

Week 6 – part 5 : Rate Codes versus Temporal Codes



Neuronal Dynamics: Computational Neuroscience of Single Neurons

Week 6 – Noise models:

Escape noise

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- ✓ **6.2 Interspike interval distribution**
 - Time-dependend renewal process
 - Firing probability in discrete time
- ✓ **6.3 Likelihood of a spike train**
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- ✓ **6.4 Comparison of noise models**
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 - timing codes
 - stochastic resonance

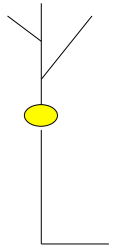
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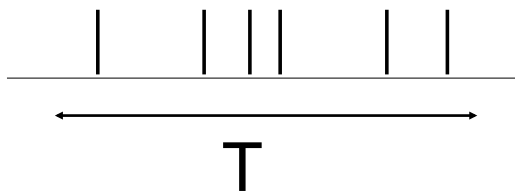
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Neuronal Dynamics – 6.5 Rate codes versus temporal codes

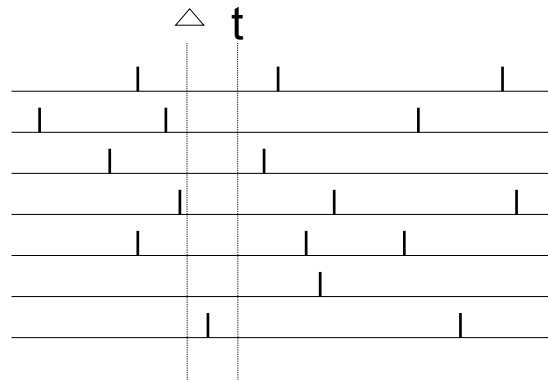
3 rate codes



n_{sp}

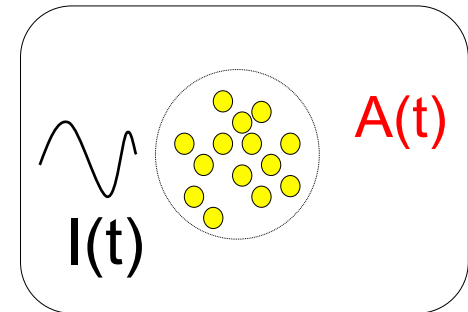


Temporal averaging



$$PSTH(t) = \frac{n(t; t + \Delta t)}{K \Delta t}$$

Trial averaging

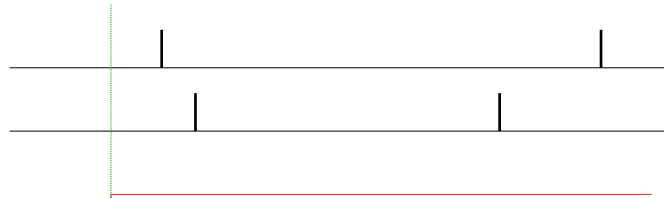


$$A(t) = \frac{n(t; t + \Delta t)}{N \Delta t}$$

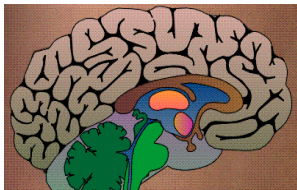
population
averaging

Neuronal Dynamics – 6.5. Temporal codes

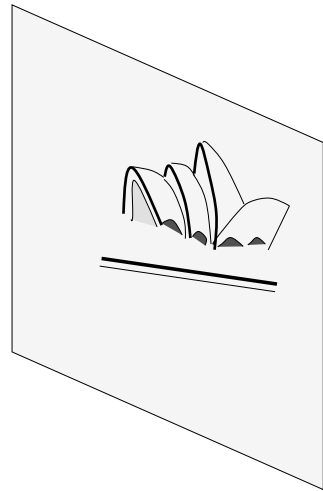
The problem of neural coding: temporal codes



