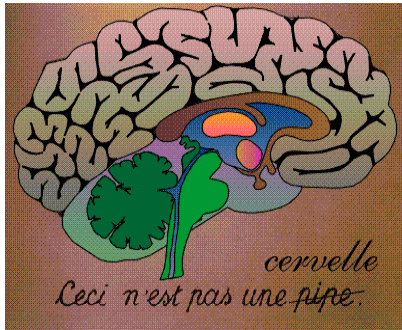


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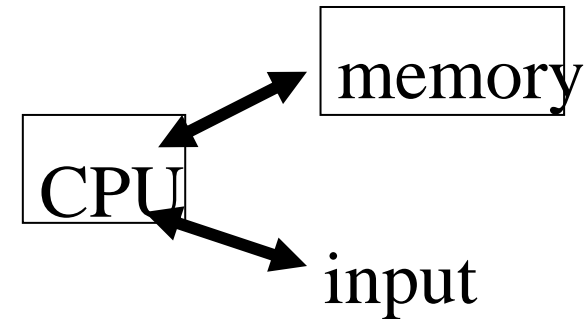
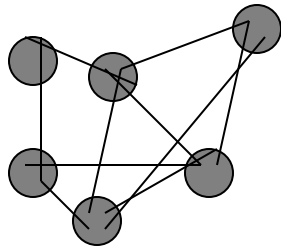
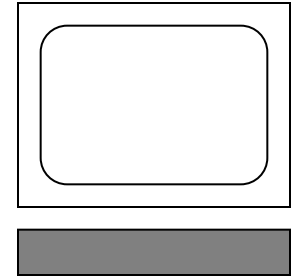
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- Discussion

# Systems for computing and information processing



Brain

Computer



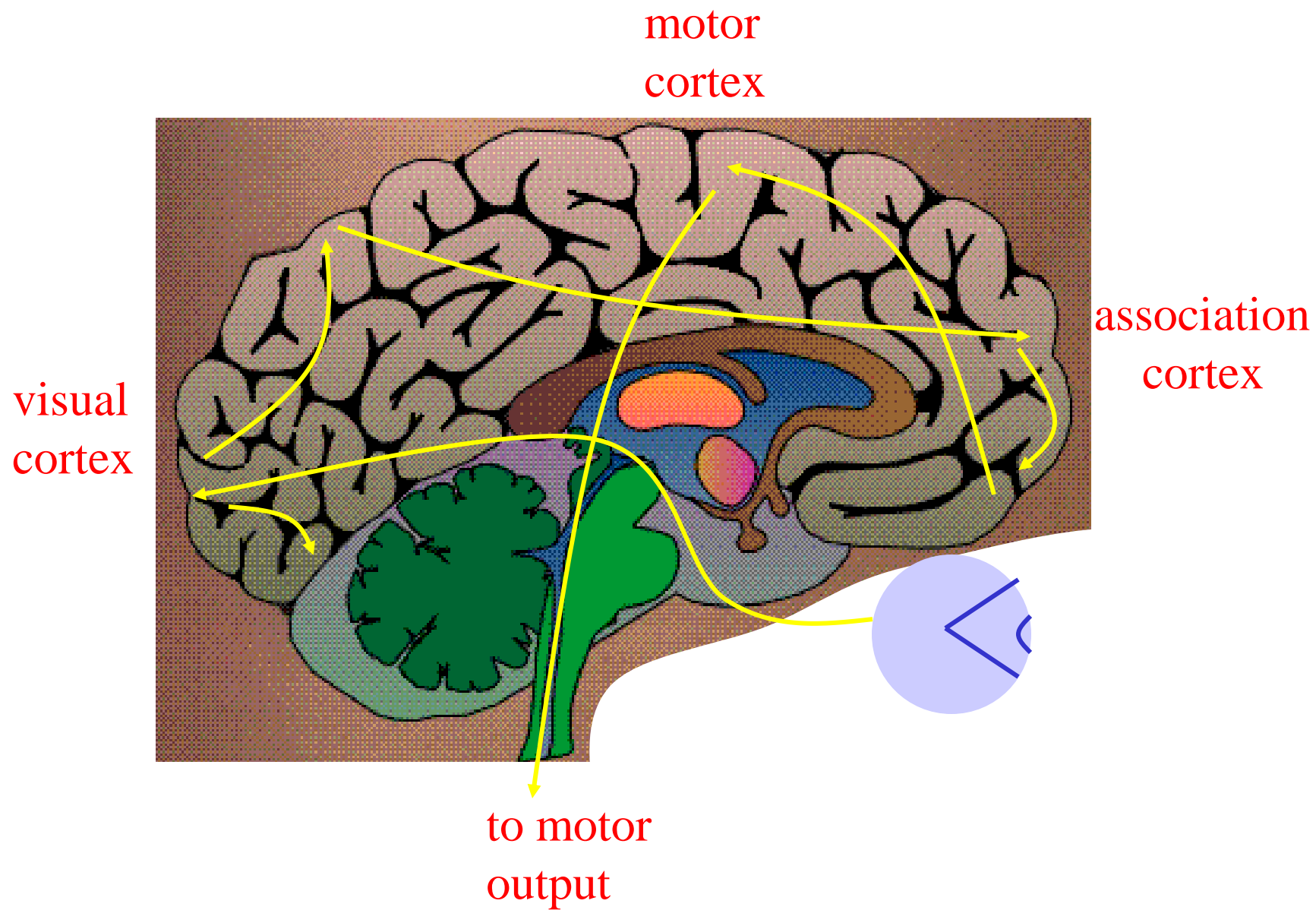
Distributed architecture

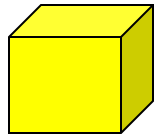
Von Neumann architecture

( $10^{10}$  proc. Elements/neurons)

1 CPU  
( $10^{10}$  transistors)

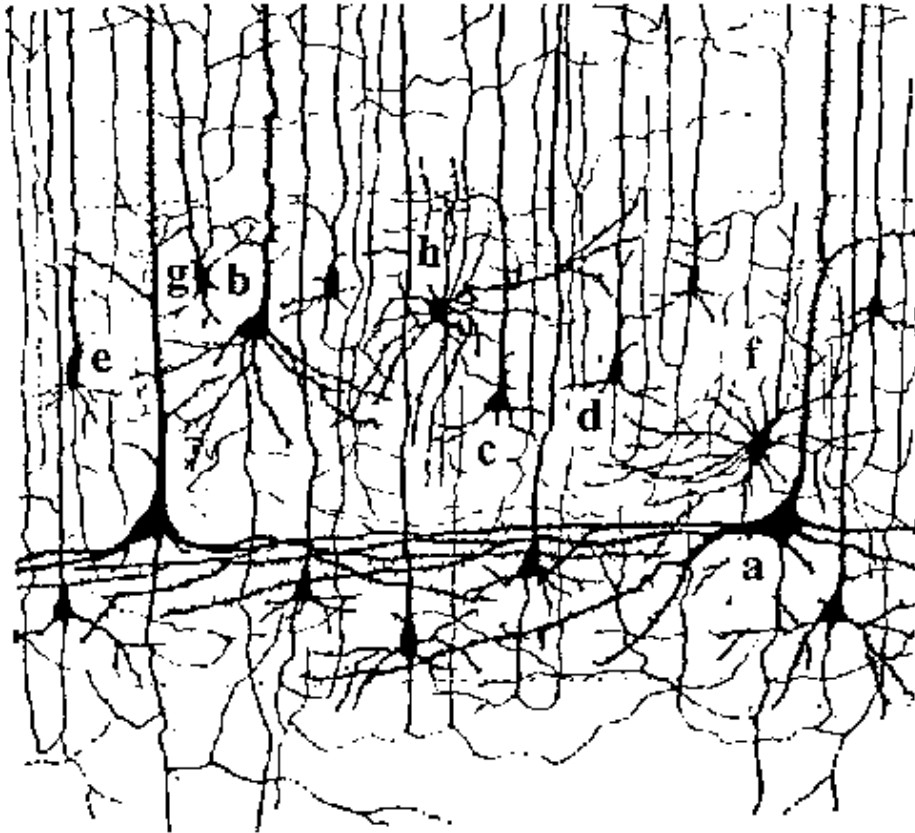
No separation of  
processing and memory



