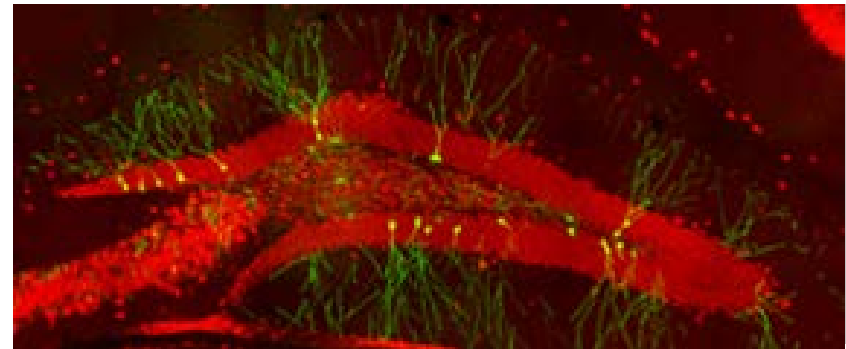
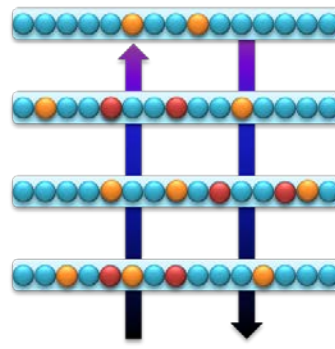
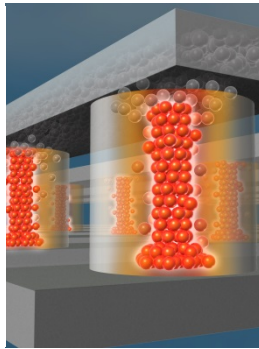
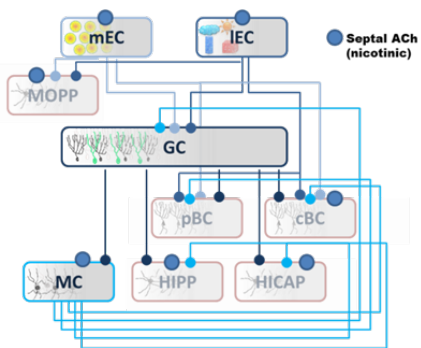


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## Hippocampus-inspired Adaptive Neural Algorithms

