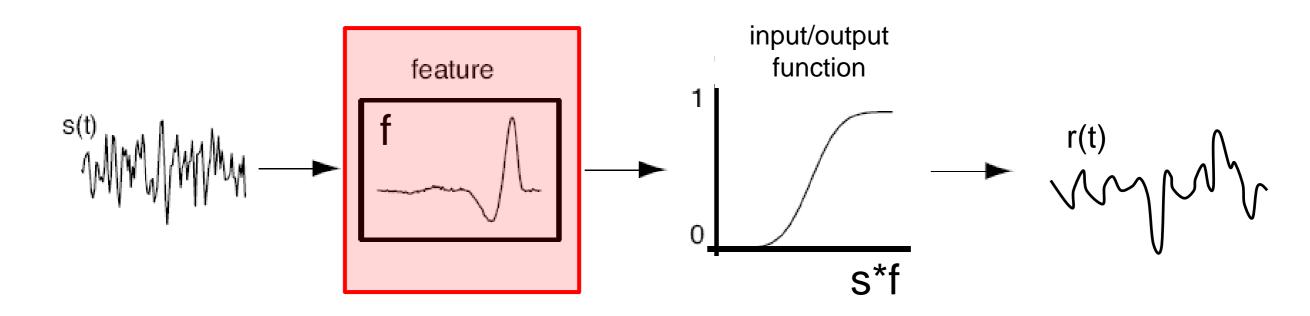
How to find the components of this model





P(response | stimulus)

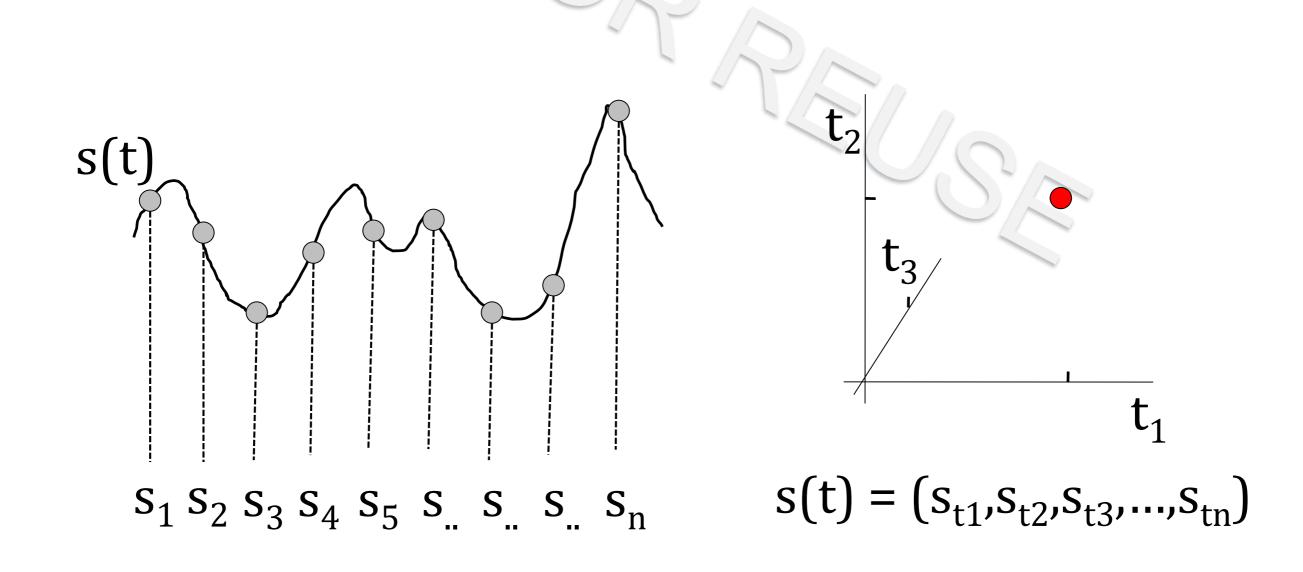
Our problem is one of dimensionality!

We want to sample the responses of the system to many stimuli so we can characterize what it is about the input that triggers responses.

P(response | stimulus) \rightarrow P(response | s_1)

Dimensionality reduction

Start with a very high dimensional description (eg. an image or a time-varying waveform) and pick out a small set of relevant dimensions.

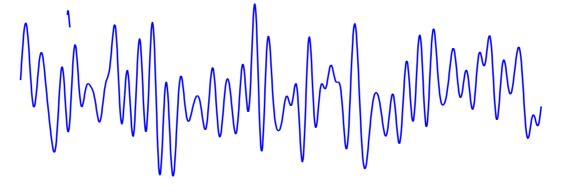


What is the right stimulus to use?

