

# Phase transition & the role of topology in a neural network with spatio-temporal attractors

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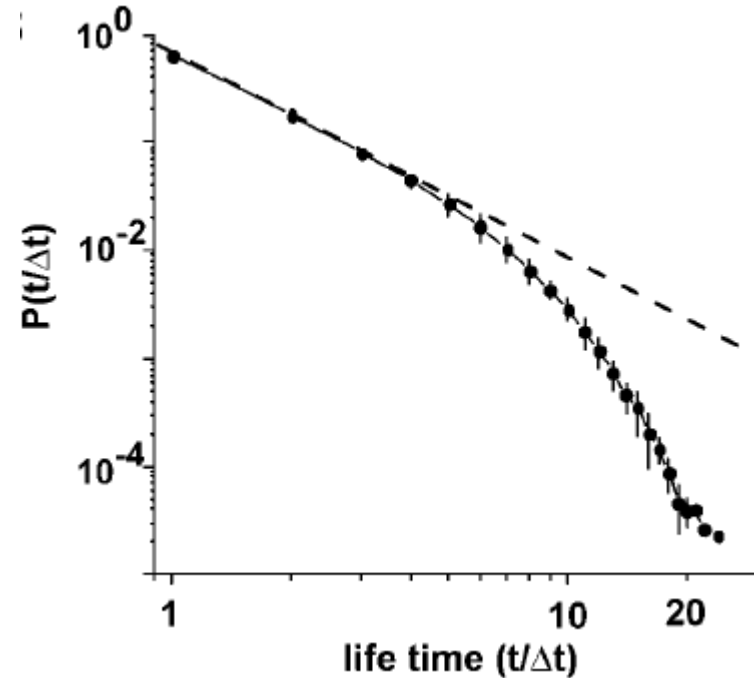
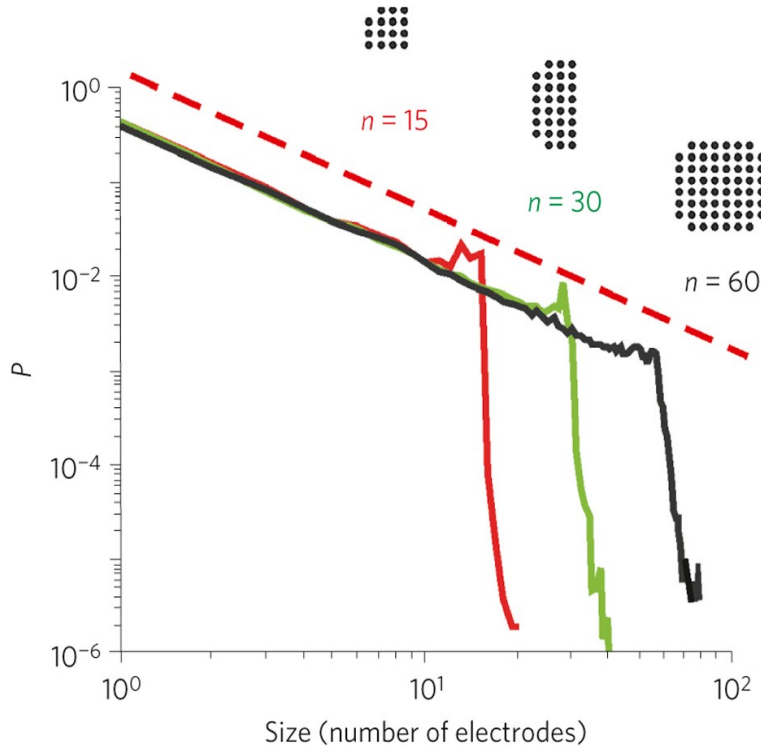
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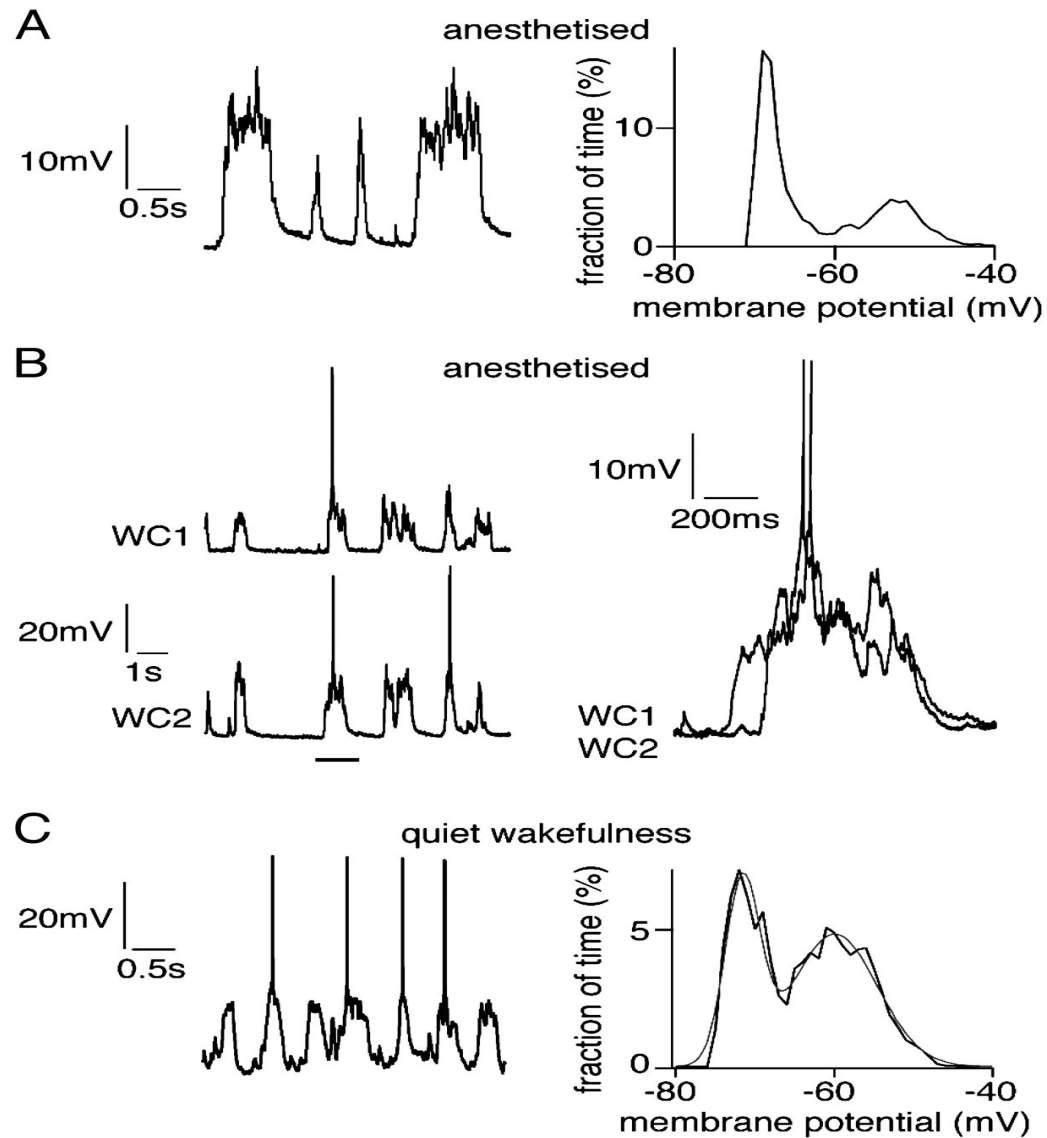
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# Power law distributions

