
Neural Data Science-- Clustering Neurons in High Dimensions

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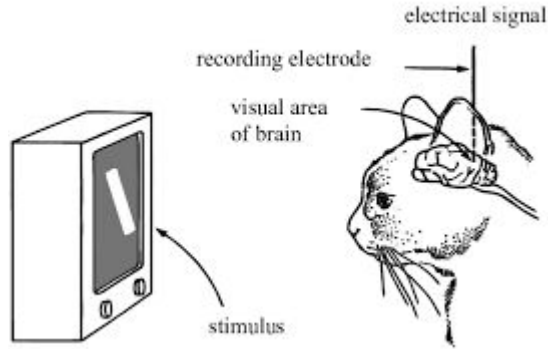
1. Agenda

New recording technologies may transform neuroscience.

- Simultaneous calcium imaging recordings from 19,000 neurons in mouse V1 and simultaneous behavioral videos
- Cool new algorithm for analyzing this data (it's fast too!)
- From algorithm to insights

History-- Neuroscience Classics

Hubel and Wiesel,
1960's and 1970's



Hebb,
1940's and 1950's

$$\frac{dw_{i,j}}{dt} = pre_i \cdot post_j$$

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The experiment

The mice were viewing sparse noise stimuli without an explicit task or reward. Recordings were made in primary visual cortex.

Along with neural recordings, the movie of the mouse snout was recorded.

Data freely available online (google Scholar Figshare).

Preprocessing of raw data

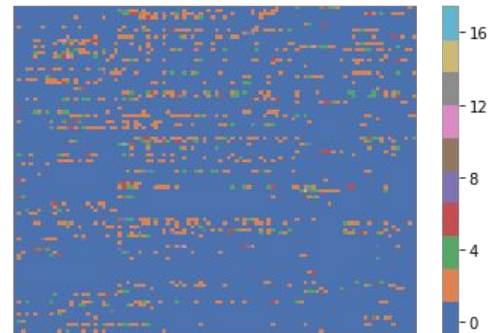
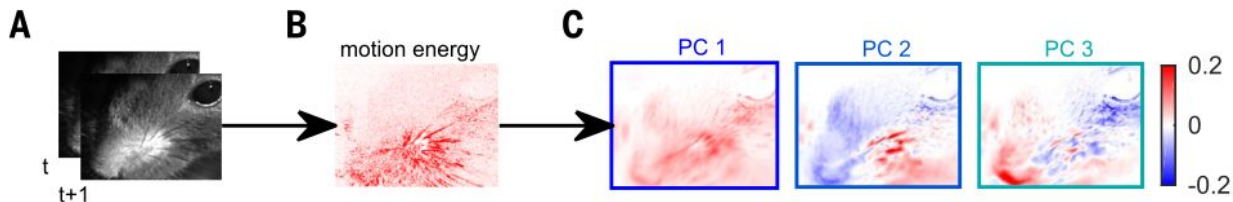
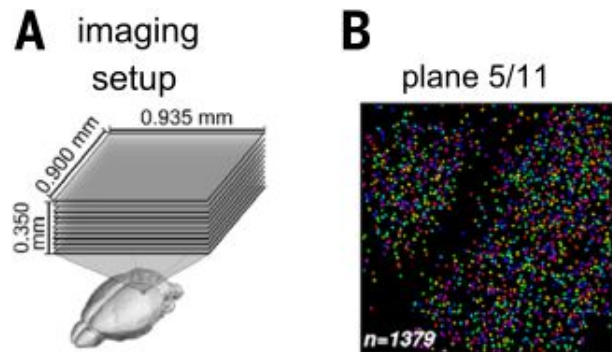
The data was recorded at 2.5 Hz (one time point is 400 ms).

Fluorescence movie was processed using the suite2p library.