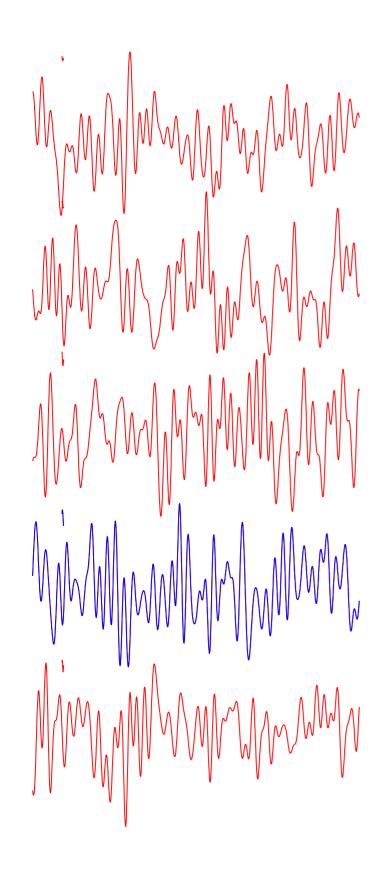
We want to sample the responses of the system to a variety of stimuli so we can characterize what it is about the input that triggers responses.

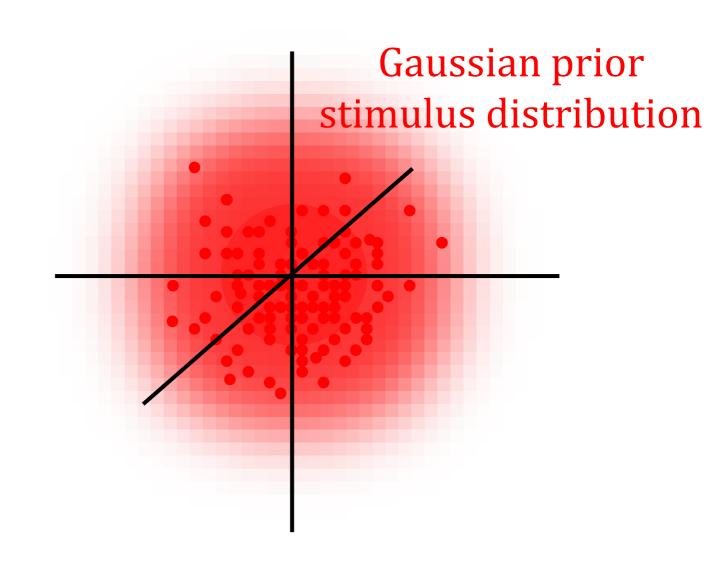
P(response | stimulus) \rightarrow P(response | s_{1} , s_{2} , ..., s_{n})

One common and useful method is to use white noise

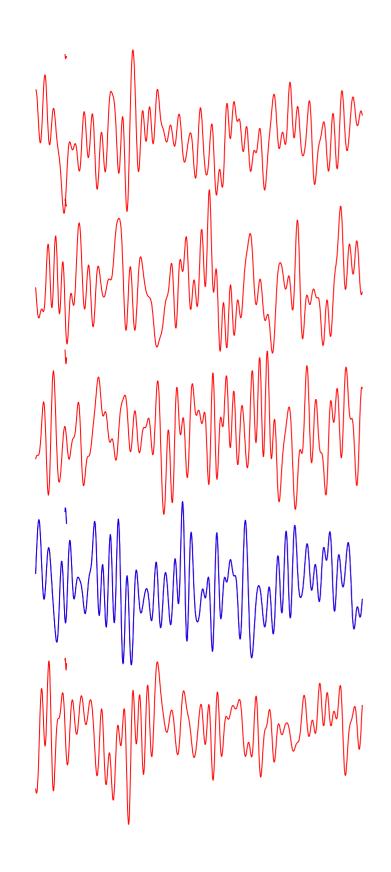


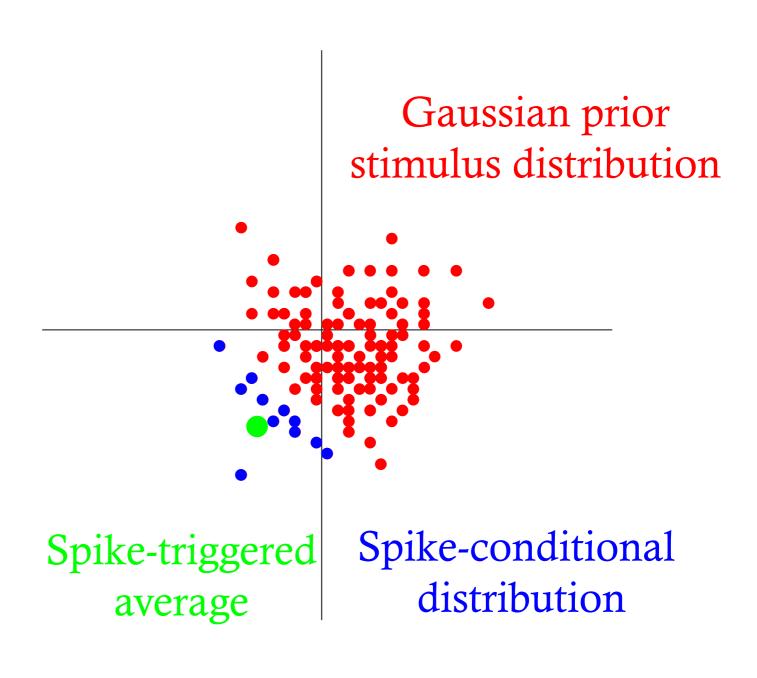
Determining multiple features from white noise



