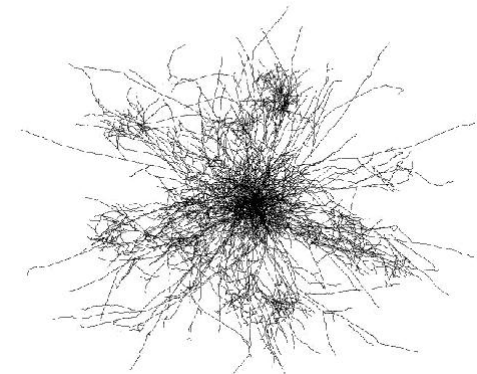
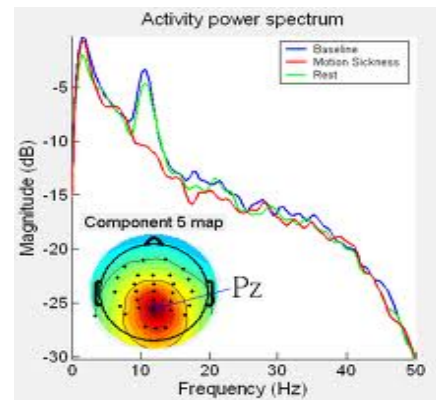
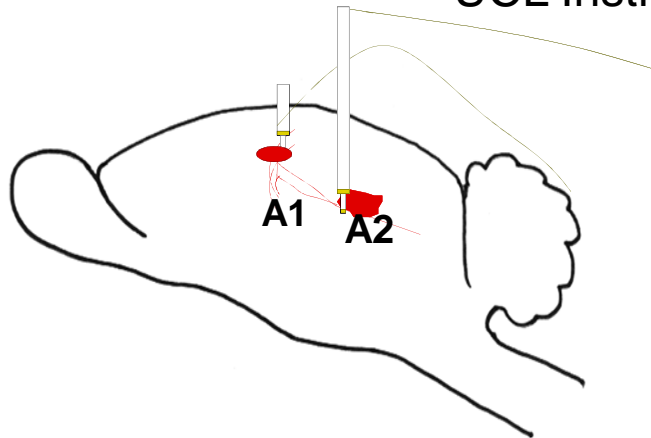


Dynamic Causal Modelling for Steady State Responses

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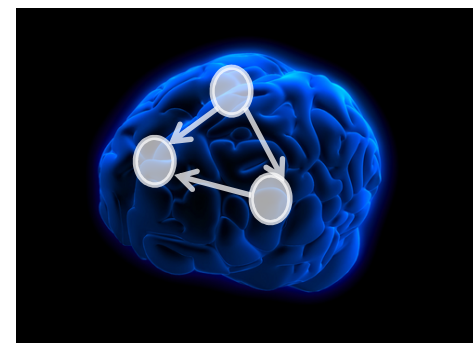


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Dynamic Causal Modelling for SSR

A framework which uses Bayesian techniques to fit differential equations to steady – state data. It allows for comparison between competing models of brain architecture and furnishes estimates for parameters that are not measured directly by exploiting electrophysiological data.

Although it is based on sophisticated models from computational neuroscience, its application is straightforward and does not require mathematical training.

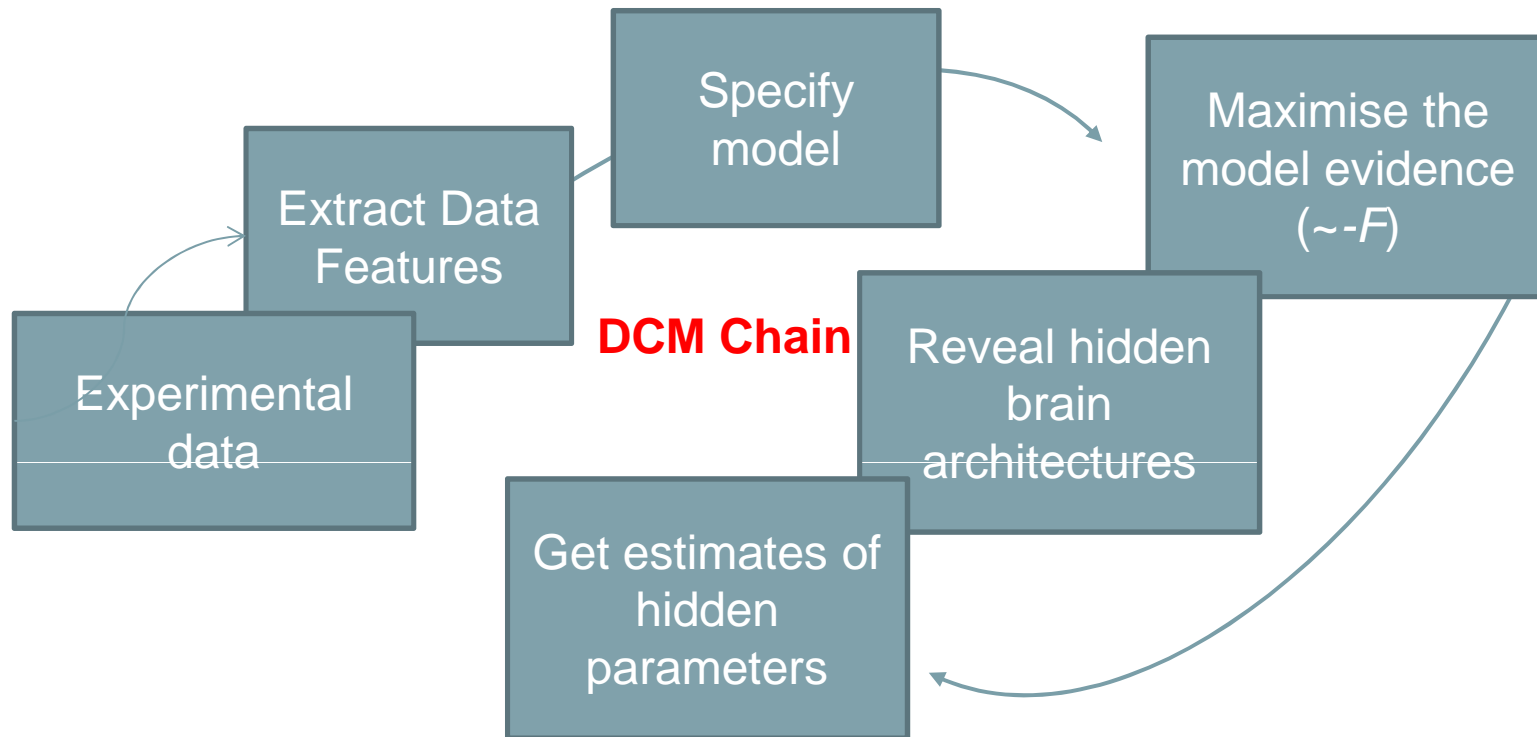


- Brain activity retains similar statistical features (e.g.variance) and frequency content across measurement period
- Cannot describe nonlinear coupling between frequencies →next talk

Advantages:

- Summarize activity in a compact way - no need to fit long time series (computationally expensive)
- Describe brain function in terms of a **characteristic frequency** associated with the task under study

3. Which steps do we take when using DCM for SSR?



4. Where has DCM for SSR been applied ?

❑ DCM for SSR

(Moran et al., Neuroimage, 2009)

❑ Anaesthesia:

Anaesthetic Depth in Rodents

(Moran et al., Plos One, 2011)

❑ Dopamine in working memory

(Moran et al., Current Biol., 2011)

❑ Beta oscillations in PD

(Moran et al., Plos CB, 2011)

(Marreiros – yesterday's talk)

❑ Sleep and Coma

(Boly et al., Science, 2011,

J Neuro, 2012)

❑ ***Extension:***

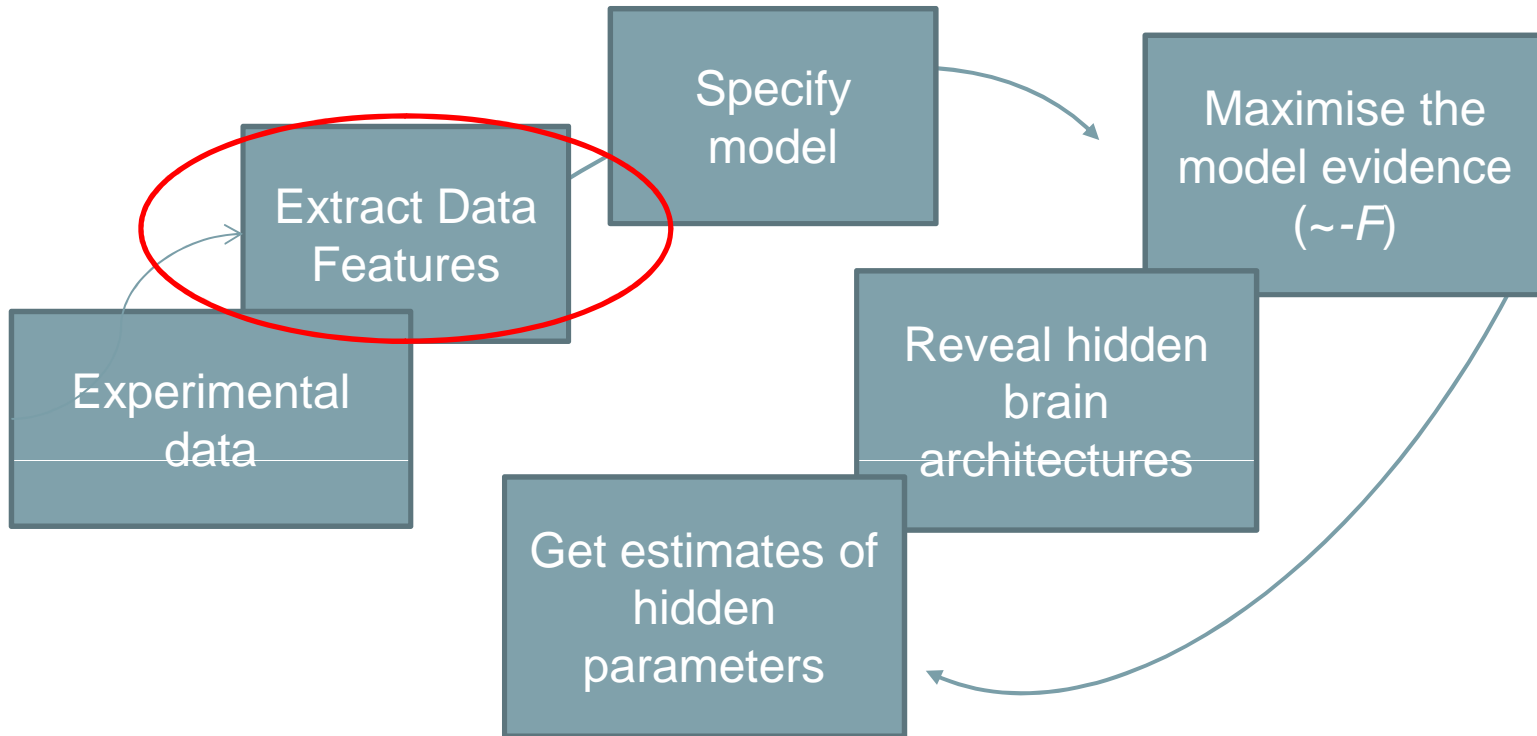
DCM for Neural Fields

(Pinotsis et al., Neuroimage, 2011,2012)



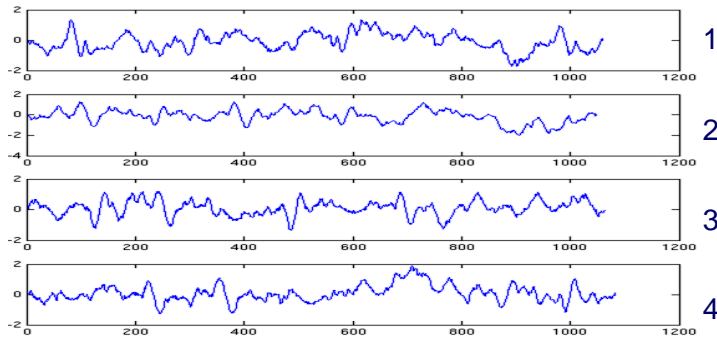
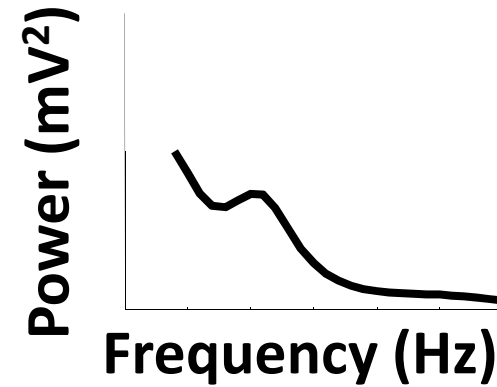
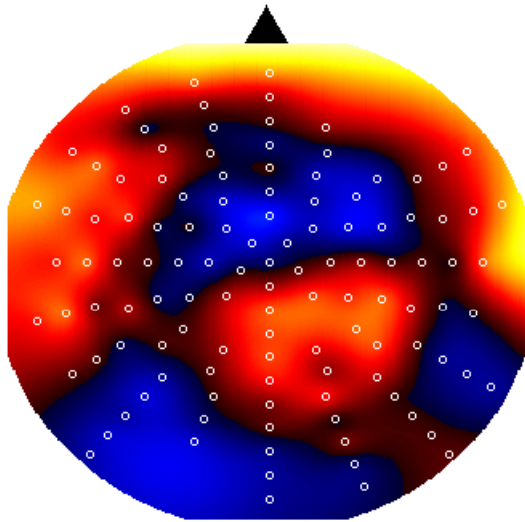
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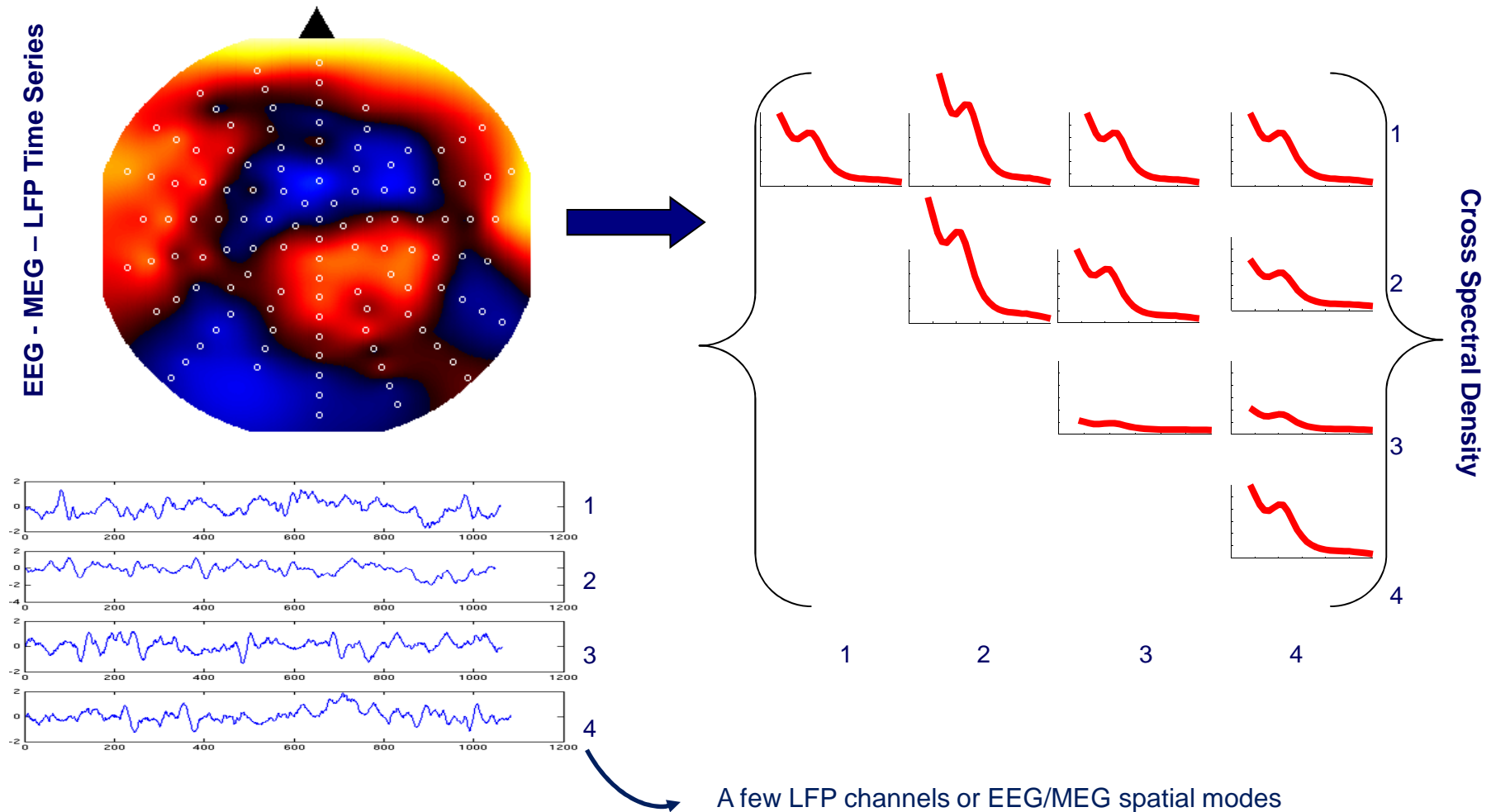
Cross Spectral Density

EEG - MEG - LFP Time Series



□ Summarizes brain response in terms of power at each frequency

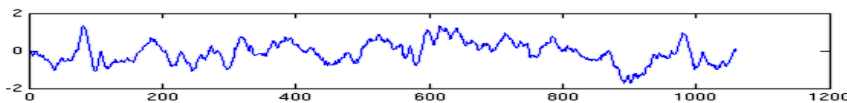
From Time Series to Cross Spectral Densities



From Time Series to Cross Spectral Densities

Vector Auto-regression p -order model:

Linear prediction formulas that attempt to predict an output $y[n]$ of a system based on the previous outputs



