

Biological Modeling of Neural Networks

Week 6

Attractor Networks and Generalizations of the Hopfield model

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Reading for week 6:
NEURONAL DYNAMICS
- Ch. 17.2.5 – 17.4
- Ch. 19.1-19.2;
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6.1. Attractor networks

6.2. Stochastic Hopfield model

6.3. Energy landscape

6.4. Towards biology

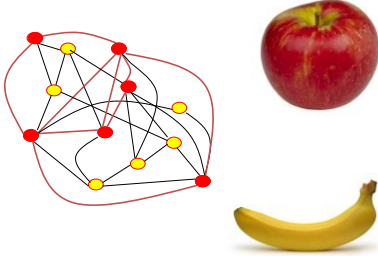
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6.4 Models of synaptic plasticity

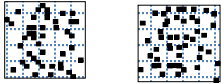
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6.5 Online learning of memories

1. Review of week 5: Memory and Hebbian assemblies



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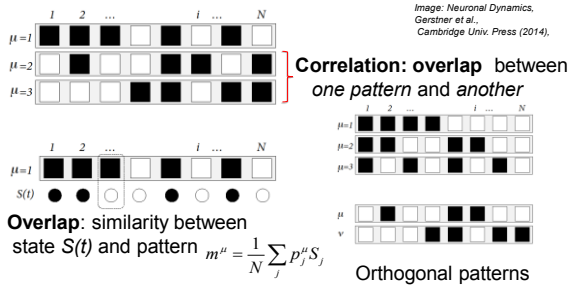


Prototype \bar{p}^1 Prototype p^2

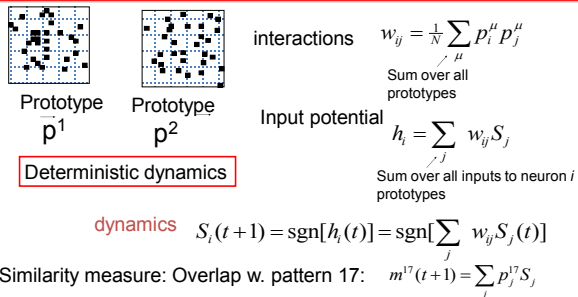
interactions $w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$
Sum over all prototypes

- each prototype has black pixels with probability 0.5
- prototypes are random patterns, chosen once at the beginning

1. Review from week 5: overlap / correlation



6.3 Review of week 5: Deterministic Hopfield model



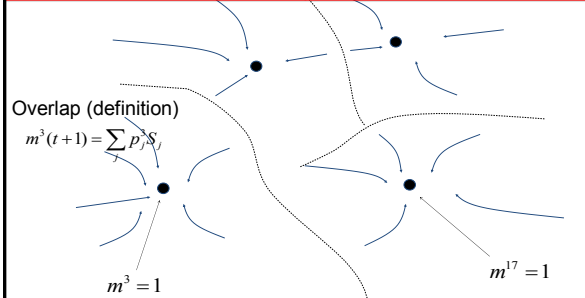
6.1 Hopfield model: memory retrieval (with overlaps)

$$S_i(t+1) = \text{sgn}[h_i(t)] = \text{sgn}[\sum_j w_{ij} S_j(t)]$$

blackboard

$$S_i(t+1) = \text{sgn}[\sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} m^{\mu}(t)]$$

6.1 Hopfield model: memory retrieval (attractor model)



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Attractor networks:
dynamics moves network state
to a fixed point

Hopfield model:
for a small number of patterns,
states with overlap 1
are fixed points

Quiz 6.1: overlap and attractor dynamics

- ☐ The overlap is maximal if the network state matches one of the patterns.
- ☐ The overlap increases during memory retrieval.
- ☐ The mutual overlap of orthogonal patterns is one.
- ☐ In an attractor memory, the dynamics converges to a stable fixed point.
- ☐ In a perfect attractor memory network, the network state moves towards one of the patterns.
- ☐ In a Hopfield model with N random patterns stored in a network N neurons, the patterns are attractors.
- ☐ In a Hopfield model with 200 random patterns stored in a network 1000 neurons, all fixed points have overlap one.