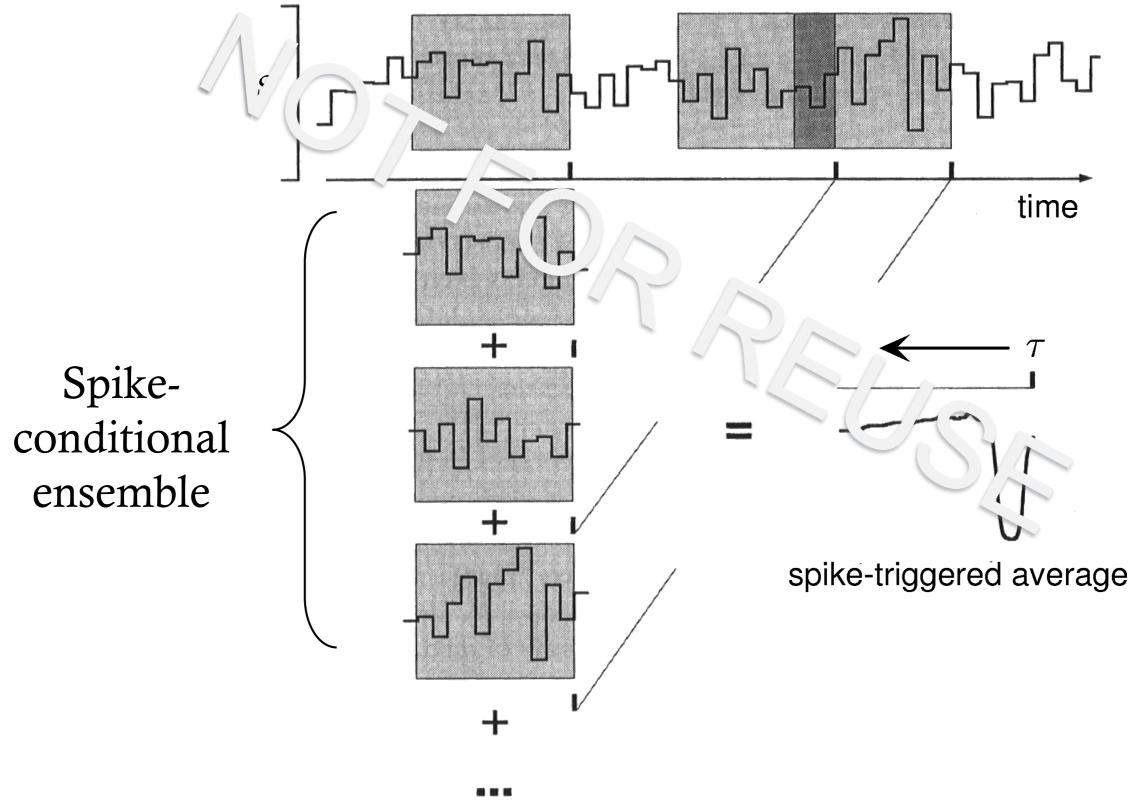


Determining linear features from white noise



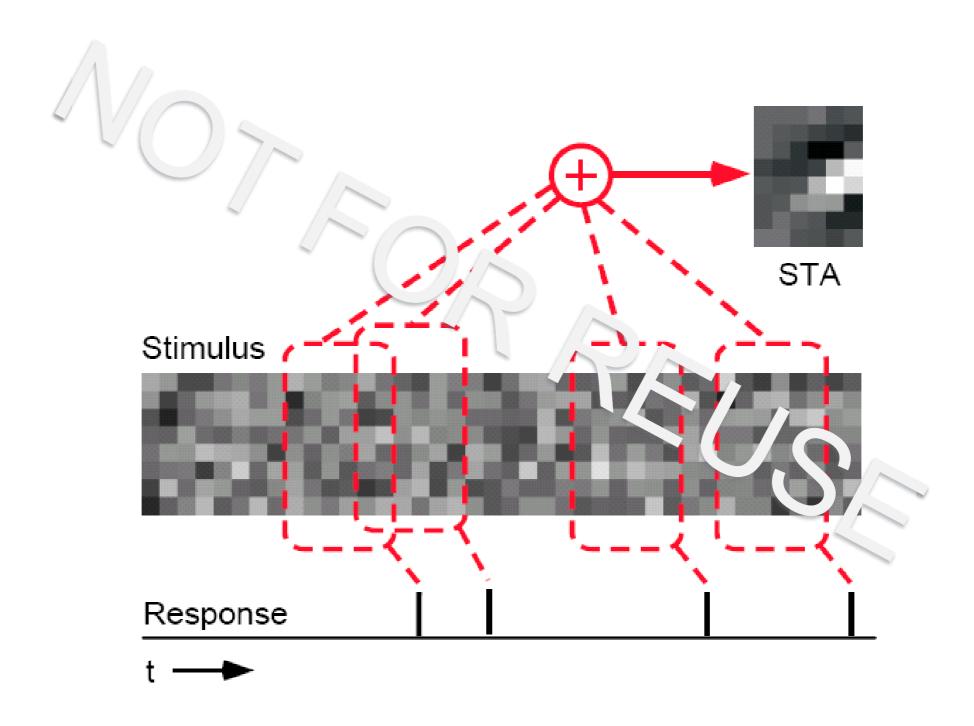


Reverse correlation: the spike-triggered average



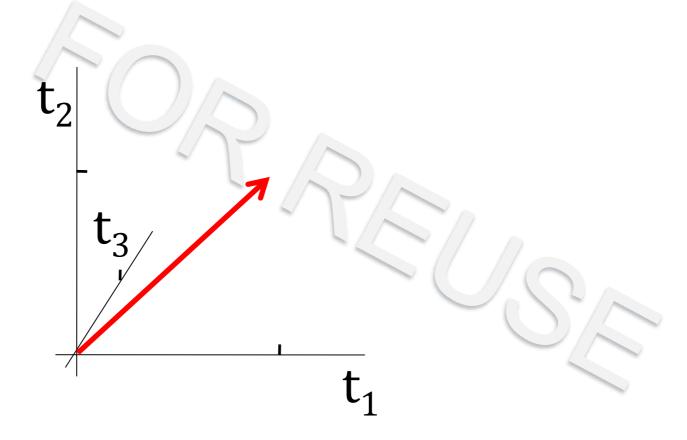
Dayan and Abbott, Theoretical Neuroscience

The spike-triggered average



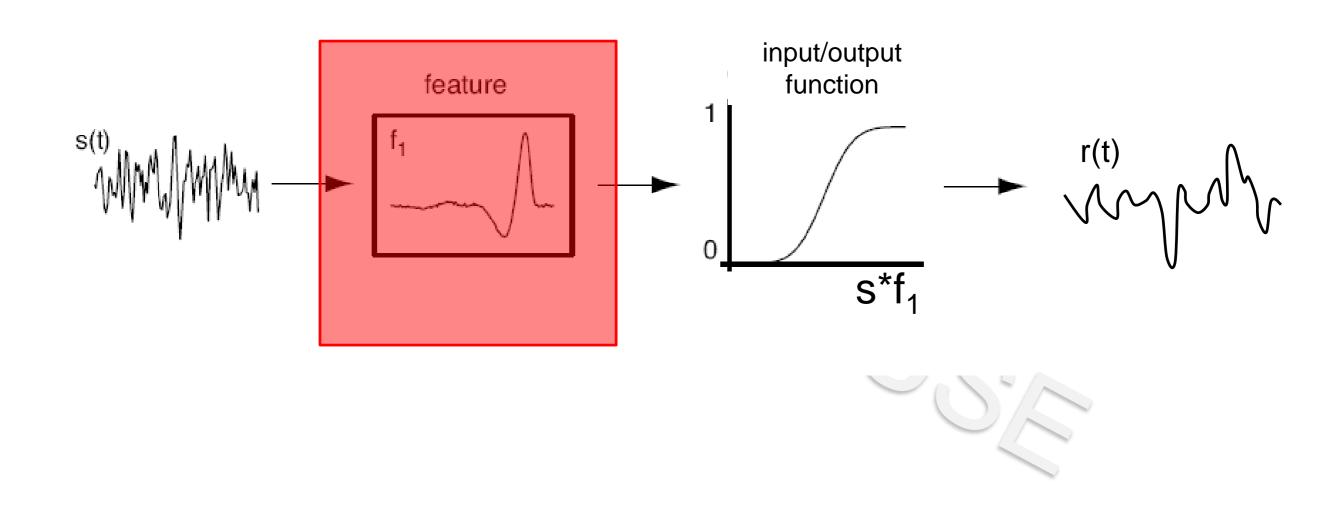
Linear filtering

Stimulus feature f is a vector in a high-dimensional stimulus space



Linear filtering = convolution = projection

How to find the components of this model



Determining the nonlinear input/output function

The input/output function is:

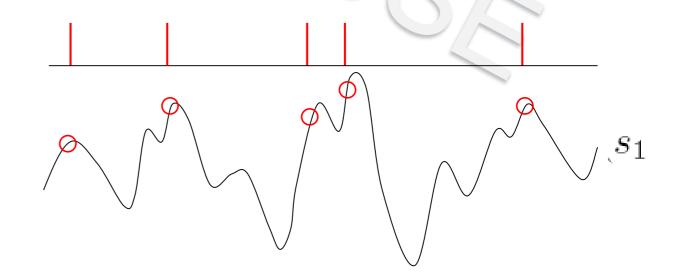
$$P(\text{spike}|\text{stimulus}) \longrightarrow P(\text{spike}|s_1)$$