Resulting in a matrices for c Channels

Cross Spectral Density for channels i, j at frequencies

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} g(\omega)_{11} & g(\omega)_{12} & \dots \\ g(\omega)_{12} & \dots & \dots \end{array} \right\}$$

$$y_n = \alpha_1 y_{n-1} + \alpha_2 y_{n-2} \dots + \alpha_p y_{n-p} + e_n$$

$$\{\alpha_{1\dots p} \in A(p) : \{c \times c\}\}$$

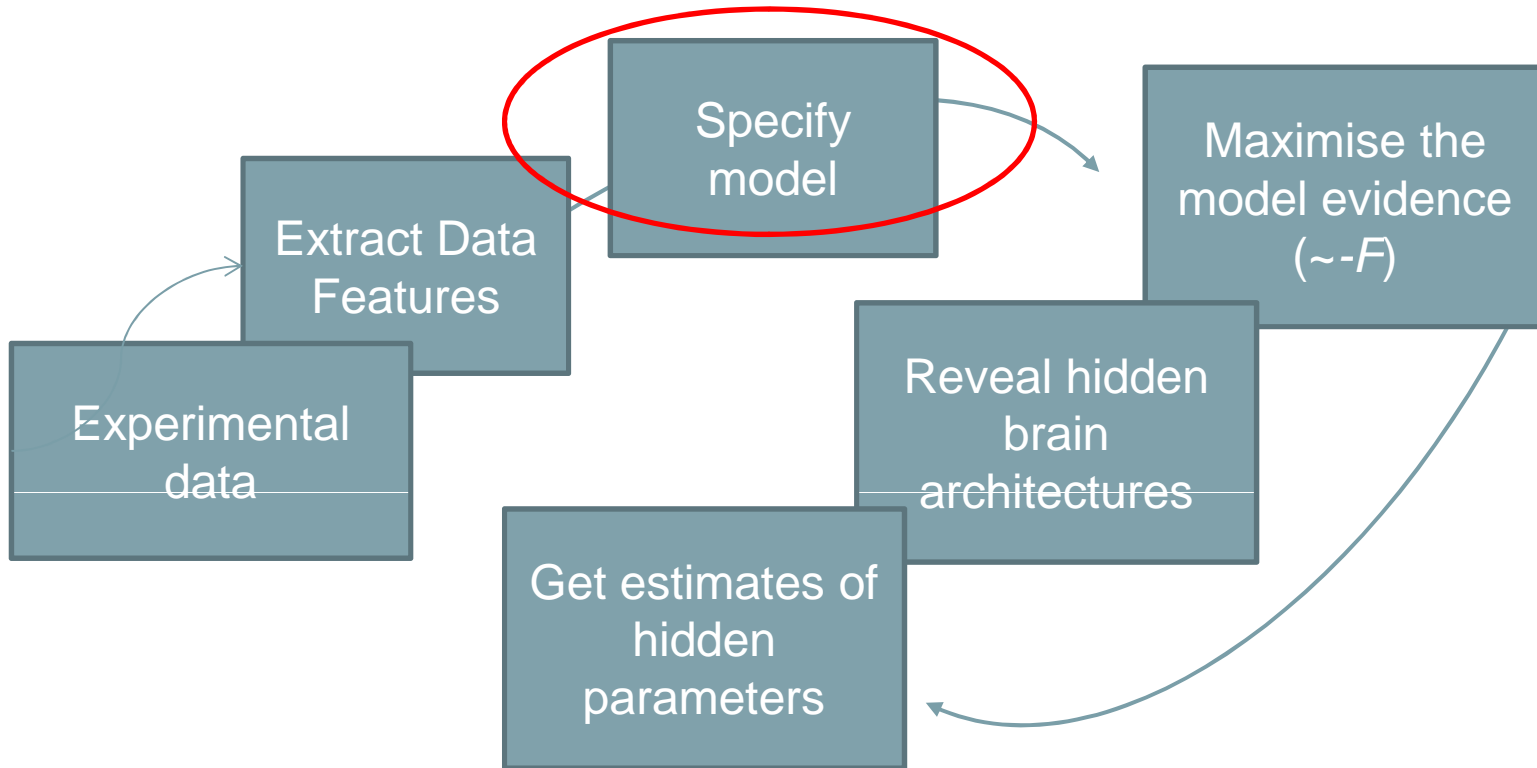
$$g(\omega)_{ij} = f(A(p))$$

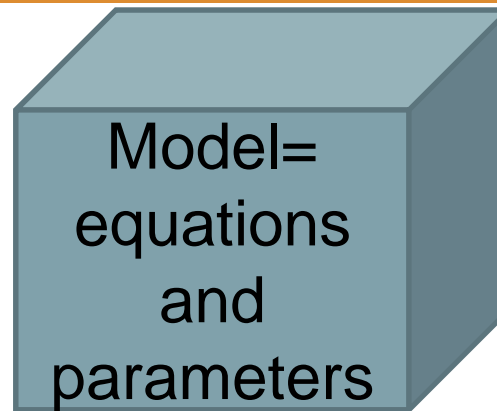
$$H_{ij}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\alpha_1^{ij} e^{i\omega} + \alpha_2^{ij} e^{i\omega 2} + \dots + \alpha_p^{ij} e^{i\omega p}}$$

$$g(\omega)_{ij} = H_{ij}(\omega) \prod_{ij} H(\omega)_{ij}^*$$

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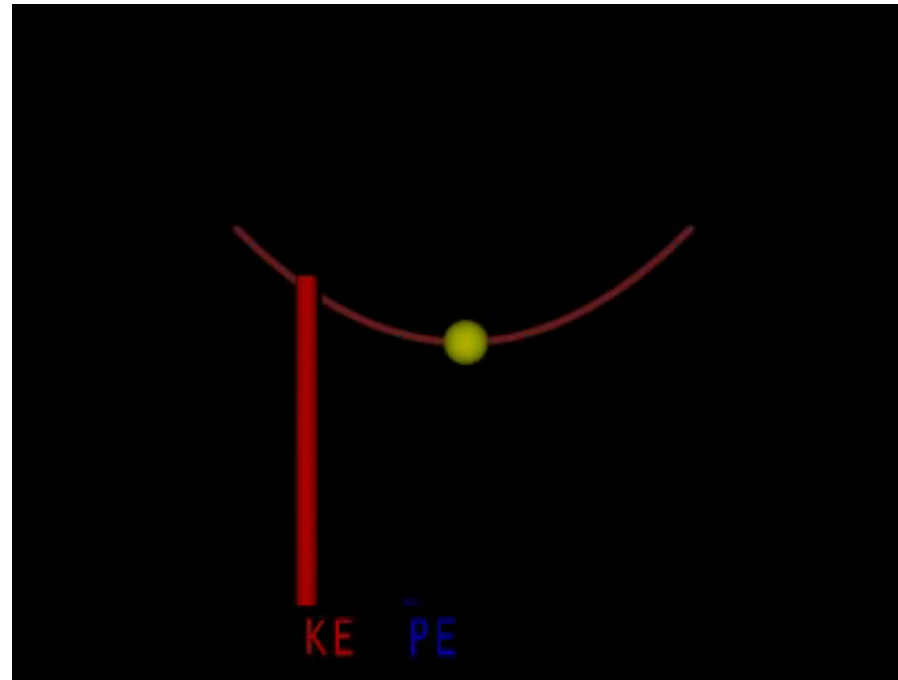
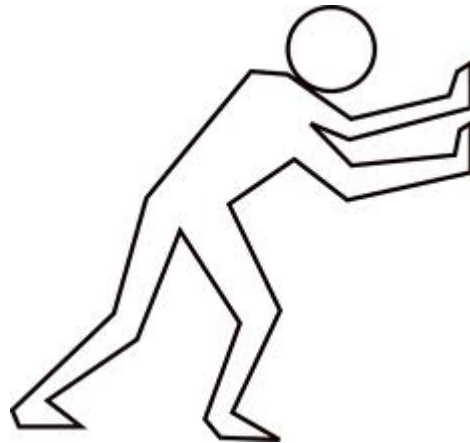




- equations: determine the dynamics (eg. limit cycles, transients, steady -state)
- parameters: fine tune the dynamics (e.g. faster, shorter)

$$\theta = \{H_e, H_i, \kappa_e, \kappa_i, \kappa_a, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4, \gamma_5, g, A_F, A_B, A_L, \lambda\}$$

Maximum PSP, time constants, intrinsic and extrinsic connectivity etc



Pink line =
Container (bowl)

If there is no external perturbation, the ball will stay at the centre

If there is, the container will be tilted and the ball will oscillate around the centre as shown

Now, imagine that the ball has a bell inside. If there is an external perturbation the bell will start ringing.

CAUSE of CONTAINER TILTING ↔ NEURAL NOISE

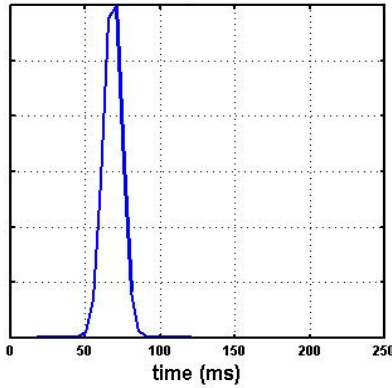
BALL ↔ BRAIN REGION

RINGINGS ↔ RESPONSES (cross spectral densities)

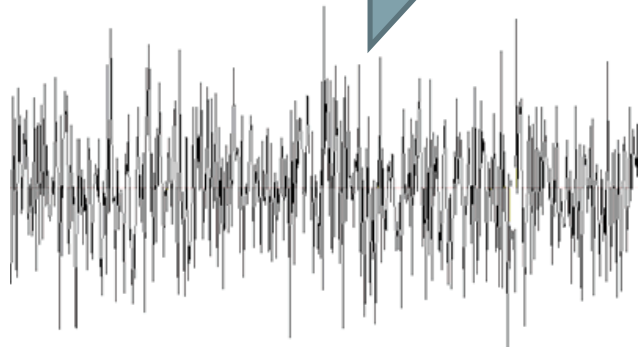
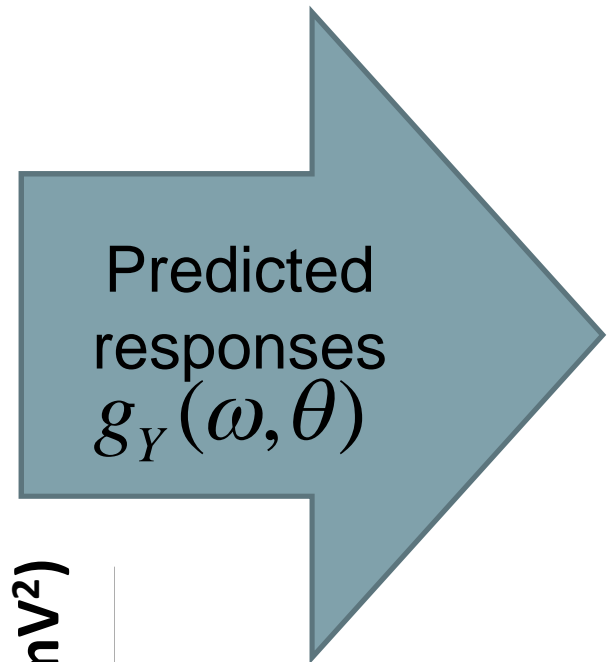
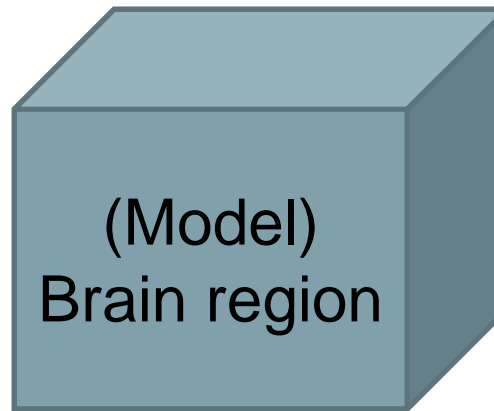
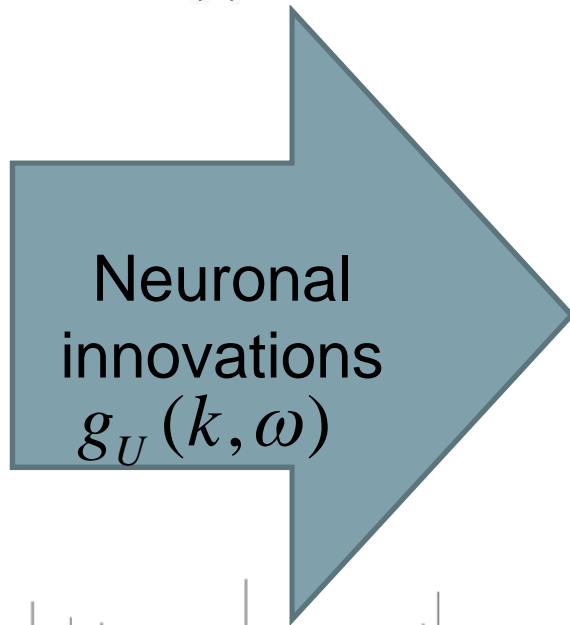
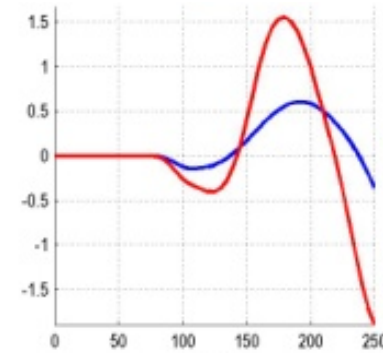
CONTAINER ↔ MODEL (equations, parameters cf. shape/friction)

STEADY STATE PERTURBATIONS means that

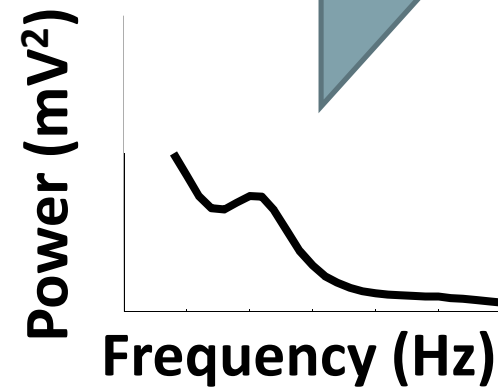
“ the ball always stays very close to the centre” (while the bowl is tilted)



ERP



SSR



Frequency Domain Generative Model (Perturbations about a fixed point)

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$$\dot{x} = f(x) + Bu$$

$$y = l(x)$$

State Space Characterisation

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

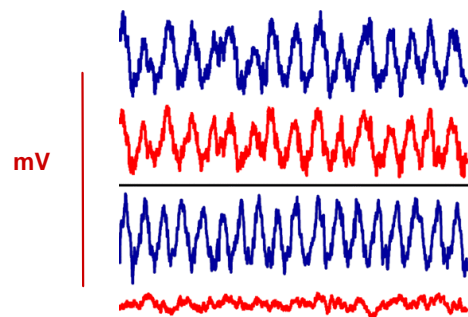
$$y = Cx$$

Transfer Function

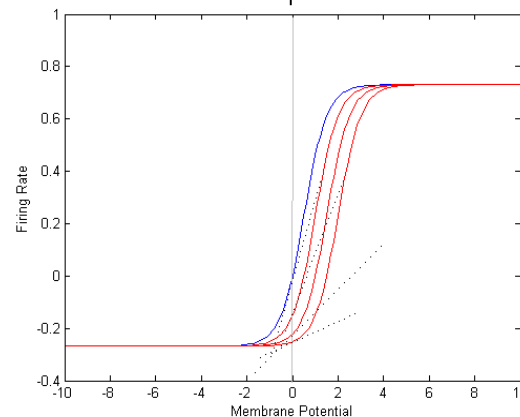
Frequency Domain

$$H(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B$$

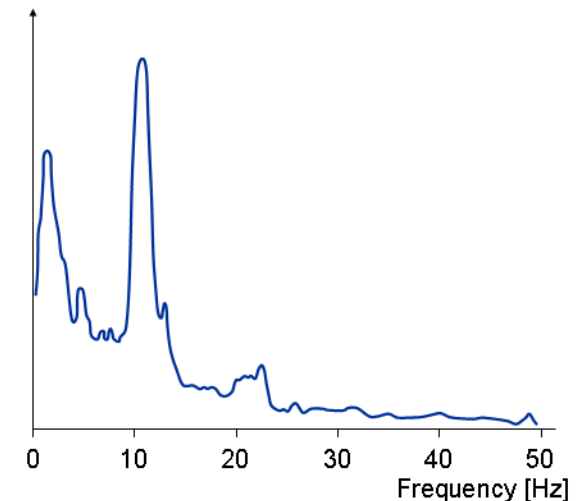
Stationary Time Series



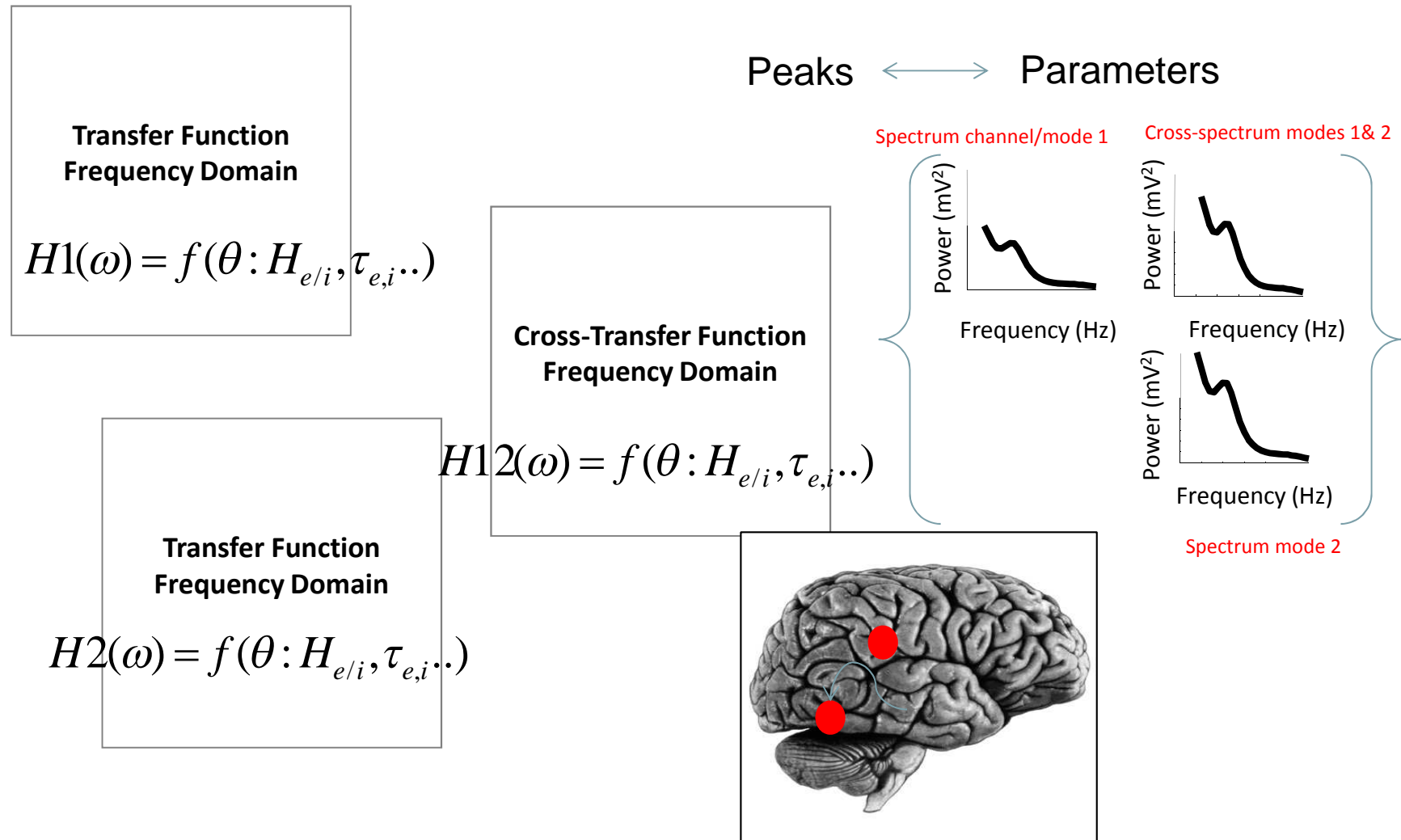
Linearise



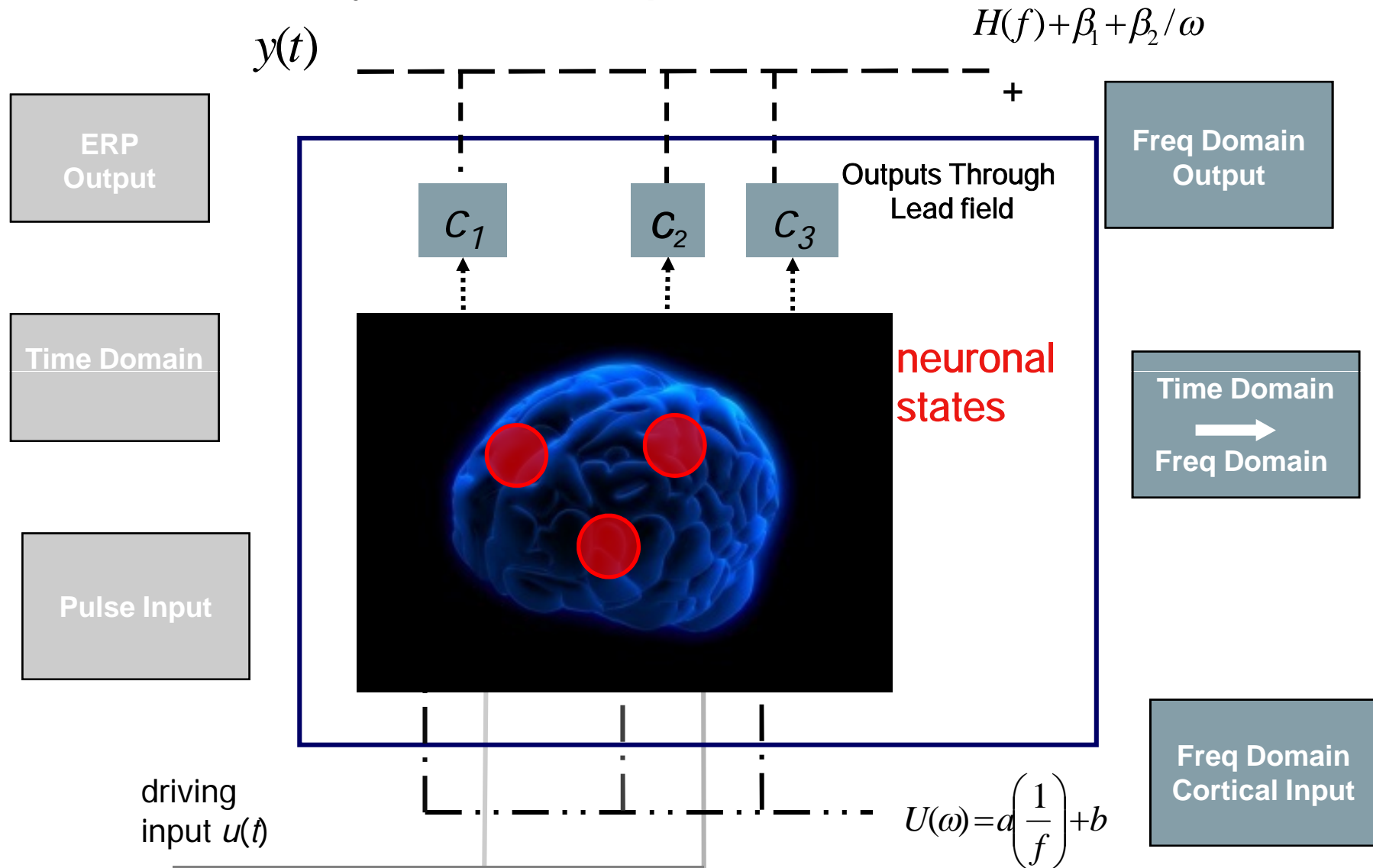
Relative amplitude



Frequency Domain Generative Model (Perturbations about a fixed point)



