Motion blindness induced by color in zebrafish larvea Danio rerio

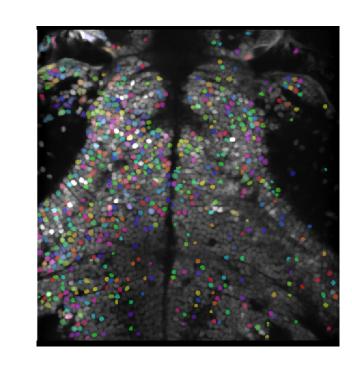
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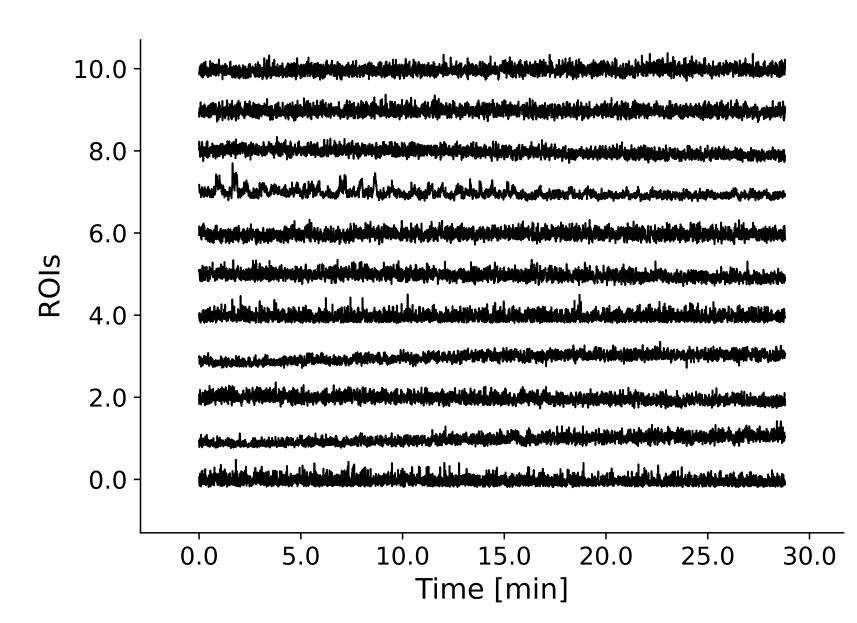
Introduction

Color has a big influence on motion vision in zebrafish. Michael B. Orger (2004) displayed that zebrafish in behavioural experiments show motion blindness to a grating of different colors, but little is known about the cortical structures conveing the "colormotion" perception. We wanted to the investigate the optic tectum of the zebrafish larvae with calcium imaging.

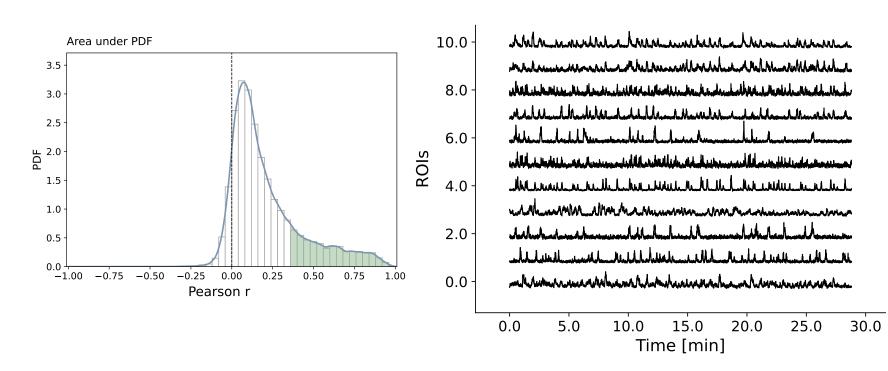


Preprocessing:

