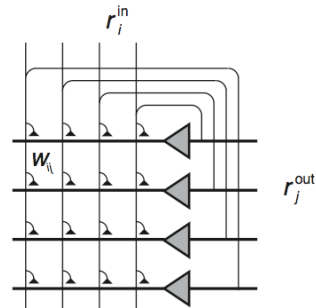


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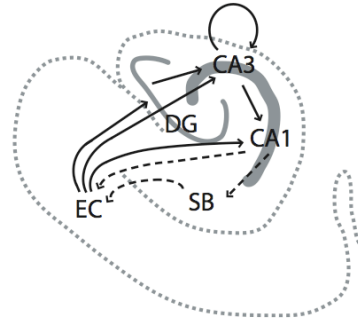
Auto-associative memory and the hippocampus



A. Recurrent associator network



B. Schematic diagram of the Hippocampus



David Marr:
Simple memory: a theory for archicortex, 1971

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Point attractor neural network (ANN)



Update rule: $\tau \frac{du_i(t)}{dt} = -u_i(t) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_j w_{ij} r_j(t) + I_i^{\text{ext}}(t)$

Activation function $r_i = g(u_i)$ (e.g. threshold functions)

Learning rule $w_{ij} = \epsilon \sum_{\mu=1}^{N_p} (r_i^{\mu} - \langle r_i \rangle)(r_j^{\mu} - \langle r_j \rangle) - c_{ij}$

Training patterns: Random binary states with components

$$s_i^{\mu} \in \{-1, 1\}, r_i = \frac{1}{2}(s_i + 1)$$

Update equations for fixed-point model ($du_i/dt = 0$):

$$s_i(t+1) = \text{sign} \left(\sum_j w_{ij} s_j(t) \right)$$

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ann_cont.m



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1  %% Continuous time ANN
2  clear; clf; hold on;
3  nn = 500; dx=1/nn; C=0;
4
5  %% Training weight matrix
6  pat=floor(2*rand(nn,10))-0.5;
7  w=pat*pat'; w=w/w(1,1); w=100*(w-C);
8  %% Update with localised input
9  tall = []; rall = [];
10 I_ext=pat(:,1)+0.5; I_ext(1:10)=1-I_ext(1:10);
11 [t,u]=ode45('rnn_ode_u',[0 10],zeros(1,nn),[],nn,dx,w,I_ext);
12 r=u>0.; tall=[tall;t]; rall=[rall;r];
13 %% Update without input
14 I_ext=zeros(nn,1);
15 [t,u]=ode45('rnn_ode_u',[10 20],u(size(u,1),:),[],nn,dx,w,I_ext);
16 r=u>0.; tall=[tall;t]; rall=[rall;r];
17 %% Plotting results
18 plot(tall,4*(rall-0.5)*pat/nn)

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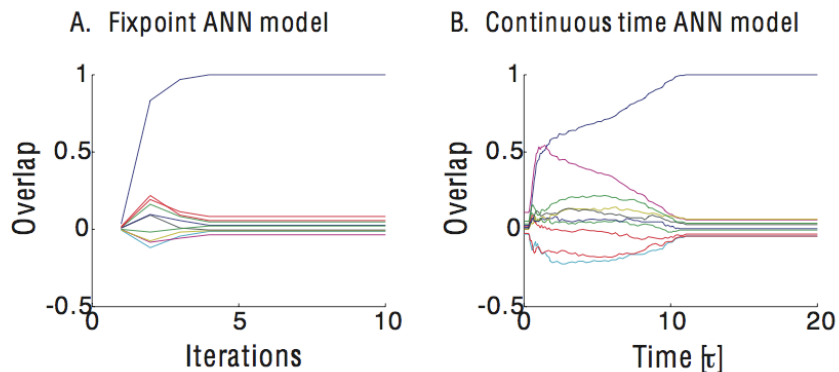
ann_fixpoint.m



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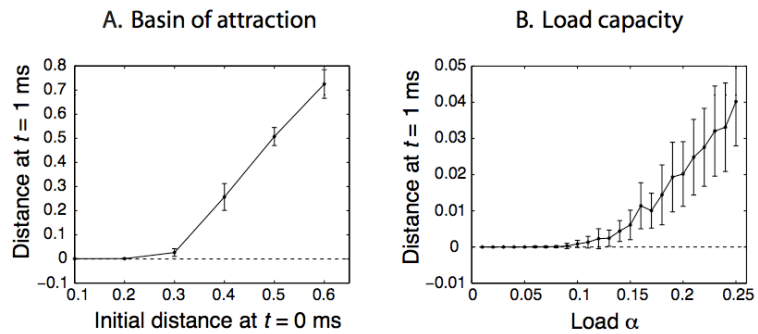
1  pat=2*floor(2*rand(500,10))-1;           % Random binary pattern
2  w=pat*pat';                             % Hebbian learning
3  s=rand(500,1)-0.5;                      % Initialize network
4  for t=2:10; s(:,t)=sign(w*s(:,t-1)); end % Update network
5  plot(s'*pat/500)

