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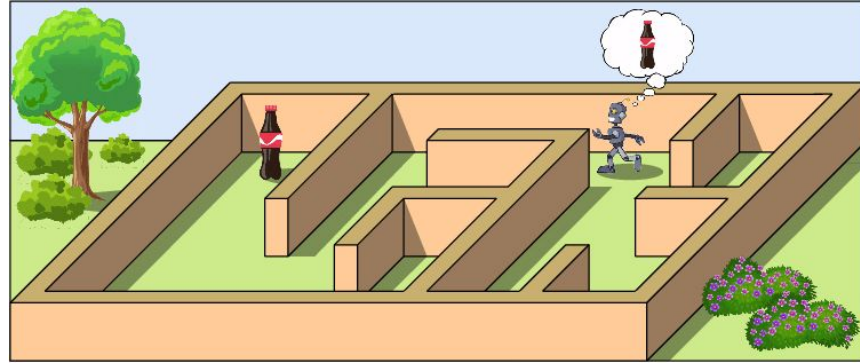
# Towards Continuous Actions in Continuous Space and Time using Self-Adaptive Constructivism in Neural XCSF

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# INTRODUCTION



**Agent Navigation task**

- Continuous environment
- solve a continuous maze environment using discrete-valued actions, continuous-valued actions or continuous-valued actions of continuous duration.
- Constructivism mechanism

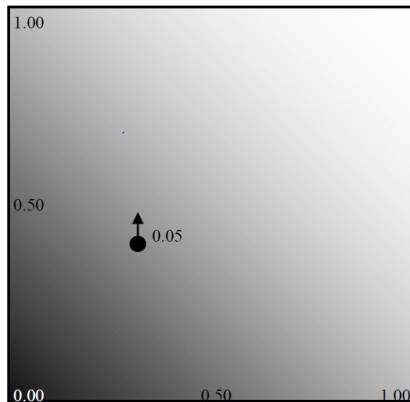
# RELATED WORK

- LCS devised using Zeroth-level Classifier System (ZCS)
- The implementation of self-adaptive based on another paper
- Focused on solving continuous environments

# Implementation of XCSF Framework

1. Maze environment
2. Neural XCSF (Discrete-valued actions)
3. Self-adaptation
4. Neural constructivism

# Maze environment



2D Continuous grid environment

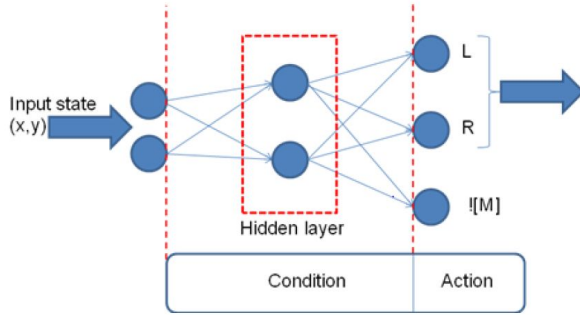
Rewards: 1000 points

Step size: 0.05

Discount factor:  $\gamma = 0.95$  [ The discount factor  $\gamma \in [0,1]$  is the present value for future rewards ]

