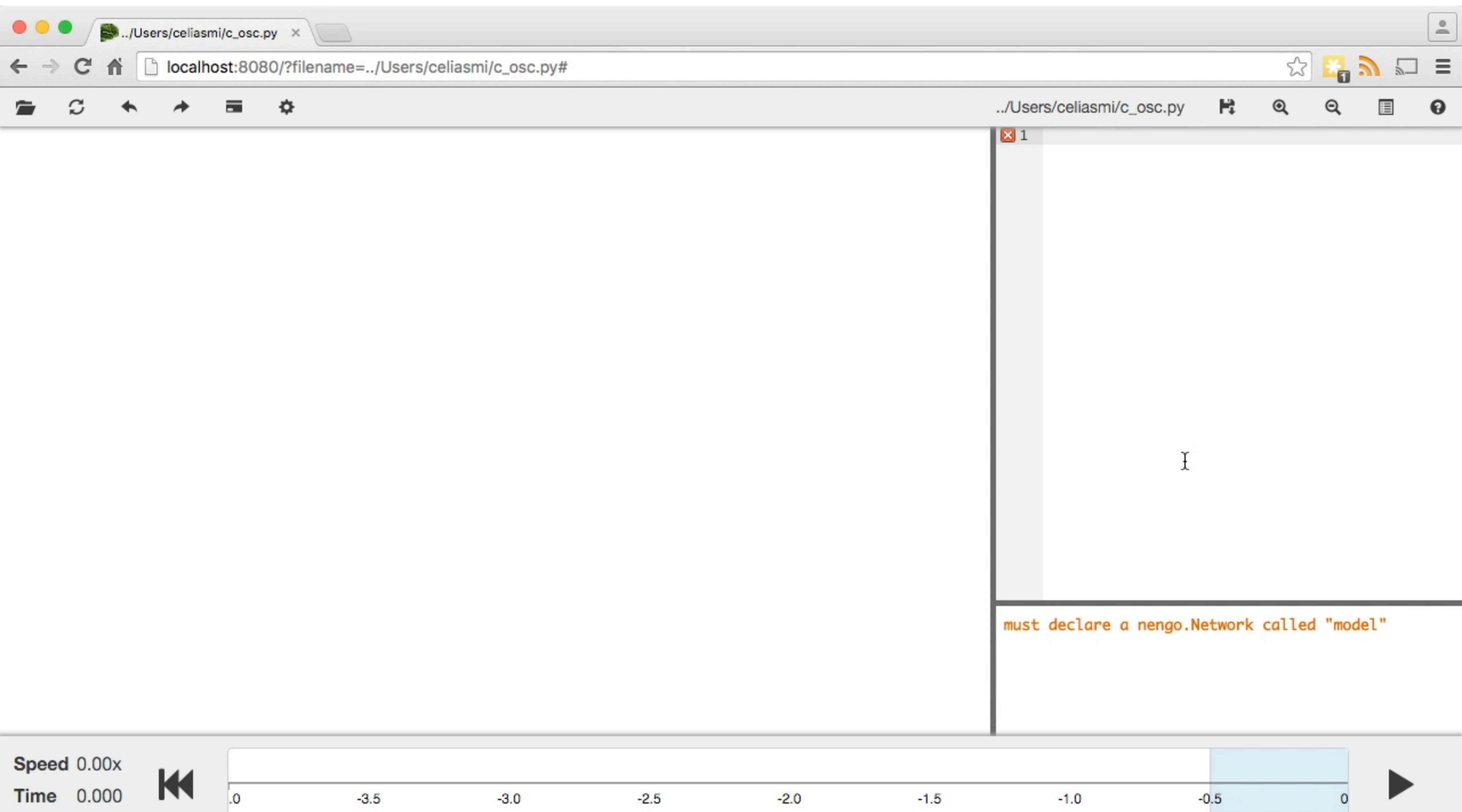


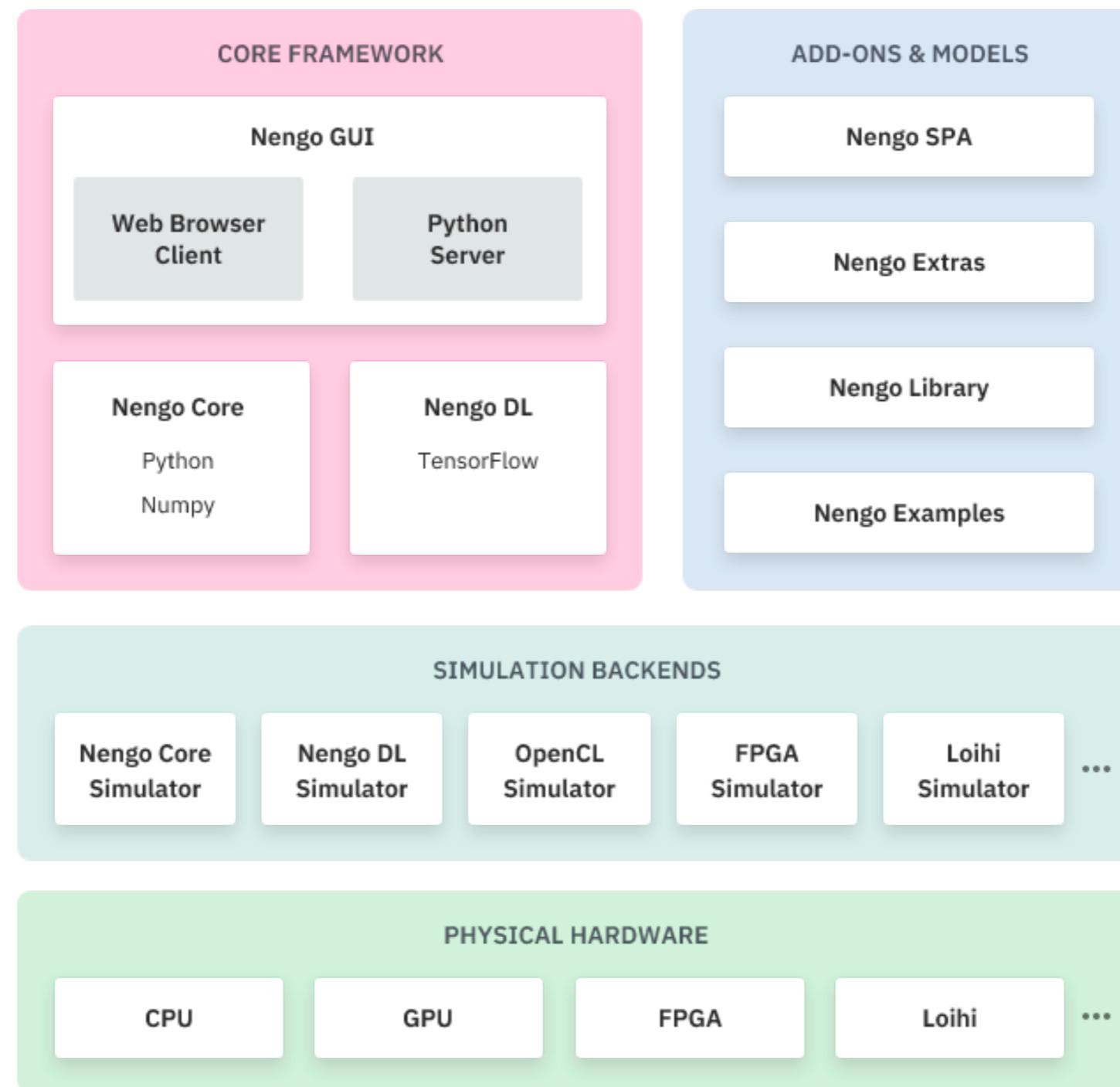
Things you can do with Nengo

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Nengo Examples

Pacman

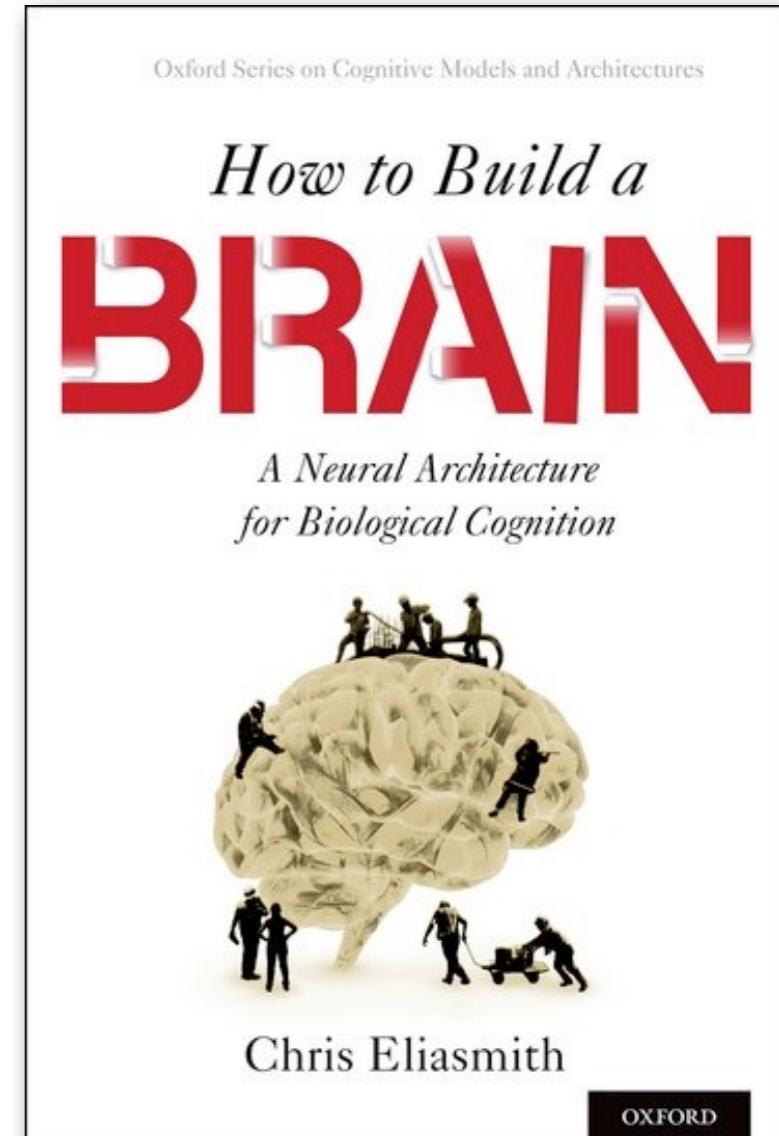
The screenshot shows a software interface for a Pacman simulation. On the left, there's a neural network diagram with nodes for move, score, obstacles, environment, detect_enemy, detect_food, and pacman. Arrows show connections from pacman to move, score, obstacles, environment, and detect_food. From move, arrows point to food, enemy, and obstacles. Below the diagram are two small 8x8 pixel grayscale images. In the center, a 16x16 pixel maze is displayed with a blue border. A yellow Pacman character is at the bottom, facing right, with a red ghost nearby. At the top, a blue neural network diagram shows a complex branching structure. On the right, the Python code for the simulation is shown:

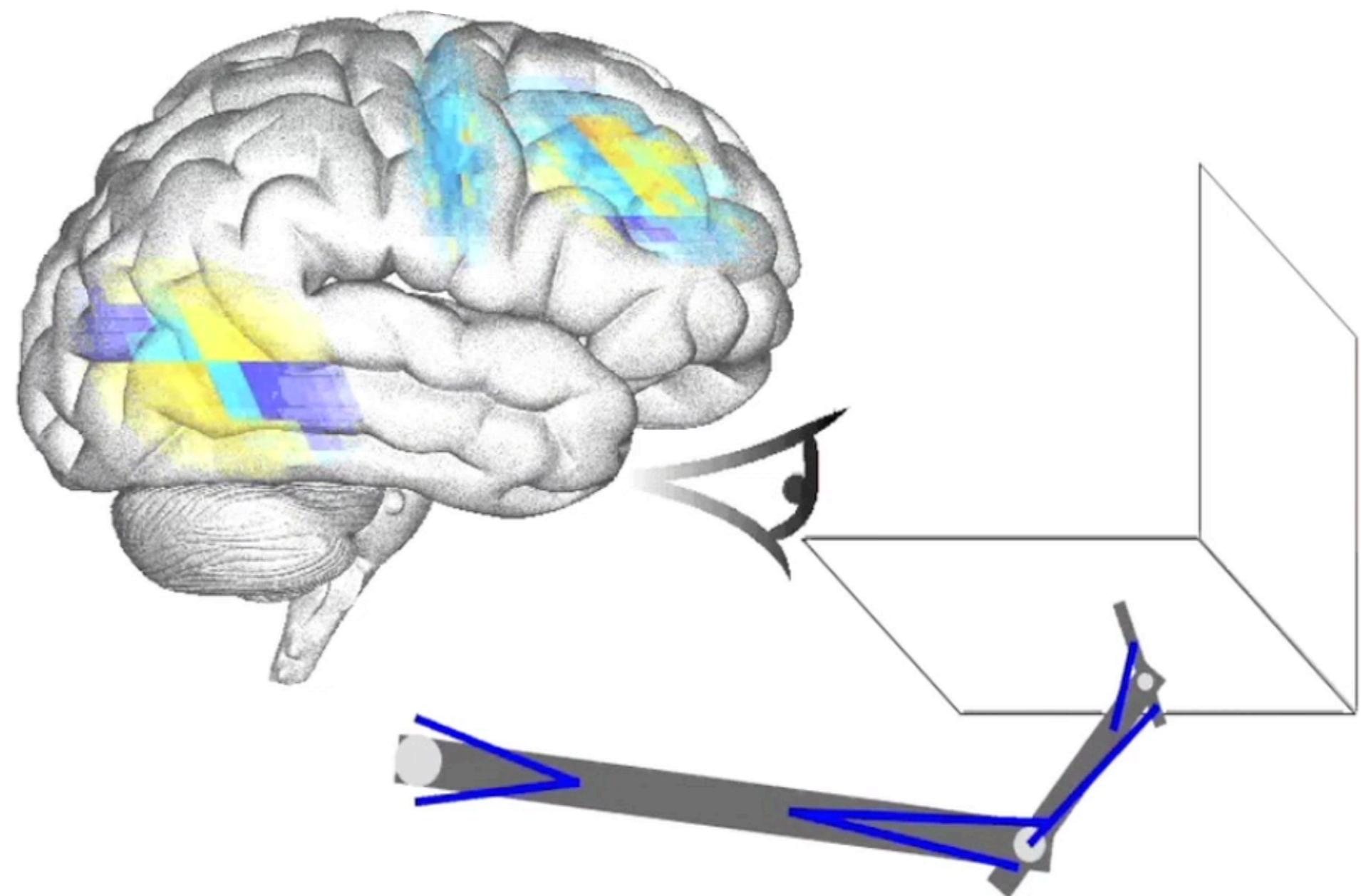
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11 with model:
12     pacman = pm.pacman_world.PacmanWorld(
13         pm.maze.generateMaze(num_rows=4,
14                               num_cols=4,
15                               num_ghosts=1,
16                               num_passage=3,
17                               seed=0))
18
19     move = nengo.Ensemble(n_neurons=100, dimensions=2, radius=3)
20     nengo.Connection(move, pacman.move, synapse = 0.)