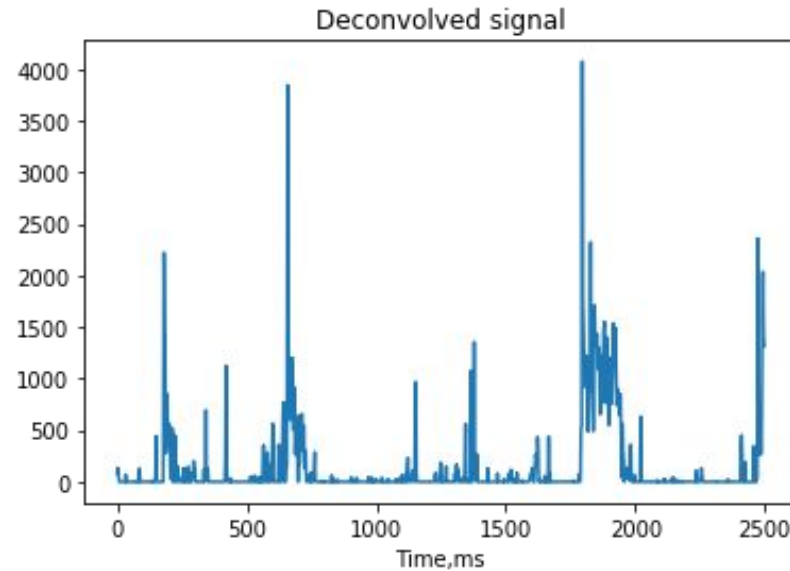
We used **deconvolved data** (OASIS) for our analyses.

Deconvolution infers time-localized and noisy estimates of the calcium influx of the cells which is an indirect proxy for action potential firing (Stringer, Pachitariu, 2018).

We used 500 motion energy principal components from the snout movie as behavioral data.



What does the data look like?



Ensemble Pursuit-- A clustering algorithm where a neuron can belong to multiple clusters

EP learns clusters of cells that tend to co-activate, e.g. form ensembles.

