



# Spiking Neural Networks for Control

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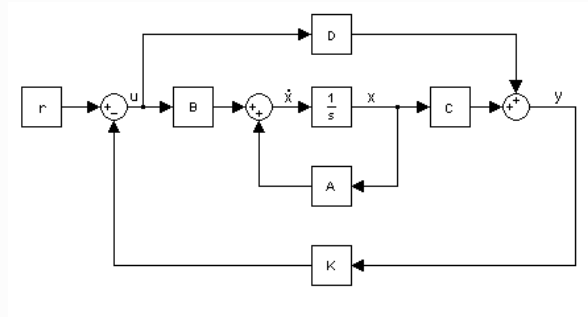
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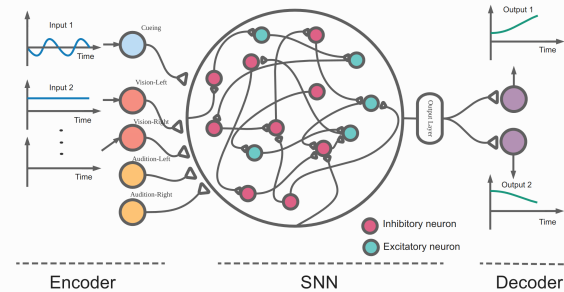
# Introduction

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## Control a Linear system

- Tracking of reference trajectory

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= Ax + Bu \\ y &= Cx\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

- Only stable systems

## Use Spiking neural networks

- Third Generation of NN
- Working with discrete spikes
- Inherently fit for temporal data

## Goal / Motivation

Artificial SNN can already solve various cognitive task such as

- Memorization
- Basic Logic
- Simulation of Dynamic Systems
- Control

Although with varying levels of biologic plausibility. We set out to build a controlled dynamic system based on SNN using learning and biologic plausibility

- Allow for black-box deployment without manual parameter tuning
- "Limit ourselves to use the brains capabilities to design a controller"

# Method

## 1. Simulate

Use a spiking network to simulate a dynamic system

## 2. Control

Devise a control scheme to control the network output

## 3. Learn

Apply biologically plausible learning rules to our network

## 4. Combine

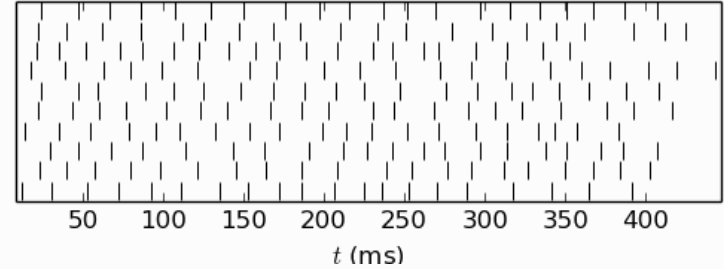
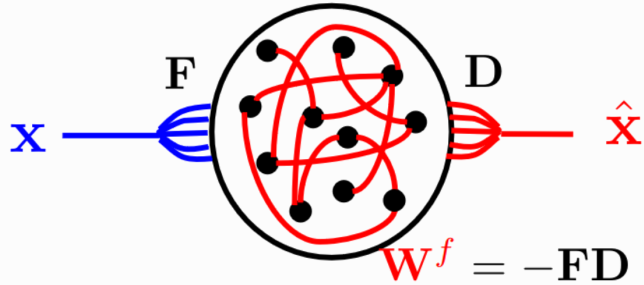
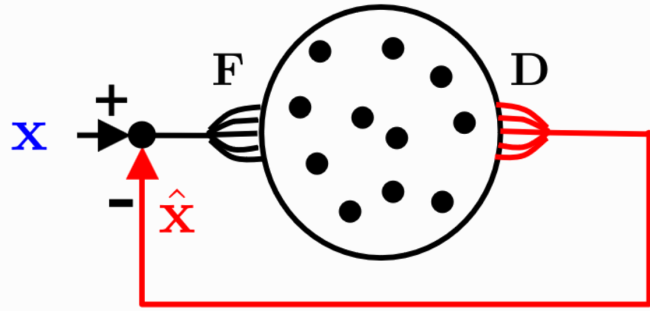
Integrate all three steps into a single controller