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Random patterns

Prototype p^1

Prototype p^2

Interactions (1) $w_{ij} = \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$

Dynamics (2)

$$\Pr\{S_i(t+1) = +1 | h_i\} = g[h_i] = g\left[\sum_j w_{ij} S_j(t)\right]$$

6.2 Stochastic Hopfield model: firing probability

$\Pr\{S_i(t+1) = +1 | h_i\}$

$g(h_i)$

$g(h_i) = 0.5[1 + \tanh(2h)]$

h_i

blackboard

$\Pr\{S_i(t+1) = +1 | h_i\} = g[h_i] = g\left[\sum_j w_{ij} S_j(t)\right] = g\left[\sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} m^{\mu}(t)\right]$

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$$\Pr\{S_i(t+1) = +1 | h_i\} = g\left[\sum_\mu p_i^\mu m^\mu(t)\right]$$

blackboard

Assume that there is only overlap with pattern 17:

two groups of neurons: those that should be 'on' and 'off'

$$\Pr\{S_i(t+1) = +1 | h_i = h^+\} = g[m^{17}(t)]$$

$$\Pr\{S_i(t+1) = +1 | h_i = h^-\} = g[-m^{17}(t)]$$

Overlap (definition) $m^{17}(t+1) = \sum_j p_j^{17} S_j$

Exercise 3 now: Stochastic Hopfield

Overlap (definition) $m^{17}(t+1) = \sum_j p_j^{17} S_j$

15 minutes,
Try to get
As far as possible

Suppose initial overlap with pattern 17 is 0.4;

Find equation for overlap at time $(t+1)$,
given overlap at time (t)

Next lecture
9:50

Hint: Use result from blackboard and consider 4 groups of neurons

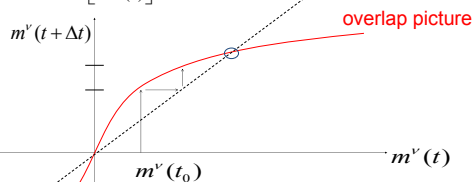
- Those that should be ON and are ON
- Those that should be ON and are OFF
- Those that should be OFF and are ON
- Those that should be OFF and are OFF

6.2 Stochastic Hopfield model: memory retrieval

Overlap:

$$2m^{17}(t+1) = g[m^{17}(t)] - \{1 - g[m^{17}(t)]\} - g[-m^{17}(t)] + \{1 - g[-m^{17}(t)]\}$$

$$m^{17}(t+1) = \tilde{F}[m^{17}(t)]$$



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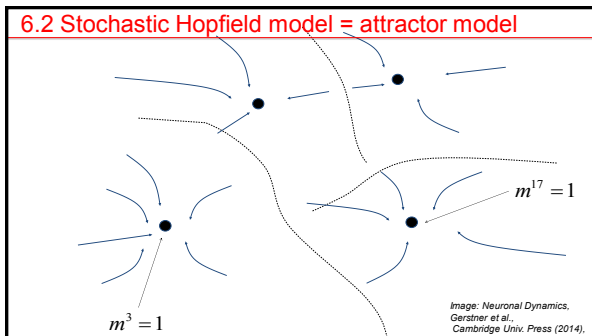
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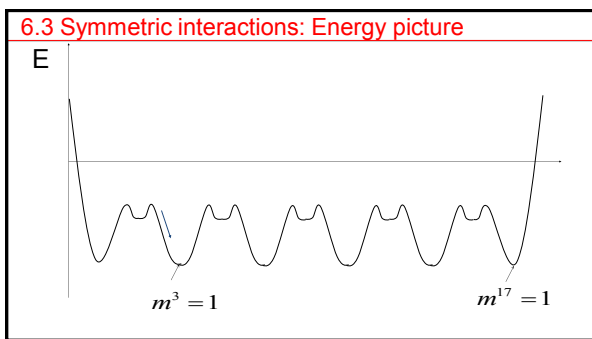
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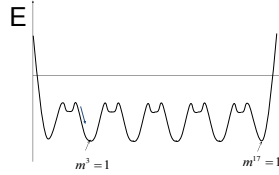


6.3 Symmetric interactions: Energy picture

$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} S_i S_j$$

- Rewrite in terms of overlaps
- Random patterns vs. orthogonal patterns

blackboard

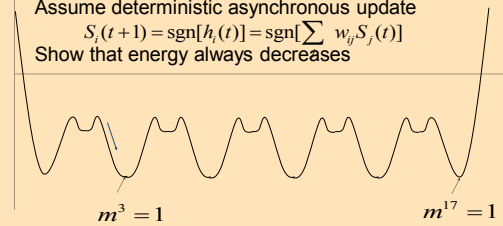


Exercise 4 now: energy

$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} S_i S_j$$

E

Assume symmetric interaction,
Assume deterministic asynchronous update
 $S_i(t+1) = \text{sgn}[h_i(t)] = \text{sgn}[\sum_j w_{ij} S_j(t)]$
Show that energy always decreases