<https://github.com/MouseLand/EnsemblePursuit>

```
!pip install EnsemblePursuit
ep=EnsemblePursuit(n_components=100,lam=0.01,n_kmeans=100)
model=ep.fit(data)
V=model.components_
U=model.weights
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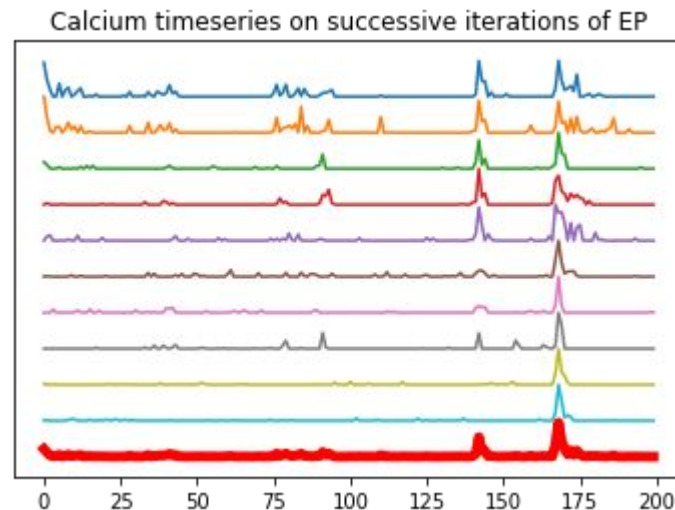
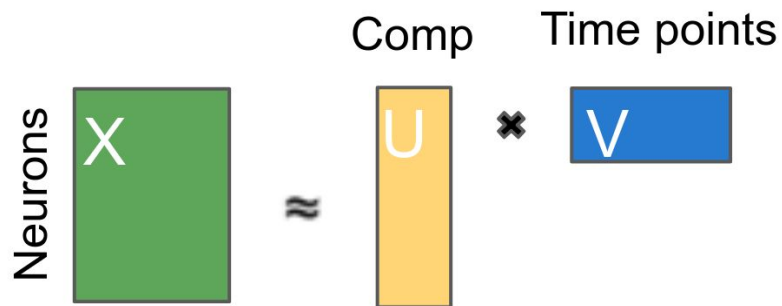
Extracts 100 components of co-activating cells from 19,000 neurons
x10,000 time points data in 4 minutes

Ensemble Pursuit Algorithm

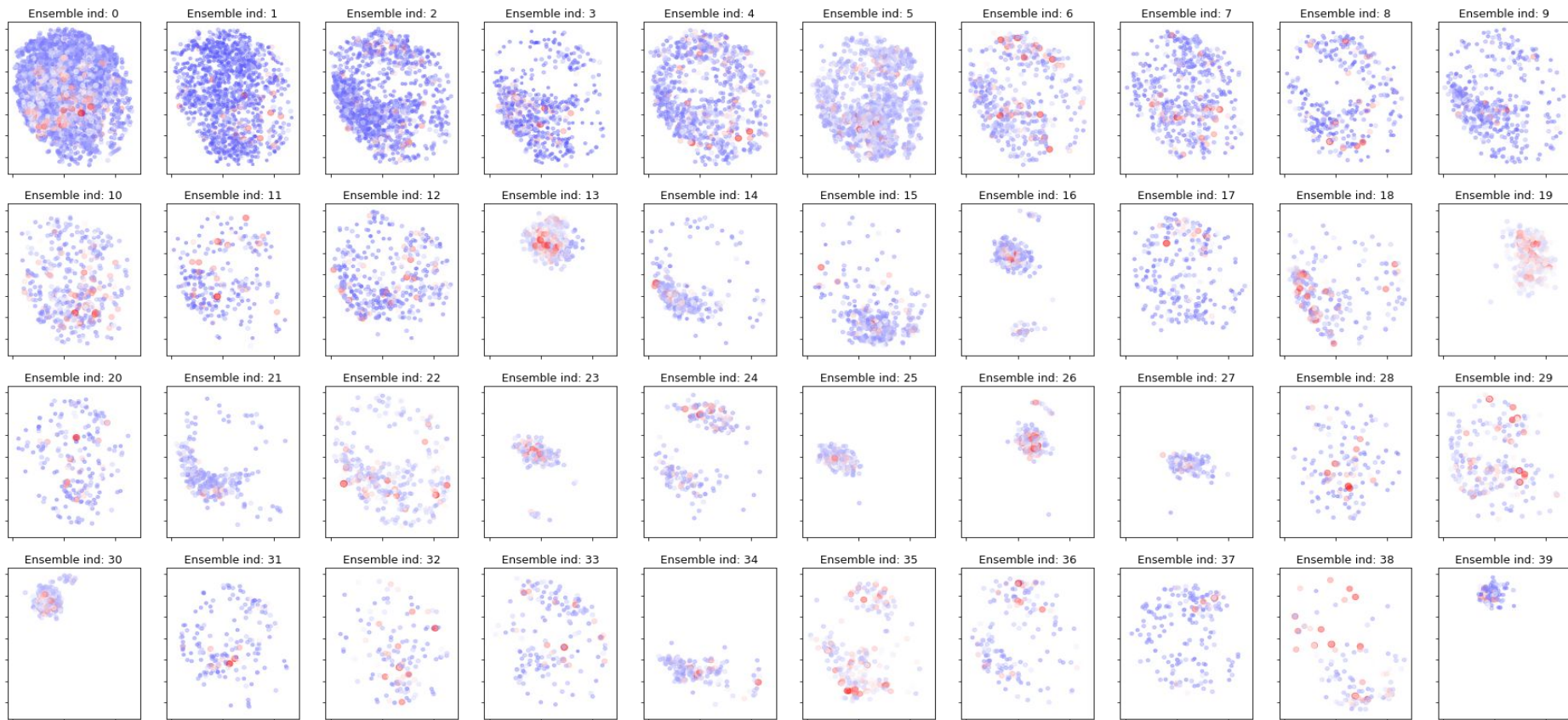
$$\text{Cost} = \|X - U \cdot V\|^2 + \lambda \|U\|_0$$

