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A data-driven framework for neural field modeling

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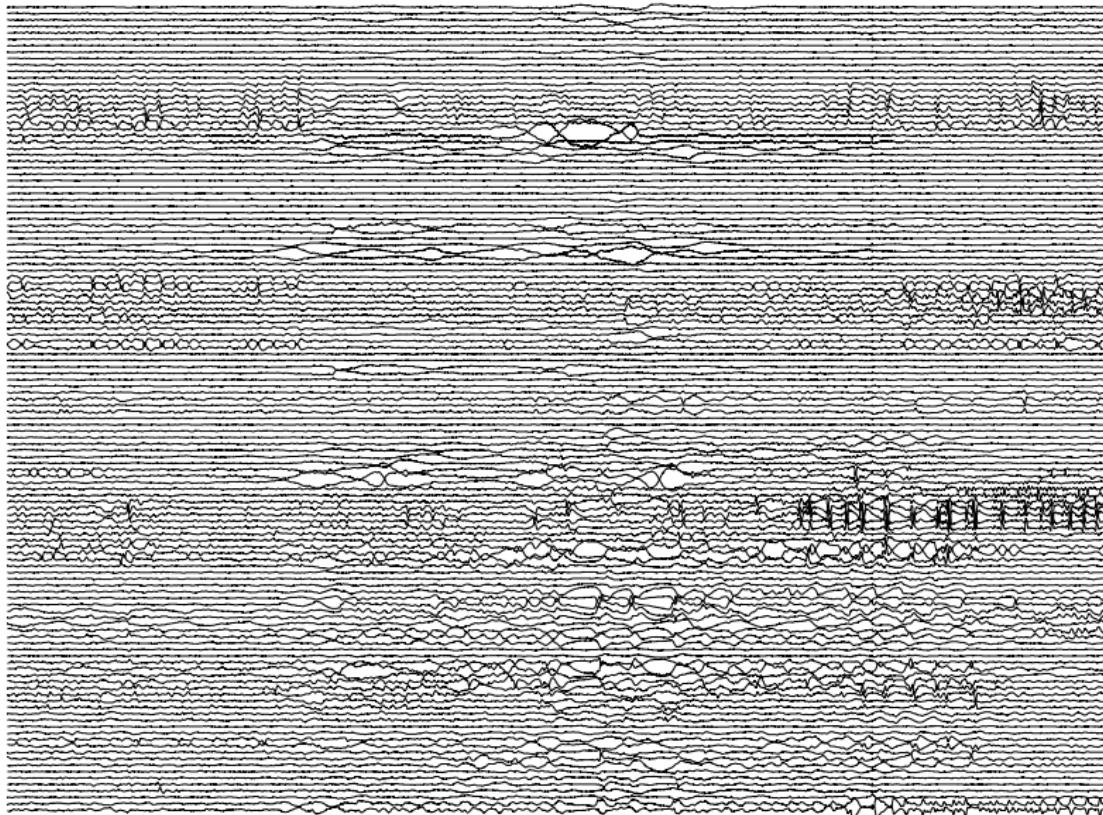
ABSTRACT

This paper presents a framework for creating neural field models from electrophysiological data. The Wilson and Cowan or Amari style neural field equations are used to form a parametric model, where the parameters are estimated from data. To illustrate the estimation framework, data is generated using the neural field equations incorporating modeled sensors enabling a comparison between the estimated and true parameters. To facilitate state and parameter estimation, we introduce a method to reduce the continuum neural field model using a basis function decomposition to form a finite-dimensional state-space model. Spatial frequency analysis methods are introduced that systematically specify the basis function configuration required to capture the dominant characteristics of the neural field. The estimation procedure consists of a two-stage iterative algorithm incorporating the unscented Rauch-Tung-Striebel smoother for state estimation and a least squares algorithm for parameter estimation. The results show that it is theoretically possible to reconstruct the neural field and estimate intracortical connectivity structure and synaptic dynamics with the proposed framework.

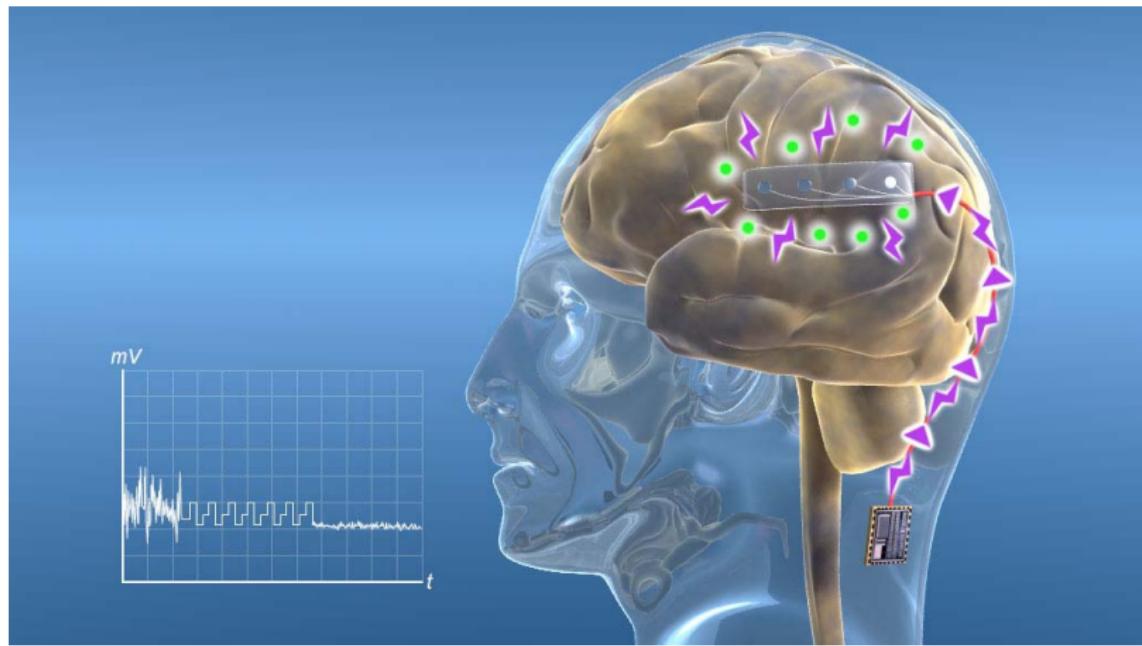
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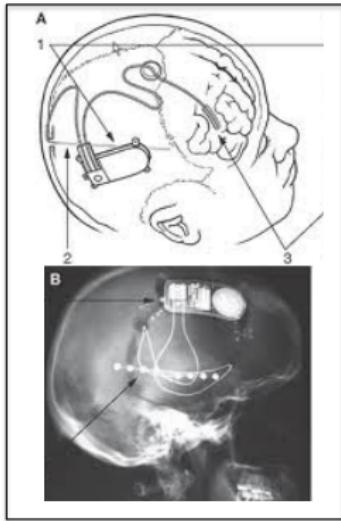
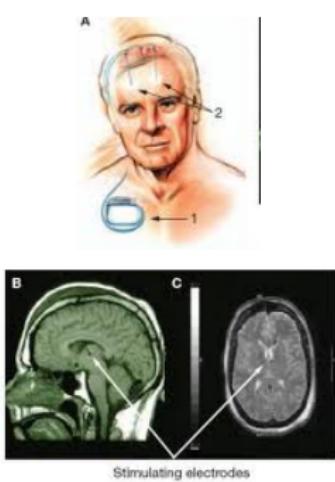
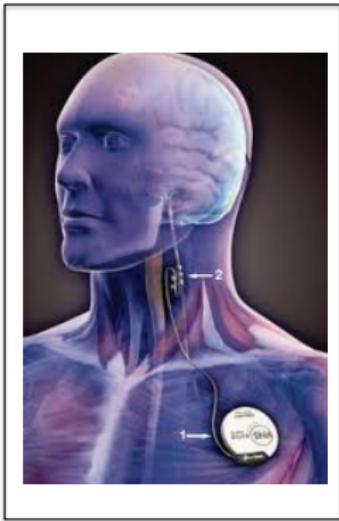
Motivation



Electrical stimulation as therapy



Trial and error (open loop) stimulation strategy



Parkinson's (persistent) vs. epilepsy (intermittent)

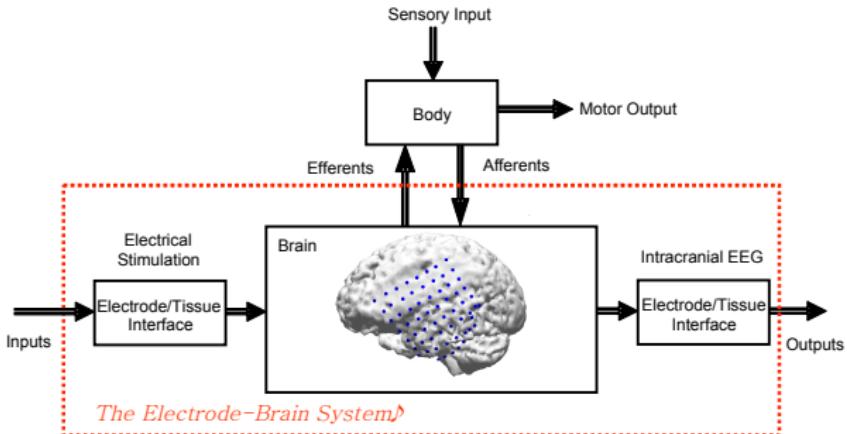
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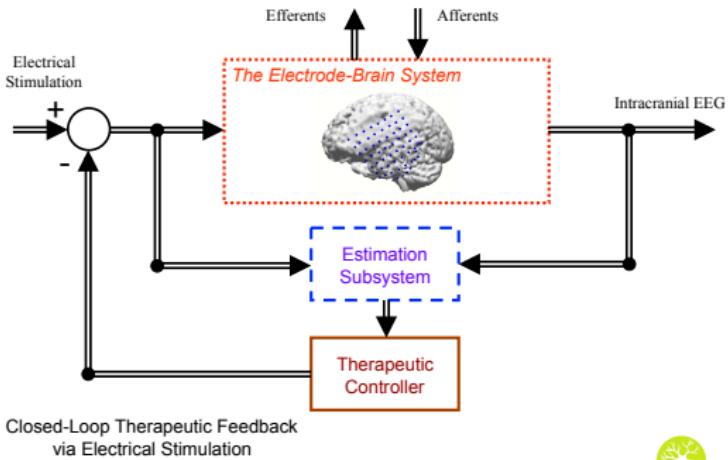
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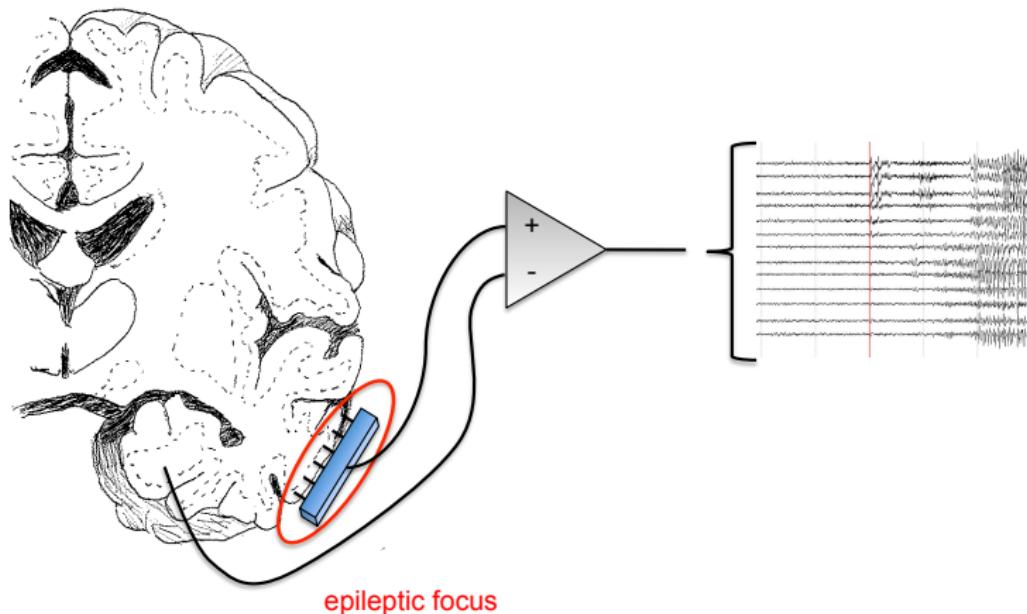
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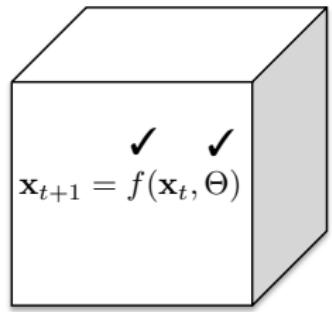
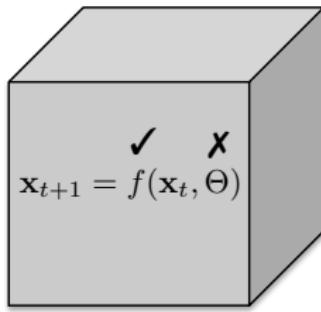
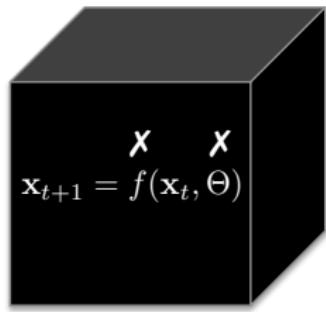