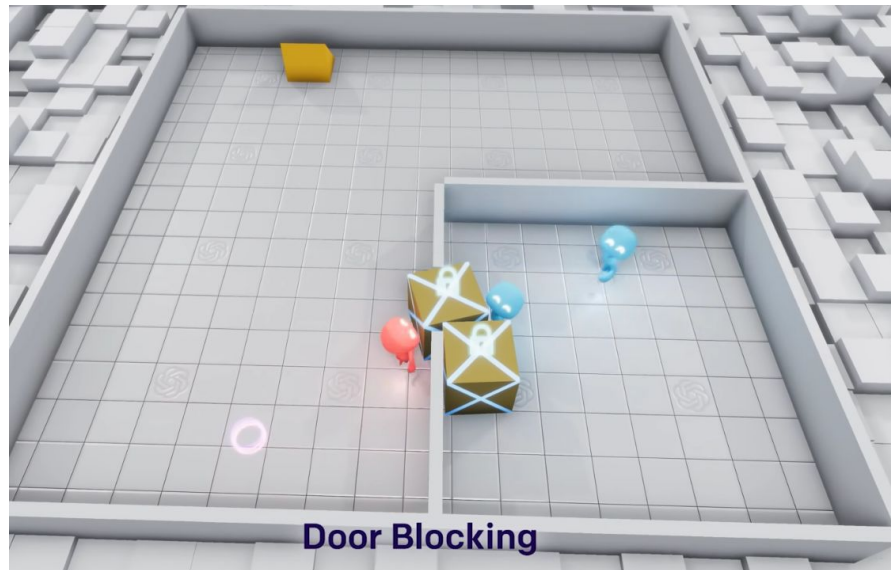
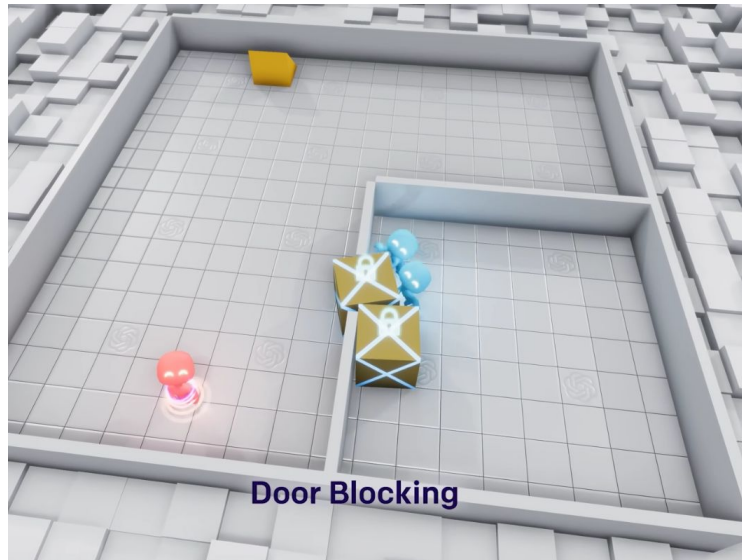
Avg optimal step size: 21

# Neural XCSF



- Classifier is replaced with MLP
- Strength of action passed to the left and right motors
- Don't Match  $![M]$
- $0.0 \leq x < 0.5$  (low),  $0.5 \leq x \leq 1.0$  (high).

# Self-adaptation



Self-adaptive

$$\mu \leftarrow \mu * e^{N(0,1)}$$

# Neural constructivism

Development begins with a small network



# EXPERIMENTATION

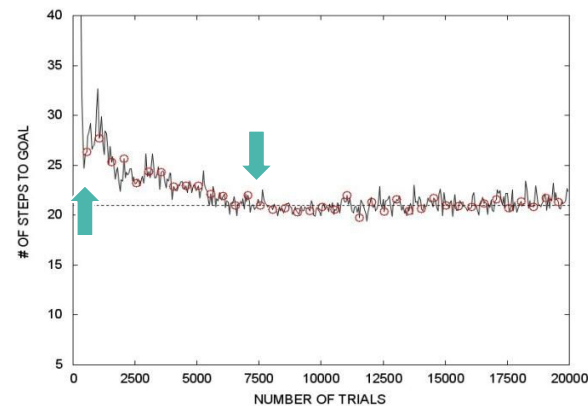
Population size  $N=16000$ , learning rate  $\beta=0.2$ , error threshold  $\epsilon=0.005$

fitness fraction for accelerated deletion  $\sigma=0.1$ , fitness power  $\gamma=5$ , GA threshold ( $\oplus$ )GA=50

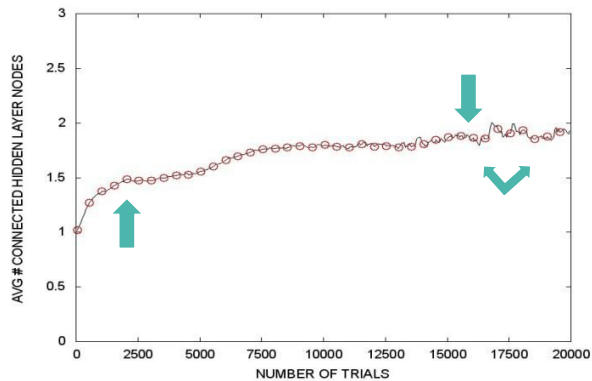
- Discrete-valued action
- Continuous-valued action
- Continuous-duration action