Pick lambda through supervised (KNN)
cross-validation!

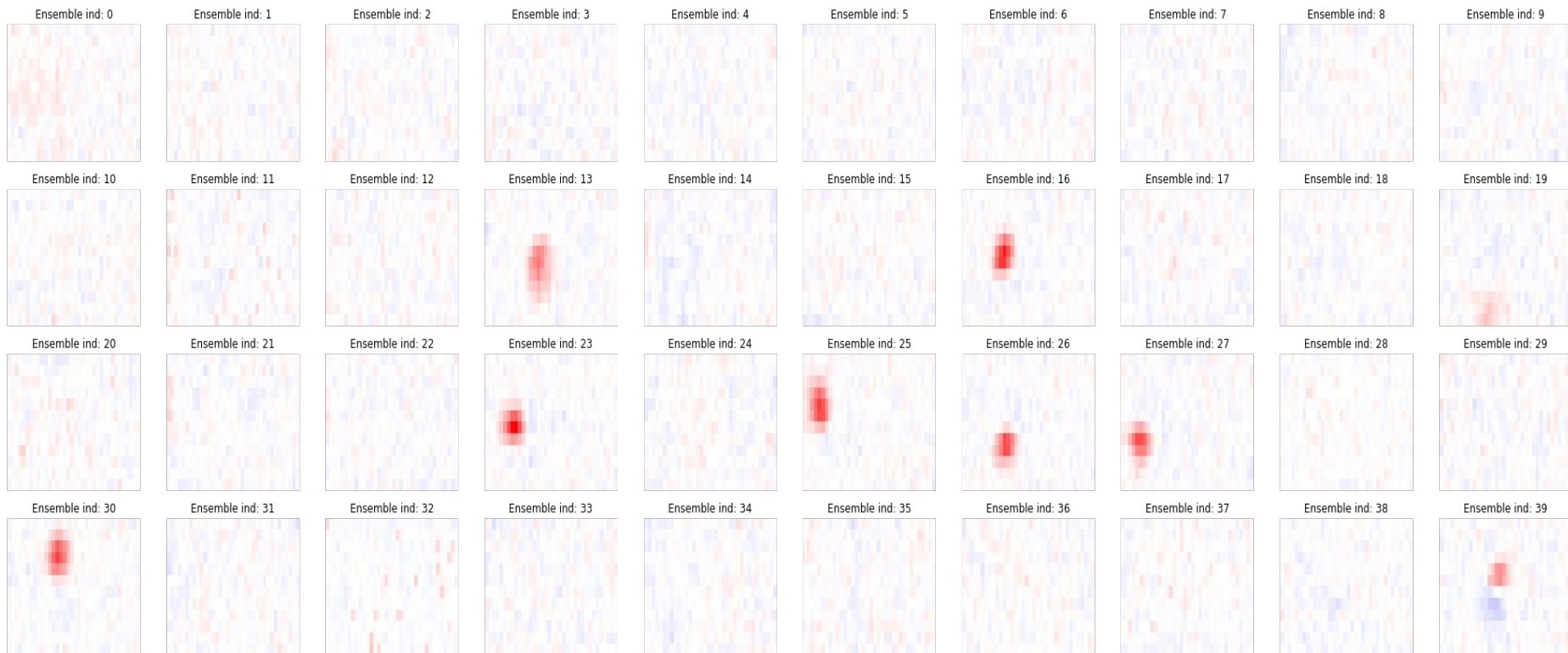
NP-Hard!
Greedy approximation!



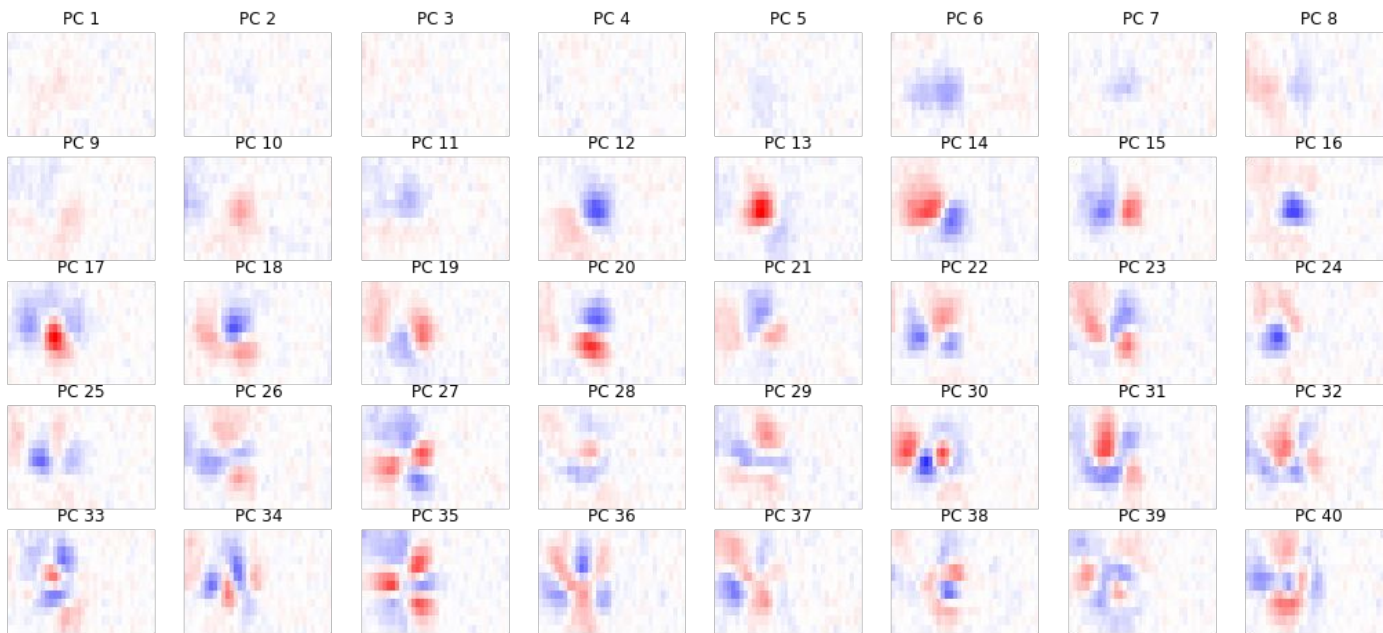
Cells in clusters



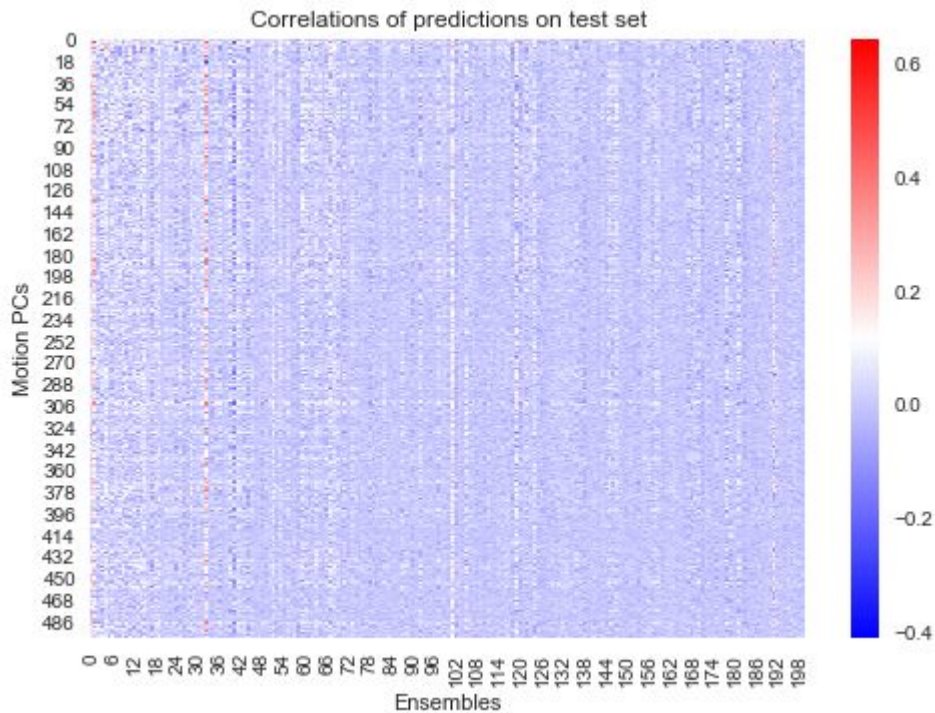
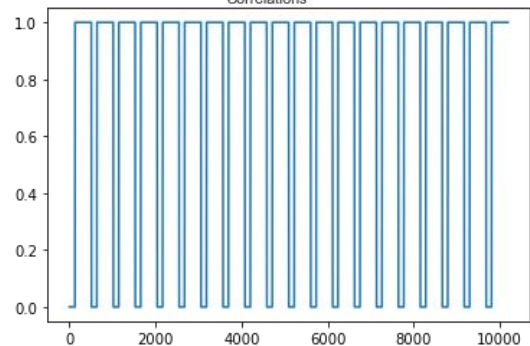
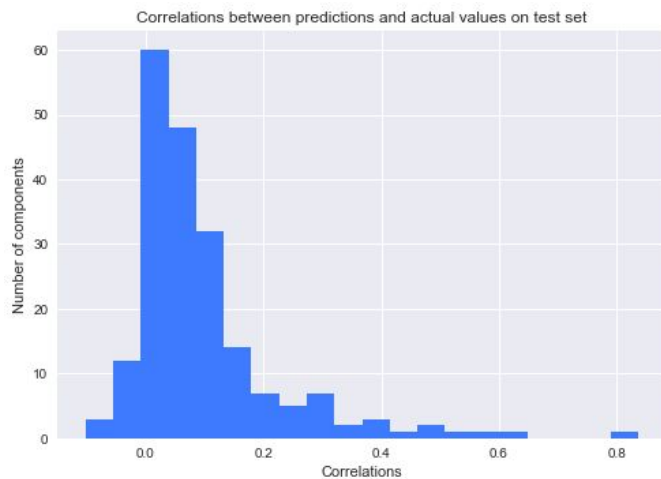
Ensemble receptive fields



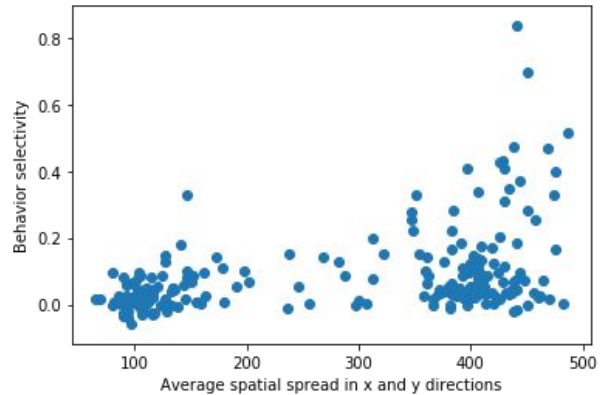
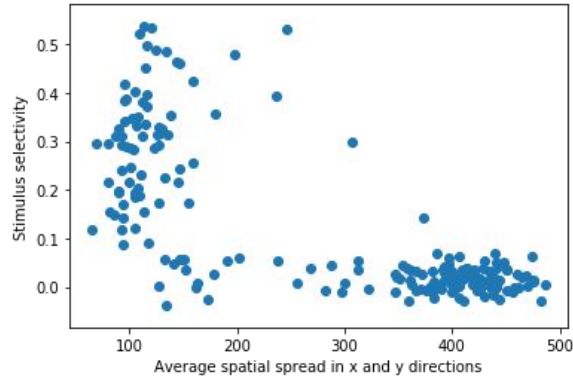
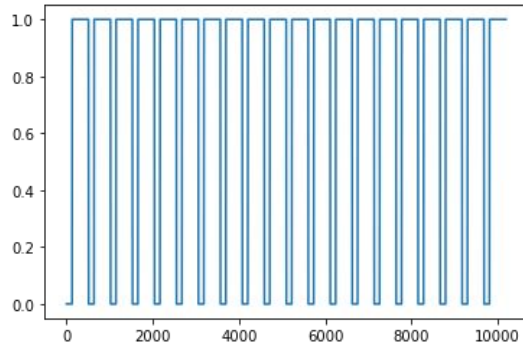
PCA receptive fields



Signatures of sensorimotor integration



