

# CAUSAL COGNITIVE ARCHITECTURE 3 (CCA3): A SOLUTION TO THE BINDING PROBLEM

VIDEO #3

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Supplementary Video File

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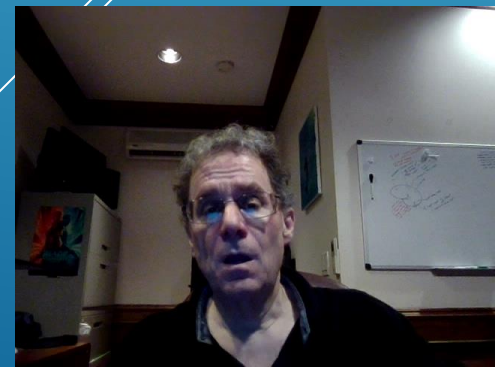


- CCA3 Overview ✓
- Binding Problem Overview ✓
- Software Overview ✓
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GitHub “CausalCog”  
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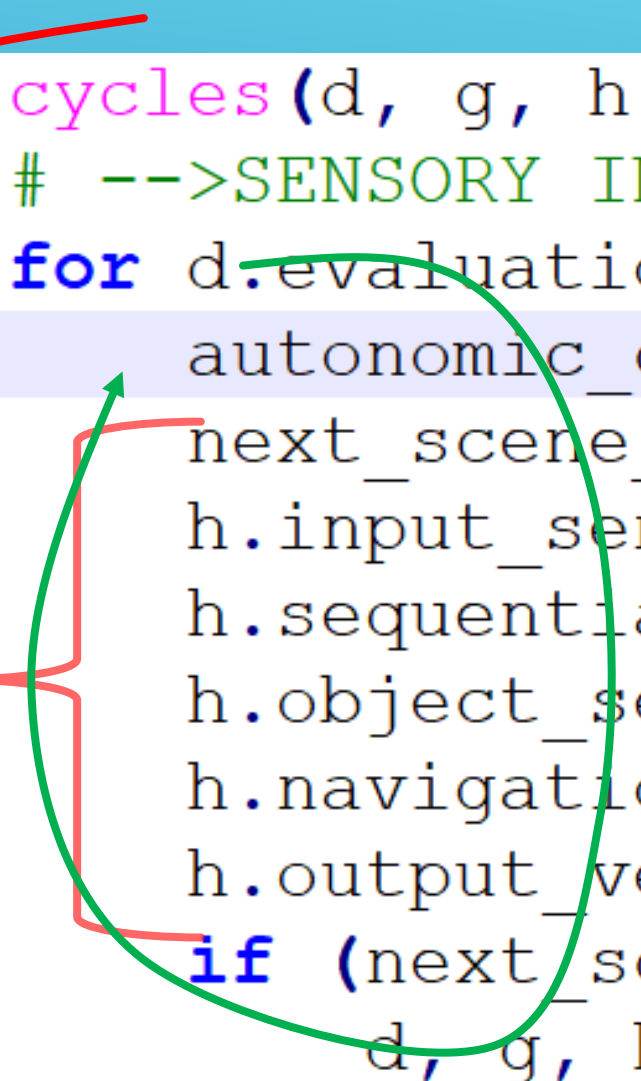
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Now, let's look at each of these methods that occur each cycle, and how they relate to the equations of the paper....