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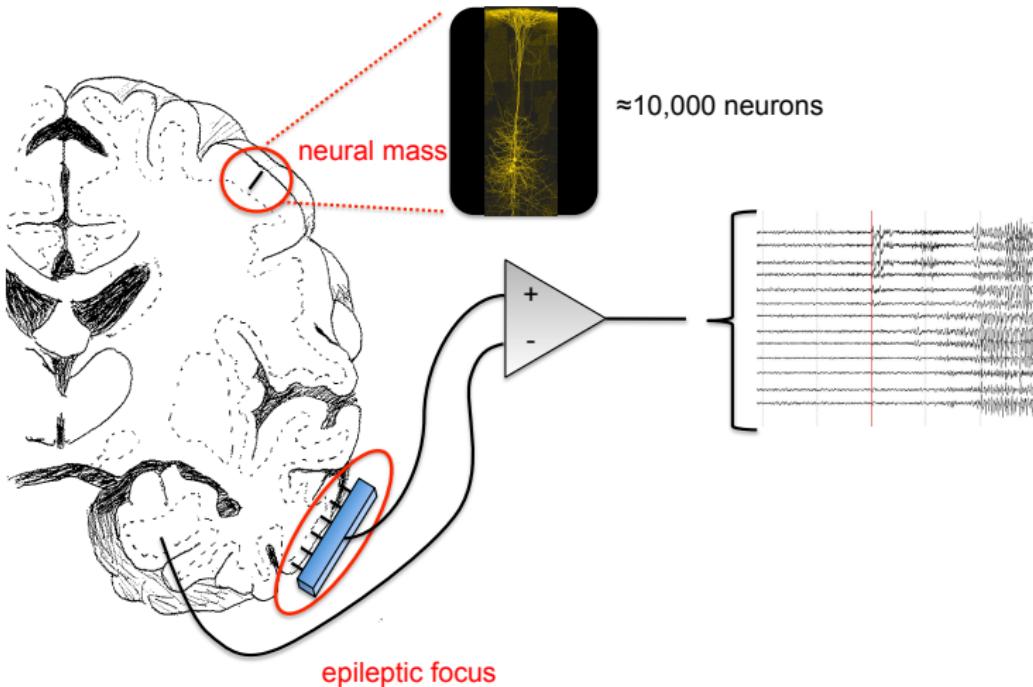
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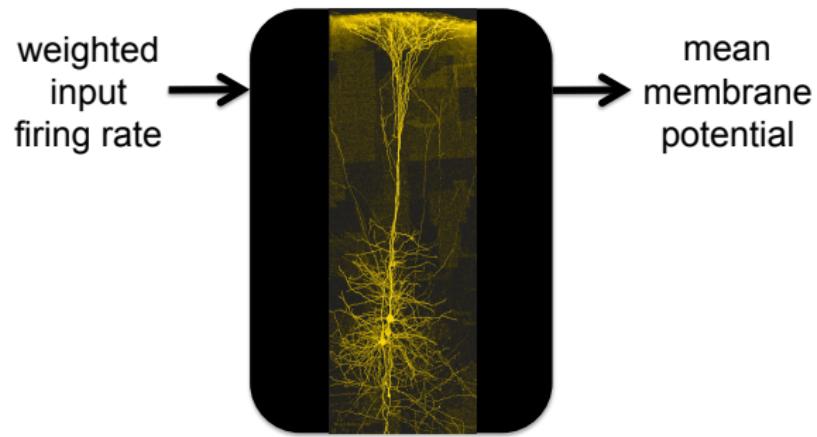
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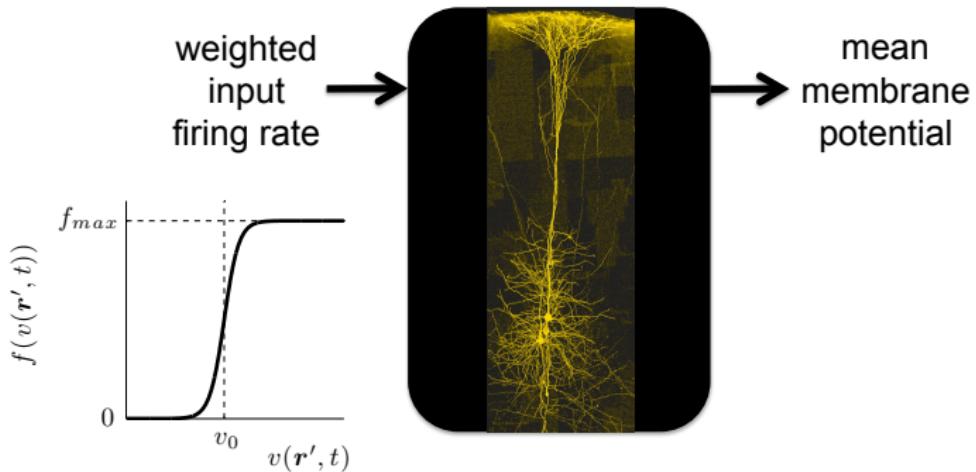
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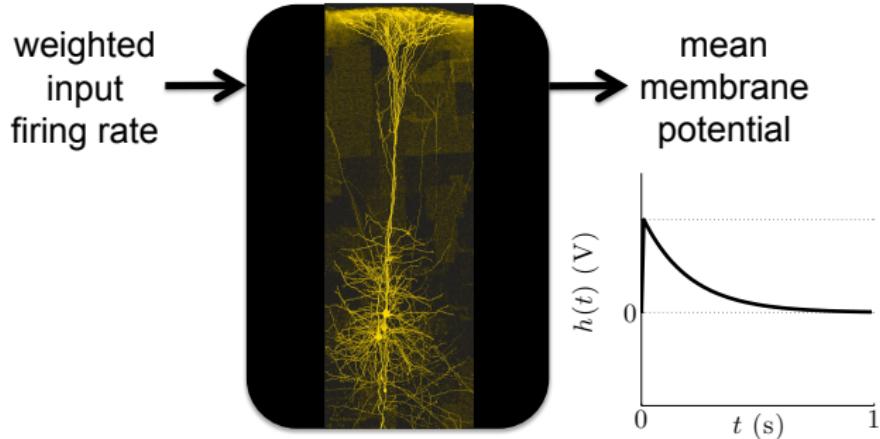
Neural mass



$$g(\mathbf{r}, t) = w_{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'} f(v(\mathbf{r}', t)) \quad (1)$$

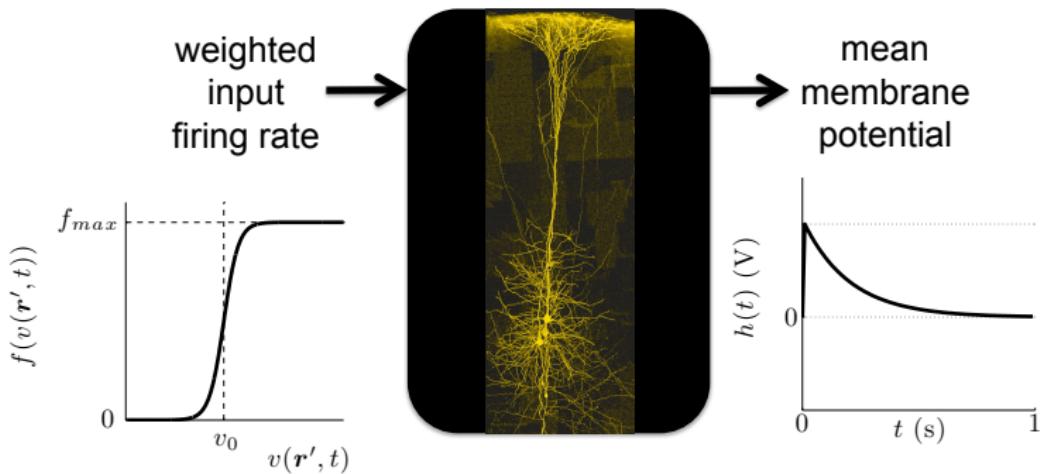
$$f(v(\mathbf{r}', t)) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\varsigma(v_0 - v(\mathbf{r}', t)))} \quad (2)$$