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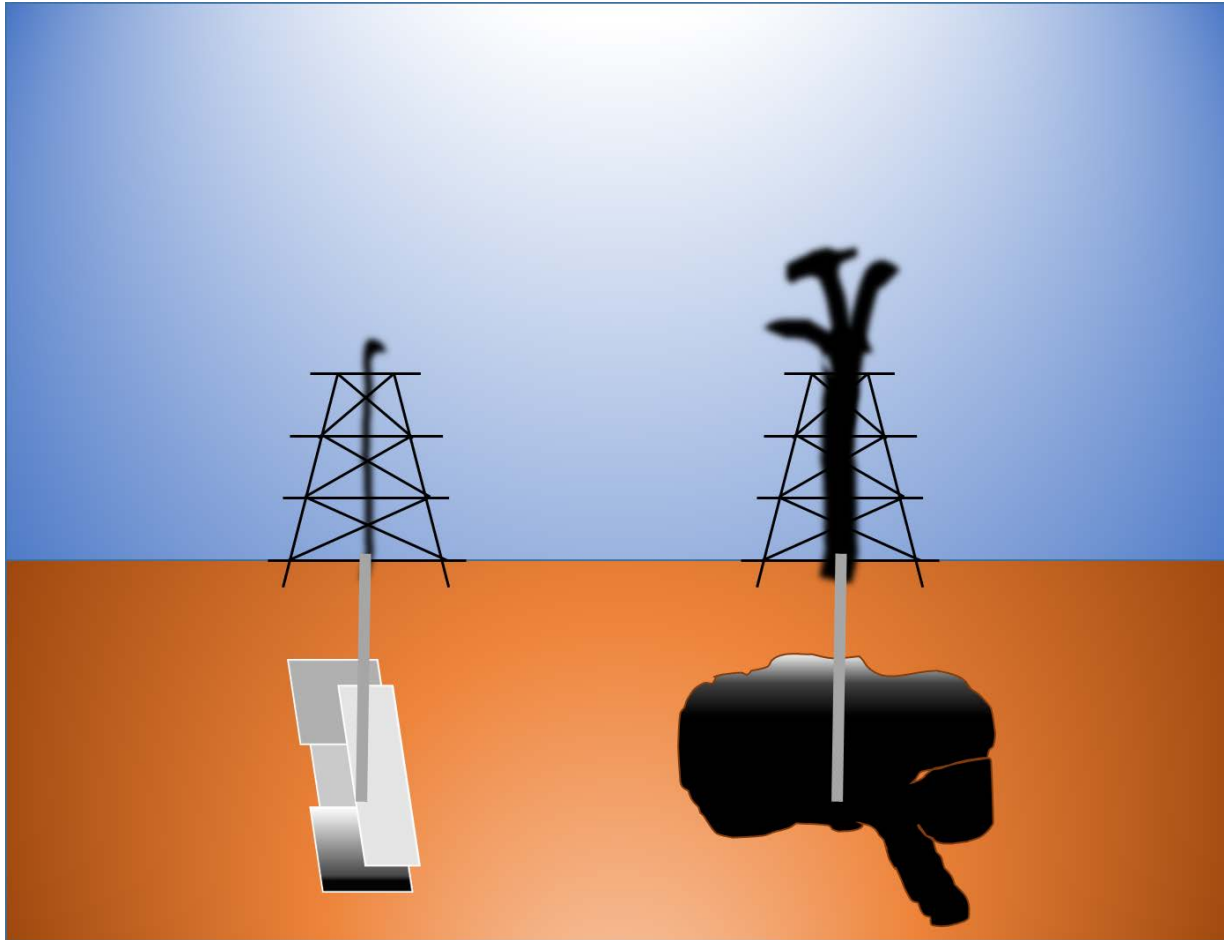
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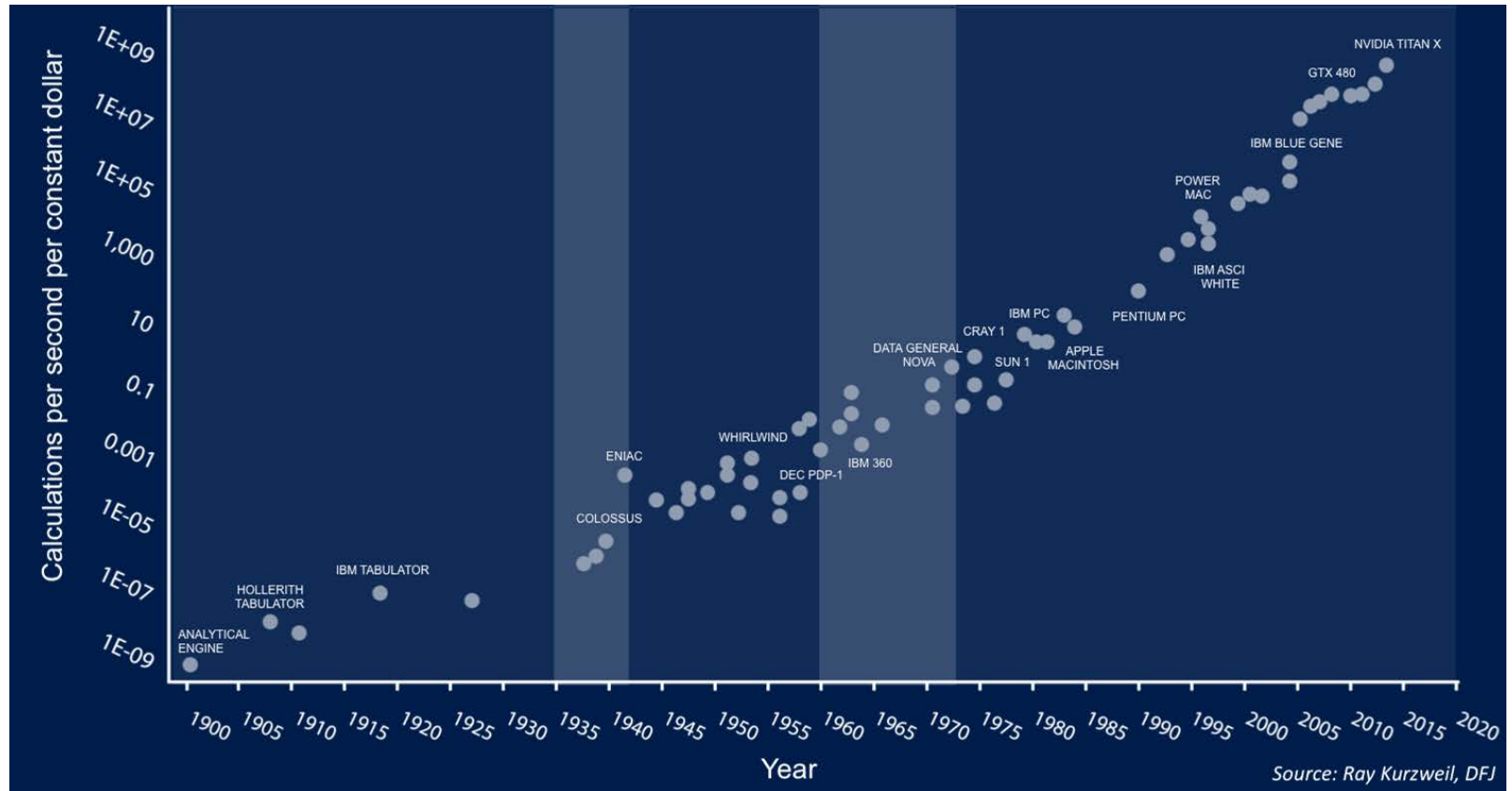


