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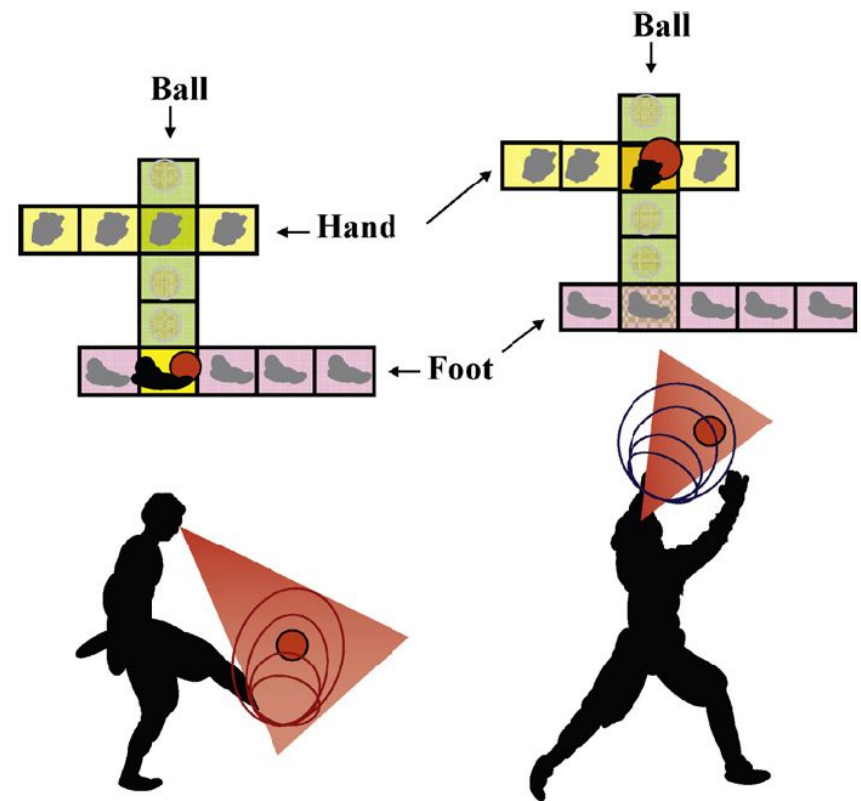


# WHAT IS SENSORIMOTOR LEARNING?

Control problem which maps a sensory input into a motor output

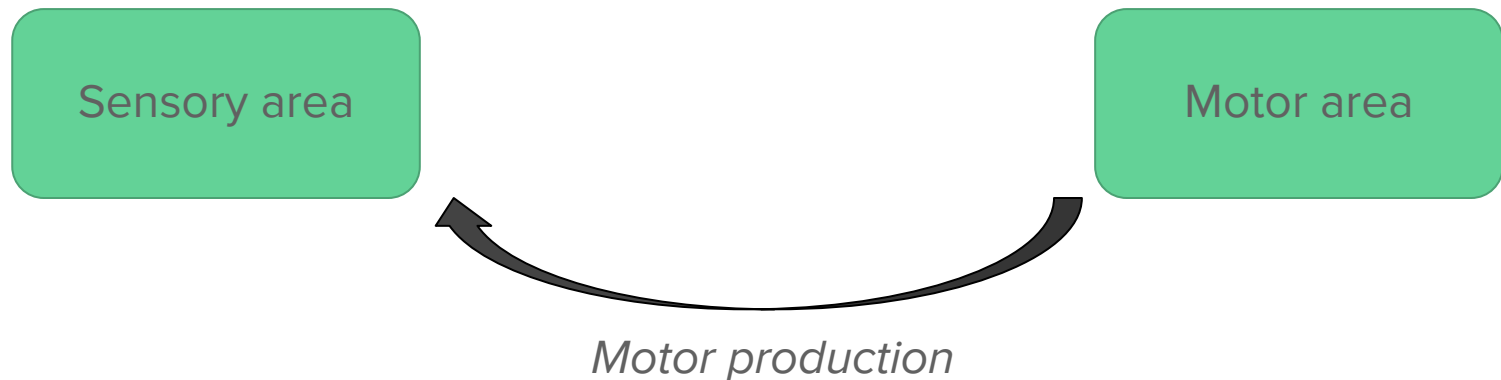
Basic components:

- Input: sensory stimulus
- Output: reproduction of the stimulus



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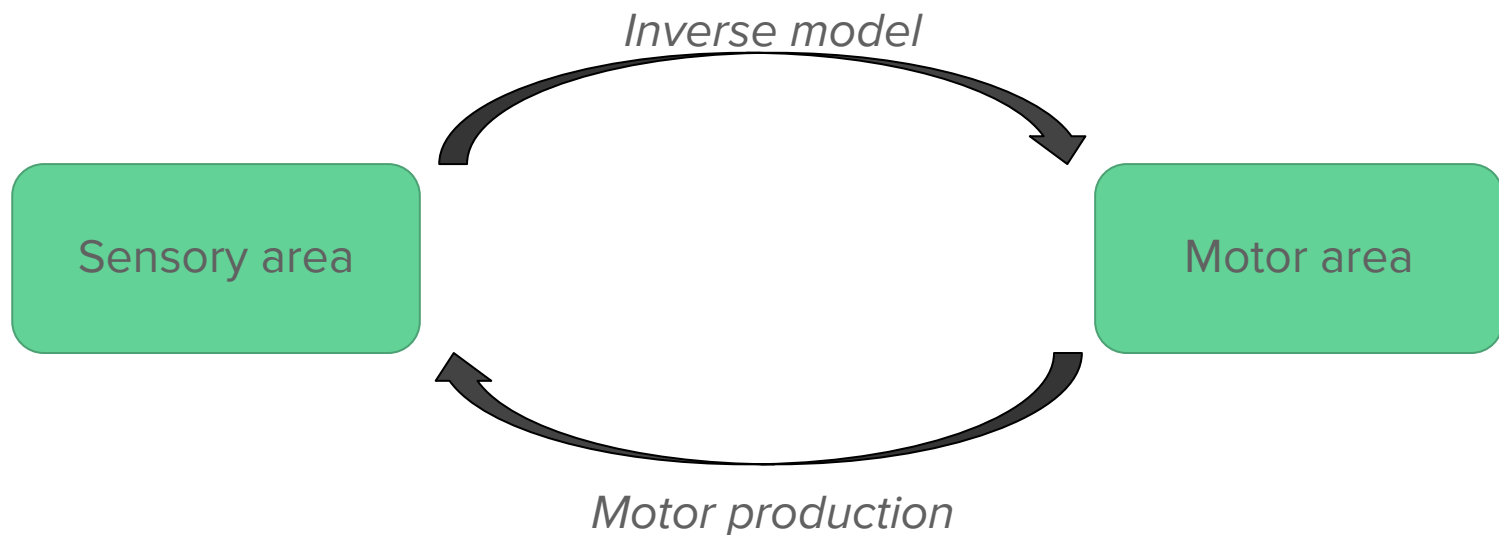
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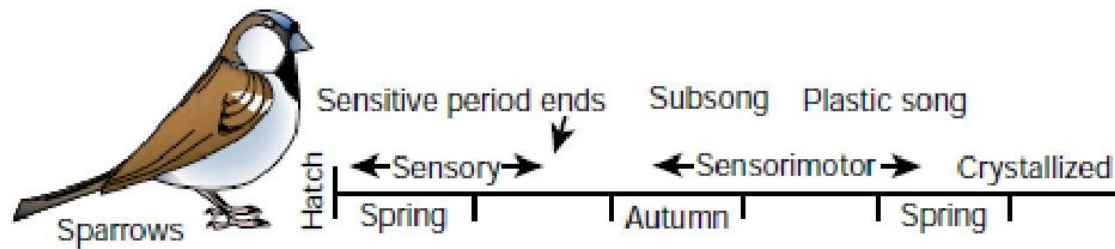
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**Inverse model:** the aim is to transform a sensory stimulus into the corresponding motor command