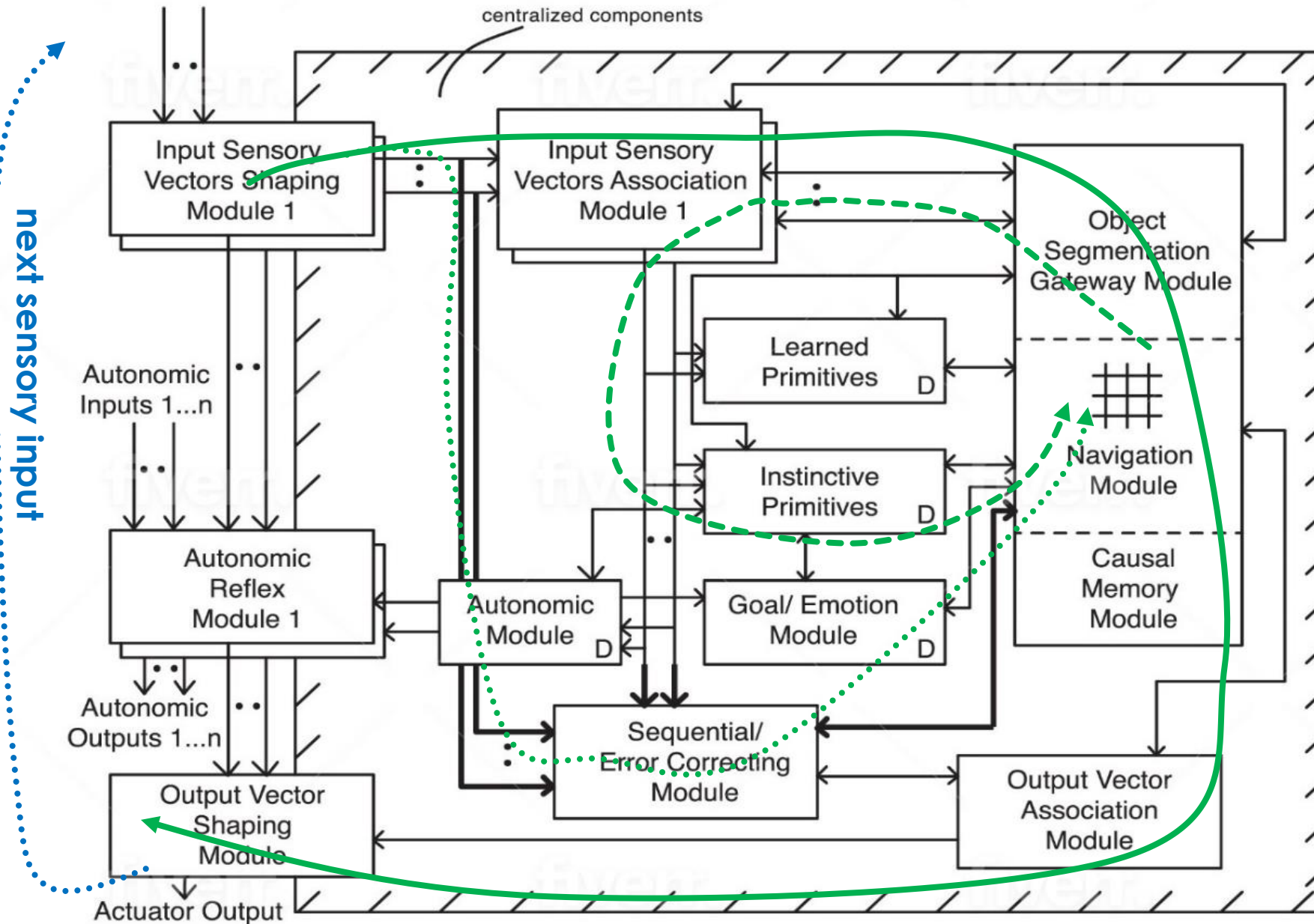
# Equations 3 – 92 each “cycle”

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“cycle” ==  
“processing  
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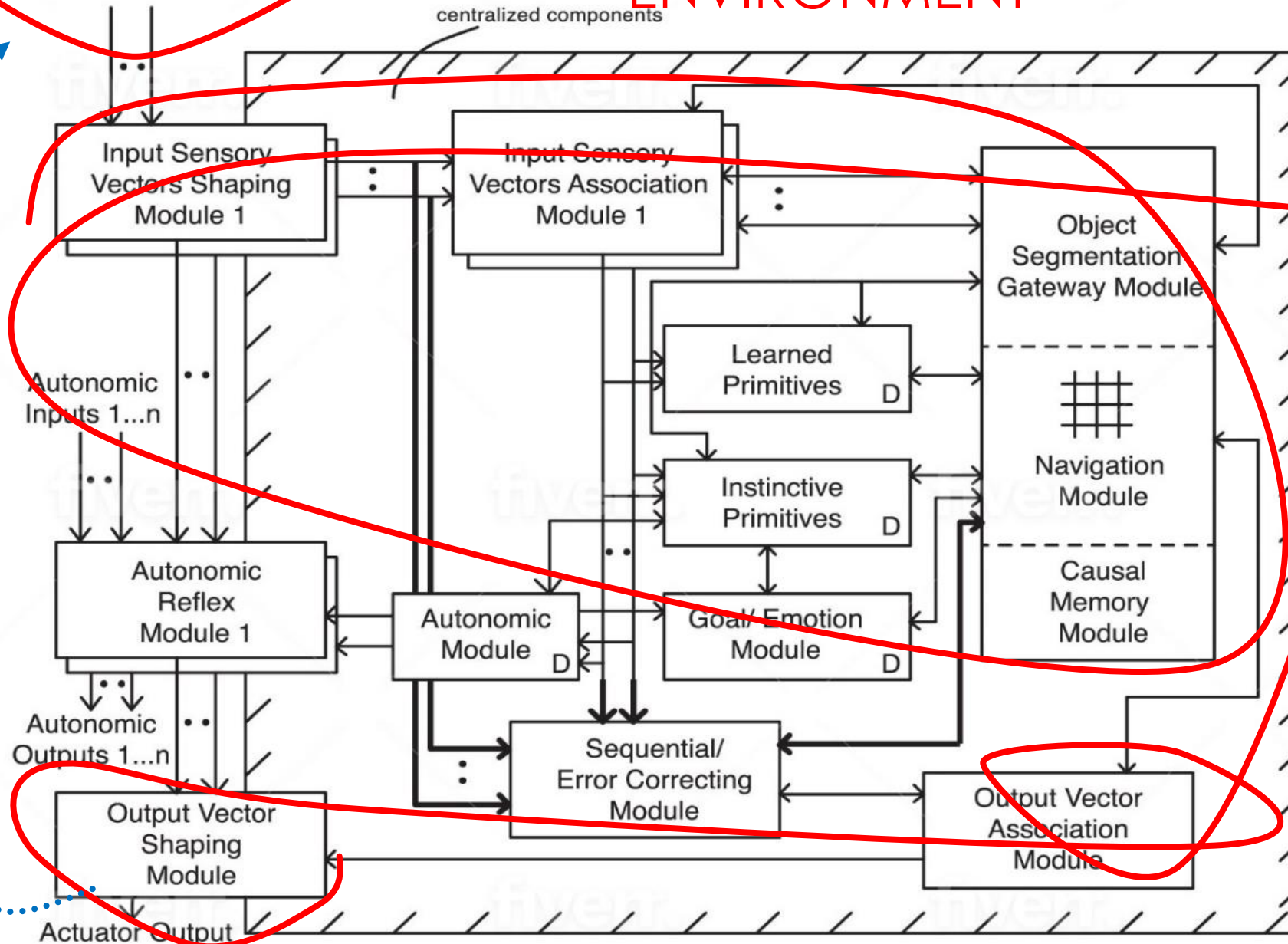