# Can neural computing provide the next Moore's Law?





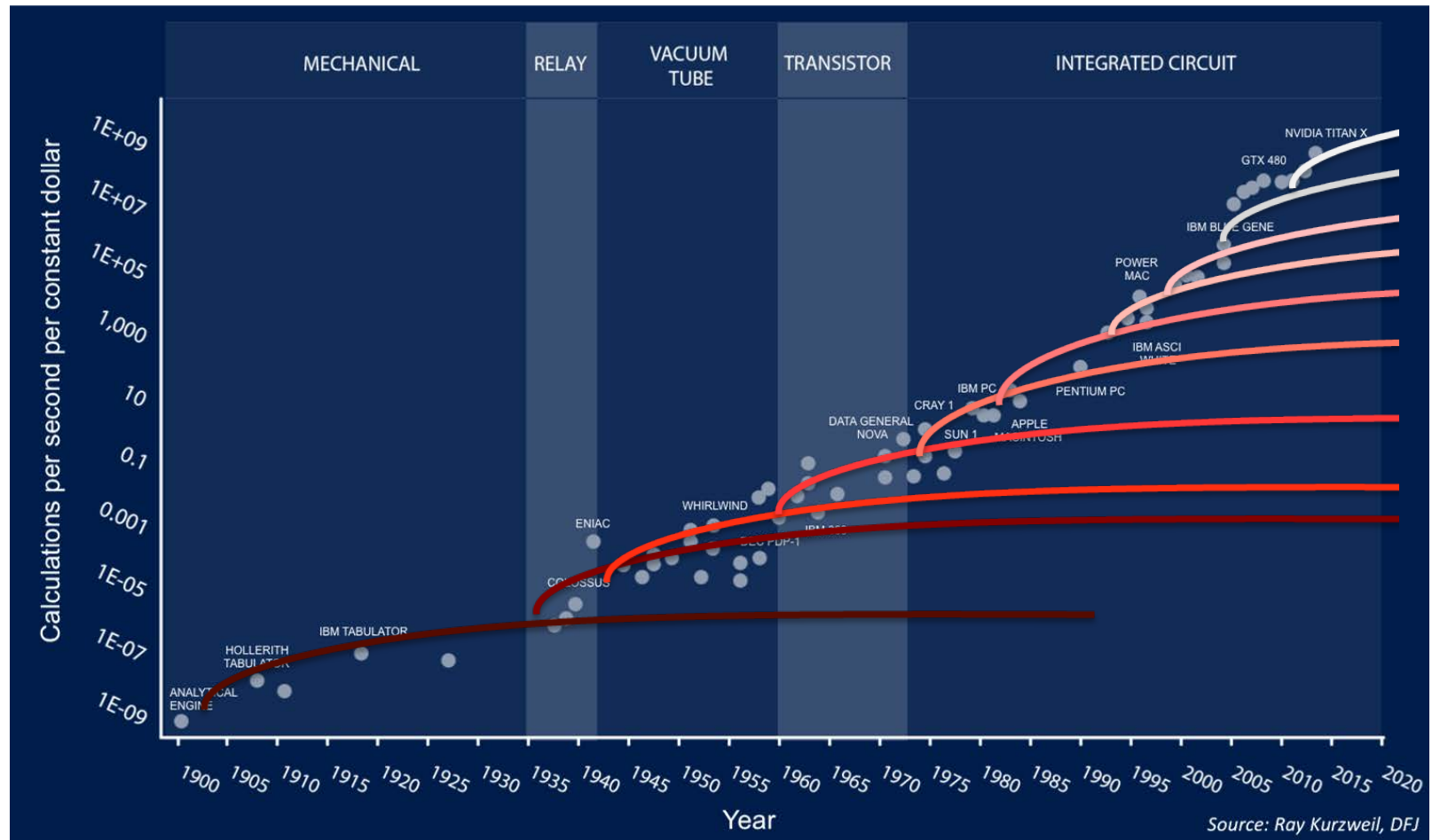
# Moore's Law was based on scientific discovery and successive innovations



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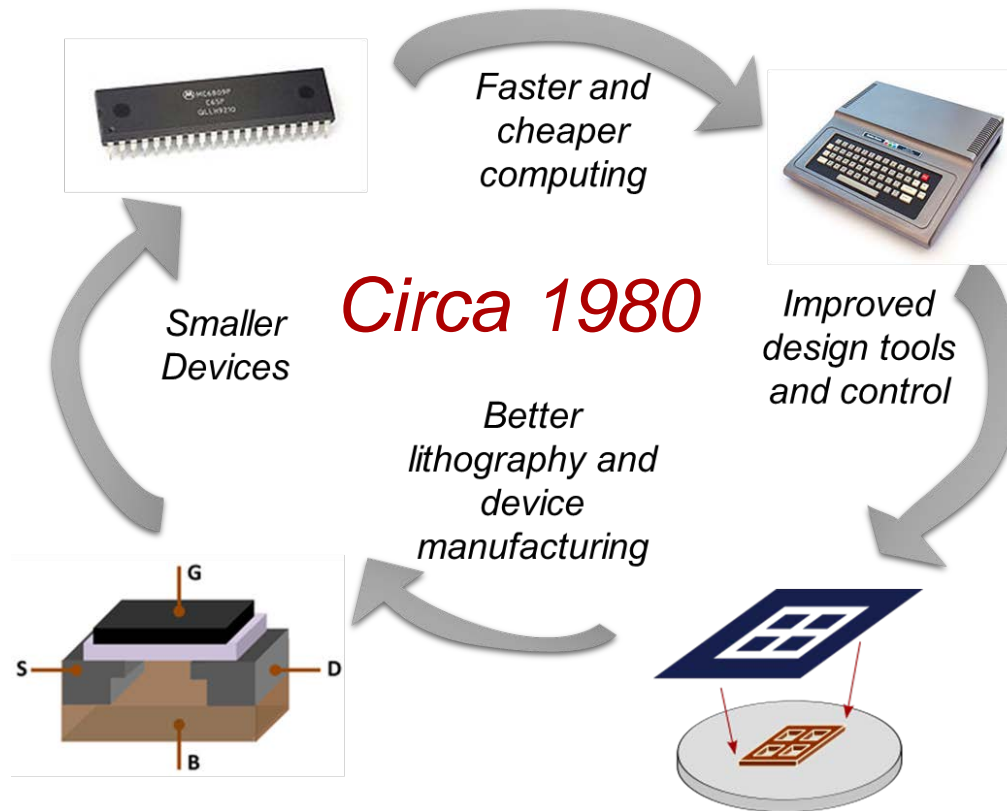
# Each successive advance made more computing feasible