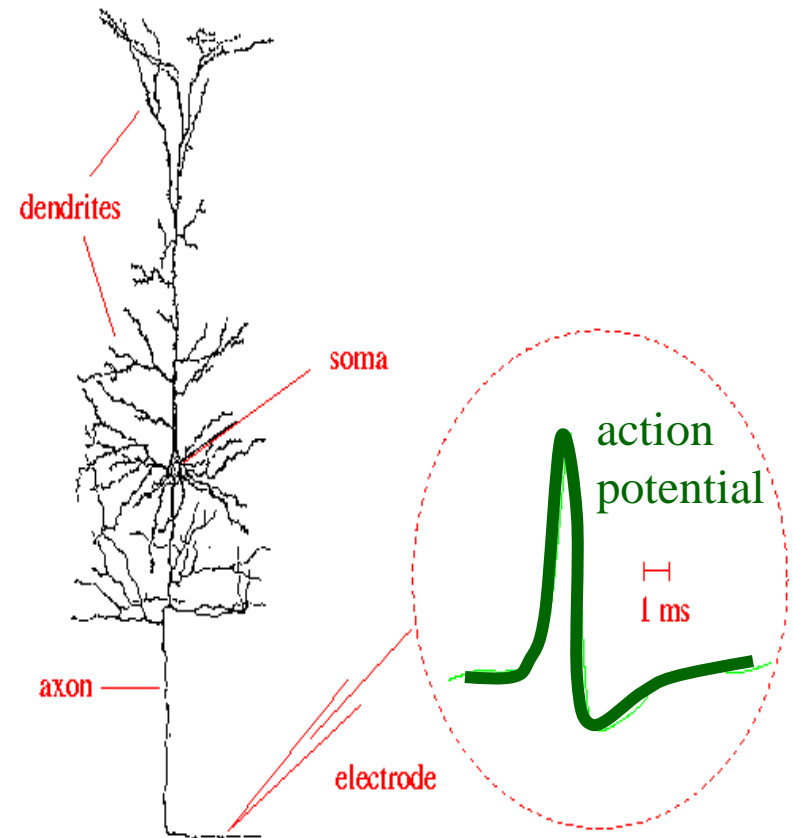


1mm

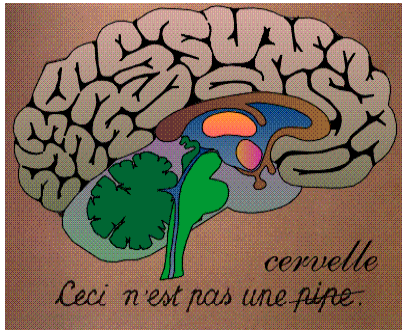
10 000 neurons  
3 km wires



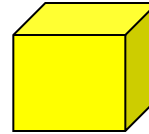
Signal:  
action potential (spike)



# Systems for computing and information processing



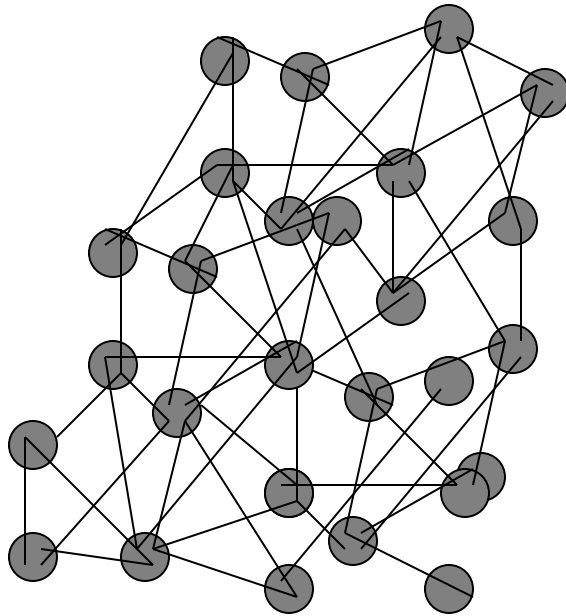
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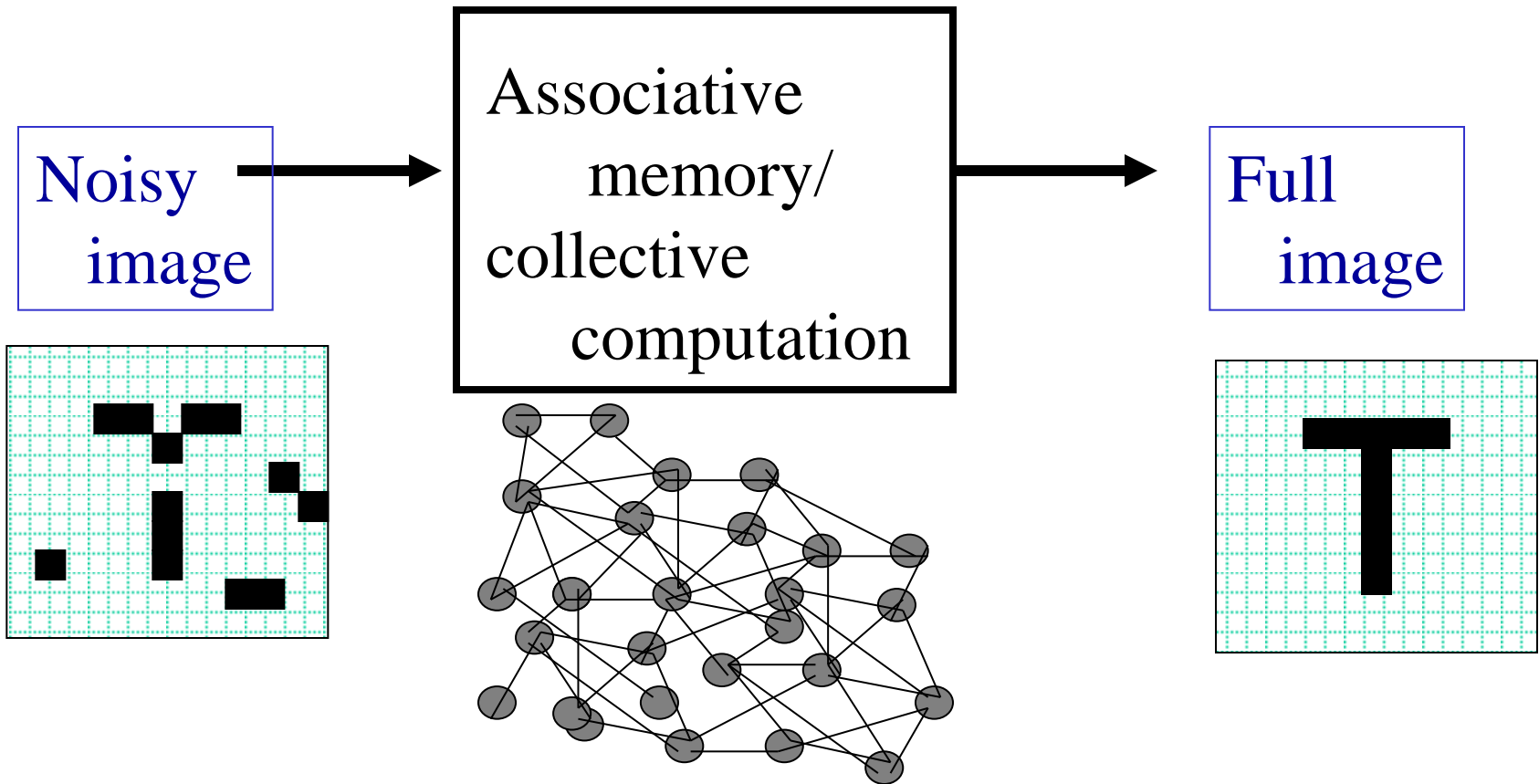
Distributed architecture

$10^{10}$  neurons

$10^4$  connections/neurons

No separation of  
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- recognize/understand images:  
**pattern recognition**

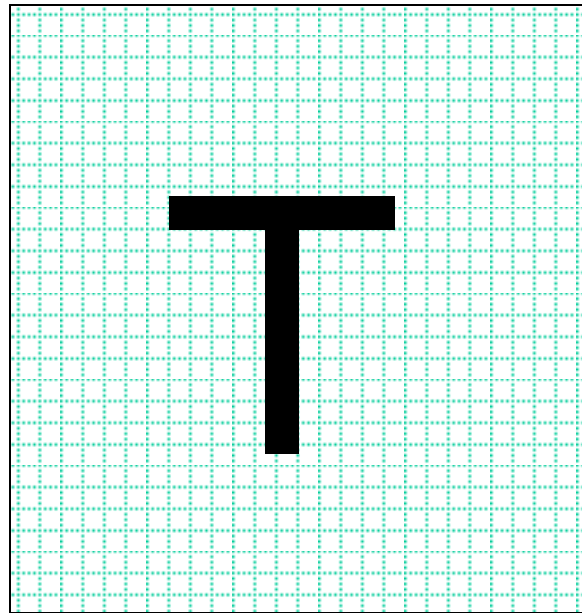


**Brain-style computation**

## Lecture 14 – Population dynamics and associative memory; stable learning

- ✓ -Introduction
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  - Final discussion

# Associative memory



Hopfield model

Elementary pixel

- $S_i = +1$       ■ ↔ ■  $w_{ij} = +1$
- $S_i = -1$       □ ↔ □  $w_{ij} = +1$
- ↔ ■  $w_{ij} = -1$