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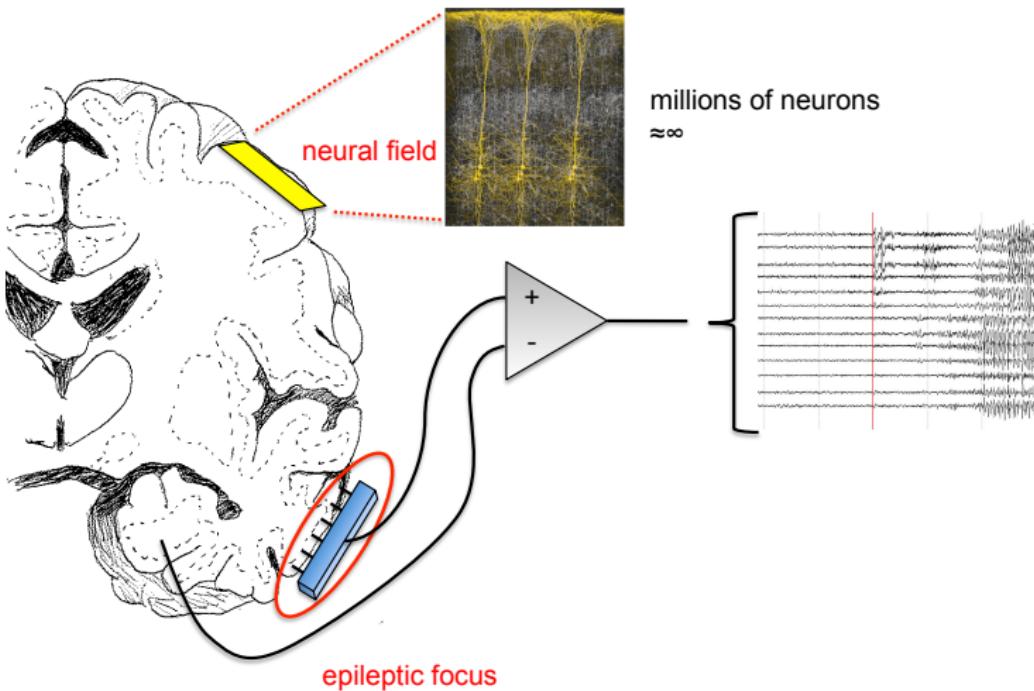
$$h(t) = \eta(t) \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right) \quad (3)$$

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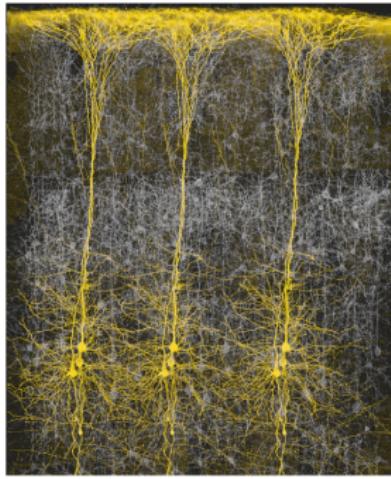


$$\underbrace{v(\mathbf{r}, t)}_{\text{potential}} = \int_{-\infty}^t \underbrace{h(t-t')}_{\text{synaptic}} \underbrace{w_{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'}}_{\text{weight}} \underbrace{f(v(\mathbf{r}', t'))}_{\text{firing}} dt' \quad (4)$$

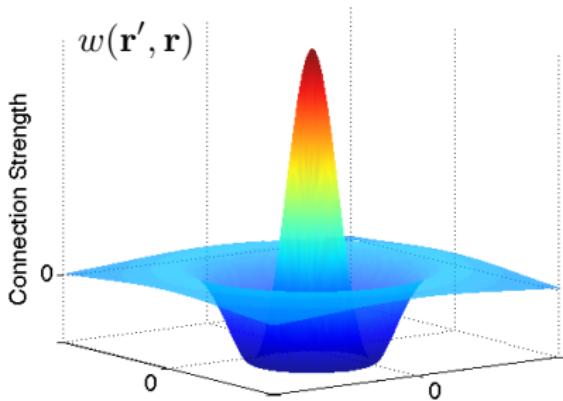
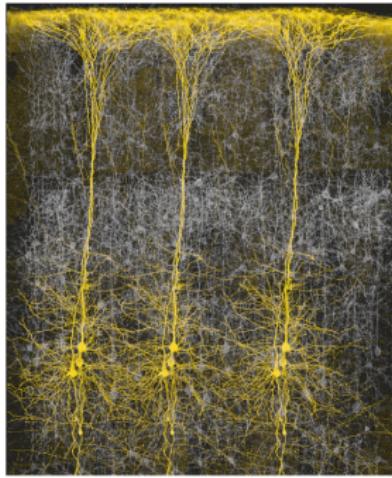
Neural field



Neural field model

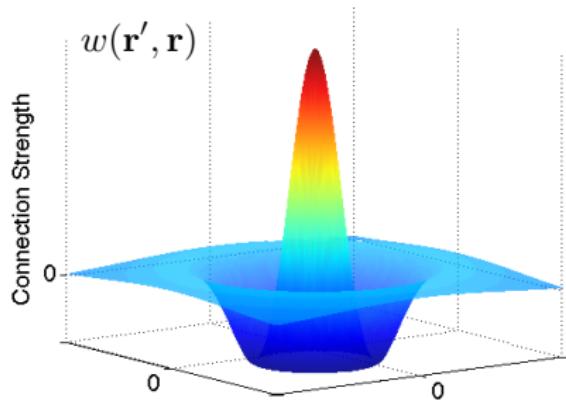
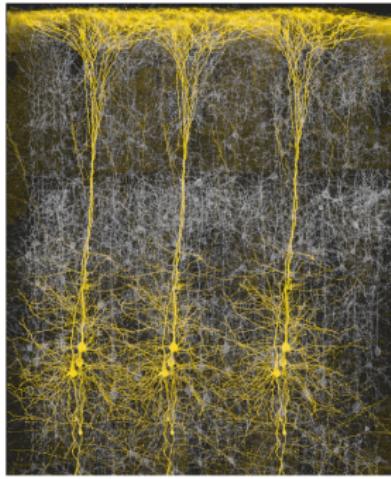


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$$\frac{dv(\mathbf{r}, t)}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\tau} v(\mathbf{r}, t) + \int_{\Omega} w(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') f(v(\mathbf{r}', t)) d\mathbf{r}' \quad (6)$$

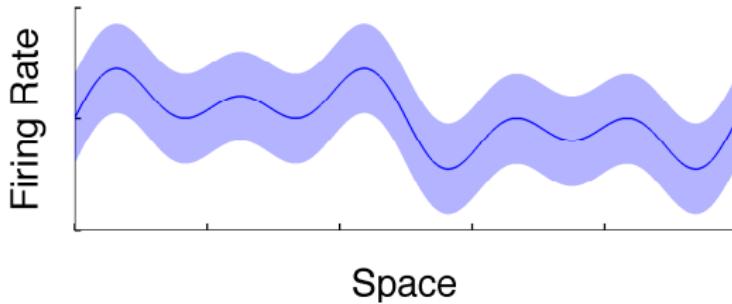
Discrete time stochastic neural field model

$$\underbrace{v_{t+T_s}(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{dynamics}} = \underbrace{\xi v_t(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{synaptic}} + T_s \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{w(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')}_{\text{connectivity}} \underbrace{f(v_t(\mathbf{r}'))}_{\text{firing}} d\mathbf{r}' + \underbrace{e_t(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{uncertainty}}, \quad (7)$$

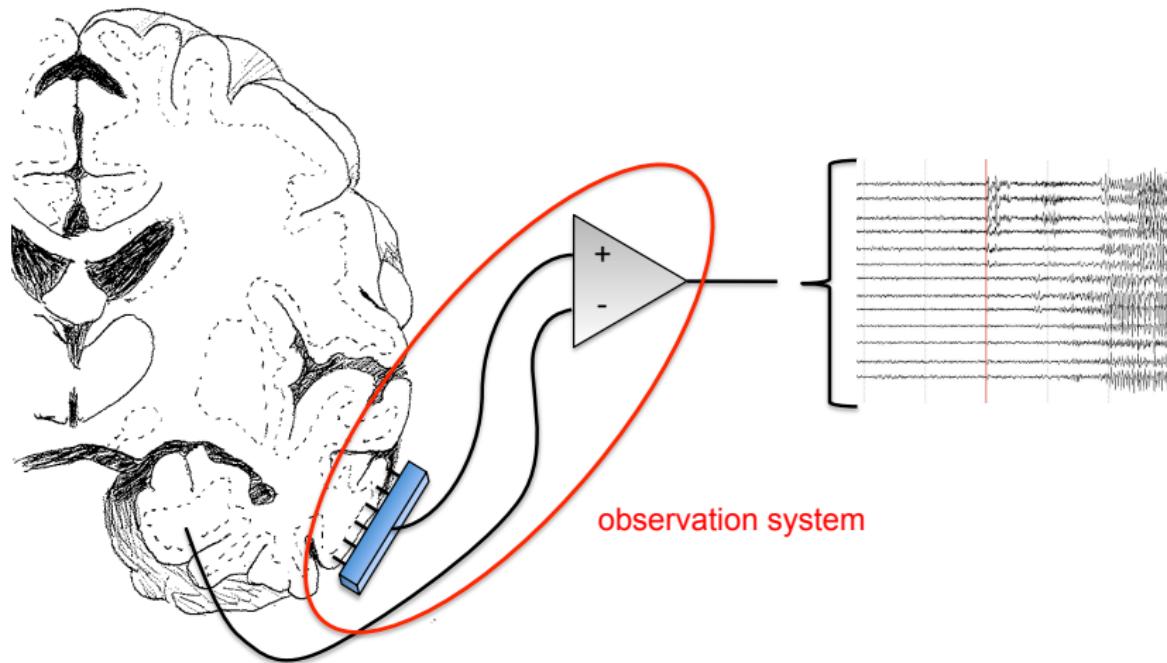
where

$$\xi = 1 - \frac{T_s}{\tau}$$

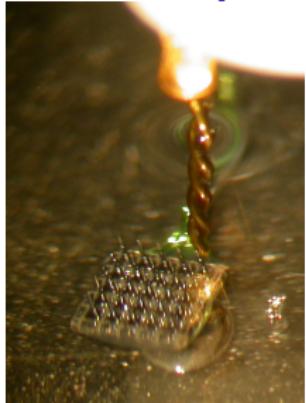
$$e_t(\mathbf{r}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mathbf{0}, \gamma(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'))$$



Observations



Observation equation



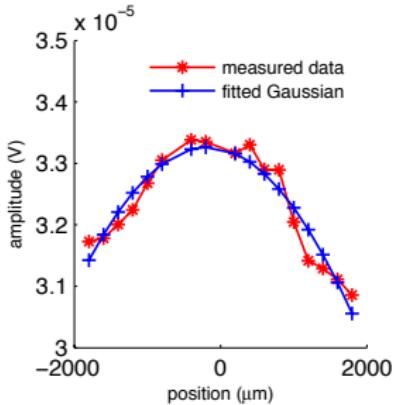
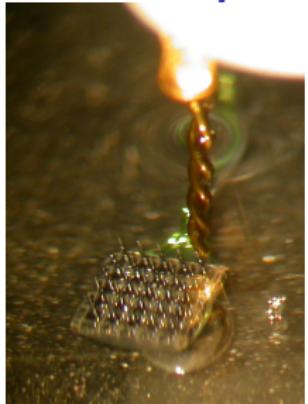
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where

$$m(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') = \exp\left(-\frac{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')^\top (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{\sigma_m^2}\right) \quad (9)$$