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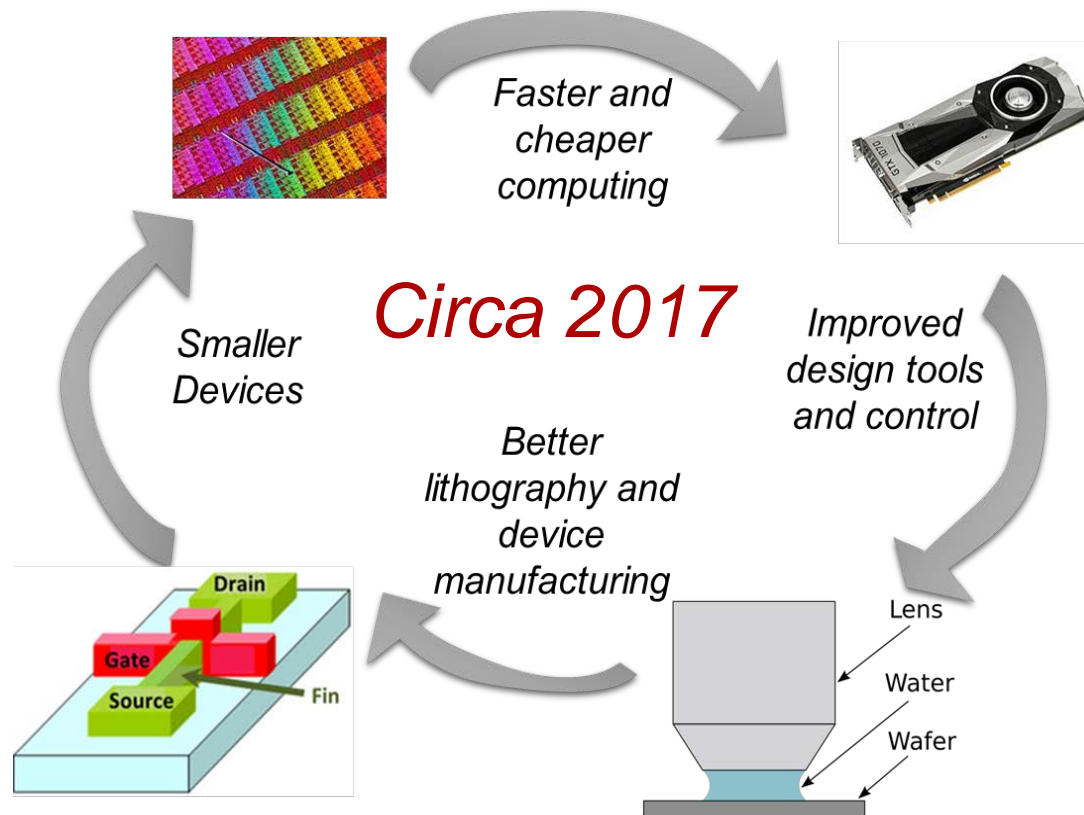
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