ERP vs Steady State Responses



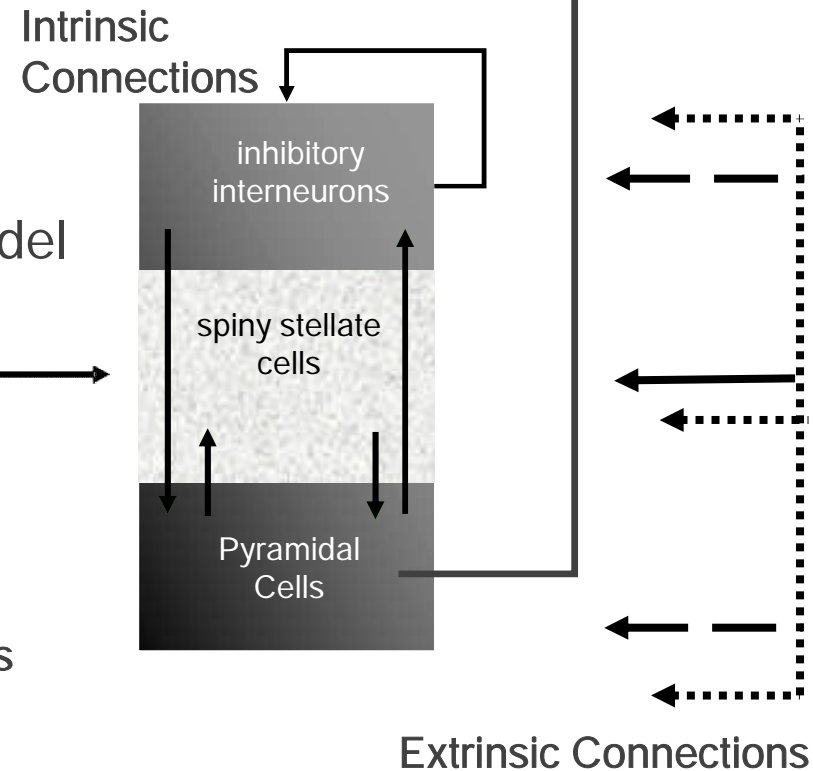
Neural Mass Model



Tens of thousands of neurons approximated by their average response. Neural mass models describe the interaction of these averages between populations and sources

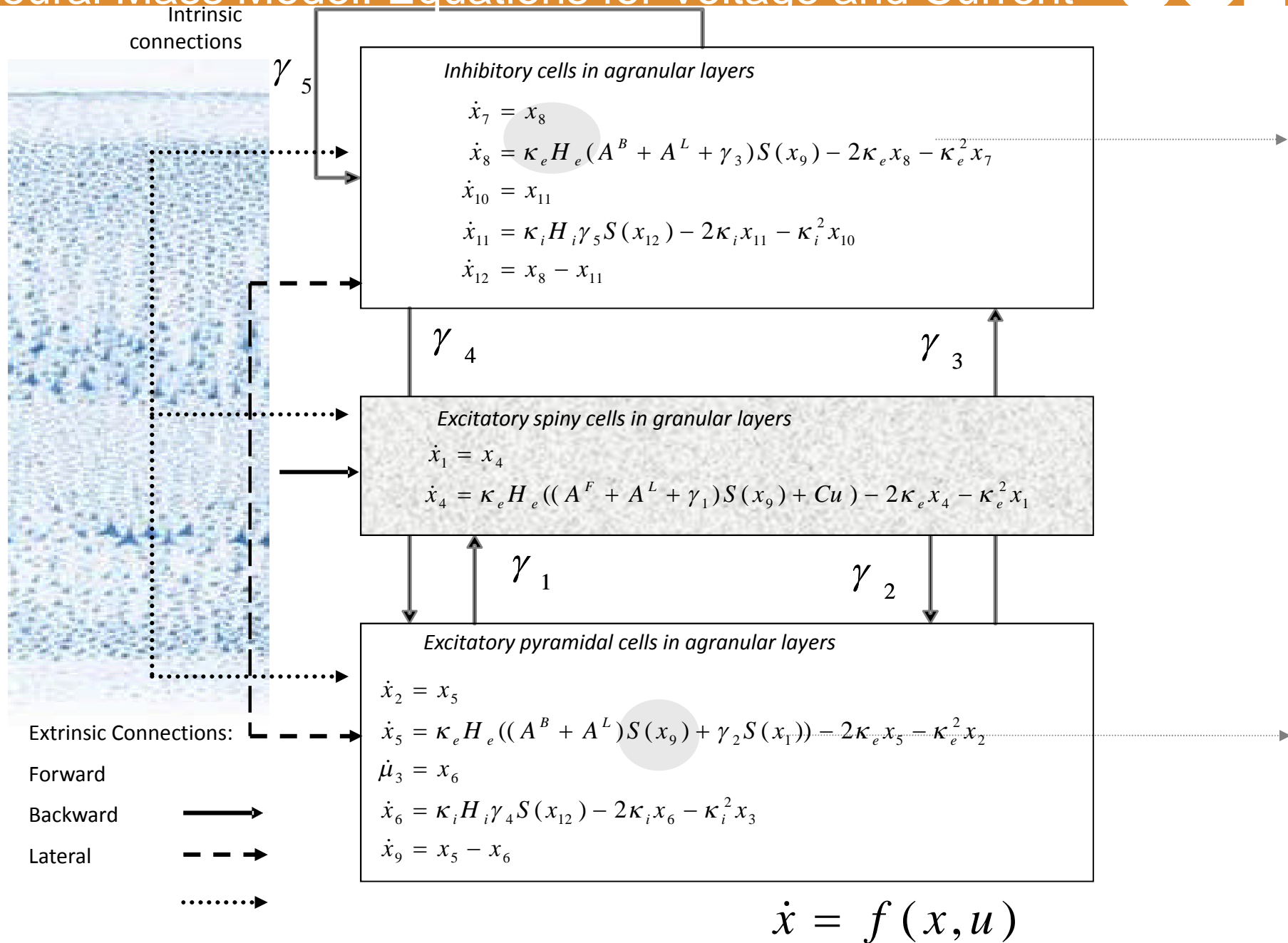
neuronal (source) model

Internal Parameters

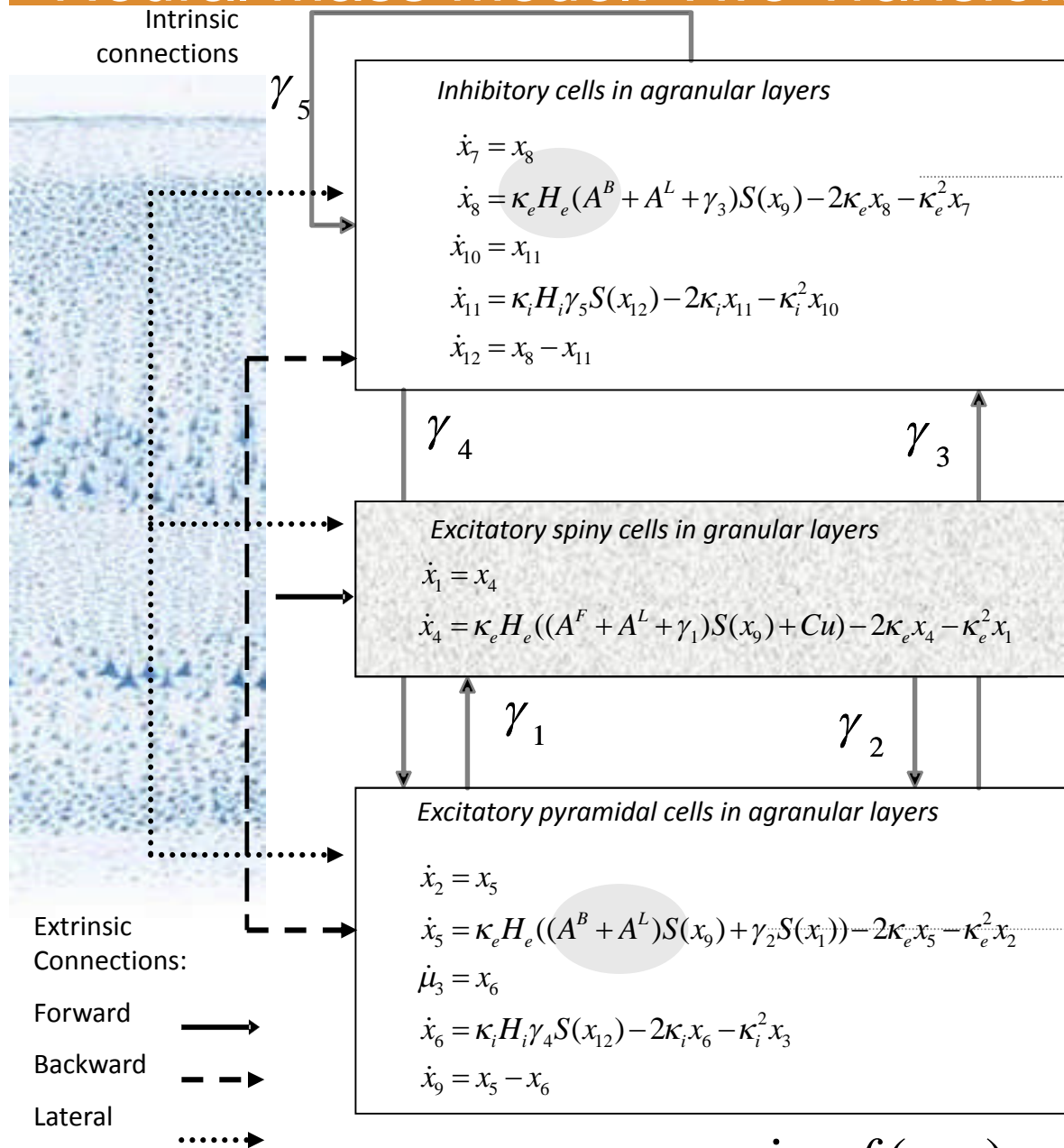


$$\dot{x} = F(x, u, \theta) \quad \text{State equations}$$

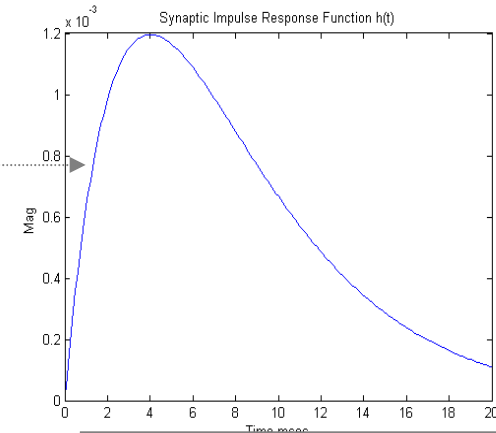
Neural Mass Model: Equations for Voltage and Current



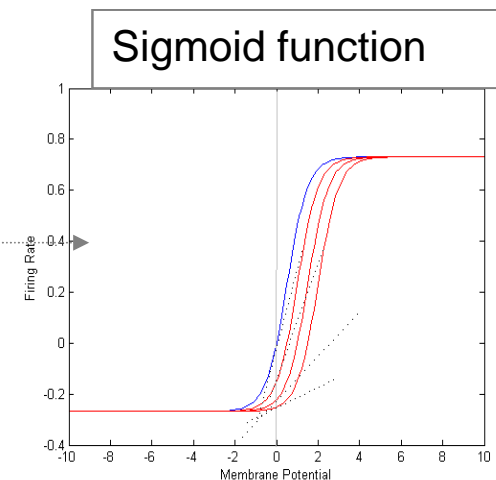
Neural Mass Model: Two Transformations



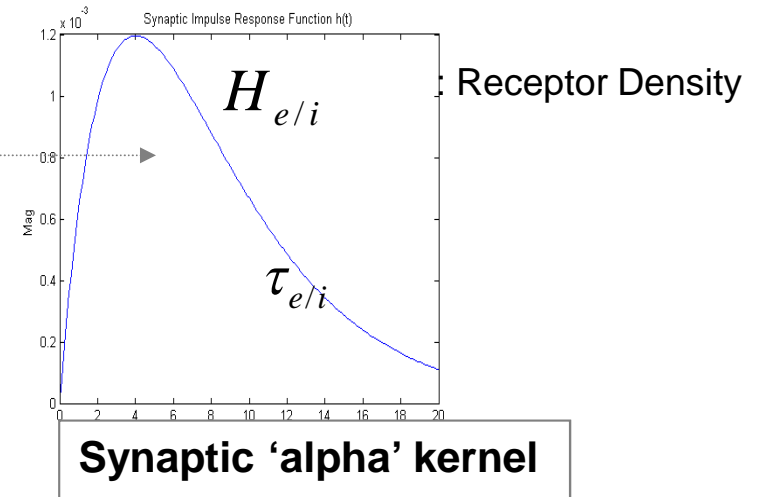
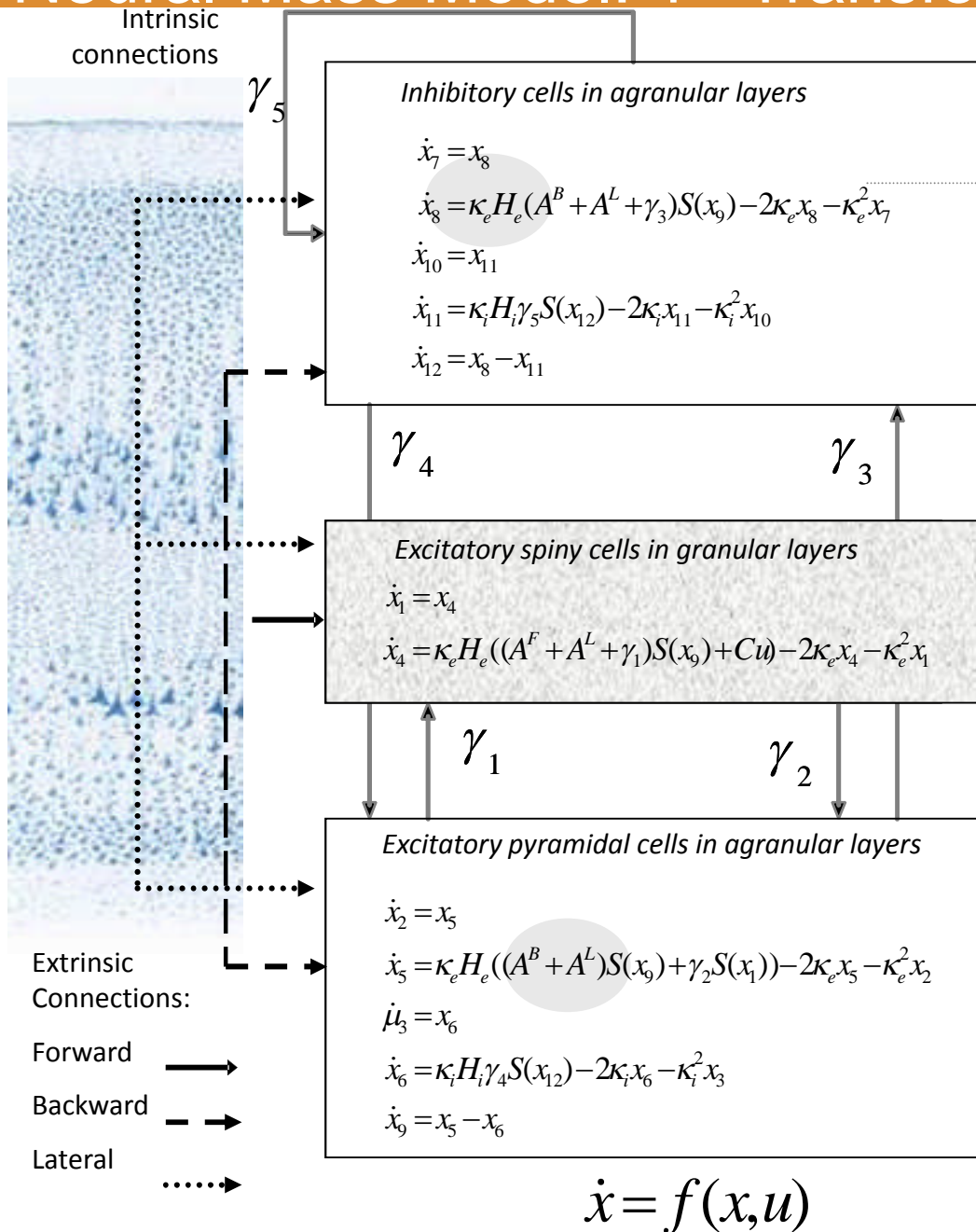
$$\dot{x} = f(x, u)$$



