

# L1: Introduction to Python: first steps

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#### How do YOU deal with data?

I give you a 2d array of numbers : measurements and time points (N=1000).

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time 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 ... 99.8 99.9 100.0 measurment 3.2 4.3 3.8 4.5 3.7 5.1 ... 8.3 8.1 9.0
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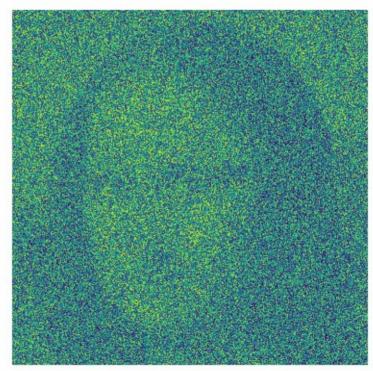
- I would like to know the mean and the standard deviation of the measurements.
- I would like to see the data displayed, i.e., plotted as measurement vs time.
- → How would you do that today?

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smoothing + 2D plot

### Python code for the above operations

#### Python code

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img = plt.imread('image-noise.tif')
imgNew = gaussian_filter(img, sigma=10)
ax.imshow(imgNew)
```

- → read image
- → apply Gaussian filter
- → plot/display image

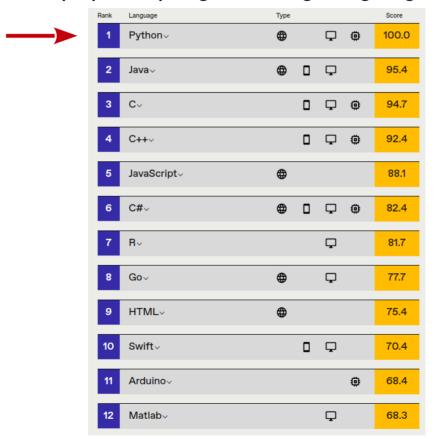
## What is Python?

- modern programming language (since 1991)
- interpreted language (no compilation necessary)
- emphasis is put on the readability of the code
- concepts can be expressed in less lines compared to C/C++ or Java
- extensive libraries available
- build-in visualization



## Python - modern programming language

Most popular programming languages in 2021

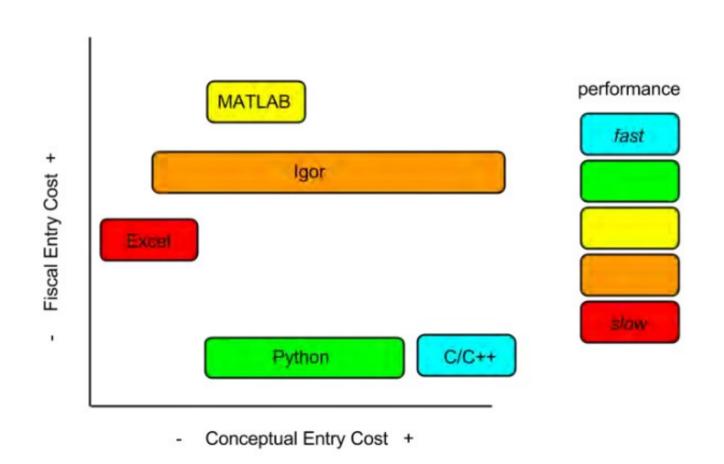


[Source : IEEE Spectrum]

#### Clear and readable syntax → easy to learn