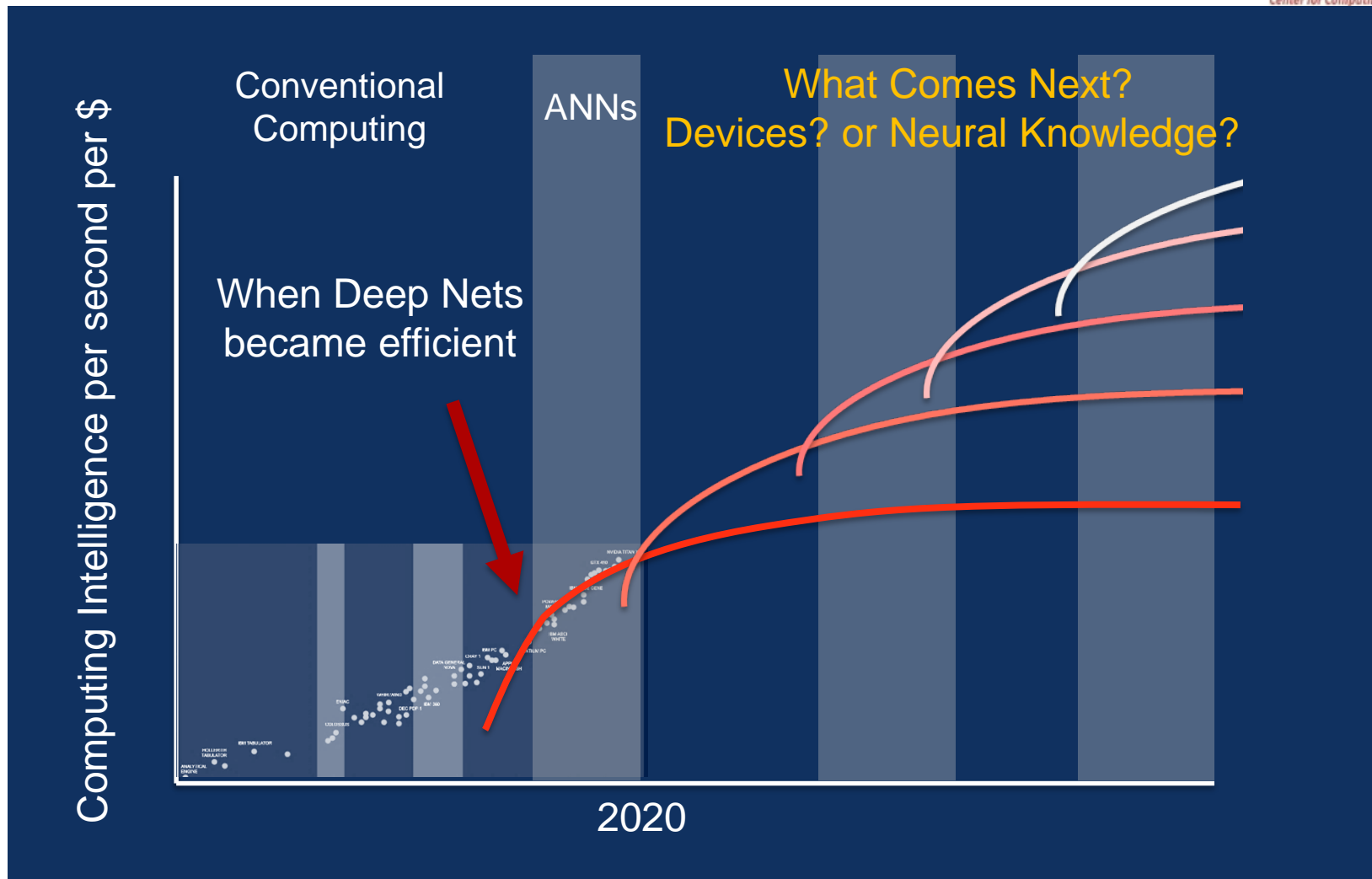
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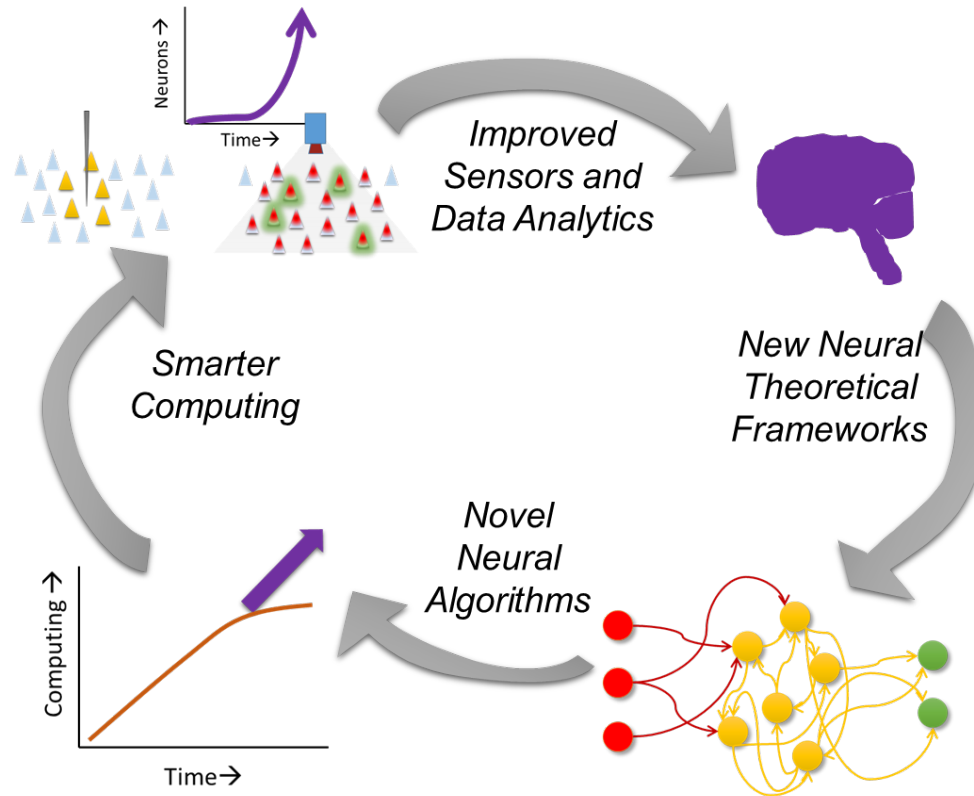