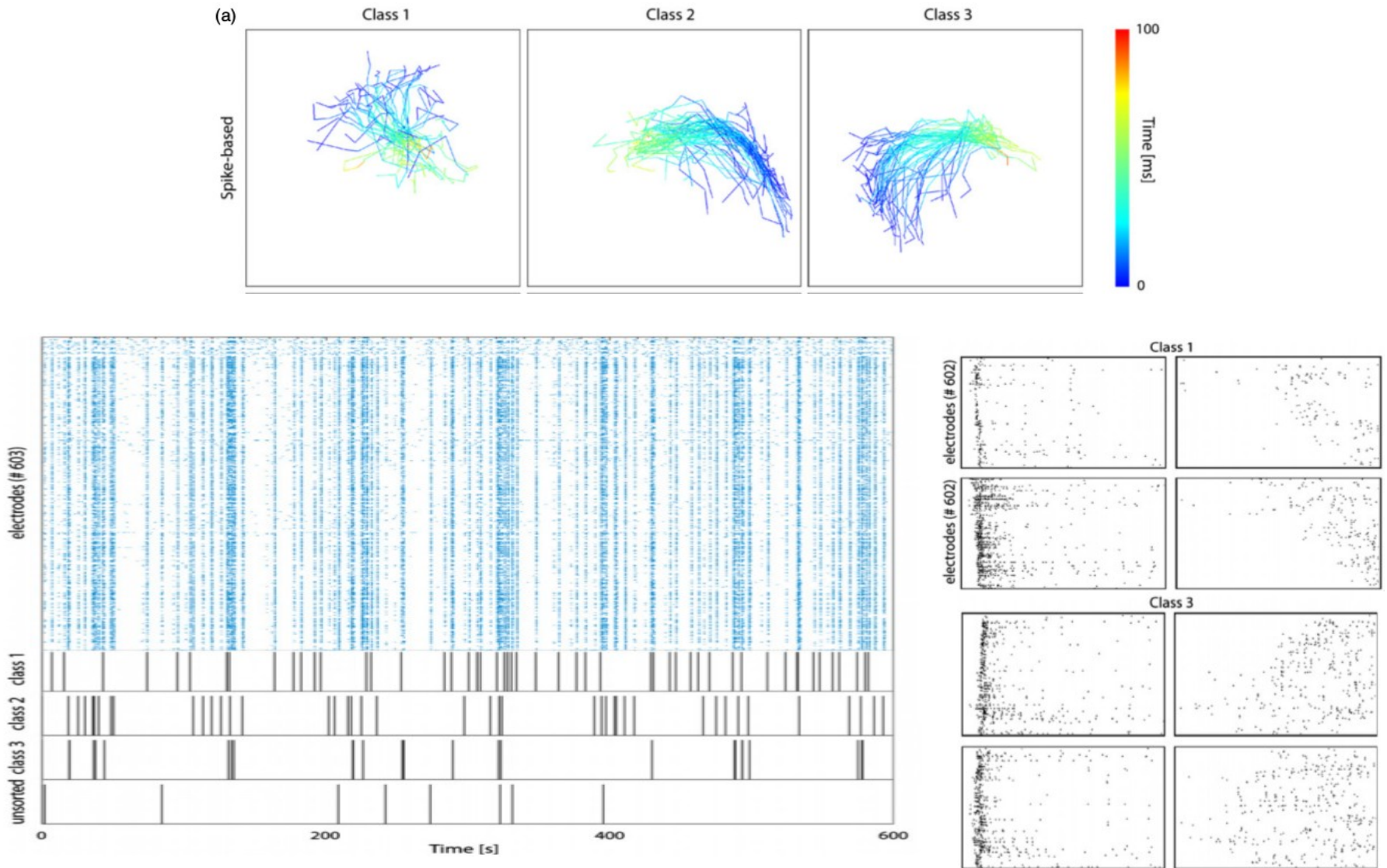


Beggs & Plenz, J. Neurosci. 23, 11167 (2003).

# UP and DOWN states during anesthesia and quiet wakefulness.



# Repeatability of network bursts in hippocampal cultures



# A model with spatio-temporal attractors

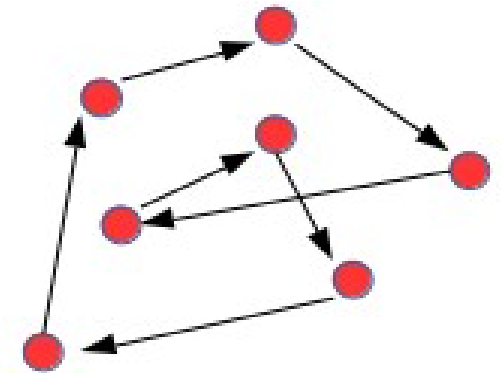
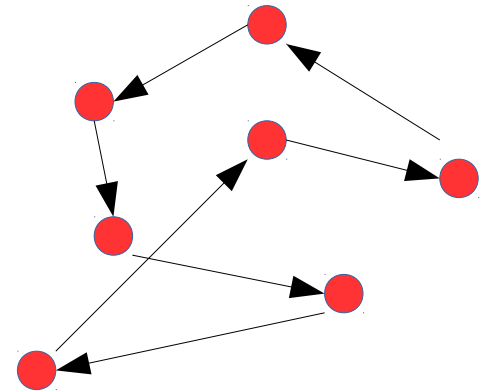
network is forced to replay patterns and connections are shaped by STDP

neuron activity:  $x_i(t) = \sum_n \delta(t - t_i^\mu)$

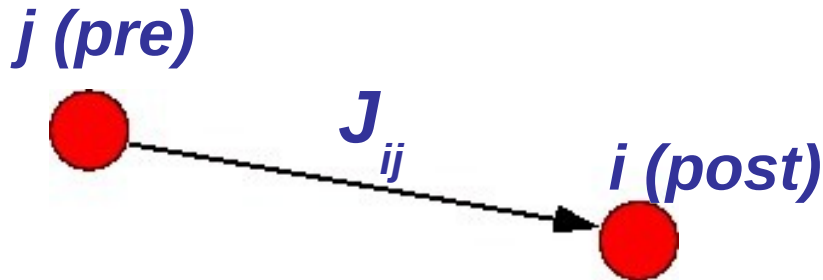
$$\Delta J_{ij}^\mu \propto \int dt dt' x_i(t) A(t - t') x_j(t')$$

$$\propto \sum_n A \left( t_i^\mu - t_j^\mu + \frac{n}{f^\mu} \right)$$

$$J_{ij} = \sum_\mu \Delta J_{ij}^\mu \quad \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \simeq 0$$



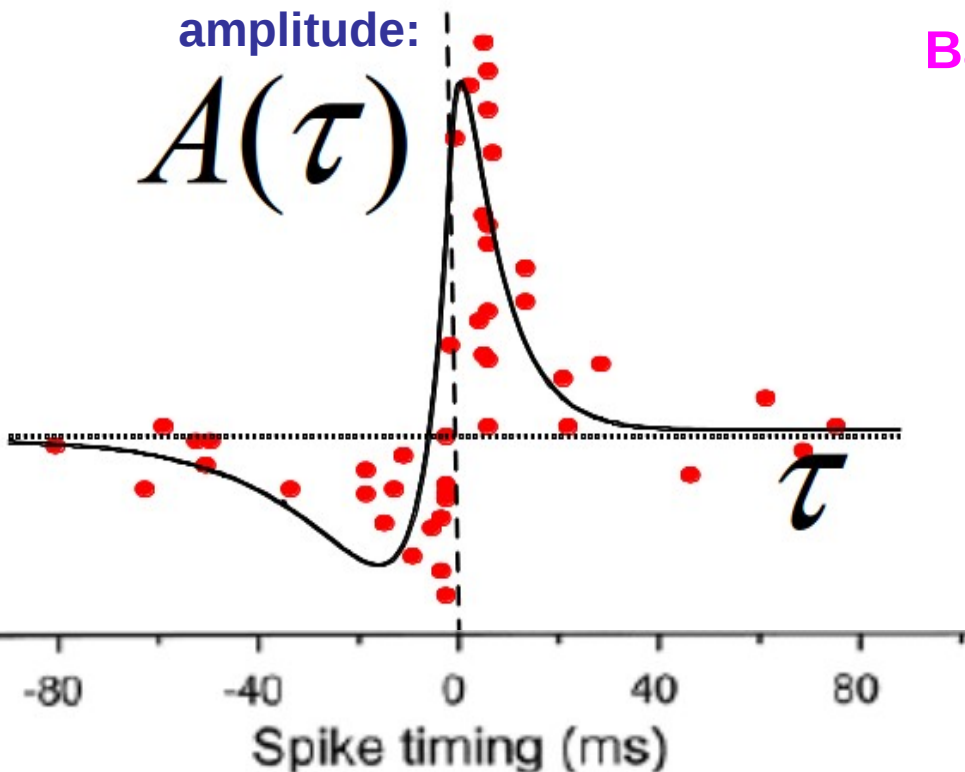
# Spike-timing dependent plasticity



$$\Delta J_{ij} \propto A \left( t_i^{(\text{post})} - t_j^{(\text{pre})} \right)$$