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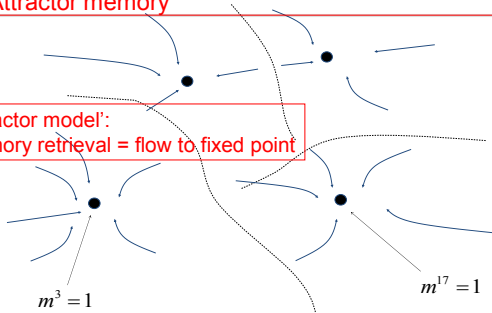
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6.4 Attractor memory

'attractor model':
memory retrieval = flow to fixed point



6.4 attractor memory with spiking neurons

Memory with spiking neurons

- Mean activity of patterns?
- Better neuron model?
- Separation of excitation and inhibition?
- Modeling with integrate-and-fire model?
- Neural data?

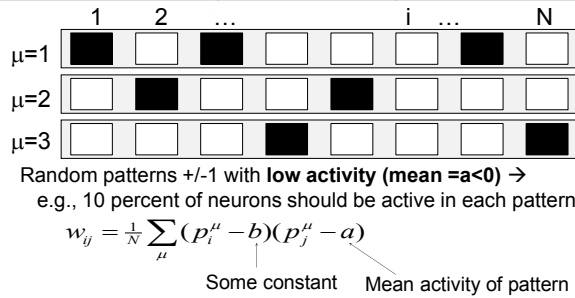
6.4 attractor memory with 'balanced' activity patterns

	1	2	...	i	...	N
$\mu=1$	■	■	■	■	■	■
$\mu=2$	□	■	□	■	■	■
$\mu=3$	□	□	■	■	■	■

Random patterns ± 1 with zero mean \rightarrow
50 percent of neurons should be active in each pattern

$$w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$$

6.4 attractor memory with 'low' activity patterns



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Random patterns ± 1 with **low activity (mean $=a<0$)** \rightarrow
 e.g. 10 percent of neurons should be active in each pattern

$$w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu} (p_i^{\mu} - b)(p_j^{\mu} - a)$$

blackboard

Introduce overlap

Introduce dynamics

Exercise 5 NOW- from Hopfield to spikes

In the Hopfield model, neurons are characterized by a binary variable $S_i = \pm 1$. For an interpretation in terms of spikes it is, however, more appealing to work with a binary variable x_i which is zero or 1.

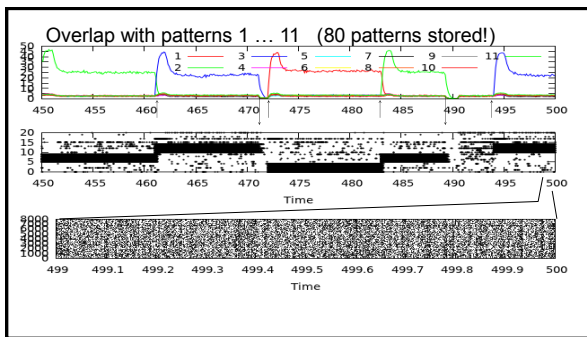
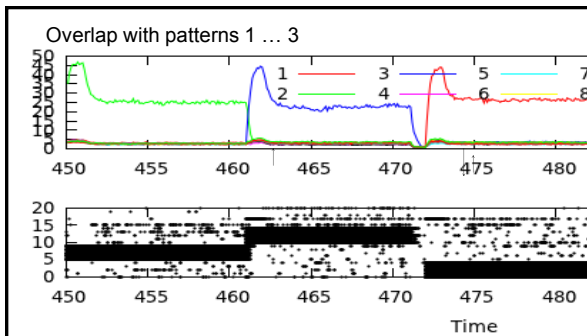
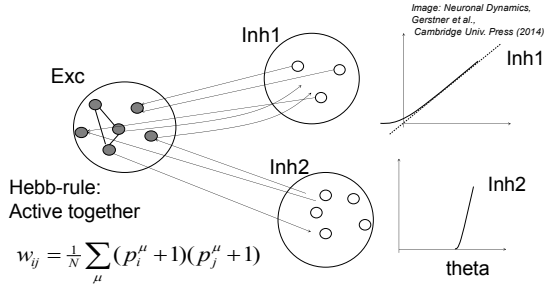
(i) Write $S_i = 2x_i - 1$ and rewrite the Hopfield model in terms of x_i .
 What are the conditions so that the input potential is

$$h_i = \left[\sum_j w_{ij} x_j(t) \right]$$

(ii) Interpretation: can you also restrict the weights to excitation only?