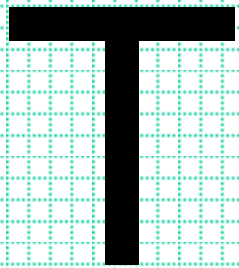
dynamics

$$S_i(t+1) = \text{sgn} \left( \sum_j w_{ij} S_j \right)$$

Sum over all  
interactions with i

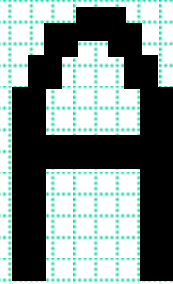


# Associative memory



Prototype

$\vec{p}^1$



Prototype

$\vec{p}^2$

Hopfield model

interactions

$$w_{ij} = \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$$

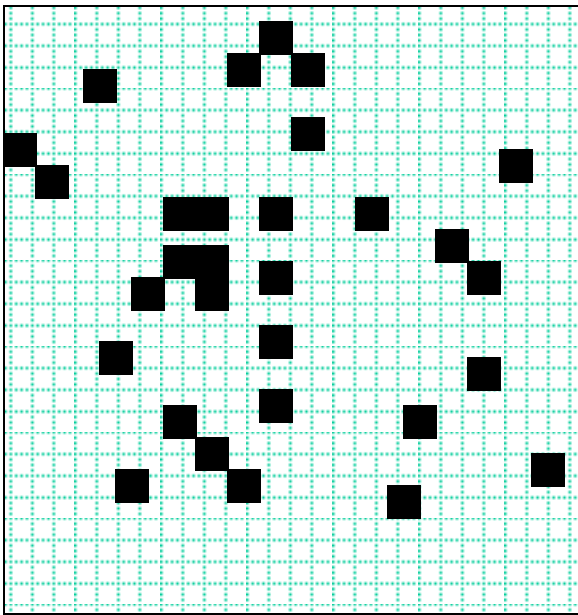
Sum over all  
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# Associative memory



Prototype

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Hopfield model

interactions

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Sum over all  
prototypes

This rule  
is very good  
for **random**  
patterns

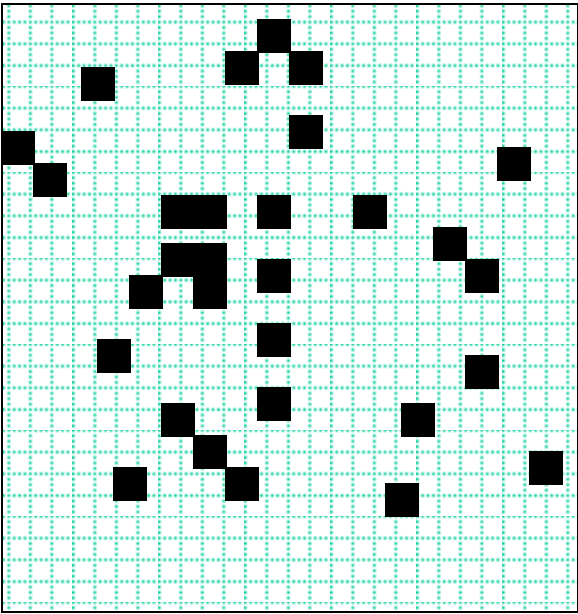
It does not work well  
for correlated patterns

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Sum over all  
interactions with i

# Associative memory



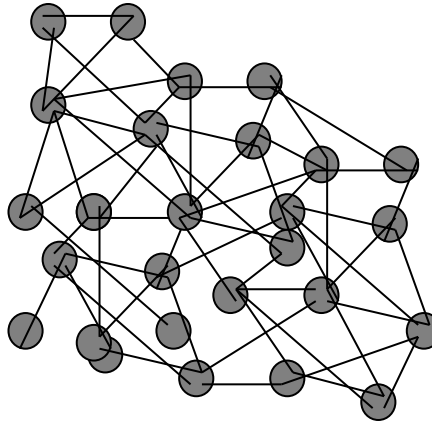
Prototype

$\vec{p}^1$

*Finds the closest prototype  
i.e. maximal overlap  
(similarity)  $m^\mu$*

Hopfield model

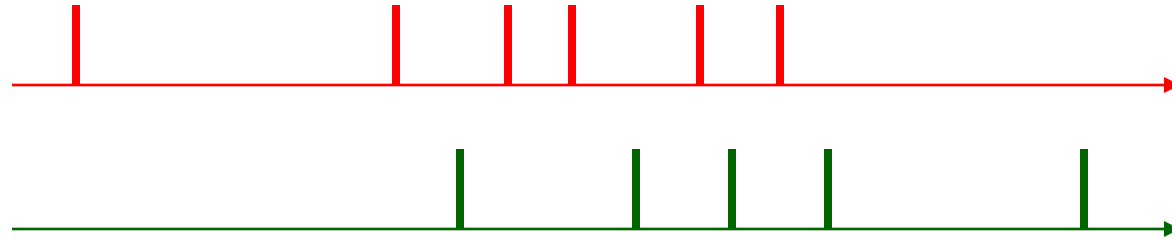
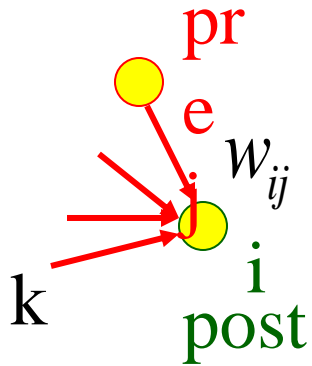
Interacting neurons



**Computation**

- without CPU,
- without explicit memory unit

# Hebbian Learning



When an axon of cell **j** repeatedly or persistently takes part in firing cell **i**, then **j**'s efficiency as one of the cells firing **i** is increased

Hebb, 1949

- local rule
- simultaneously active (correlations)

# Hebbian Learning

Elementary pixel

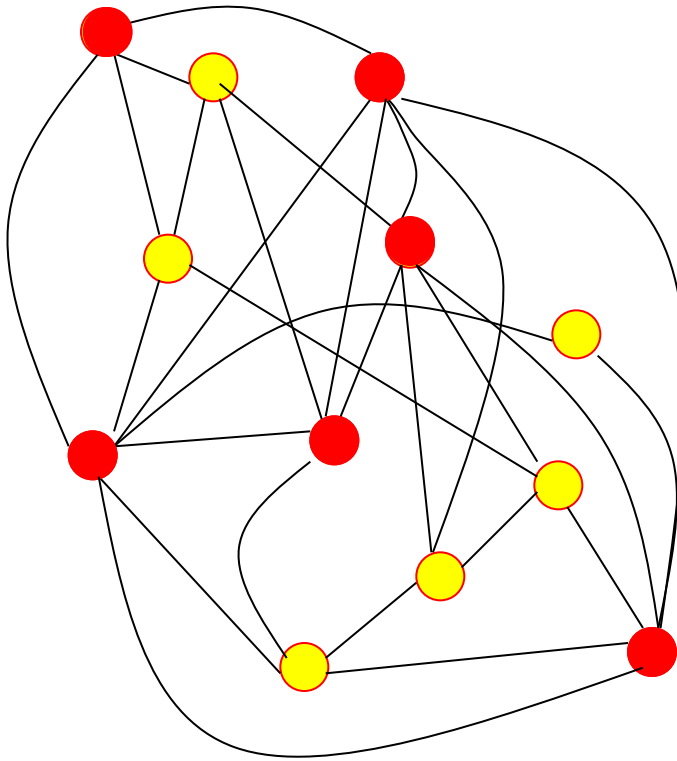
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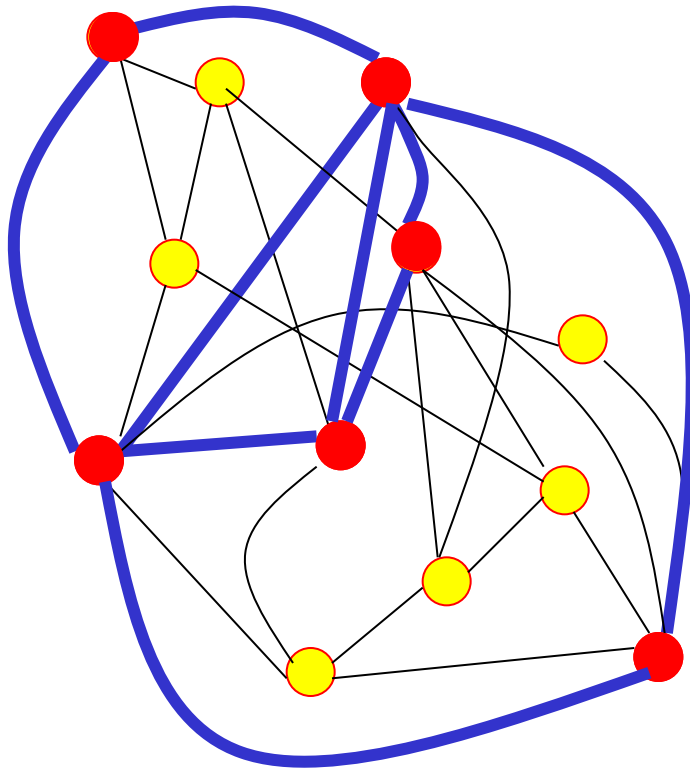
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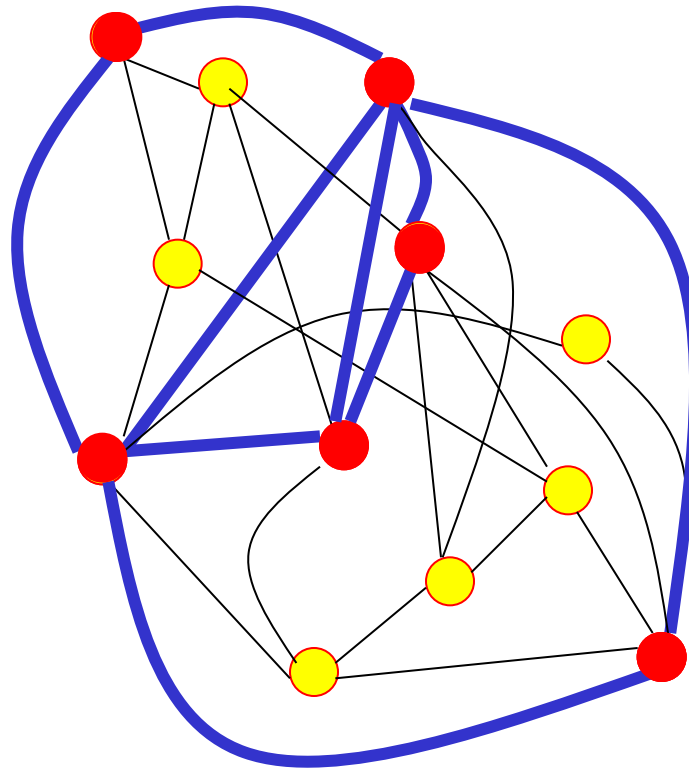
# Hebbian Learning



