Systems Neuroscience
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Memory

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Types of memory

- Memory
  - Declarative
    - Episodic
    - Semantic
    - Hippocampus (MTL), Cerebral cortex
  - Non-declarative
    - Procedural — Basal ganglia, Motor cortex, Cerebellum
    - Conditioning — Basal ganglia, Amygdala, Cerebellum
    - Perceptual — Cerebral cortex
    - Reflex

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Declarative vs. non-declarative memory

- Declarative
  - "Winter break ended on January 15"
  - "Apples are edible, chairs are not edible"
- Non-declarative
  - Throwing a baseball
  - Pattern completion (seeing the dog behind the fence)

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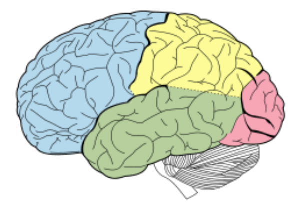
Short-term vs. long-term memory

- Short-term memory – aka "working" memory
  - Hold facts in memory for 1-200 seconds
  - Sometimes prolonged version of perception
  - Associated with prefrontal cortex (PFC)
- Long-term memory
  - Stores facts over years
  - Associated with hippocampus (also, amygdala)



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Modeling limits of working memory

- How much can we hold in working memory?
  - 7±2 things
  - Things can be simple A Q R L G
  - Things can be complex

- Why is our working memory limited?
  - Binding hypothesis: distributed code with synchronous spiking – errors with spurious synchronization

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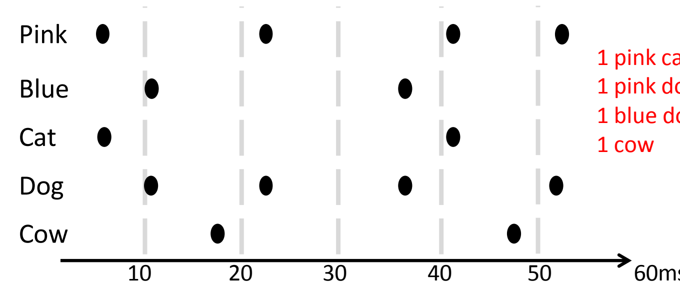
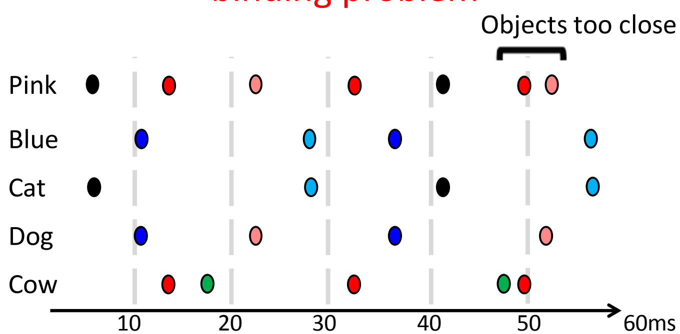
Binding hypothesis

Neurons firing at "same time" represent same thing



Spurious synchronization – binding problem



If spikes occurring within 1 ms of each other are considered synchronous, hard to incorporate increasing number of spikes in fixed time

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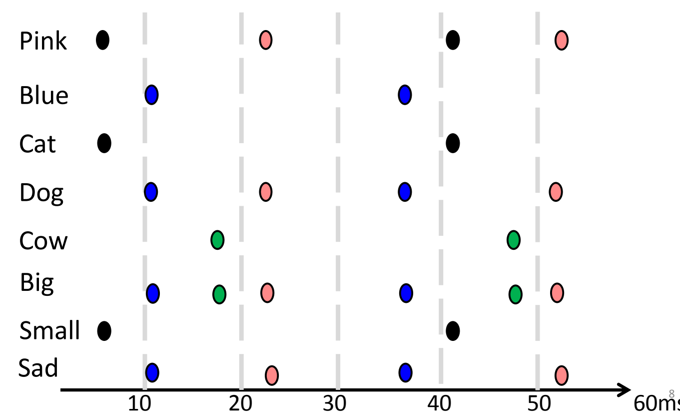
More features not increase risk of spurious synchronization