# DISCRETE-VALUED ACTIONS

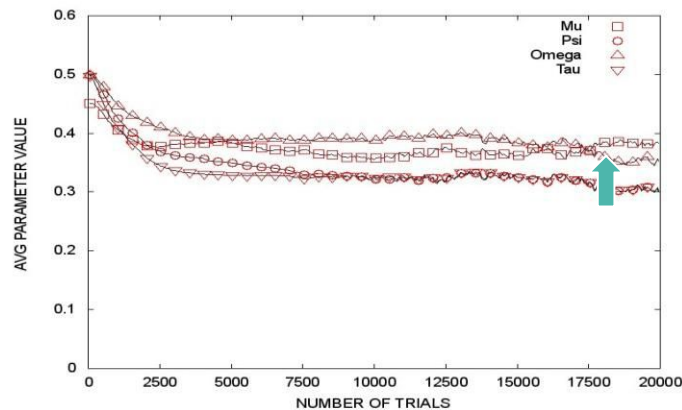
self-adaptive  $\mu$



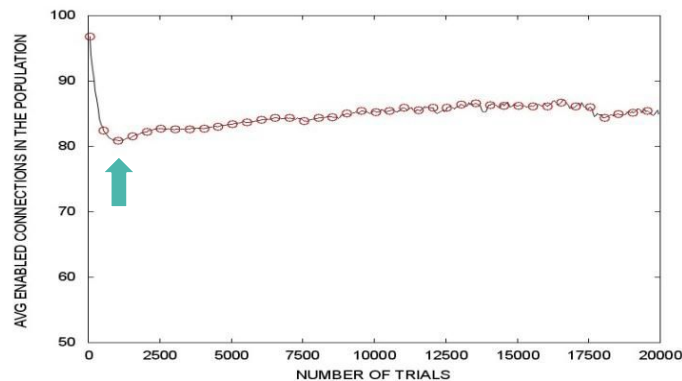
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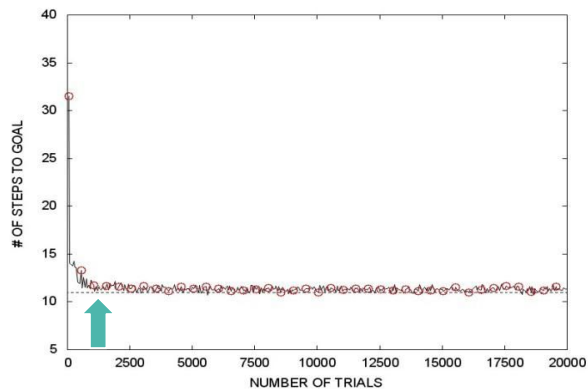


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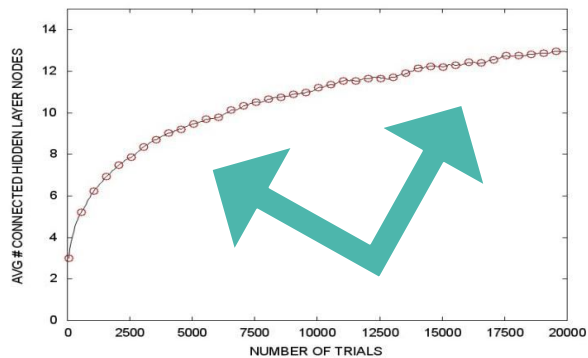
# CONTINUOUS-VALUED ACTIONS

- simulation and reality robots
- Output  $[-0.05, 0.05]$  (1) movement in X (2) movement in Y (3) participation in match set.
- Steps-to-goal 11, Identical parameter as DVA

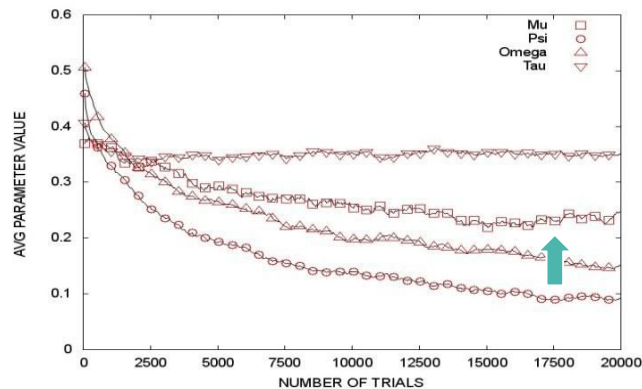
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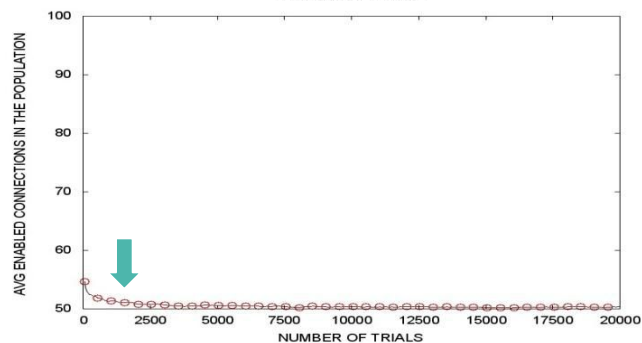
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# CONTINUOUS-DURATION ACTIONS