# Simulation



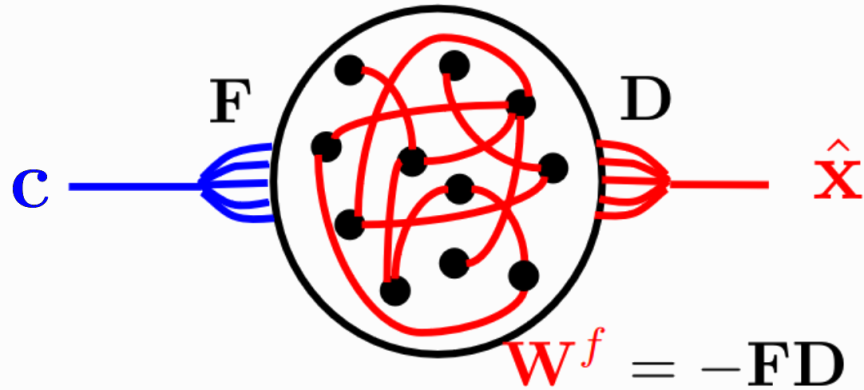
# Autoencoder



$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x} &= Do(t) \\ \dot{r} &= -\lambda r + o(t)\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

$$\dot{r} = -\lambda r + \sigma(t)$$

## Autoencoder II

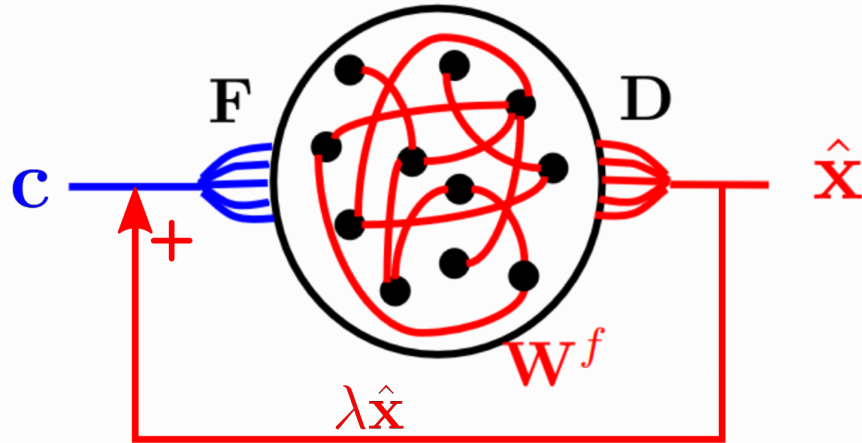


$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -\lambda x + c \\ \hat{x} &= Dr \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

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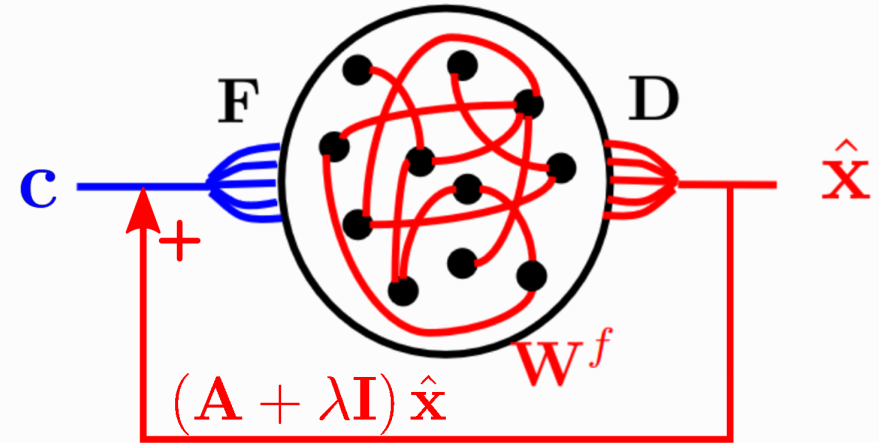
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## Autoencoder III