If we extrapolate *capabilities* out, it is not obvious better devices is the answer...



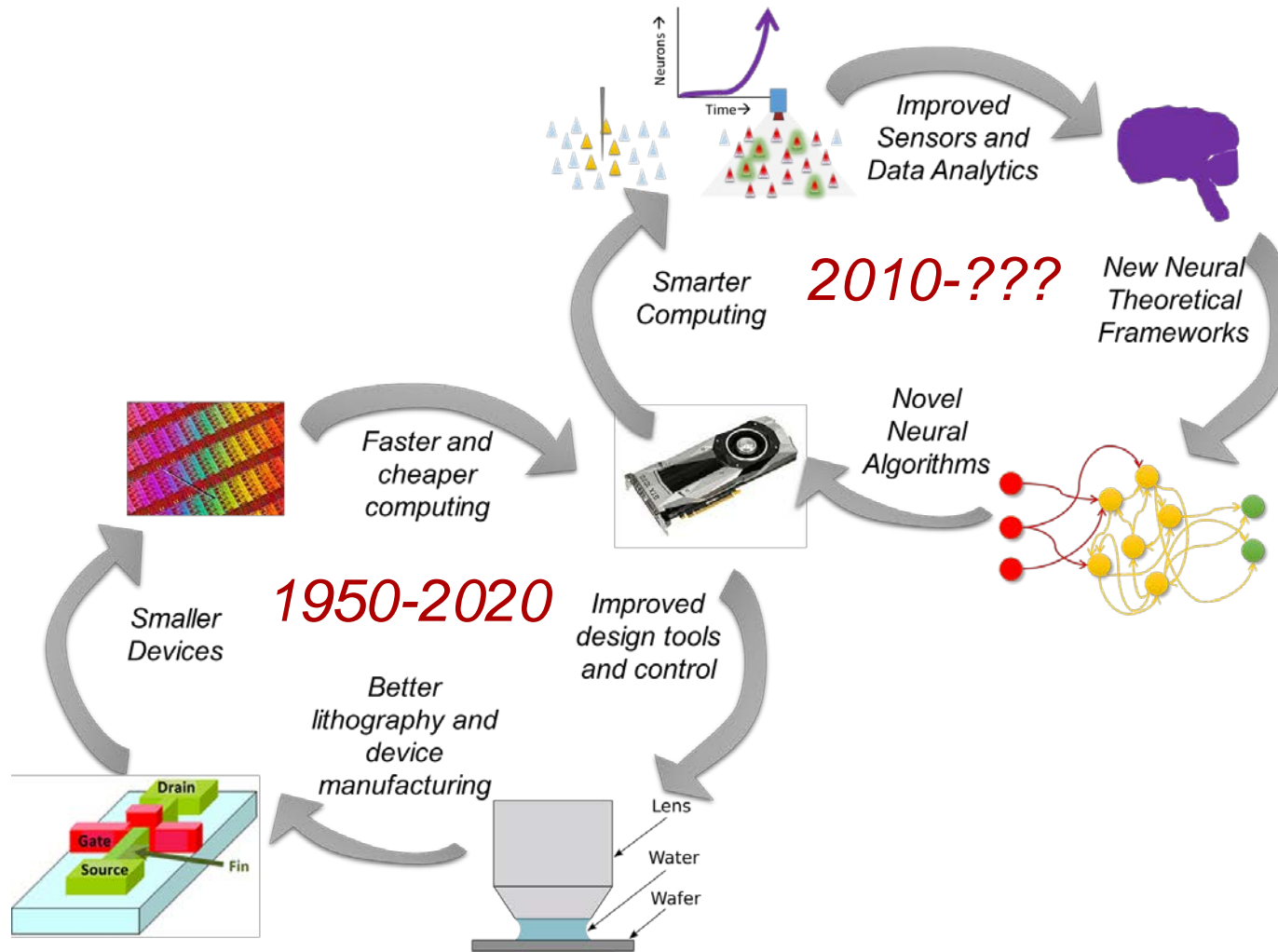


# Cycle of computing scaling already has begun to influence neuroscience



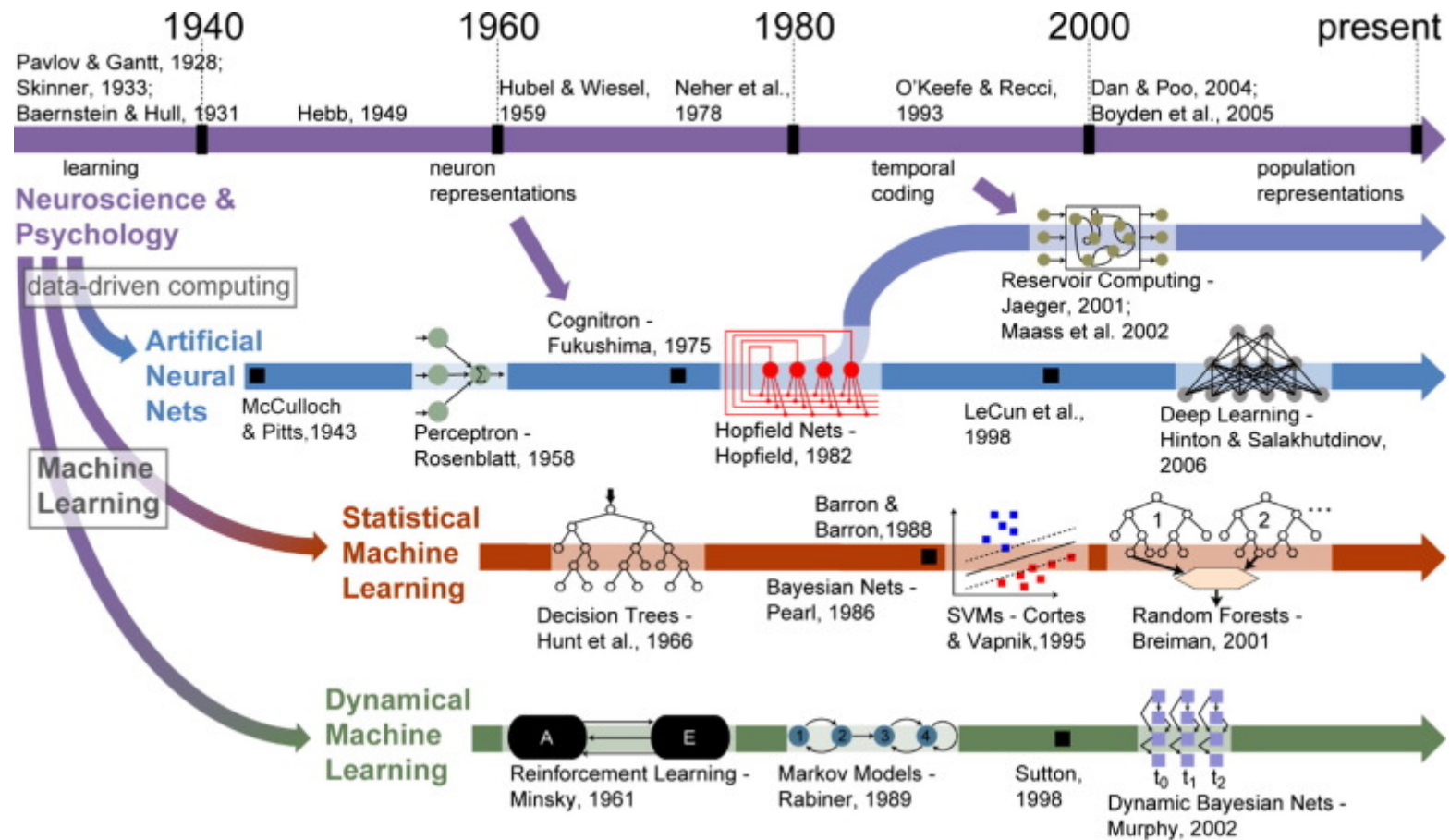


# Even if Moore's Law ends, computing *will* continue to scale to be smarter





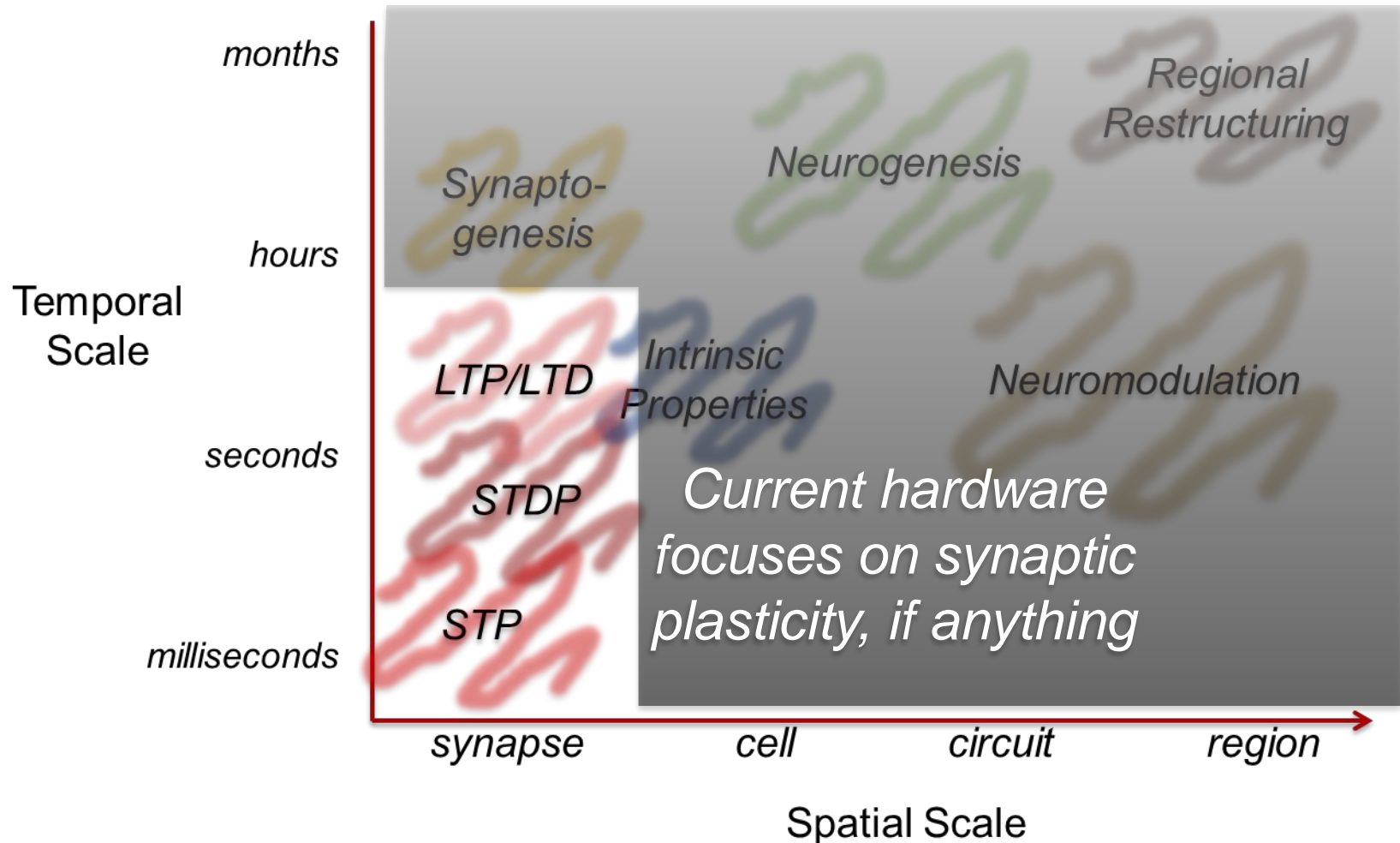
# The reservoir of known neuroscience untapped for computing inspiration is *enormous*



James, et al., BICA 2017