Sensory Inputs Set 1  
Sensory Inputs Set n

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# CCA3 SIMULATION SOFTWARE – OPERATIONS OVERVIEW





# “main()” of CCA3

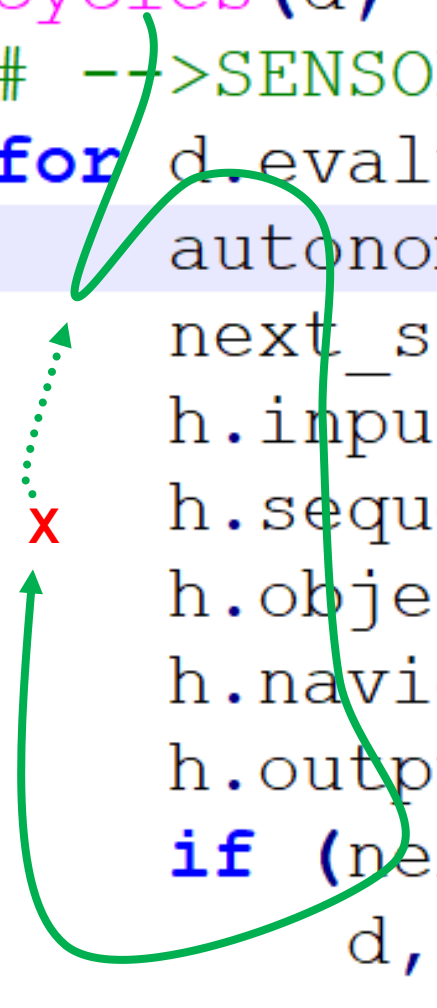
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# main\_mech.cycles()

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        ←--return d, g, h, m
```



# Copy all files (listed in requirements.txt) into a Python 3.9 environment, install non-PyPI imports

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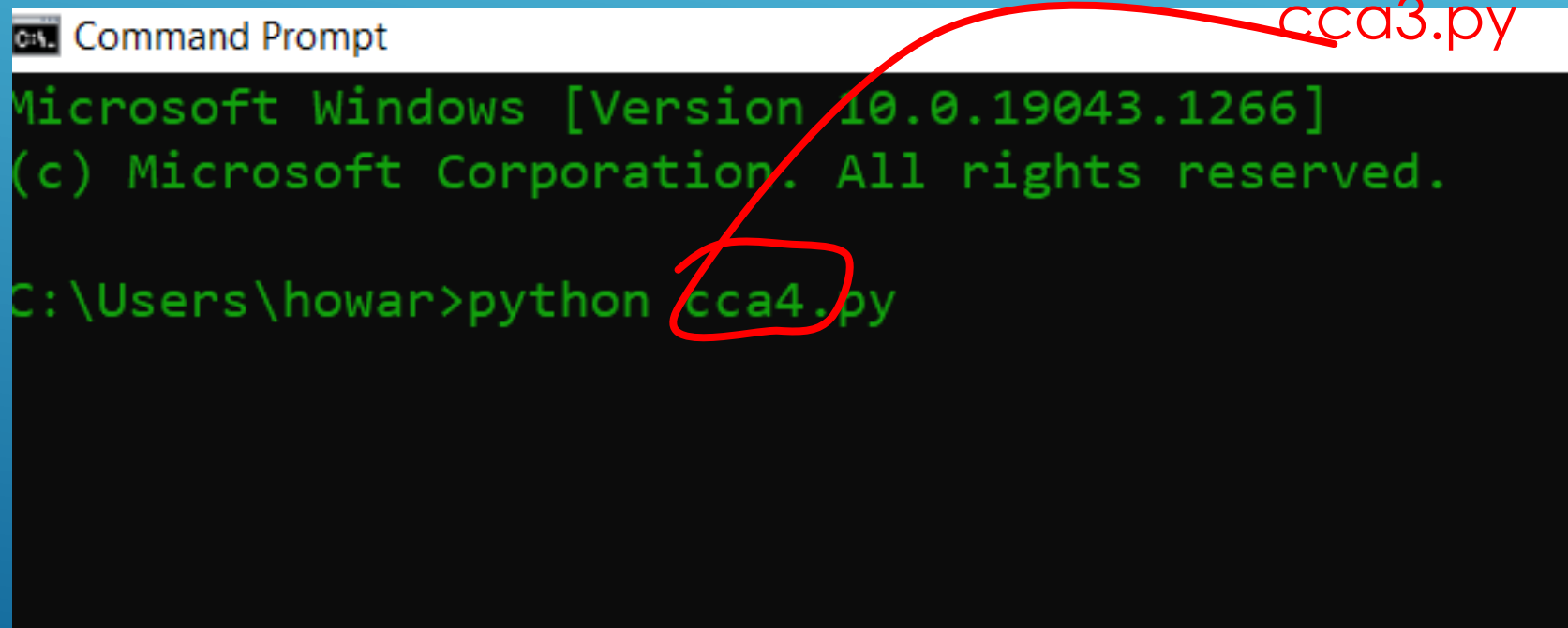


Run code – we will consider here  
one processing cycle of operations

special version of  
cca3.py

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Command Prompt
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C:\Users\howar>python cca4.py
```



