

Reference Frame The key to understanding the brain

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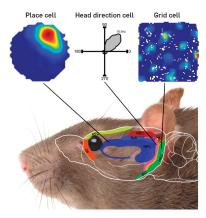
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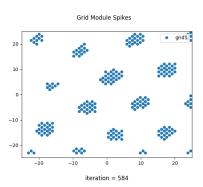
Location Related Cells

There are several cells in old brain contributing to navigation and path integration including border cells, head direction cells, speed cells, grid cells and place cells.



What are Grid Cells?

A grid cell generates a hexagonal pattern of activity that maps an animal's position in space, providing a coordinate system for navigation.

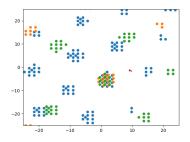


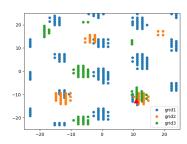
Problems with the activity of a single grid cell

- It fires action potentials only in certain location.
- The representation is ambiguous.

Unique Path Integration

By combining the activity patterns of multiple grid cells with different spatial orientations and scales, the brain can create a unique and precise representation of an animal's location in its environment.

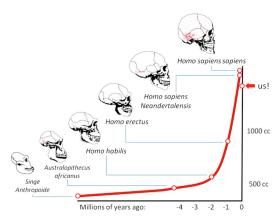




 All the raster plots are from our proposed Spiking Grid Cell model, based on LIF and Continuous Attractor Network model.

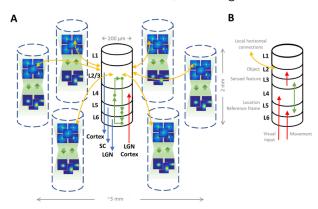
Brain Copies & Pastes!

The Evolutionary evidence and also Brain Slices of different parts of neocortex, suggests that all different parts of the neocortex has the same structure and building block which has been copied thousands of times.



Building Block of Intelligence

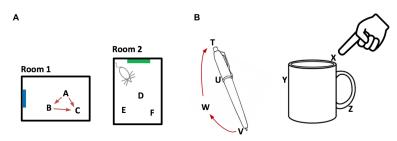
The neocortex is composed of thousands of identically structured functional units called cortical columns, consisting of 6 cortical layers.



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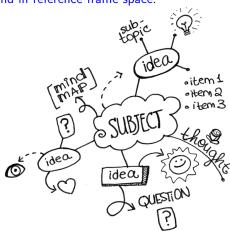
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You can think of Reference Frames as coordinate axis. Where each model of object and things are put inside these coordinates and the neocortex can keep track of them using cortical grid cells.



Location, Real or Conceptual?

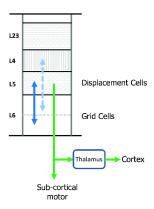
In the Thousand Brains Theory of Intelligence, reference frames are crucial for intelligent behavior. meaning, Thinking in all sense is simply Moving around in reference frame space.



Where are grid cells in Neocortex?

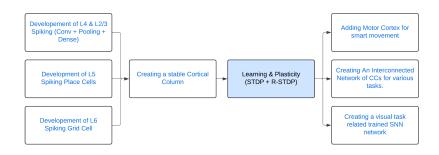
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It has been proposed that grid cells not only exist in MEC, but also all around the neocortex as an essential part of each cortical column locating at L6 layer.



Our Research!

Our research focuses on building a cortical column-based intelligent system with combining sensory and location input.



Thanks for listening! Stay Motivated!



Please feel free to reach out, I'm open to all guestions & ideas.

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