21
22     food = nengo.Ensemble(n_neurons=100, dimensions=2)
23     nengo.Connection(pacman.detect_food, food, synapse = 0.)
24
25
26     def go_food(x):
27         food_angle = x[0]
28         food_distance = x[1]
29         turn = food_angle * 5
30         speed = food_distance * 3
31         return speed, turn
32     nengo.Connection(food, move, function=go_food)
33
34     obstacles = nengo.Ensemble(n_neurons=50, dimensions=3, radius=4)
35     nengo.Connection(pacman.obstacles, obstacles, transform=0.5, synapse
36
37     def avoid_obstacles(x):
38         distance_left, distance_ahead, distance_right = x
39         turn = 1 * (distance_right - distance_left)
40         speed = 1 * (distance_ahead - 0.5)
41         return speed, turn
42     nengo.Connection(obstacles, move,
43                      function=avoid_obstacles)
44
45     enemy = nengo.Ensemble(n_neurons=50, dimensions=2)
46     nengo.Connection(pacman.detect_enemy, enemy, synapse = 0)
47
48     def run_away(x):
49         enemy_angle = x[0]
50         enemy_closeness = x[1]
51         turn = enemy_angle * -5
52         speed = enemy_closeness * - 20
53         return speed, turn
54     nengo.Connection(enemy, move, function=run_away)
```

At the bottom, a status bar shows "Speed 0.08x", "Time 0.412", and a playback control bar.

Spaun 2.0

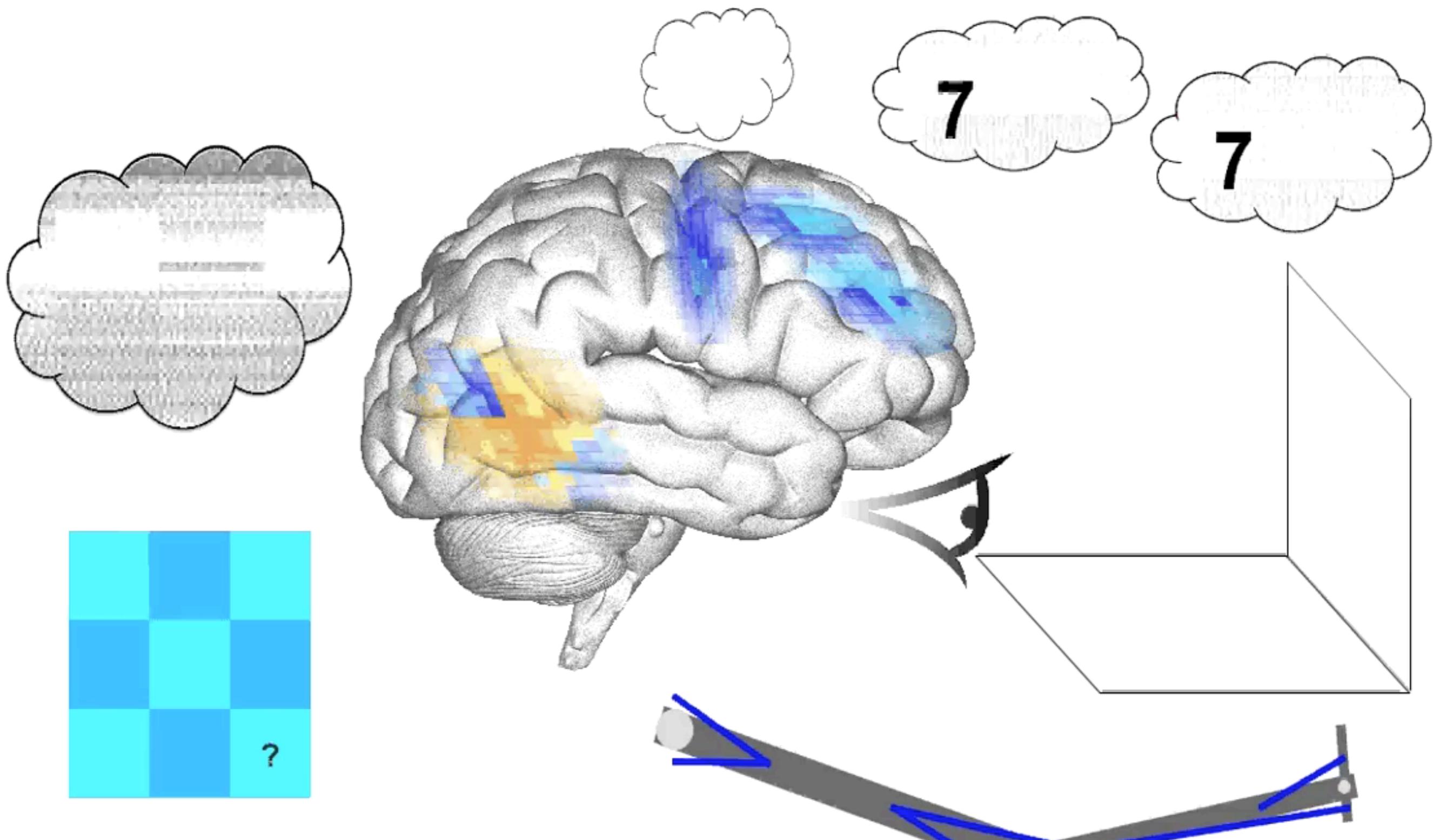
- Spaun (Semantic Pointer Architecture Unified Network)
- Simulated in Nengo
- 6.3 million neurons (was 2.5)
- 20 billion connections (was 7.5)
- 12 different tasks (was 8)
- Including basic perceptual tasks...





And more cognitive tasks...

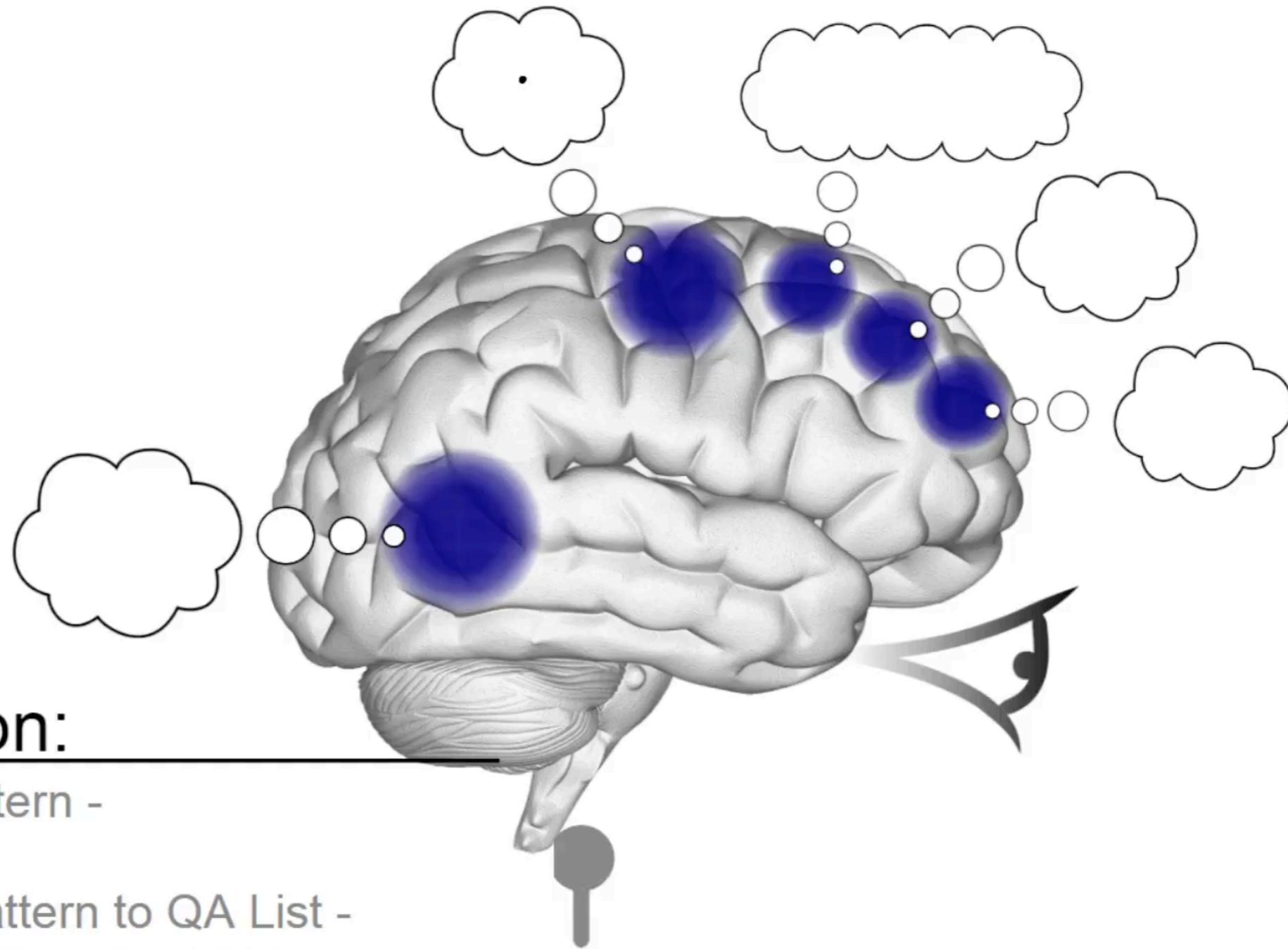
1	11	111
4	44	444
5	55	?



With no changes to Spaun between tasks...