item memorized

# Hebbian Learning

Recall:  
Partial info



item recalled

# Lecture 14 – Population dynamics and associative memory; stable learning

- Introduction

- ✓ -Associative Memory

So far: neuron=spin=pixel=binary=on/off

BUT:

what about more realistic spiking neurons?



## Lecture 14 – Population dynamics and associative memory; stable learning

-Introduction

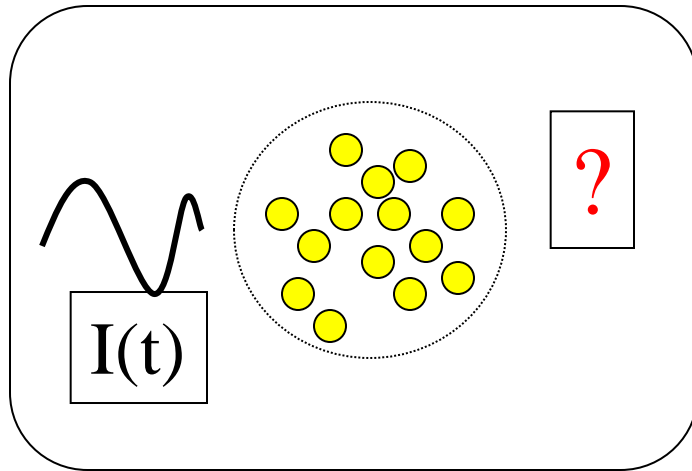
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→ -Dense networks (mean-field)

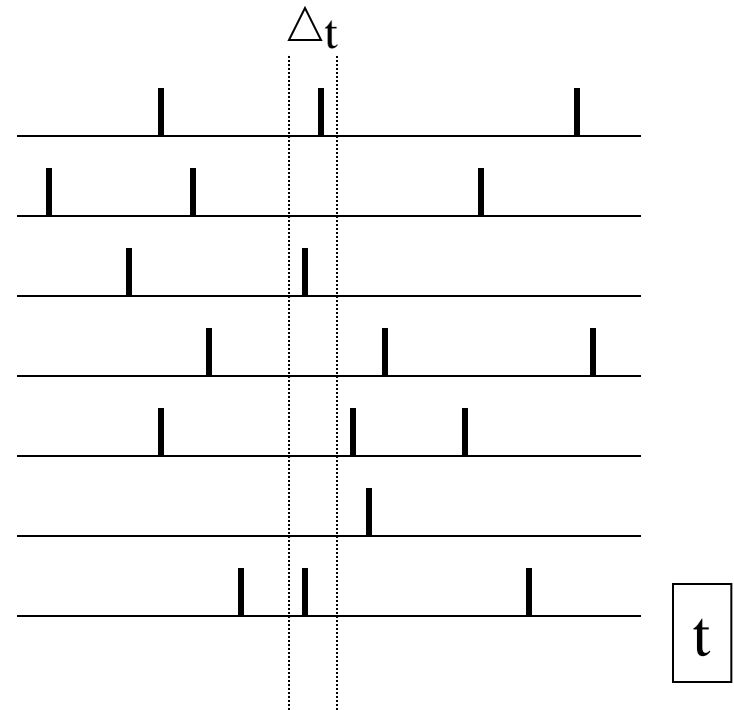
-Population dynamics and Associative Memory

-Stable learning

# Populations of spiking neurons



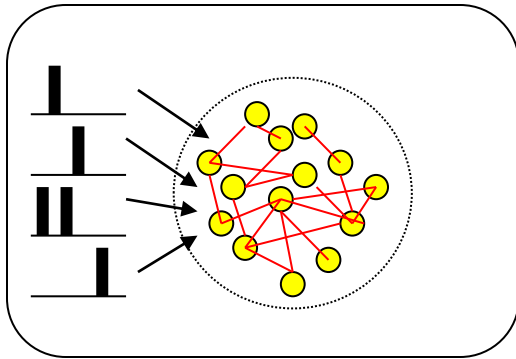
population dynamics?



population  
activity

$$A(t) = \frac{n(t; t + \Delta t)}{N \Delta t}$$

# Activity in a populations of neurons

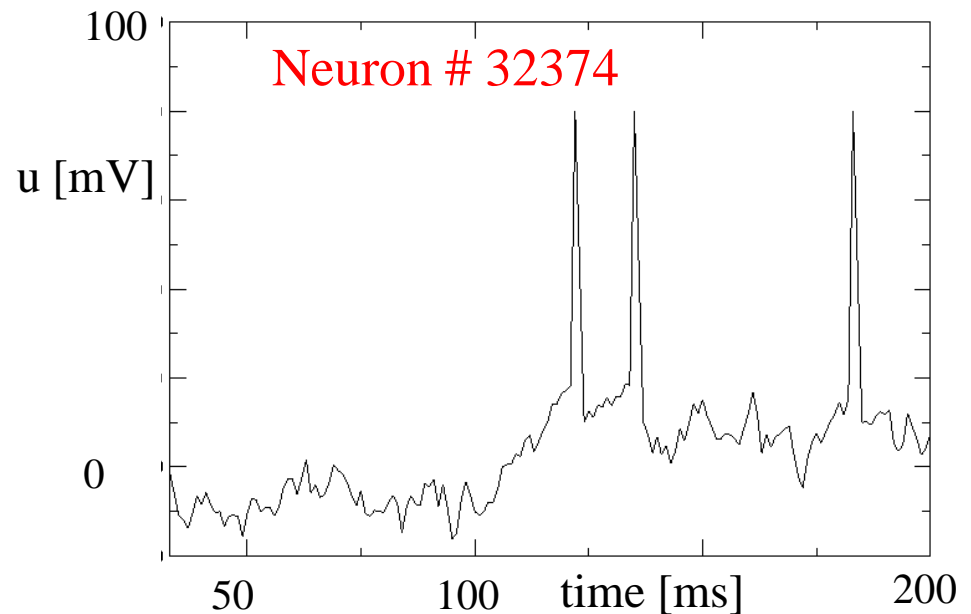
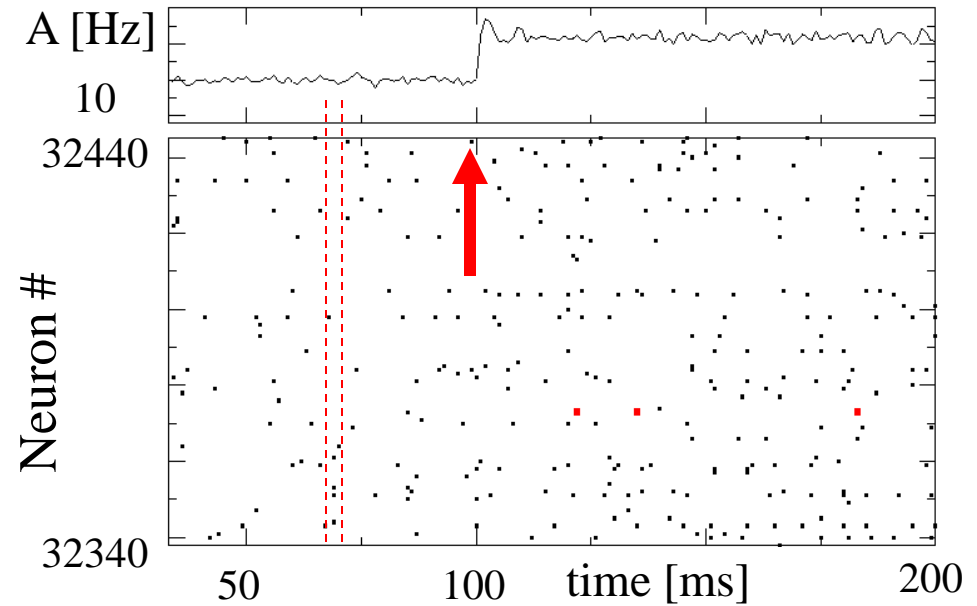


