

# Deep Learning - Stringer

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# Introduction

## RESEARCH ARTICLE SUMMARY

### NEUROSCIENCE

#### Spontaneous behaviors drive multidimensional, brainwide activity

Carsen Stringer<sup>1,2</sup>, Marino Pachitariu<sup>1,2</sup>, Nicholas Steinmetz, Charu Bai Reddy, Matteo Carandini<sup>1,2</sup>, Kenneth D. Harris<sup>1,2</sup>

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Conducted **LITERATURE REVIEW** to understand the previous research conducted using the Stringer dataset

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Defined a **QUESTION**

Can we predict spontaneous behavior (e.g., running speed) of a mouse from its neural activity?

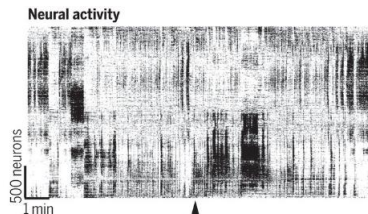
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Defined a **HYPOTHESIS**

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_r x_r + \varepsilon$$

X-feature: Neural Activity  
y-feature: Running Speed

X-feature:  
**Neural Activity**



y-feature:  
**Running Speed**



# Stringer Dataset

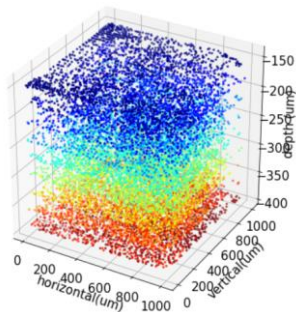
Numpy dataset

8 Features

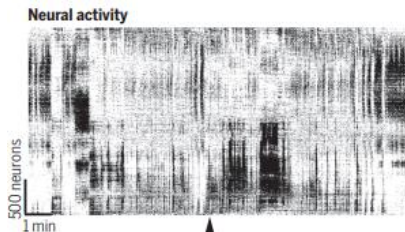
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dat = np.load('stringer_spontaneous.npy', allow_pickle=True).item()  
print(dat.keys())
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dict_keys(['sresp', 'run', 'beh_svd_time', 'beh_svd_mask', 'stat', 'pupilArea', 'pupilCOM', 'xyz'])
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3-dimensional view  
of approx. **12,000 Neurons**  
**Data['xyz']**



X-feature: Neural Activity  
**Data['sresp']**



y-feature: Running Speed  
**Data['run']**

Stringer dataset: [https://github.com/NeuromatchAcademy/course-content/blob/main/projects/neurons/load\\_stringer\\_spontaneous.ipynb](https://github.com/NeuromatchAcademy/course-content/blob/main/projects/neurons/load_stringer_spontaneous.ipynb)



# Deep Learning Model Process

## Preprocessing

- Running Speed  
shape: (7018, 1)
- Neural Activities  
shape : (11983, 7018)



- Dimension reduction:
- Principal Component Analysis
- Number of PCs: 100

- Neural Activities  
new shape : (100, 7018)



- Normalization: Z-score

## Model Architecture

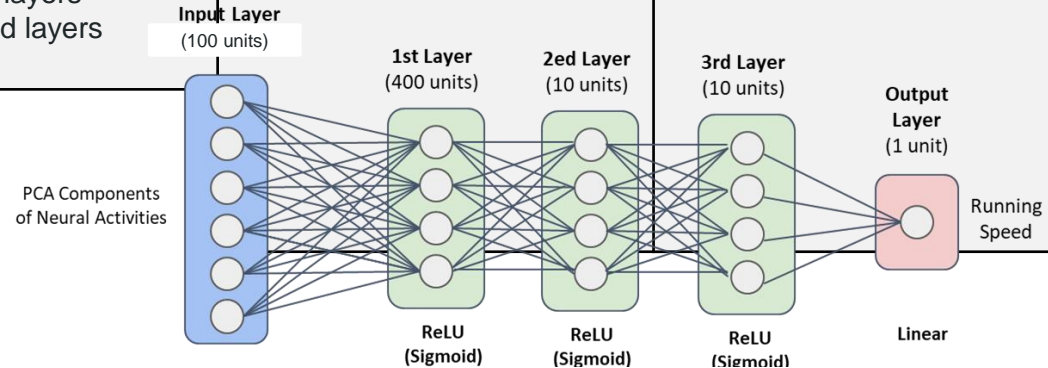
1. Fully-connected Multilayer Models:
  - a. one ReLU layer
    - i. 10 : 400 step=50
  - b. two ReLU layers
    - i. (400 , 10)
    - ii. (400, 100)
  - c. three ReLU layers
    - i. (400, 10, 10)
  - d. one Sigmoid layer
  - e. two Sigmoid layers
  - f. three Sigmoid layers