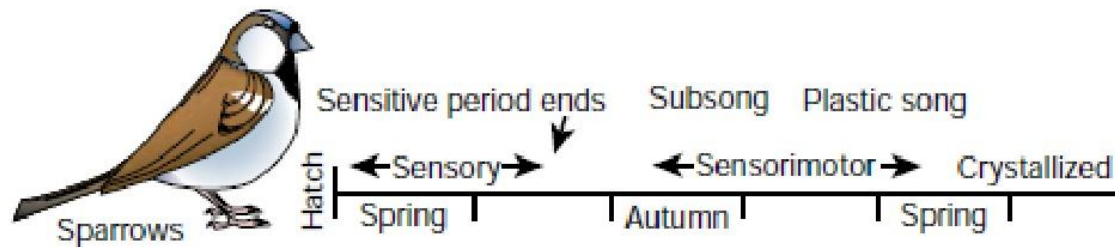
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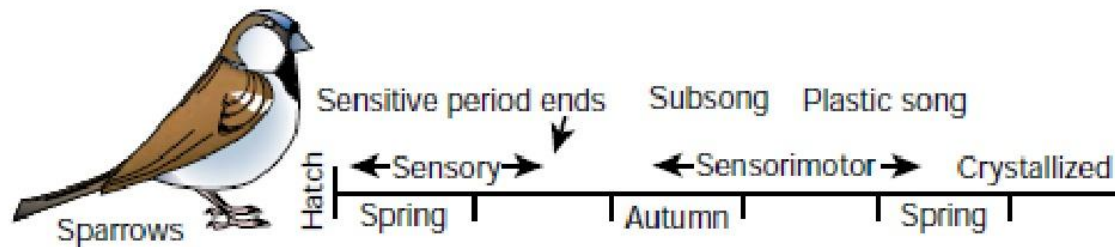
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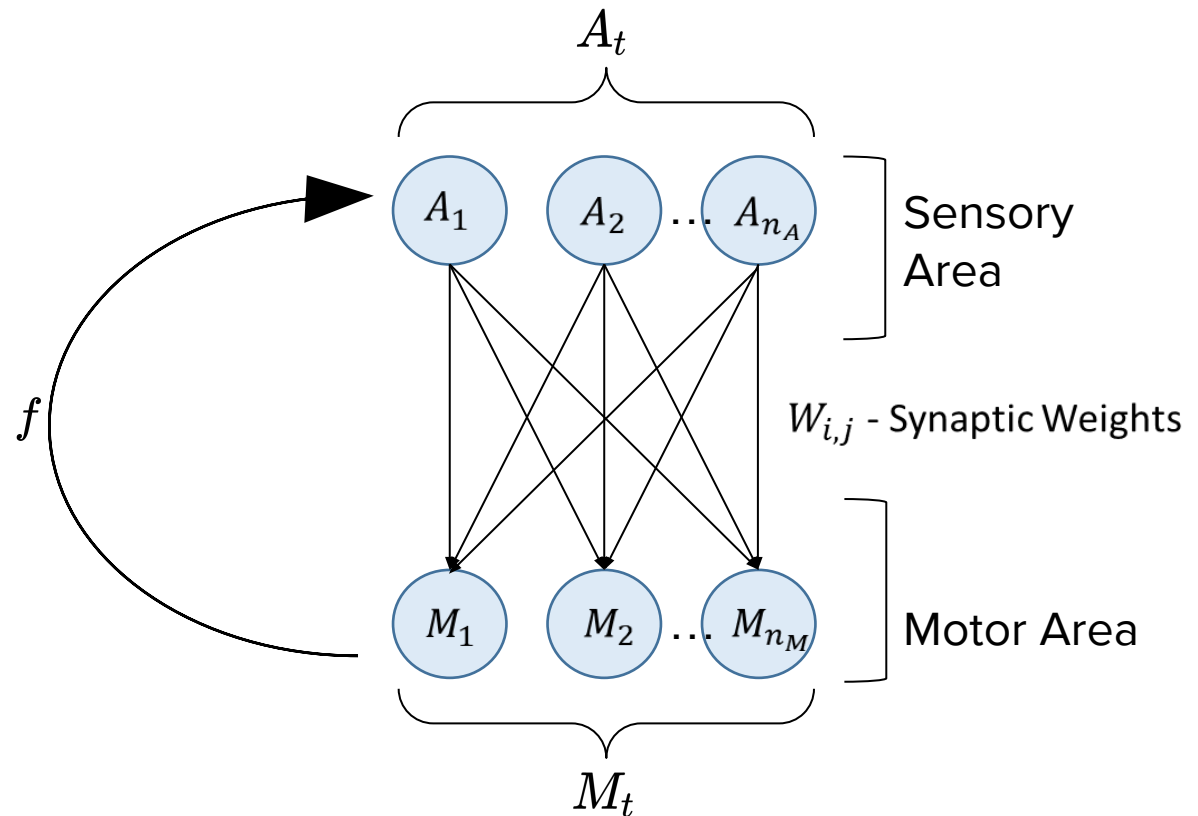
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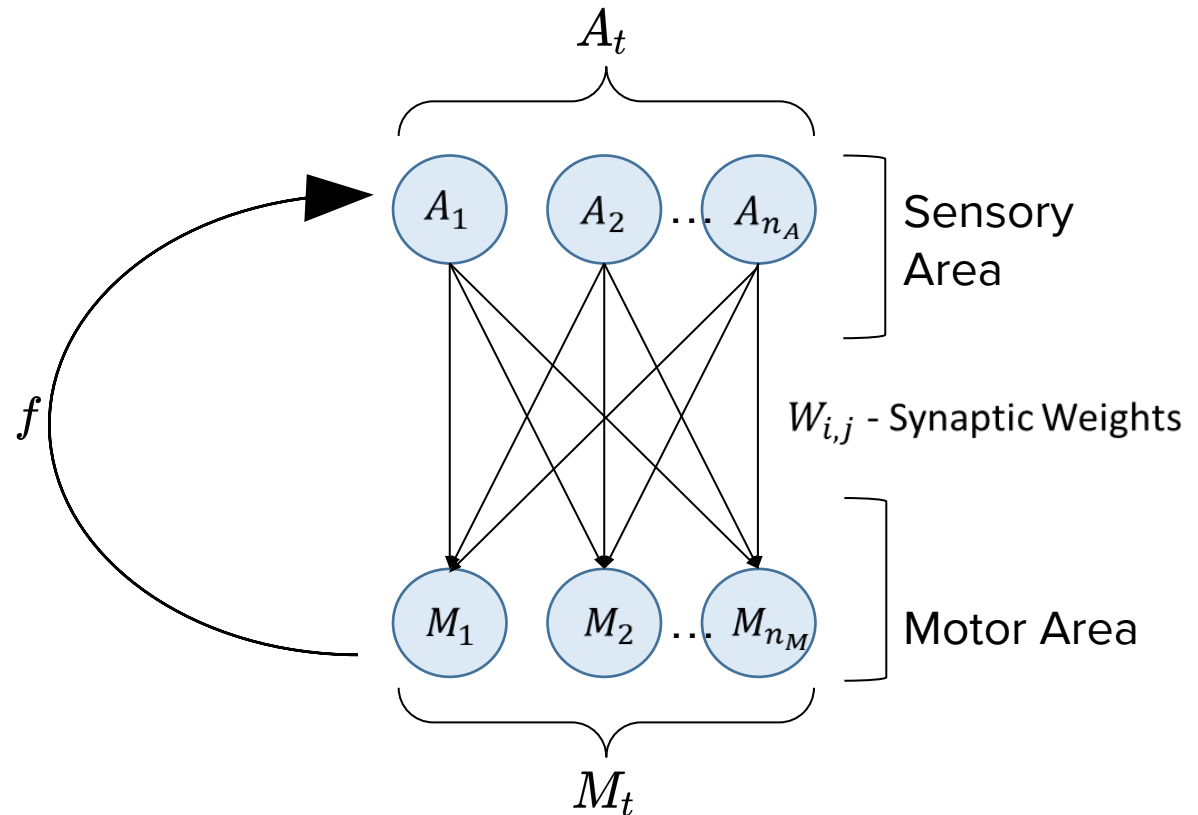