Synaptic 'alpha' kernel



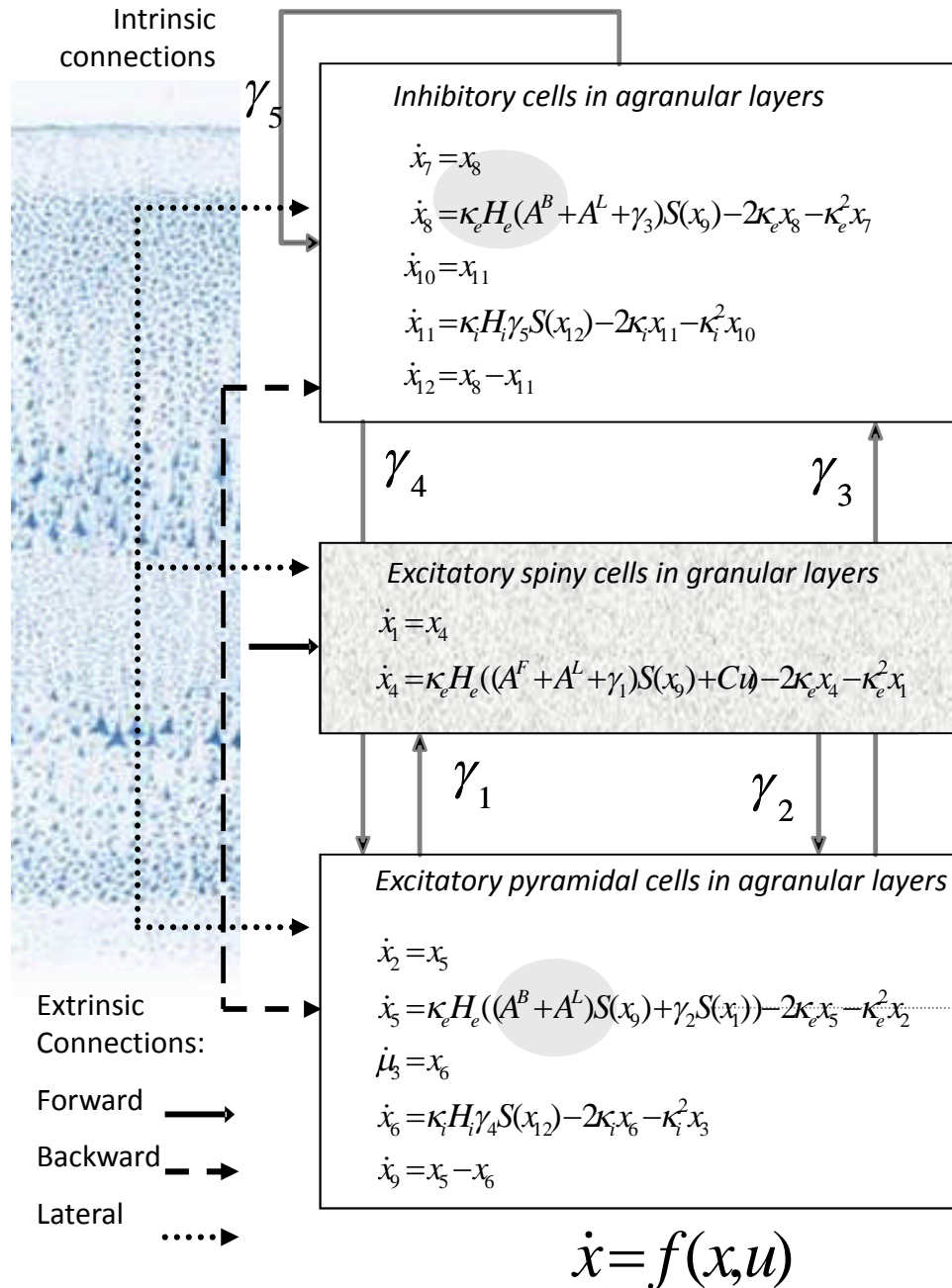
Neural Mass Model: 1st Transformation



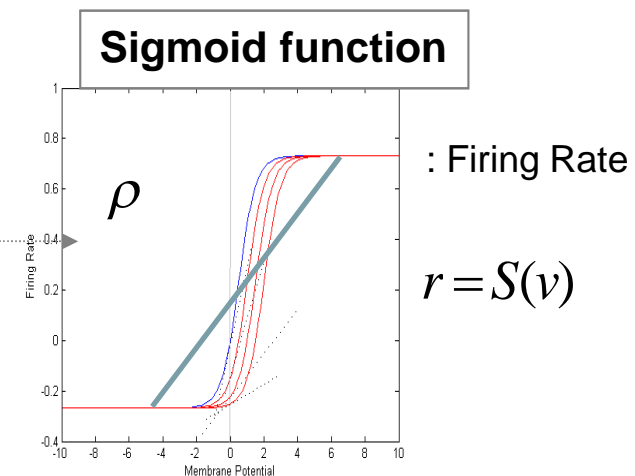
$$v = r \otimes h$$

- Input: presynaptic rate
- Output: Average synaptic depolarization

Neural Mass Model: 2nd Transformation



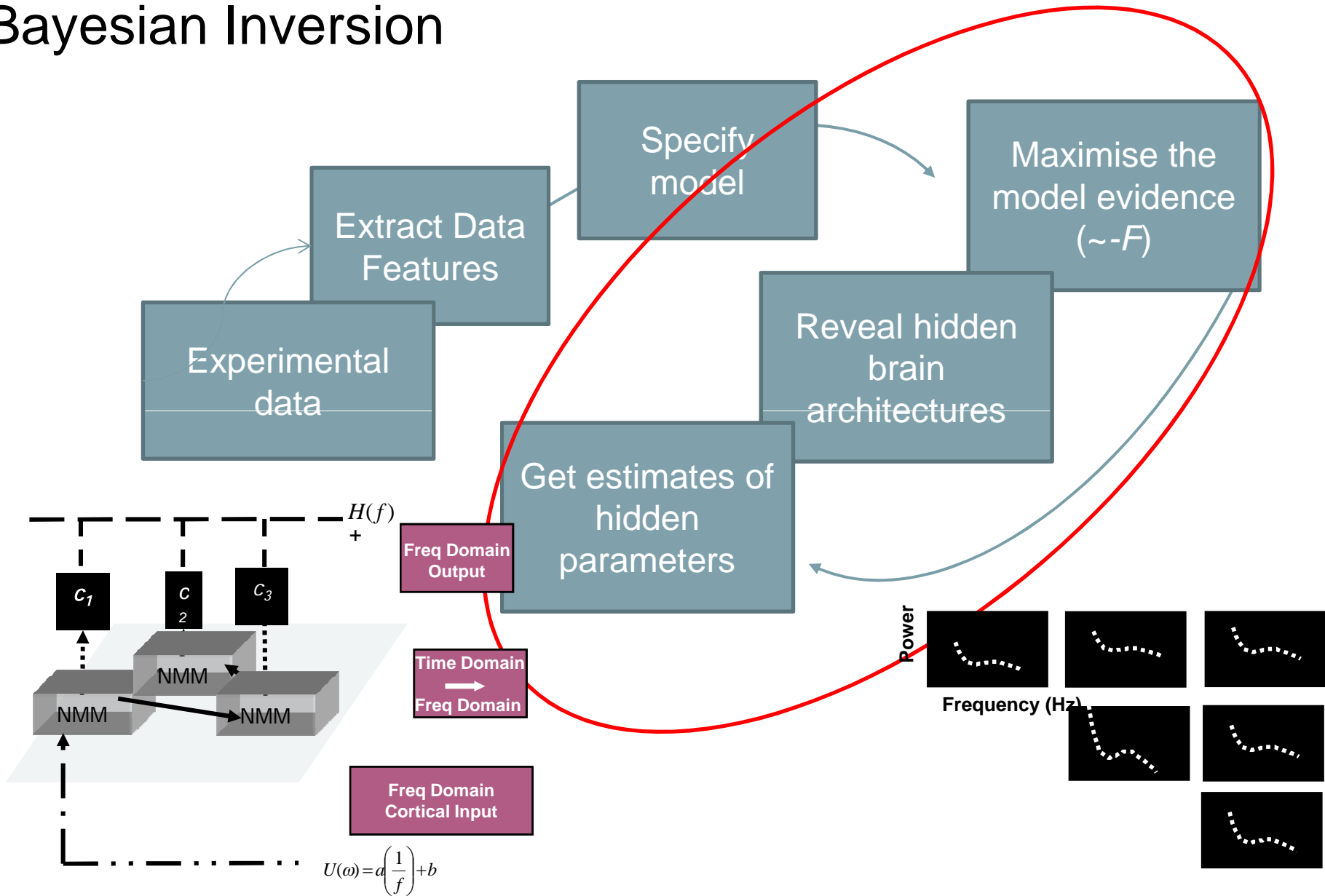
- Input: Avg synaptic depolarization
- Output: firing rate

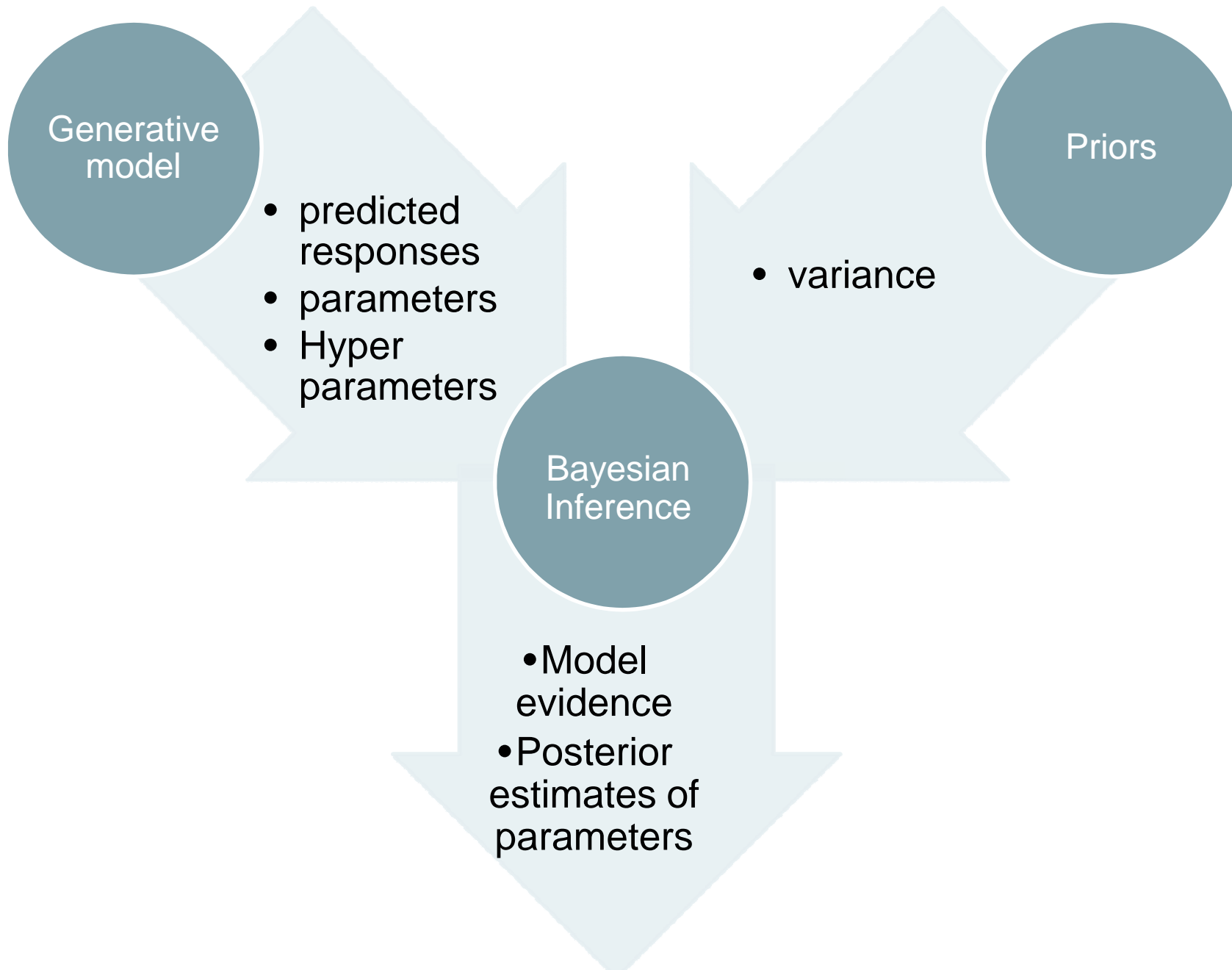


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Bayesian Inversion





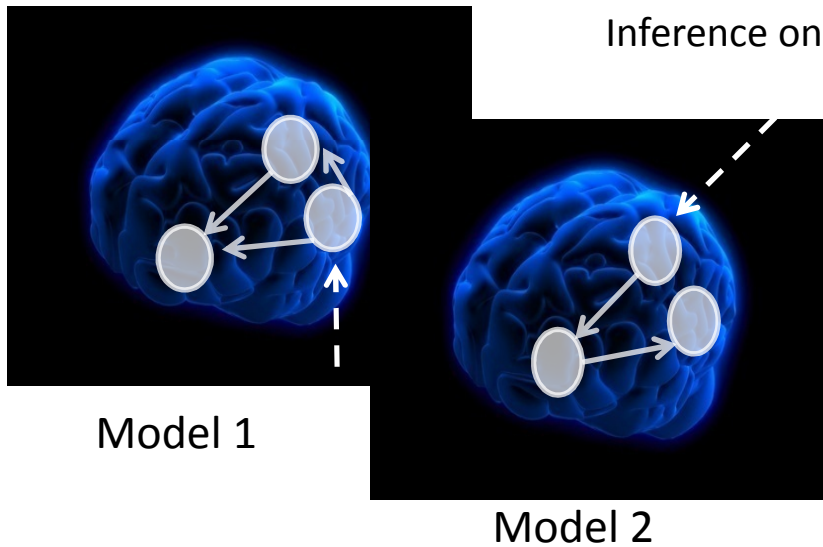
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PREDICTIONS

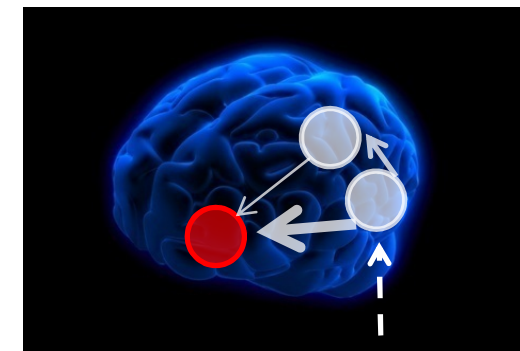
Variational Bayes Algorithm

- Iterative procedure
- Minimize free energy and optimize parameters
- Maximum accuracy over complexity constraints

Bayesian Inversion



Inference on parameters



Model comparison via Bayes factor:

$$BF = \frac{p(y | m_1)}{p(y | m_2)}$$

$$q(\theta) \approx p(\theta | y, m)$$

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Pharmacological Manipulation of Glutamate and GABA

Questions of Study:

- ❑ Are our estimates of excitation and inhibition veridical, e.g. H_e, H_i ?
- ❑ Can we obtain hierarchical relationships between brain regions?

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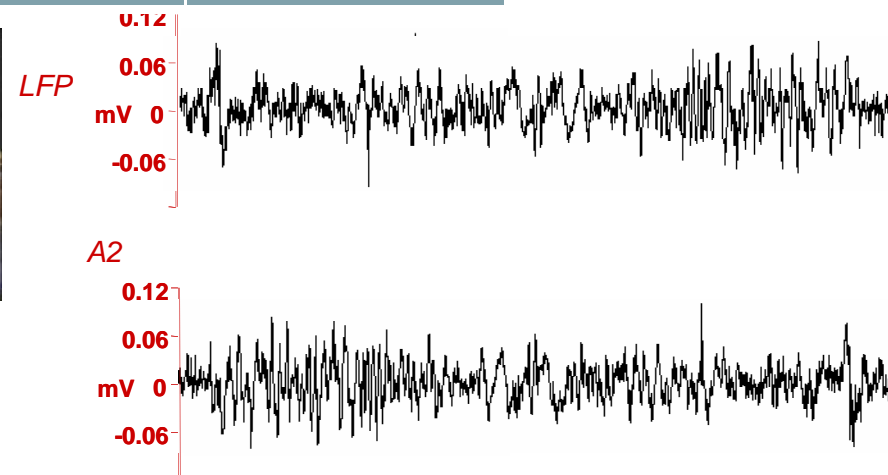
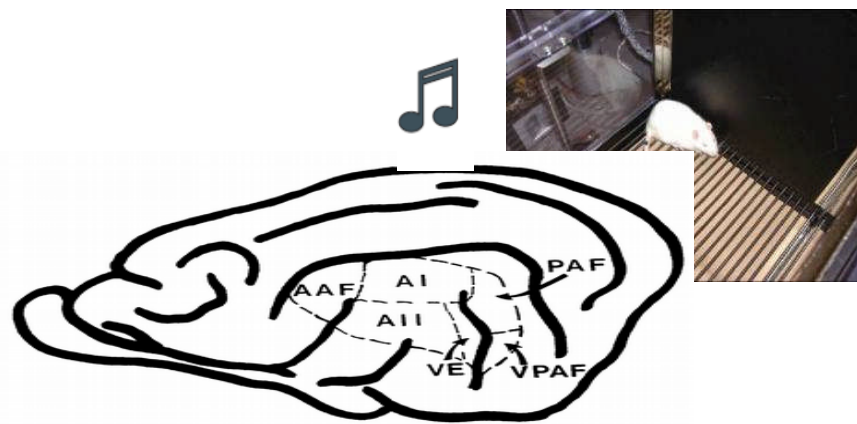
NOT to explain mechanisms of isoflurane **BUT**

to exploit isoflurane to induce known changes in synaptic transmission and **THEN**

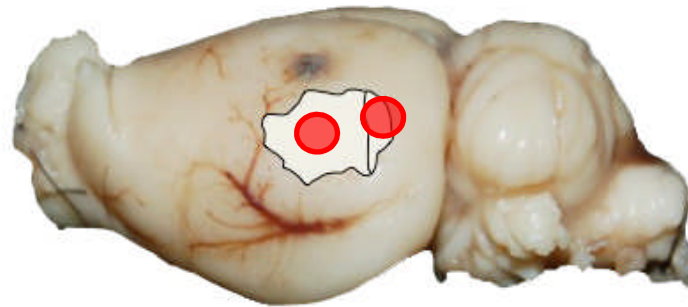
Use LFP recordings and DCM for SSR to **infer** changes

- ❑ Use animal LFP recordings from primary auditory cortex (A1) & posterior auditory field (PAF)
- ❑ Manipulate neurotransmitter processing via anaesthetic agent Isoflurane
- ❑ 4 levels of anaesthesia: each successively decreasing glutamate and increasing GABA (Larsen *et al* Brain Research 1994; Lingamaneni *et al* Anesthesiology 2001; Caraiscos *et al* J Neurosci 2004 ; de Sousa *et al* Anesthesiology 2000
- ❑ White noise stimulus & Silence