Change in EPSC  
amplitude:

$$A(\tau)$$



Balance between excitation and  
inhibition

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(\tau) d\tau = 0$$

Theoretical prediction:

Kempster, Gerstner & van Hemmen, PRE 199

Experiments:

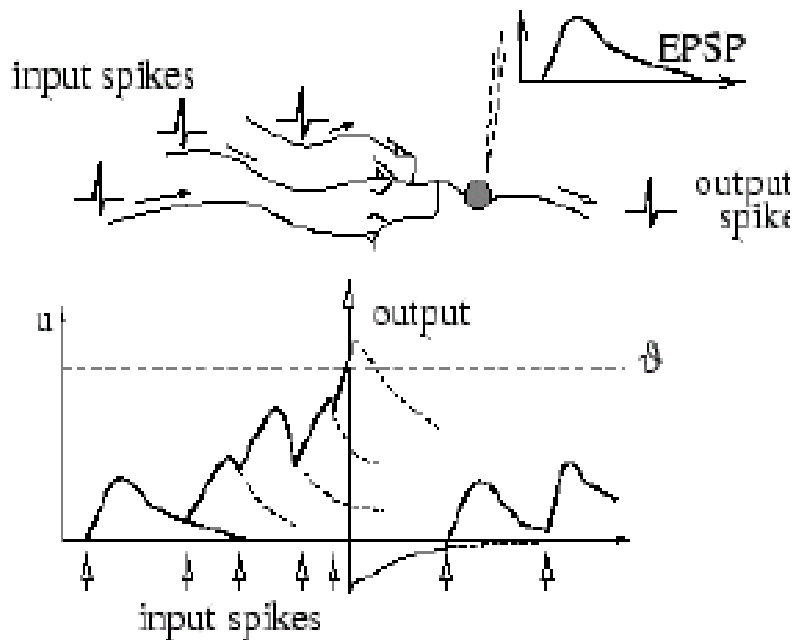
Markram et al., Nature 1997

Bi & Poo, J. Neuroscience 1998

# Hub (leader) neurons & pruning

- Leader neurons: 3% of the neurons have a three times larger amplitude of the incoming connections.
- Pruning of the connections: only the 30% largest connections survive, the others are set to zero.

# The dynamics: Leaky Integrate-and-Fire neurons



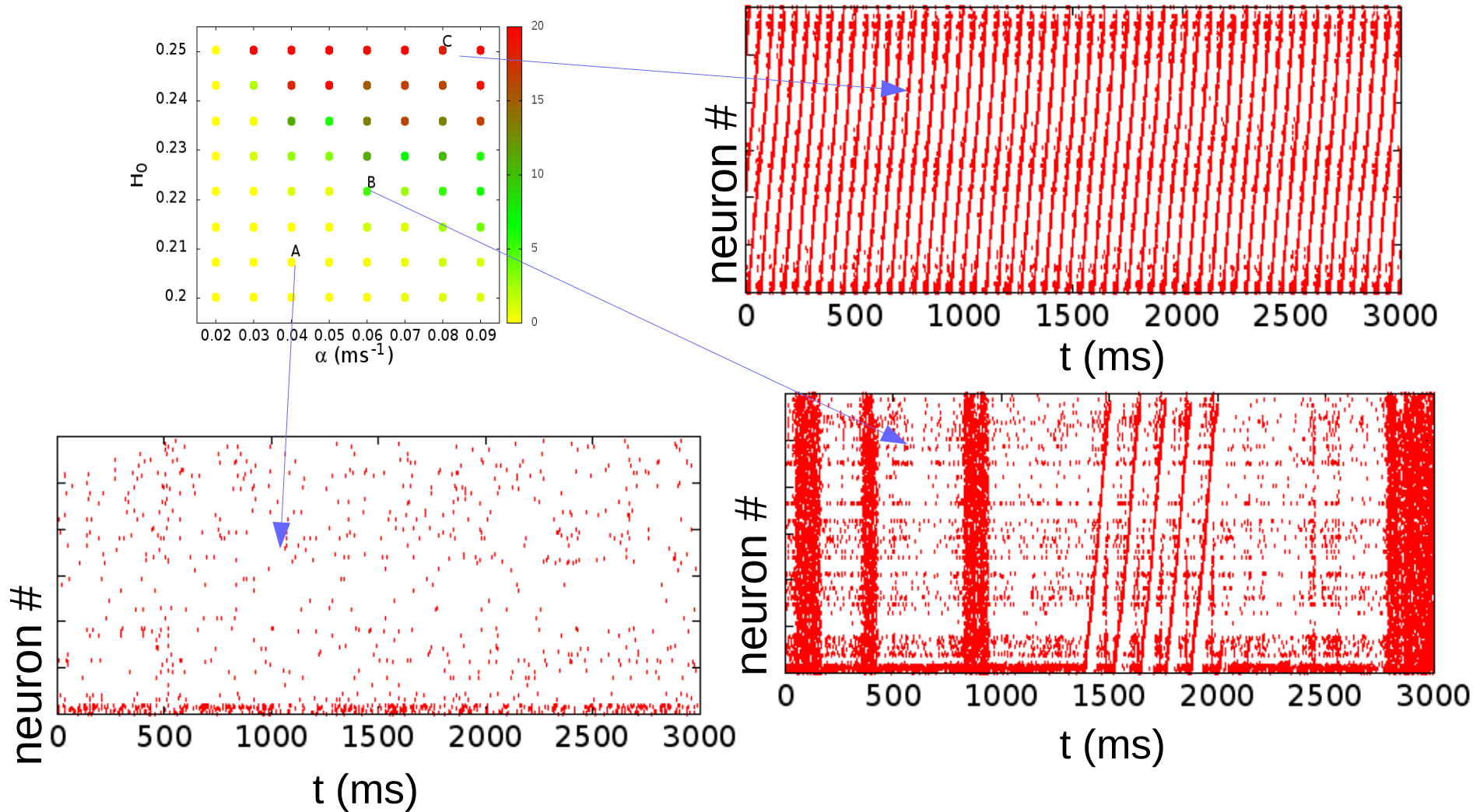
$$\frac{dV_i(t)}{dt} = -\frac{V_i(t)}{\tau_m} + I_i(t)$$

$$I_i(t) = \sum_j \sum_{t_i < t_j < t} \frac{J_{ij}}{\tau_s} e^{-(t-t_j)/\tau_s} + \sum_{t_i < \hat{t}_i < t} \frac{\hat{h}_i}{\tau_s} e^{-(t-\hat{t}_i)/\tau_s}$$