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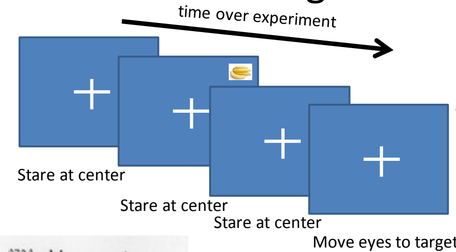
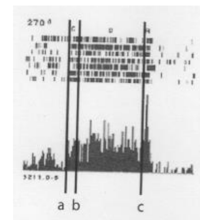
Note adding more features
(with more neurons!) to a concept/object
does **not** cause a problem – no risk of extra
overlap in time with more features

Working memory



Delayed "saccade" (move eyes) to target task

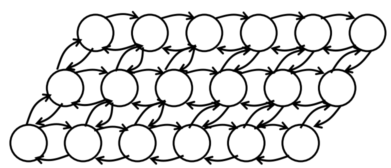


Neural memory in dlPFC for delayed-action task
a: stimulus display onset
b: stimulus display offset
c: performance of action

Funahashi et al. 1989

Neural dynamics in "cortical sheet"

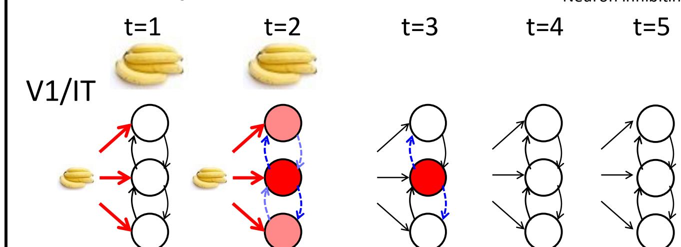
- Cortical sheet: group of neurons on same level of hierarchy interacting with lateral connections
- Balance between local cooperation and local inhibition



- r^{out} determined from
  h=$\left(\sum_j w_j r_j^{feedfwd}\right) + \left(\sum_k w_k r_k^{lateral}\right) + \left(\sum_m w_m r_m^{feedback}\right)$

Neural dynamics in action

Neuron activated
Neuron exciting
Neuron inhibiting



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Dark blue: -0.4
Light blue: -0.1

Neurons fire with r^{out}=h linear

Side neurons fire at r=0.5
Center neuron fires at r=1

Neural dynamics: equations and numbers

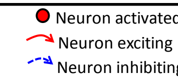
- $r_A^{t=2} = w_{A,in} r_{in}^{t=1} + w_{B,A} r_B^{t=1}$
- $r_B^{t=2} = w_{B,in} r_{in}^{t=1} + w_{A,B} r_A^{t=1} + w_{C,B} r_C^{t=1}$
- $r_C^{t=2} = w_{C,in} r_{in}^{t=1} + w_{B,C} r_B^{t=1}$

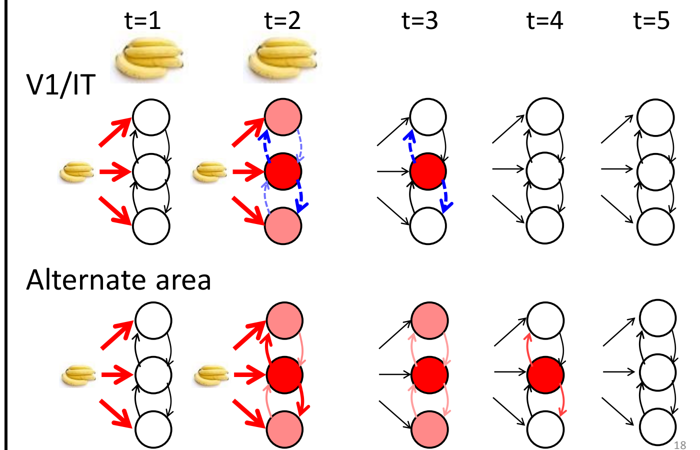
$w_{B,A}$=-0.4 $w_{B,C}$=-0.4 $w_{A,B}$=-0.1 $w_{C,B}$=-0.1

$w_{in,A} = 0.5$ $w_{in,B} = 1$ $w_{in,C} = 0.5$

	t=1	t=2	t=3	t=4
A	0			
B	0			
C	0			
in	1	1	0	0

Neural dynamics in action





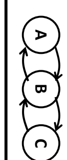
Neural dynamics, alternate area: equations and numbers