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Memory breakdown



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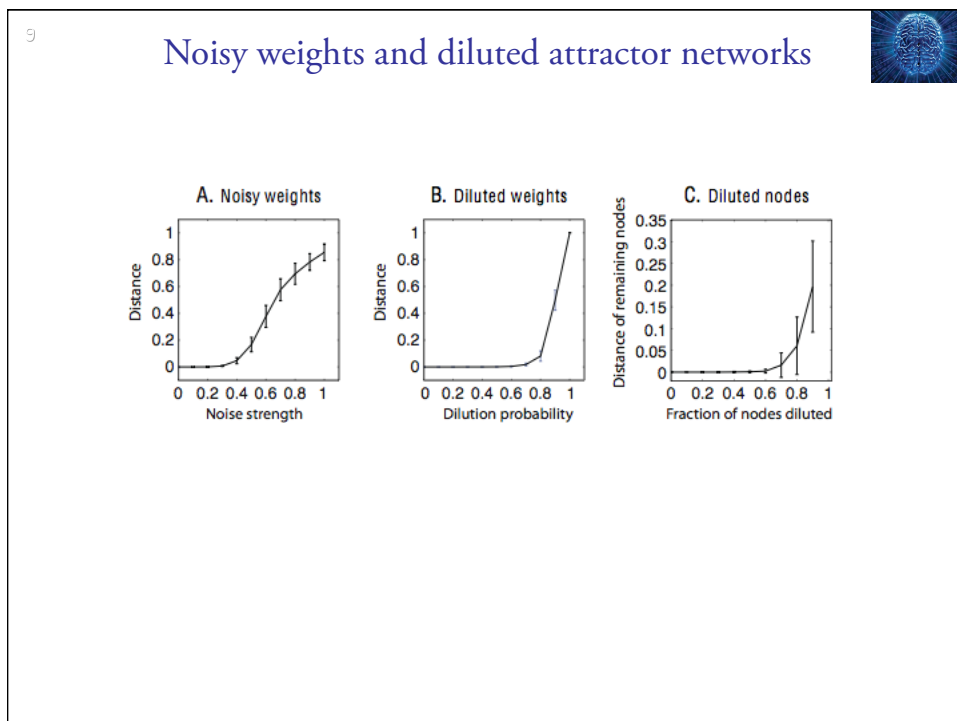
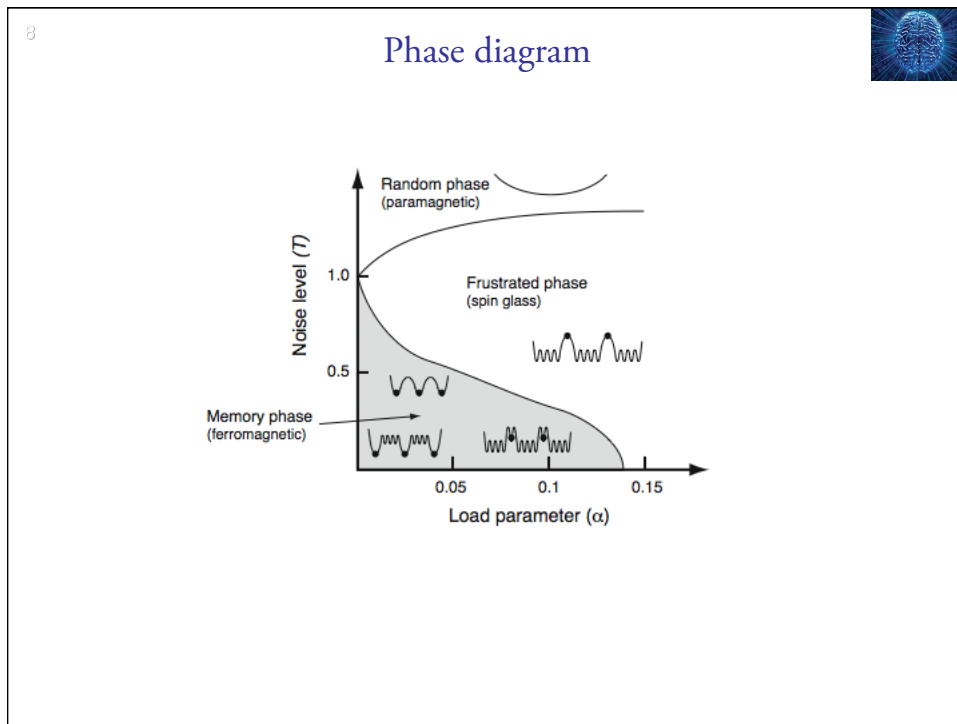
Probabilistic RNN