```
In [1]:
         1 # import modules
            import numpy as np
            # function declaration
            def update values(x):
                return x+1
         6
            x = 1
            if x>0:
            print('Hello World!')
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               x = update values(x)
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            print(x)
        Hello World!
```

#### Python - free and easy to learn



### Extensive standard and third-party libraries

- wxPython : graphical toolbox library for GUI development
- SymPy: library for symbolic mathematics: can do algebraic evaluations, differentiation, expansions, complex numbers, etc.
- Pygame : library for 2D game development
- Twisted: major tool for development of network applications
- OpenCV: library for extensive computer vision applications

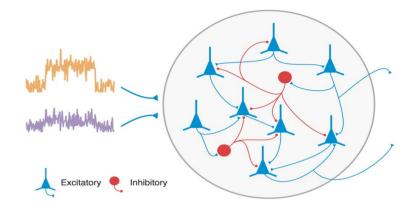
#### Python modules for Neuroscience applications

- simulators and simulator interfaces
- data collection and analysis
- sharing, re-use, storage and databasing of data and models
- stimulus generation
- parameter search and optimization
- visualization
- VLSI (very-large-scale integration) hardware interfacing
- machine learning : GPU-based computing

# Python in Neuroscience: network simulator



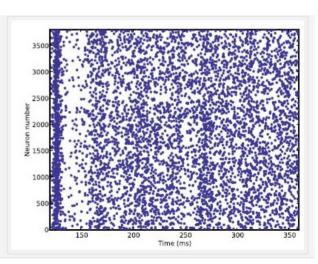
spiking neural network simulator



randomly connected, recurrent network of excitatory and inhibitory neurons

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from brian import *
eqs = '''
dv/dt = (ge+gi-(v+49*mV))/(20*ms) : volt
dge/dt = -ge/(5*ms) : volt
dgi/dt = -gi/(10*ms) : volt
'''

P = NeuronGroup(4000, eqs, threshold=-50*mV, reset=-60*mV)
P.v = -60*mV+10*mV*rand(len(P))
Pe = P.subgroup(3200)
Pi = P.subgroup(800)
Ce = Connection(Pe, P, 'ge', weight=1.62*mV, sparseness=0.02)
Ci = Connection(Pi, P, 'gi', weight=-9*mV, sparseness=0.02)
M = SpikeMonitor(P)
run(1*second)
raster_plot(M)
show()
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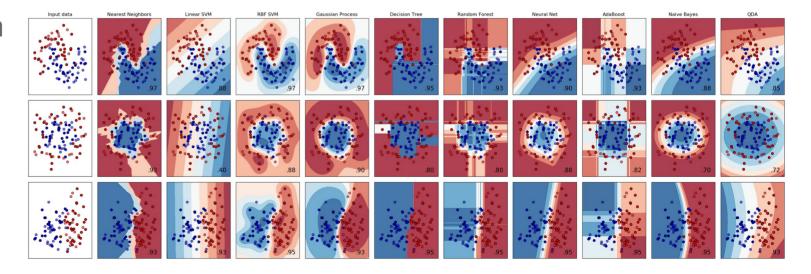


#### Python in Neuroscience: machine learning



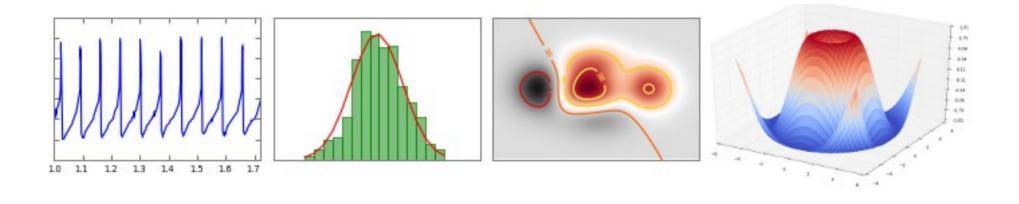
Machine Learning in Python. Simple and efficient tools for data mining and data analysis

e.g. classification using several classifiers



## Python in Neuroscience: visualization

e.g. matplotlib library

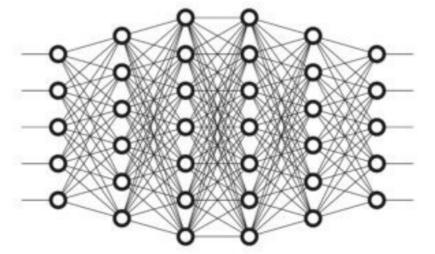


# Python in Neuroscience : deep learning/networks





simulate multi-layer networks for deep-learning applications

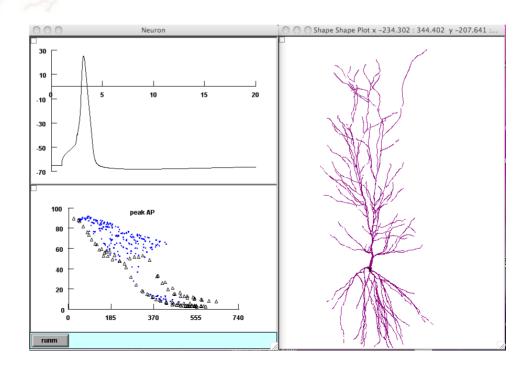


# Python in Neuroscience: single neuron simulator



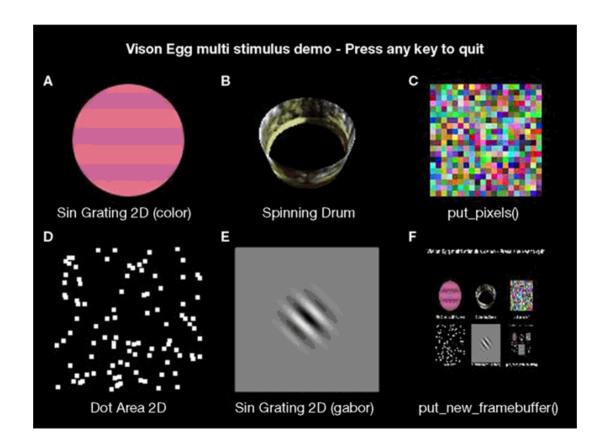
#### Python interface for NEURON

compartmental model of a single neurons simulating the propagation of the membrane potential



## Python in Neuroscience: stimulus generation

e.g. Vision EGG, or PsychoPy



## Getting started: Python installation

Debian + Ubuntu Linux