This can be found from data using Bayes' rule:

$$P(\text{spike}|s_1) = \frac{P(s_1|\text{spike})P(\text{spike})}{P(s_1)}$$

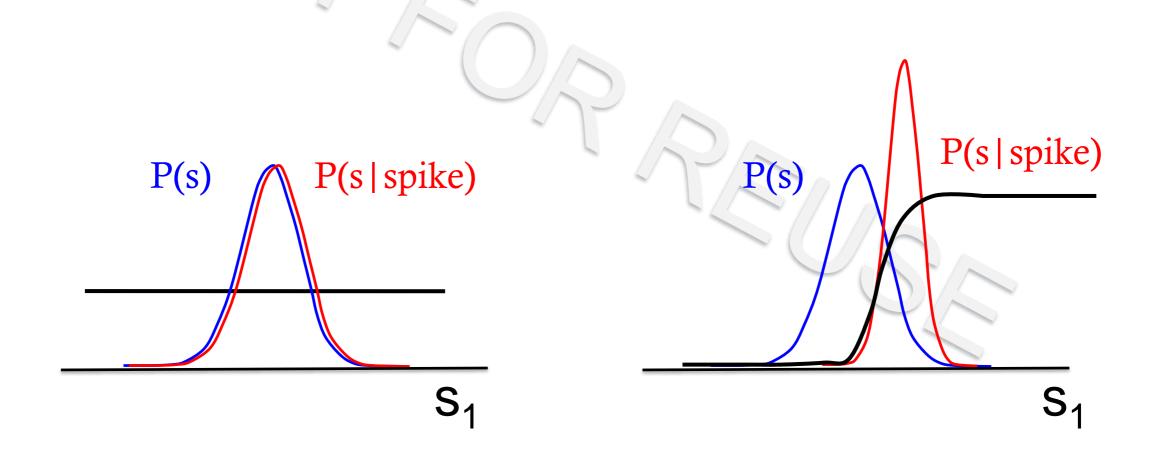
 $P(s_1)$

 $P(s_1|\text{spike})$

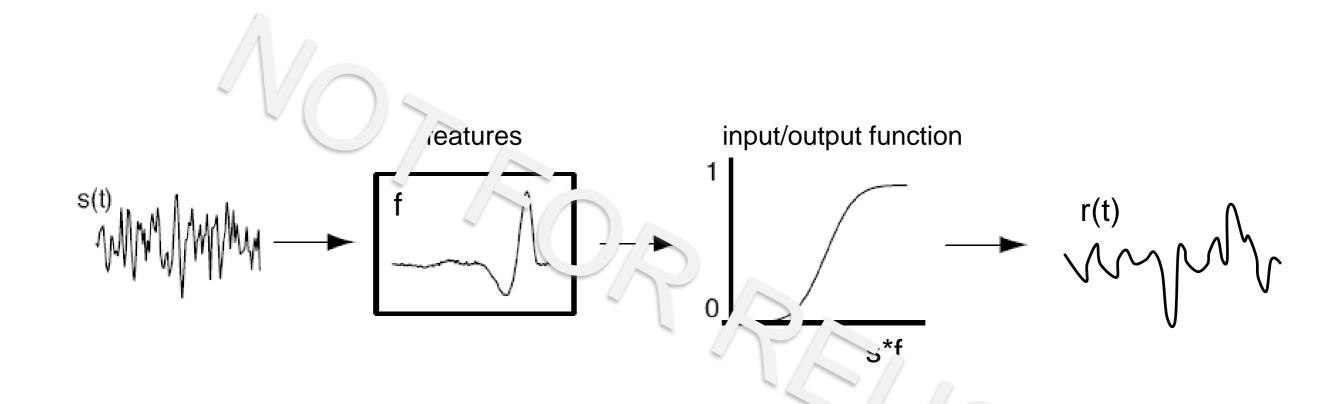


Nonlinear input/output function

$$P(\text{spike} | s_1) = P(s_1 | \text{spike}) P(\text{spike}) / P(s_1)$$



Linear/nonlinear models



