

## STRUCTURAL ASPECTS

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## 1.1 TUNING DISTANCE-DEPENDENCY

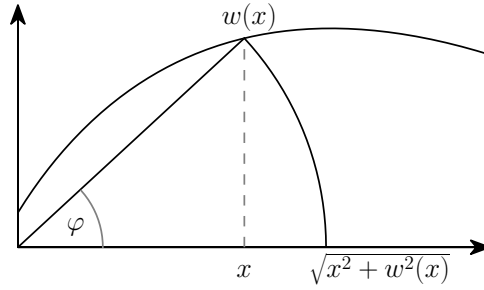
Stepping away, we

Maybe simplicity of the model makes stuff wrong. Tune to Perin distance profile.

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In their study, [Perin et al. \(2011\)](#) heavily rely on a distance-dependent

Here we introduce anisotropic networks tuned to reflect a given distance-dependent connection profile. We face the following: Given  $C(x) : [0, \sqrt{2}) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , choose  $w(x)$  such that the probability to have a vertex is  $C(x)$   $G_n, w$ .



**Figure 1.1:** Computing connection probability  $C(x)$  from non-constant  $w(x)$

From this we have the relation

$$C\left(\sqrt{x^2 + w^2(x)}\right) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan \frac{w(x)}{x}.$$

In order to solve for  $w(x)$  we first consider a linear approximation, expanding

$$C\left(\sqrt{x^2 + w^2(x)}\right) \approx C(x) + \left(\sqrt{x^2 + w^2(x)} - x\right) C'(x).$$

The resulting equation

$$C(x) + \left(\sqrt{x^2 + w^2(x)} - x\right) C'(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan \frac{w(x)}{x}$$

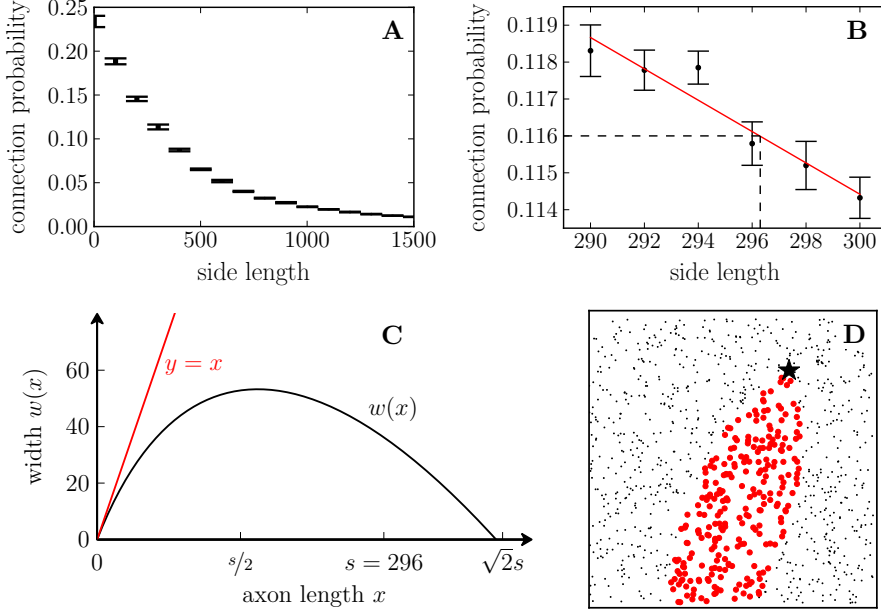
is however too complicated to solve.

Instead we propose the approximation  $\sqrt{x^2 + w^2(x)} \approx x$ , yielding

$$C(x) \approx \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan \frac{w(x)}{x}.$$

This approximation holds well as long as  $x \gg w(x)$ . Taking the distance-dependent connection profile  $C(x)$  in the anisotropic network model (cf. Theorem ??), we find that  $x$  is strictly (??)

With  $w(x) = x \tan(C(x)\pi)$  we build anisotropic sample

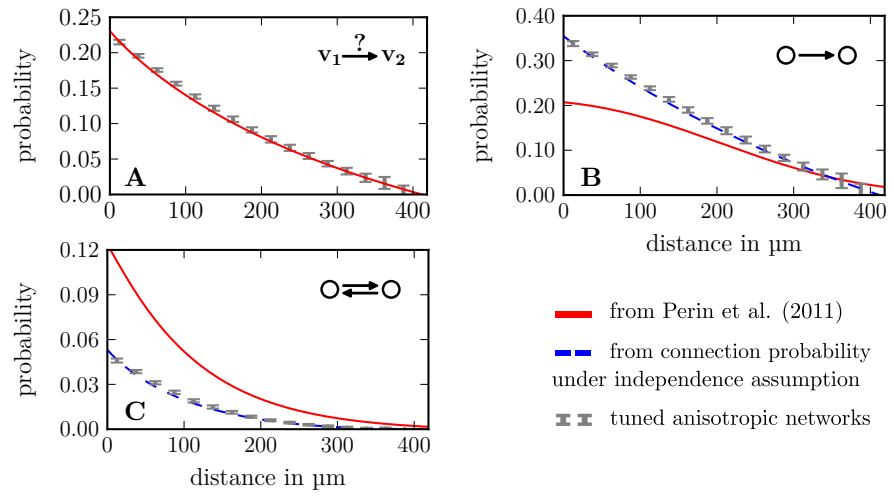


**Figure 1.2: Anisotropic network model with tuned axon width  $w(x)$**

**A-B)** Side length of the network's surface determines the connection probability, in B) length  $s$  is matched to  $p = 0.116$ , as reported by Song et al. (2005). **C)** Resulting axon width function  $w(x)$  from tuning to distance-dependent connection profile as reported by Perin et al. (2011), see also Figure 1.3. Note that  $x \gg w(x)$  for most  $x$ , justifying the approximation 1.1. **D)** Showing for a single neuron (star) connected (red) and unconnected (gray) neurons in the tuned anisotropic network, revealing characteristic new axon shape.

With side length 296:

from f11dca65.



**Figure 1.3: Overrepresentation of reciprocal connections independent of distance** Comparison of occurrences of one- and bidirectionally connected neuron pairs in (gray) with profiles found by Perin et al. (2011) (red), shows that overrepresentation of bidirectional pairs is distance-independent and not connected to anisotropy. **A)** Overall connection probability in the adapted anisotropic networks was successfully tuned to reflect connection probability found by Perin et al. **B)-C)** Probabilities for a random neuron pair to display , (875505b0)