# The brain has many mechanisms for adaptation; which are important for computing?

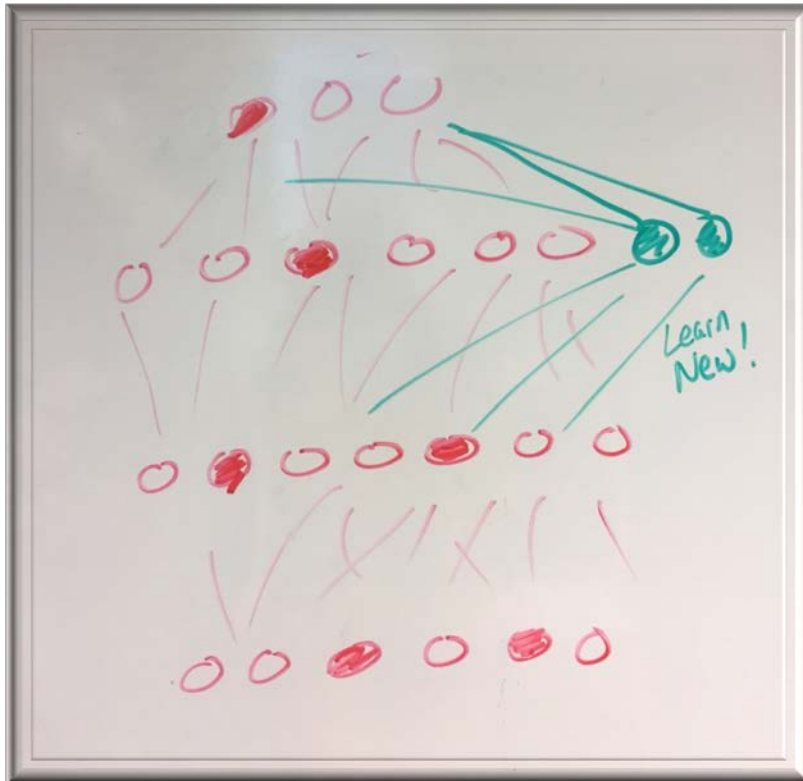




# There are different algorithmic approaches to neural learning

- *In situ* adaptation
  - Incorporate “new” forms of known neural plasticity into existing algorithms
- *Ex situ* adaptation
  - Design entirely new algorithms or algorithmic modules to provide cognitive learning abilities