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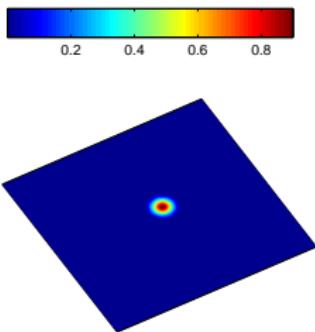
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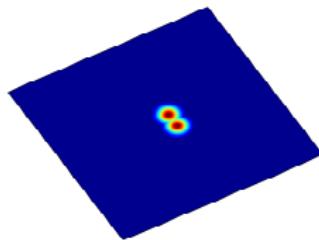
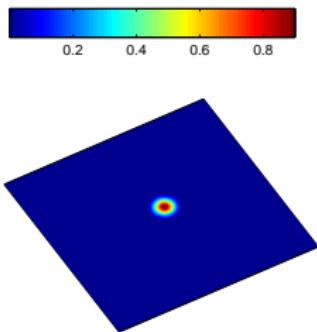
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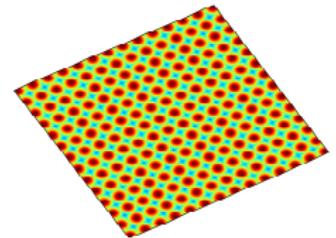
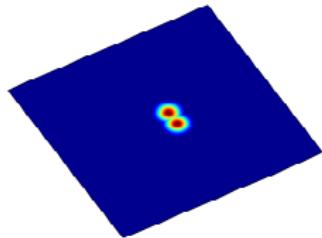
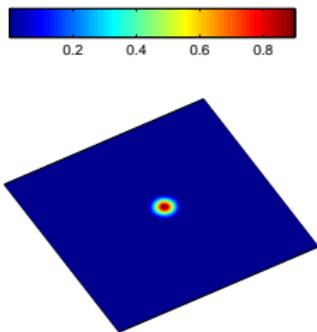
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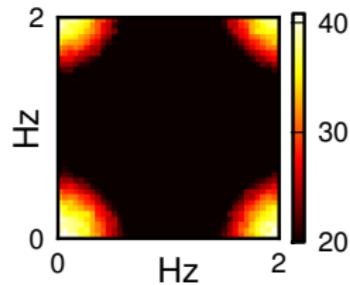


Positioning sensors

Assuming

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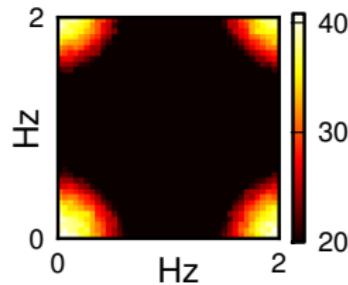


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$$\Delta_y \leq \frac{1}{2\rho_y\nu_c}, \quad (12)$$

where $\rho_y \in \mathbb{R} \geq 1$. See Scerri et al. for more info¹.

¹Scerri et al. (2009) IEEE Trans. Sig. Proc. 57

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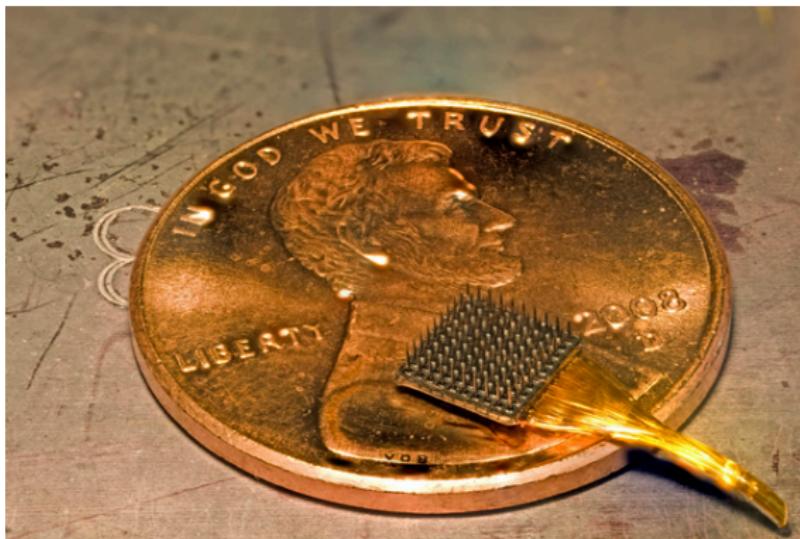
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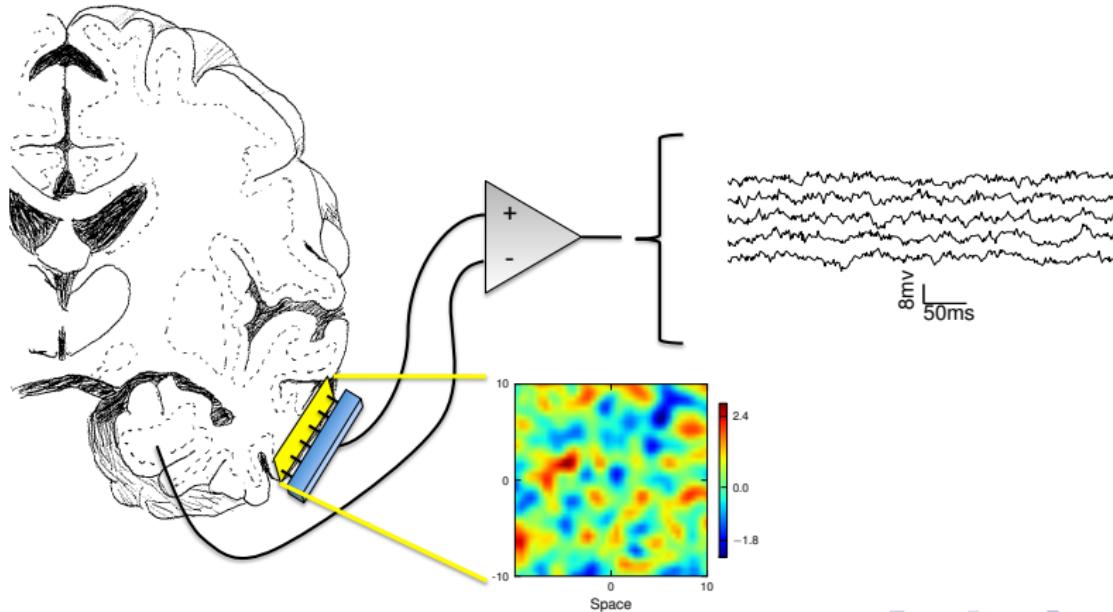


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Model output

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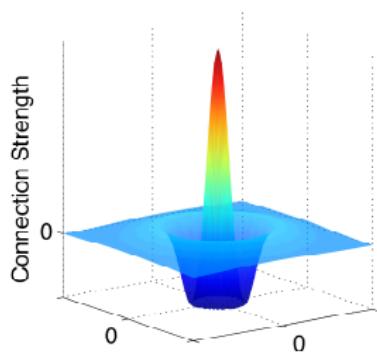
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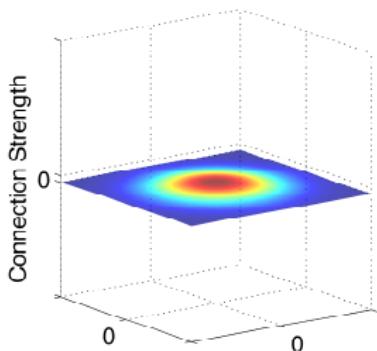
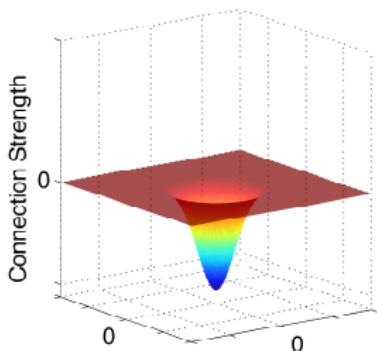
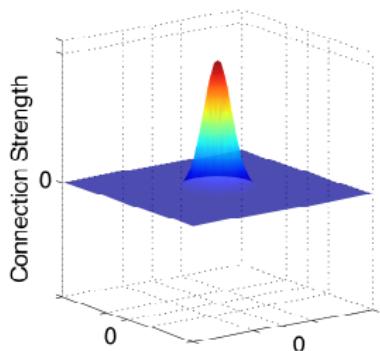
Connectivity kernel decomposition

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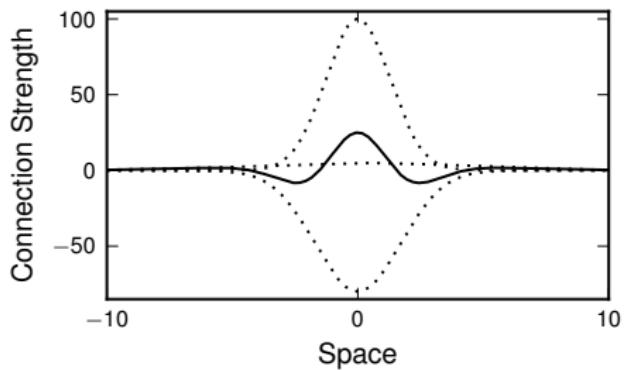
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Field basis function decomposition

We can approximate the field by

$$v_t(\mathbf{r}) \approx \phi^\top(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{x}_t, \quad (14)$$

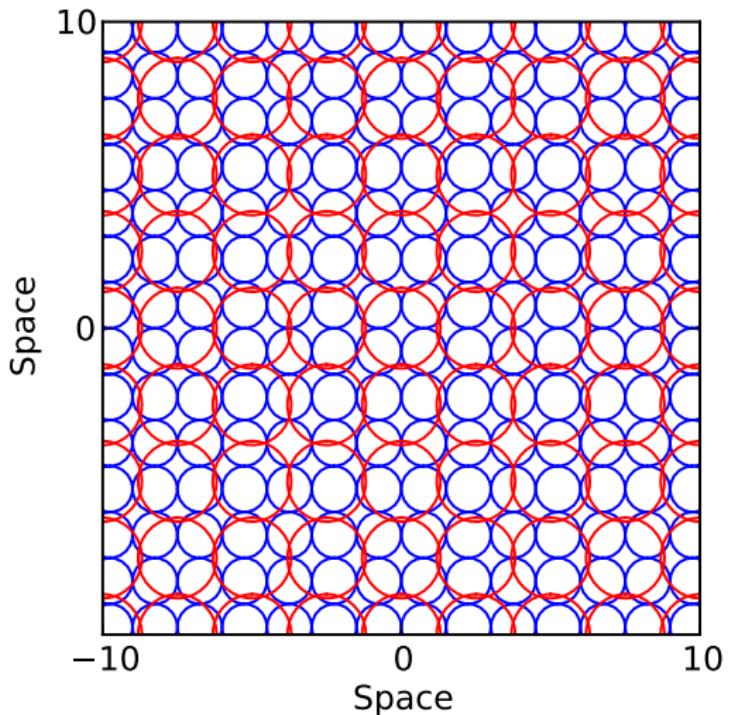
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$$\phi(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') = \exp\left(-\frac{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')^\top(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{\sigma_\phi^2}\right).$$

1D neural field decomposition with state

A movie was here

Sensor and field basis function position



Reduced system equation

We get a reduced system equation

$$\phi^T(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{x}_{t+T_s} = \xi\phi^T(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{x}_t + T_s \int_{\Omega} \textcolor{blue}{f}\left(\phi^T(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{x}_t\right) \textcolor{orange}{\psi}^T(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}' \boldsymbol{\theta} + \textcolor{brown}{e}_t(\mathbf{r}). \quad (15)$$

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where

$$\mathbf{e}_t \triangleq \Gamma^{-1} \int_{\Omega} \phi(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{e}_t(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \quad (17)$$

$$\Gamma \triangleq \int_{\Omega} \phi(\mathbf{r}) \phi^\top(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \quad (18)$$

$$[\Psi(\mathbf{r}')]_{:i} \triangleq T_s \Gamma^{-1} \int_{\Omega} \phi(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i(2\mathbf{c}_i + \mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}. \quad (19)$$