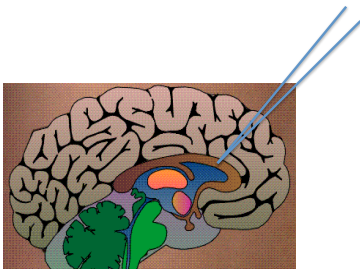
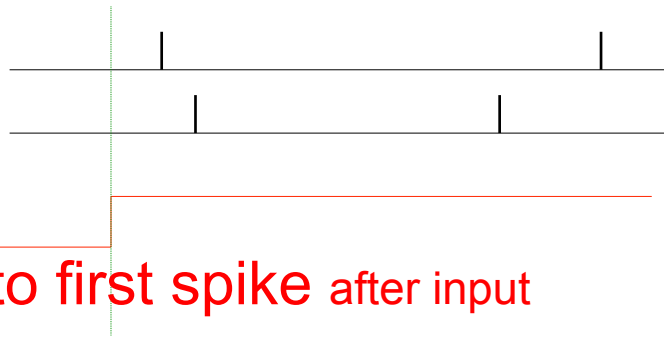
Time to first spike after input



Brain

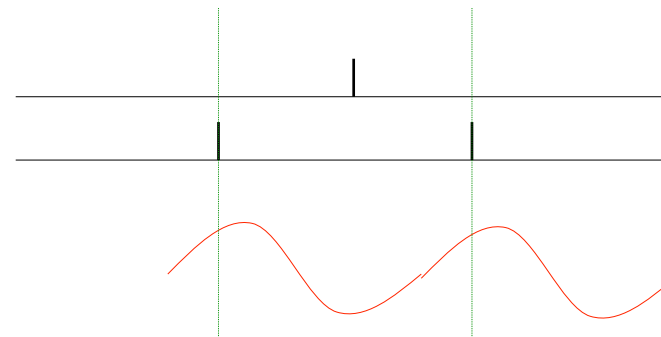


Neuronal Dynamics – 6.5. Temporal codes



Brain

Spike timing codes:
-time-to-first spike
-phase code



Phase with respect to oscillation

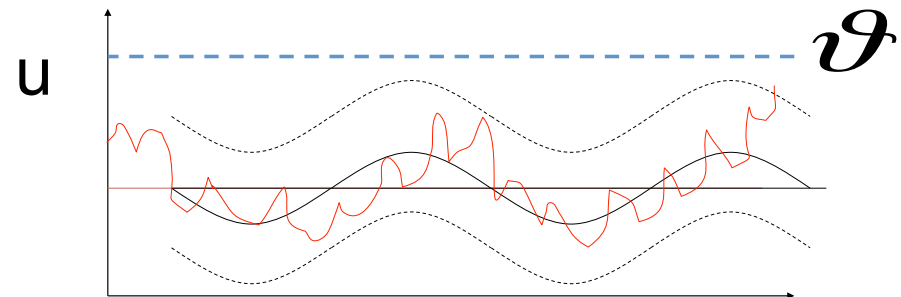
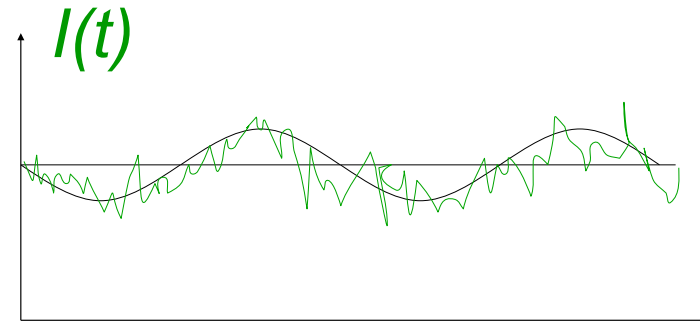
Neuronal Dynamics – 6.5. Stochastic Resonance

