

ANN lecture 6

Neural computation and implementation

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Synopsis lecture 6

- Extensions of attractor networks
 - Sparse activity
 - Diluted W
 - Modularity
- Forgetting - Leaky weights
- Hidden layer
- Adaptation
- Internal representation
 - Fuzzy coding
 - Invariant recognition
- Implementation of brain-like computing
 - incl NN hardware

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Extension 4 Continuous learning, forgetting

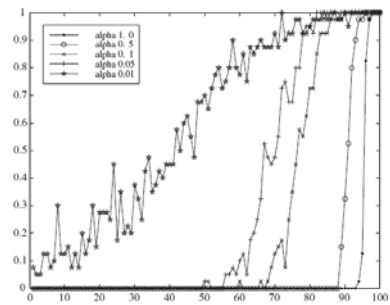
- "leaky" weight updating $\frac{dw_{ij}}{dt} = \frac{\xi_i^\mu \xi_j^\mu - w_{ij}}{\tau_w}$
- Time constant for weights, τ_w
 - Avoids "catastrophic forgetting"
 - "Palimpsest memory"
 - Long-term >> short-term >> working memory
 - Memory consolidation
 - Prefrontal cortex ↔ Hippocampus ↔ Parietal cortex
 - Dream sleep ...

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Forgetful attractor memory



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A good description of
human memory?

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List learning...

Standby!

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~~hitler~~
~~airplane~~
~~bus~~
~~rollerblades~~
~~tomato~~

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In the list?

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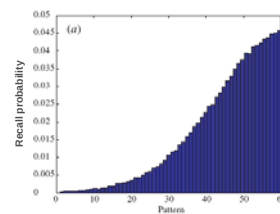
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Relevance modulation of memory

- Print-now for each pattern, τ_w
- Memory modulation, emotion/relevance, dopamin D1



Good model of LTM, ITM, WM ... ?

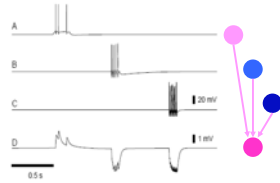
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Extension 6: Adaptation

- Neurons – properties
 - Current – Frequency
 - Adaptation
 - Synaptic depression
- What happens in an attractor network?
 - (Hopfield network sticks in minima)
 - Sensitivity to new input
 - Quasistable attractors
 - Attractor wandering



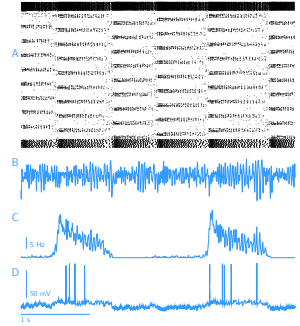
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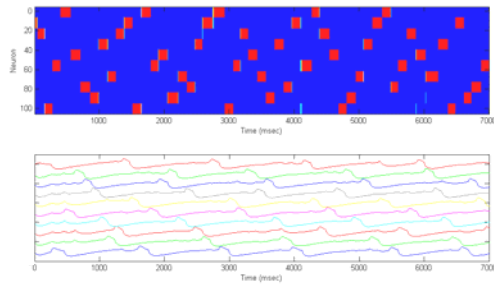


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Attractor ANN with adaptation



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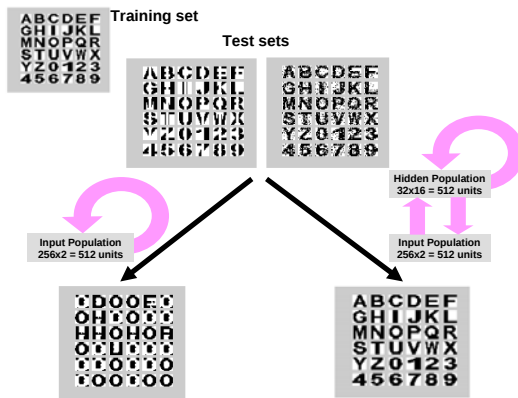
Good storage capacity etc, but ...

- Remaining limitations?
- Missing functionality?
- Many and correlated patterns!
- Time – sequences?