Reduced observation equation

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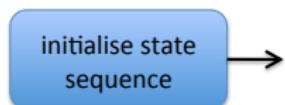
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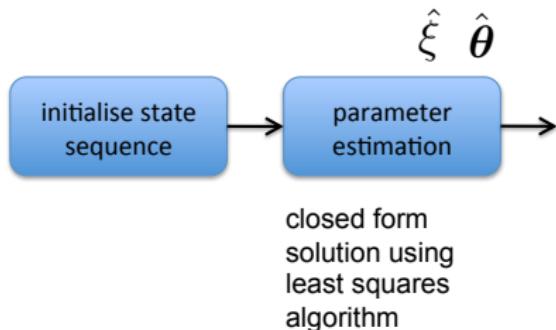


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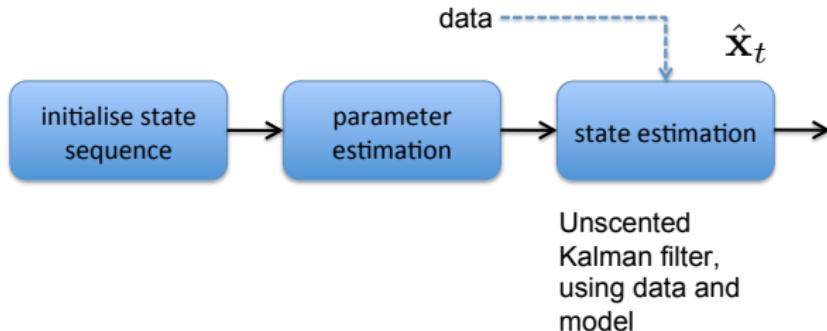
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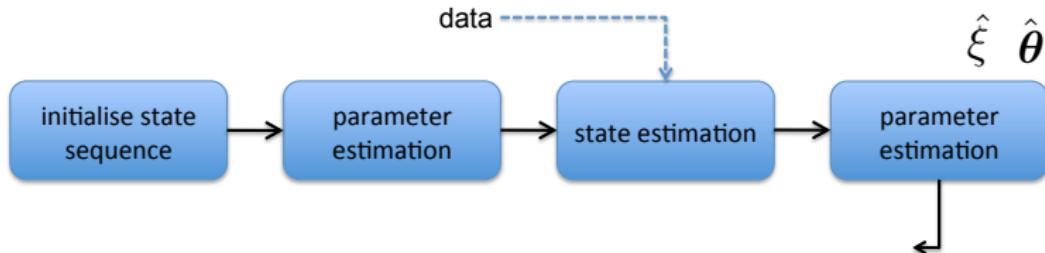
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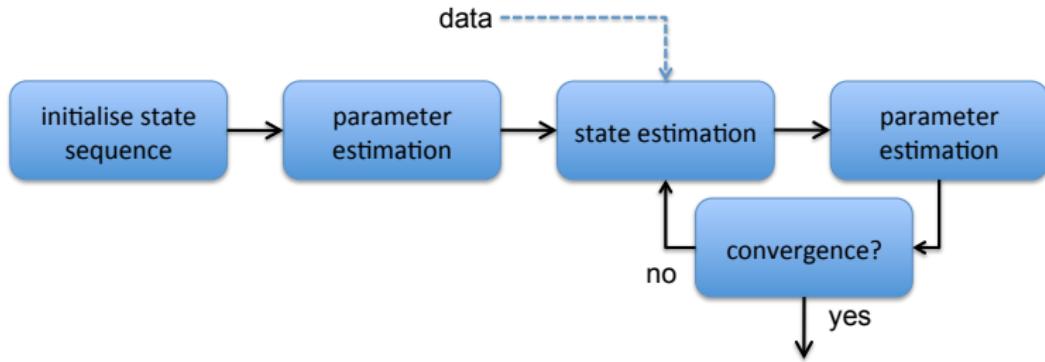
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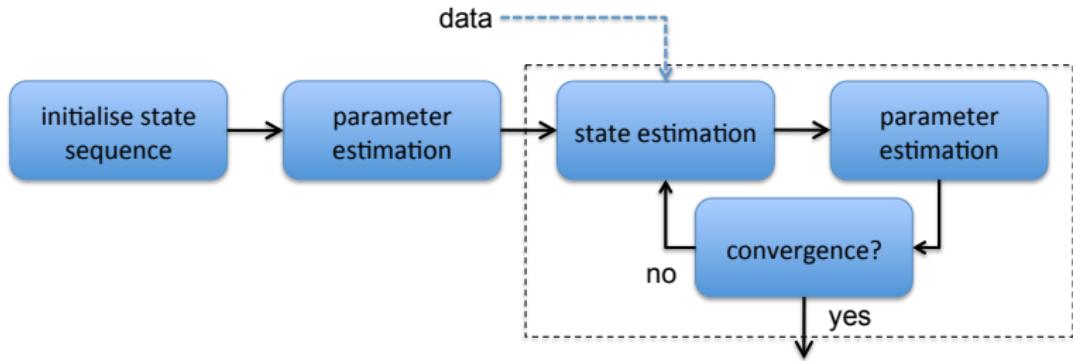
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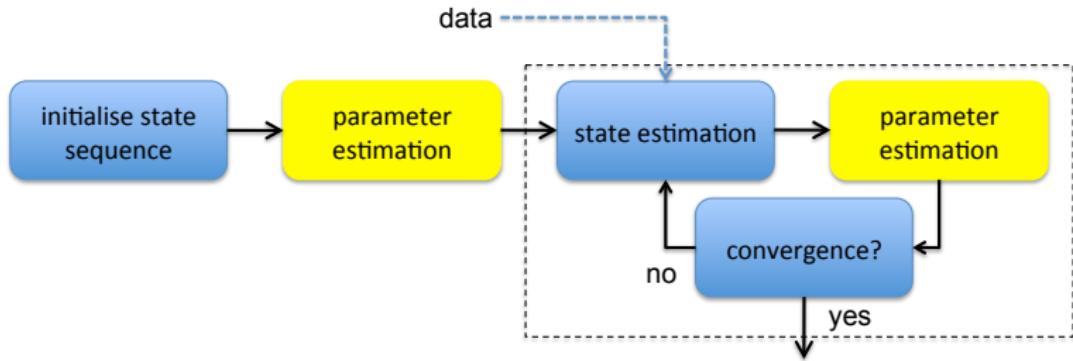
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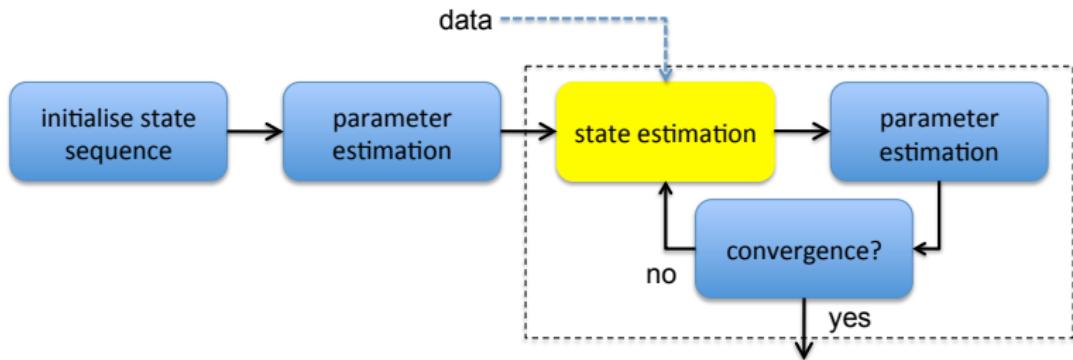
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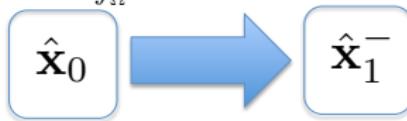


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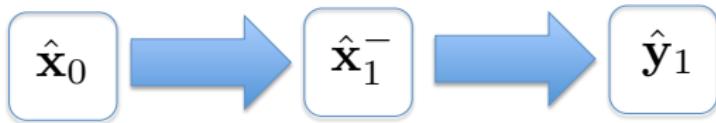
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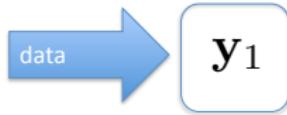
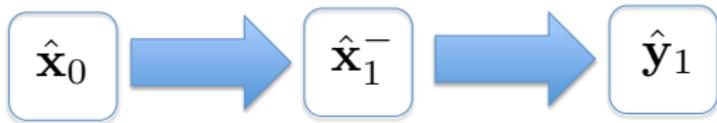