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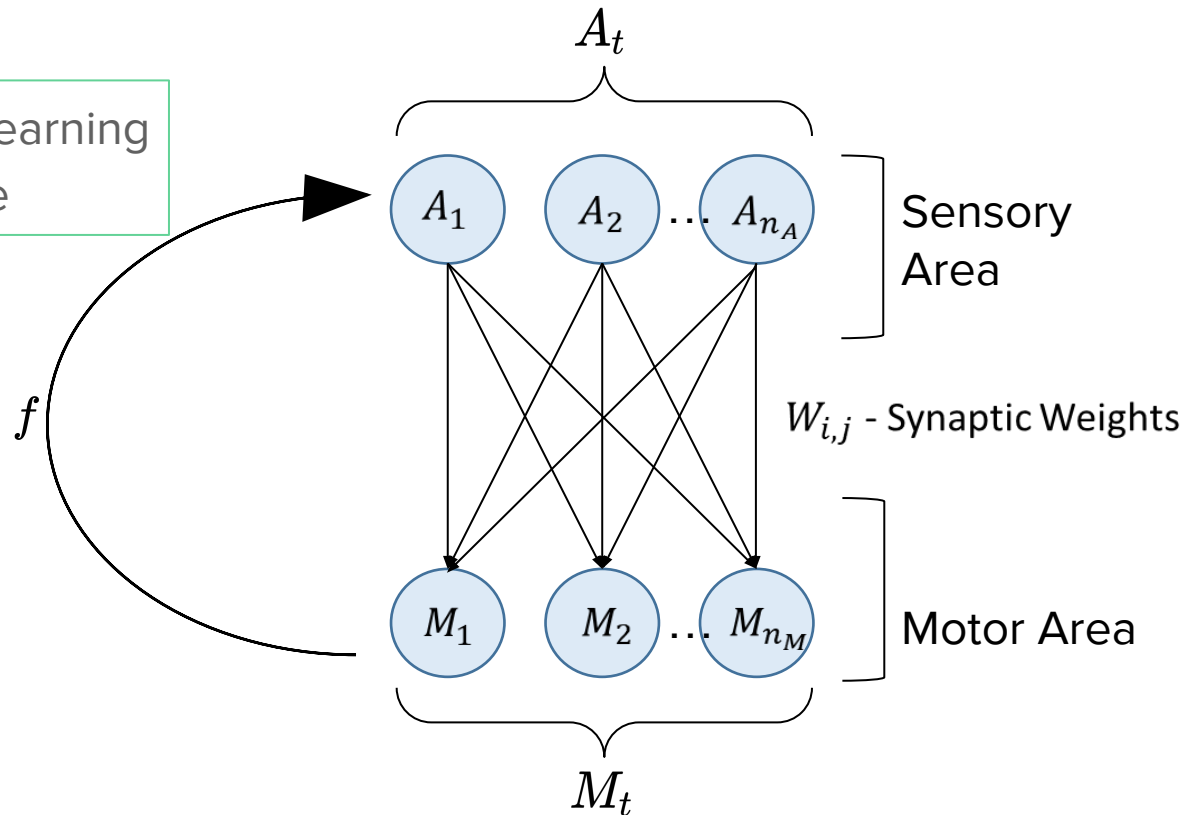
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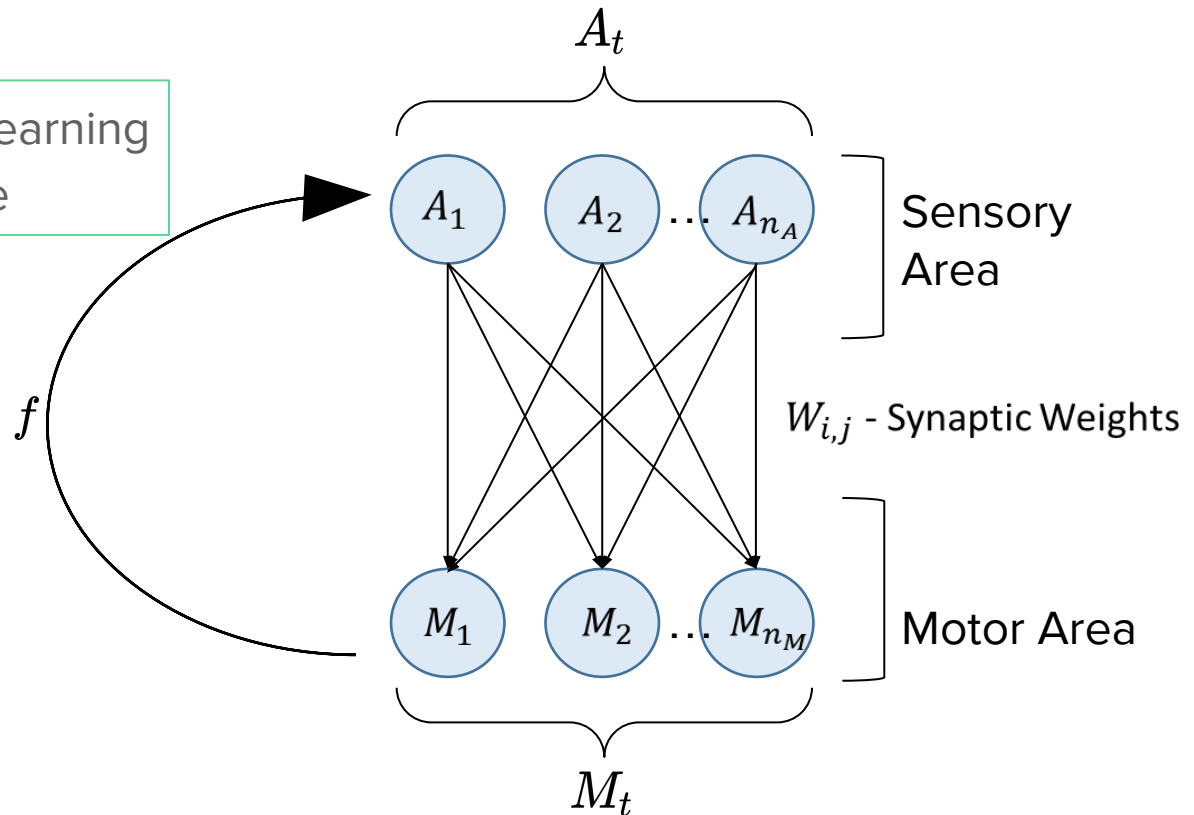
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