Stochastic Resonance: changing the noise level

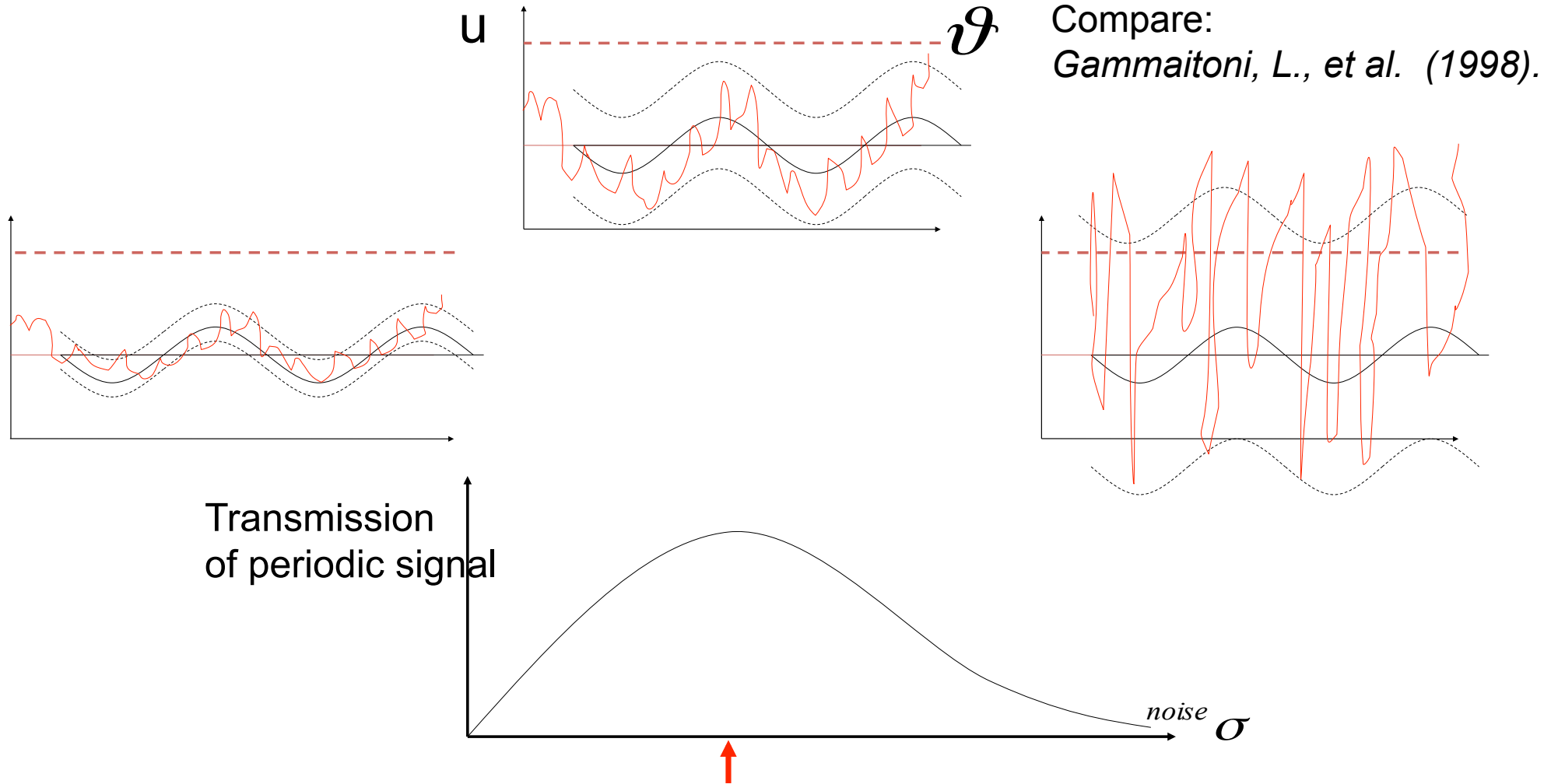
$$I(t) = I_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

$$I^{noise}(t) = \sigma \xi(t)$$

Sinusoidal input
+ noise
+ threshold



Neuronal Dynamics – 6.5. Stochastic Resonance



Neuronal Dynamics – 6.5 Rate codes versus temporal codes

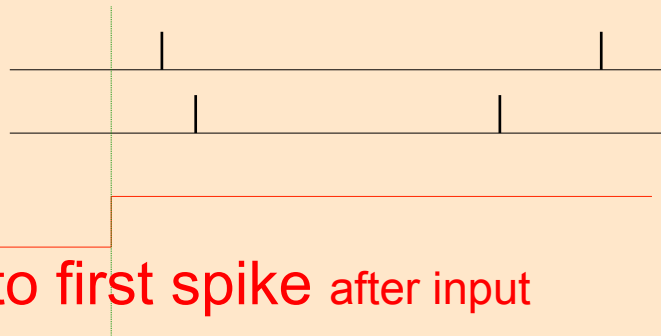
-Rate codes

- population rate

-Temporal Codes

- time-to-first spike
- phase of spike
- stochastic resonance

Neuronal Dynamics – Homework assignment 6.2



Time to first spike after input

With deterministic model

With Poisson model

With noisy IF (escape noise)

Neuronal Dynamics weeks 5+6 – References and Suggested Reading

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