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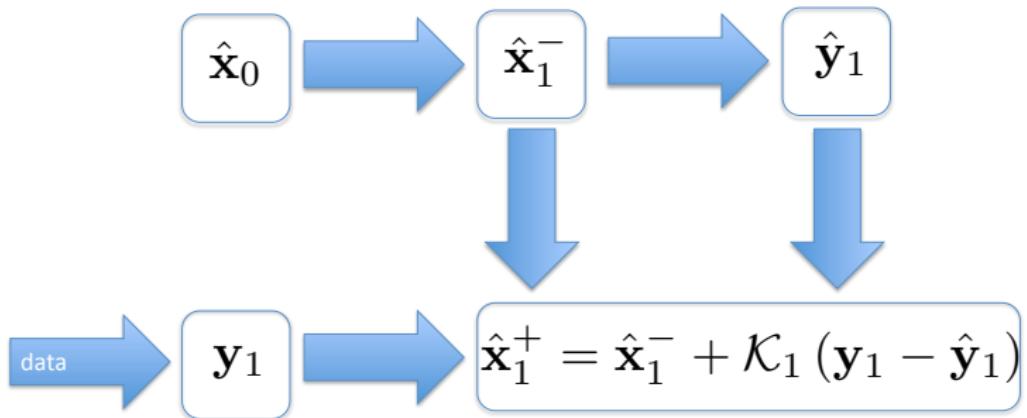
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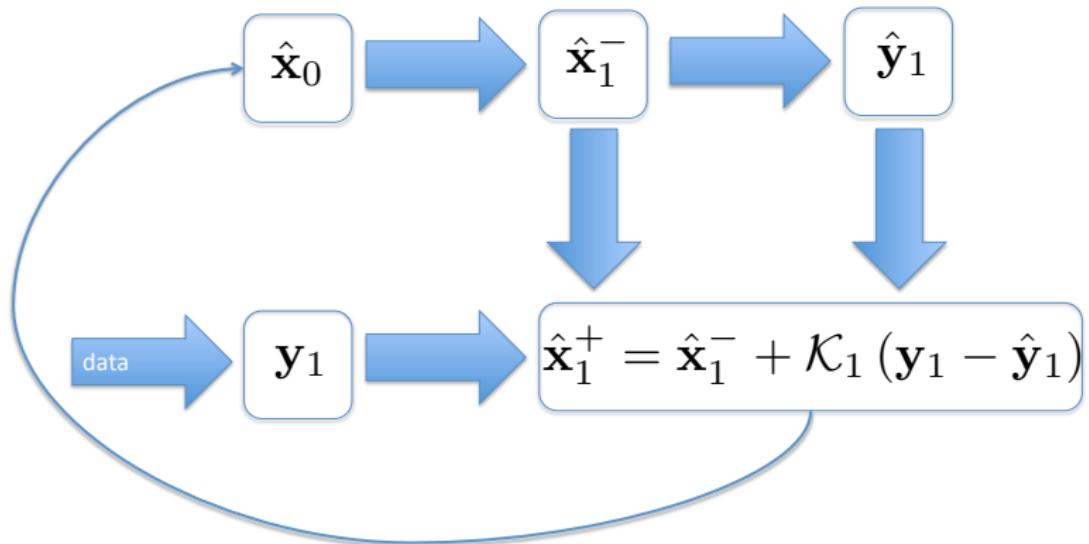
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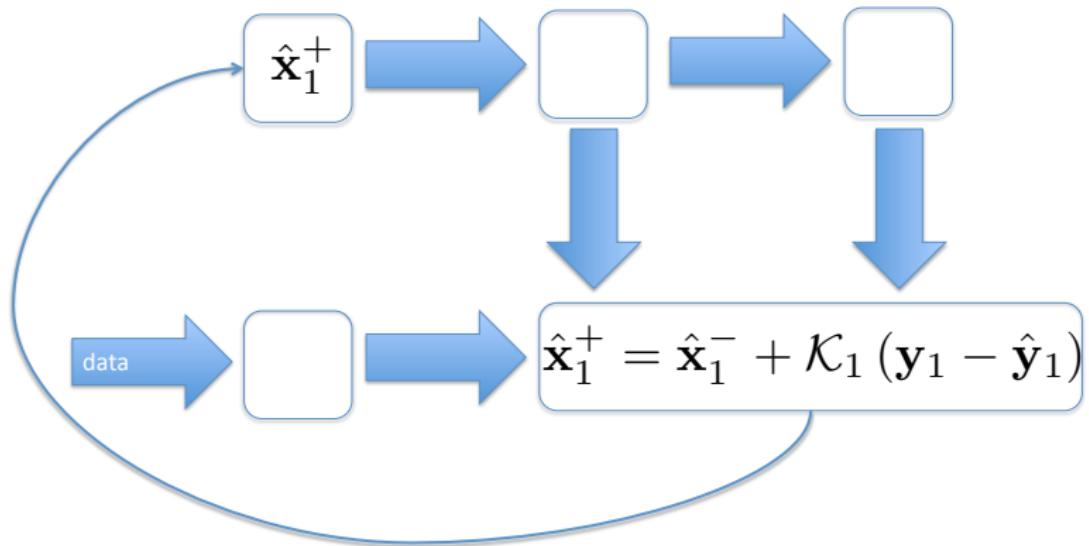
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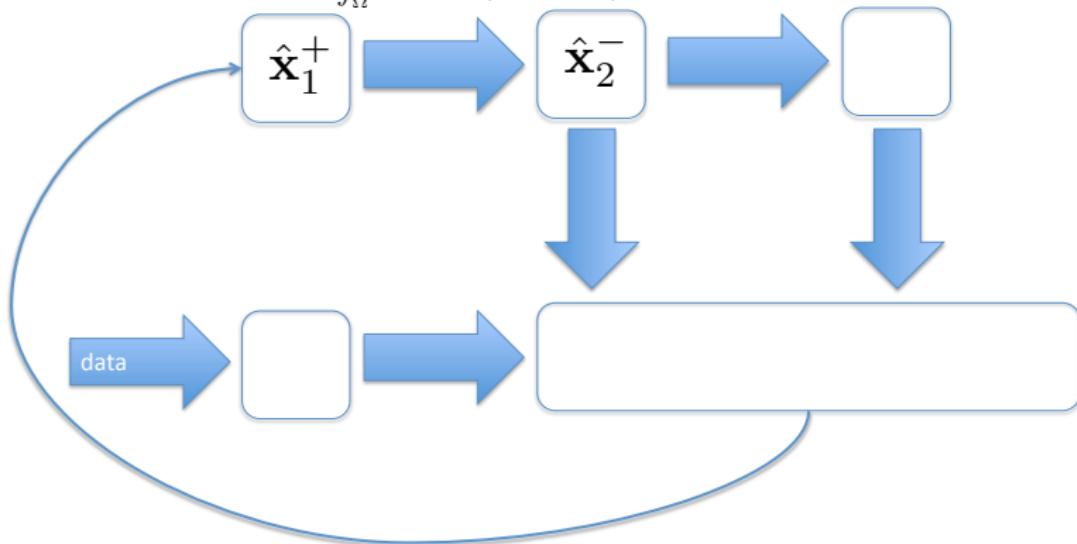


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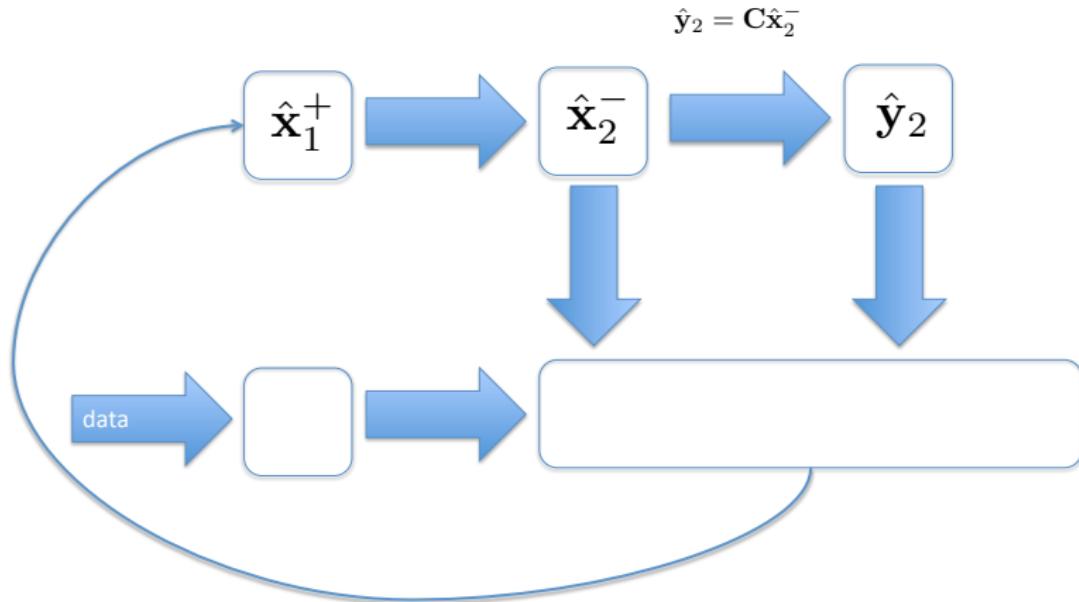