Linear filter & nonlinearity: $r(t) = g(\int f(t-\tau) s(\tau) dt)$

High-dimensional feature selection



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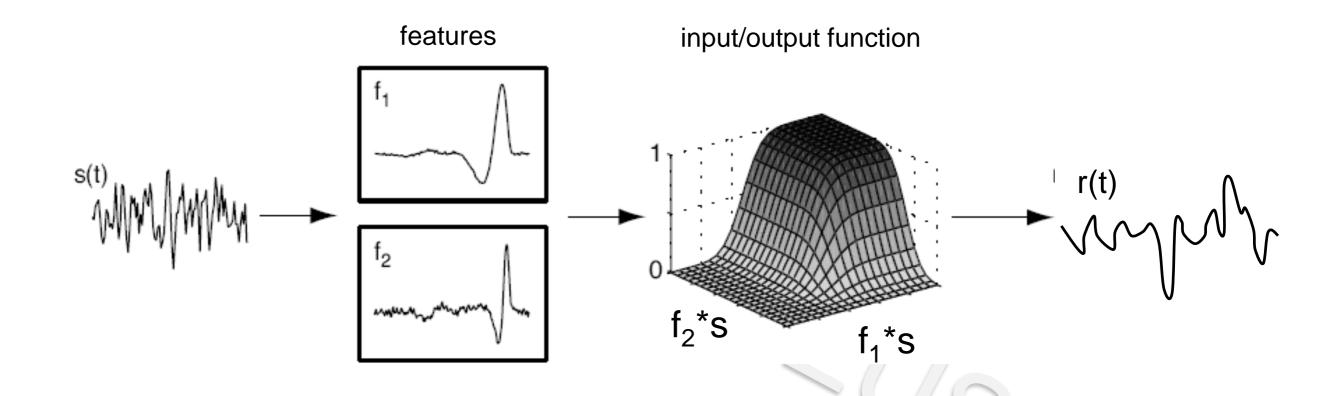
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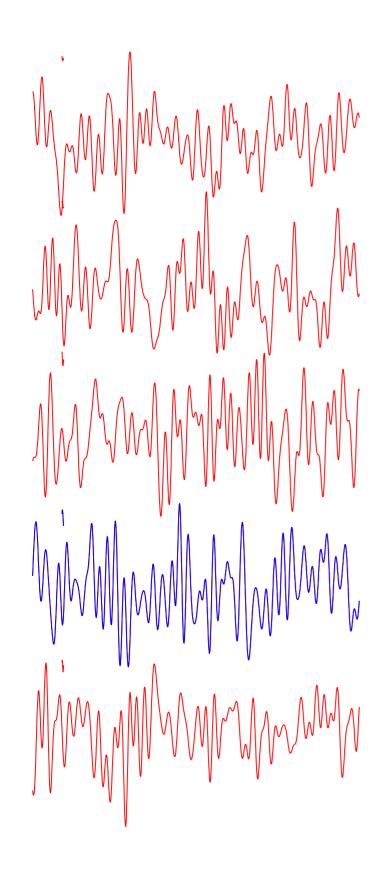
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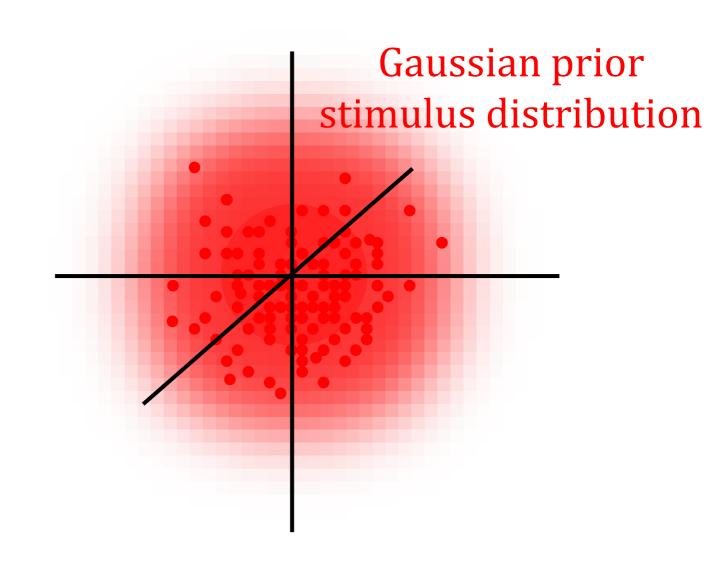
Less basic coding models