input {  
-low rate  
-high rate

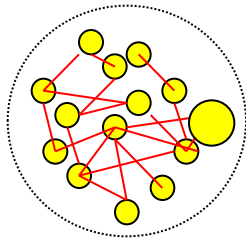


## Population

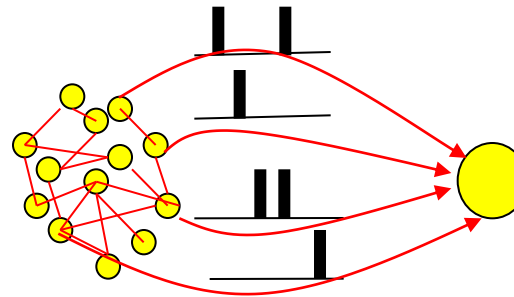
- 50 000 neurons
- 20 percent inhibitory
- randomly connected



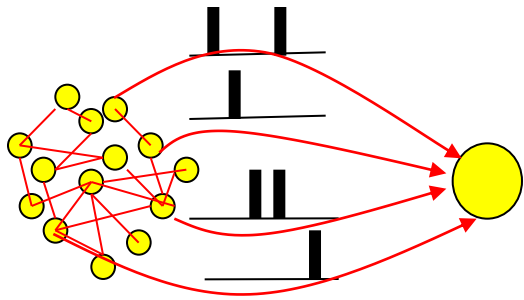
# Homogeneous network (I&F)



Consider 1 neuron



# Homogeneous network (I&F)



**Assumption of Stochastic spike arrival:**  
network of exc. neurons,  
total spike arrival rate  $A(t)$

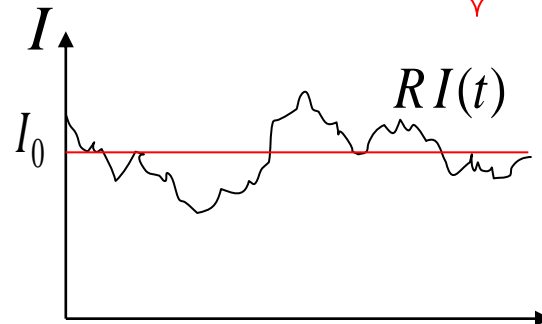
$$C \frac{d}{dt} u = - \sum_k I_k^{ion} + I(t) \quad \leftarrow \text{Membrane equation}$$

**Synaptic current pulses of shape  $\alpha$**

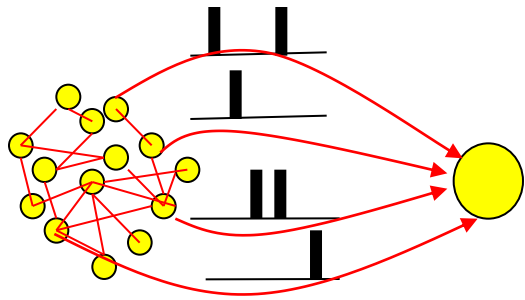
$$I(t) = \sum_k \frac{J_0}{N} \sum_f \alpha(t - t_k^f)$$

*All synapses have  
identical weight*

**EPSC**



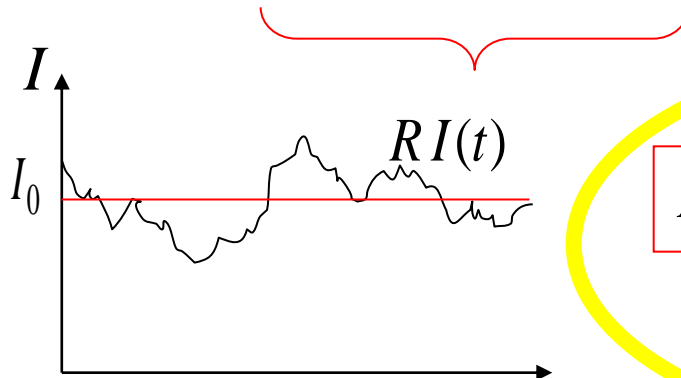
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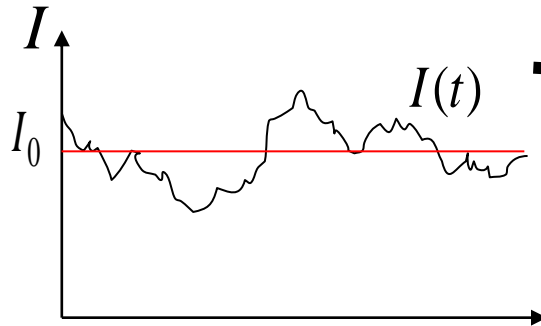


$$I_0 = \gamma A_0$$

Population activity

# Analysis of Homogeneous Population

Step 1: Single neuron property: Inject noise current



Hodgkin-Huxley

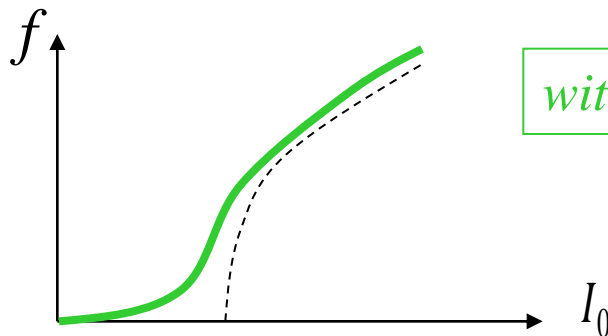
$$C \frac{d}{dt} u = - \sum_k I_k^{ion} + I(t)$$

$$I(t) = I_o + I_{noise}$$

Leaky I&F

$$\tau \frac{d}{dt} u = -(u - u_{rest}) + R I(t)$$

Measure frequency



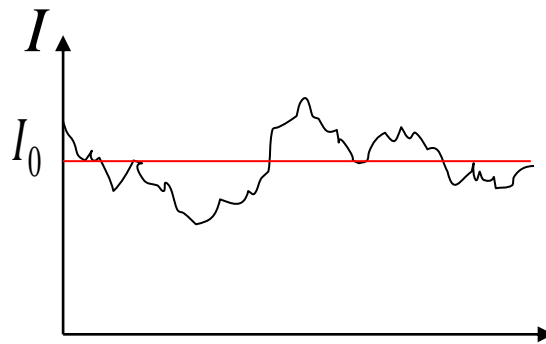
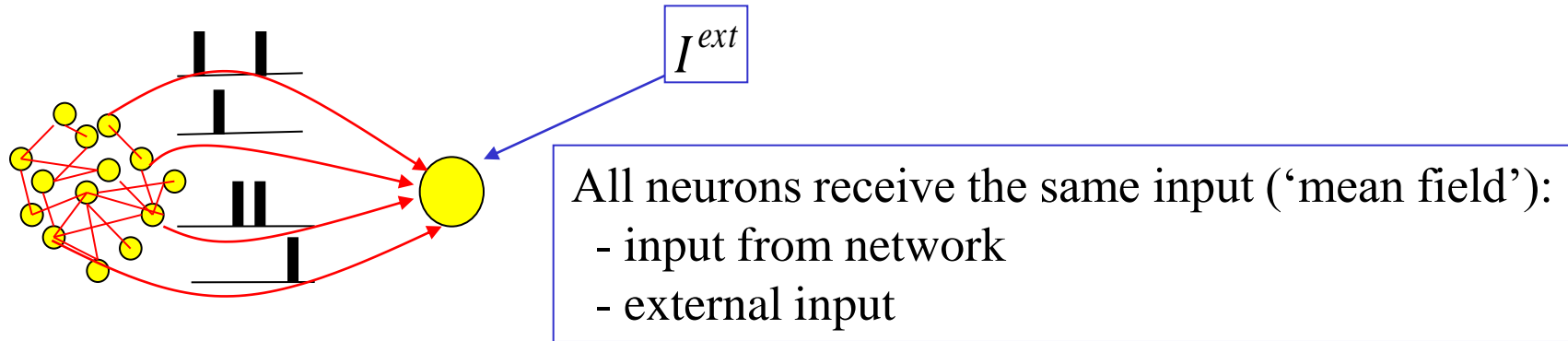
*with noise*

$$I(t) = I_o + I_{noise}$$

$$f = g(I_0)$$

# Analysis of Homogeneous Population

Step 2 : consider 1 neuron in the network



$$I_0 = \gamma A_0 + I^{ext}$$

Population activity

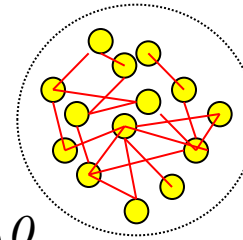
Mean input from network prop. to population activity