$w_{B,A}$=0.5 $w_{B,C}$=0.5 $w_{A,B}$=0.1 $w_{C,B}$=0.1

$w_{in,A} = 1$ $w_{in,B} = 1$ $w_{in,C} = 1$

	t=1	t=2	t=3	t=4	t=5
A	0				
B	0				
C	0				
in	1	1	0	0	0

Neural dynamics, alternate area: equations and numbers



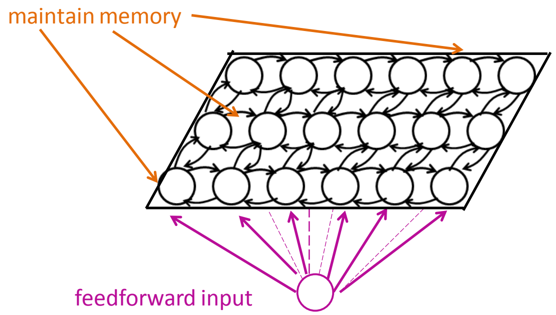
$w_{B,A}$=2 $w_{B,C}$=2 $w_{A,B}$=1 $w_{C,B}$=1

$w_{in,A} = 1$ $w_{in,B} = 1$ $w_{in,C} = 1$

	t=1	t=2	t=3	t=4	t=5
A	0				
B	0				
C	0				
in	1	1	0	0	0

Neural system dynamics

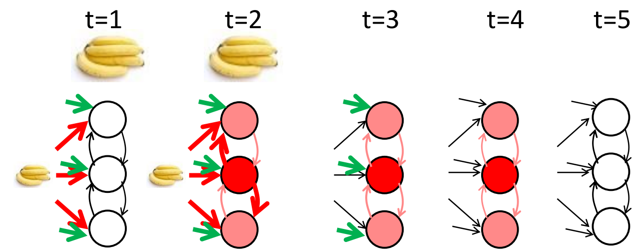
- In an interconnected cortical sheet, neural activity can continue after feedforward input is gone



Neural dynamics in action

Feedback input sending message: "keep in short-term memory"

Neuron activated
Neuron exciting
Neuron inhibiting



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Neural dynamics + memory

$w_{B,A}$=.5 $w_{B,C}$=.5 $w_{A,B}$=.5 $w_{C,B}$=.5

$w_{in,A} = 1$ $w_{in,B} = 1$ $w_{in,C} = 1$

$w_{mem,A} = .3$, $w_{mem,B} = .3$, $w_{mem,C} = .3$

	t=1	t=2	t=3	t=4	t=5	t=6
A	0					
B	0					
C	0					
in	1	1	0	0	0	0
mem	1	1	1	1	0	0

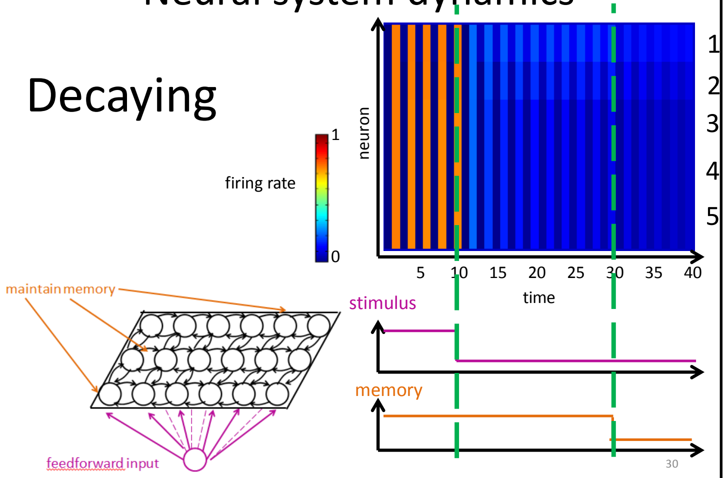
Neural system dynamics

Trappenberg 7.3.2

- **Decaying activity:** mutual inhibition suppresses continued neural activity after feedforward input is gone – V1
- **Growing activity:** mutual excitation produces global, non-stop activity over time – epilepsy
- **Memory activity:** balance of mutual excitation and mutual inhibition produces maintained activity ~~(sparse) distributed coding~~ during "working memory" time period – PFC

