

- (1) Make sure the order is logical; make sure each sentence is clear. E.g., underlined sentence is very unclear: if neurons are indep., why would single-neuron coding depend on population size?!
- (2) Explain better the differences: irregular tuning curves; deeper layer. (Not "usually"!))
- (3) This is true for all of population coding; not clear what you want to say.
- (4) Strictly, it is always 1d; has to be explained better.
- (5) This is not what they say.
- (6) Meaning not clear.
- (7) They didn't invent Gaussian manifolds!
- (8) Very opaque.
- (9) Gaussian manifold can be defined with arbitrary auto-correlation function, so not clear what your statement is.
- (10) This first sub-section is about 2 different things, which are weirdly combined:
 - (a) coding with tuning curves;
 - (b) statistics of population response.

It should be 2 sub-sections, and each should be very clear about the relation of our work to past work discussed.

- (11) State that grid cells is a particular realization of a more general idea, as illustrated by our work & as shown long ago by Shannon. Stress that Shannon was concerned with coding a continuous signal. Stress that he allowed it to be mapped to higher dim. Show diagram adapted from Shannon's paper.
- (12) Be more explicit about Shannon's random code, and say what more we do here.
- (13) Not clear what Abbott did. Connection continuous \leftrightarrow discrete not clear. This maybe fits better with earlier passage where you say that the population activity as a whole is doing the encoding.
- (14) You call this sub-section "combinatorial codes" but you never define what it means — in fact, you don't talk once about 'combinatorial code' in the entire sub-section!

(15) Intuition is that mixed selectivity comes from combined 'pure' inputs, i.e., compression. Why expansion?!

(16) Impossible to understand. Not even clear what is "representations of input patterns"!

(17) A Discussion is not a list of references! This is how this paragraph reads, and it is not clear why it's relevant to our work.

(18) Two remarks:

(a) No apparent connection between 1st sentence & the rest.

(b) Should draw analogy bet. compressed sensing & our network:

low-D / sparse \rightarrow High-D \rightarrow recovery by random projections

Also, I don't know if discussing compressed sensing fits with a discussion on expansion/compression in neural systems.

- (19) Which framework? Applied how? With what results?
Connection with our work?
- (20) All the CS discussion should appear together; too much back-and-forth. Also, I'm not sure that this is a real distinction because high-dim. signals are sparse.
- (21) May too naïve given neurobiological knowledge!
- (22) Why is this needed, since we never discuss the Fisher information?
- (23) Say that even though we assumed ideal decoder, it is not in principle a limitation as can be implemented in network.
- (24) Be clearer.
- (25) Very nice connection, but needs to be unpacked / explained more.