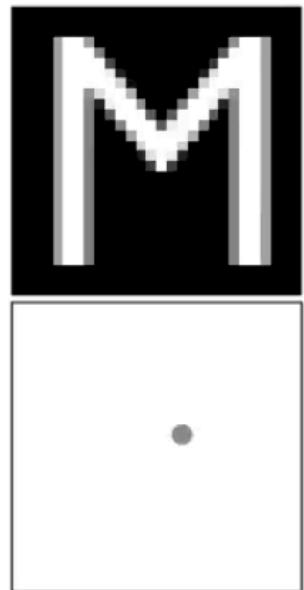
(12 tasks include: recognition, copy drawing, reinforcement learning, counting, serial working memory, question answering, RVC, RPM, stimulus matching, motor adaptation, stimulus/response, instruction following)

Instruction Following

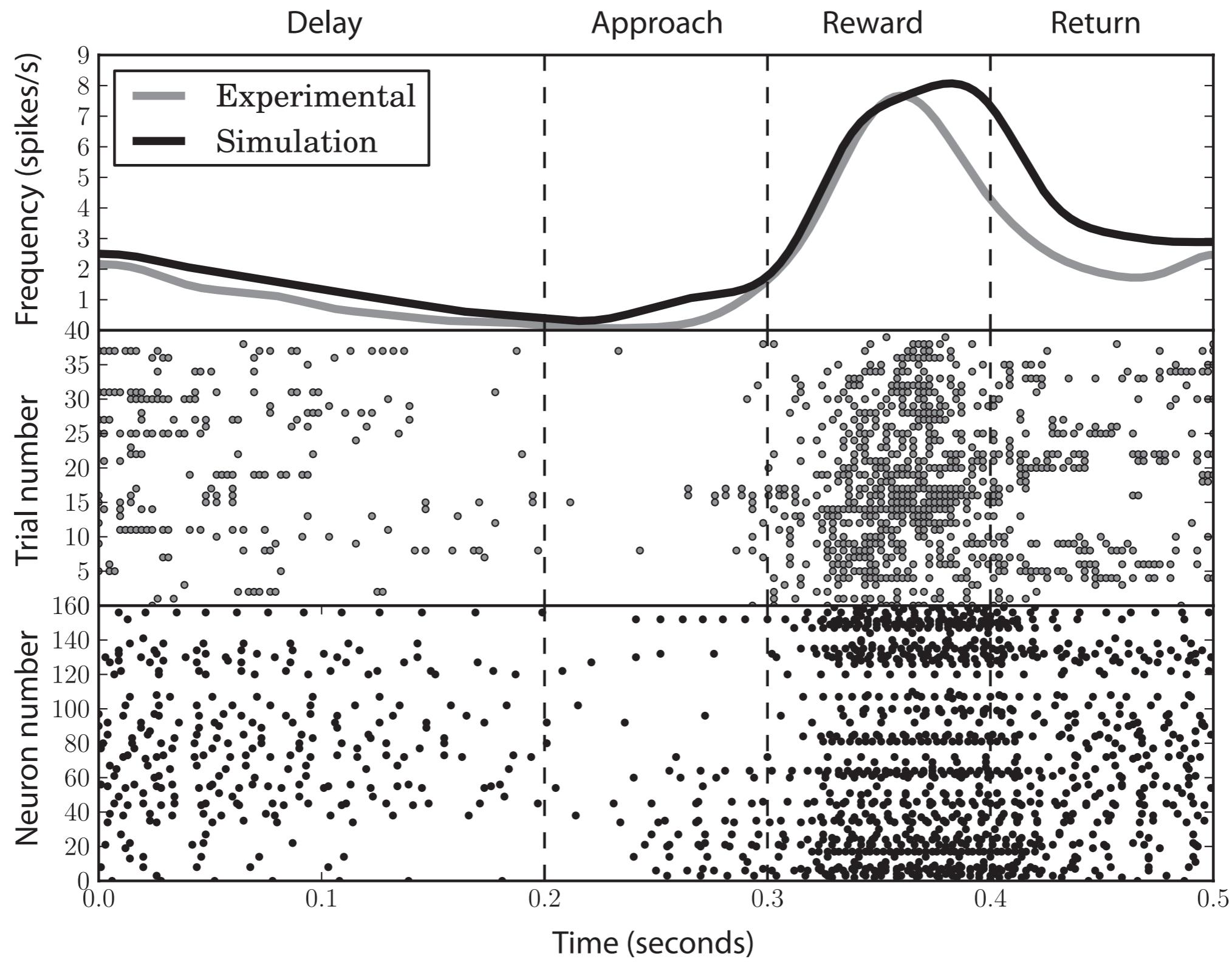


Instruction:

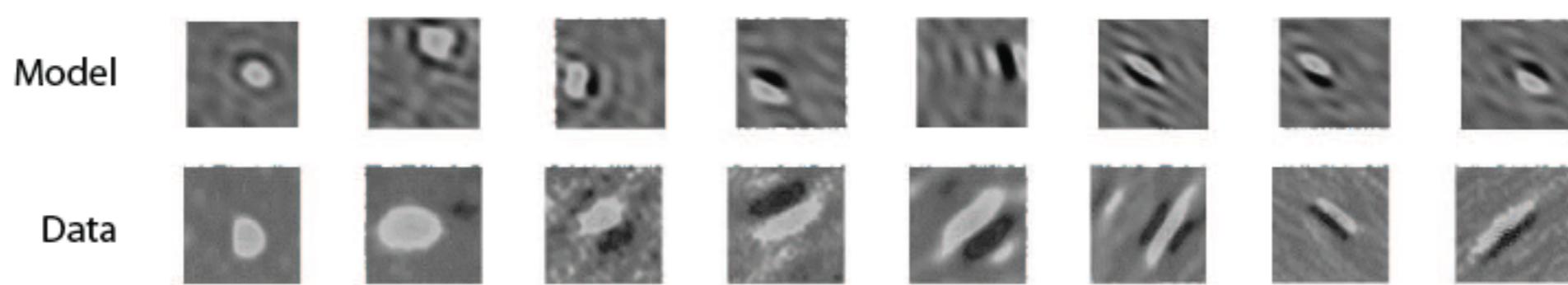
1. Find Pattern -
2. Do QA -
3. Apply Pattern to QA List -
4. Apply Pattern to QA Pos -



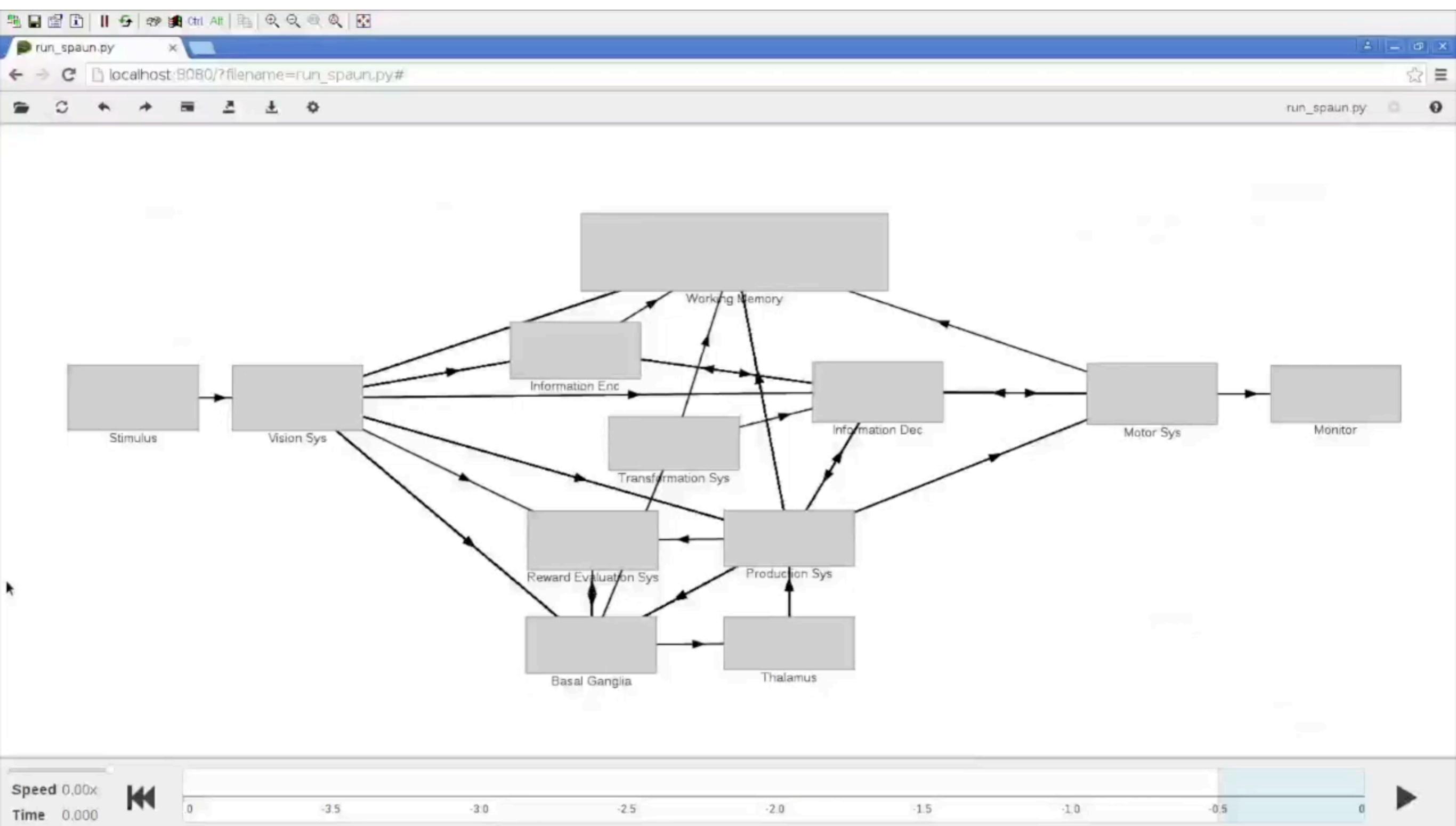
Bandit Task