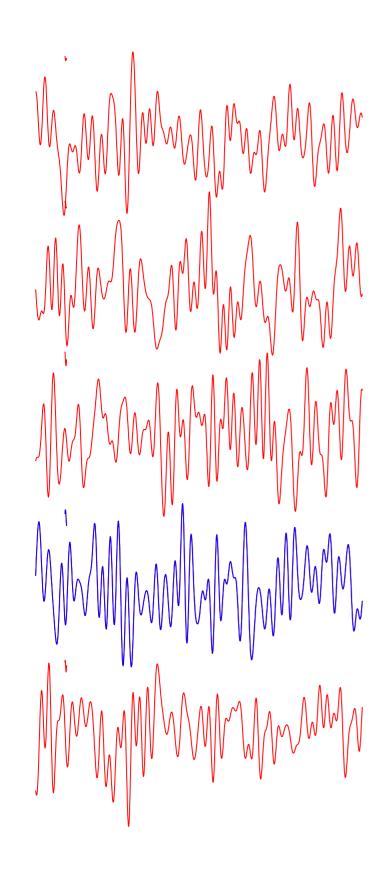
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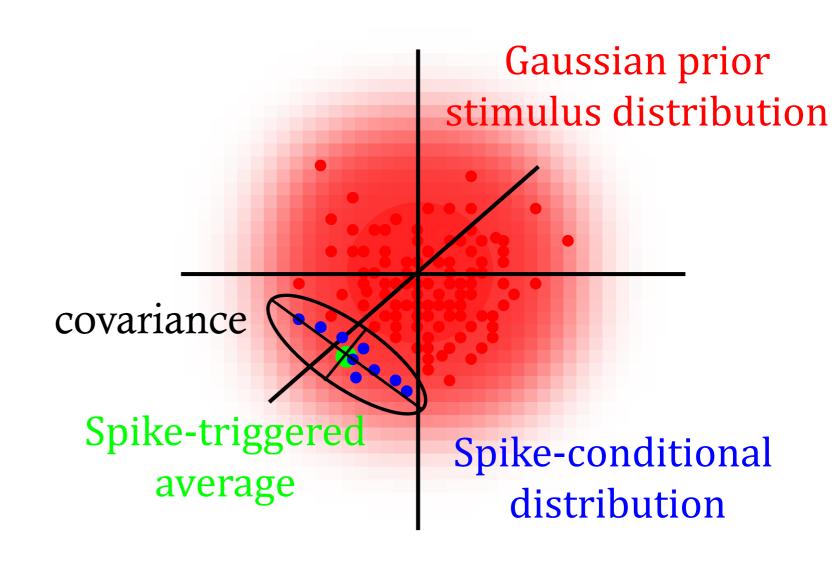
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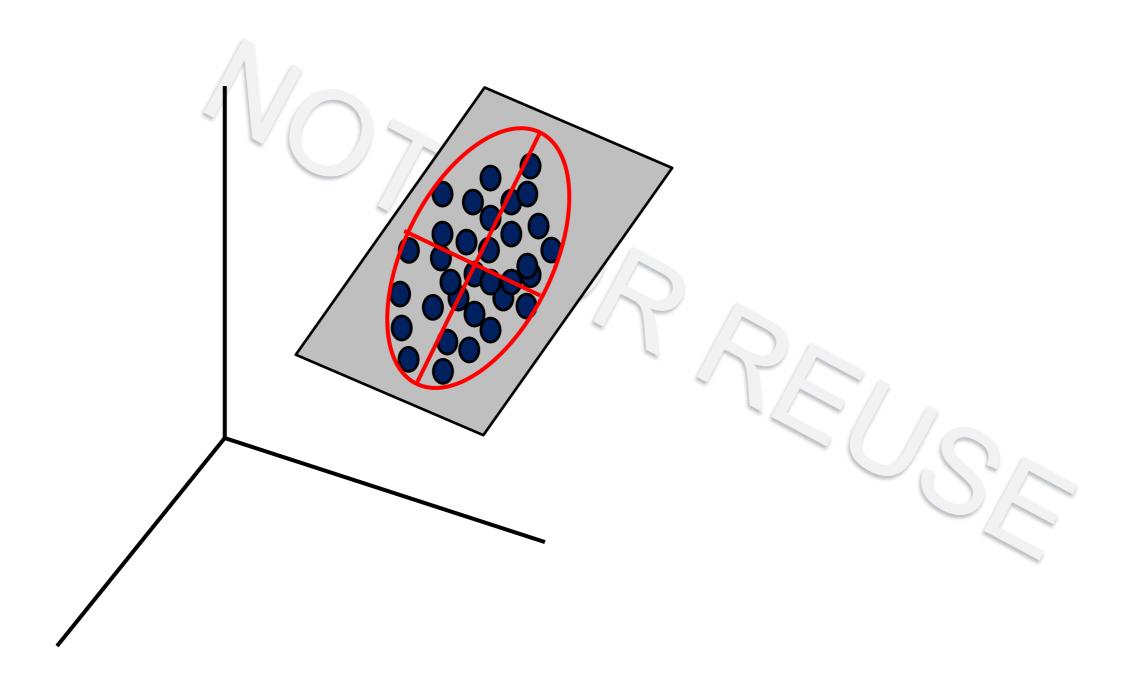