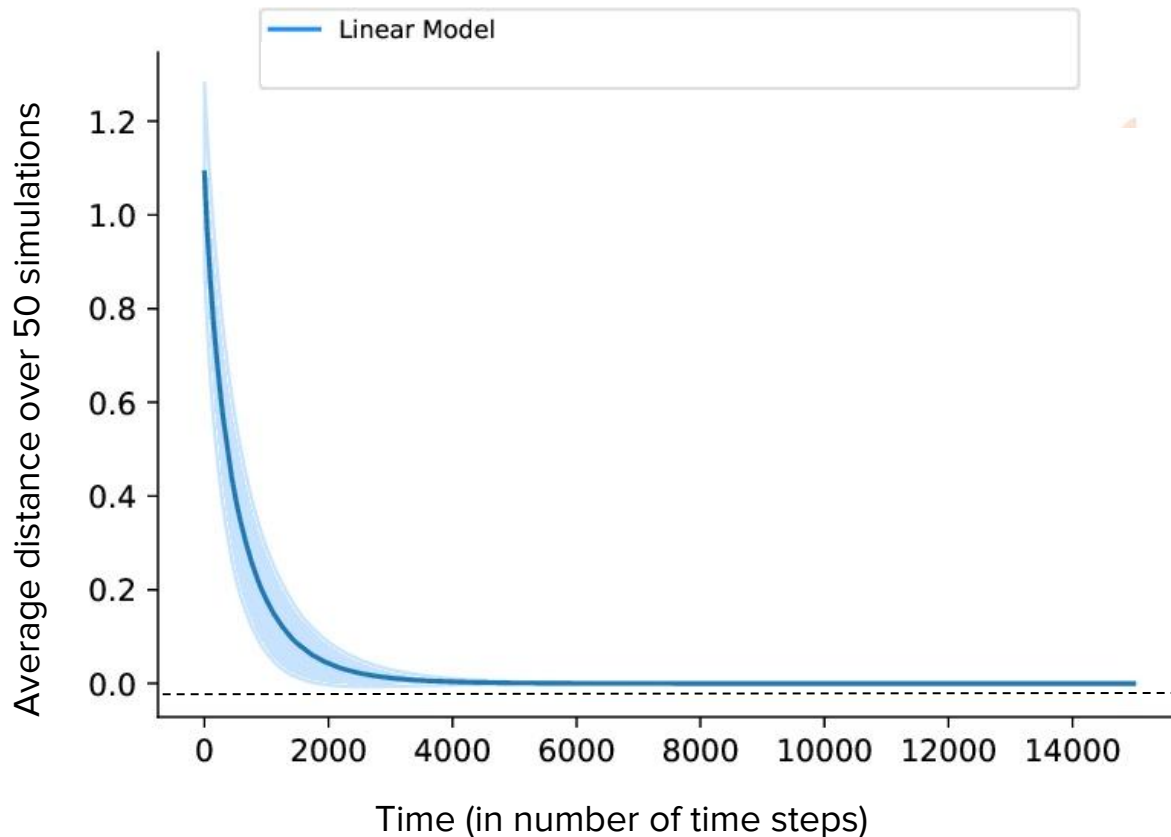
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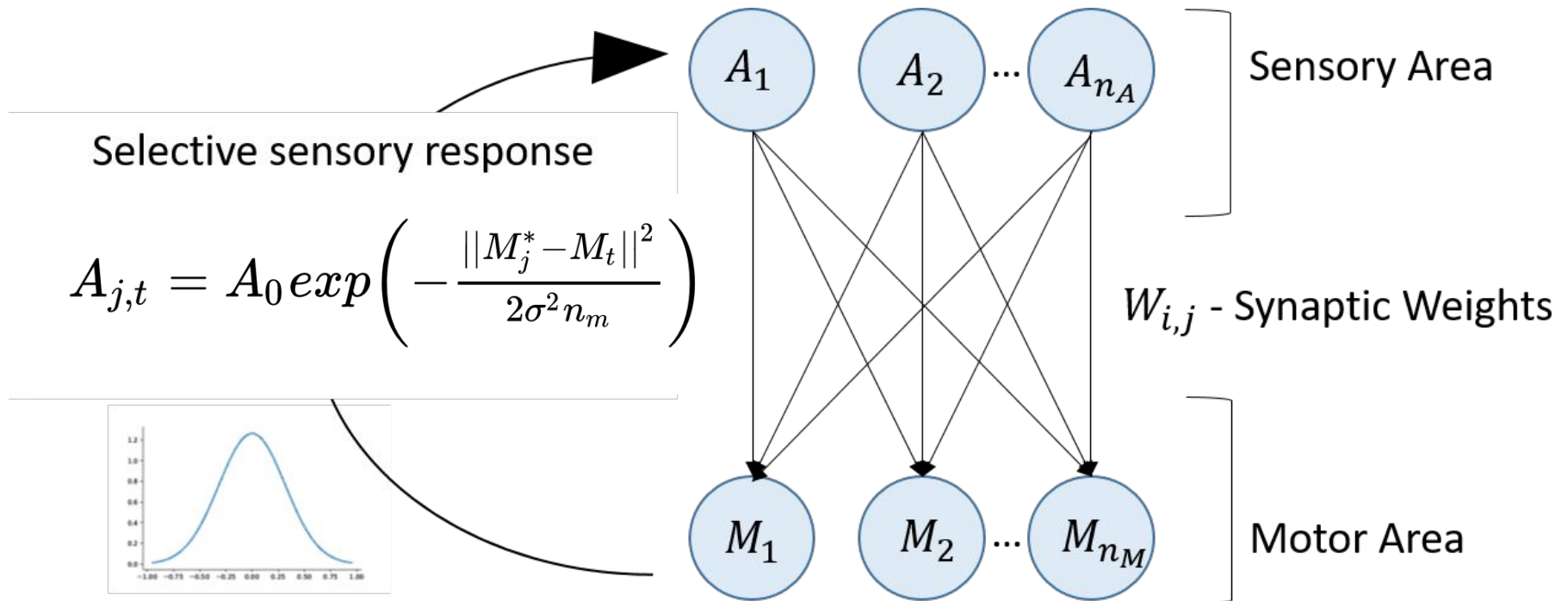
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# HAHNLOSER-GANGULI THEORETICAL MODEL