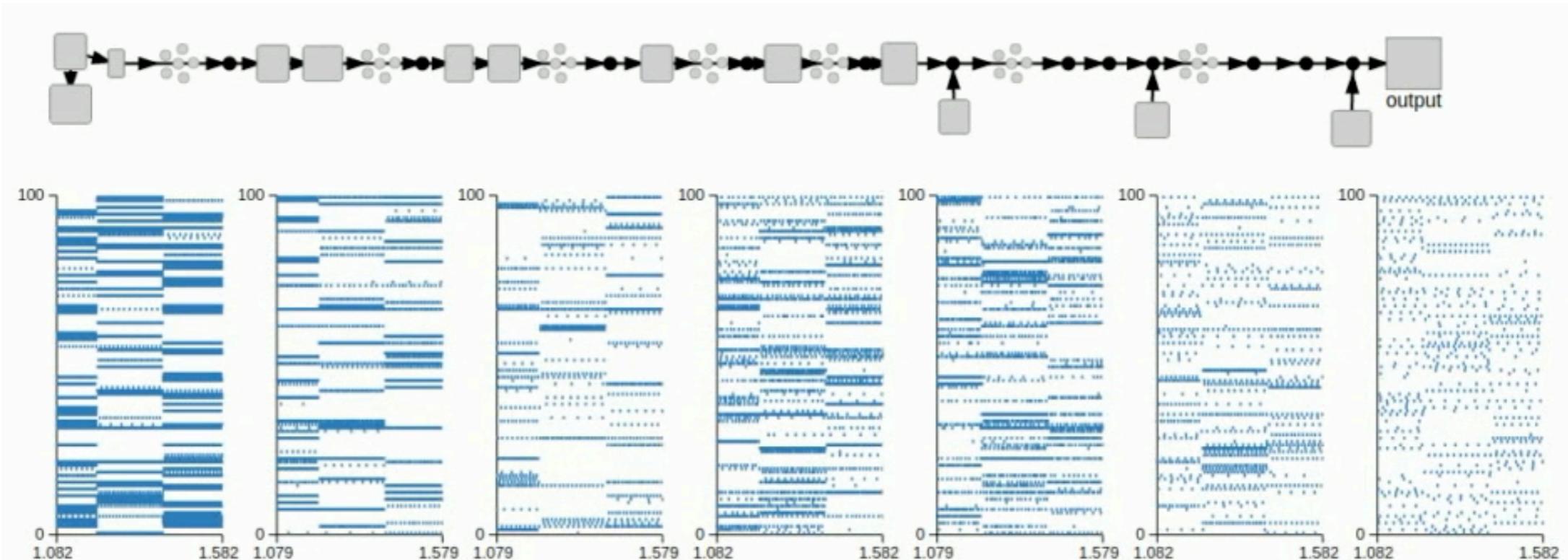
VI Tuning



Spaun 2.0 fly through

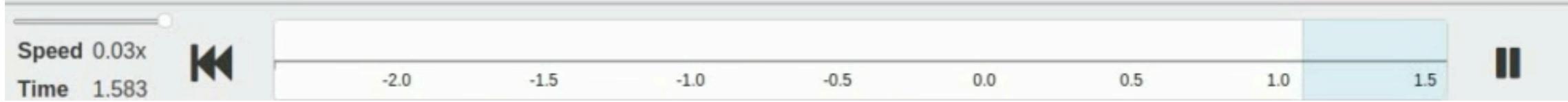


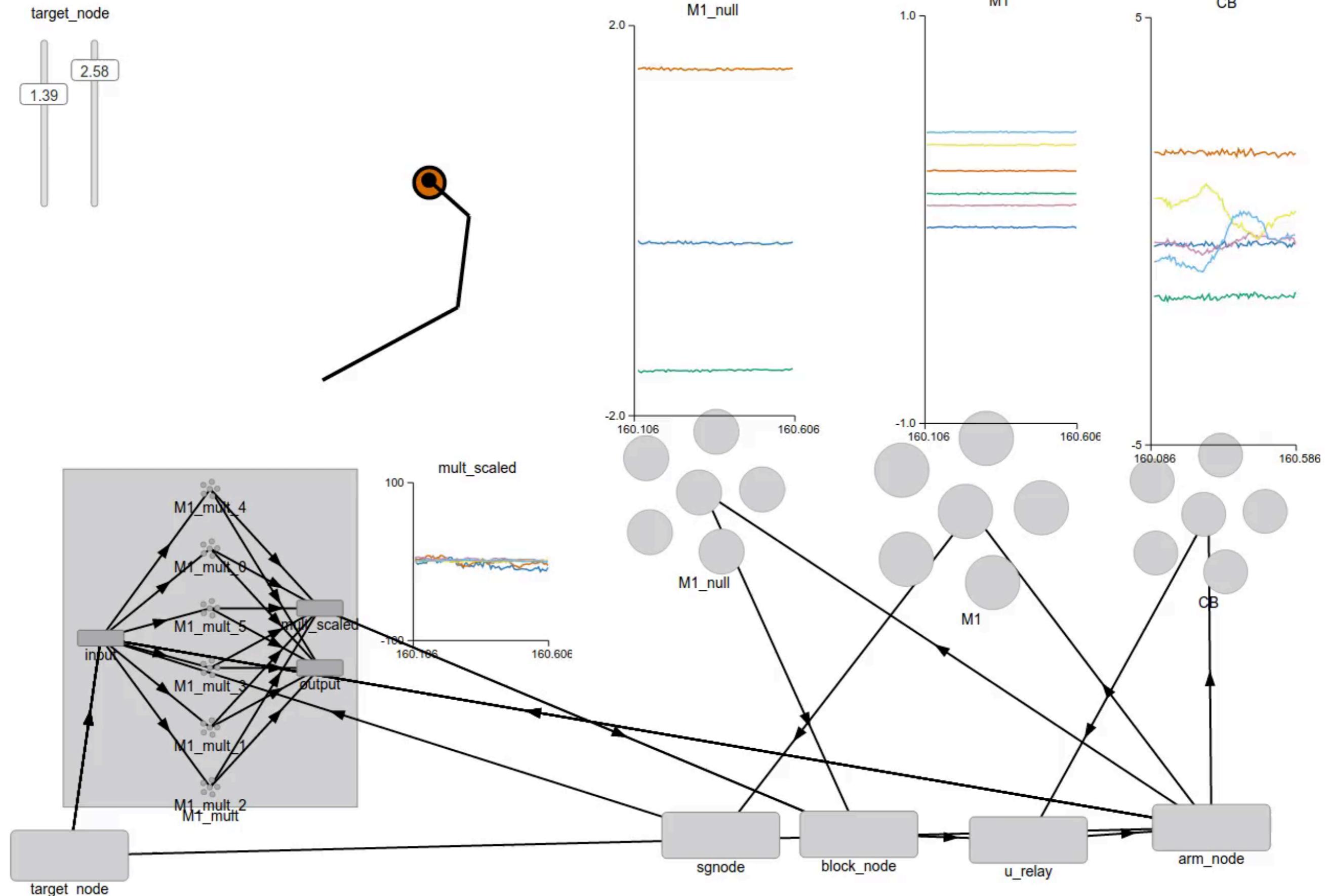
Spiking Deep Network



PAPILLON
CARDIGANO
TOY_TERRIER
SIAMESE_CAT
SHETLAND_SHEEPDOG
CHIHUAHUA
PEMBROKE

Eric Hunsberger





Speed 0.13x
Time 160.606



157.0

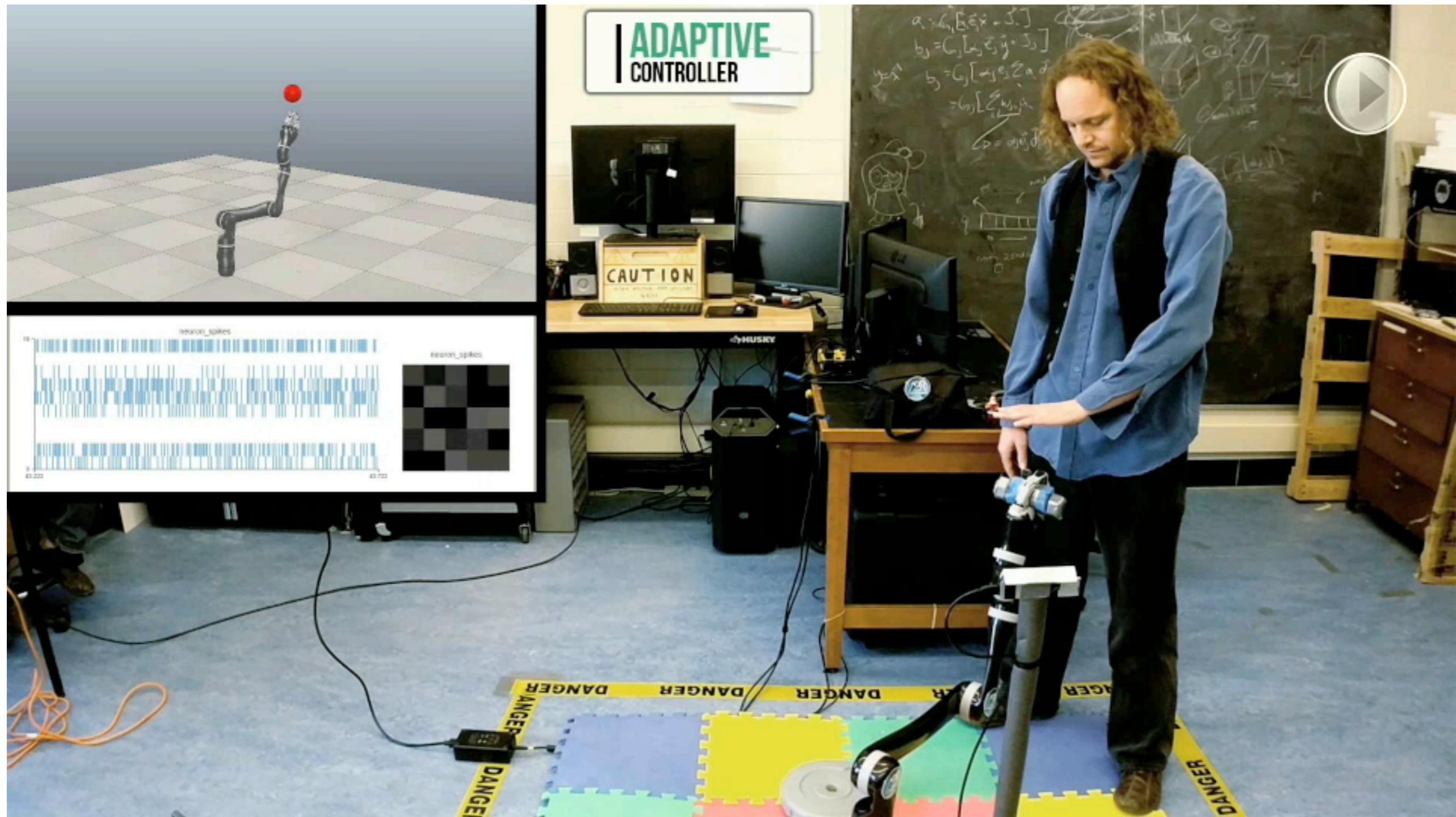
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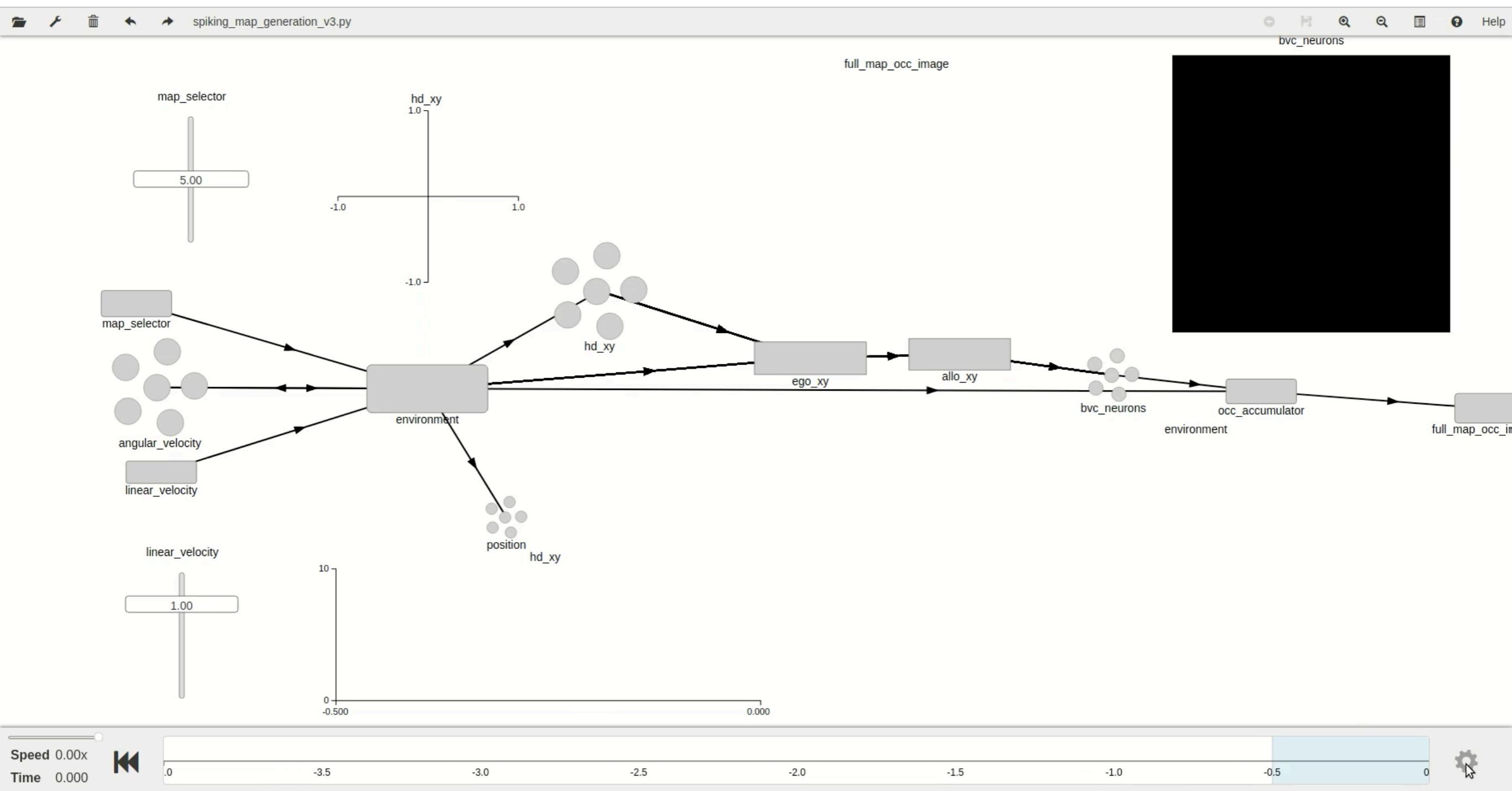
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Spiking Adaptive Control