**Probabilistic update rule:**

$$P(s_i(t) = +1) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-2 \sum_j w_{ij} s_j(t-1)/T)}$$

Recovers deterministic rule in $\lim_{T \rightarrow 0}$

$$s_i(t) = \text{sign}\left(\sum_j w_{ij} s_j(t-1)\right)$$



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How to minimize interference between patterns?



Associative memory in ANN is strongly influenced by interference between patterns due to

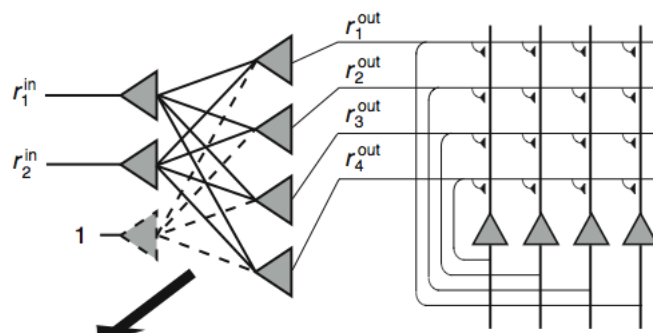
- ▶ correlated patterns
- ▶ random overlap

Storage capacity can be much enhanced through decorrelating patterns. Simplest approach is generating sparse representations with expansion re-coding.

Storage capacity: $P_c \approx \frac{k}{a \ln(1/a)}$ (Rolls & Treves)