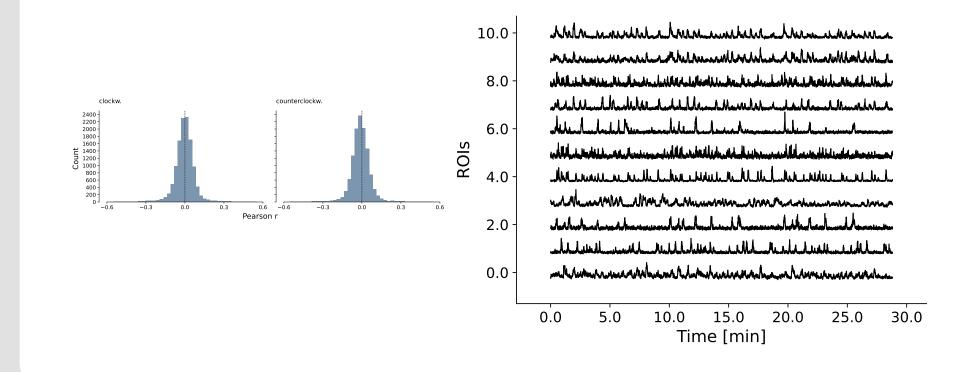
1. Region of Interests (ROI): corrosponds to neurons with genetically encoded caclium indicators. The lumiance f of the calcium imaging is calculated from the change of luminance normalized to the average luminance $f = \frac{\Delta f}{f}$.



2. Active ROIs: To get the active ROIs we computed the correlation within 3 repeats of the same stimulus.

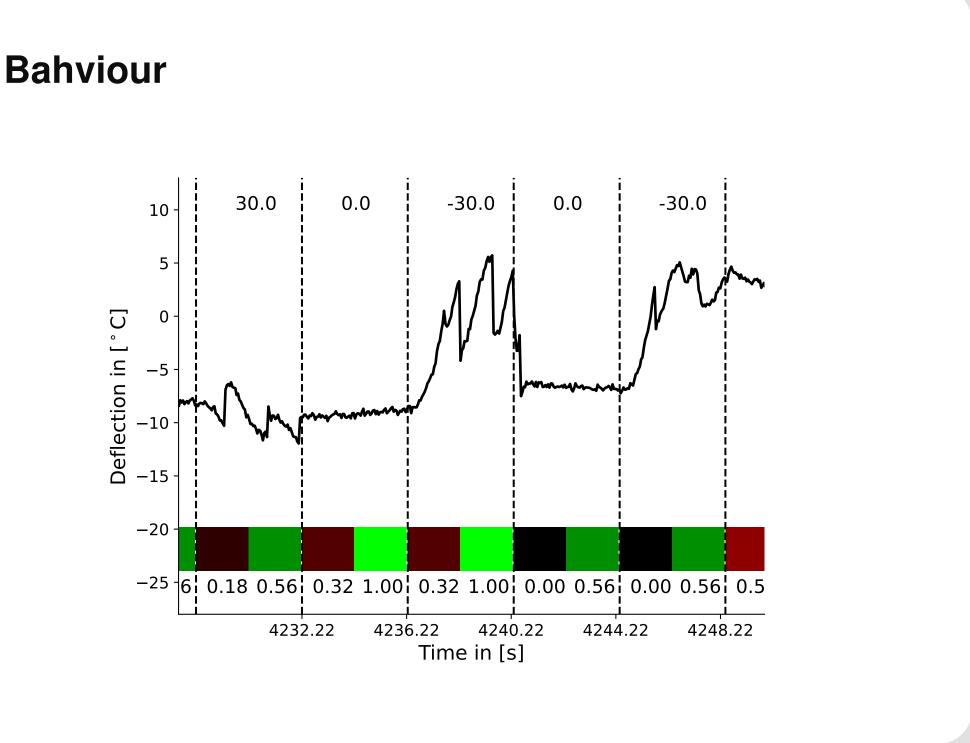


2. Direction selective ROIs: next Step was to search for ROIs that correlated with a direction selective regressor (1 for clockwise / counter, else is 0)