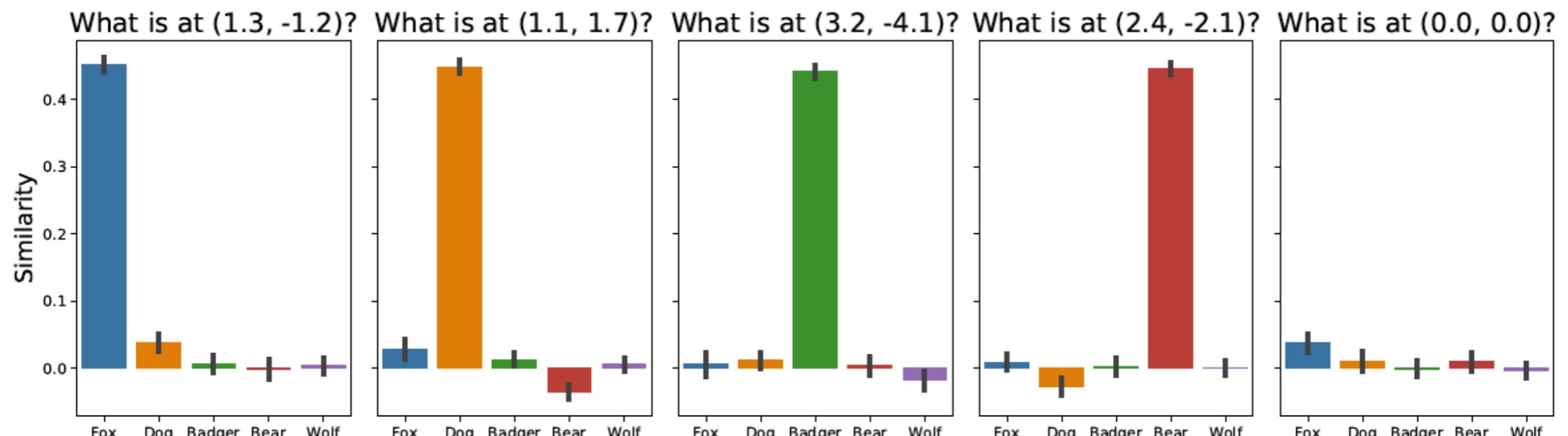
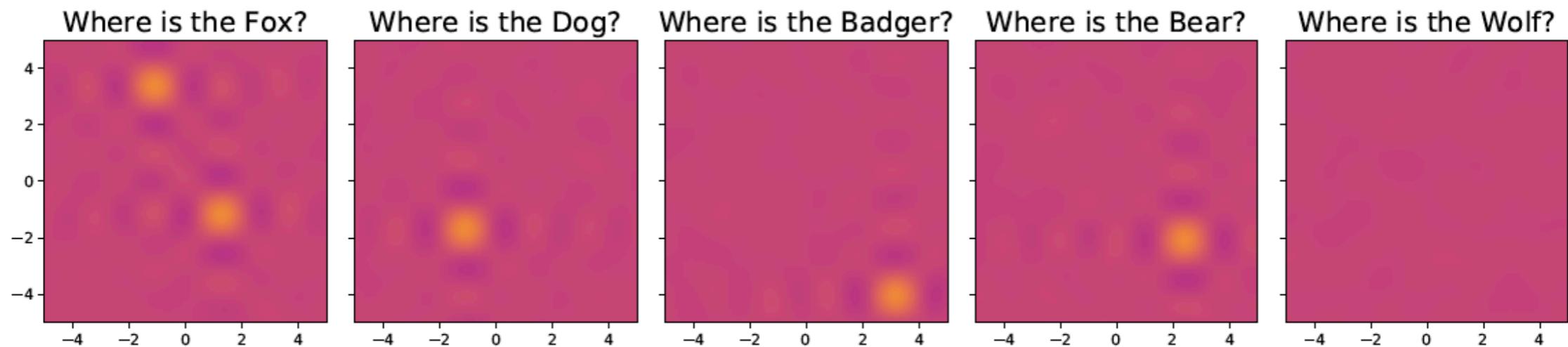
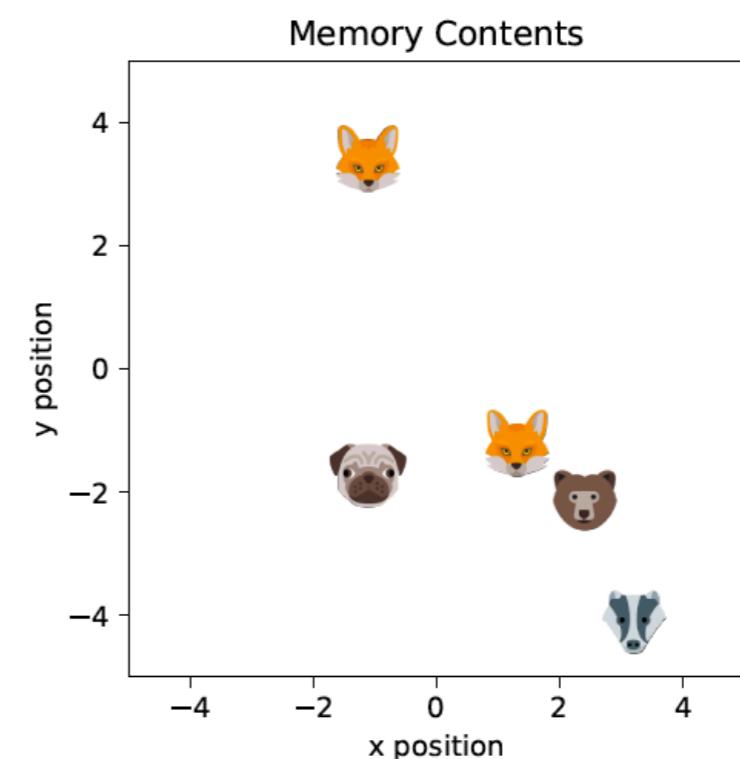




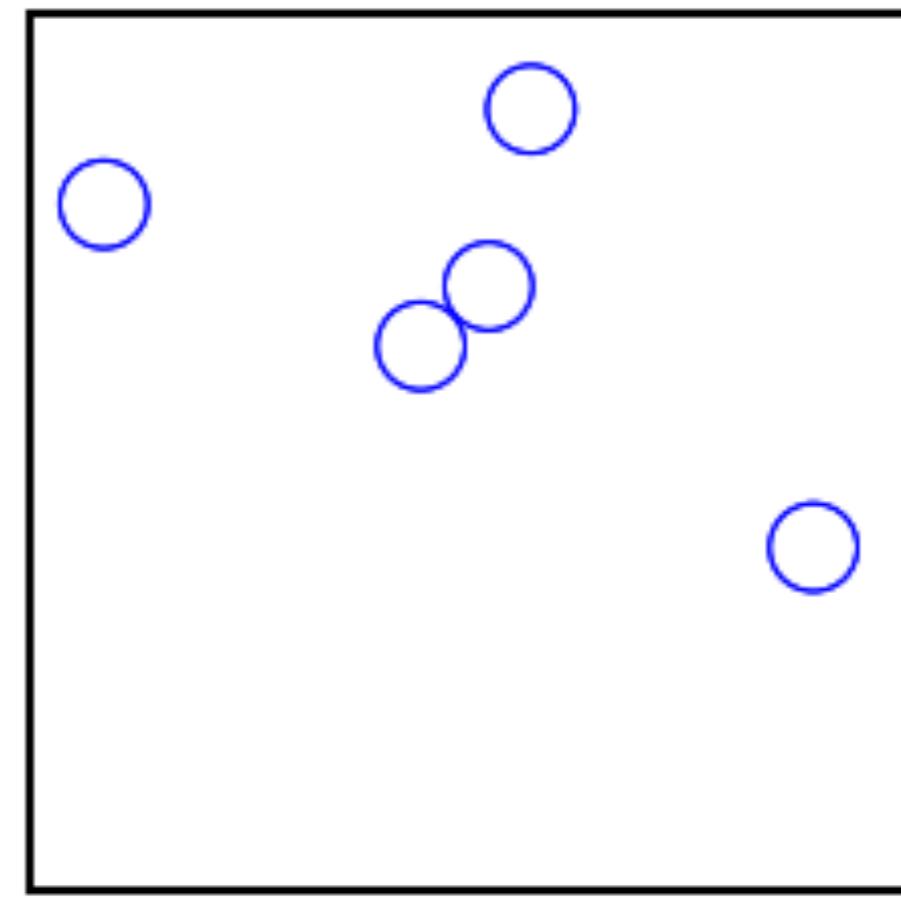
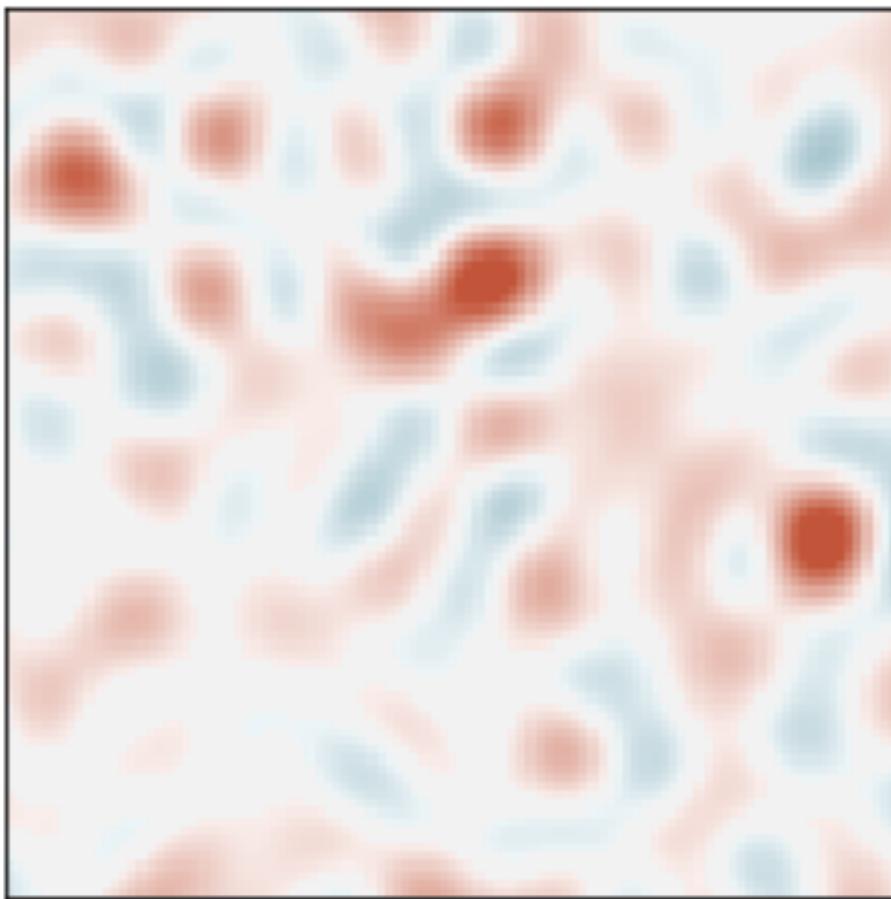
Spatial Exploration

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Spatial Semantic Pointers (SSPs)



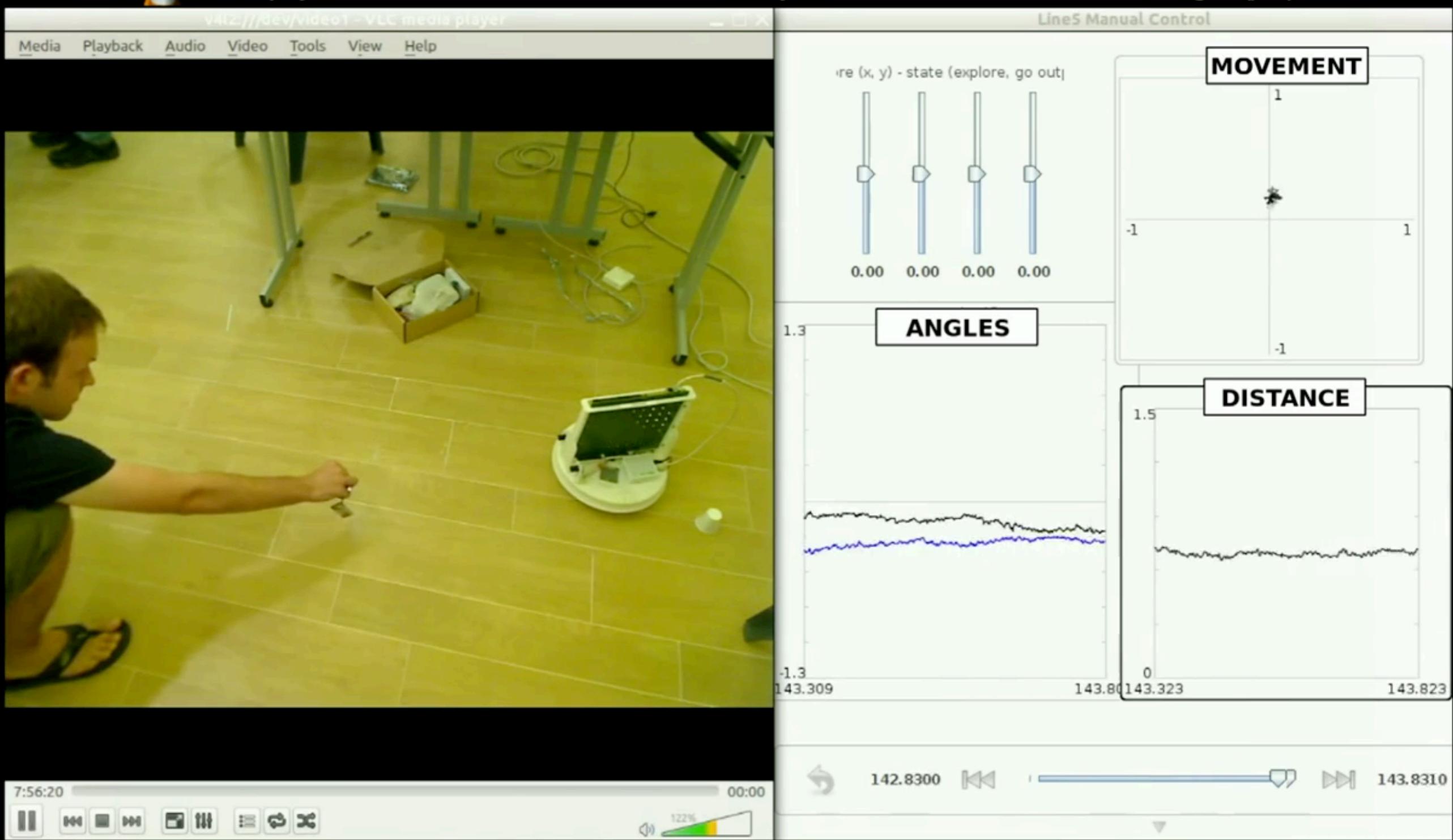
Dynamic SSPs



Activities

VLC media player

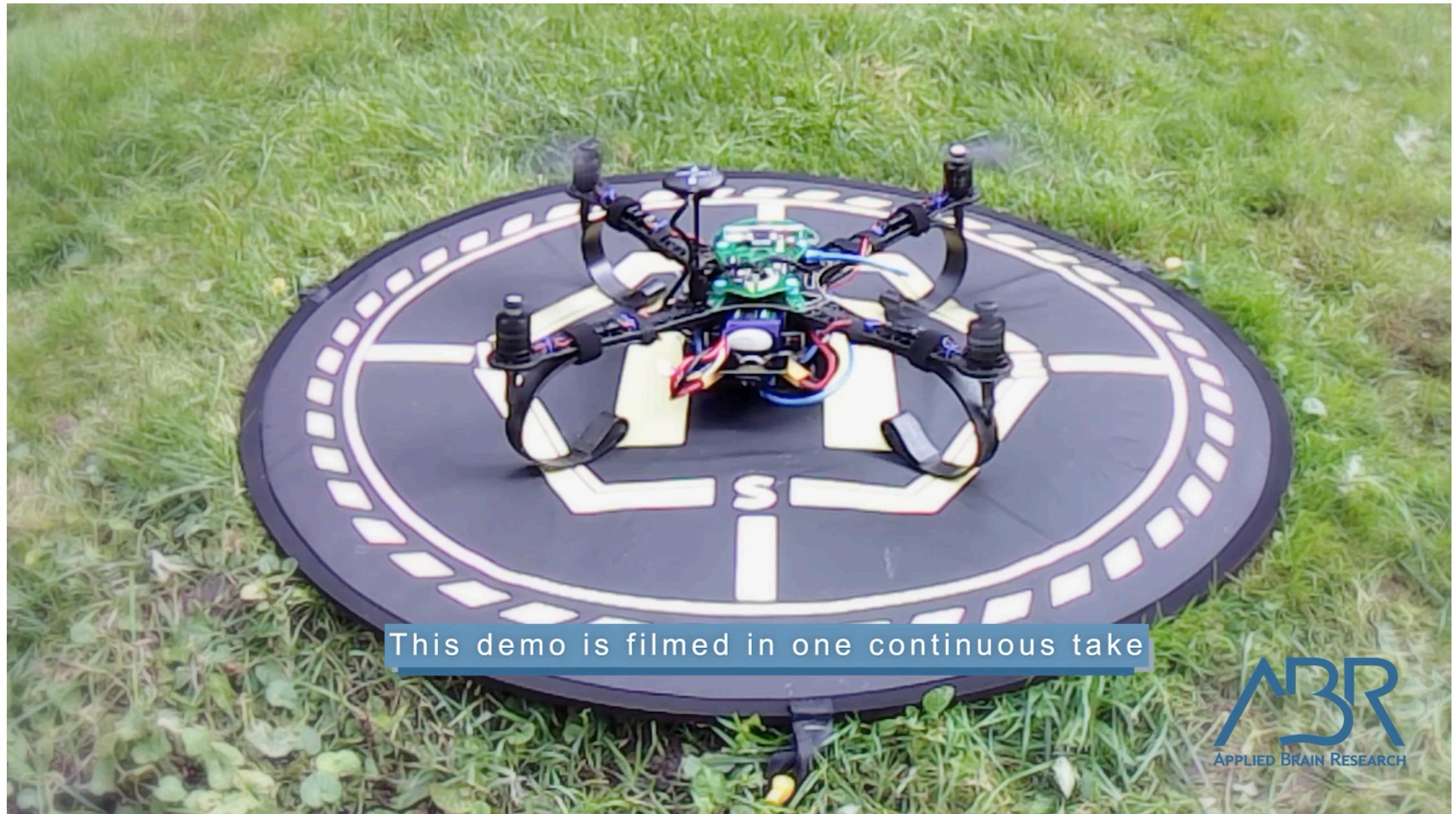
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Integration



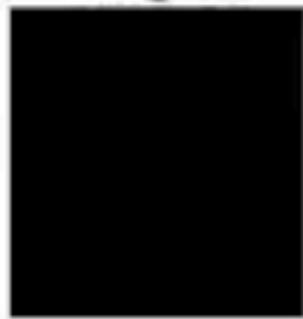