INSTRUCTIONAL

DEMO TO USE

WITH CCA3

BINDING PAPER

Blue letters like this are specifically for the CCA3 Binding paper

NOTE: ALL EQUATION NUMBERS LINKED AND DEMONSTRATED

NOTE: NO GPU REQUIRED FOR THIS VERSION -- FUZZYWUZZY USED FOR PATTERN RECOGNITION

(navigation maps will be updated, but some of the recognition learning will not occur)





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CCA3 -- Causal Cognitive Architecture 3 -- Simulation
CCA3 Demonstration Version with References to Equations of
manuscript: 'A Solution to the Binding Problem: Causal Cognitive Architecture 3 (CCA3)'
Pattern recognition via FuzzyWuzzy instead of ANN, thus no GPU required
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Schneider, H.: The Meaningful-Based Cognitive Architecture Model of Schizophrenia.
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Cognitive Systems Research 59:73-90 (2020)
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Navigation-Based Framework. Cognitive Systems Research 66:67-81 (2021)
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#### OVERVIEW OF THIS SIMULATION PROGRAM

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1. In this simulation first you will be asked to specify some of the hyperparameters in terms of loosely analogous animal equivalents. For example, you can specify a "reptile hippocampal/pallium analogue."

[Note: Augmented human brain features may be available but are simply for developmental purposes, with no claims of superintelligence, AGI, and so on being made.]

2. The specified brain is then automatically embedded into a robot body. The robot + the CCA3 architecture are called "CCA3 robot" or just "CCA3" -- thus, when you see "robot" or "CCA3" think of a robot body being controlled by a CCA3 architecture.

[CCA3 really refers to the architecture controlling the robot body, but for convenience we simply call the whole thing the "CCA3" or the "robot" or the "CCA3 robot."]

[At this time, you do not have any options with regard to the virtual embodiment specifications. Assume a generic-like humanoid body with the ability for sensation, locomotion and ability to manipulate objects.]

[A low-level pyboard version exists in the palimpsest code for interface to a real world embodiment, but present the CCA3 code and libraries need mods for functional compatibility with MicroPython.]



Note about "runs", "cycles" and "scenes":

Below, each simulation run (whether in a PATIENT hospital room environment, in a SUDOKO environment, and so on) is displayed as "run #1", "run #2", and so on.

Within a simulation "run" there are "evaluation cycles" counted starting from cycle 0, cycle 1, and so on. When a new simulation run starts again, the evaluation "cycles" (and the input sensory "scenes") start counting from zero again, i.e., "cycle 0", "scene 0".

Within a simulation "run" there are also "scenes" counted starting from scene 0, scene 1, and so on. The scenes represent input data from the external world that the CCA3 is sensing. They represent "sensory scenes" (i.e., visual, auditory, olfactory, radar, etc sensory information) rather than just a visual scene. If the CCA3 is built and running a real robot then these scenes are real hardware input signals. However, below in these simulations the sensory scenes generally are simulated. Please note that the scene numbers do not have to correspond with the evaluation cycle numbers, since several evaluation cycles may be used to process a sensory scene.

For example:

RUN#1 eg, SUDOKO environment

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evaluation cycle or CYCLE#0  processsing sensory scene SCENE #0 <--scene related to the
CYCLE#1 processing SCENE#0 <--scene related to the SUDOKO environment
CYCLE#2 processing SCENE#1 <--scene related to the SUDOKO environment
....
....
```

RUN#2 eg, HOSPITAL environment

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CYCLE#0  processsing sensory SCENE #0 <--scene related to the HOSPITAL environment
CYCLE#1 processing SCENE#0  <--scene related to the HOSPITAL environment
....
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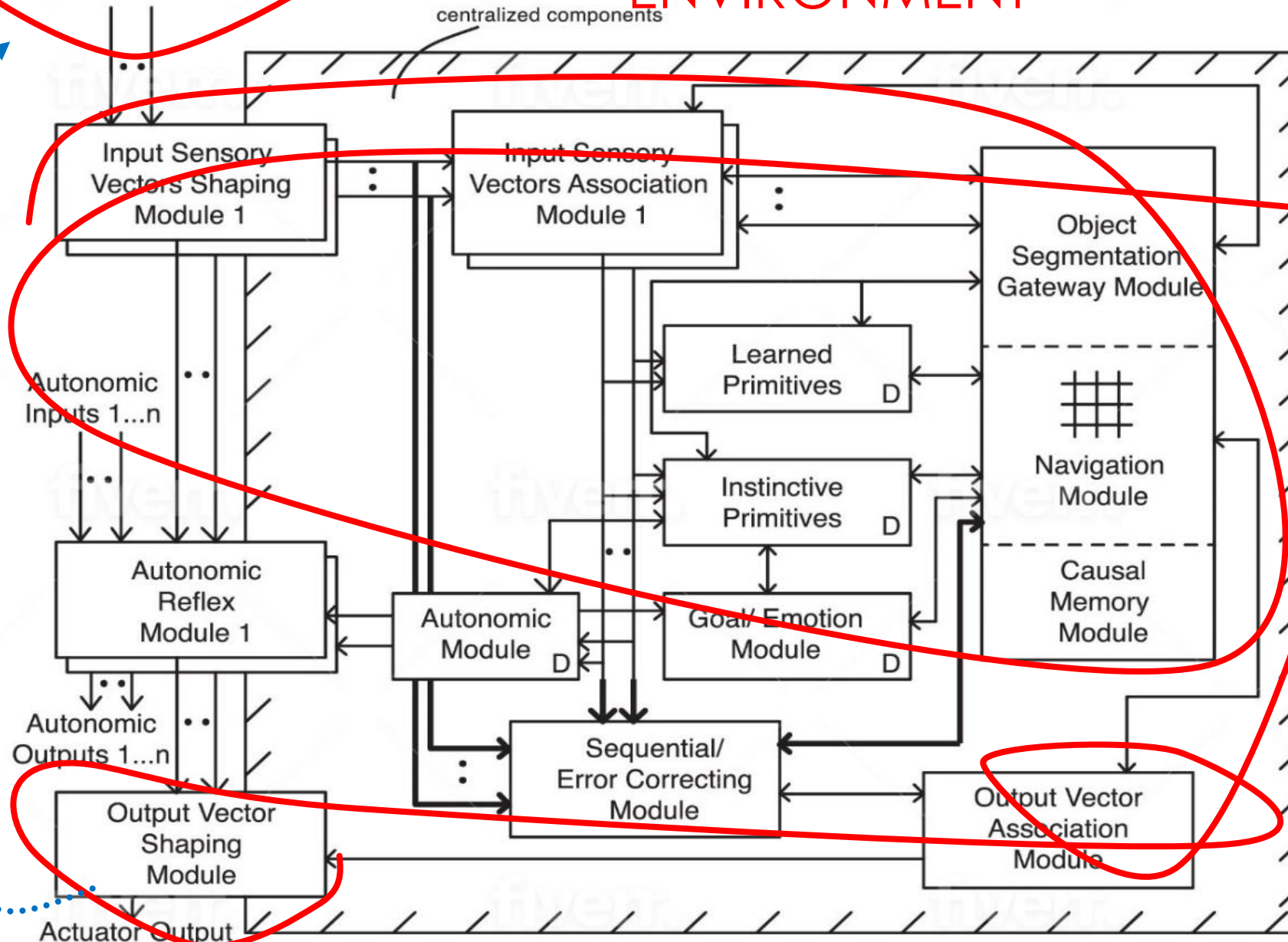


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....

RUN#2 eg, HOSPITAL environment

CYCLE#0 processing sensory SCENE #0 <--scene related to the HOSPITAL environment

CYCLE#1 processing SCENE#0 <--scene related to the HOSPITAL environment

....



Just some examples to illustrate  
concept of “Run”, “Cycle”, “Scene”





i.e, processing cycle, or just "cycle"

# enter the

**POLYMERIZATION**

## CHOOSE BRAIN SPECIFICATIONS



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Equations assume "Human-like brain"

## CHOOSE BRAIN SPECIFICATIONS

Please choose type of "hippocampus"/"brain" which, of course, only loosely approximates the biological equivalent (you are effectively setting hyperparameters here):