```
apt-get install python-numpy python-scipy python-matplotlib \
ipython
```

- Windows, Mac OS X (distributions for package handling)
  - Anaconda from Continuum Analaytics: https://www.continuum.io/downloads
  - Enthought Python: https://www.enthought.com/
  - Python(x,y): http://python-xy.github.io/
- Mac OS X : Install Fink, then

```
fink install scipy-core-py25 scipy-py25 matplotlib-py25 ipython-py25
```

## Getting started: interpreter and IDEs

#### ipython

- command line interpreter: interactive shell for enhanced introspection, code highlighting and tab completion

#### Jupyter Notebook

- command line interpreter in the browser
- combines code execution, rich text, and visualizations
- Spyder (IDE): Scientific PYthon Development EnviRonment
- PyCharm (IDE): code development environment

IDE ... Integrated Development Environment

#### Everything starts with the Terminal

#### What is a Terminal ?

- Terminals, also known as command lines, consoles or shell
- allow to accomplish tasks on a computer without the use of graphical user interfaces (GUIs)
- simple text commands are used to accomplish tasks

#### Windows terminal (command line, Powershell)

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) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
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Volume Serial Number is F816-466F
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#### **Linux terminal**

#### *i*Python

IP [y]: IPython
Interactive Computing

 Started by typing and executing (by pressing enter) ipython in the terminal application

mgraupe@thinkpadx1:~\$ ipython

- useful for short explorations
- tab completion!

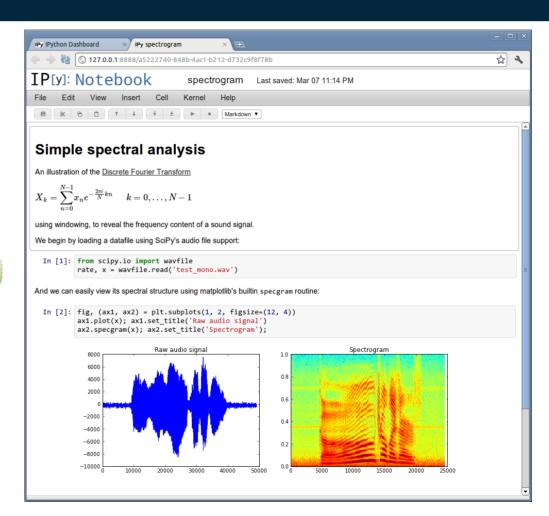
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IPython: home/mgraupe
(locorungs) mgraupe@thinkpadX1B:~> ipython
Python 3.6.7 (default, Apr 19 2019, 16:04:00)
Type 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license' for more information
IPython 7.5.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python. Type '?' for help.
[n [1]: import numpy as np