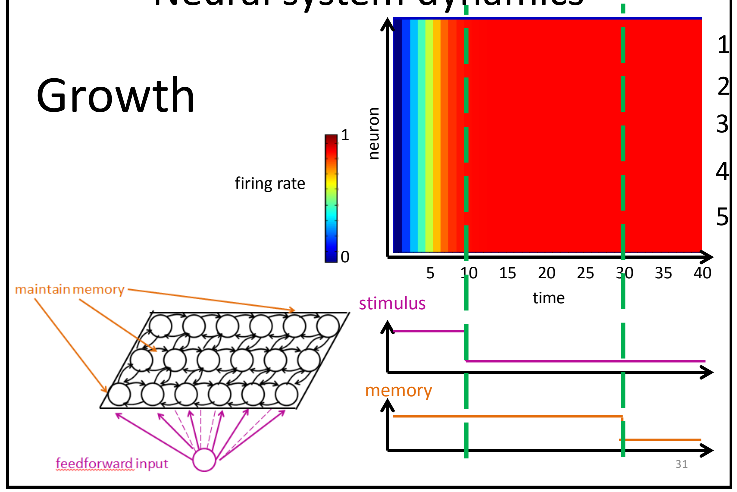
Neural system dynamics

Decaying



Neural system dynamics

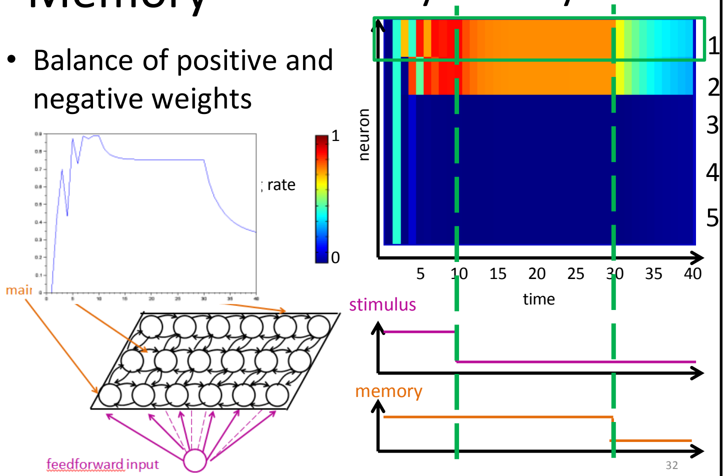
Growth



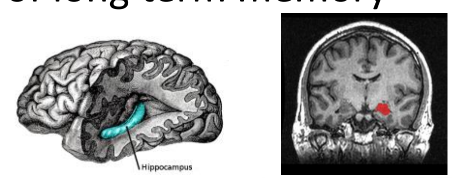
Memory

Neural system dynamics

- Balance of positive and negative weights



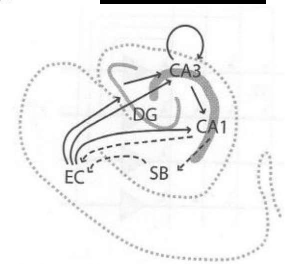
Anatomy of long term memory



Hippocampus ("sea horse")

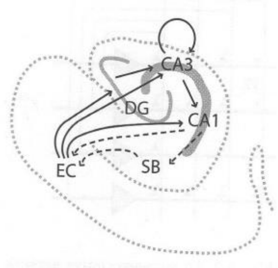
In medial temporal lobe (MTL)

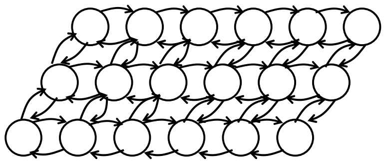
- Input: Entorhinal cortex – EC
- Dentate gyrus – DG
- Cornus ammonis – CA1, CA3
- Perforant pathway: EC -> CA3

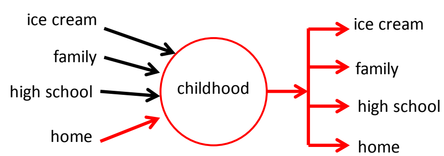


Recurrent networks

- Extensive collateral connections in CA3 enhance associative memory







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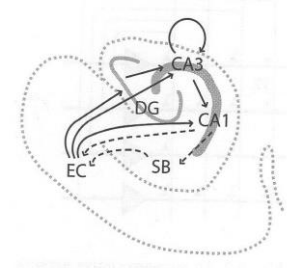
Recurrent networks

- Extensive collateral connections in CA3
- Broader loop:
  EC -> CA3 -> CA1->EC



$$\Delta w_{ij} = r_i r_j - r_i w_{ij}$$

Cells that fire together, wire together
Loop repeatedly increases weight –
increasingly encourage simultaneous firing

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