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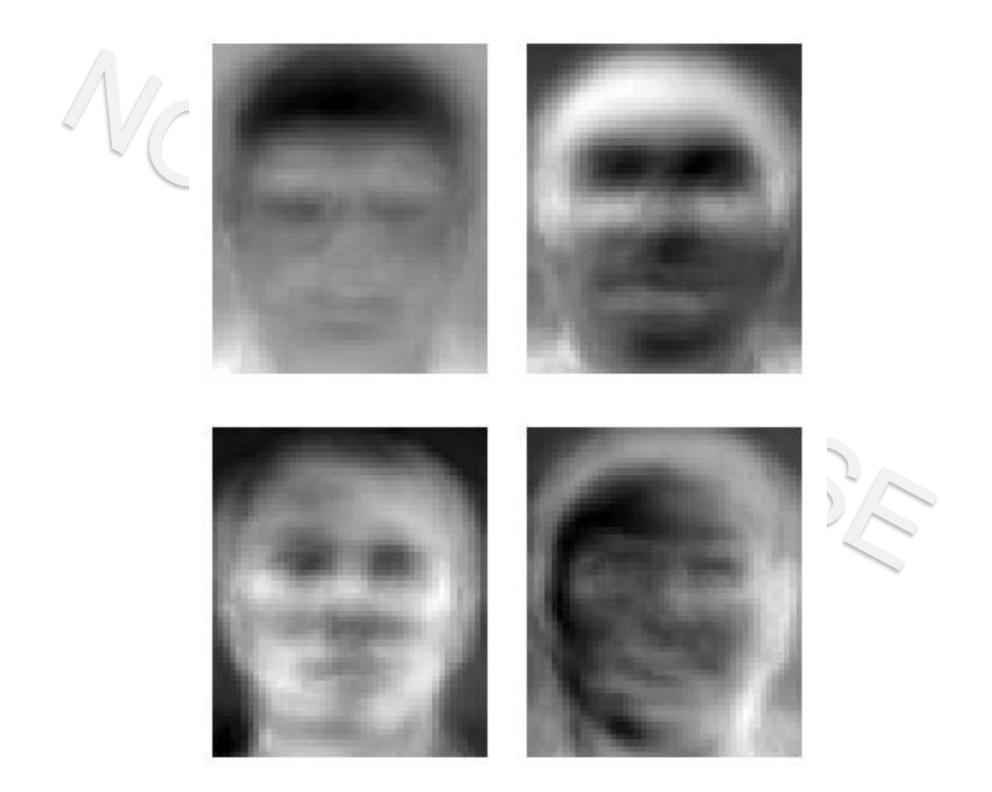




Principal component analysis

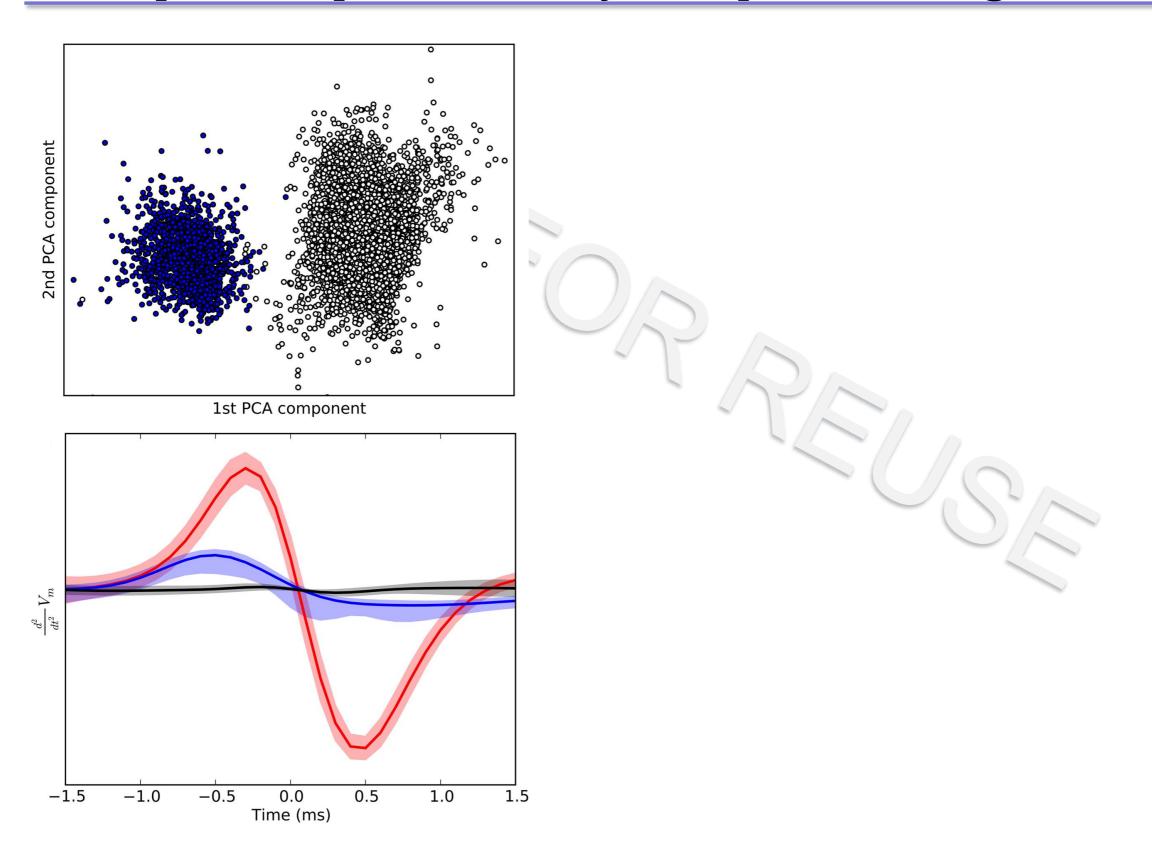


Principal component analysis: eigenfaces



ATT Labs, Cambridge (via Wikipedia)

Principal component analysis: spike sorting



Koepsell et al., Front. Syst. Neurosci., 2009

Finding interesting features in the retina