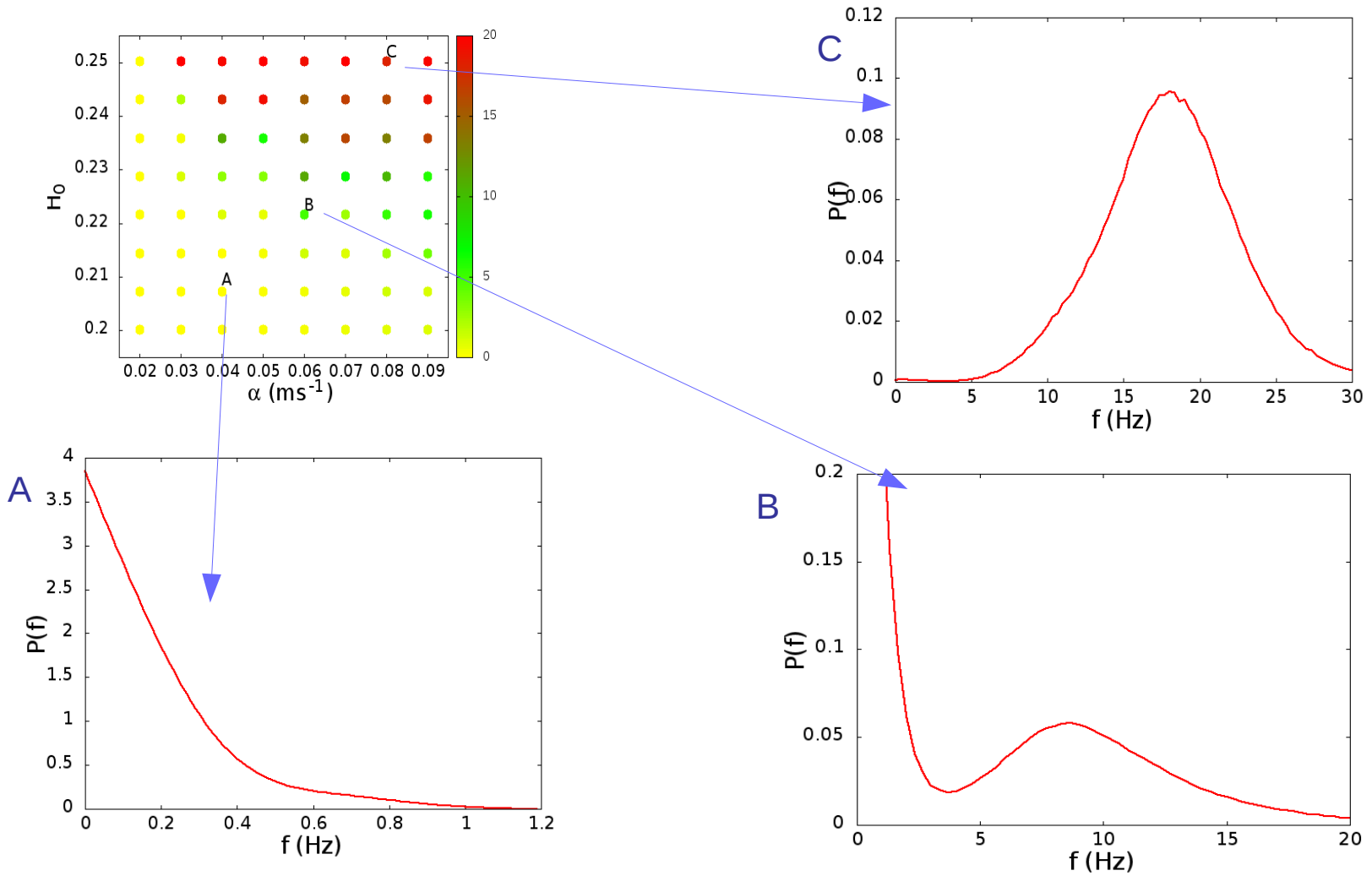
$$\tau_m = 10 \text{ ms}, \tau_s = 5 \text{ ms}$$



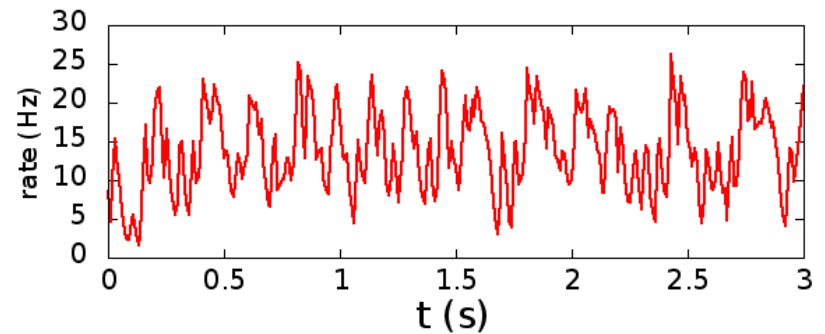
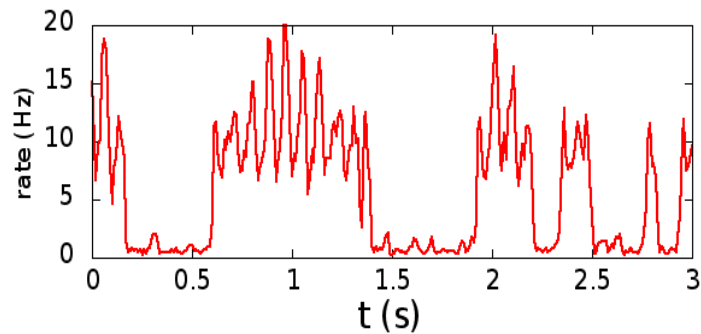
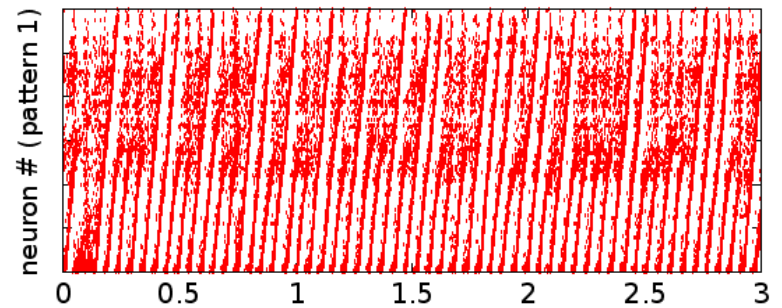
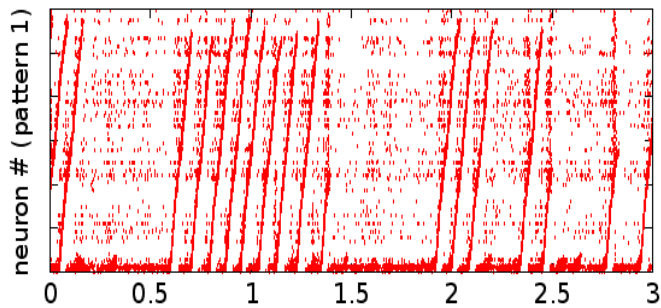
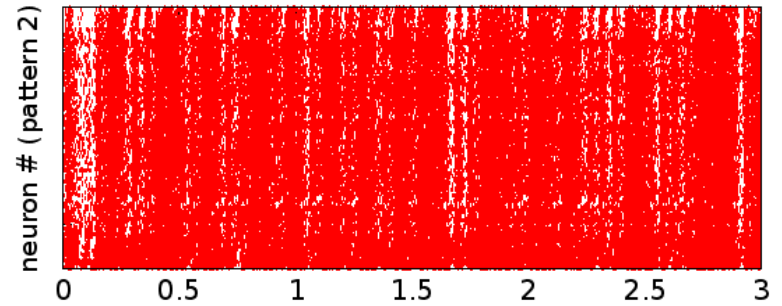
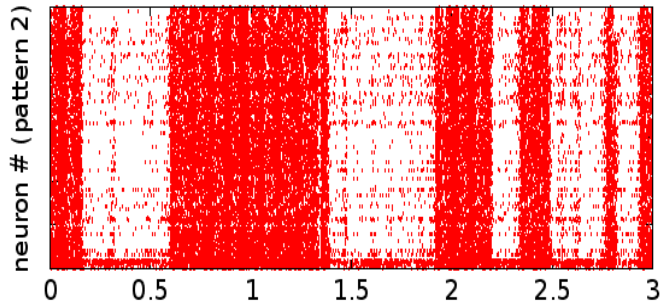
# Phase diagram: transition between replay and non-replay of patterns