- 0. SAME AS LAST ENVIRONMENT, DO NOT ERASE/REFURBISH THE MEMORY
- 1. Lamprey-like brain analogue
- 2. Fish-like brain
- 3. Reptile-like brain
- 4. Mammalian-like brain - note: meaningfulness, precausal
- 5. Human-like brain - note: meaningfulness plus full causal features
- 6. Augmented Human level 1 - simultaneous application of multiple primitives
- 7. Augmented Human level 2 - enhanced generative abilities

Please make a selection:



Please make a selection:

**\*\*ENTER or nonstandard input\*\***, therefore will default to the previous environment.  
No previous scenes to retrieve robot from. (No copies kept in local or network memory.)  
Thus, this is actually a brand new robot, rather than a refurbished robot.

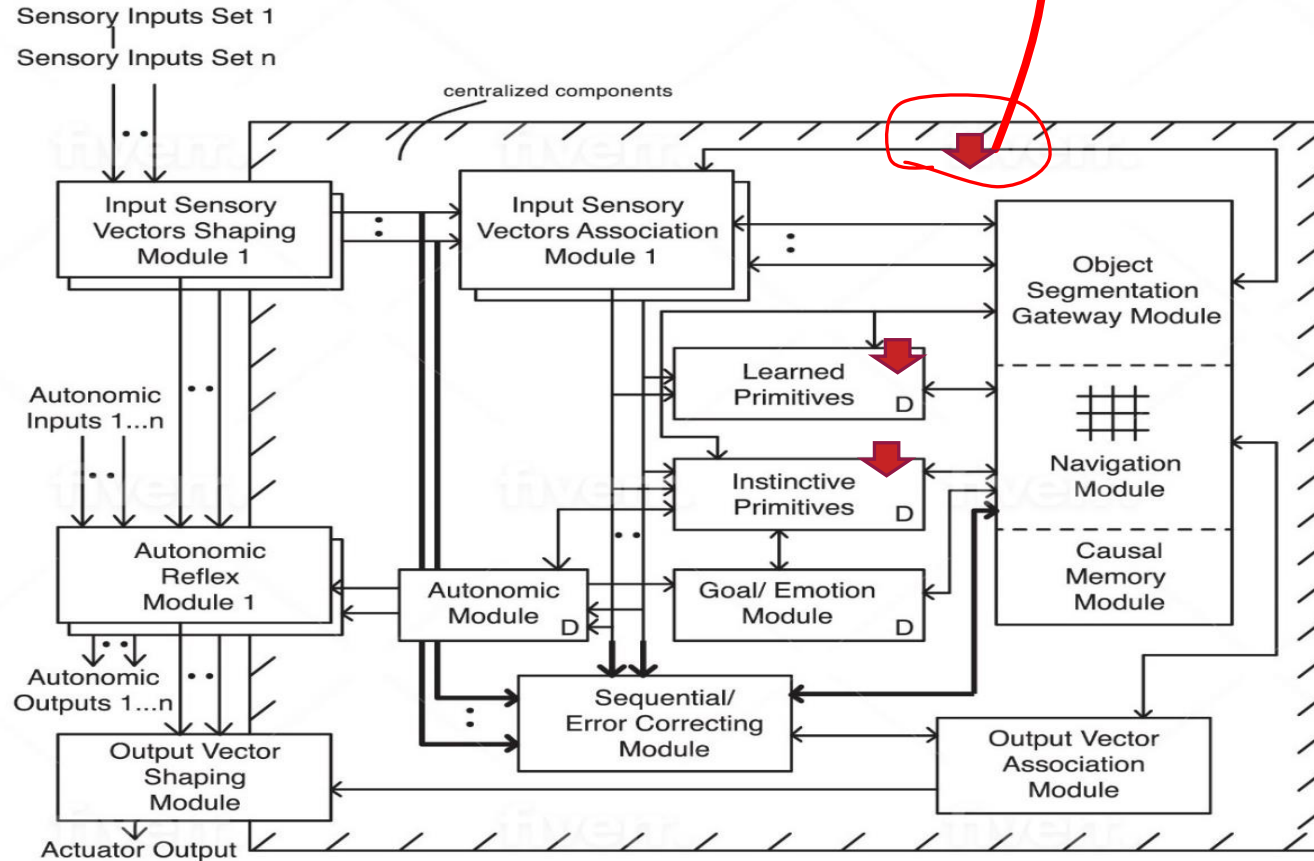
Will default at this time to a brain with associative, precausal and some genetically encoded  
robust causal features. Given a mammalian brain, meaningfulness is present.



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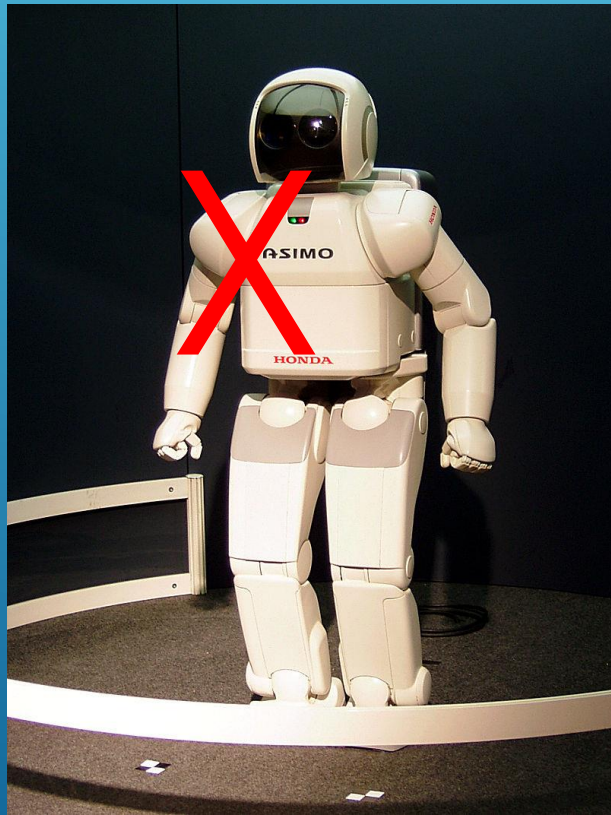


If allowed (which it is not now, since equations 3- 92 do not model this), how does this animal-like choice actually work?





# No AGI (Artificial General Intelligence).... just experiments

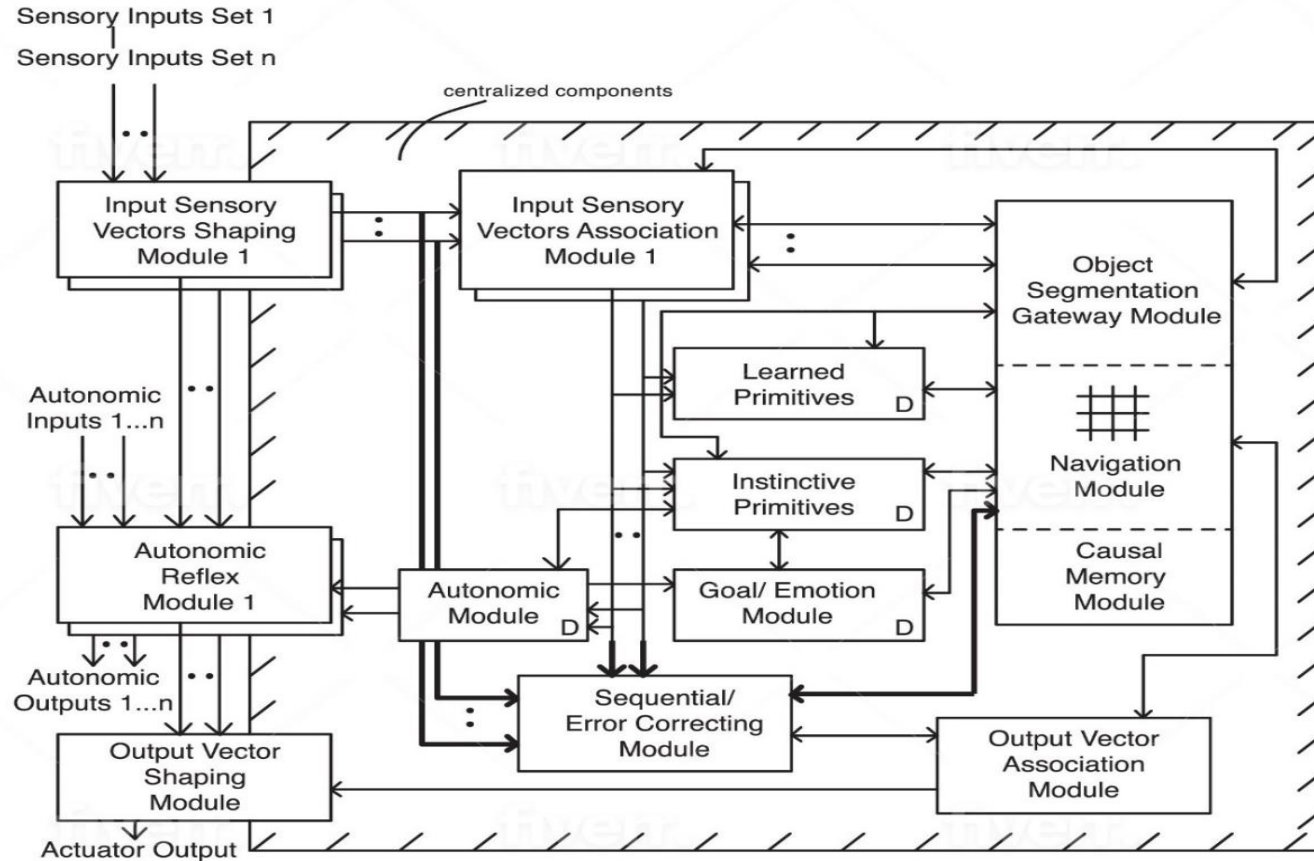


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full, normal  