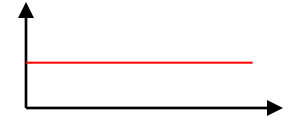
# Step 3: assume Stationary State/Asynchronous State

$$A_0 = f$$

*All neurons  
are the same*



$$A(t) = \text{const}$$

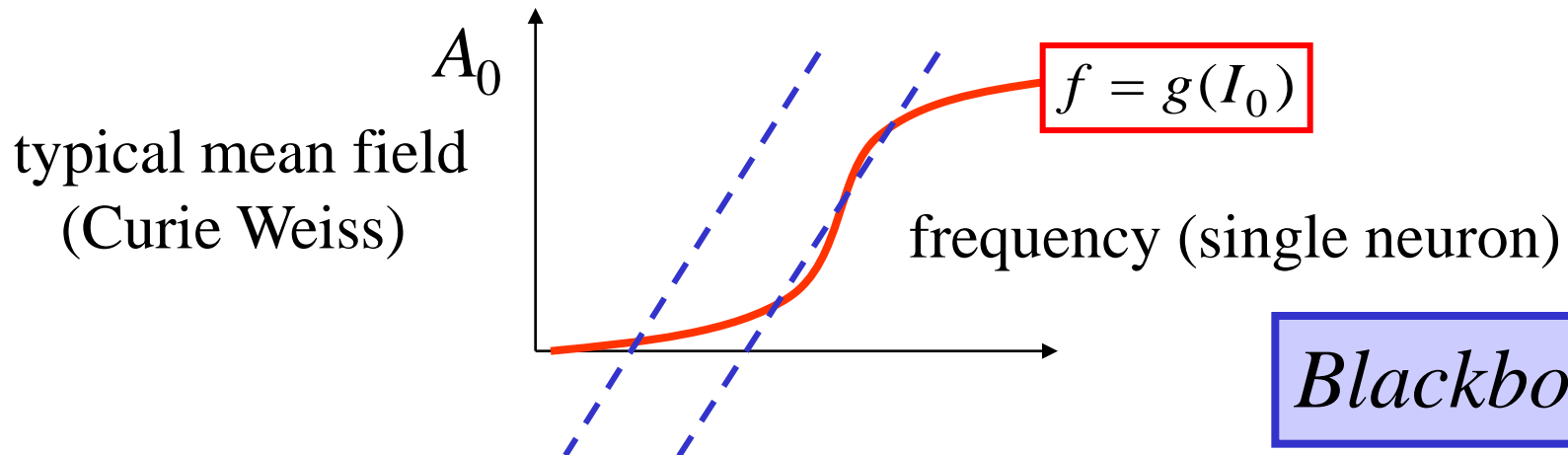


Step 4: close equation – calculate  $A_0$

$$A_0 = f = g(I_0) = g(\gamma A_0 + I^{ext})$$

$$I_0 = \gamma A_0 + I^{ext}$$

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{\gamma} I_0 - I^{ext}$$

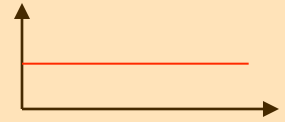
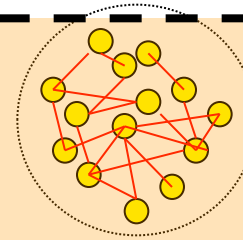


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# Exercise (some time ago): find stationary state

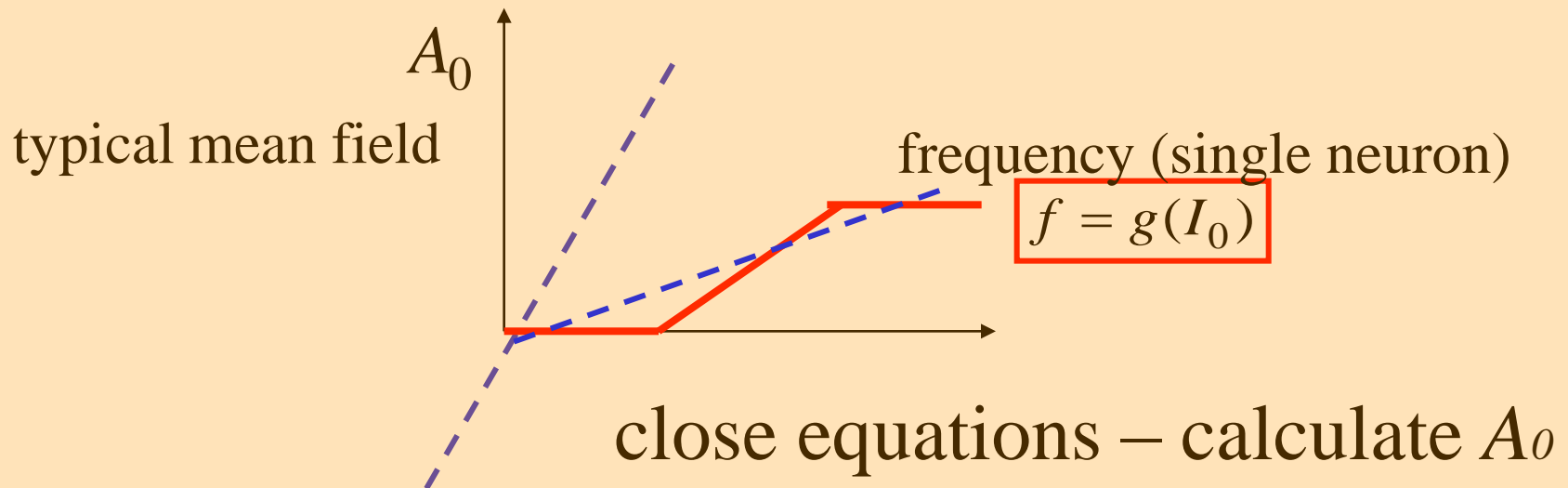
$$A(t) = \text{const}$$

$$I_0 = \gamma A_0 + I^{ext}$$



$$A_0 = \frac{1}{\gamma} [I_0 - I^{ext}]$$

fully connected  
coupling  $J_0/N$



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-Associative Memory

✓ -Dense networks (mean-field)

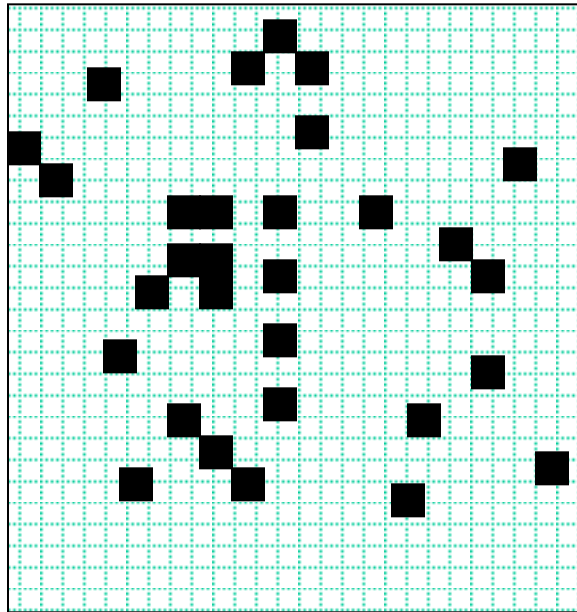
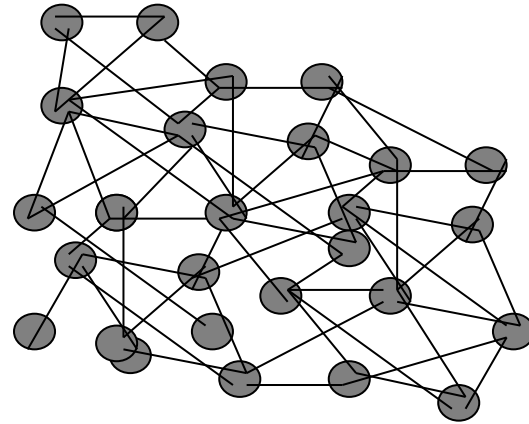
→ -Population dynamics and Associative Memory