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# NONLINEAR MODEL INTRODUCTION

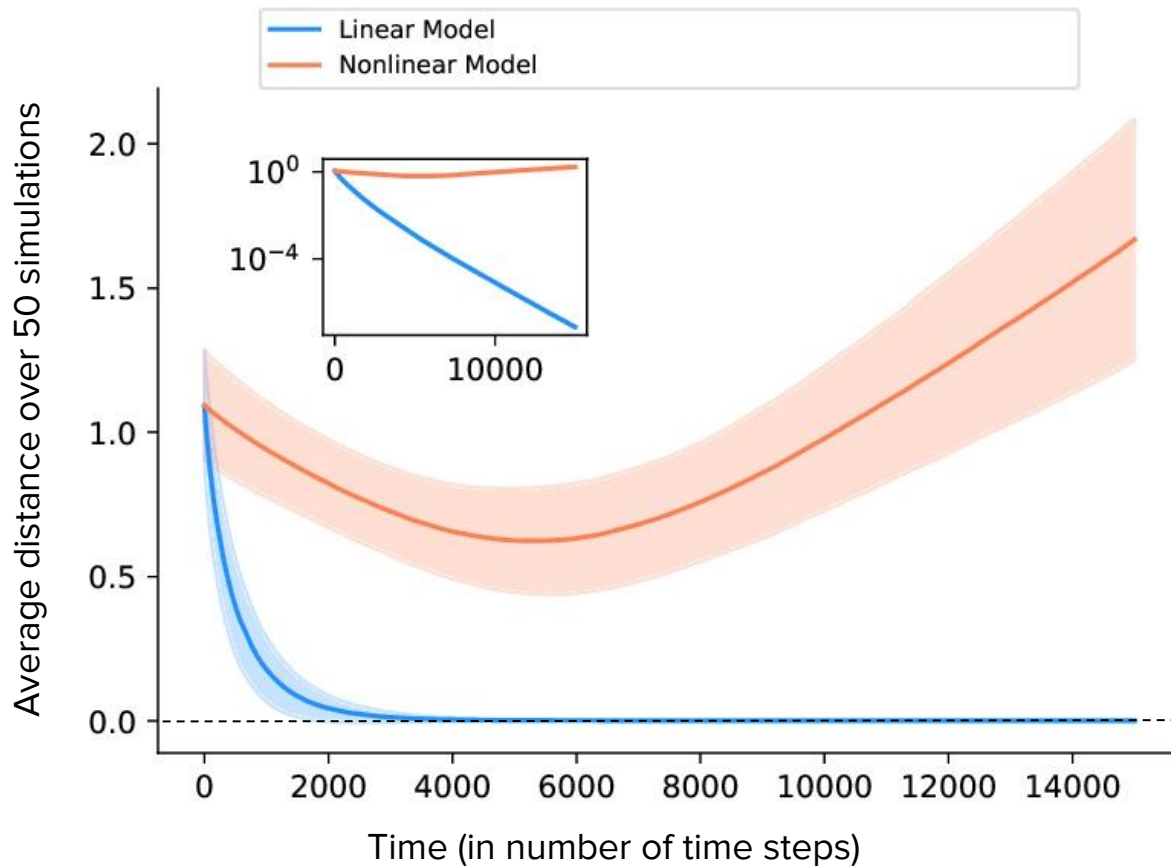


$M^*$  : target motor pattern

$\sigma$  : tuning selectivity width

$||M_j^* - M_t||^2$  represents the distance between the target and the random exploration