10 minutes,
 Try to get
 As far as possible

6.4 Separation of excitation and inhibition



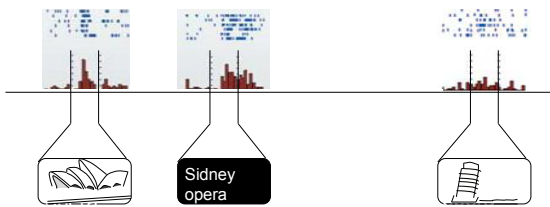
Memory with spiking neurons

- Low activity of patterns?
 - Separation of excitation and inhibition?
 - Modeling with integrate-and-fire?
- } All possible

-Neural data?

6.4 memory data (review from week 5)

Human Hippocampus

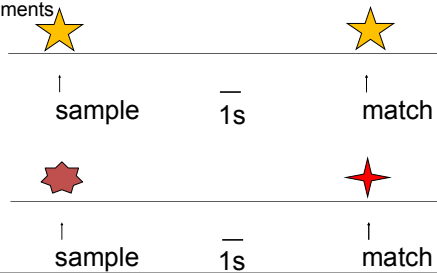


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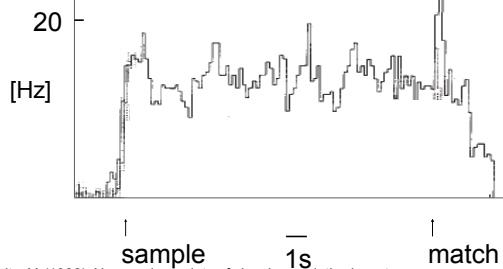
6.4 memory data: delayed match to sample

Delayed Matching to Sample Task

Animal experiments

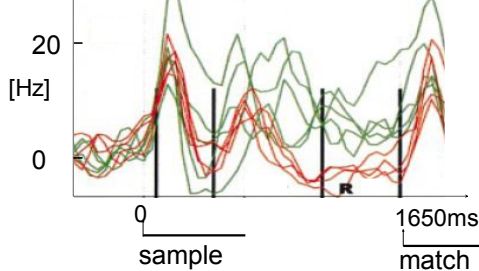


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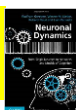
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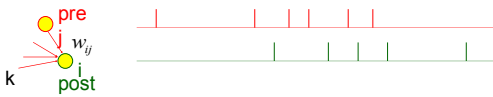
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6.2 Hebbian Learning (rate models)



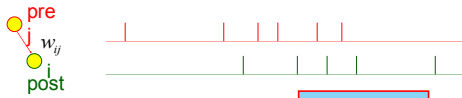
When an axon of cell **j** repeatedly or persistently takes part in firing cell **i**, then **j**'s efficiency as one of the cells firing **i** is increased

Hebb, 1949

- local rule
- simultaneously active (correlations)

Rate model:
active = high rate = many spikes per second

6.2 Rate-based Hebbian Learning

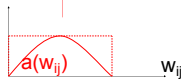


Blackboard

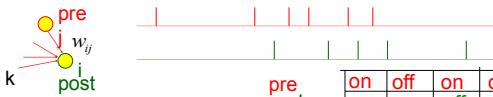
$$\frac{d}{dt} w_{ij} = F(w_{ij}; v_j^{pre}, v_i^{post})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} w_{ij} = a_0 + a_1^{pre} v_j^{pre} + a_1^{post} v_i^{post} + a_2^{corr} v_j^{pre} v_i^{post} + \dots$$