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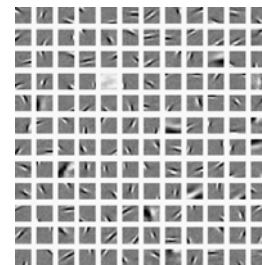


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Sparse image representation



"Over complete" =
n:o basis functions >
n:o pixels in a patch

"Sparse basis functions for the patches were extracted from training images by an iterative learning procedure. Most of the functions are oriented, localized and cover a limited range of spatial frequencies, like the receptive fields of neurons in the visual cortex."

Cortex Layer IV

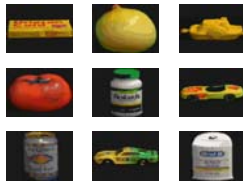
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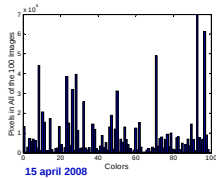
Example – image reconstruction



Images from Colombia University Image Library COIL-100.

Resolution 128x128 pixel

100 images stored in ANN with 16384 hypercolumns of size $M = 100$
Largest. $N = 1.6 \cdot 10^6$, $N_w = 2.0 \cdot 10^{11}$



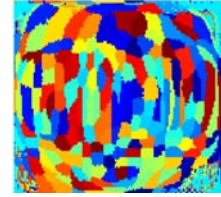
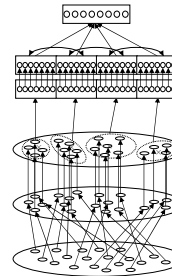
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Self-organization of image patches



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Attractor memory with hidden layer

- **Without hidden layer**
 - More patterns $\rightarrow$ unstable attractors
 - "Catastrophic forgetting" if
 - Large number of random patterns, few correlated patterns
- **With hidden layer**
 - Self-organization – Competitive learning
 - "Feature extraktion"
 - Unsupervised learning, can run continuously
 - Compensation for e.g. sensor drift
 - Pattern decorrelation
 - $\rightarrow$ storage capacity not limited by N_{in}
 - $\rightarrow$ improved classification rate (in FF configuration)
 - Previous capacity relations now holds for the hidden layer ...

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Example: Insect brain-inspired ANN

- Fast and robust learning by reinforcement signals in the insect brain
 - Ramón Huerta, Thomas Nowotny (2008), Centre for Computational Neuroscience and Robotics, Dept of Informatics, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK
- **Basic setup**
- **Evaluated on MNIST dataset**

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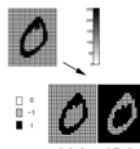
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Insect brain-inspired ANN cont'd

- + **Type I reinforcement**
 - Connection update only on error
 - 75%
- + **Type-II reinforcement**
 - No strengthening if already correct answer
 - 80%
- + **Regulation of KC activity level**
 - [1% 10%]
 - 85%
- + **On-Off cells**
 - [2% 5%]
 - 91%
- + **Type-III reinforcement**
 - Decrease synapses firing wrong output
 - 97,5%

$$w_{ij}(n+1) = H(z_i, y_j, w_{ij}(n)),$$

$$H(z, y, w) = \begin{cases} w+1 & z=1, y=1, \xi < p_+, \\ [w-1]_+ & z=1, y=0, \xi < p_-, \\ w & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



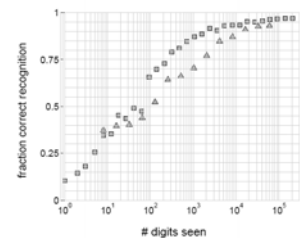
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Insect brain-inspired ANN cont'd

- **Results for different variants**
- **Comparison to SVM**
- **A possible ANNfk project!**



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Extension 7 Time sequences

- Research remains ...
 - Little known from biology
- Hidden units detecting change
- Slow, asymmetric Hebbian synapses

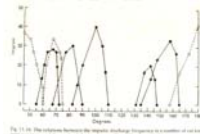
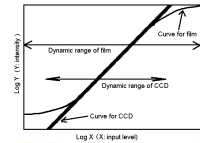
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Value representation in CNS

- Engineering: Linear sensors with high sensitivity & selectivity, broad dynamic range, ...
- Fuzzy coding, population codes and interval sensors
 - Gaussian Mixture Models (GMM)
- Biological sensor arrays and motor units
 - Orientation coding in vision, Frequency coding in audition
 - Joint angle sensors
 - Motor unit pool and recruitment, Populations codes in M1
 - ...
- Fits into computational models of cortical processing
 - Hyper/Macrocolumns in cortex