'Behavior' ensembles are spatially spread out, 'Stimulus' ensembles are localized



compute EnsemblePursuit

Nr of ensembles= 100

Lambda: 0.01

Range: 0-69

Select cells

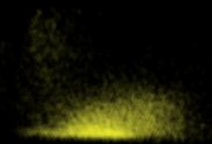
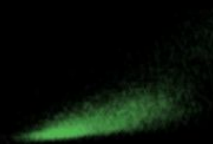
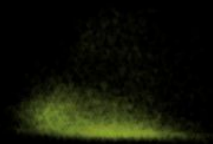
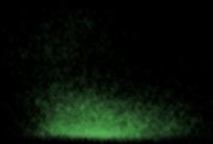
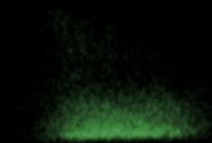
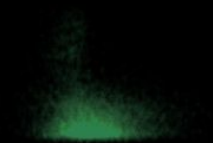
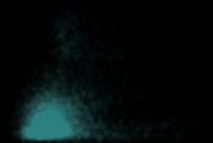
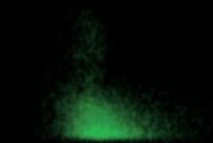
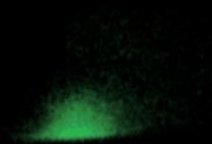
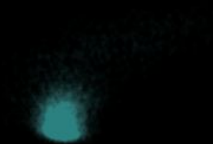