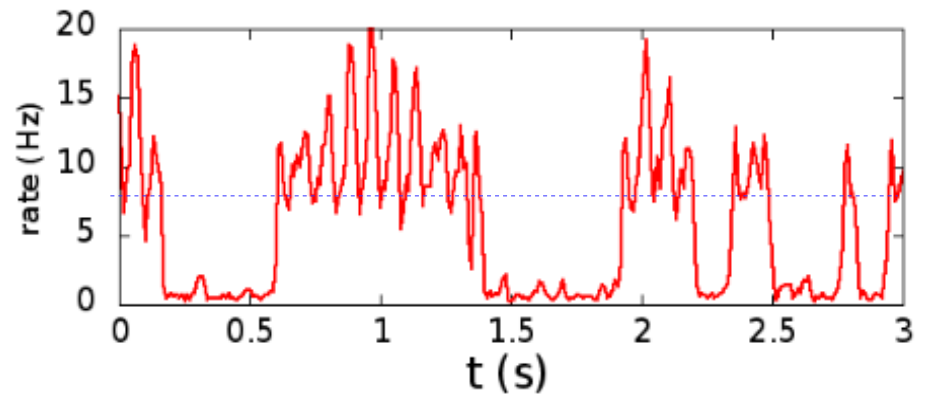
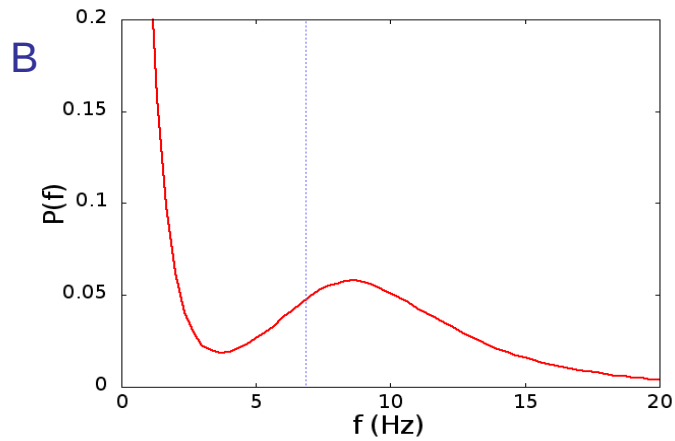
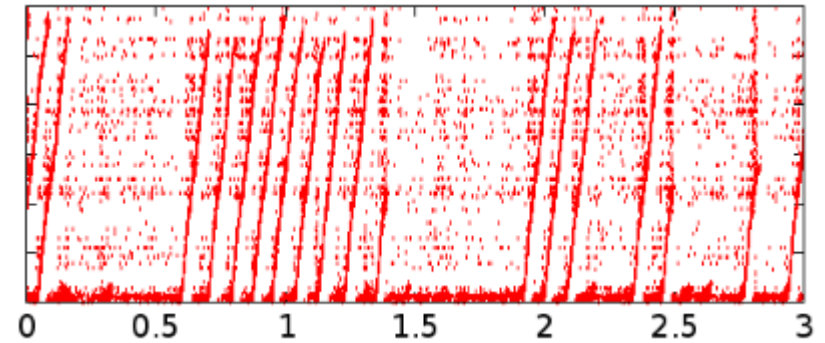
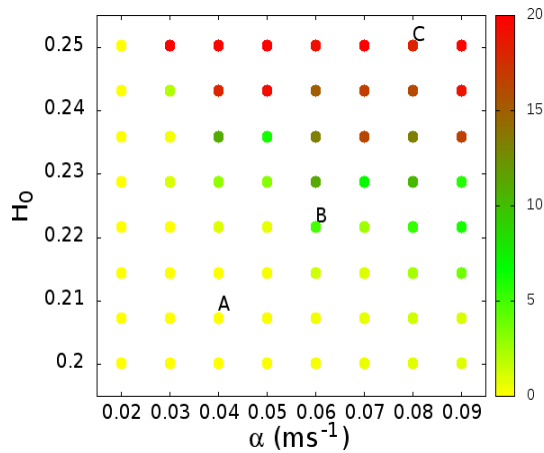
# Distribution of rates



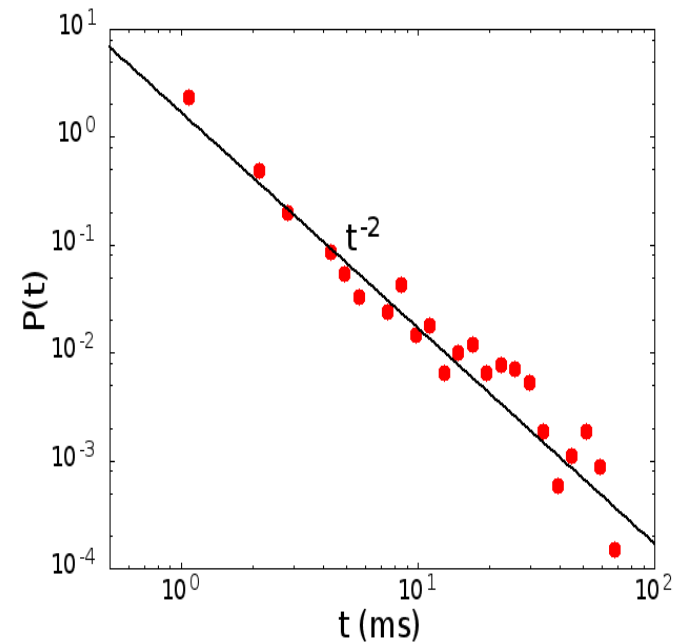
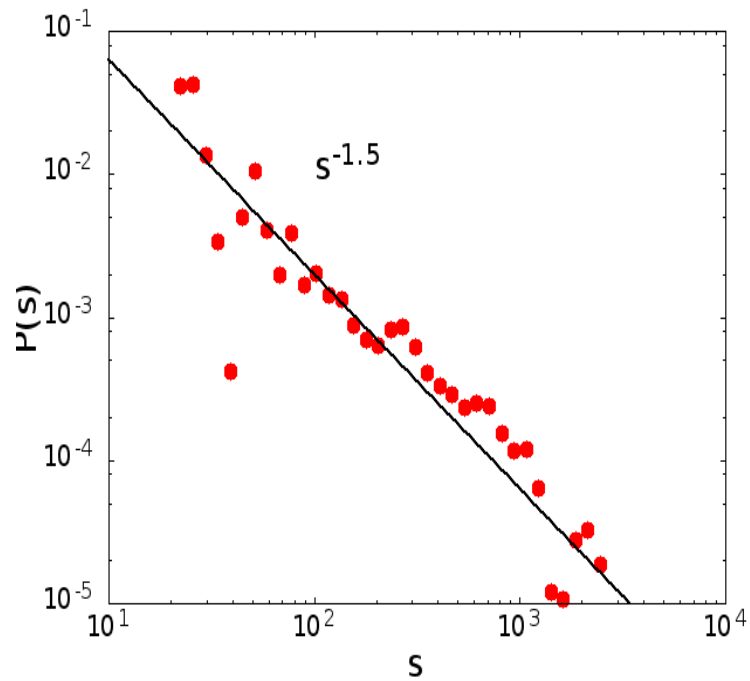
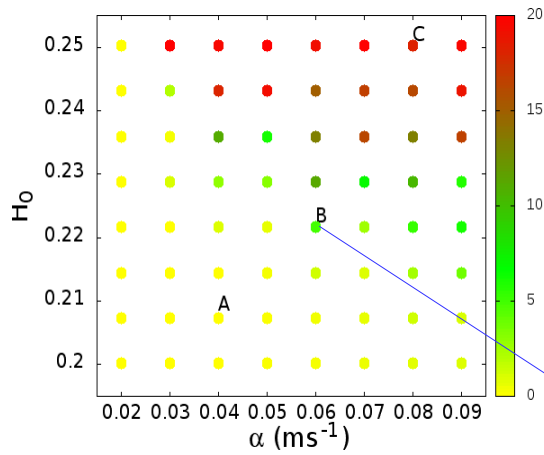
# Rate and raster plots