[n [2]: a = np.arange(20)
in [3]: print(a)
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#### Jupyter Notebook

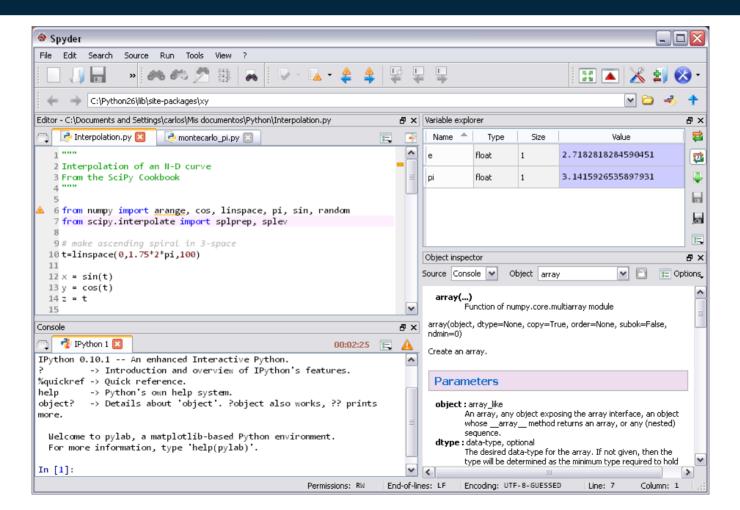
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 jupyter-notebook in the terminal application :

mgraupe@thinkpadx1:~\$ jupyter-notebook

 launched and accessed in a browser (firefox, chrome, safari ...) window

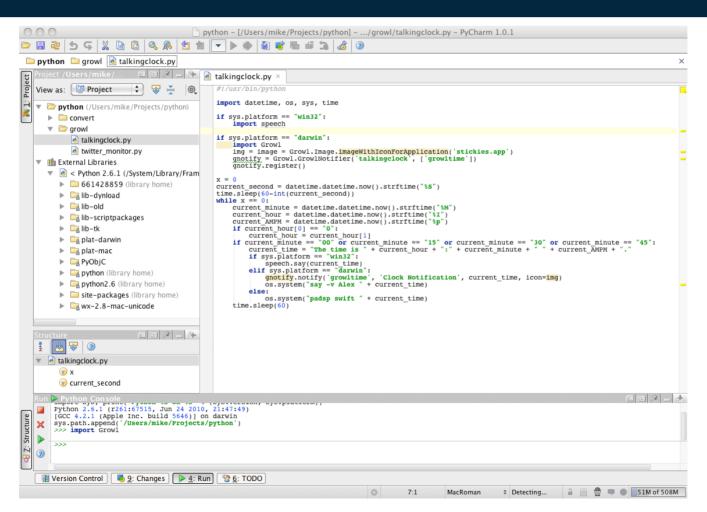


### Spyder





## PyCharm



#### Executing Python programs

- Python programs can be run either interactively or as scripts stored in a file
- An interpreter is started by calling ipython (or plain python, or jupyter-notebook)

```
mgraupe@atp:~$ ipython3
Python 3.5.7 (default, Apr 4 2019, 12:02:34)
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

In [1]: print('Hello World!')
Hello World!
In [2]: x = 3
In [3]: print(x+5)
8
In [4]: exit
mgraupe@atp:~$
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Scripts are supplied as arguments to the interpreter

```
mgraupe@thinkpadx1:~> python hello_world.py
Hello world!
```

#### Online resources: introductions and references

W3Schools - Python Tutorials :

https://www.w3schools.com/python/default.asp

The Python documentation index :

https://docs.python.org/3.6/

Python library reference :

https://docs.python.org/3.6/library/

Dive into Python :

http://histo.ucsf.edu/BMS270/diveintopython3-r802.pdf

Activestate Python [popular Python recipes] :

http://code.activestate.com/recipes/langs/python/

Python tutorial :

https://docs.python.org/3.6/tutorial/index.html

Numpy tutorial :

http://www.time.mk/trajkovski/teaching/imi/2010-fall/NumPy/Tentative%20NumPy%20Tutorial%20-.html

Scipy reference :

http://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/genindex.html

#### Online resources: general

- a simple Google search :
  - use the keyword "python"
  - specify your operating system (*window, linux, mac*) for package installation, importing queries
  - use the best matching terminology for code questions
  - common sites for useful help: stackoverflow, askubuntu, github