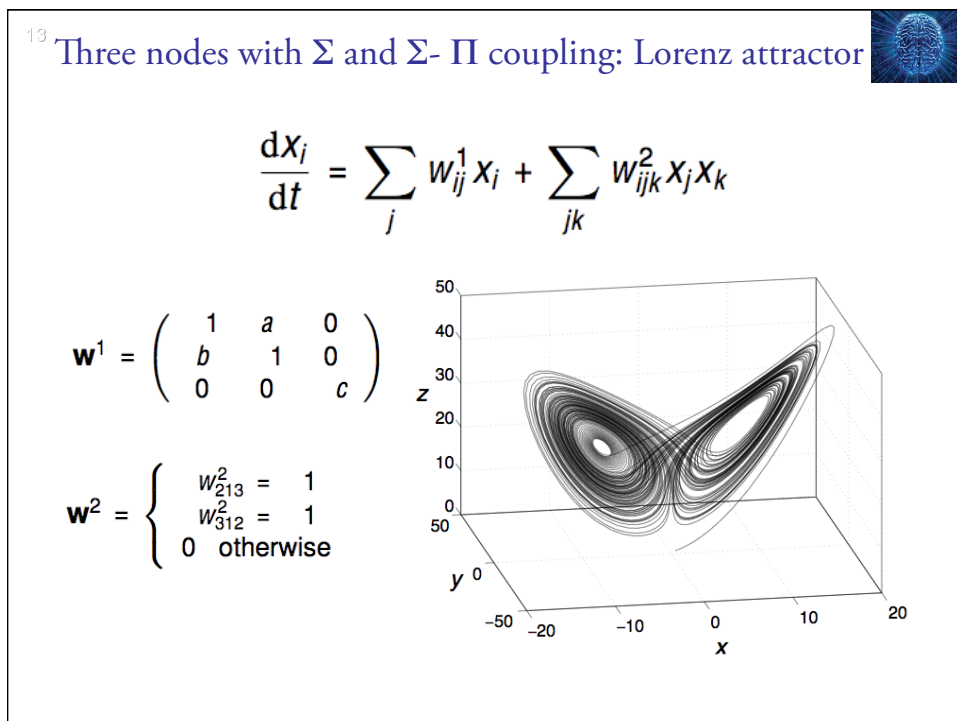
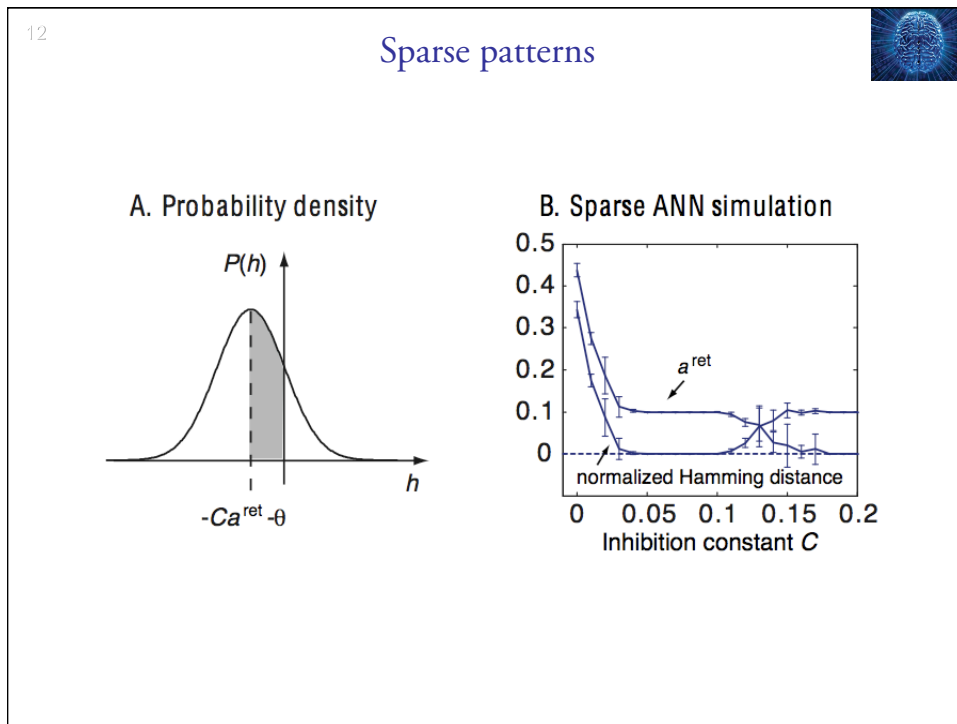
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Expansion re-coding (e.g. dentate gyrus)



$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0.5 \\ 1 & -1 & -0.5 \\ -1 & 1 & -0.5 \\ 1 & 1 & -1.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

r_1^{in}	r_2^{in}	r_1^{out}	r_2^{out}	r_3^{out}	r_4^{out}
0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	0	1



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Cohen-Grossberg theorem



Dynamical system of the form $\frac{dx_i}{dt} = -a_i(x_i) \left(b_i(x_i) - \sum_{j=1}^N (w_{ij}g_j(x_j)) \right)$
 Has a Lyapunov (Energy) function, which guarantees point attractors, under the conditions that

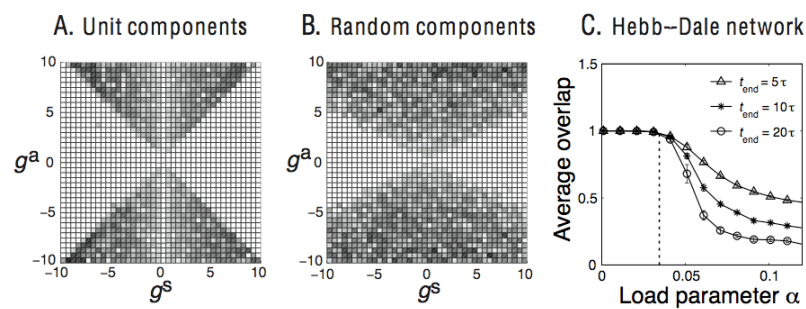
1. **Positivity** $a_i \geq 0$: The dynamics must be a leaky integrator rather than an amplifying integrator.
2. **Symmetry** $w_{ij} = w_{ji}$: The influence of one node on another has to be the same as the reverse influence.
3. **Monotonicity** $\text{sign}(dg(x)/dx) = \text{const}$: The activation function has to be a monotonic function.

→ **more general dynamics possible with:**

- ▶ Non-symmetric weight matrix
- ▶ Non-monotone activation functions (tuning curves)
- ▶ Networks with hidden nodes

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Recurrent networks with non-symmetric weights



→ **strong asymmetry is necessary to abolish point attractors**

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