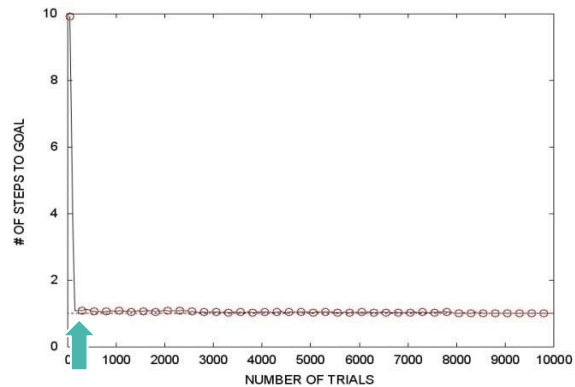
$\psi$  = probability of constructivism event

$\mathcal{P}$  = Probability of adding a neuron

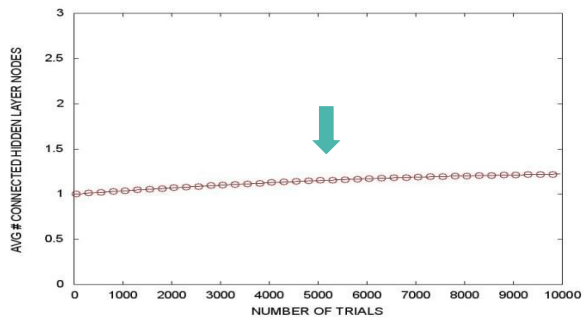
$$P = r + \gamma * \max P$$

$$P = (e^{-\varphi t^t})r + (e^{-pt^i})r * \max P$$

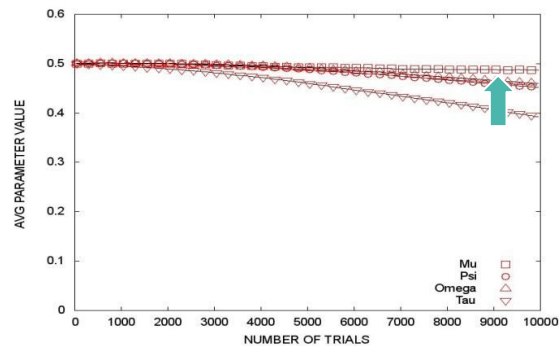
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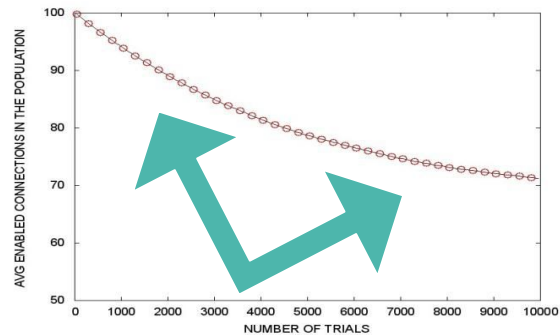
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# Conclusion and Future work

- A self-adaptive neural XCSF employing constructivism is capable of solving the 2D Grid environment.
- First implementation with LCS for CV action in response CV input
- More complex environment

# About the paper

Towards continuous actions in continuous space and time using self-adaptive constructivism in neural XCSF

[GD Howard](#), [L Bull](#), [PL Lanzi](#) - ... of the 11th Annual conference on Genetic ... 2009 - dl.acm.org

This paper presents a Learning Classifier System (LCS) where each classifier condition is represented by a feed-forward multi-layered perceptron (MLP) network. Adaptive behavior is realized through the use of self-adaptive parameters and neural constructivism, providing the system with a flexible knowledge representation. The approach allows for the evolution of networks of appropriate complexity to solve a continuous maze environment, here using either discrete-valued actions, continuous-valued actions, or continuous-valued actions of ...

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