## Model Training

- Train/Test split:  
Train: 70%  
Test: 30%  
(selected by trial and error)
- Loss function:  
mean square error (MSE)
- Optimizer: ADAM
- Number of epochs: 100
- Batch size: 10
- Library: Pytorch

## Evaluation Metric

- RMSE



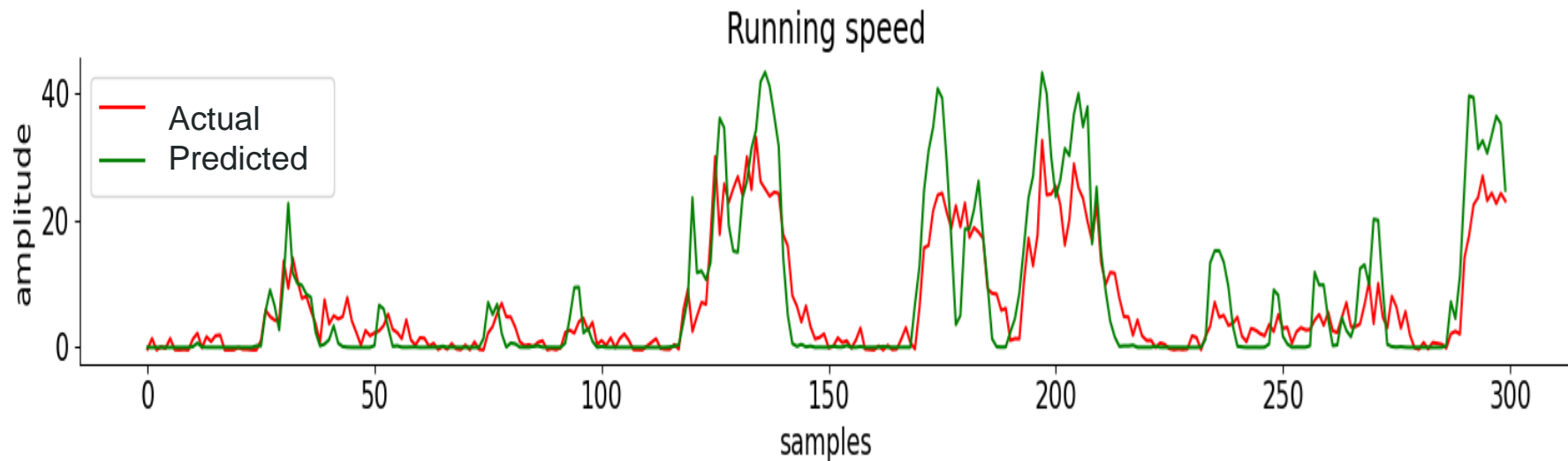
# Analysis Methods & Results

## Methods & Techniques:

- Deep Linear Neural Network Models
- Conventional Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- Activation Functions (ReLU, Sigmoid, Tanh)

		Model Architecture			Run Configuration	Results	
Input	Output	PCA	Activation Function	No. Layers	Running Parameters	Train	Test
Neural Activity	Running Speed	500	ReLU	3 Layers (Layer 1: 400 Layer 2: 10 Layer 3: 10)	No. Epochs: 100 No. Batch: 10	MSE: 59.68 RMSE: 7.73	MSE: 131.31 RMSE: 11.46
Neural Activity	Running Speed	500	Sigmoid	1 Layer (Layer 1: 400)	No. Epochs: 100 No. Batch: 10	MSE: 58.01 RMSE: 7.62	MSE: 132.44 RMSE: 11.51

# Predicted vs. Actual Outcome (i.e. Running Speed)



# Summary & Future Research

## Summary

Our main goal is to predict a spontaneous behavior of a mouse (i.e., running speed) from its neural activity by fully-connected multilayer models.

Our analysis shows that ReLU three-layer model predicted running speed with acceptable error (RMSE: 11.46 (measured for running speed)).

## Future Research

Our analysis result is based on the Stringer data with one mouse; therefore, our research findings are limited and do not generalize to all mice. By increasing the size of dataset with more mice data, we will be able to provide more robust models.

For future research, we would like to experiment with the following options to improve model performance:

- Option 1: Increase the size of dataset by data generation methods (e.g., augmentation)
- Option 2: Improve the generalization of models by methods (e.g., dropout)