

## STRUCTURAL ASPECTS

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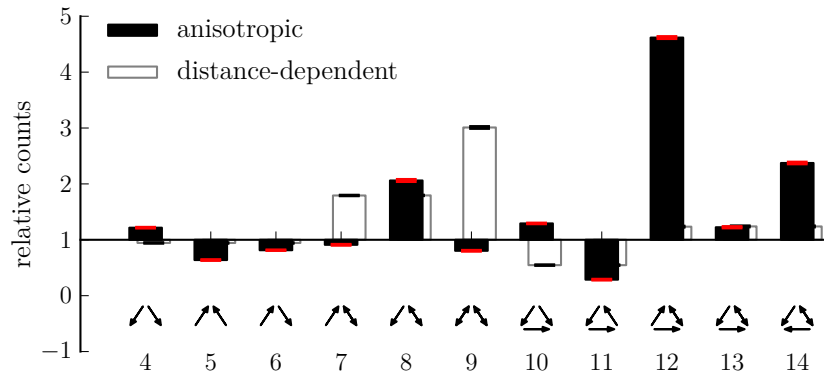
## 1.1 MOTIFS

In this chapter we analyze the structural. The term motif refers to... . Studies of Song et al. (2005) and Perin et al. (2011) show stuff. Perin2011, Sporns, Zhao2011.

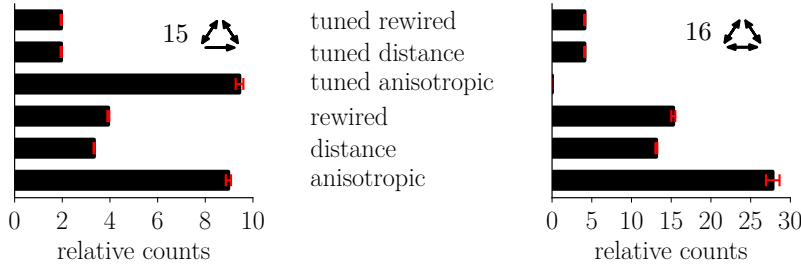
### *Three-neuron patterns*

Here we investigate the occurrence of three-neuron patterns in the anisotropic networks. Song et al. (2005) did this study.

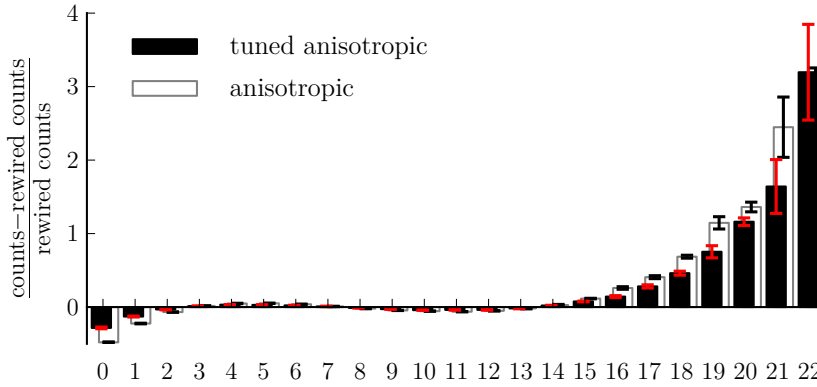
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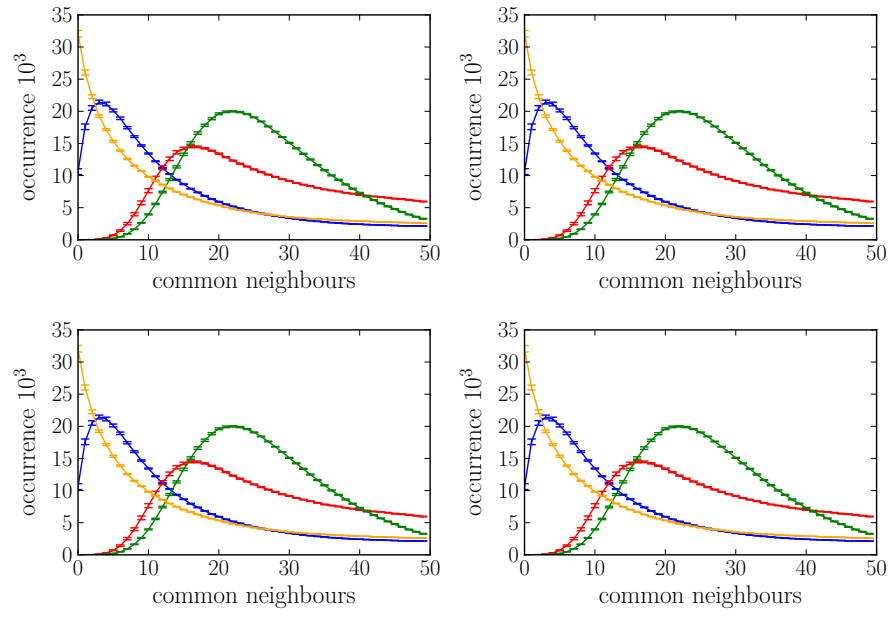
**Figure 1.1: Relative occurrence of three-neuron patterns** Extracting the counts of three-node motifs in anisotropic (filled bars) and distance-dependent networks (unfilled bars), the quotient of the obtained count with the number of occurrences expected from the two-neuron connection probabilities in the networks (rs = „ cf.) shows the over- and underrepresentation of specific motifs in the network (red and black errorbars are SEM). In anisotropic networks pattern number “12”, for example, appears around five times more often than we would expect from the occurrence two-neuron connections. The relative counts for anisotropic networks resemble the findings of Song et al. (2005) and differ significantly from the counts in distance-dependent networks, implying that anisotropy has a strong influence on the relative occurrence of three-neuron patterns. (4839ce41)



**Figure 1.2: Distance-independent overrepresentation of reciprocal connections** Comparison of occurrences of one- and bidirectionally connected neuron apairs in the tuned anisotropic networks (gray) with profiles found by Perin et al. (red), shows that overrepresentation of bidirectional pairs is distance-independent and not connected to anisotropy. **A)** Overall connection probability. (875505b0)



**Figure 1.3: Relative occurrence of three-neuron patterns** Extracting the counts of three-node motifs in anisotropic (filled bars) and distance-adeependent networks (unfilled bars), the quotient of the obtained count with the number of occurrences expected from the two-neuron onnection probabilities in the networks ( $rs = , , cfsdfg.$ ) shows the over- and underrepresentation of specific motifs in the network (red and black errorbars are SEM). In anisotropic networks pattern number “12”, for example, appears around five times more often than we would expect from the occurrele the findings of [Song et al. \(2005\)](#) and differ significantly from the counts in distance-dependent networks, implying that anisotropy has a strong influence on the relative occurrence of three-neuron patterns. (4839ce41)



**Figure 1.4: In-degxee distribution not affected by varying degrees of anisotropy (77995b6b).**