$$a = a(w_{ij})$$



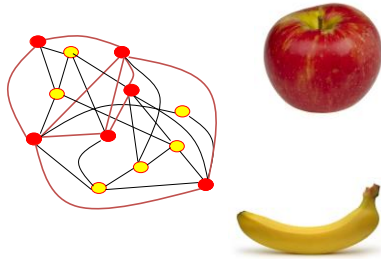
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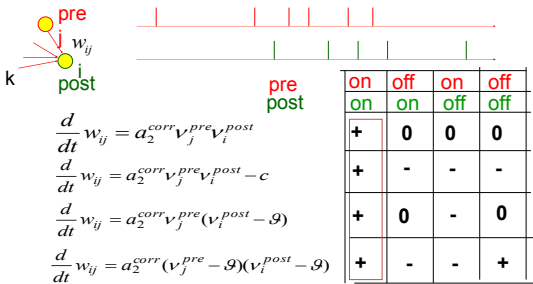
$$\frac{d}{dt} w_{ij} = a_2^{corr} v_j^{pre} v_i^{post}$$

	pre on	pre off	post on	post off
pre on	+	0	0	0
pre off				
post on				
post off				

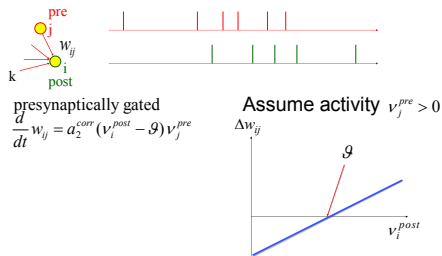
Review from week 5: Hebbian Learning



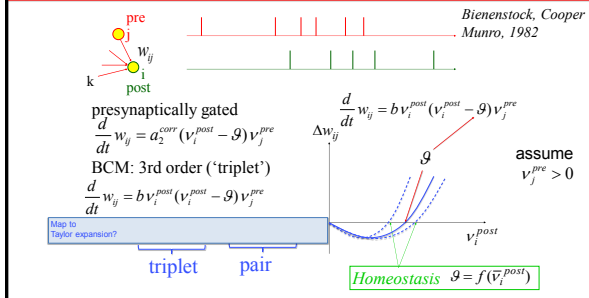
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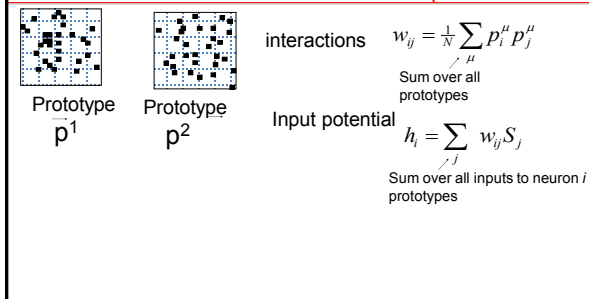
6.2 Presynaptically gated plasticity rule



6.2 Bienenstock-Cooper-Munro rule



6.3 Review of week 5: Deterministic Hopfield model



Exercise 2 now: learning of prototypes

Prototype p^1 Prototype p^2 interactions

(1) $w_{ij} = \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$

Sum over all prototypes

a) Show that (1) corresponds to a rate learning rule

(2) $\frac{d}{dt} w_{ij} = a_2^{corr} (v_j^{pre} - g) (v_i^{post} - g)$


Assume that weights are zero at the beginning;
Each pattern is presented (enforced) during 0.5 sec (One after the other).
note that $p_j^{\mu} = \pm 1$ but $v_j \geq 0$

b) Compare with: $\frac{d}{dt} w_{ij} = a_0 + a_1^{pre} v_j^{pre} + a_1^{post} v_i^{post} + a_2^{corr} v_j^{pre} v_i^{post} + \dots$

c) Is this unsupervised learning?

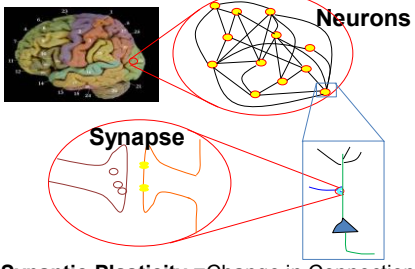
Take 8 minutes, start the exercise
Next lecture at 11:35