CCA3  
architecture  
simulated



## CHOOSE ENVIRONMENT FIRST SCENE IS TO START IN

The first scene the newly manufactured/refurbished robot sees and maps and instinctive primitives related to the scene's environment. For the remainder of the environment (i.e., until success or failure embodiment, ie, the 'robot' will be in an environment where the scene is. For example, in the PATIENT environment simulation, the first scene is a walker in a hospital room. The next scene might be the patient at the scenes are in the hospital room with the patient. When the scene is i.e., the simulation in the hospital room (environment PATIENT) is chosen, choose another first scene/environment to run the CCA3 robot in. For example, CCA3 plays a game of Sudoku, or perhaps you want to go back to the scene over again.



Please specify the first scene (environment) the newly manufactured/

0. Default choice of patient on a walker (ENTER key will also choose

1. Looking a Sudoku game sheet

2. In the middle of an unknown city

3. Looking at machine filled with gears3

4. Looking at trees in a forest

5. Future use

equations assume various sensory stimuli being sensed by the CCA3  
however, since there is not a robot sensing the real world, but

CCA3 recognizes a patient on a walker in front of itself.

This will trigger retrieval of the navigation maps associated with the pat  
as well as a goal setting to assist such a patient.█

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# “cycle” == “processing cycle”

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## START EVALUATION CYCLES

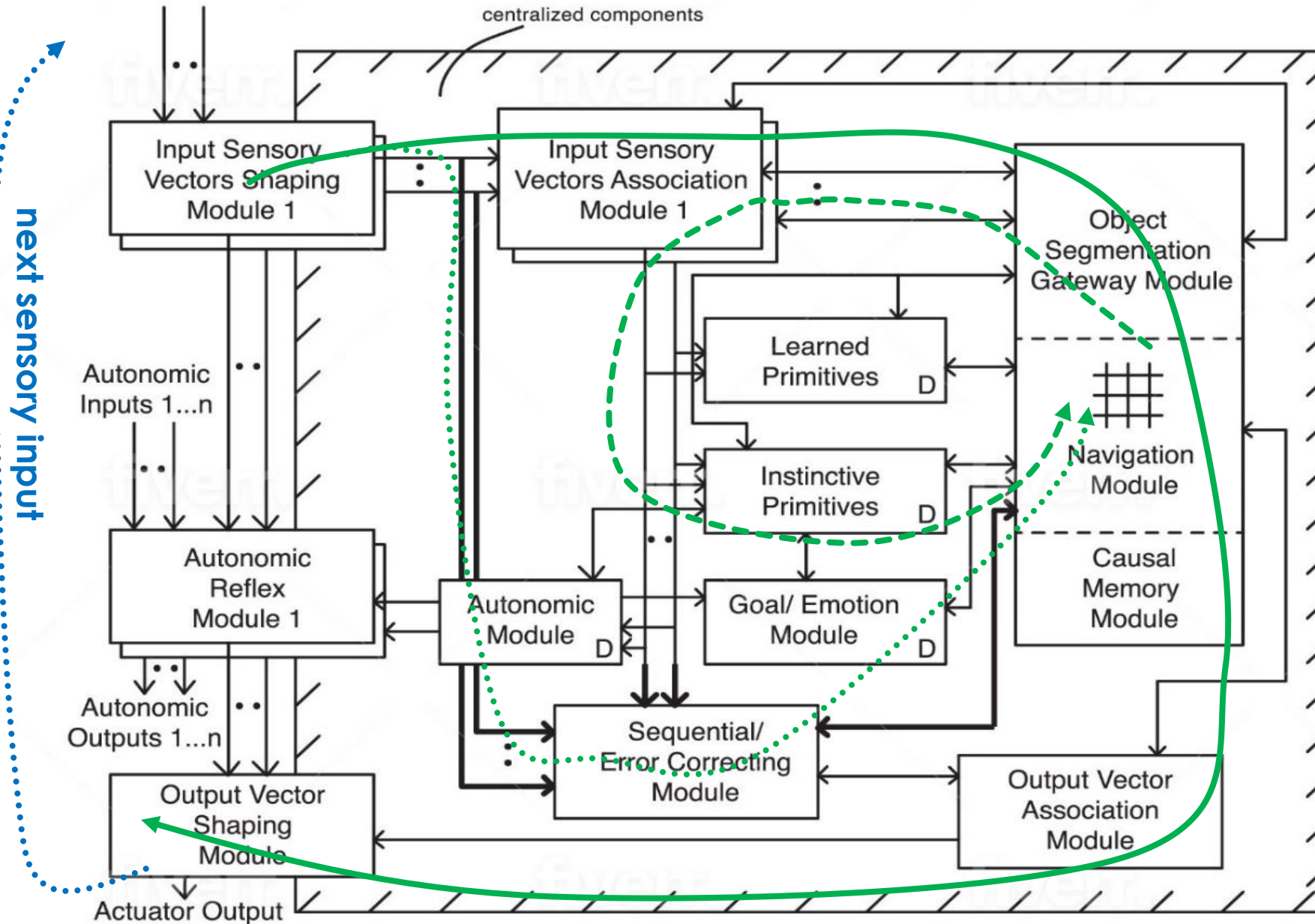
(nb. Each 'evaluation cycle' is one loop through the CCA3 architecture. Sometimes a new scene will occur after an 'evaluation cycle', sometime. Recall that the 'cycle' is a cycle of processing through the architecture being presented to the CCA3 architecture. A number of processing cycles for a particular sensory scene. 'cycle' is internal processing, 'scene' is stimuli being presented (or simulated) to the CCA3.)

The equations in the CCA3 Binding paper cover only one "cycle". In the next "cycle" the equations largely repeat, although not re-init





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# AUTONOMIC

## MODULE

## SIMULATION

Press ENTER to continue...

Simplified simulation of sleep/wake cycle and energy management.  
CCA3 in wake state. Energy usage state is normal.  
Autonomic system was not modeled in the equations of the CCA3 Binding  
Core CCA3 autonomic check is passed -- no set of immediate actions required  
No attention needed for any CCA3 peripheral autonomic actions.





....continued in VIDEO 4

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