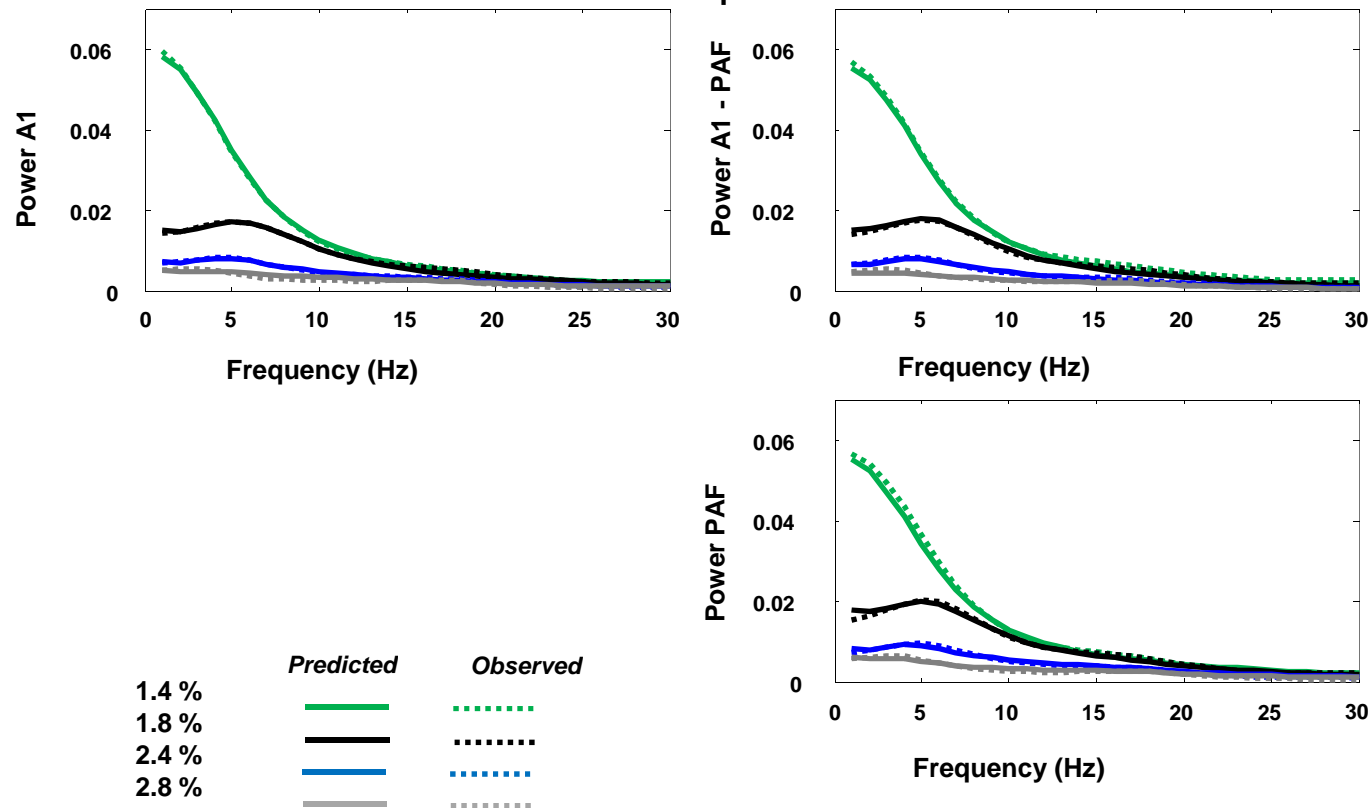
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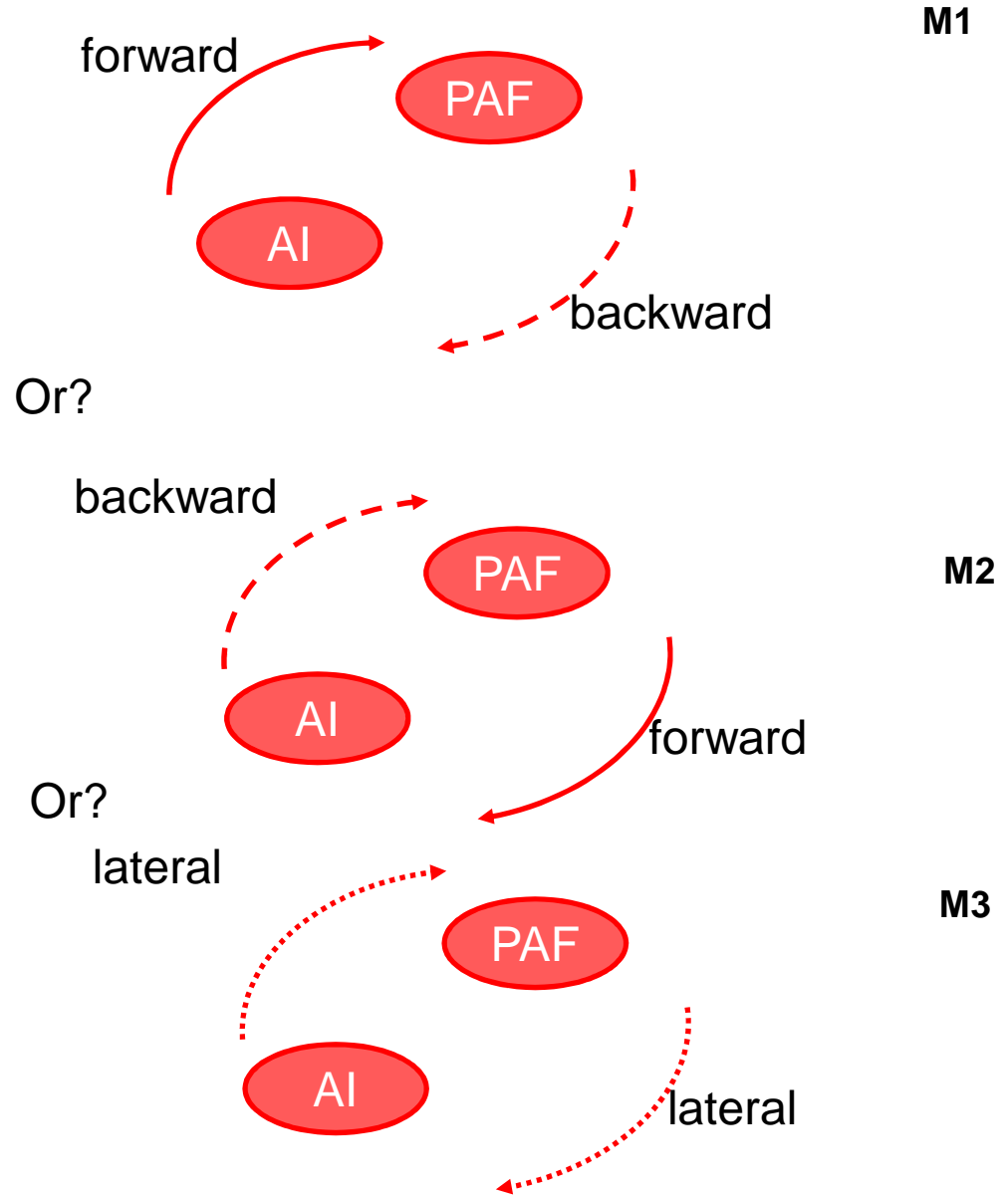
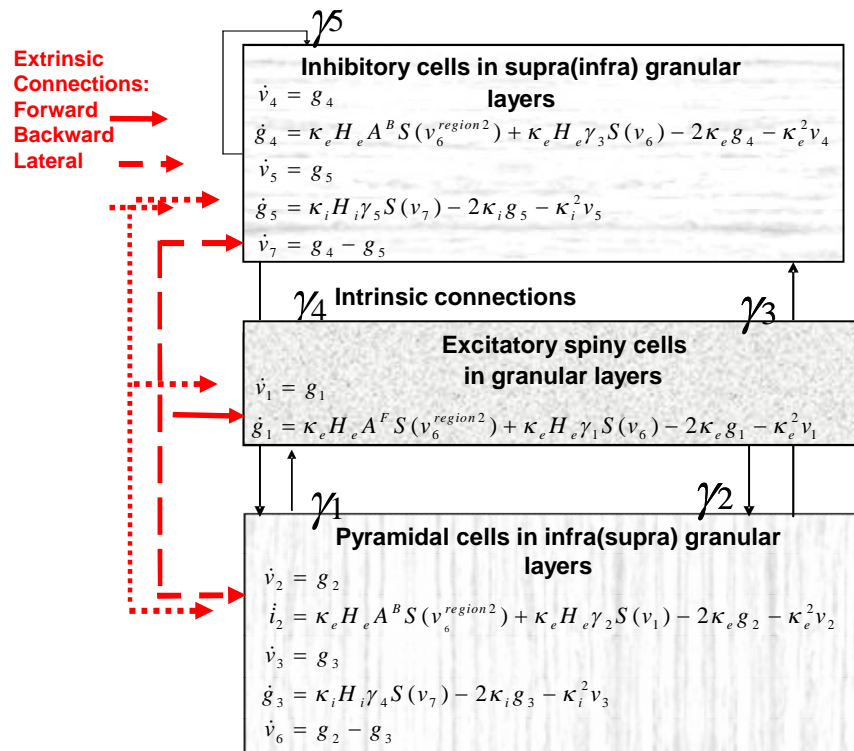
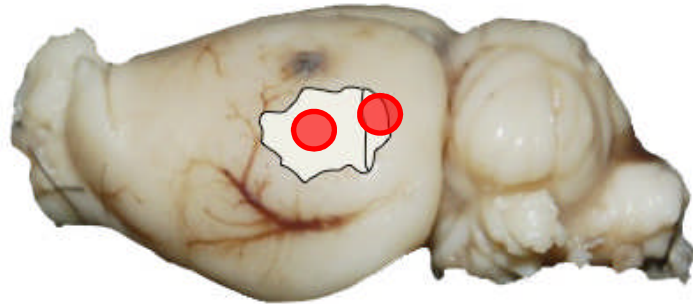
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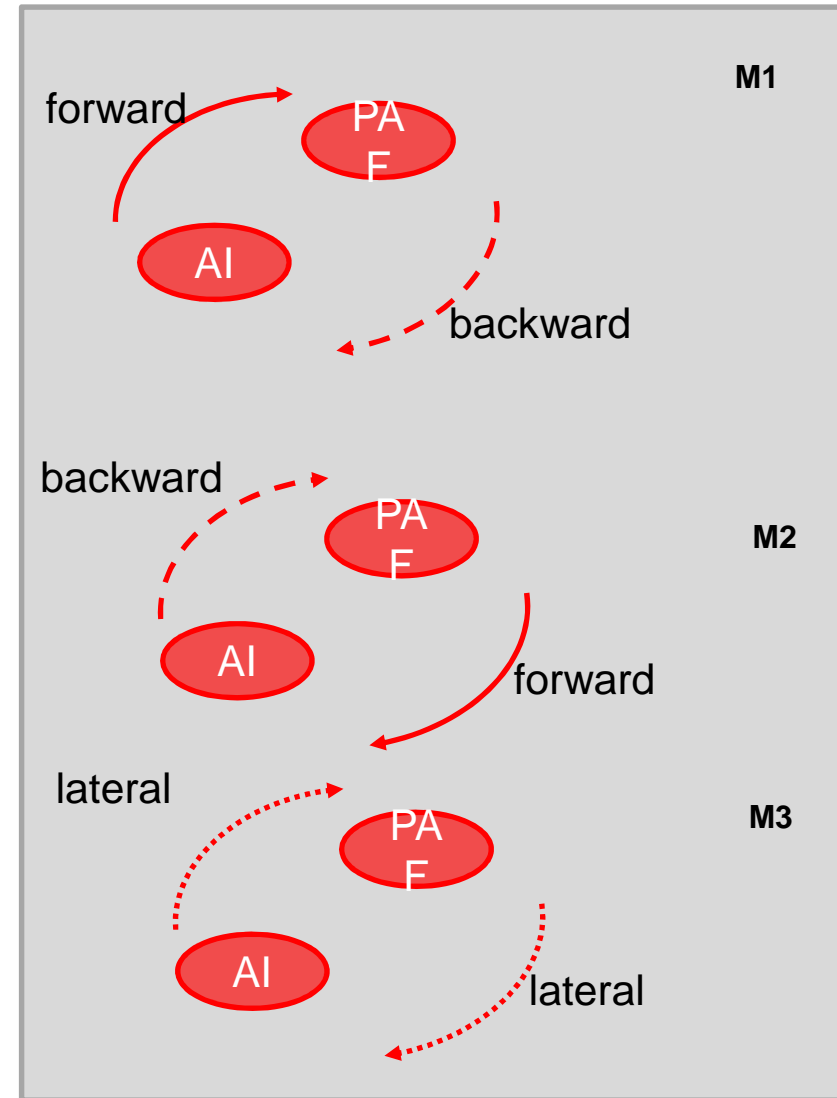
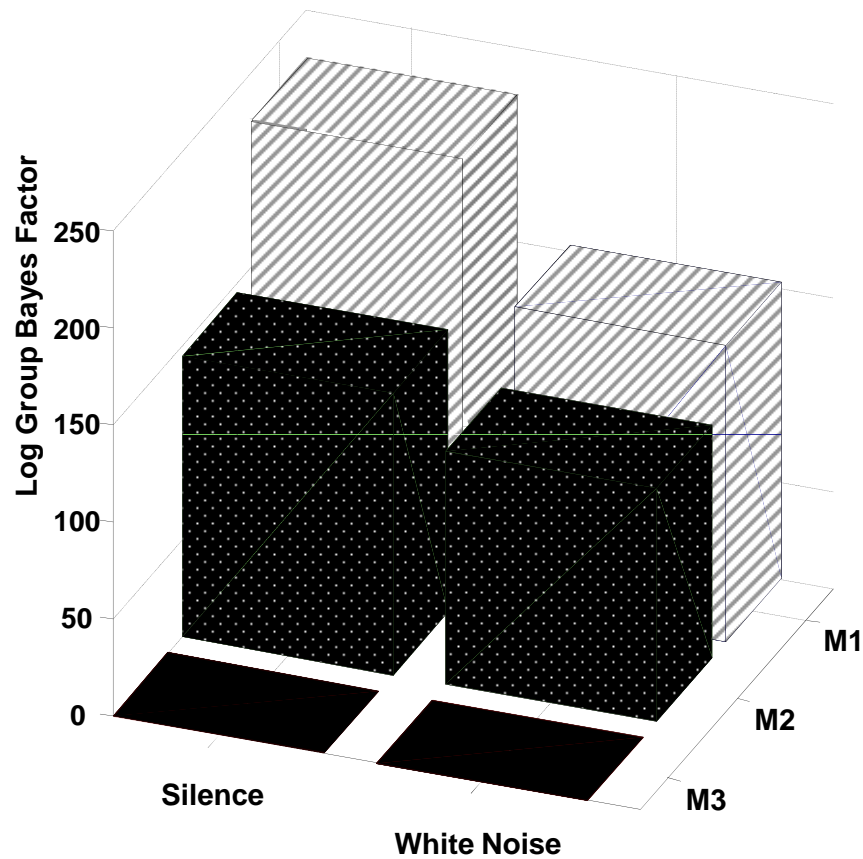
Cross-spectra white noise



Model



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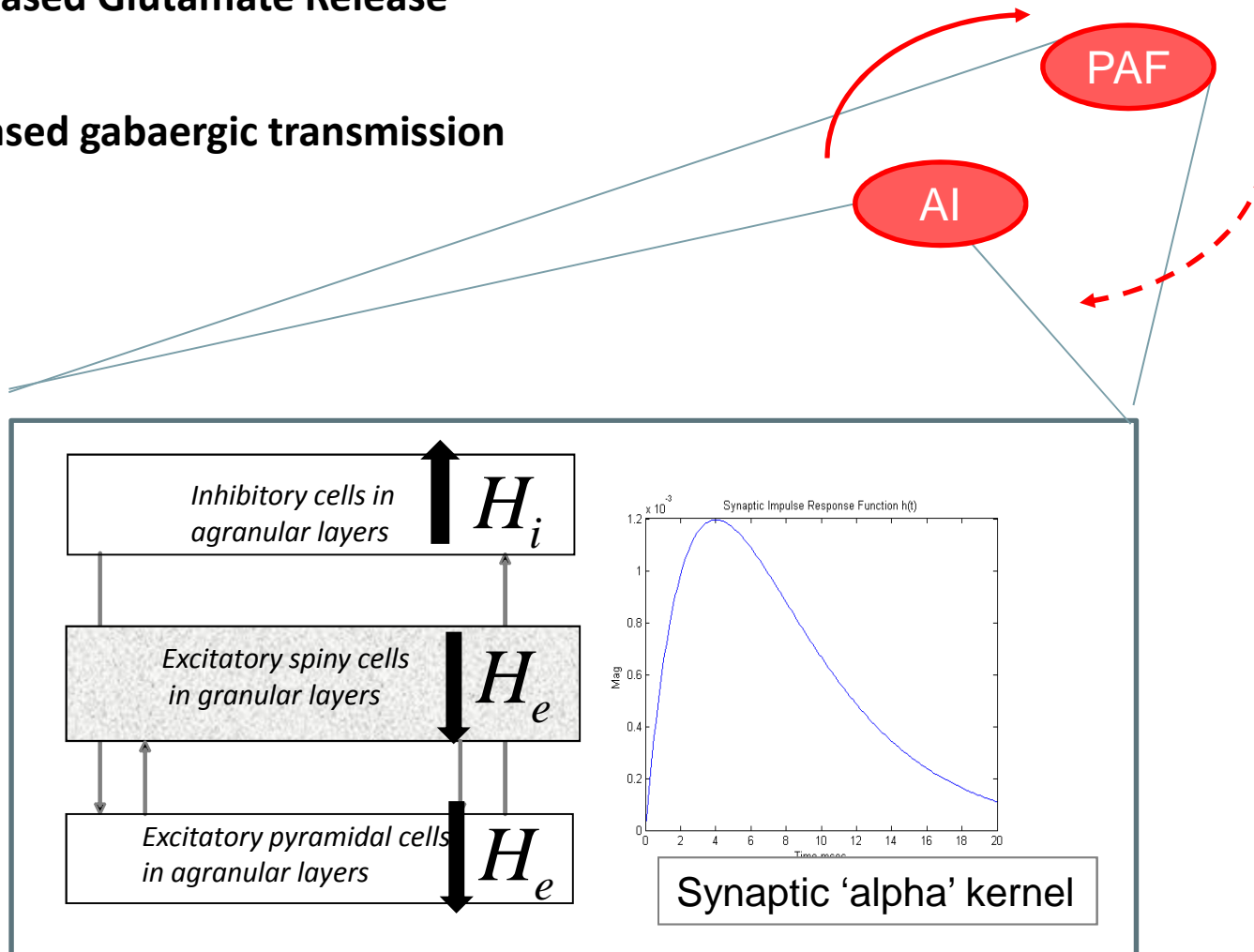
□ DCM recovers known neuronatomy

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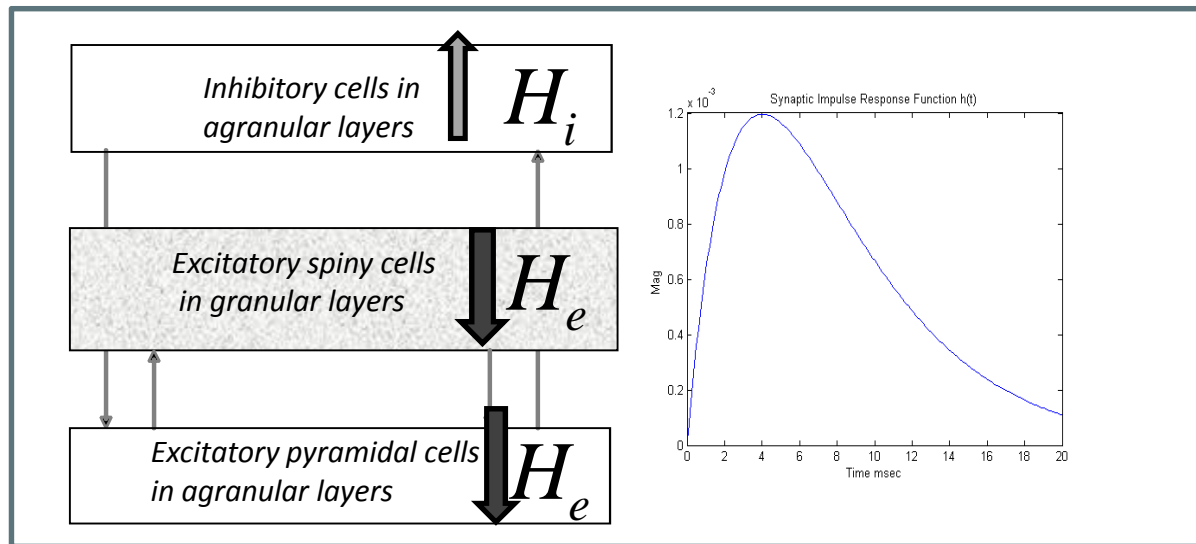
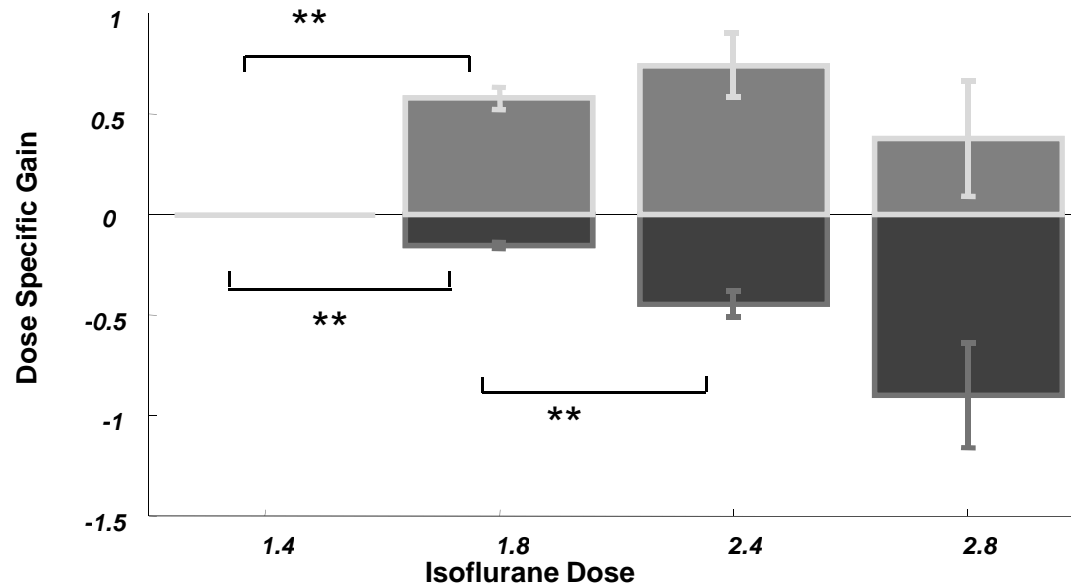
Decreased Glutamate Release