# Avalanches at the transition



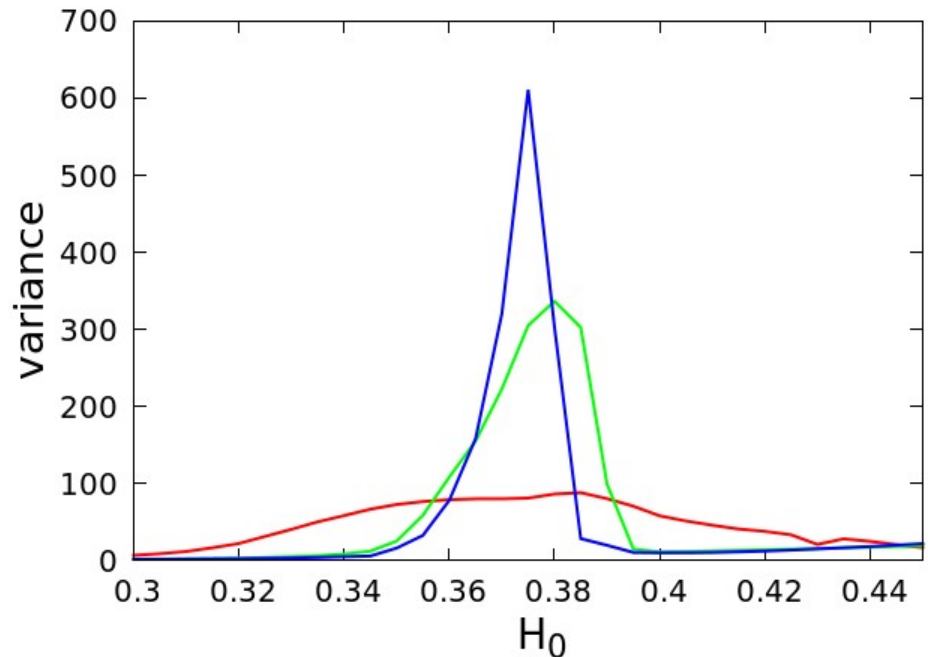
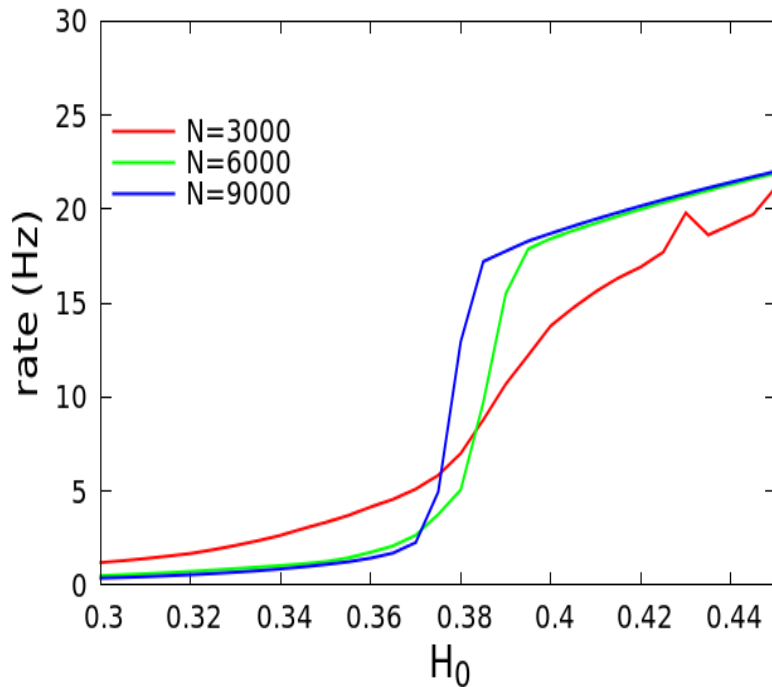
# Size and duration distribution of avalanches



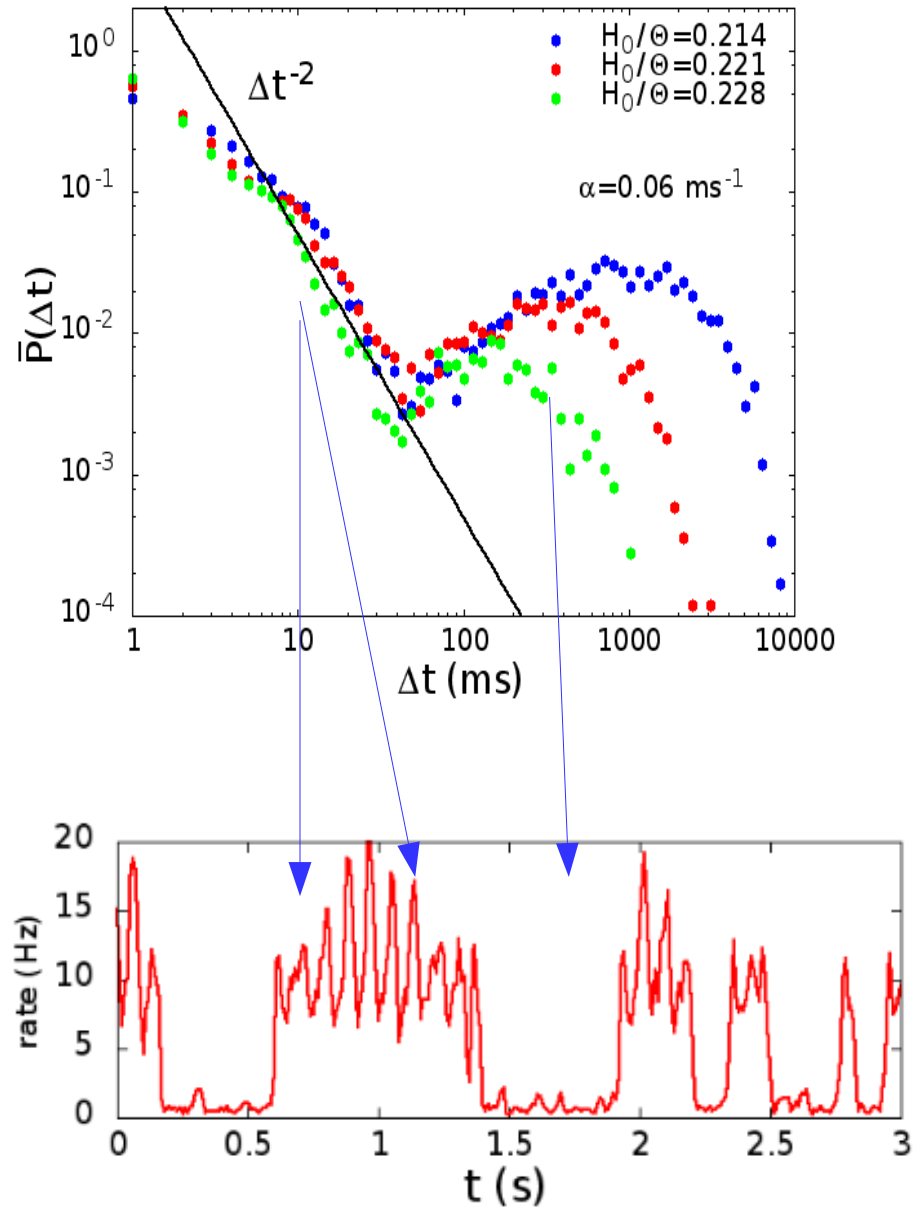
# What is the order of the transition?