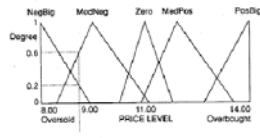
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"Fuzzy representation" – neurofuzzy

- Fuzzy variables
 - Linguistic, nominal
 - Interval coding
- Manual subdivision
- Graphic mixture model
 - Automatic, EM
 - Competitive learning
- Early popular in Japan
 - In consumer products
 - Refrigerators
 - Egg boilers
 - ...
 - Soft train braking (Shinkansen)
- Structure – property relations of chemical substances
 - Astra-Zeneca



Hypercolumn with ? units

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Invariant recognition

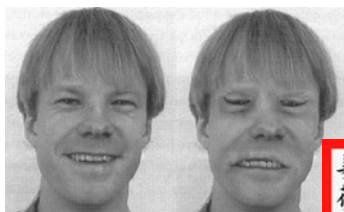
- Object transformations
 - Images
 - Translation, size, rotation 2D,3D
 - Light conditions, e.g. colour of ambient light
- Sound
 - Female/Male voices, e.g. Soprano/Baritone
 - Tempo
- NOT built-in for ANN
 - "iconic" representation → lacks invariance...
- What about our own brain?

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Invariant perception?



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Invariance?

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Invariance?

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Two ways to achieve invariant recognition

- Haykin 29ff
- Built in, needs domain knowledge/evolution
 - Invariant feature detectors
 - For instance, 30° 60° 90° corners independent of position, orientation, size,
 - + feature histogram
 - Time warping of speech signals
- Through training
 - Learn characteristic "views"
 - Interpolation between these
 - E.g. fighter aircrafts from different angles
 - "Slow feature analysis", SFA
 - Wiscott L. and Sejnowski, T. 2002
 - Slow Feature Analysis: Unsupervised Learning of Invariances, Neural Computation 14, 715 - 770
 - Sequence learning (use correlations over time) during continuous observation

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Brain-like technology - prerequisites

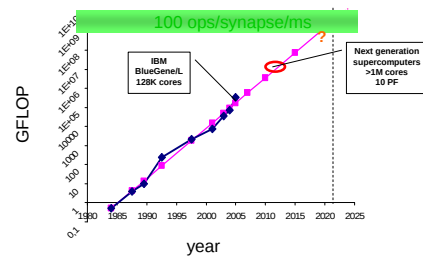
- I: Understanding of the brain's operating principles
- II: Efficient implementation
 - Real time
 - Compact
 - Low power
 - Cheap

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Computing Power Moore's law ...



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How to build an Artificial Brain?

- CCortex, Numenta, IBM are trying ...
- Cluster computers
- Accelerator cards – graphics/Cell processor
- FPGAs
- ANN hardware - dedicated kisel
 - Digital/Analog
- Biochip
- Molecular scale computing
- ...

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Scalable cluster implementation

- Demands on
 - Memory
 - Memory bandwidth
 - Computation
 - Communication
 - MPI
 - Spiking 0/1 unit output
 - Address Event Representation (AER)
 - NOT limiting
- $N = 1.6 \cdot 10^6$, $|W| = 2.0 \cdot 10^{11}$
 - 256 nodes on PDC/Lenngren
 - Real time! learning/recall ca 0.5 sec/pattern
 - Highly efficient code

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ANN hardware

- **Why?**
 - Real time operation, compactness, low power
- **Preconditions**
 - Inherent massive parallelism
 - Locality in computation
 - Tolerance to hardware faults
 - Tolerance to noise in data and components
- **How?**

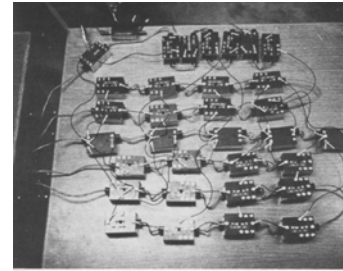
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Early ANN hardware

- 1977...
 - 12 neurons, 36 synapses



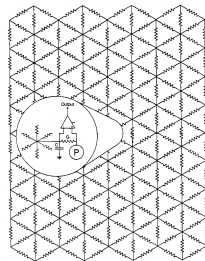
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Analog VLSI?