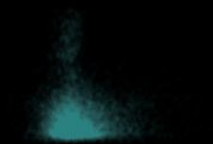
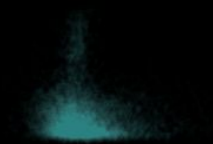
Ensemble: 0 Neuron: 0

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87	64	136	143	56	131	65	100	100	60
68	91	86	61	67	55	70	38	92	62
47	96	44	91	42	47	52	36	28	14
31	48	36	5	26	34	20	31	46	54
40	37	18	19	23	26	33	24	25	24
25	35	24	22	28	18	16	15	17	24

Principal Components

Index= 0

Range: 0-11

0, $r = -0.1926$ # 1, $r = 0.7723$ # 2, $r = -0.1142$ # 3, $r = -0.2318$ # 4, $r = -0.1439$ # 5, $r = -0.1623$ # 6, $r = 0.1747$ # 7, $r = -0.2073$ # 8, $r = 0.4145$ # 9, $r = 0.5107$ # 10, $r = -0.0577$ # 11, $r = -0.0975$ 

File Classifier Visualizations Registration Merge ROIs Plugins

ROIs On [space bar]

select cells

draw selection

select top n

select bottom n

n= 40

2414 cells

both

not cells 0

1 2 3

4 5 6

7 8 9

Background

Q: ROIs

sat:

W: mean img

E: mean img (enhanced)

R: correlation map

T: max projection

Y: mean img chan2, corr

U: mean img chan2

Colors

hsv

A: random

S: skew

D: compact

F: footprint

Q: aspect_ratio

H: chan2_prob

0.65

J: classifier, cell prob=

0.5

K: correlations, bin=

2

L: corr with 1D var, bins=AAA