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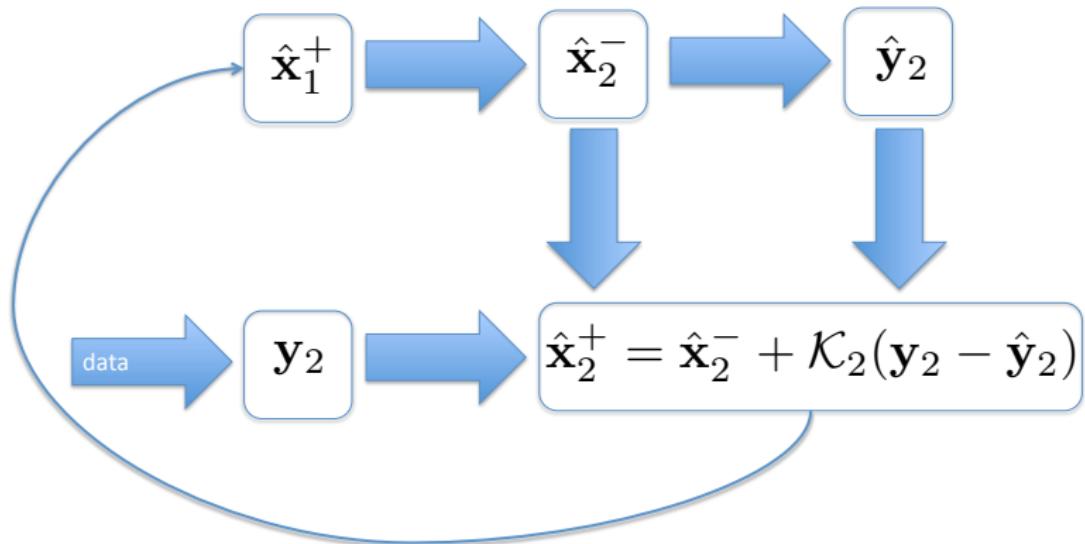
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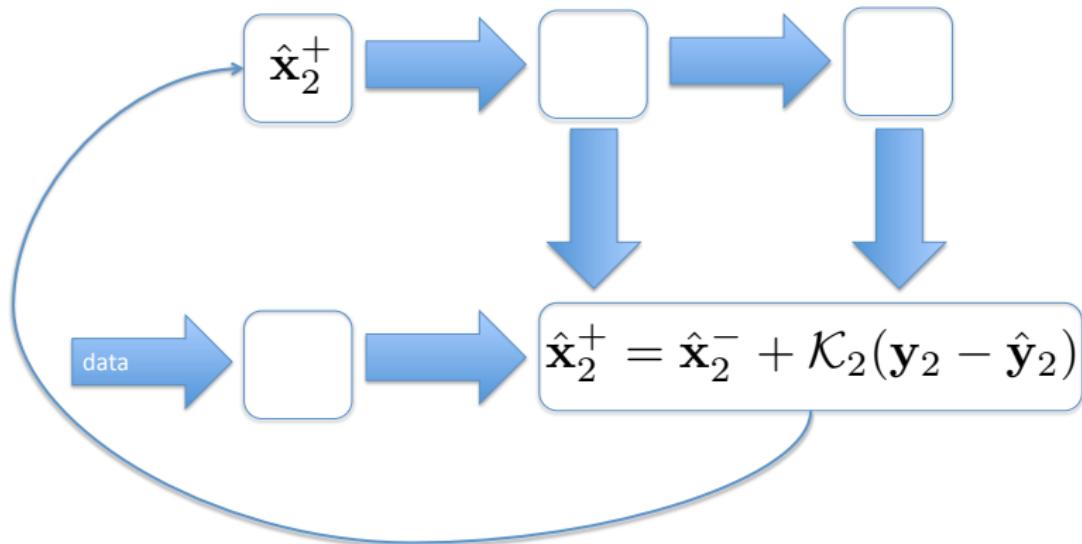
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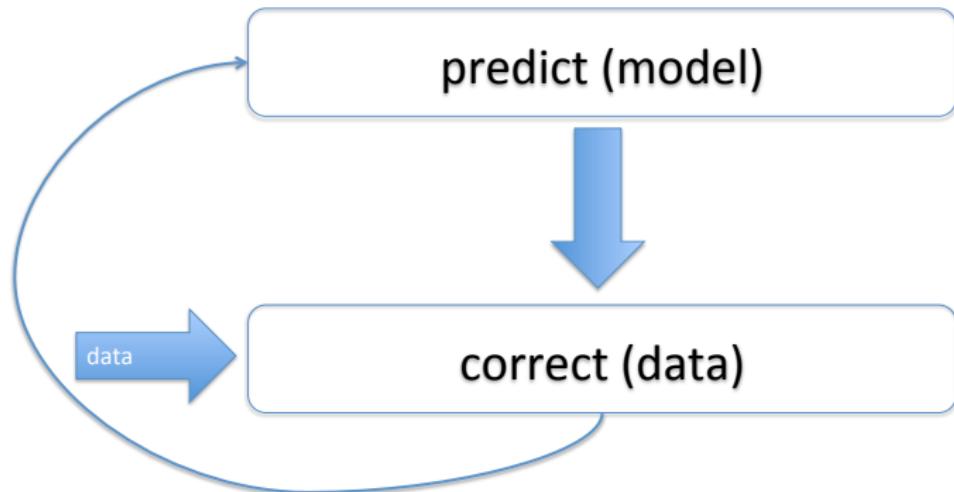
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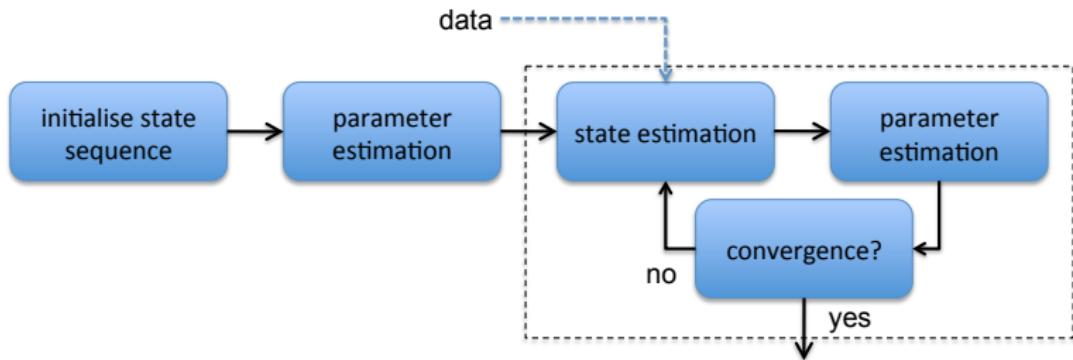
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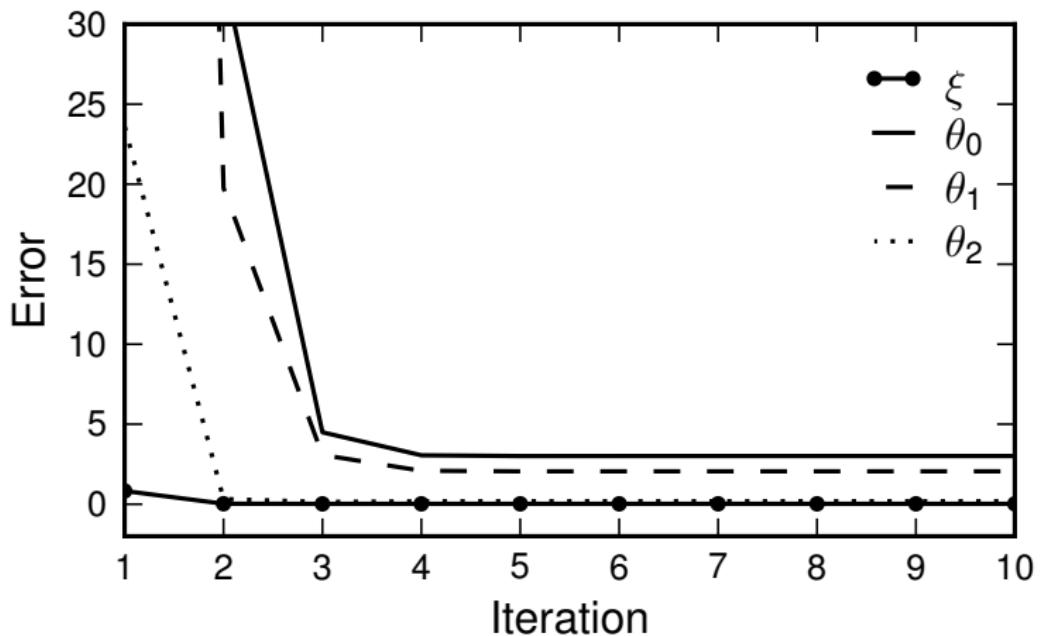
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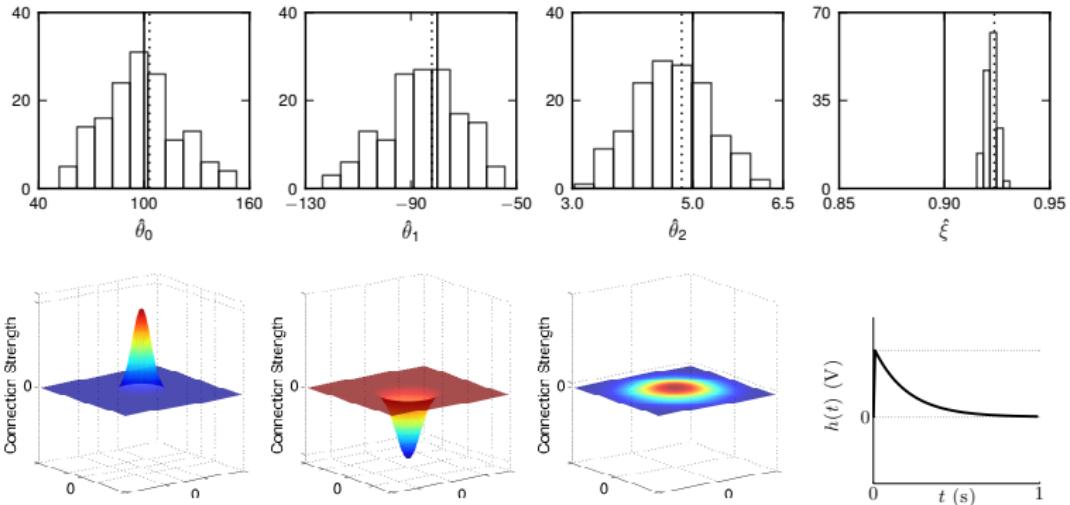
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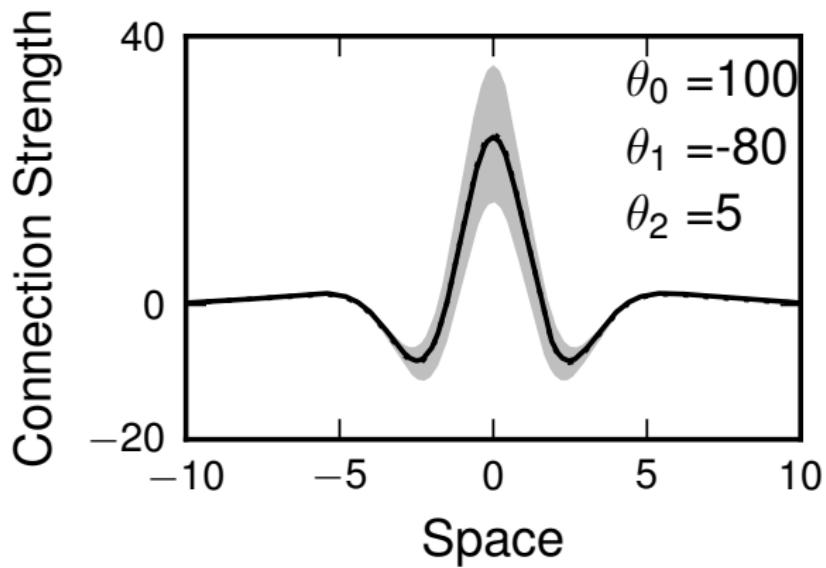
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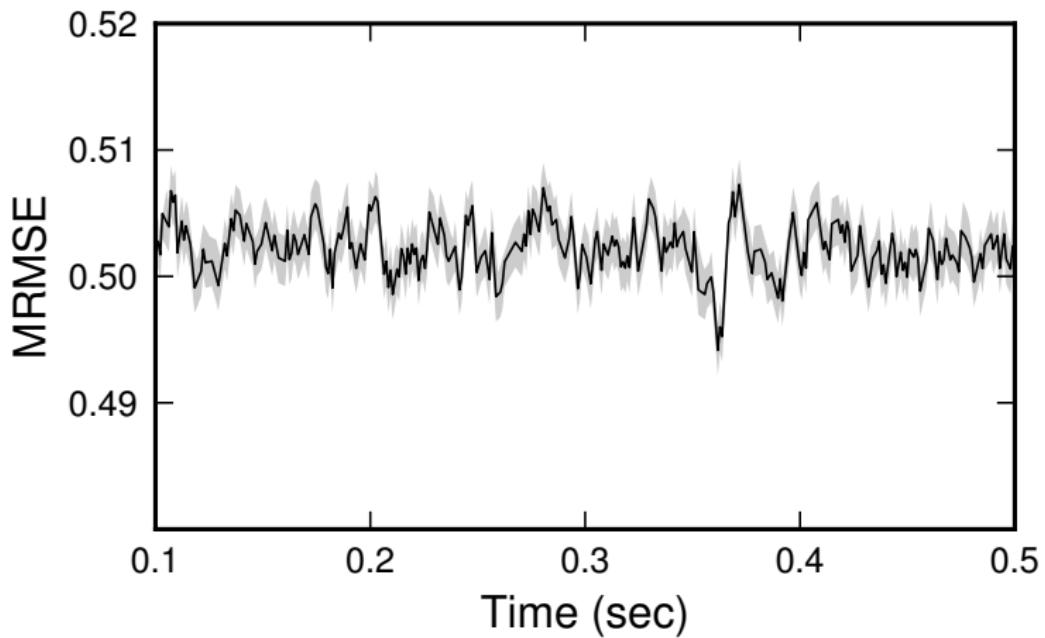
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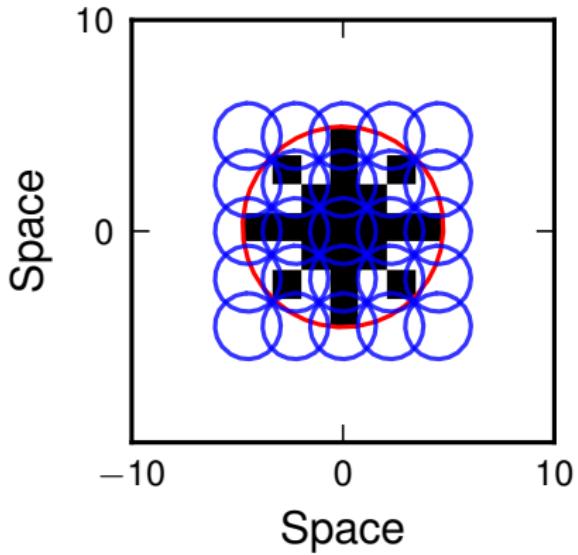
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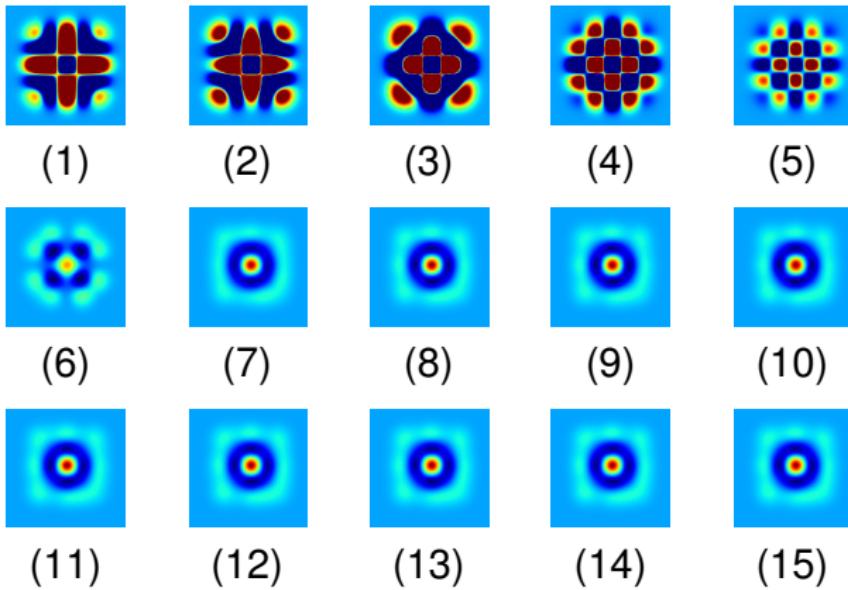
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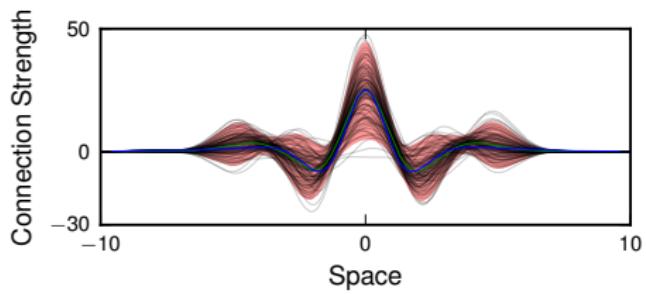
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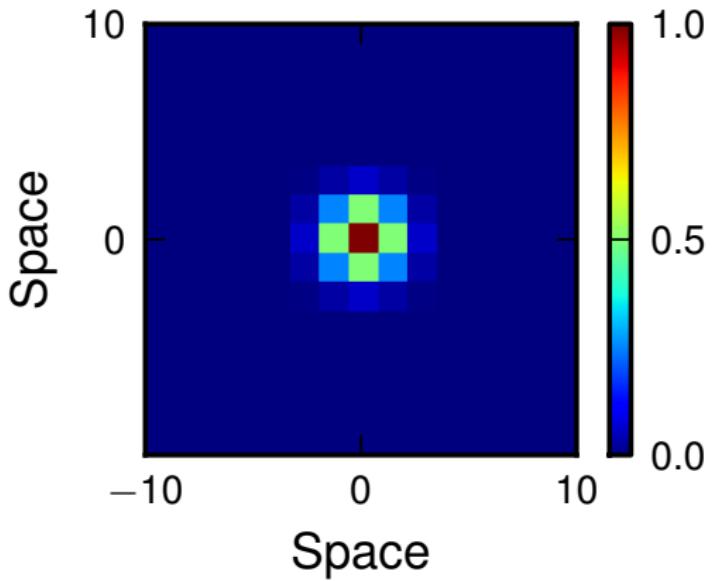
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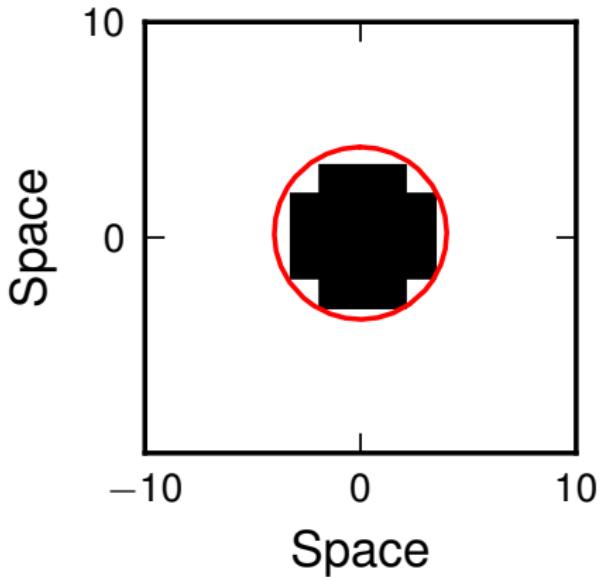
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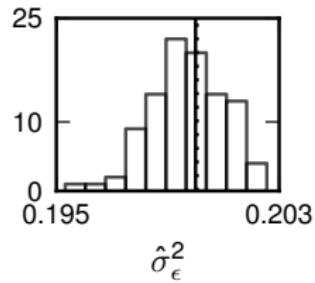
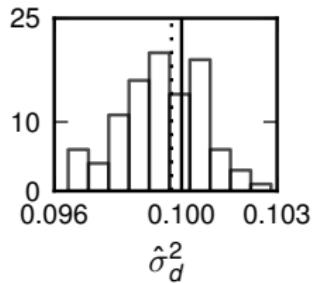
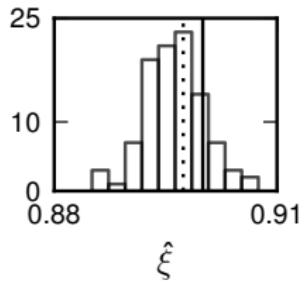
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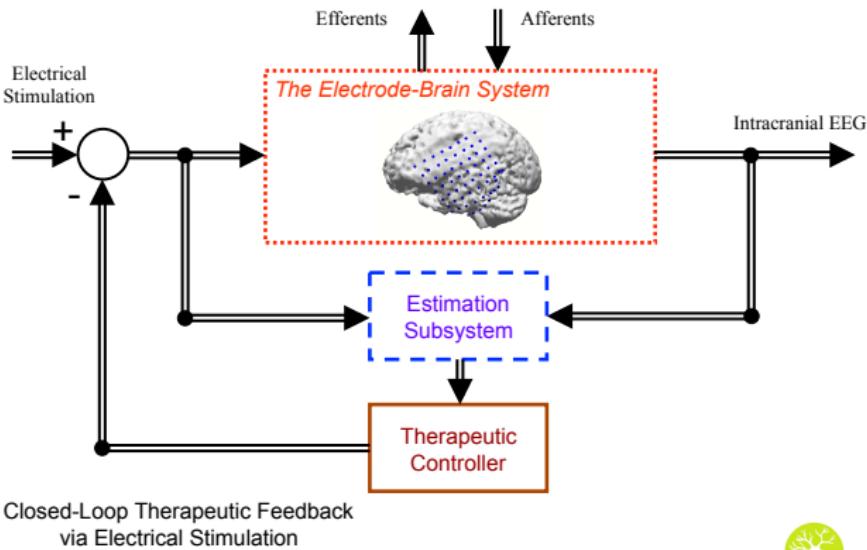