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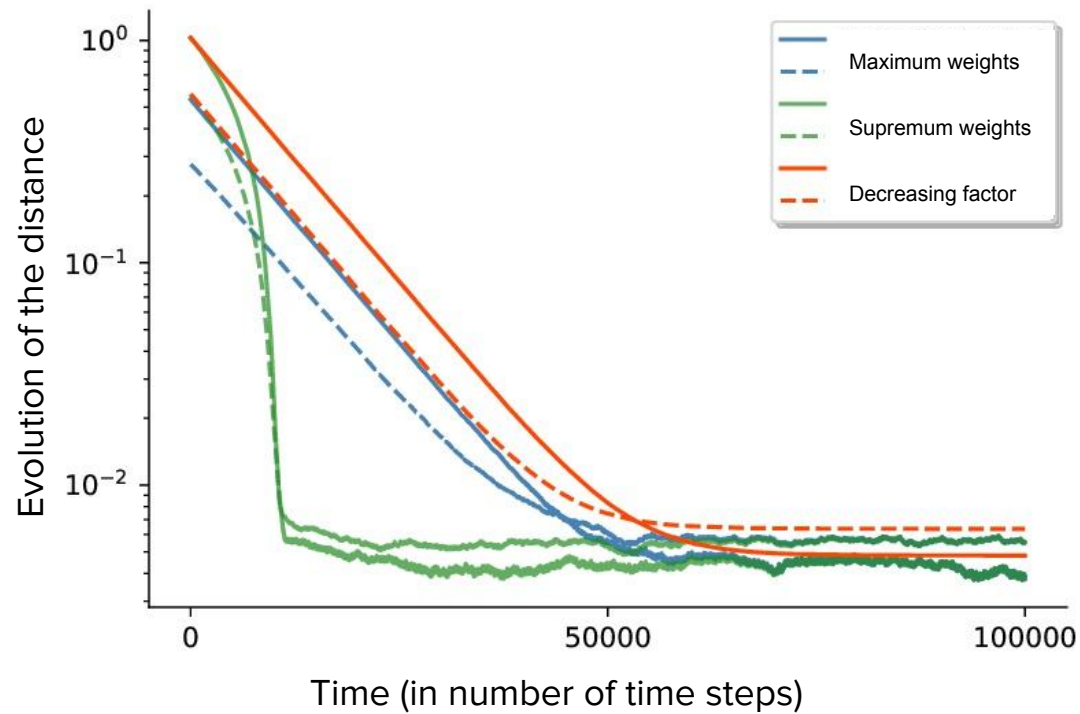
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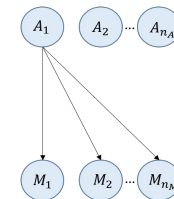
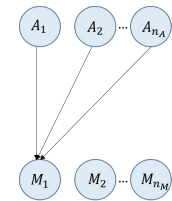
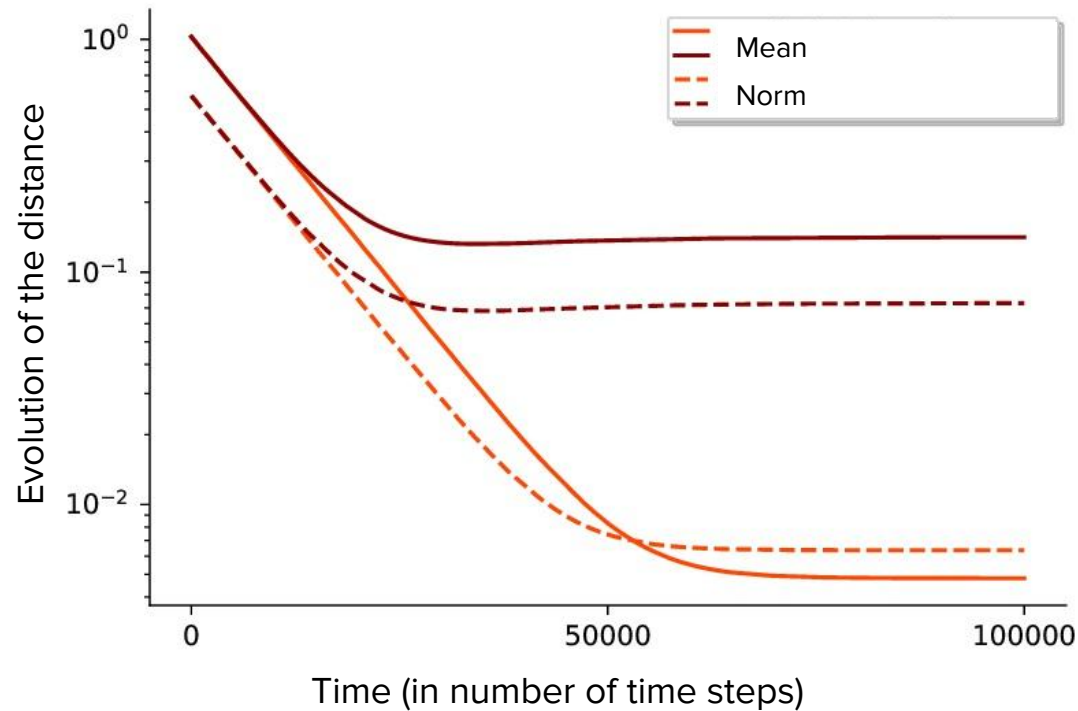
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# NORMALIZED INVERSE MODEL