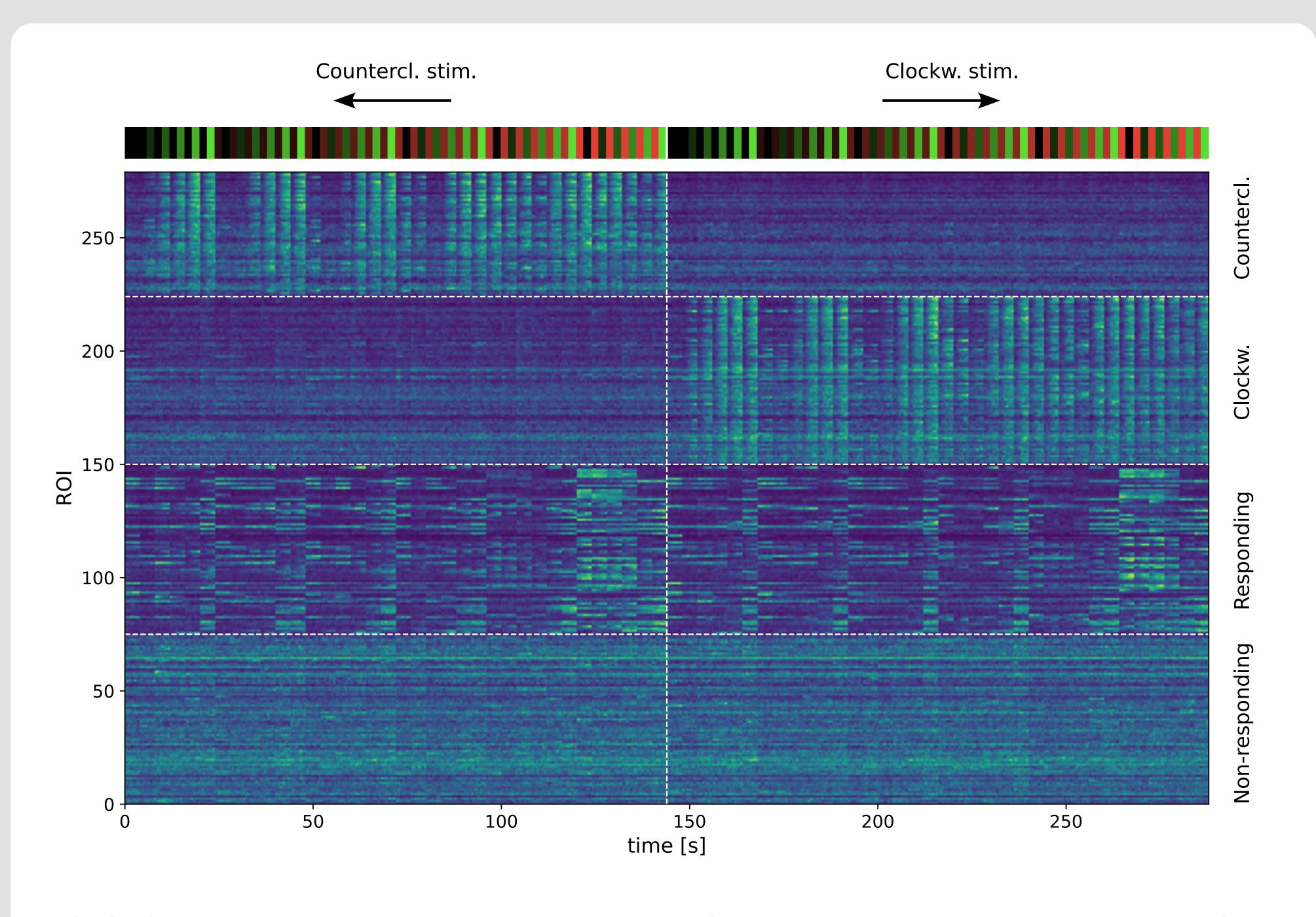


Motion blindness calcium data vs behaviour





Interactions at modulations



- \triangle EODf does not appear to decrease during synchronous modulations (**A**).
- Individuals that rise their $\mathsf{EOD} f$ first appear to rise their frequency higher compared to reactors (**B**).
- Synchronized fish keep distances below 1 m (**C**) but distances over 3 m also occur (see **movie**).
- Spatial interactions increase **after** the start of a synchronous modulation (**D**).

Conclusion

- Our analysis is the first to indicate that A. leptorhynchus uses long, diffuse and synchronized EODf signals to communicate in addition to chirps and rises.
- The recorded fish do not exhibit jamming avoidance behavior while close during synchronous modulations.
- Synchronous signals **initiate** spatio-temporal interactions.