M: rastermap / custom

0.00 0.50 1.00

Classifier

not loaded (using prob from iscell.npy)

add current data to classifier

Selected ROI:

54

med: [92, 121]

npix: 56

skew: 2.31

compact: 1.02

footprint: 1.00

aspect_ratio: 1.06

Activity mode:

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max # plotted:

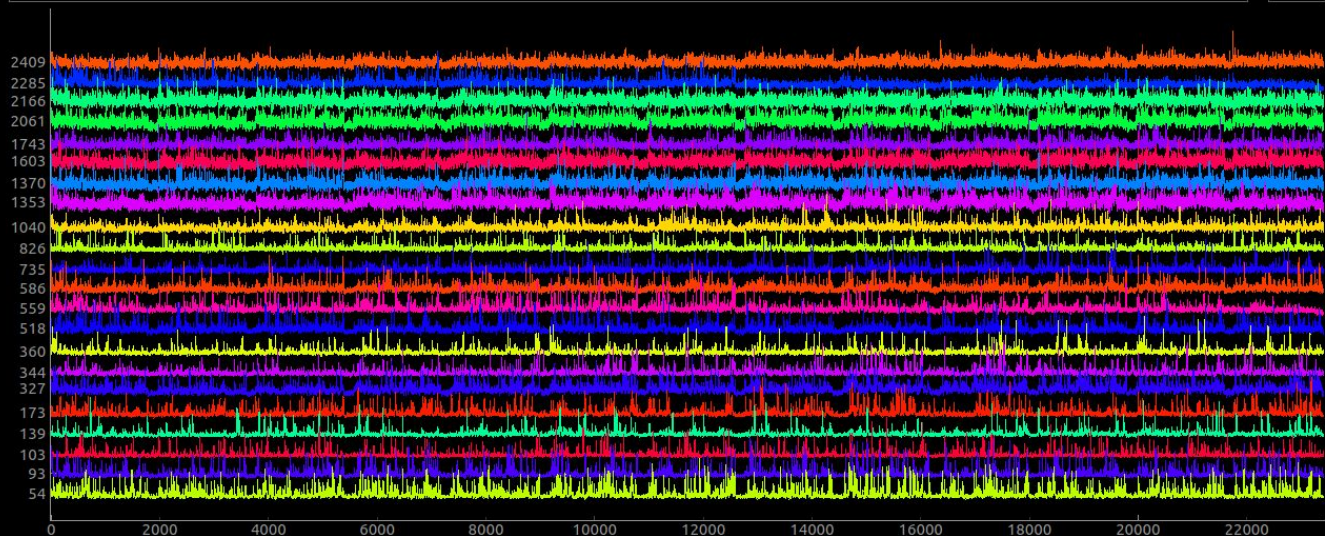
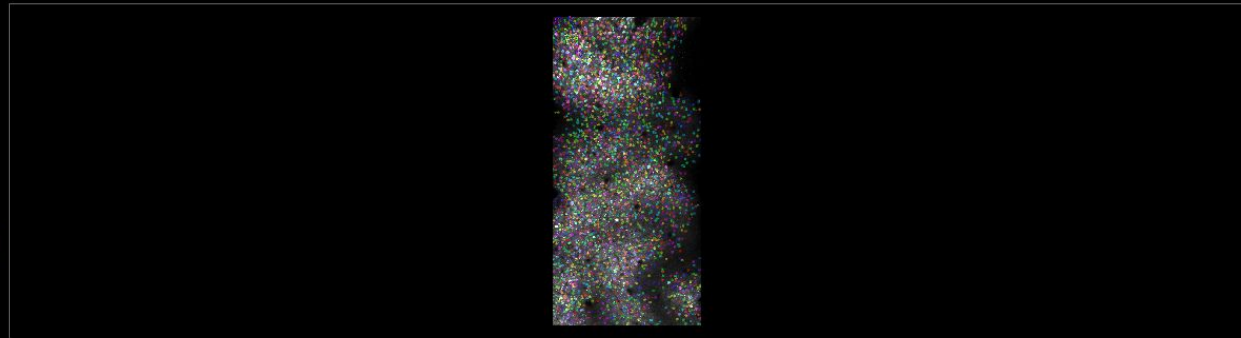
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deconv [N]

neuropil [B]

raw fluor [V]

zoom to cell





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