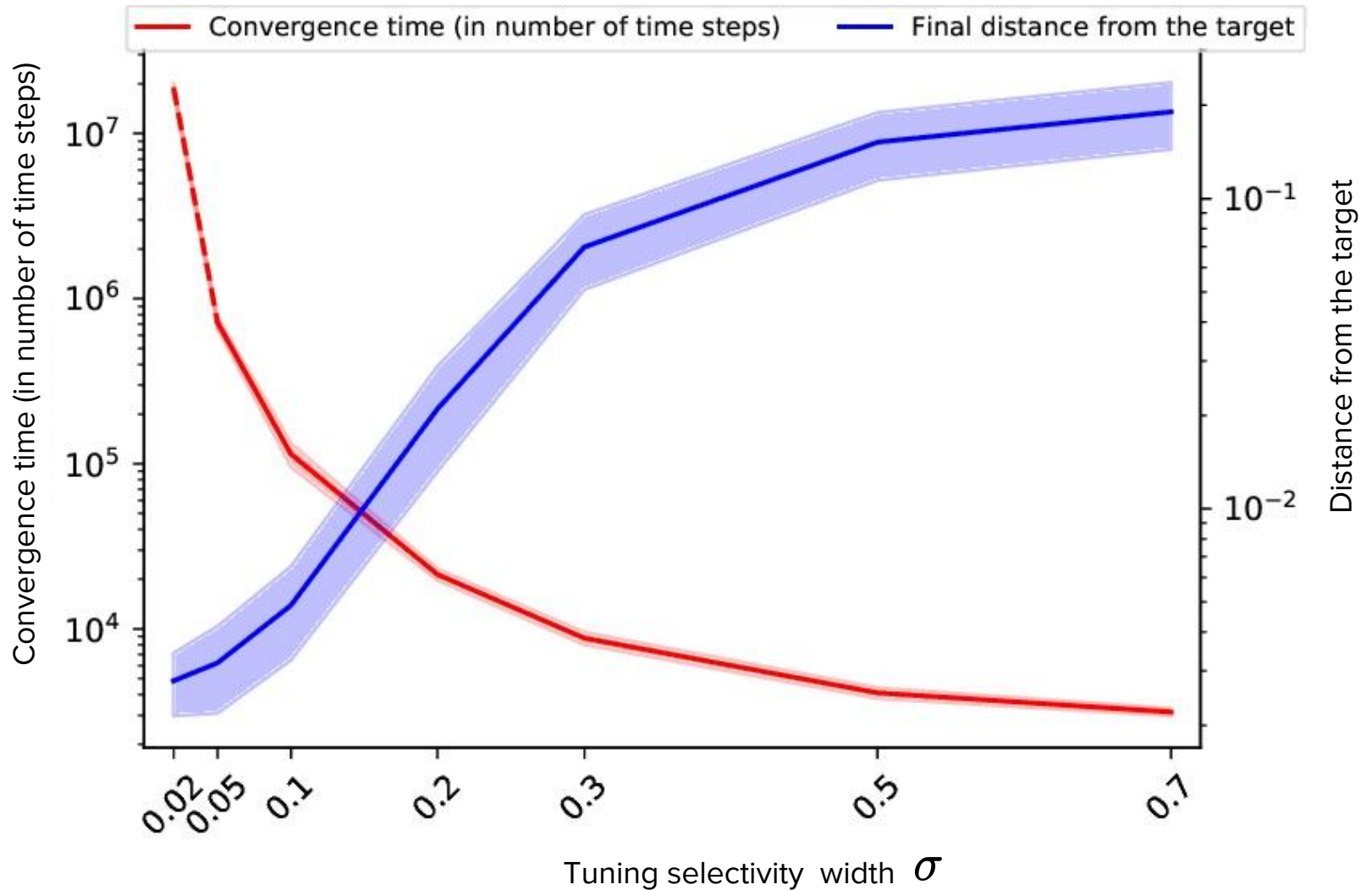
Normalization applied over the auditory neurons

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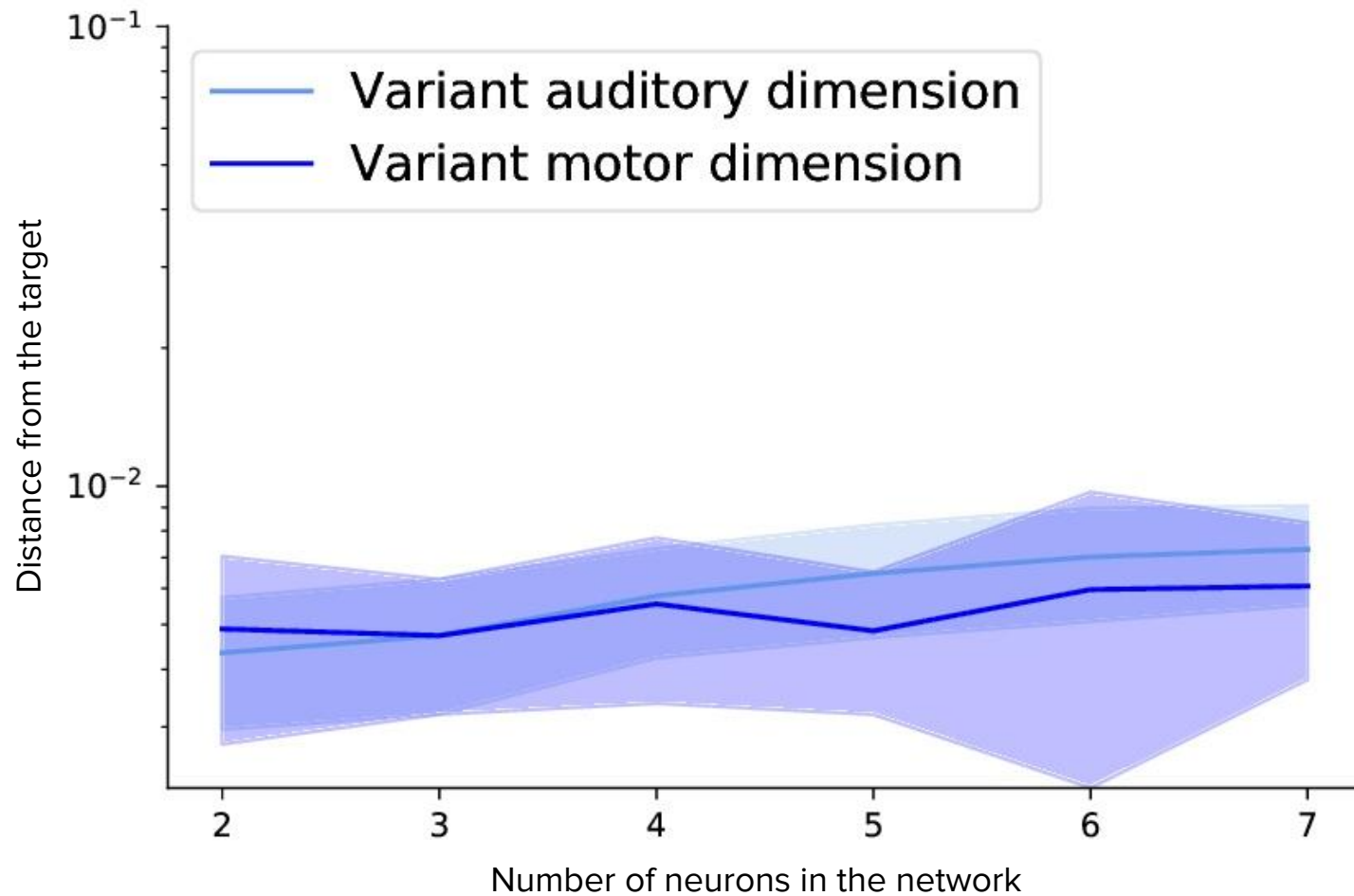