$\langle r \rangle$

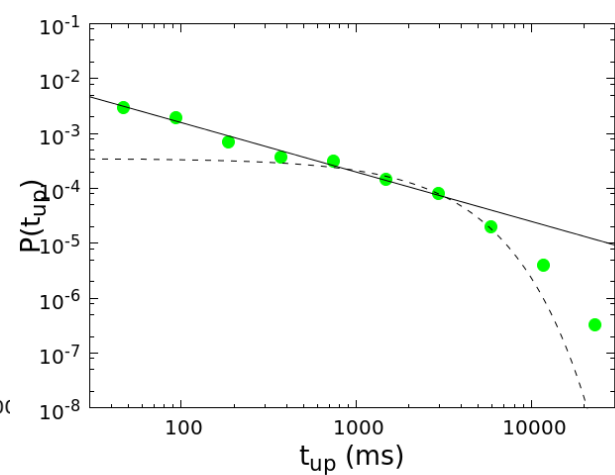
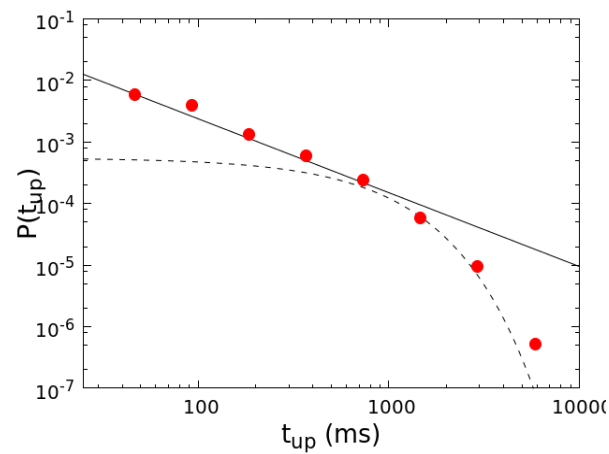
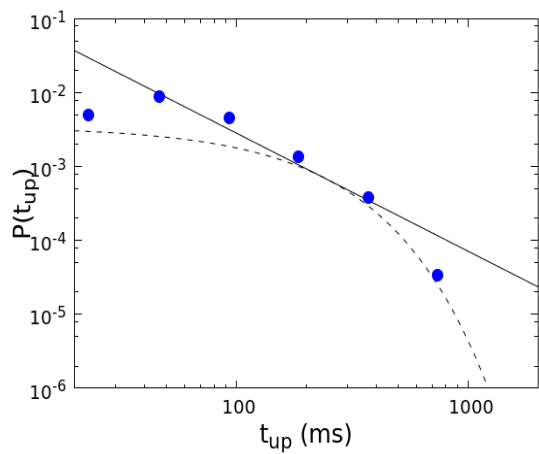
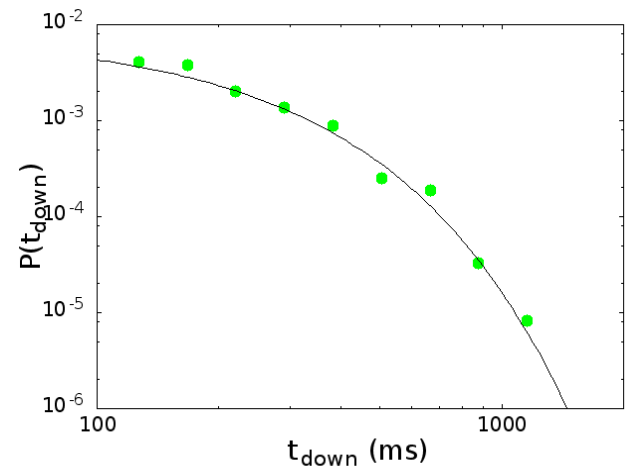
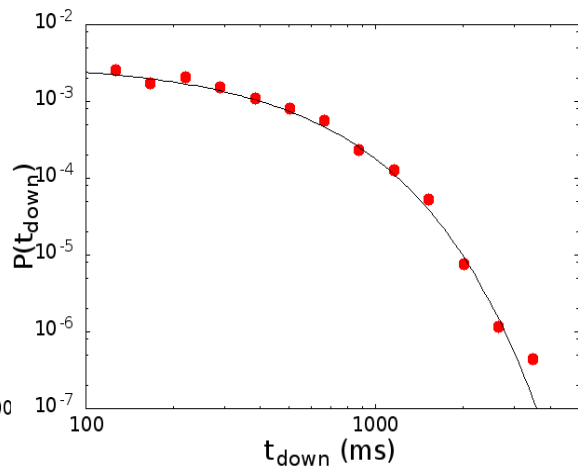
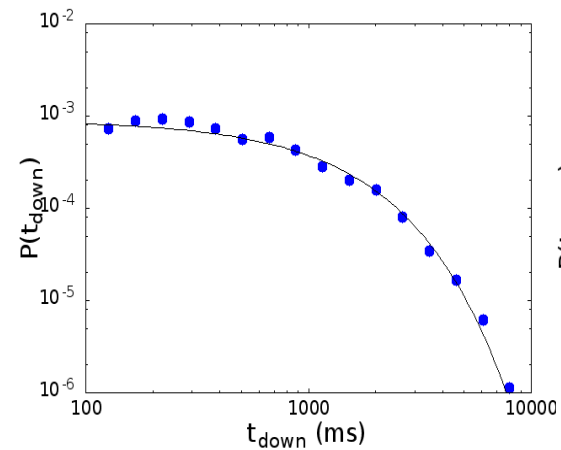
$$N\Delta \frac{\langle r^2 \rangle - \langle r \rangle^2}{\langle r \rangle}$$



# Waiting times between avalanches



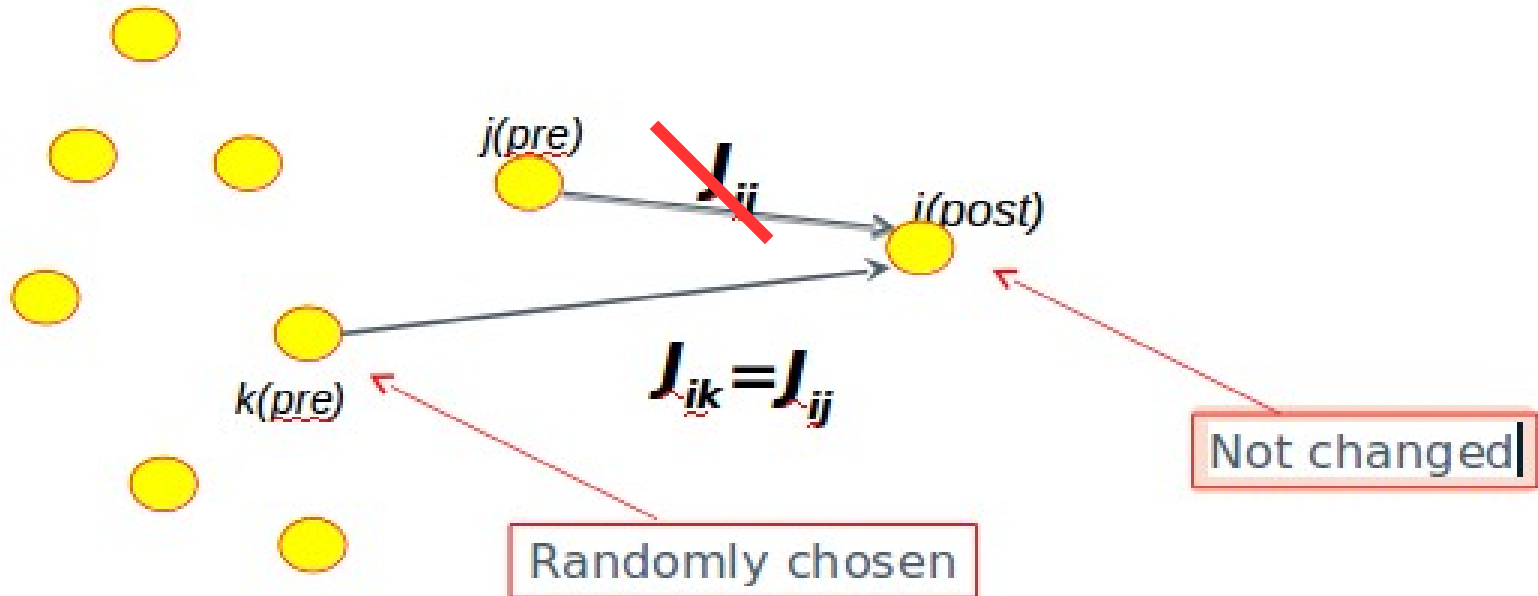
# Durations of up and down states





# Role of topology: shuffling the connections

- We keep the number and value of the connections, but change the neurons they connect. Namely, the presynaptic neuron of a connection is changed with a randomly chosen one.