Increased gabaergic transmission



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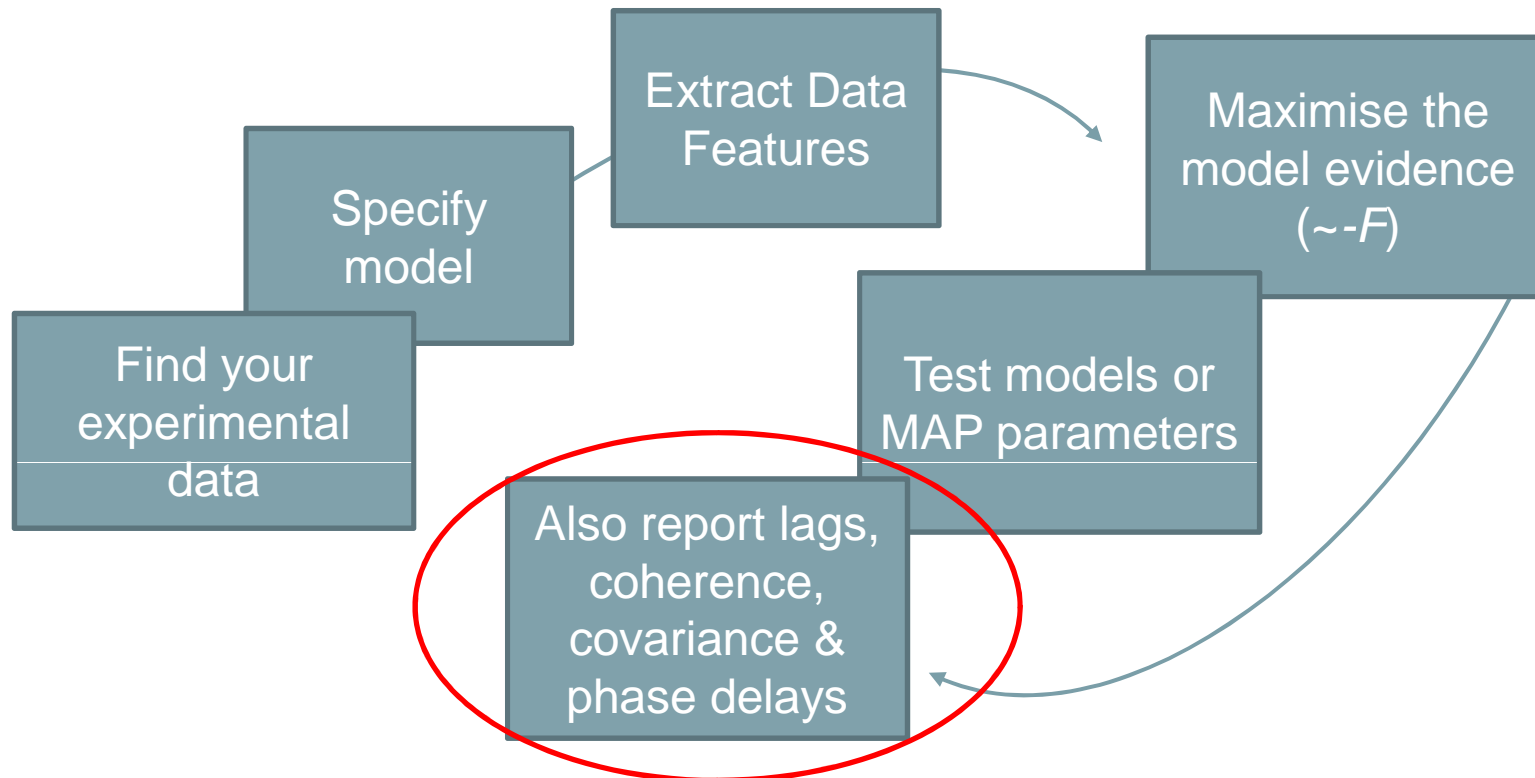
Parametric Effect of Isoflurane



□ DCM recovers known drug-induced changes

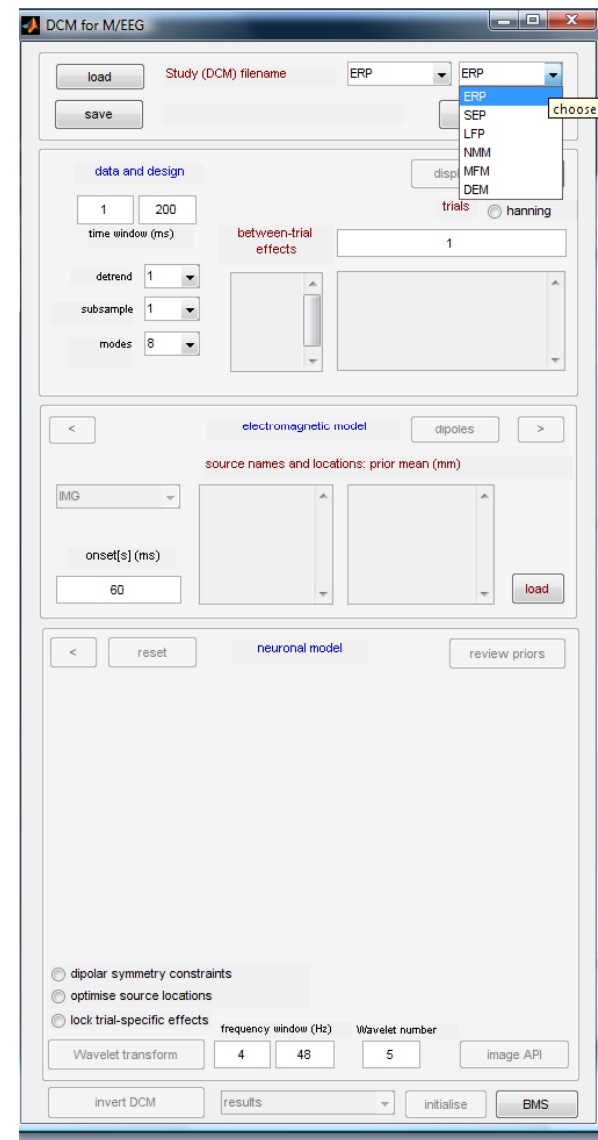
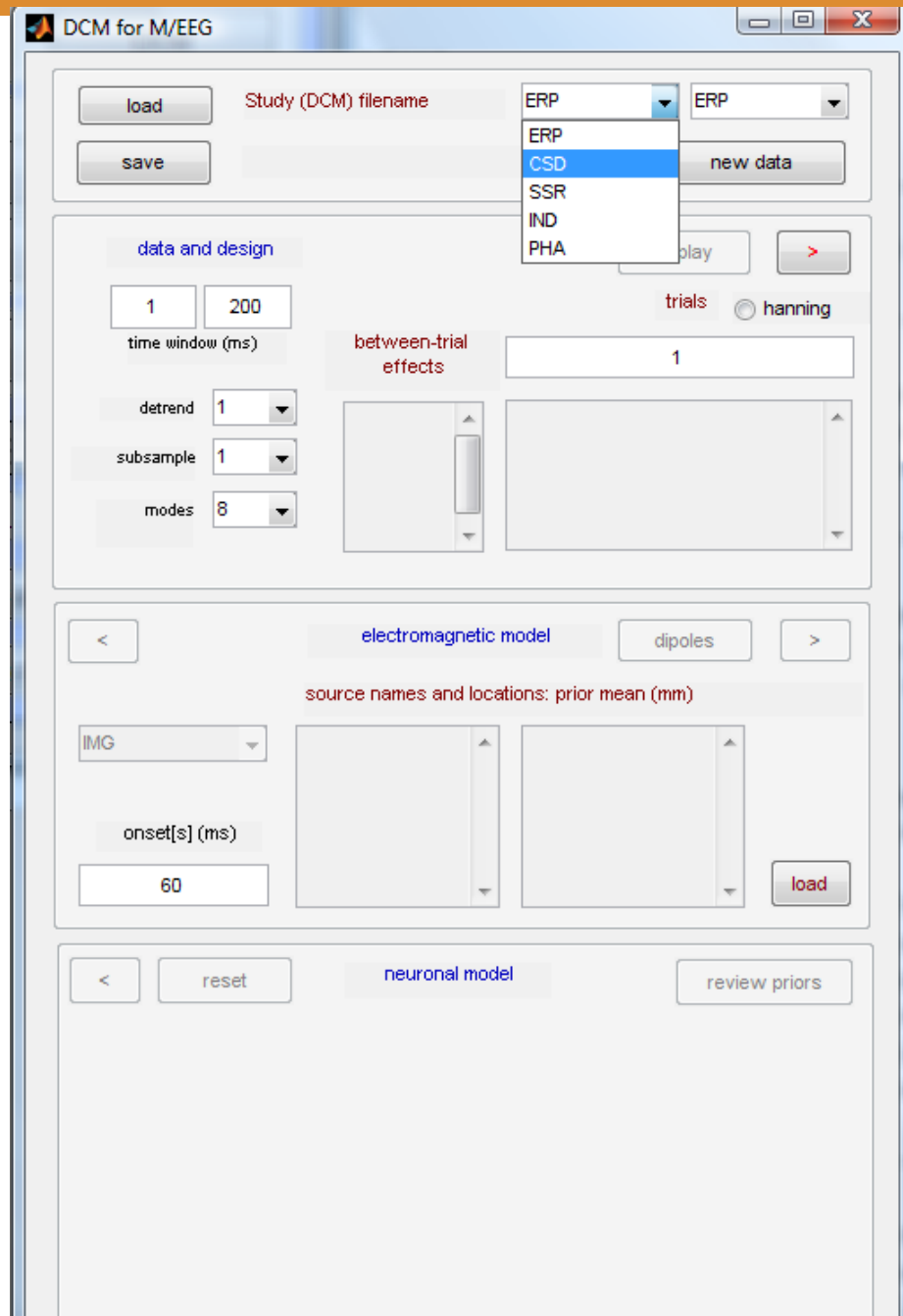
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1. Interface Additions
2. New CSD routines, similar to SSR
3. SPM_NLSI_GN accommodates imaginary numbers, slopes, curvatures
4. A host of new results features, in channel and source space!

Interface Additions



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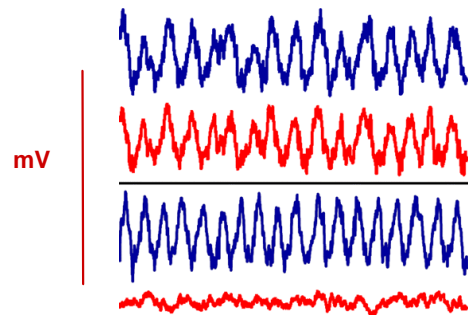
Complex Number

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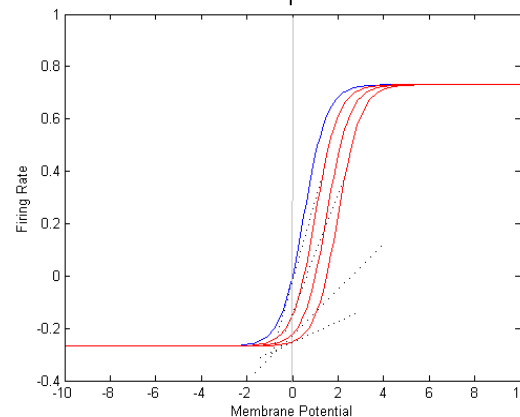
Transfer Function

Frequency Domain

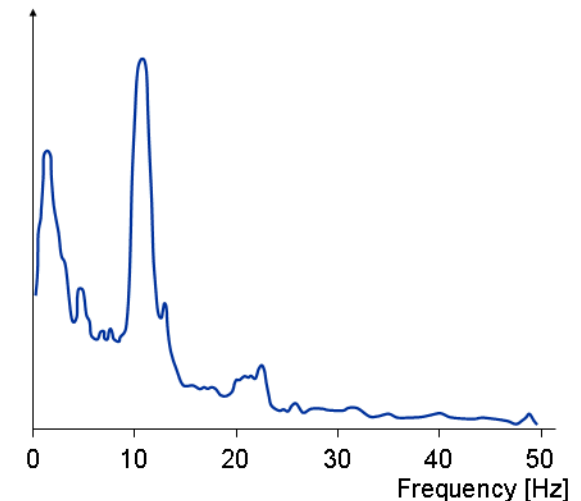
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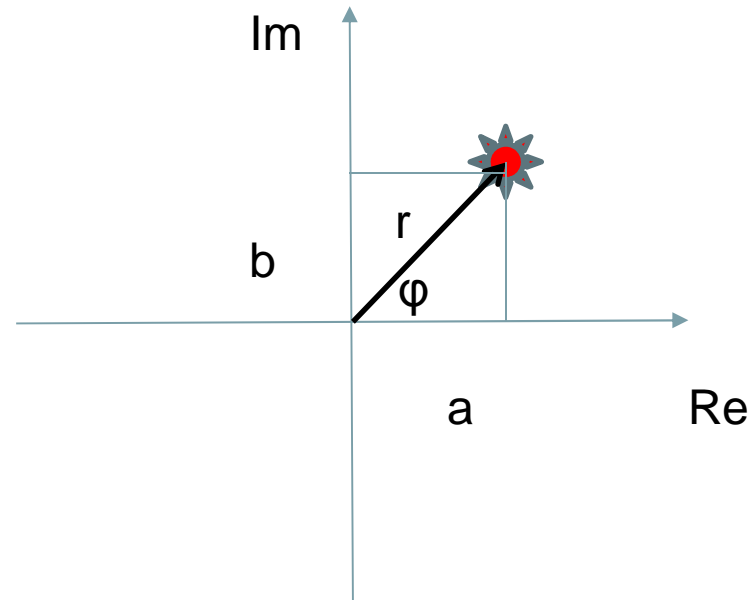


Linearise



Relative amplitude





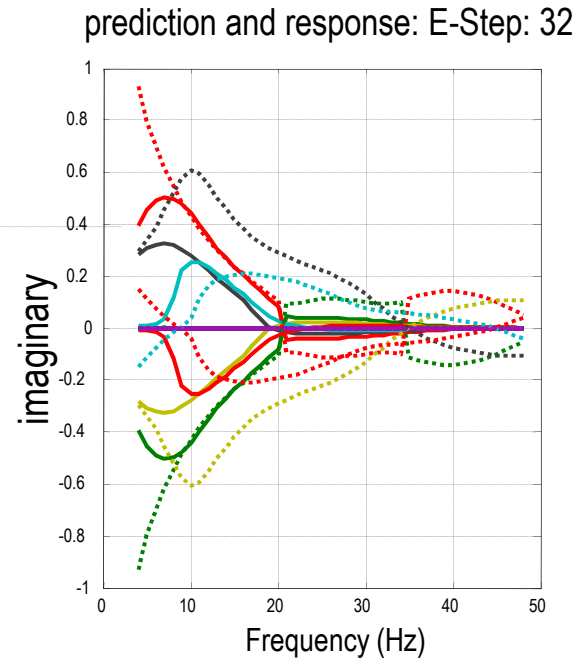
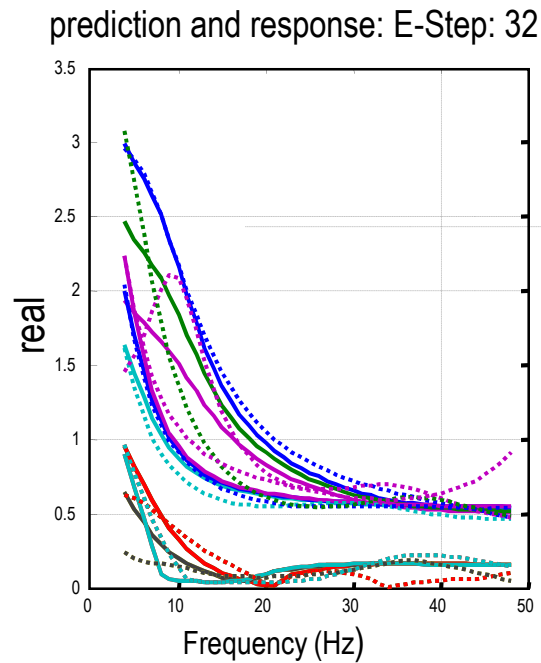
$$z = a + ib = r(\cos\phi + i\sin\phi) = re^{i\phi}$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

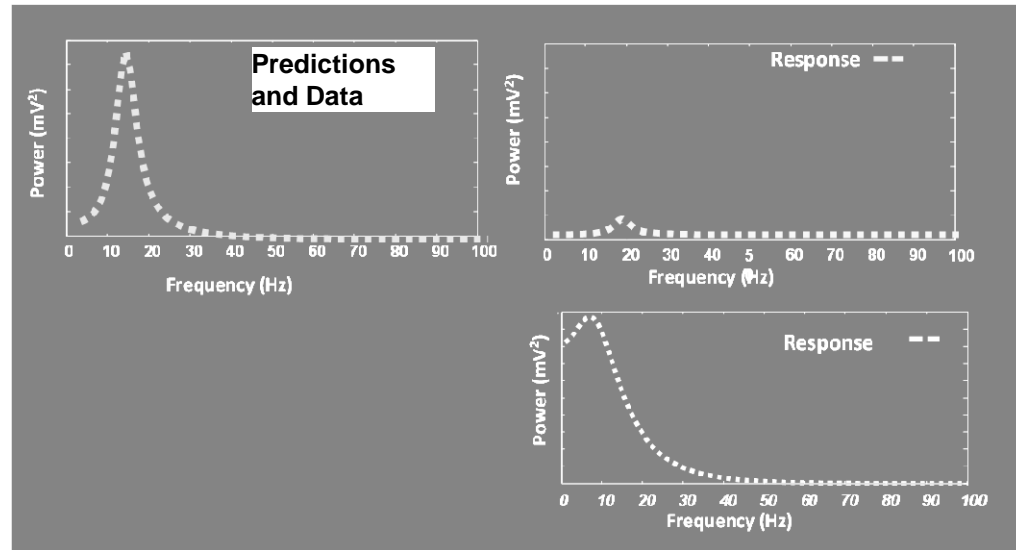
$$H(\omega) = \mathbb{F}(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-2\pi\omega it} dt$$

The Fourier transform of a signal is a continuous complex function

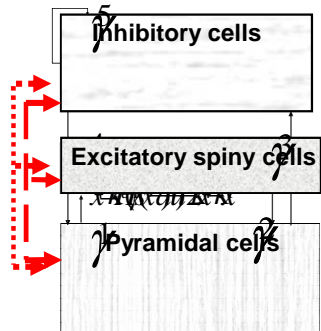
□ DCM for CSD: data fits have **two** parts:
real and imaginary



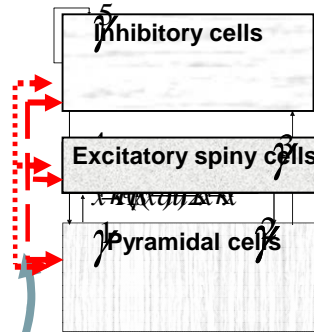
Model Inversion using absolute value (modulus)



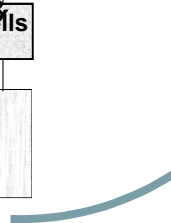
$$| H_1(\omega) \cdot H_1^*(\omega) |$$



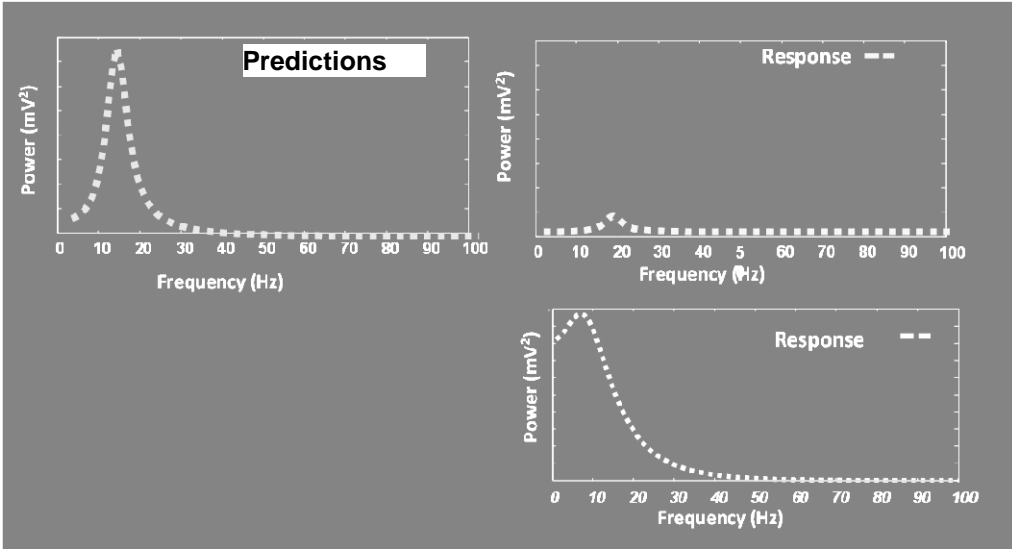
$$| H_2(\omega) \cdot H_2^*(\omega) |$$



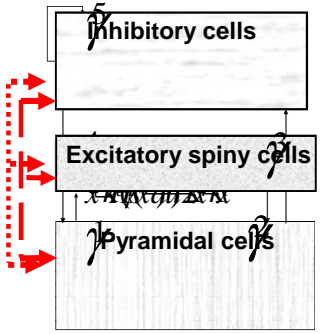
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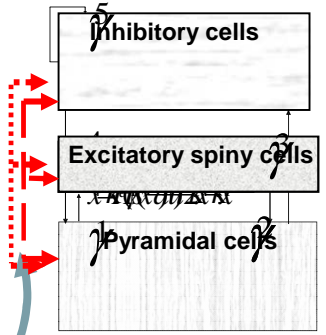
Generative Model