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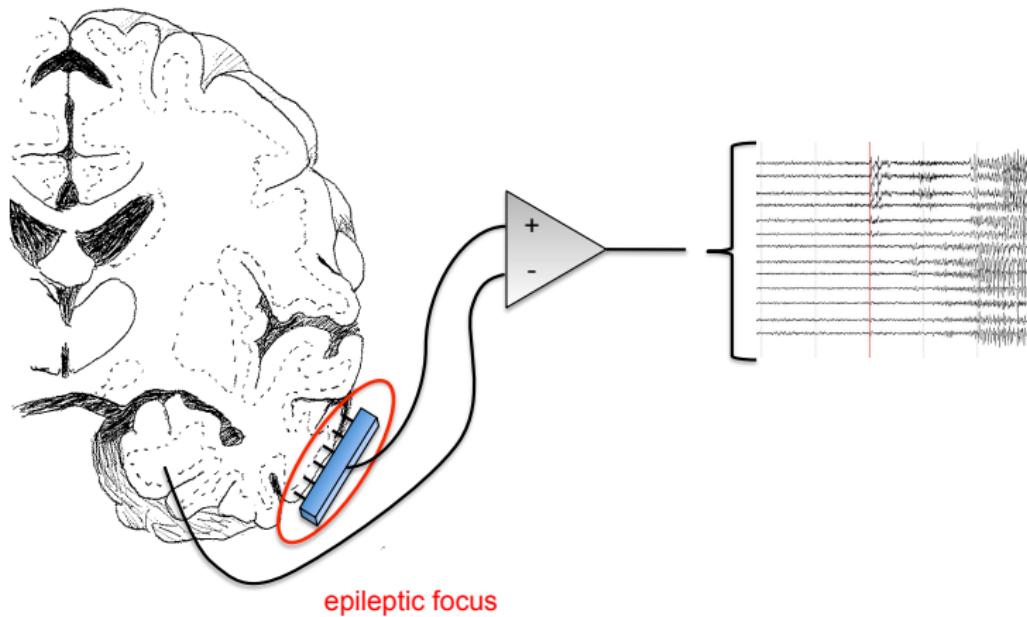
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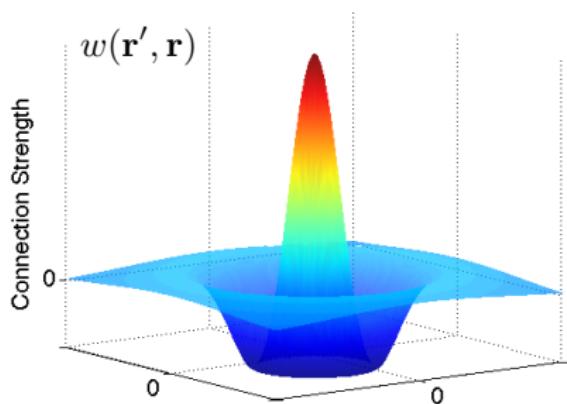
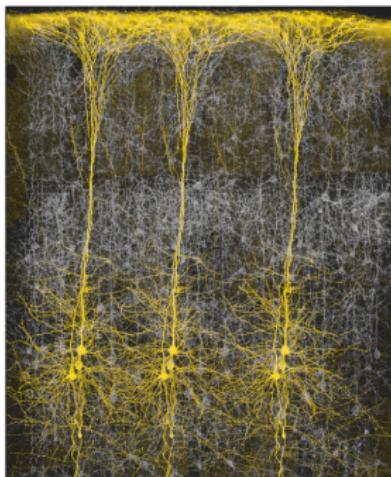
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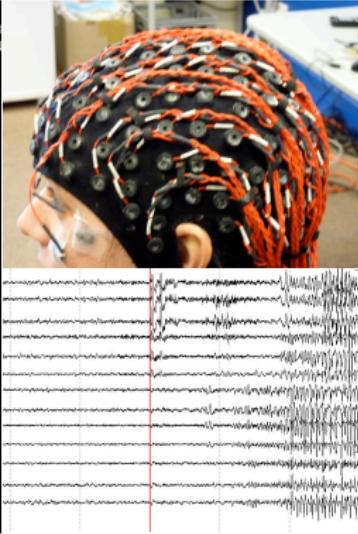
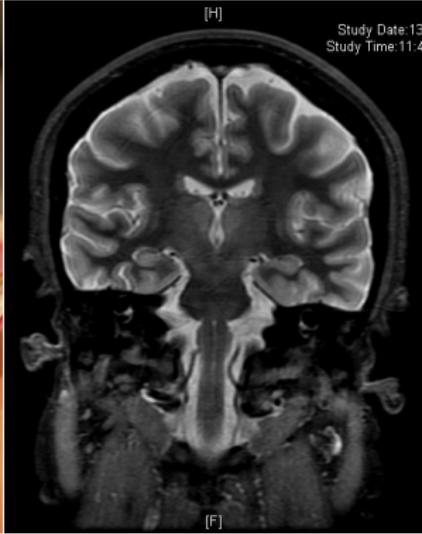
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Patient-specific modelling - drug therapy



That's it

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