This demo is filmed in one continuous take



buffer_setfocus



buffer_focus



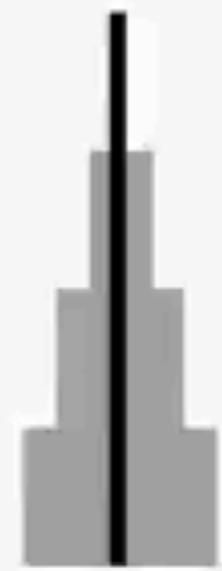
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buffer_goalpeg



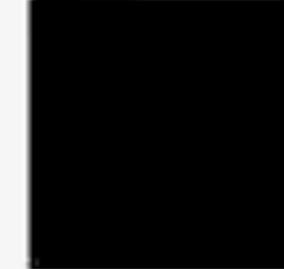
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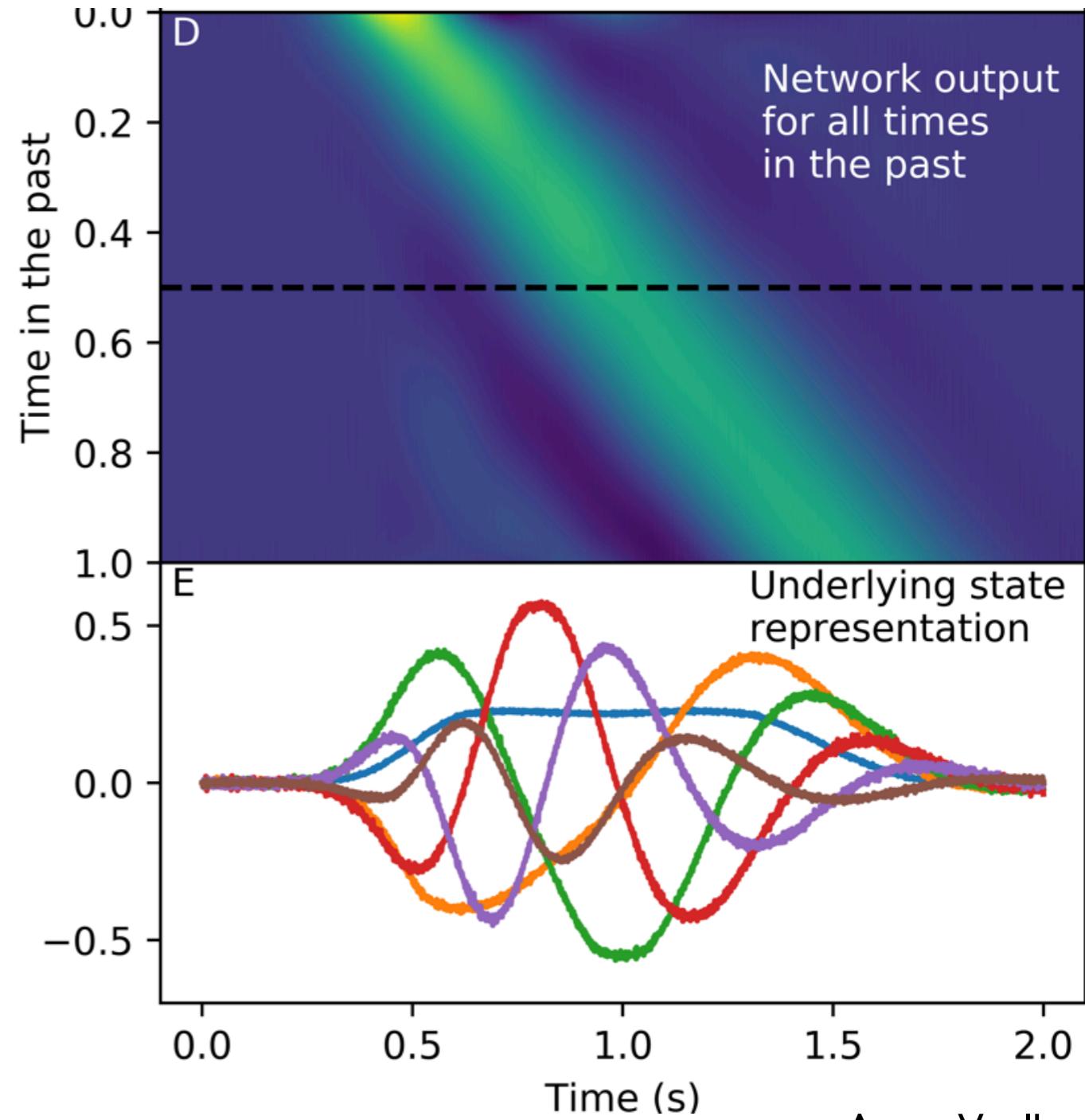
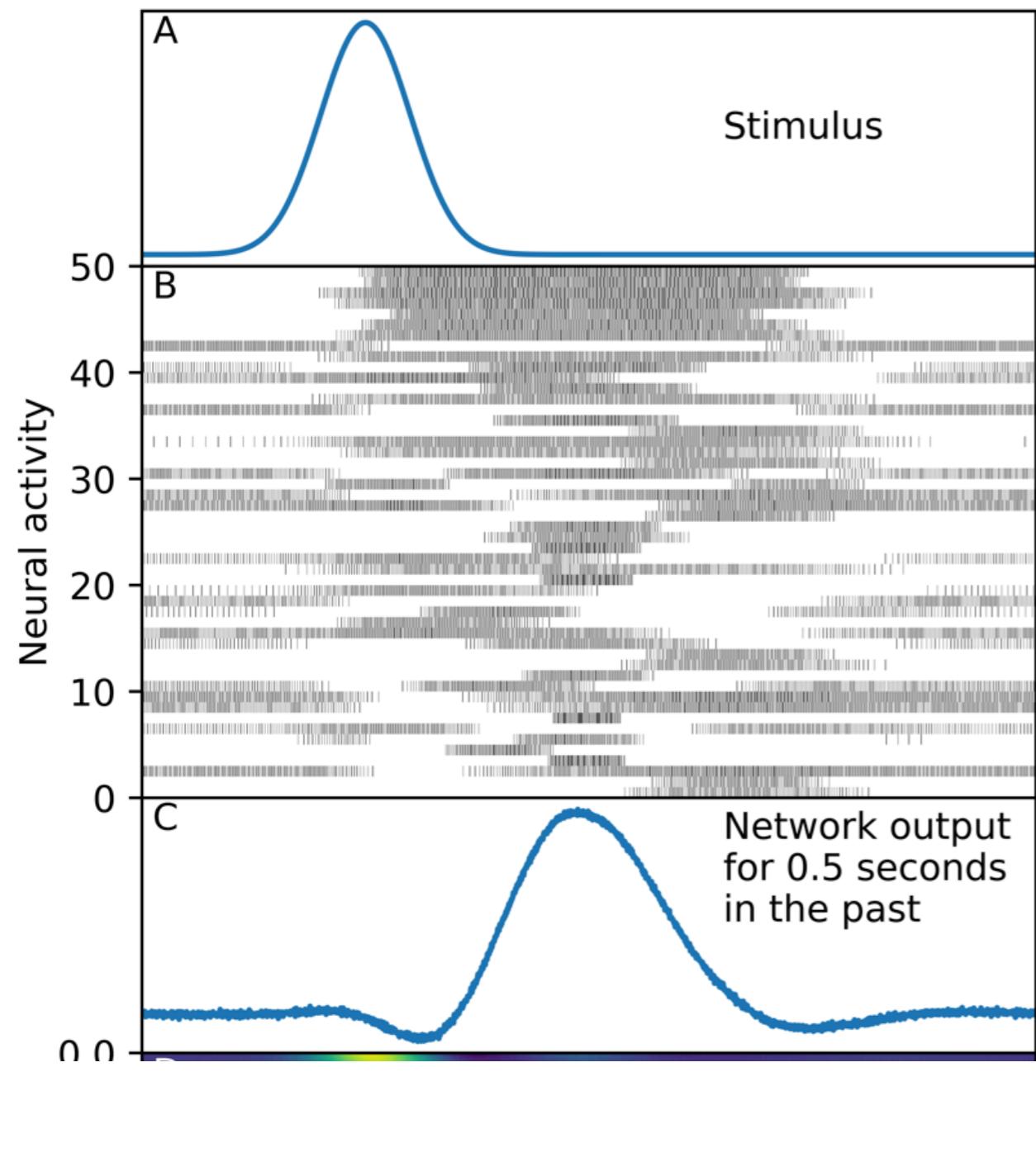
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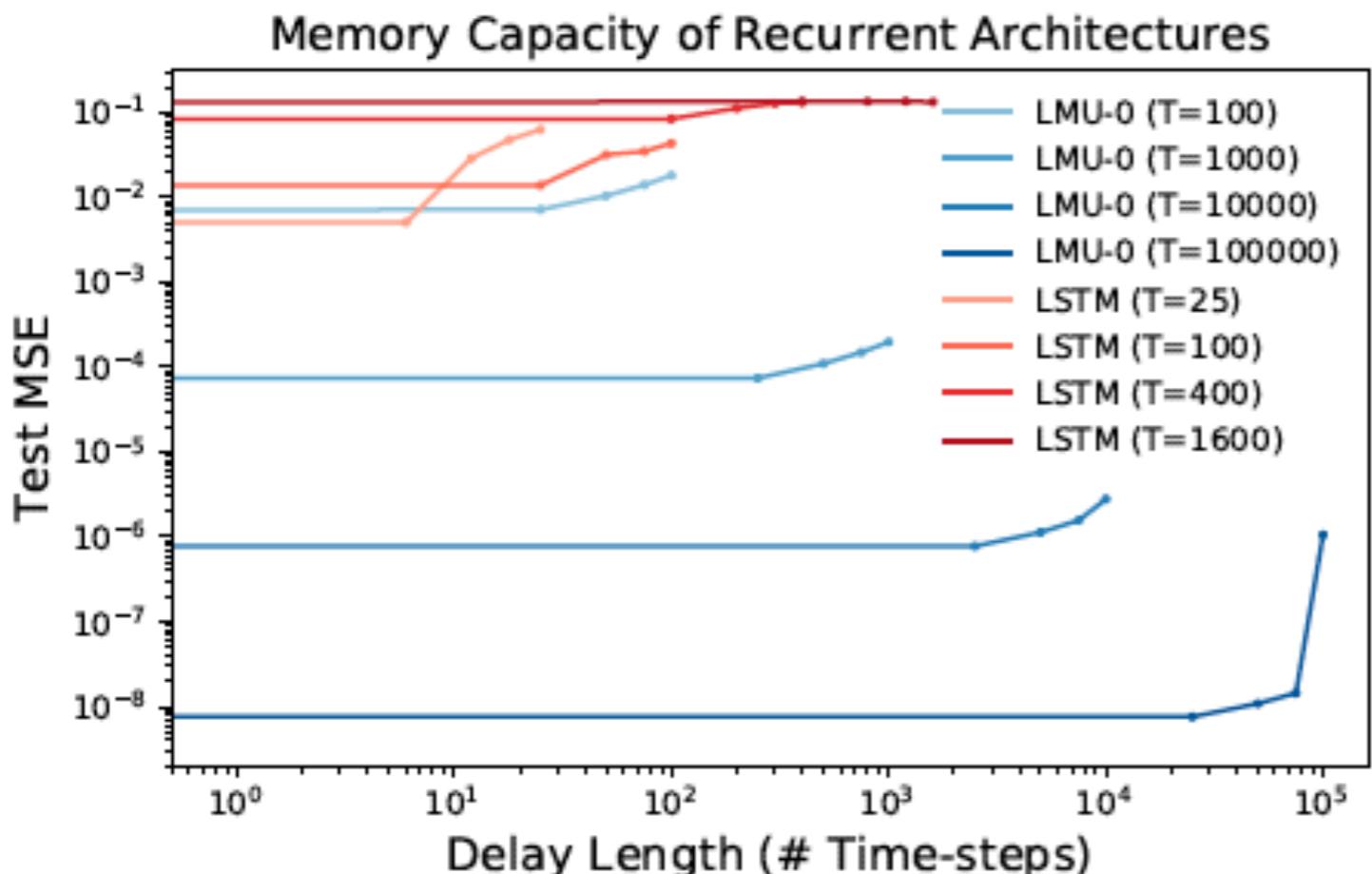
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Delay Network