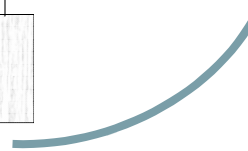
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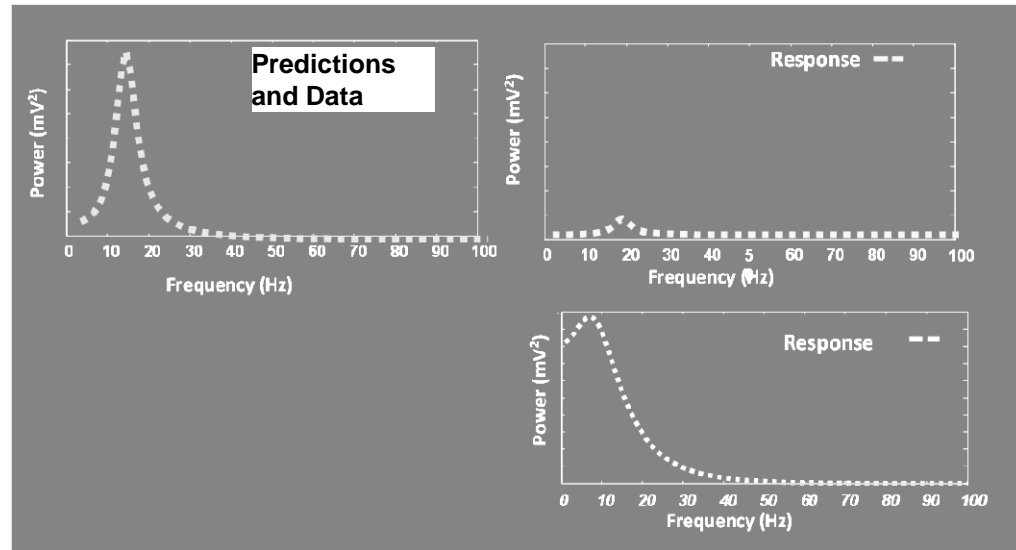
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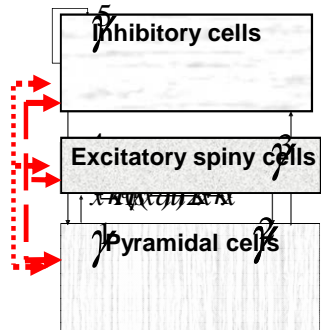
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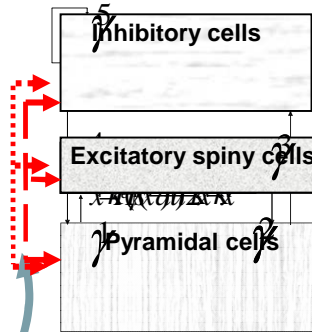
Model Inversion using full complex signal



$$H_1(\omega) \cdot H_1^*(\omega)$$

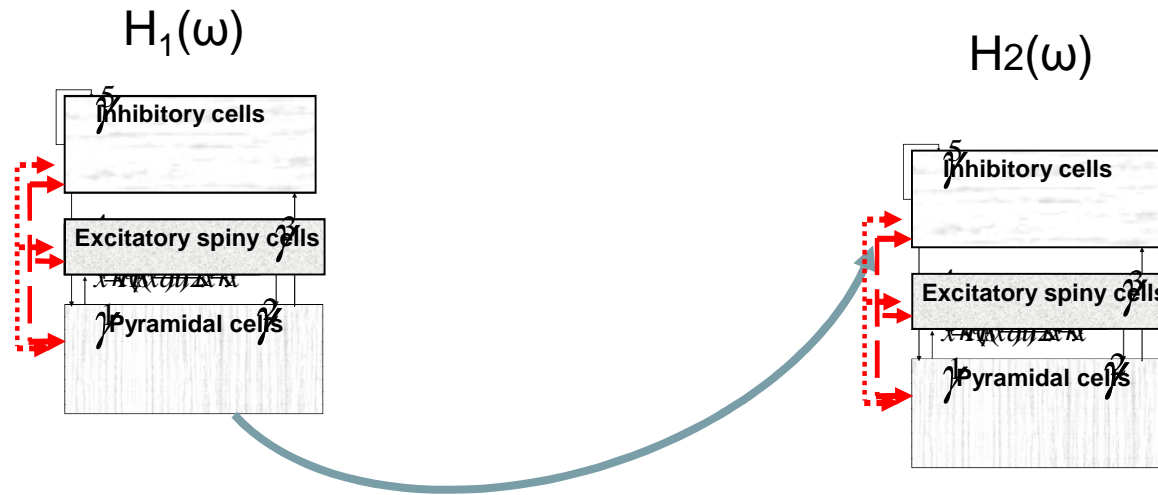


$$H_2(\omega) \cdot H_2^*(\omega)$$



$$H_1(\omega) \cdot H_2^*(\omega)$$





Spectra $Abs(H_1(\omega) \cdot H_1^*(\omega)) , Abs(H_1(\omega) \cdot H_2^*(\omega)) \dots$

Coherence $|(H_1(\omega) \cdot H_2^*(\omega))|^2 / \{ (H_1(\omega) \cdot H_1^*(\omega)) + (H_2(\omega) \cdot H_2^*(\omega)) \}$

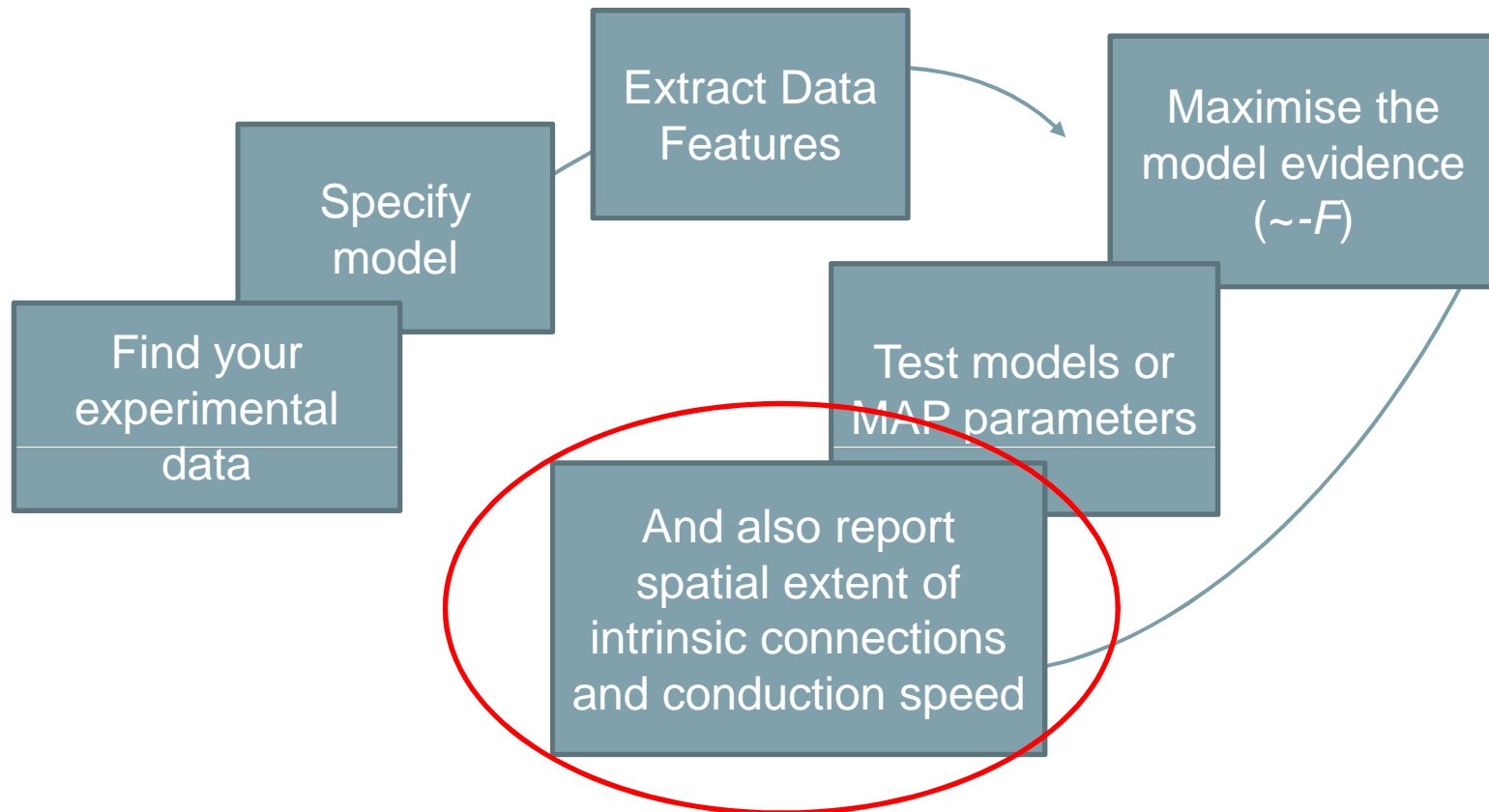
Delay at particular frequencies $arg(H_1(\omega) \cdot H_2^*(\omega)) / 2\pi f$

Covariance (lags over time, collapsed across frequencies) $Real(\mathbb{F}^{-1}(H_1(\omega) \cdot H_2^*(\omega)))$

- Can also optimize **complex-valued** quantities
- Understand how biophysical parameters affect conventional linear systems measures

Overview

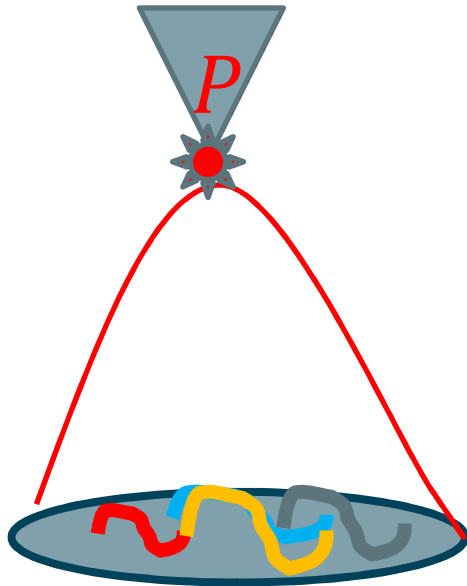
1. Data Features
2. Generative Model
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4. Example: Glutamate and GABA in Rodent Auditory Cortex
5. DCM for Cross Spectral Density
6. **DCM for Neural Fields**



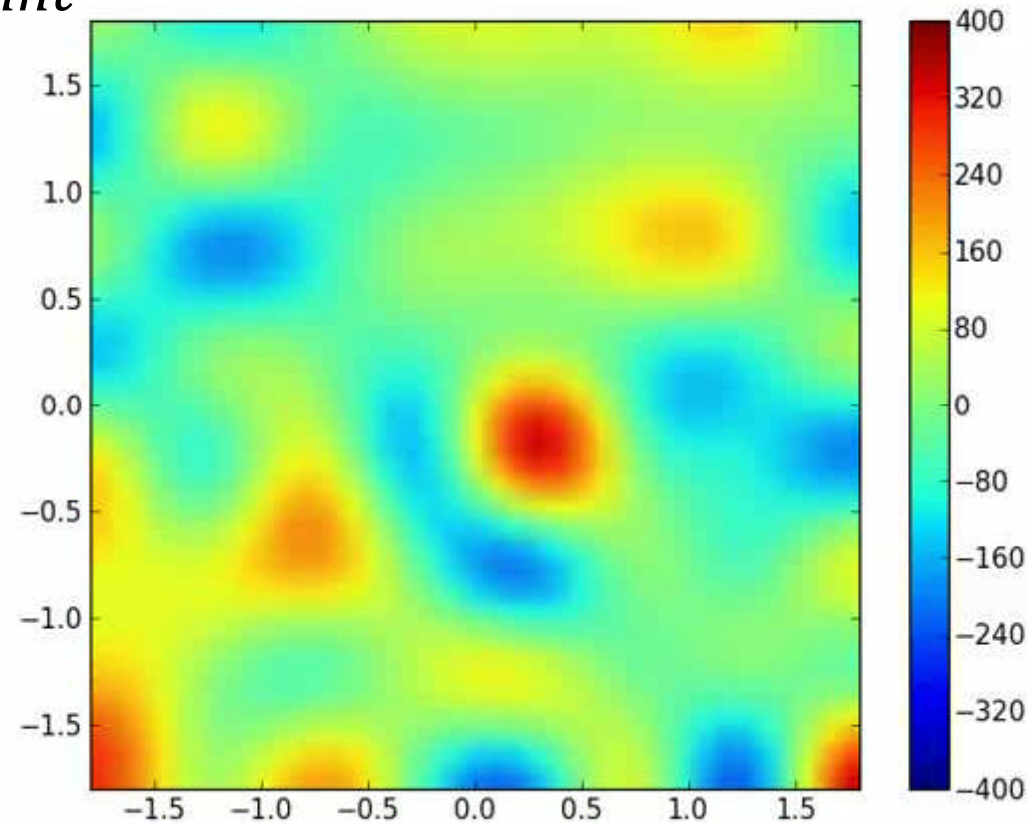
New NFM routines

□ Main difference with previous models:

Brain activity is deployed on a cortical *patch* as opposed to being centred around a *point*

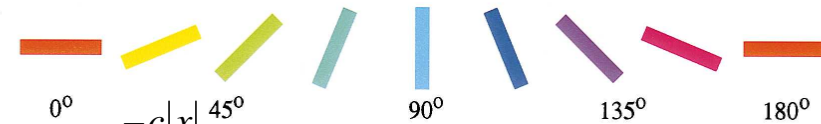
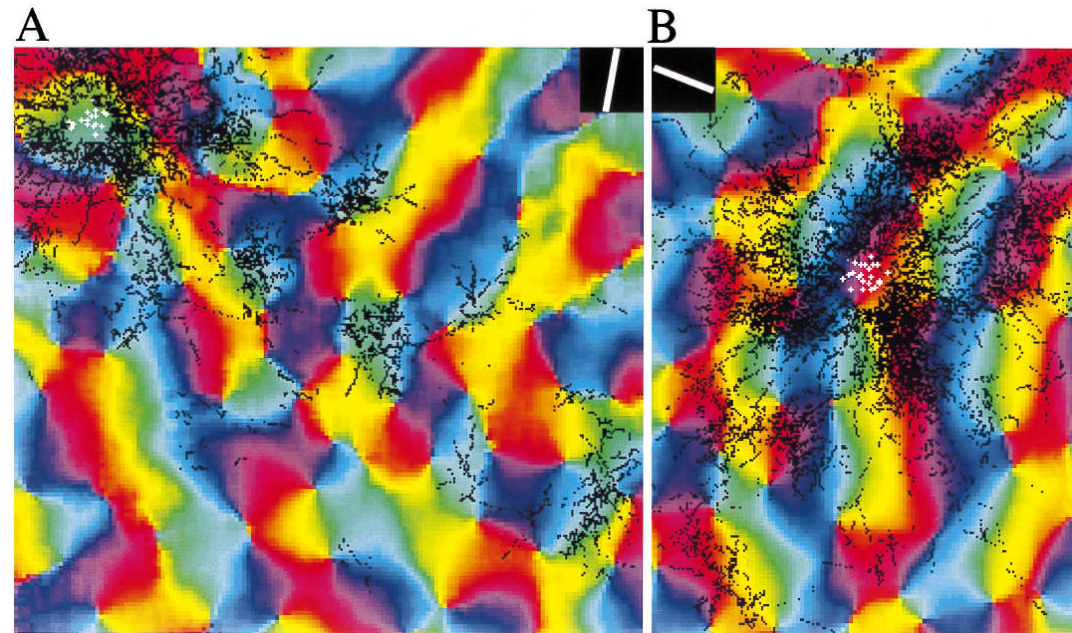
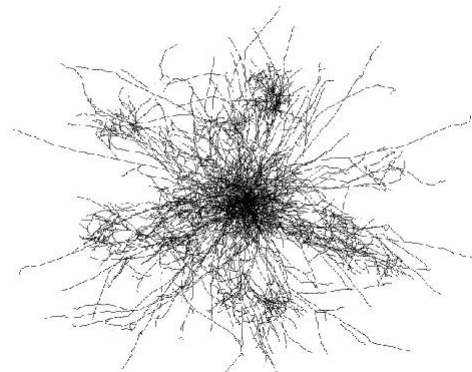
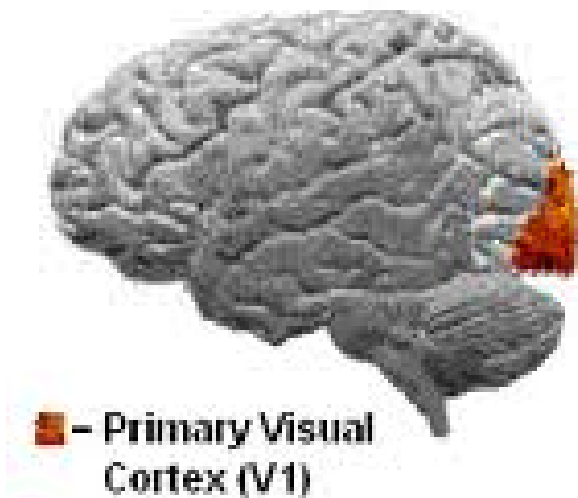


$$L(x, \varphi) = \varphi_1 \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\varphi_2}\right)$$



□ Lead field modified to enable a mapping of spatially distributed activity (coloured waves) to a time series at P

Novelty of **DCM for NFs**: Can get estimates of parameters relating to **spatial properties** of sources when there is **NO SPATIAL INFO** in the data