$$\dot{x} = c$$

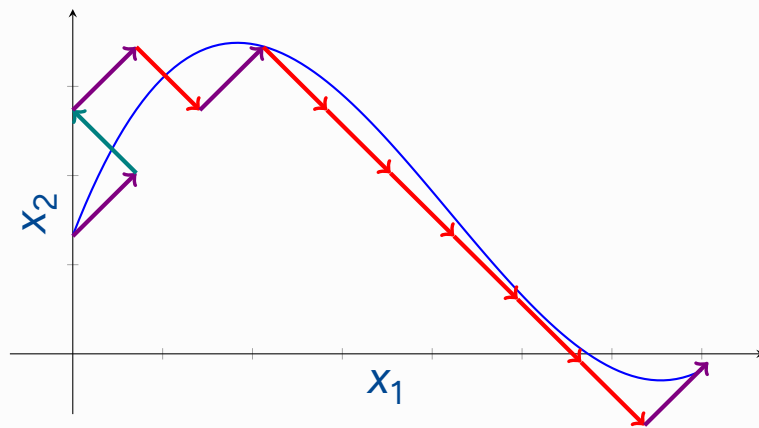
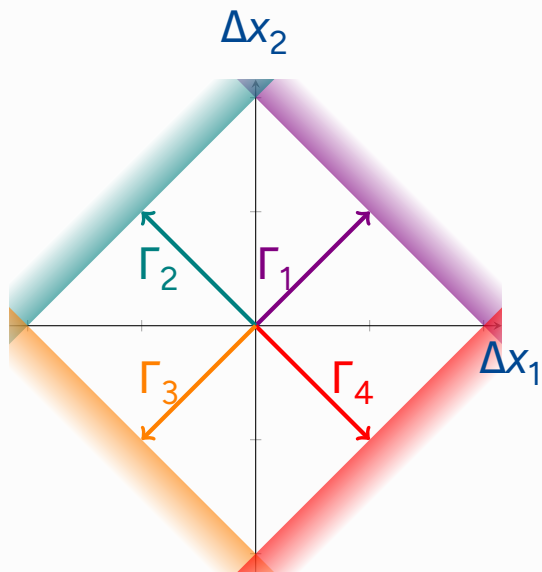
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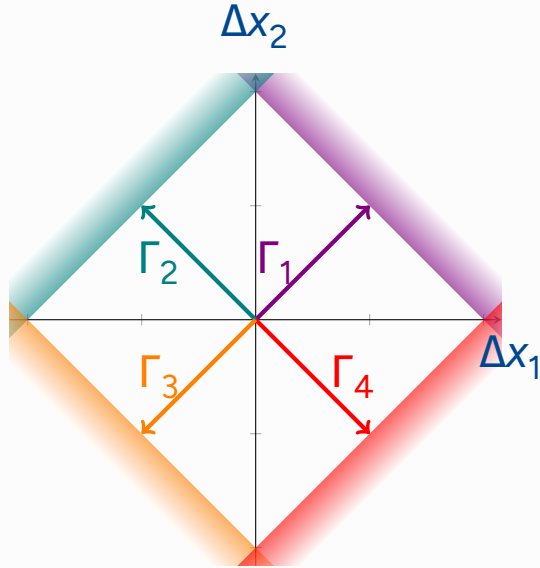
$$\dot{x} = Ax + c$$

(5)

# Geometric



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Minimize the cost  $J$  (Greedy)

$$J = \int_0^T \|x - \hat{x}\|_2^2 + C(r) dt \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_i &= \Gamma_i^T (x - \hat{x}) - \mu r_i \\ \dot{V}_i &= -\lambda_V V_i + \Gamma_i^T c(t) \\ &\quad + W^f o(t) + W^s r(t) + \sigma_V \eta(t) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$W^f = \Gamma^T \Gamma + \mu I$$