LMU vs LSTM

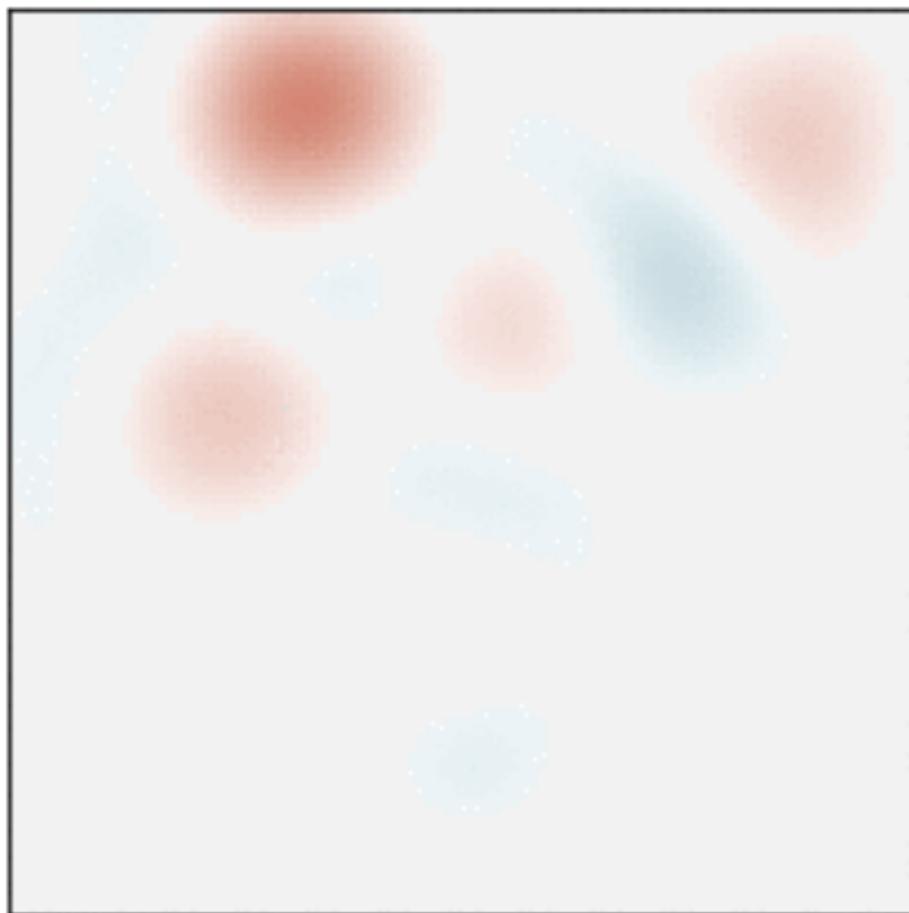


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Model	Validation	Test
RNN-orth	88.70	89.26
RNN-id	85.98	86.13
LSTM	90.01	89.86
LSTM-chrono	88.10	88.43
GRU	92.16	92.39
JANET	92.50	91.94
SRU	92.79	92.49
GORU	86.90	87.00
NRU	95.46	95.38
LMU	96.97	97.15
FF-baseline	92.37	92.65

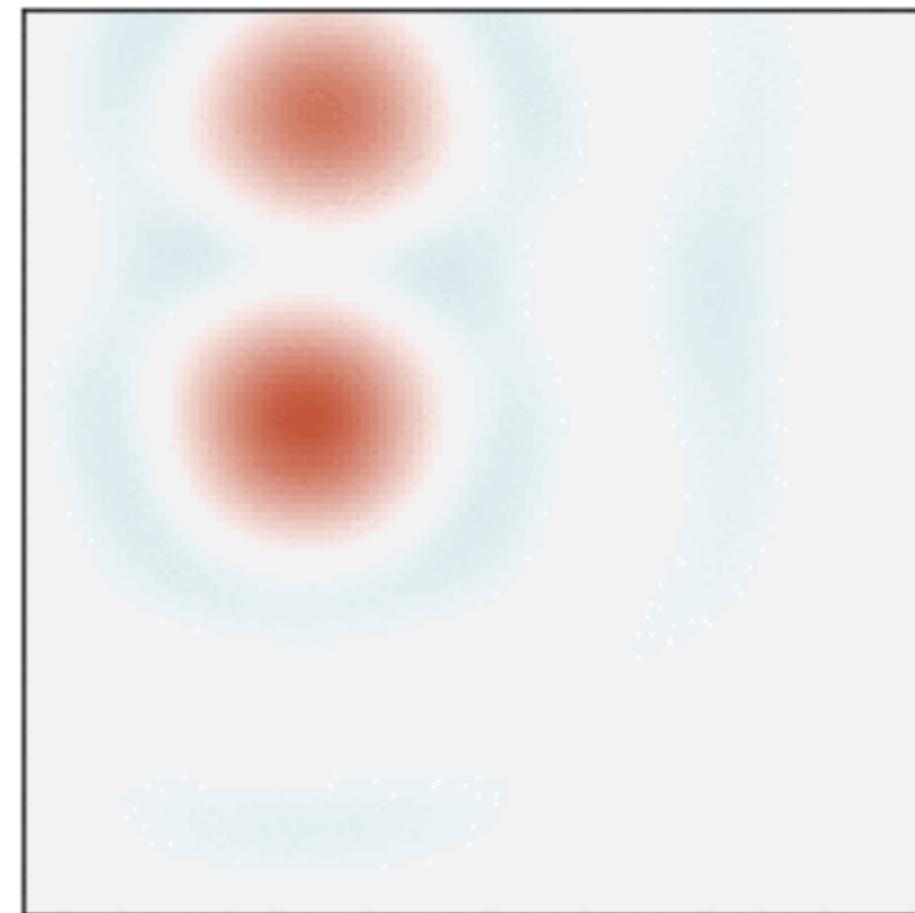
- 10^4 greater difficulty with 10^{-6} better error
- 500 vs 41k parameters

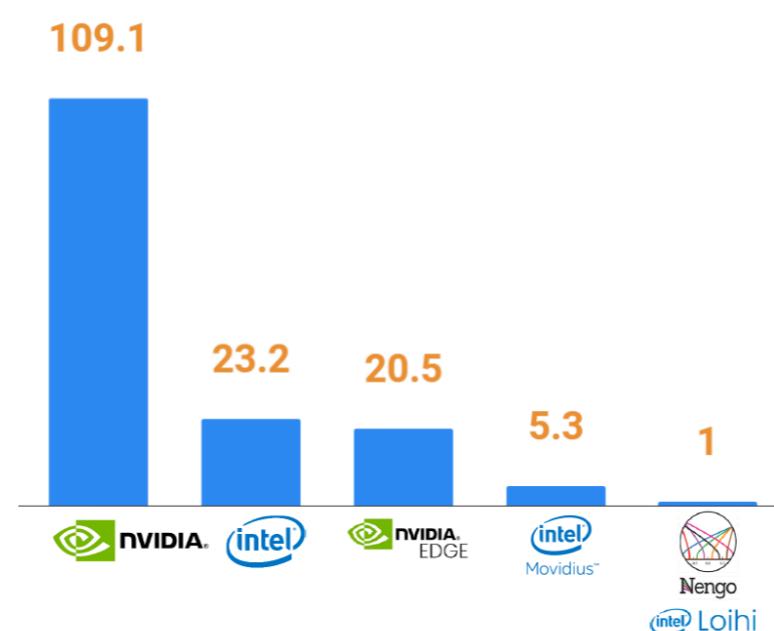
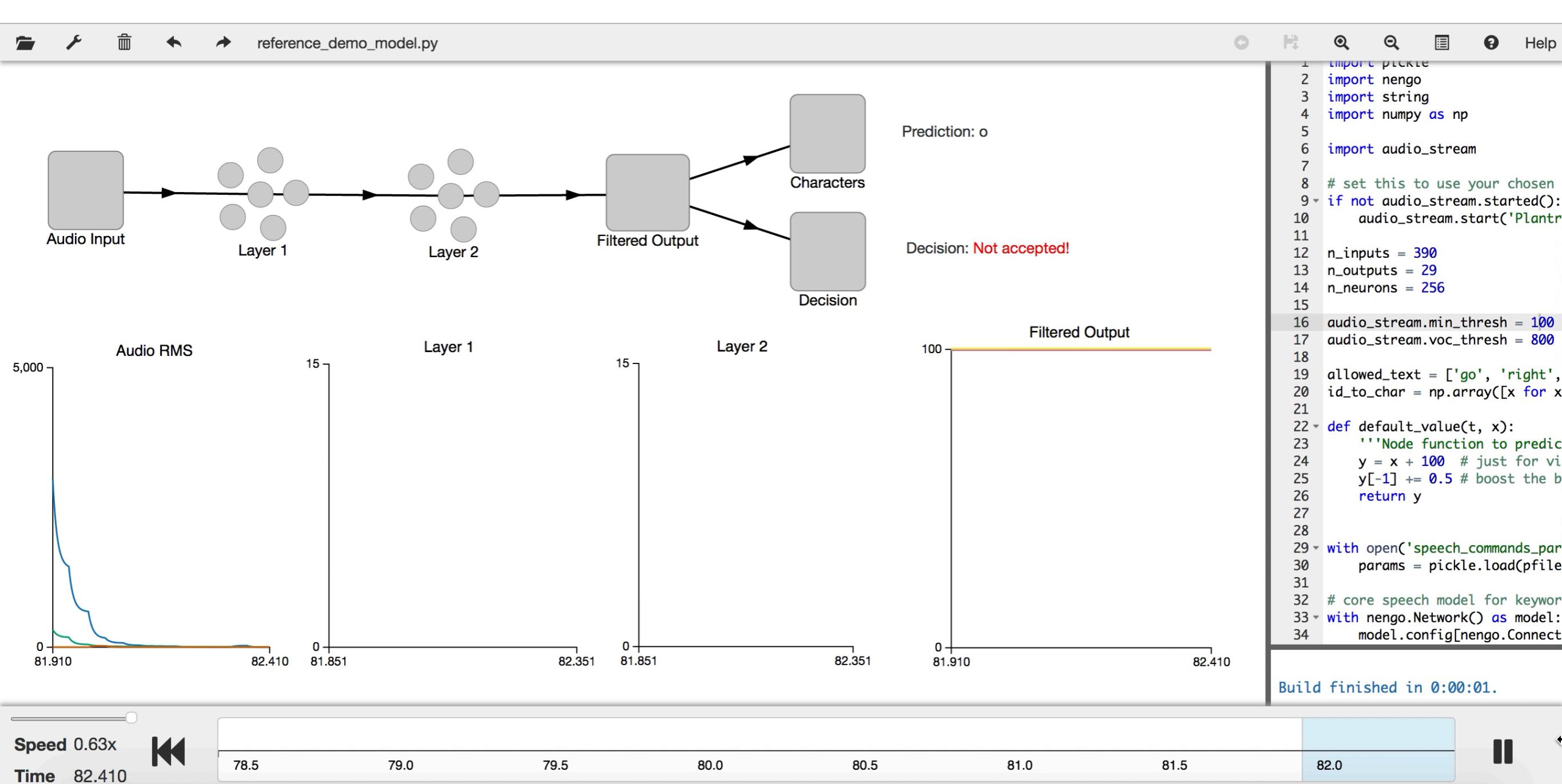