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# AUDITORY SELECTIVITY EFFECT

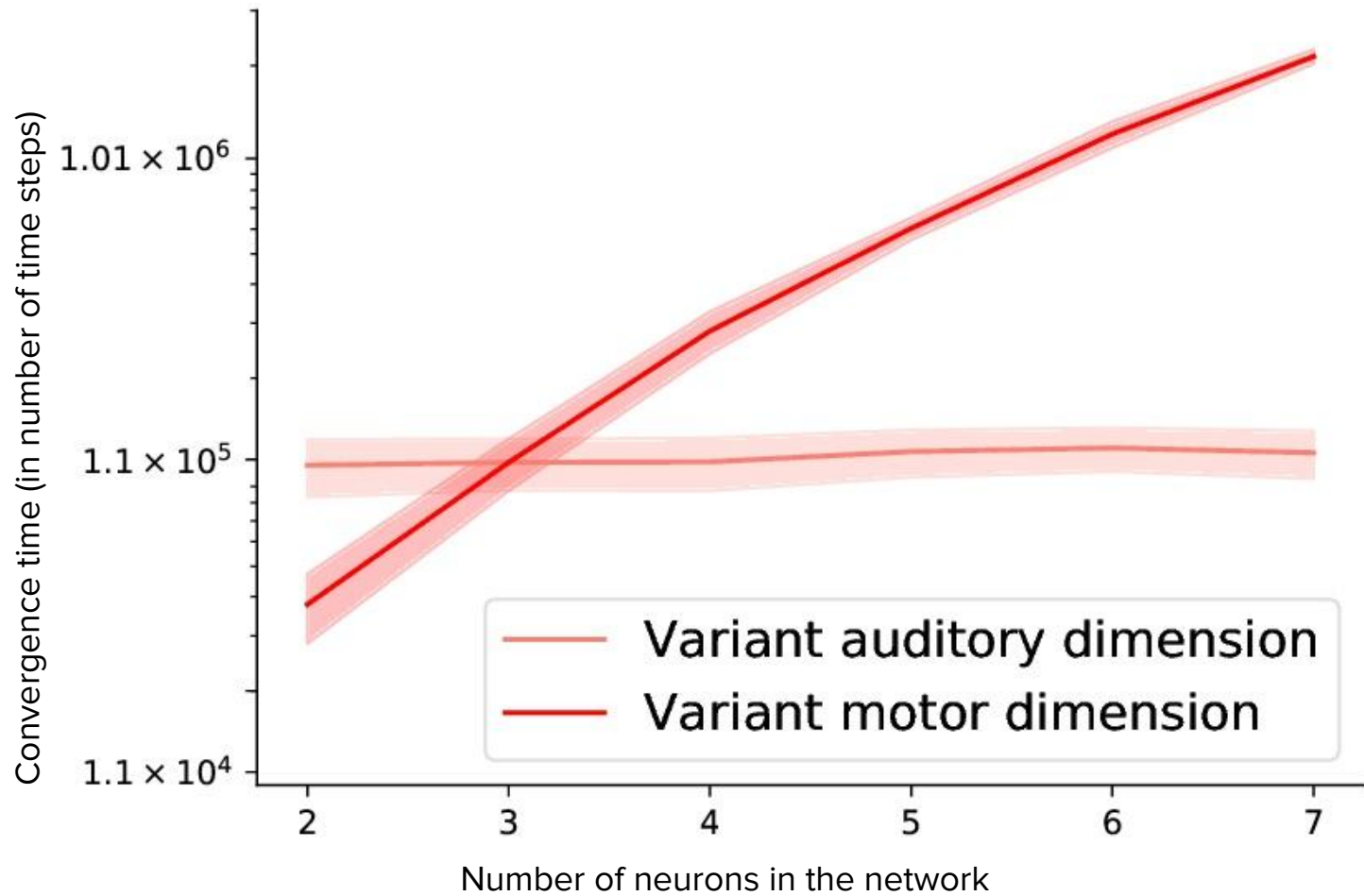


# VARYING INPUT/OUTPUT DIMENSION



Distance from the motor target at convergence

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Convergence time

# SUMMARY

- Simple normalization schema are successful in the nonlinear model
- Decreasing tuning selectivity width:
  - convergence time explosion
  - accuracy of learning increases
- Auditory VS motor dimension



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$$d_t = \frac{||M^* - W_t A^*||}{n_m}$$