$$W^s = \Gamma^T (A + \lambda_d I) \Gamma$$



# Example Simple

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Simulation

# Example Big

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# Conclusion

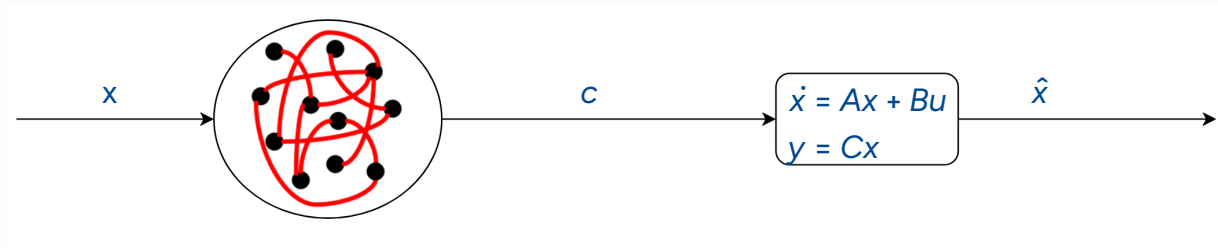
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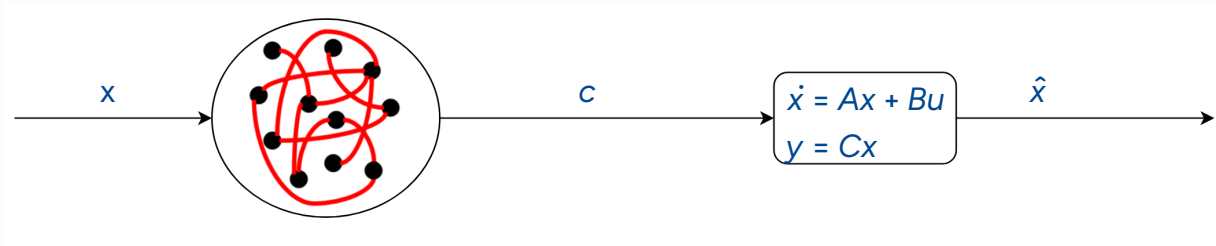
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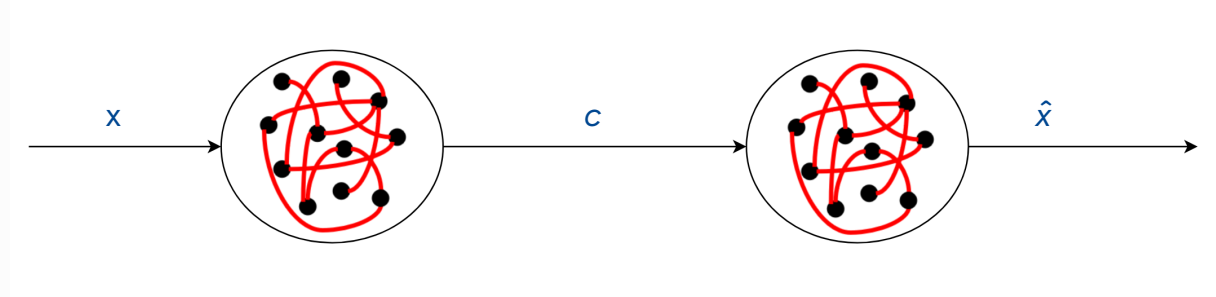
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## Control with SNN

$$u = \Gamma r + \Omega o(t) \quad (8)$$

Slow and Instantaneous decoding

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(t) = & -\lambda_V V(t) + \Omega^T B^T A e(t) + \Omega^T B^T c(t) \\ & + W^s r(t) + W^f o(t) + \sigma_v \eta(t) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Requires full state information on  $x$   
and  $\hat{x}$

$$c = \dot{x} - Ax \quad (10)$$

It is necessary on  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$

$$\text{rank}(B^T C^T) = p \quad (11)$$

## Example in Ideal Conditions

works fine+ add plot

## Example with 2 networks

works bad+ add plot



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- Simple open loop controller in the definition of  $c$



# Learning



# Fast Learning rule

## **Slow Learning rule**

Online Teacher-Student Scheme

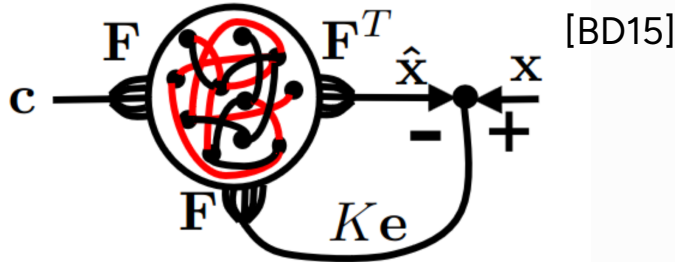
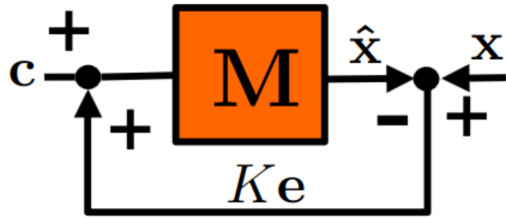
## **Fast Learning rule**

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$$\dot{\hat{x}} = (M - K\mathbf{I})\hat{x} + c + Kx$$

$$W^s = \Gamma^T (A + \lambda_d \mathbf{I}) \Gamma$$

## Slow Learning rule



Online Teacher-Student Scheme for  $M$  under  $\dot{x} = Mx + c$

Matrix update under squared loss

$$\delta M \propto e \hat{x}^T \rightarrow \delta W^s \propto \Gamma (e \hat{x}^T) \Gamma^T \approx \Gamma e r \quad (12)$$

replace the  $F$  with  $\Gamma$  in the picture!



# Learned Control



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- Very limited applicability
  - Open loop + rank condition limiting factor
  - Too inaccurate learning of slow weights  $W^s$
  - Too dependent on initial conditions in learning
- In ideal conditions useable results achievable
  - Only of theoretical interest
  - Impressive accuracy
  - Results are somewhat translatable to NEF and LSMs



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- Allow for synaptic delays



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