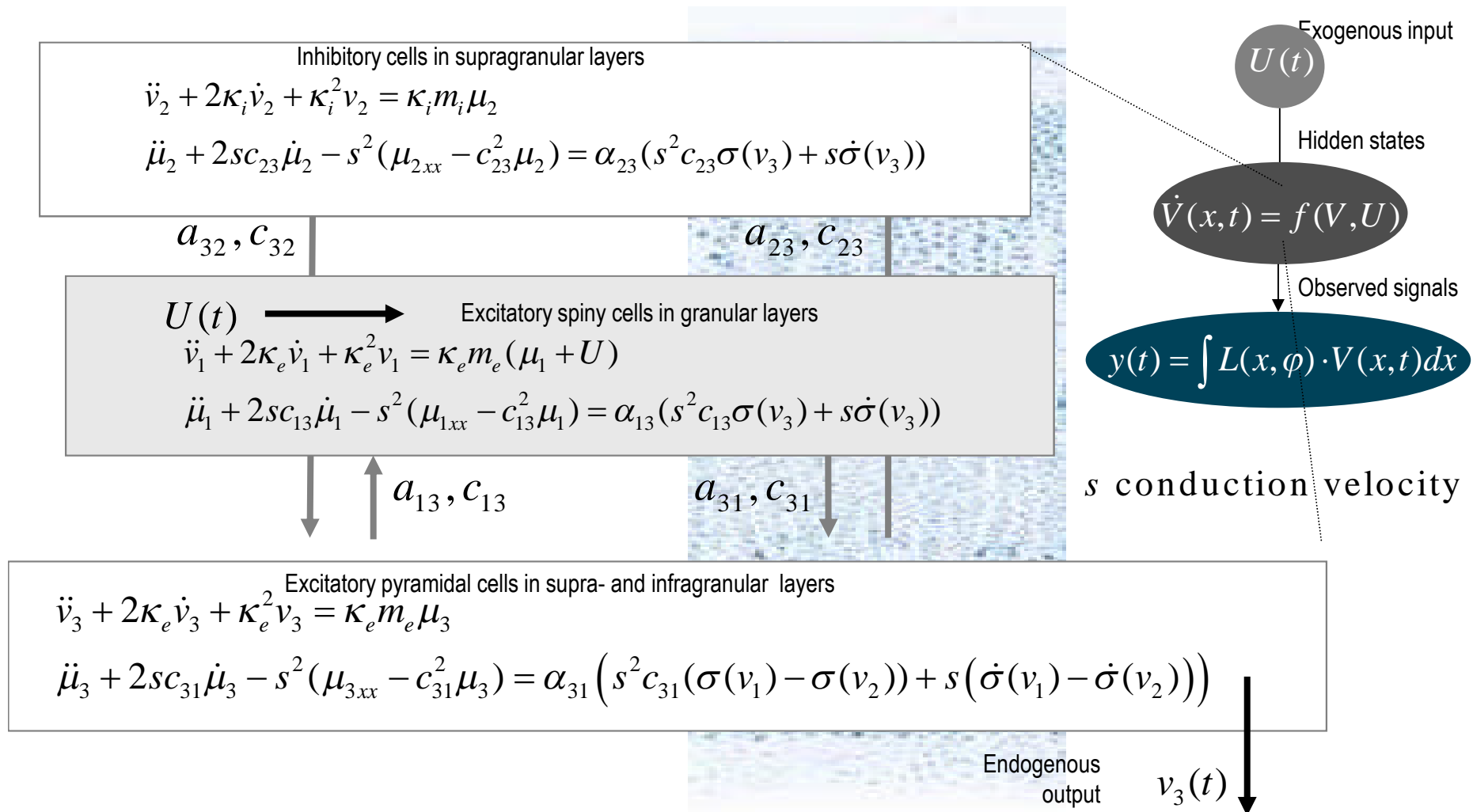


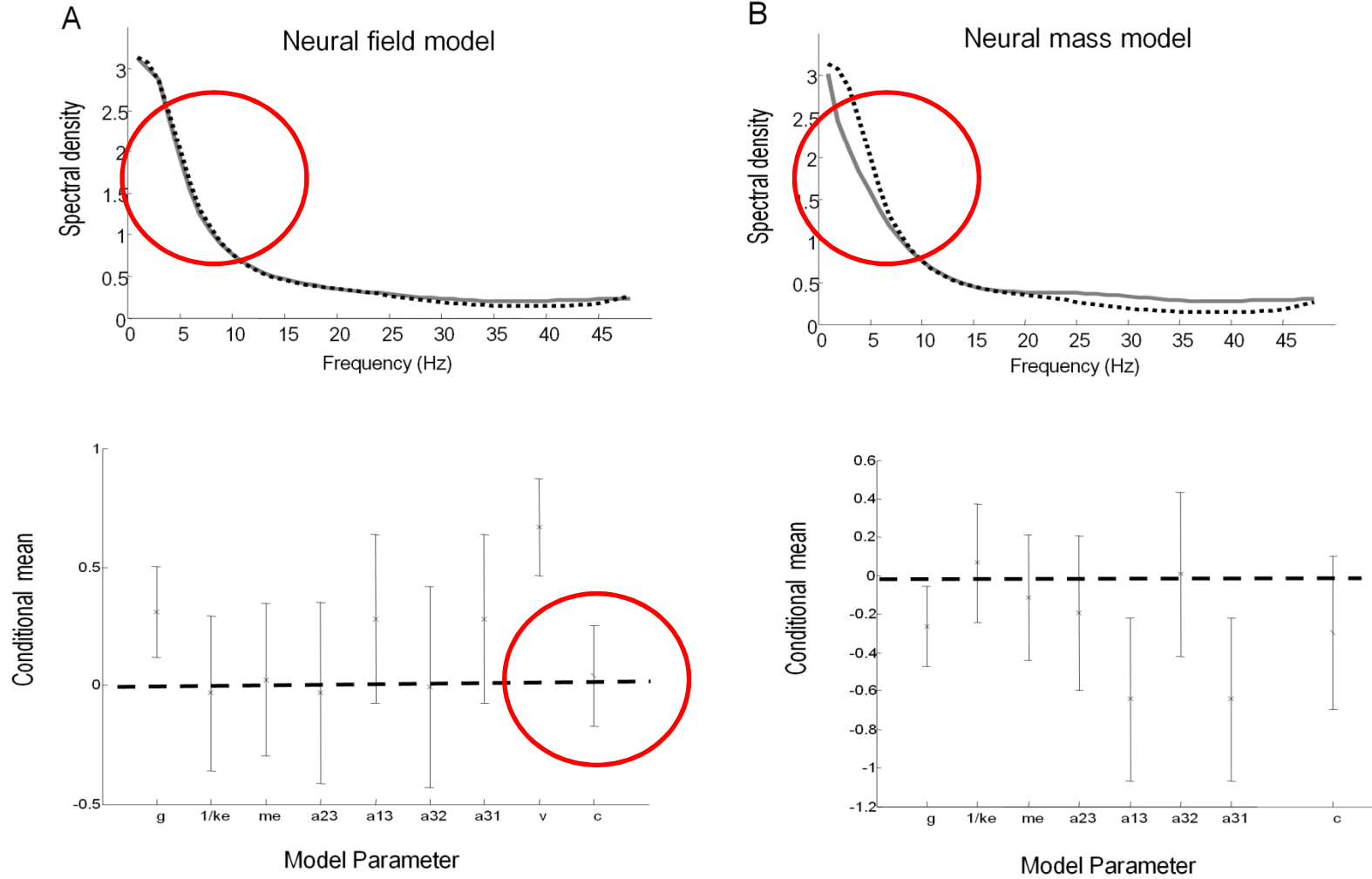
$$K(|x|) = ae^{-c|x|}$$

a intrinsic connection strength

c spatial decay rate \leftrightarrow connection extent

□ Augment old equations with wave equations describing propagation of afferent spike rate between points on the cortex





Summary

- DCM is a generic framework for asking mechanistic questions based on neuroimaging data (e.g. drug-induced changes in balance of synaptic transmission)
- Neural mass models parameterise intrinsic and extrinsic ensemble connections and synaptic measures (time constants, effective connectivity,...)
- DCM for SSR and CSD provide a compact characterisation of multi- channel LFP or EEG data in the frequency domain
- Bayesian inversion provides parameter estimates and allows model comparison for competing hypothesised architectures
- Neural field models incorporate propagation of activity on a cortical patch, so one can distinguish between spatial effects and other factors such as cortico-thalamic interactions or intrinsic cell properties
- Neural field models yield estimates of parameters related to topographic properties of the sources such as spatial decay rate of synaptic connections and intrinsic conduction speed, even when using spatially unresolved data

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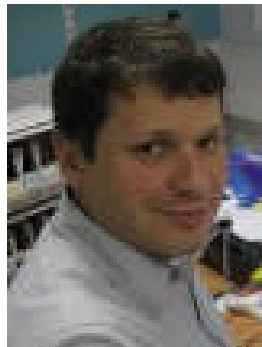
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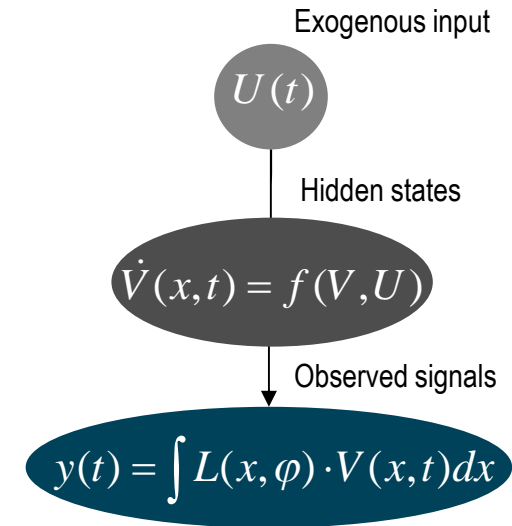
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$$L(x, \varphi) = \varphi_1 \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{\varphi_2}\right)$$

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$$g_Y(\omega, \theta) \approx \frac{\pi}{\ell} \sum_j L\left(\frac{j\pi}{\ell}\right) T_m\left(\frac{j\pi}{\ell}, \omega\right) g_U\left(\frac{j\pi}{\ell}, \omega\right) T_{m'}\left(\frac{j\pi}{\ell}, \omega\right)^* L\left(\frac{j\pi}{\ell}\right)^*$$

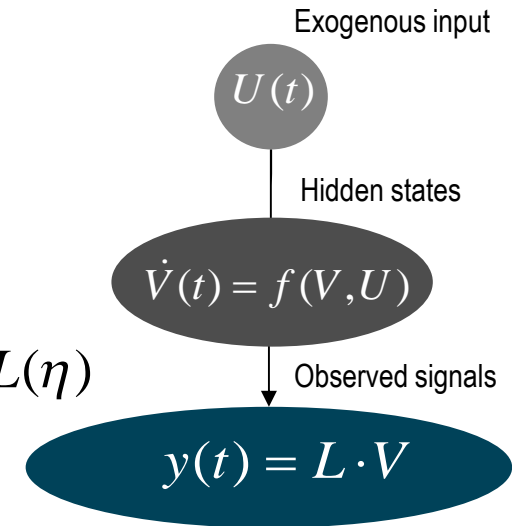
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$$L(x, \varphi) = L(\eta)$$



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Maximum postsynaptic depolarization

8, 32 (mV)

Postsynaptic time constants

1/4, 1/28 (ms^{-1})

Amplitude of intrinsic connectivity kernels

2000, 8000, 2000, 1000

Intrinsic connectivity decay constant

0.32 (mm^{-1})

Sigmoid parameters(post synaptic firing rate function)

0.54, 0, 0.135

Conduction velocity

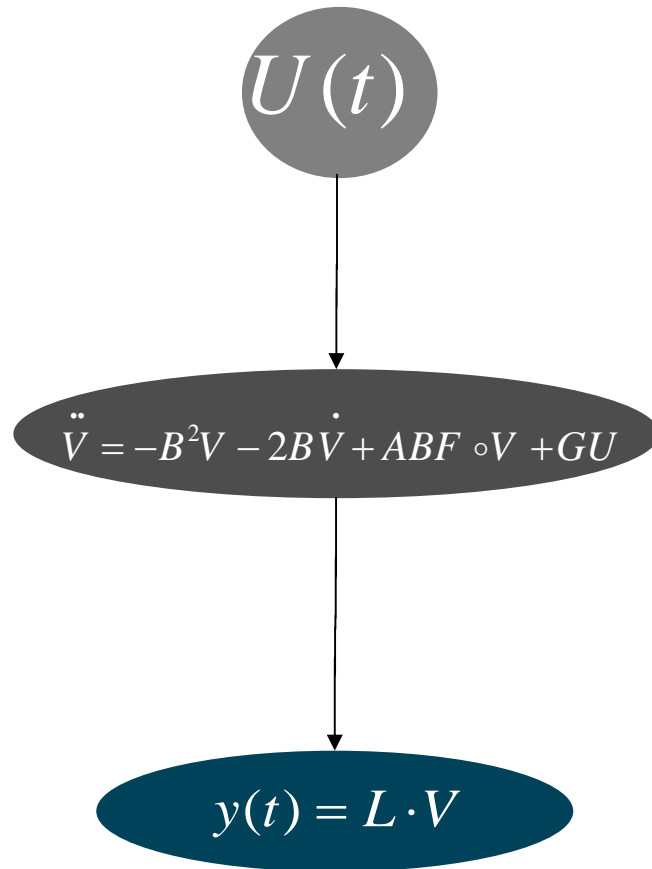
3 m/s

Radius of cortical source

50 (mm)

Difference in predicted spectra $g_Y(\omega, \theta)$ because of difference in underlying model:

Neural Mass

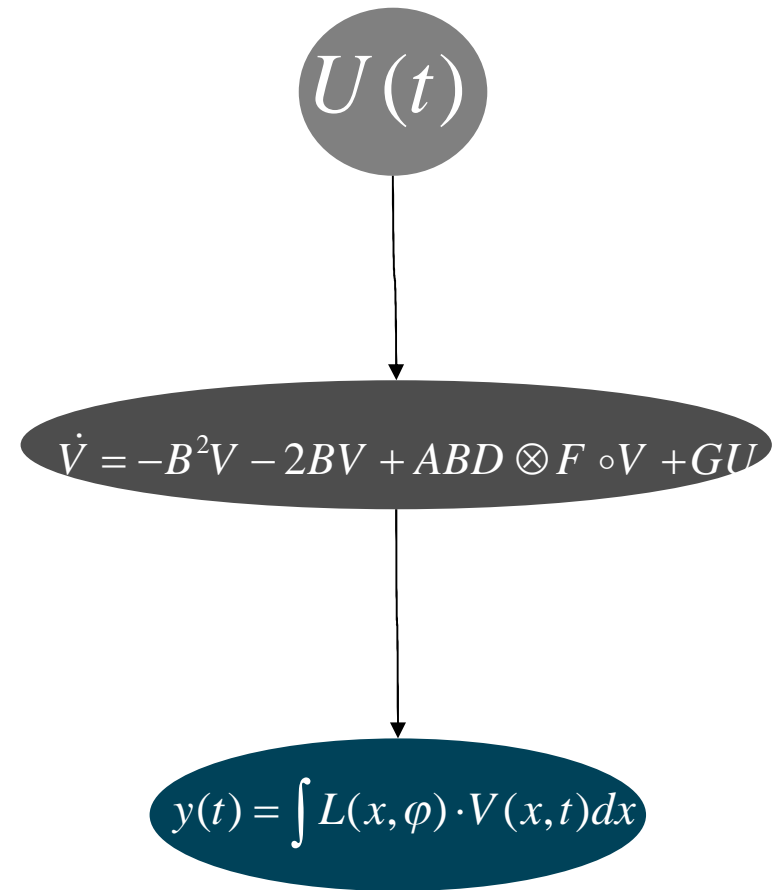


Exogenous input

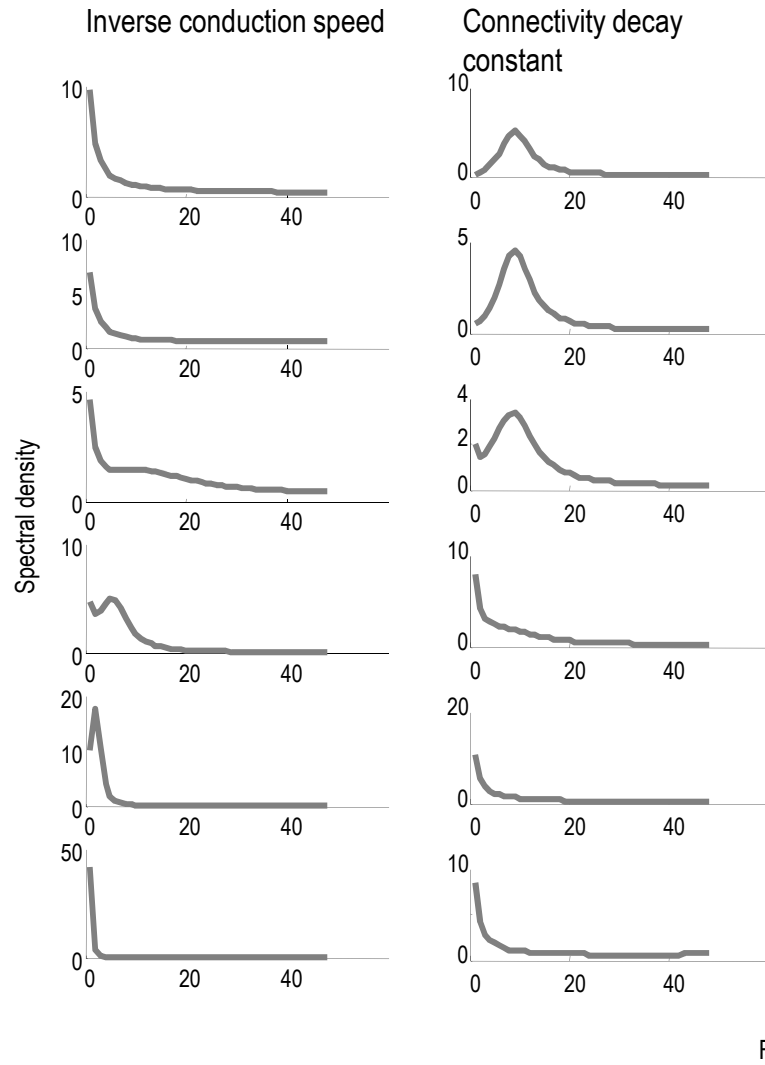
Hidden states

Observed signals

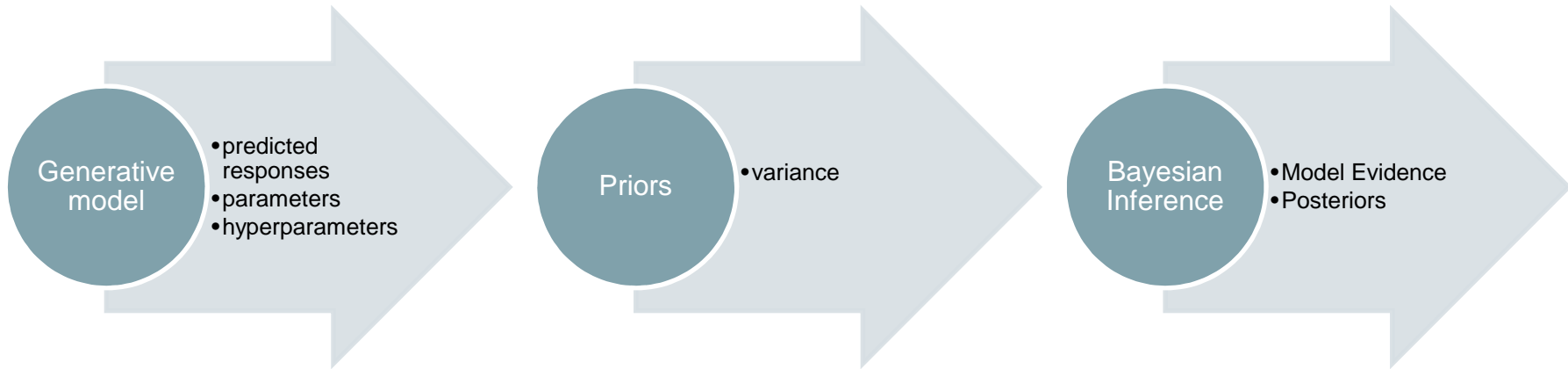
Neural Field



$$D \otimes Q = \iint D(x - x', t - t') \cdot Q(x', t') dx' dt'$$



- New peaks appear:
 - as intrinsic speed decreases
 - as connectivity extent increases



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$$p(\theta, m) = N(\mu_\theta, \Sigma_\theta)$$



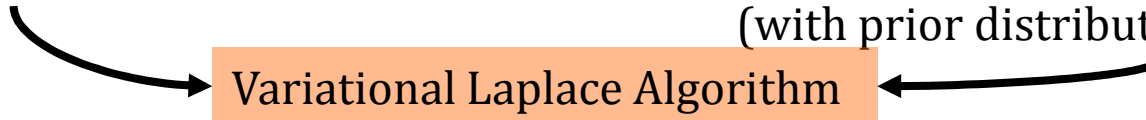
$$p(G | \theta, m) = N(\mathbf{g}_Y(\omega), \Sigma(\omega, \lambda))$$

$$p(G | m) = \int p(G | \theta, m) p(\theta) d\theta$$

$$p(\theta | G, m) = \frac{p(G | \theta, m) p(\theta, m)}{p(G | m)}$$

Measured data

Specify generative forward model
(with prior distributions of parameters)



Maximize a free energy bound to model evidence :

$$F = \log p(y|m) - D(q(\theta) \| p(\theta|y,m))$$

$$= \langle \log p(y|\theta,m) \rangle_q - D(q(\theta) \| p(\theta|m))$$

Iterative procedure:

1. Compute model response using current set of parameters and hyperparameters
2. Compare model response with data
3. Improve parameters and hyperparameters

Model comparison via Bayes factor:

$$BF = \frac{p(y | m_1)}{p(y | m_2)}$$

$$q(\theta) \approx p(\theta|y,m)$$

Maximum accuracy over complexity constraints