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Hebbian LEARNING and ASSOCIATIVE MEMORY
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- ✓ **6.1 Synaptic Plasticity**
 - Hebbian Learning
 - Short-term Plasticity
 - Long-term Plasticity
 - Reinforcement Learning
- ✓ **6.2 Models of synaptic plasticity**
 - Hebbian learning rules
 - Bienenstock-Cooper-Munro rule
- ✓ **6.3 Hopfield Model**
 - probabilistic
 - energy landscape
- ✓ **6.4 Attractor memories**
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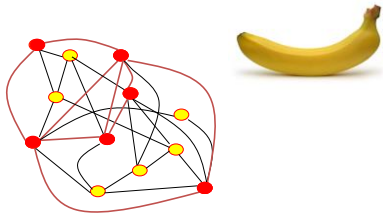
Behavioral Learning – and synaptic plasticity



Synaptic Plasticity = Change in Connection Strength

6.5 Review: Hebbian Learning/Assemblies

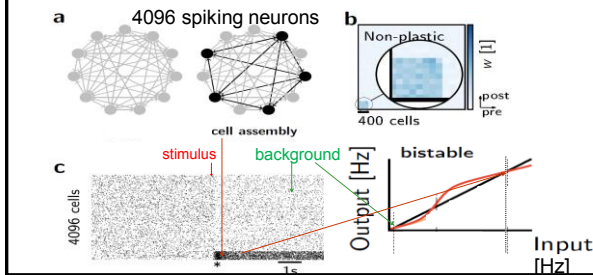
Recall:
Partial info



item recalled

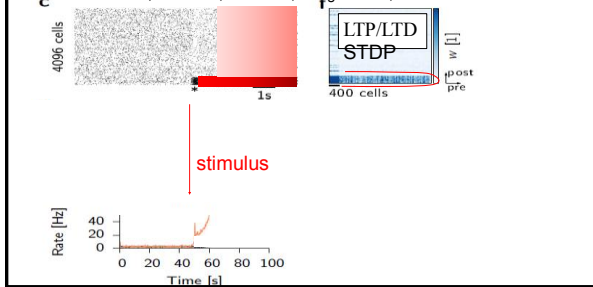
6.5 Preconfigured memory: bistable network

e.g., groups of Hopfield, Amit, Brunel, Fusi, Sompolinsky, Tsodyks,

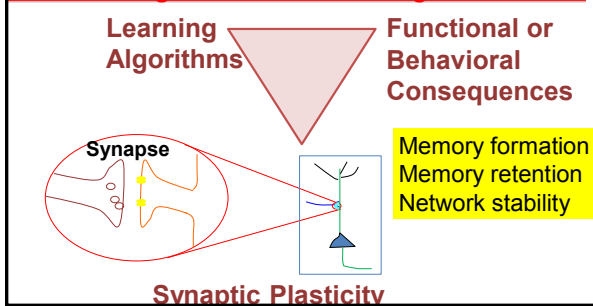


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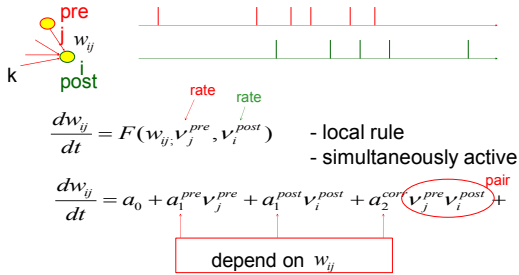
Fusi, Fusi et al., Amit et al., Mongillo et al., 1995-2005



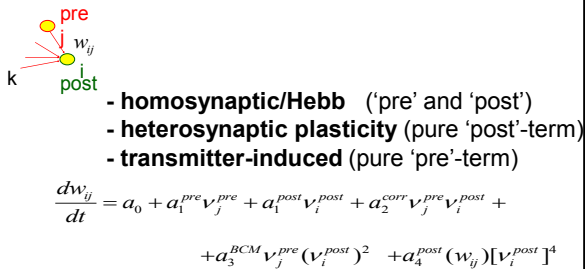
6.5 Learning: the task of modeling



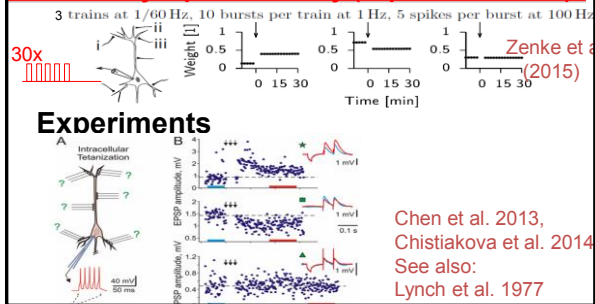
6.5 Review: Rate models of Hebbian learning



