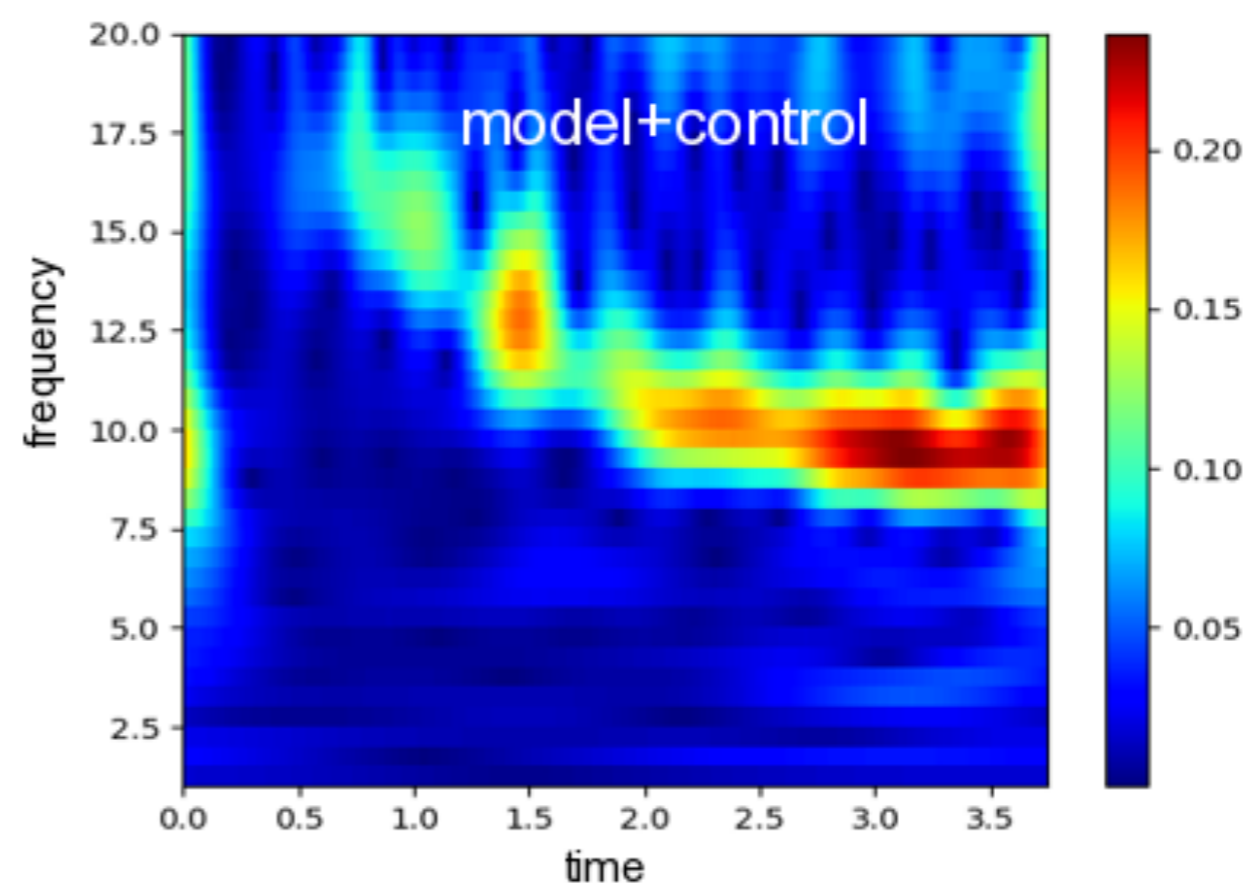
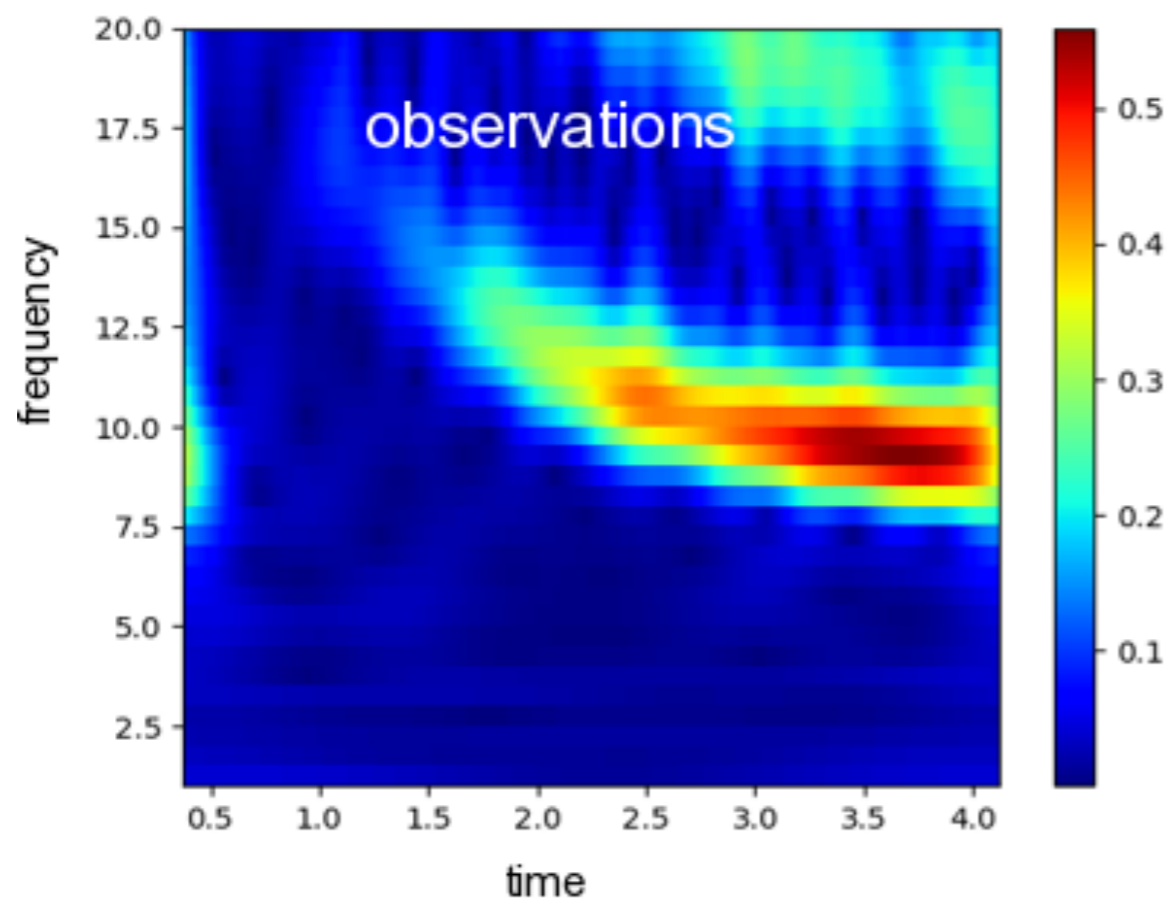
can we stimulate a system in such a way,

that the system evolves similar to observed data ?

### implementation:

- estimate external input  $I_e$  optimally that model dynamics is controlled by observations
- apply ensemble Kalman filter (LETKF)





## Interpretation:

- external stimulus controls system
- model dynamics resembles observations
- controlled system without anaesthesia effect resembles system with anaesthesia effect
- transformation from system under anaesthesia (analog drug) to system under control (digital drug)

**A/D drug transformation**





**Thank you for your attention**