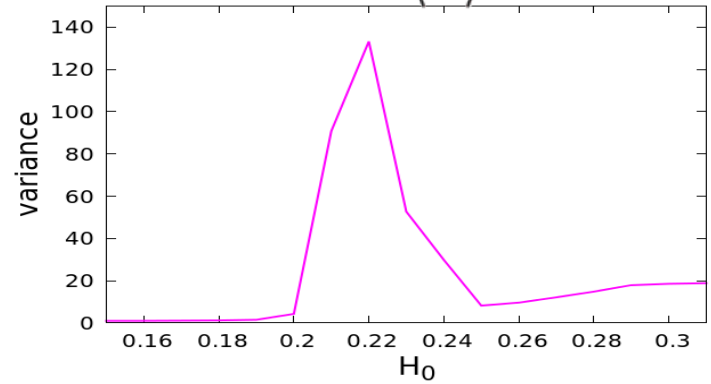
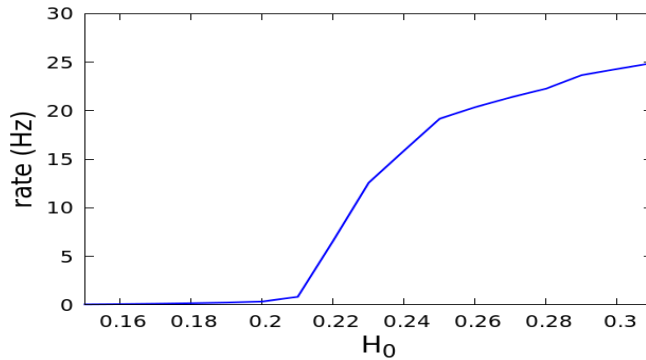


# Rate and normalized variance

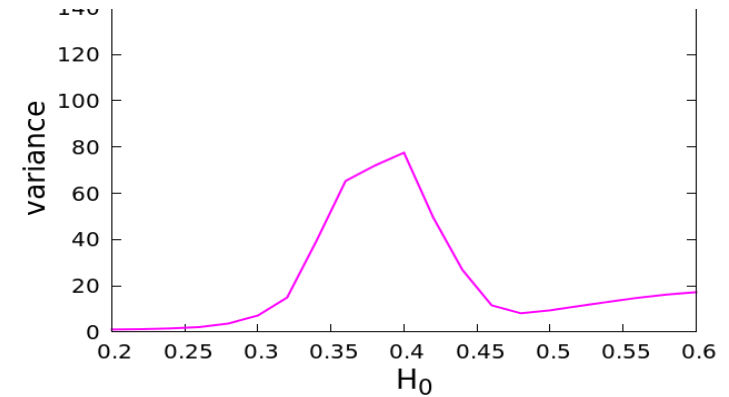
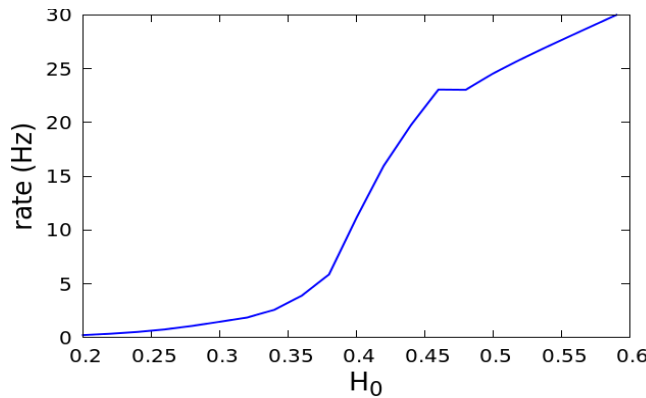
$$\langle r \rangle$$

$$N\Delta \frac{\langle r^2 \rangle - \langle r \rangle^2}{\langle r \rangle}$$

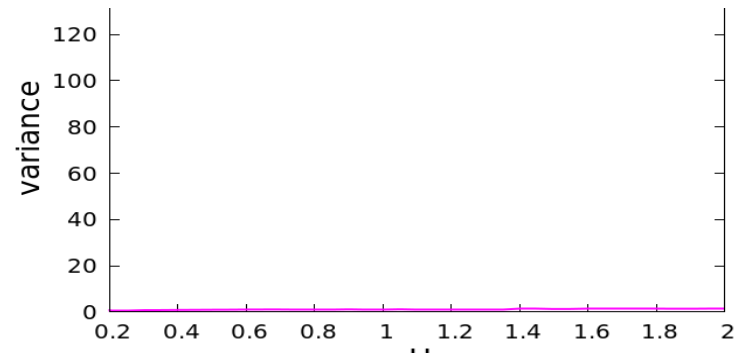
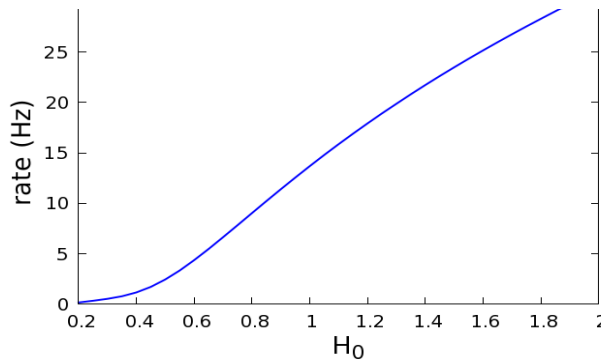
Not shuffled



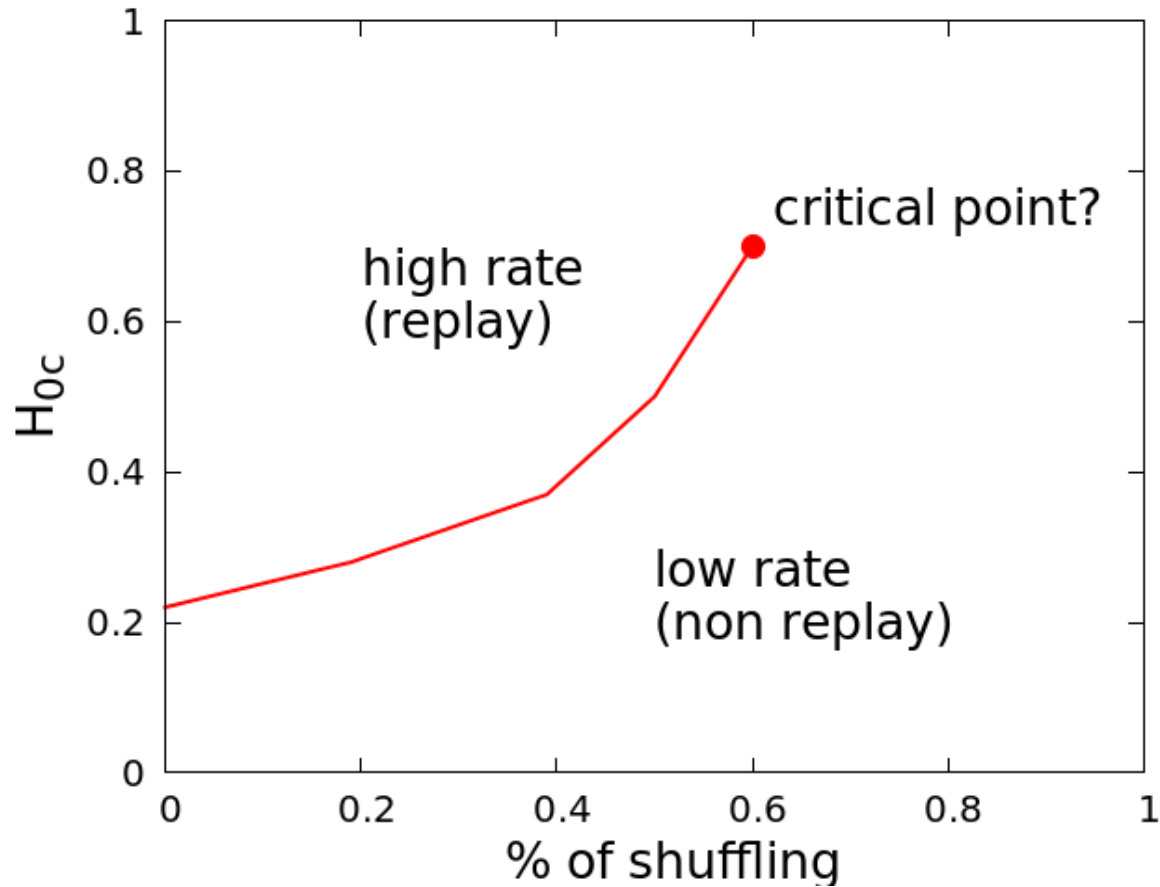
39% shuffled



100% shuffled



# How the mixed order line ends?



# Conclusions

- The model displays a mixed order line (?) of transitions between a state of replay of patterns and one of non-replay
- Near the transition, intermittence between two states is observed, with one of the states (the UP state) characterized by power law correlations
- Shuffling the connections destroys the transition, and the line ends (with a critical point?)

Thank you for your attention !