} *review*

# Back to Associative memory

## Interacting neurons

- Possible with spiking neurons
- Calculation: mean-field
- Prototypes = random patterns

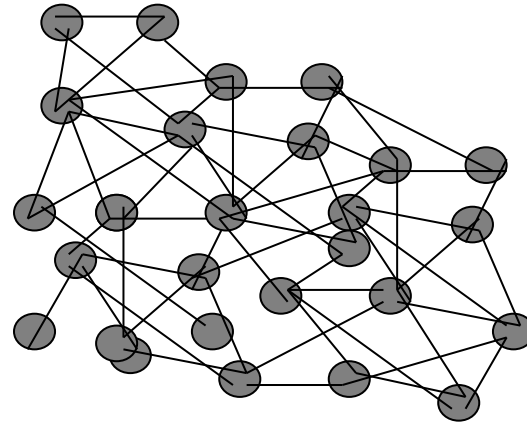


## Computation

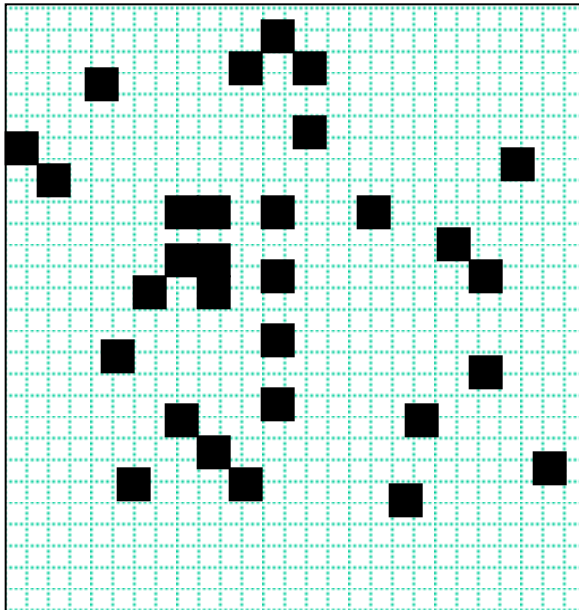
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# Associative memory - simple model

Interacting neurons



- Rate model/population activity
- Calculation: mean-field
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*rate model*

Single-neuron firing rate

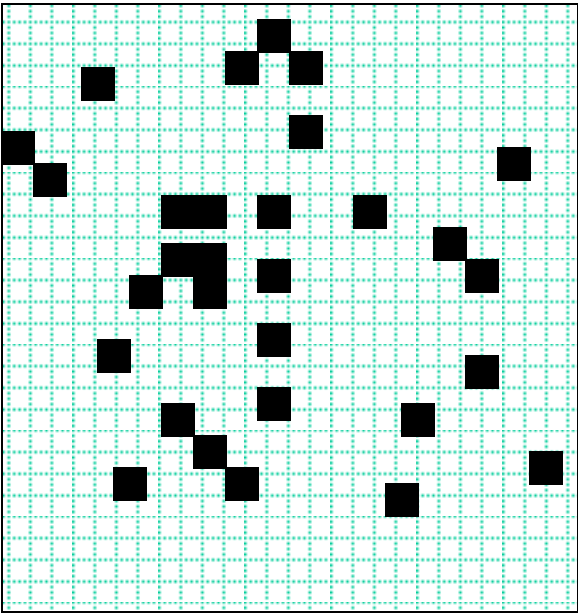
$$f = g(I_0)$$

population rate

$$A_i = g\left(\sum_j w_{ij} A_j\right)$$

$$w_{ij} = \frac{2}{N f^{\max}} \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$$

# Associative memory



For comparison with Spin  $S_j = \pm 1$

$$m^\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j p_j^\mu S_j$$

Prototype *Task: Find the prototype with maximal overlap*

$\vec{p}^1$

$$m^\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j p_j^\mu \left( 2 \frac{f_j}{f_{\max}} - 1 \right)$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\pm 1$

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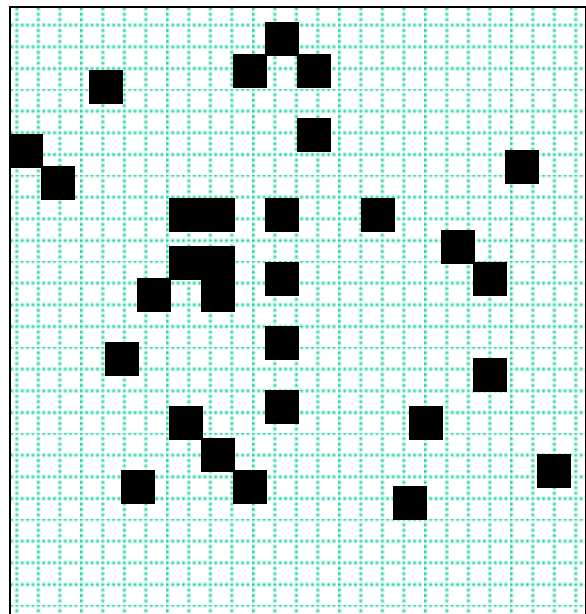
# Associative memory

$$f = g(I_0)$$

*Input current*

$$f = g(h_0)$$

*Input potential*



Prototype

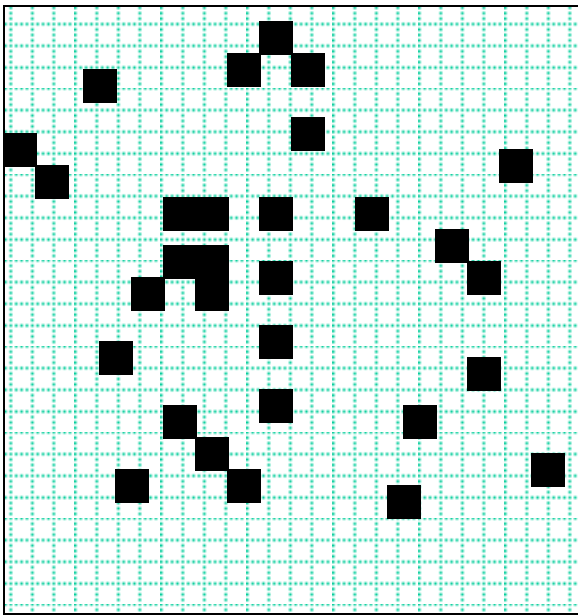
$\vec{p}^1$

*overlap*

$$m^\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j p_j^\mu \left( 2 \frac{f_j}{f_{\max}} - 1 \right)$$

$$m^\mu = \underbrace{\frac{2}{N f_{\max}} \sum_j p_j^\mu f_j}_{+/-1} - \cancel{\frac{1}{N} \sum_j p_j^\mu} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{with prob. 0.5 } +/-1}$$