## Online resources: DataCamp

 an interactive to learn, practice and develop further your programming skills



- ideal to to dive into a programming language for starters (videos, extensive help, hints, small assignments with direct feedback)
- learn and extend your programming skills at your own pace
- a commercial website, you have access through this course : https://learn.datacamp.com/

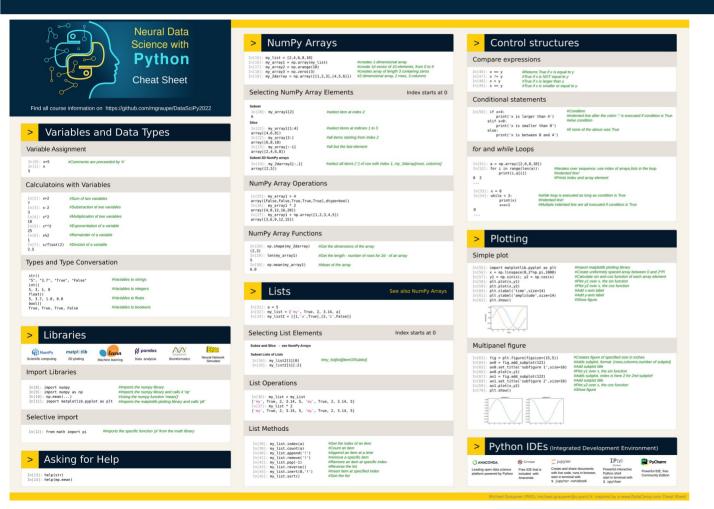
#### Online resources: Neuroscience

Front Neuroinform 2015 — Python in Neuroscience http://journal.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/fninf.2015.00011/full

BCCN cours - Advanced Scientific Programming in Python: https://python.g-node.org/wiki/schedule

Brian simulator: http://briansimulator.org/

#### General reference for the course: Cheat Sheet



- Contains basic Python concepts and information
- Reference for often used code in class

#### General Python books

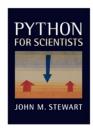


Learning Python, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition
 Mark Lutz

ISBN: 978-1-4493-5573-9

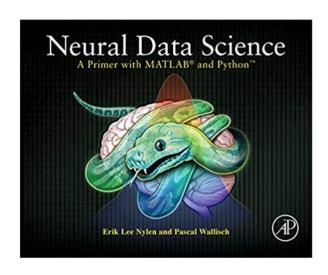


Dive Into Python (3)
 Mark Pilgrim
 ISBN: 978-1590593561 (978-1430224150)



Python for Scientists
 John M. Stewart
 ISBN: 978-1107686427

### Neuroscience specific book



Neural Data Science
 A primer with Matlab and Python
 Erik Lee Nylen (Author), Pascal Wallisch (Author)
 ISBN-10: 9780128040430

#### Workflow of the course lecture

- 1) All course material (.pdf file of lecture; .ipynb for tutorial; .ipynb for homework assignment) can be accessed on github (code repository site): https://github.com/mgraupe/DataSciPy2021
- 2) Visit course website: Launch the browser ( "Navigateur Web") and navigate to the link above
- 3) **Download lecture**: Click on lecture link and hit the **Download** button (file will be downloaded automatically to the downloads Téléchargements folder); annotate lecture PDF

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   Save tutorial file: Click on the tutorial link, hit the Raw button (the raw file content will be displayed), save (Enregister sous ...) the raw file to your computer
  - Attention: make sure that the file ending remains.ipynb
- 3) Launch jupyter-notebook: Start the terminal application ( "Emulateur de Terminal") on your computer, launch the notebook environment by typing and executing \$ jupyter-notebook, the jupyter environment starts up in the browser in the directory in which it was started
- 4) Load the jupyter-notebook file: In the jupyter environment, you first see the directory and file structure on your computer (relative to the directory in which jupyter was started), navigate to the downloaded .ipynb file and click on it to launch it
- 5) Start editing6) You can follow the tutorial progress/coding of the lecturer on Deepnote.allows you to copy code into your own Jupyter notebook.