6.5 Induction of Plasticity



6.5 Heterosynaptic Plasticity (exper. and model)



6.5 Induction of Plasticity (rate-based)

- nonlinear Hebb for potentiation

$$+a_3^{BCM} v_j^{pre} (v_i^{post})^2$$

- pre-post for depression

$$-a_2^{LTD} v_j^{pre} v_i^{post}$$

Bienenstock et al., 1982
Prister and Gerstner, 2006

- heterosynaptic plasticity (pure 'post')

$$-a_4^{het} (w_{ij} - z_{ij}) [v_i^{post}]^4$$

- transmitter-induced (pure 'pre')

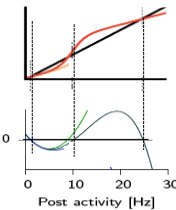
$$+a_1^{pre} v_j^{pre}$$

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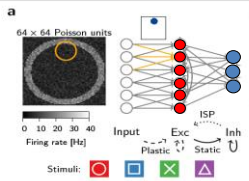
$$\frac{dw_{ij}}{dt} = a_1^{pre} v_j^{pre} - a_2^{LTD} v_j^{pre} v_i^{post} + a_3^{BCM} v_j^{pre} (v_i^{post})^2 - a_4^{het} (w_{ij} - z_{ij}) [v_i^{post}]^4$$

→Self-stabilizing!

Heterosynaptic plasticity
must act on the same time scale!
Zenke+Gerstner, *PLOS Comp. B.* 2013
Zenke et al., *Nat. Comm.*, 2015

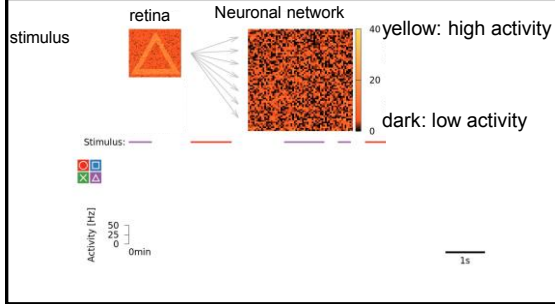


6.5. Plasticity in feedforward /recurrent connections



Zenke et al.,
Nat. Comm.
(2015)

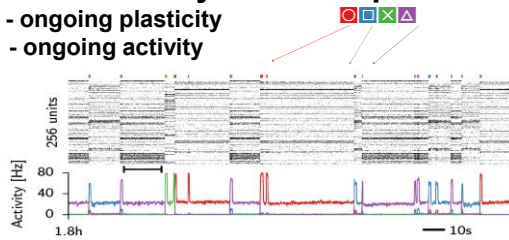
6.5 Theory and Simulation: first minute



6.5 Plasticity model in network

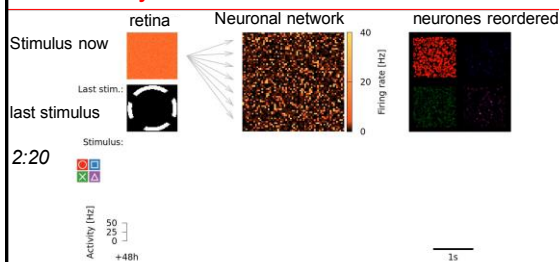
Stable memory recall despite

- ongoing plasticity
- ongoing activity



Zenke et al., Nat. Comm. (2015)

6.5 Theory and Simulation: after 2 hours



6.5 Synaptic changes – review and summary

Induction of changes

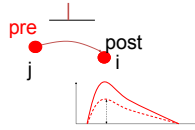
- fast (if stimulated appropriately)
- slow (homeostasis)

Persistence of changes

- long (LTP/LTD)
- short (short-term plasticity)

Functionality

- useful for learning a new behavior/new memories
- useful for development (wiring for receptive field development)
- useful for activity control in network (homeostasis)
- useful for coding



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Week 6

Hebbian LEARNING and ASSOCIATIVE MEMORY

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6.1 Synaptic Plasticity

- Hebbian Learning
- Short-term Plasticity
- Long-term Plasticity
- Reinforcement Learning

6.2 Models of synaptic plasticity

- Hebbian learning rules
- Bienenstock-Cooper-Munro rule

6.3 Hopfield Model

- probabilistic
- energy landscape

6.4 Attractor memories

6.5 Online learning of memories

The end