# Associative memory – main idea

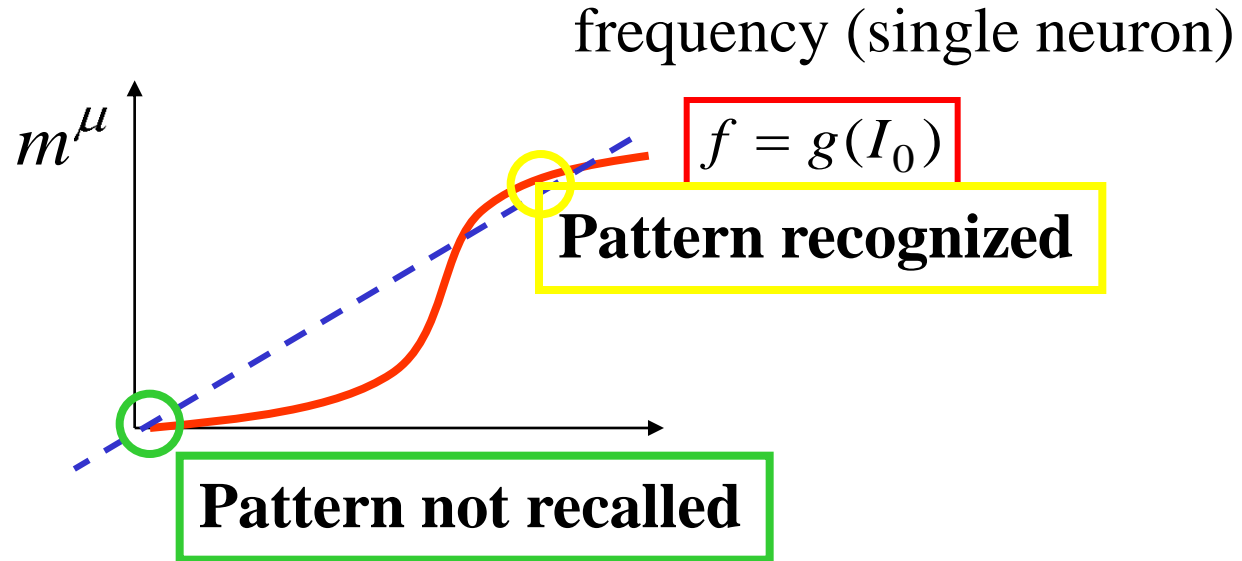


Prototype  
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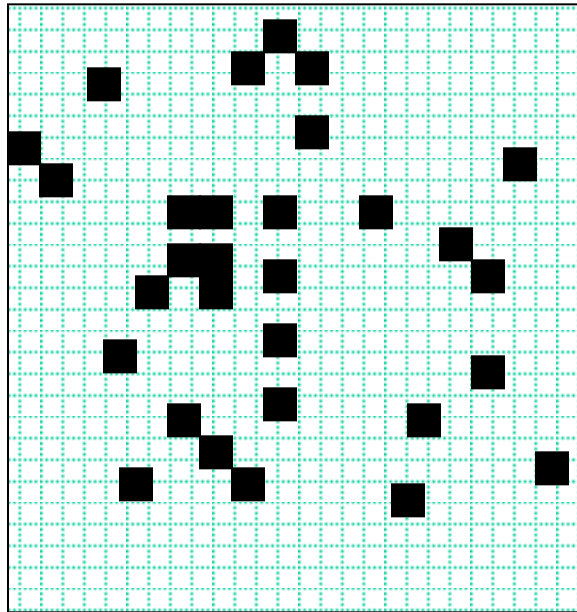
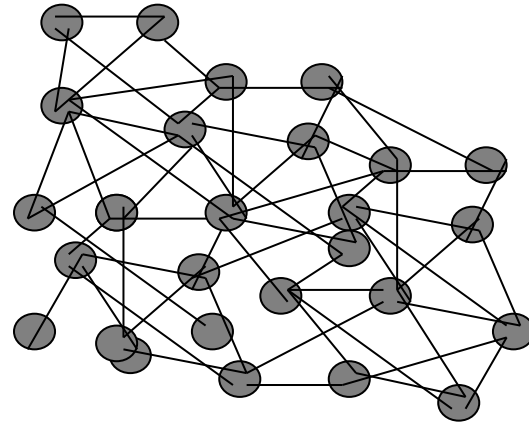




# Conclusion - Associative memory

Interacting neurons

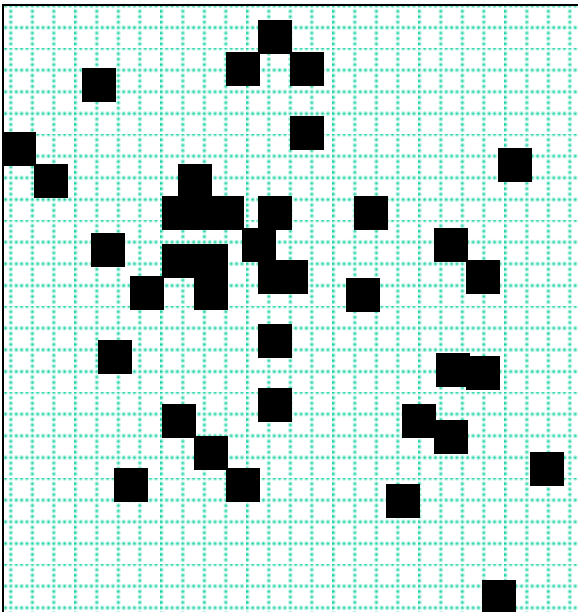
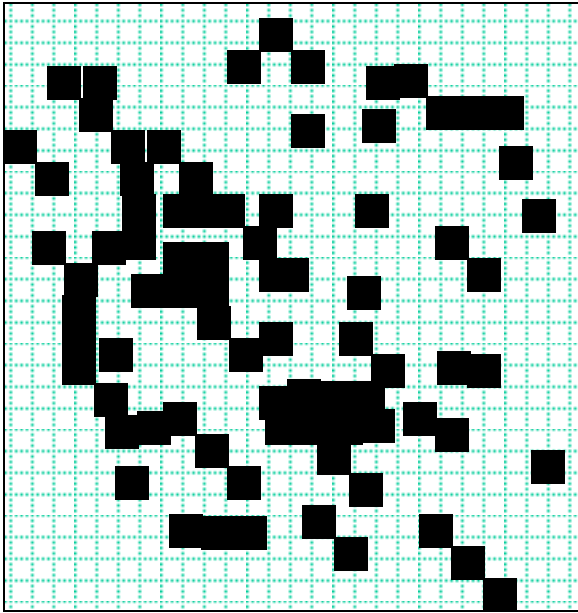
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# Associative memory



interactions

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Sum over all  
prototypes

This rule  
is very good  
for **random**  
Patterns (a=0.5)

It does not work well  
for correlated patterns

for low activity **random**  
Patterns (e.g., a=0.1)

$$w_{ij} = \sum_{\mu} (p_i^{\mu} - c)(p_j^{\mu} - a)$$

e.g., in each pattern exactly 10 percent  
of neurons are active

# Associative memory

$$w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} K(\vec{p}_i, \vec{p}_j)$$

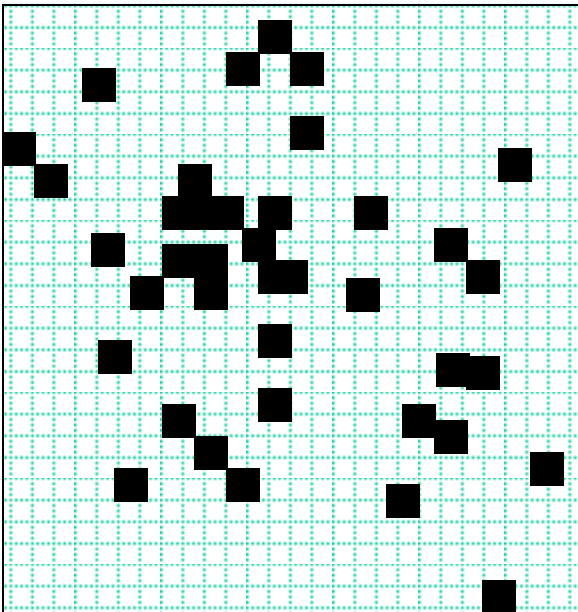
Locally stored information

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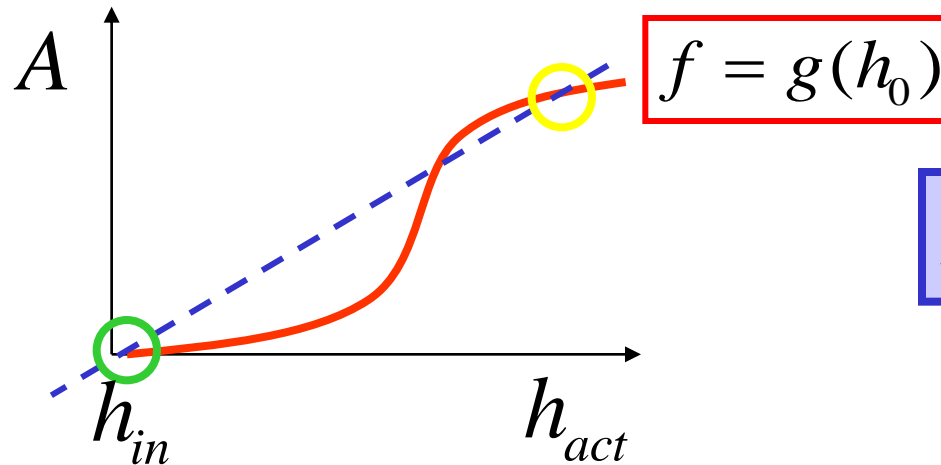
$$h(\vec{z}) = \sum_{\vec{z}'} \frac{|L(\vec{z})|}{N} K(\vec{z}, \vec{z}') \int \varepsilon(s) A(\vec{z}', t-s) ds$$

$$A(\vec{z}') = g(h(\vec{z}'))$$

# Associative memory –

**For a given pattern only 2 populations!**

frequency (single neuron)



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Nearly the end:

what can I improve for the students next year?

- Integrated exercises?
- Miniproject?
- Overall workload ?(4 credit course = 6hrs per week)
- Background/Prerequisites?
  - Physics students
  - SV students
  - Math students

Exam:

- written exam, 23.6 from 8:15-11:15
- miniprojects counts 1/3 towards final grade

For written exam:

- bring 1 page A5 of own **handwritten** notes

The end



*The end*

# Exercise now: Associative memory

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$$f_i = g\left(\sum_j w_{ij} f_j\right)$$

$$w_{ij} = \frac{2}{N f^{\max}} \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$$

$$f_i = g\left(\sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} m^{\mu}\right)$$

$$m^{\mu} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j p_j^{\mu} \left(2 \frac{f_j}{f^{\max}} - 1\right)$$

Prototype

$\vec{p}^1$

Assume 4 patterns. At time  $t=0$ , overlap with Pattern 3, no overlap with other patterns.

discuss temporal evolution

(assume that patterns are orthogonal)

*The end*