LMUs and SSPs

History + Prediction



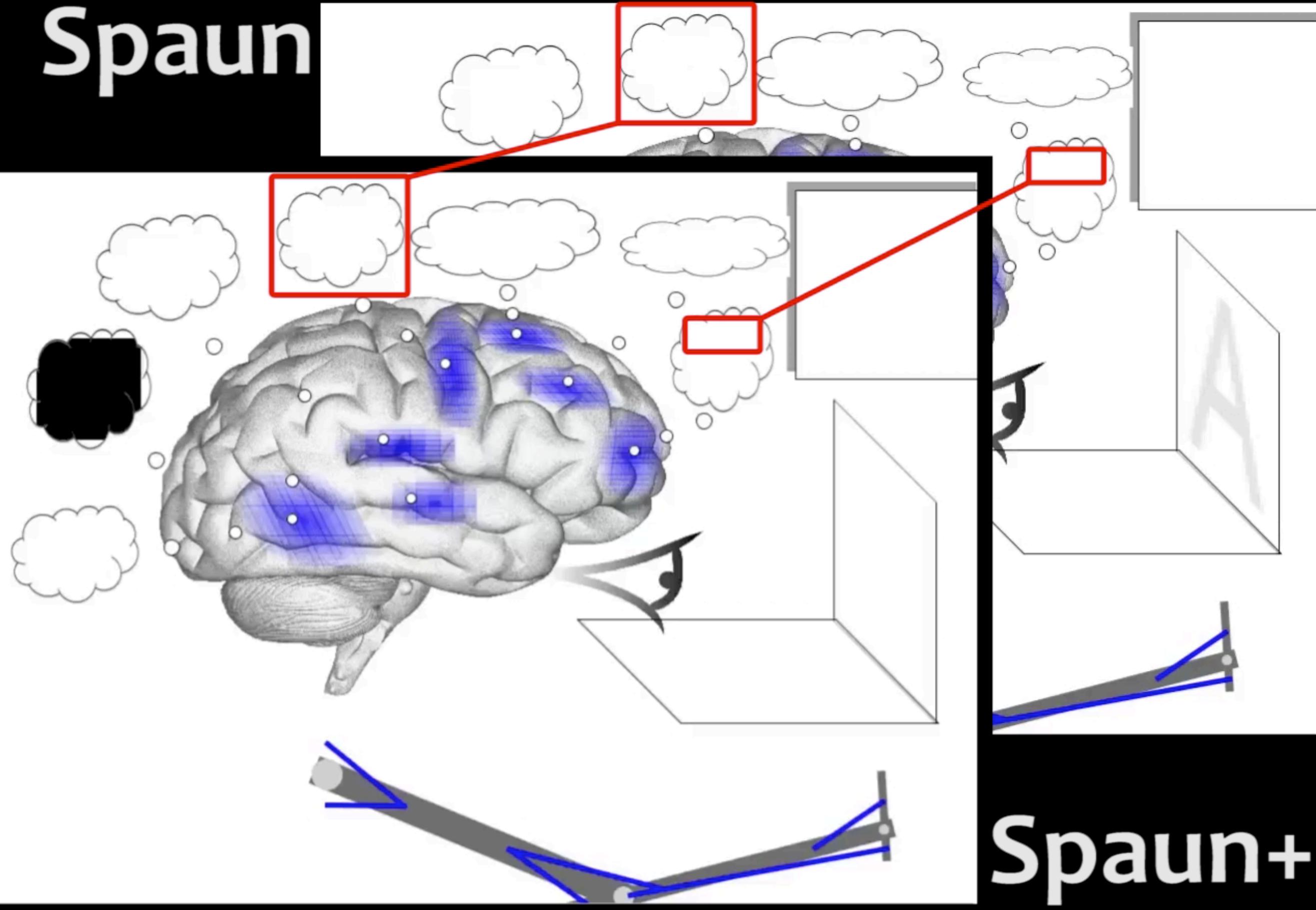
History + Actual Future

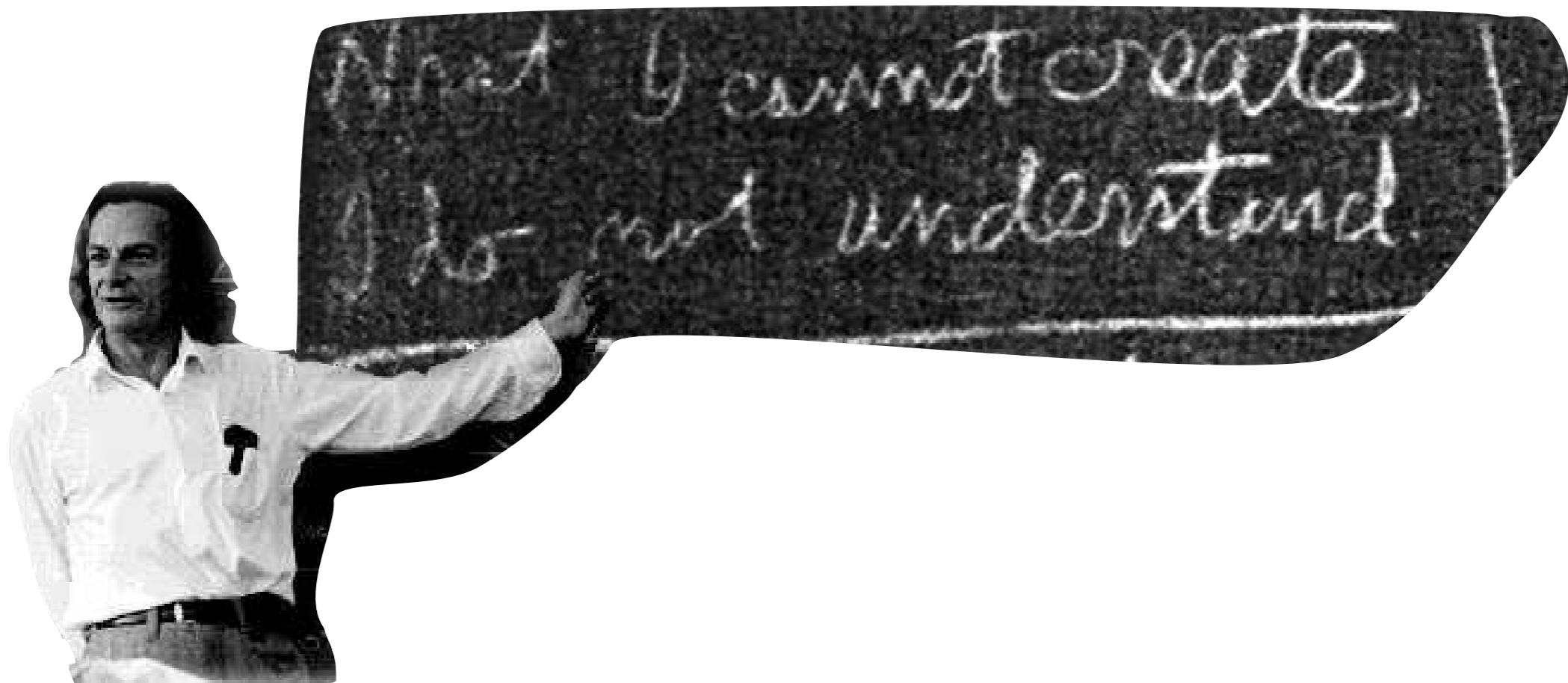




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If you want more...

- 2019: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5w0BzvNOypc>
- 2018: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwtYgBB2N6I>
- 2017: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lLn9pTfzsAE>
- 2016: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-o-MJJY7ss>