- High speed, compact, power efficient
- Embedded – directly connected to sensor/actuator
 - No A/D or D/A
- Efficient implementation of specific biological structures
 - Carver Mead, Caltech 1980's
 - Cochlea
 - Retina
 - Too fast ...!
 - → Synaptics Touchpad
 - → Optical mouse
- Noise tolerance of ANN crucial!



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Analog VLSI - properties

- **Different categories**
 - No learning (e.g. Si retina)
 - Off-chip learning, downloading of W
 - On-chip learning, fast, continuous learning
 - Standard BP not suitable (>16 bits, FPU)
 - Stochastic gradient-descent have been used
- **Problems**
 - Temperature variations influences computation
 - "Zero offset", may not exceed 10% of signal (requires careful design and fabrication)
 - High cost of design and test
 - Memory hierarchy, off-chip memory too slow
 - $10^5 \rightarrow 10^4$
 - Slow off-chip communication

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EU IP FACETS

From cortex physiology to analog VLSI
2005-2009



- "... reverse engineering of the brain ..."
- 14 research groups, 100 MSEK/4 år
- Cortex physiology
- Small- and large-scale simulations
- Digital&Analog ("mixed signal") VLSI
 - Wafer scale integration
- FACETS II now planned

Process Technology	UMC 0.18 µm CMOS
Wafer Size	8 inch
Synapse Size	10 µm²
Synapses per Wafer	$1.5 \cdot 10^7$
Synapse-to-Neuron Ratio	1000
Neurons per Wafer	$1.5 \cdot 10^4$
Power of single neuron/synapse system	1 - 50 µW
Power of single NPU incl. digital overhead	about 100 W

Table 2: Parameter list of the proposed FACETS facility

10⁴ faster than
real time ...

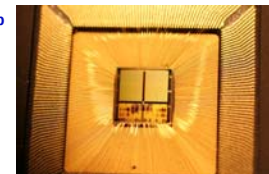
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Simulator – VLSI – Cortex

FACETS Stage I chip



	FACETS wafer (analog VLSI)	Human cortex
[N]	10^4	10^{10}
[W]	10^7	10^{14}
Synapse update time (sec)	10^{-7}	10^{-2}
Joule/synapse/update	10^{-15}	10^{-16}
Area/synapse (m²)	10^{-10}	10^{-15}

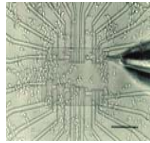
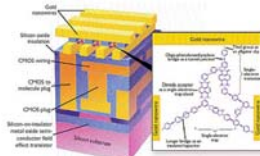
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Alternative HW implementations

- ❖ CMOL
 - ❖ Hybrid CMOS and molekylar circuits
 - ❖ "nanoprinting"
 - ❖ stochastic computing
- ❖ Cell culture on chip
 - Implants!
- ❖ Quantum computer
- ❖ ...



Neuron culture on a chip

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Future perspective

- Supercomputing power sufficient for real-time human brain simulation in 15-20 yrs
- Progress in brain science will stay very rapid
 - Brain mysteries likely to be largely uncovered in this period
 - + Quantitative computational models will be enabling
- Brain-inspired hardware development will parallel
 - Custom designs will be needed
 - A complementary breed of computers may emerge
- Potential for advanced and reliable computing using stochastic, imperfect HW
 - Molecular scale computing substrates?

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Applications of Artificial brains?



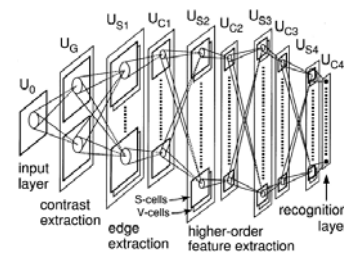
What about the singularity?

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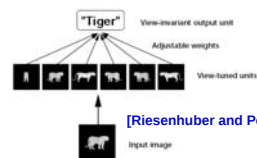
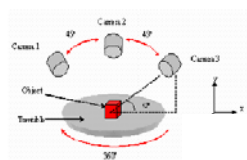


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Multipel-view based recognition



[Riesenhuber and Poggio, 2000]



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