# Neurogenesis Deep Learning

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Extending deep networks to accommodate new classes

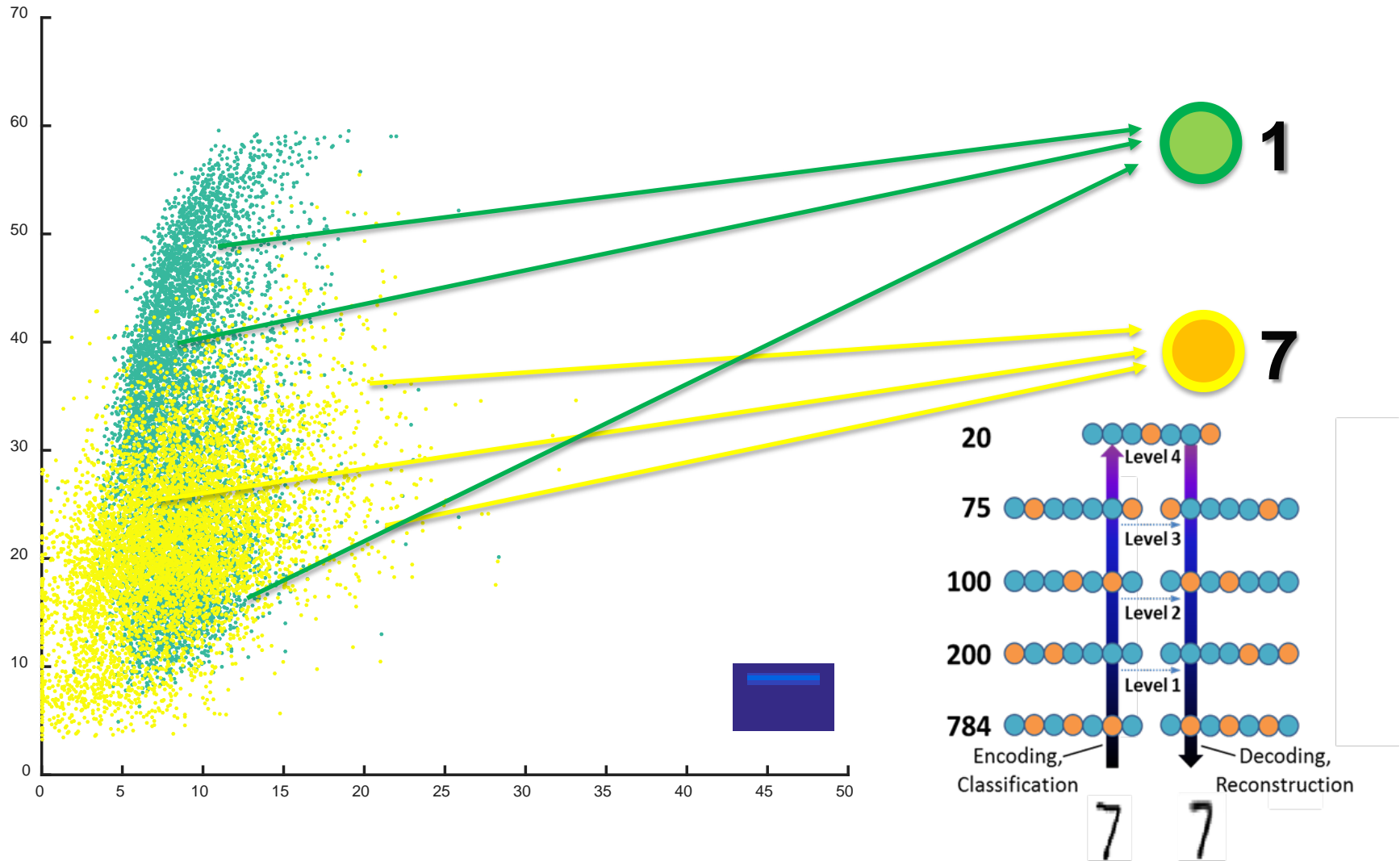
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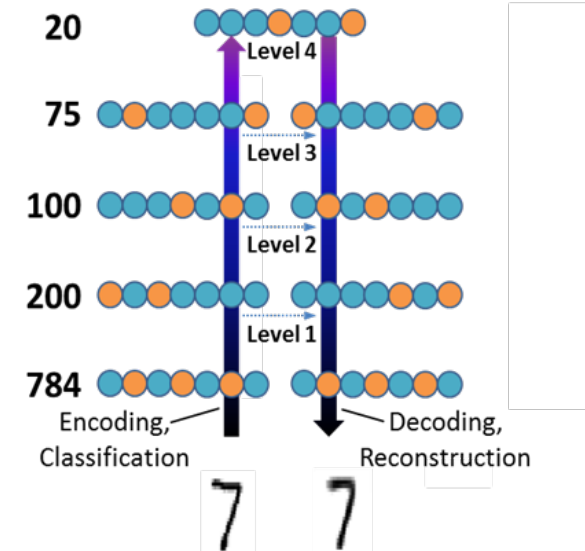
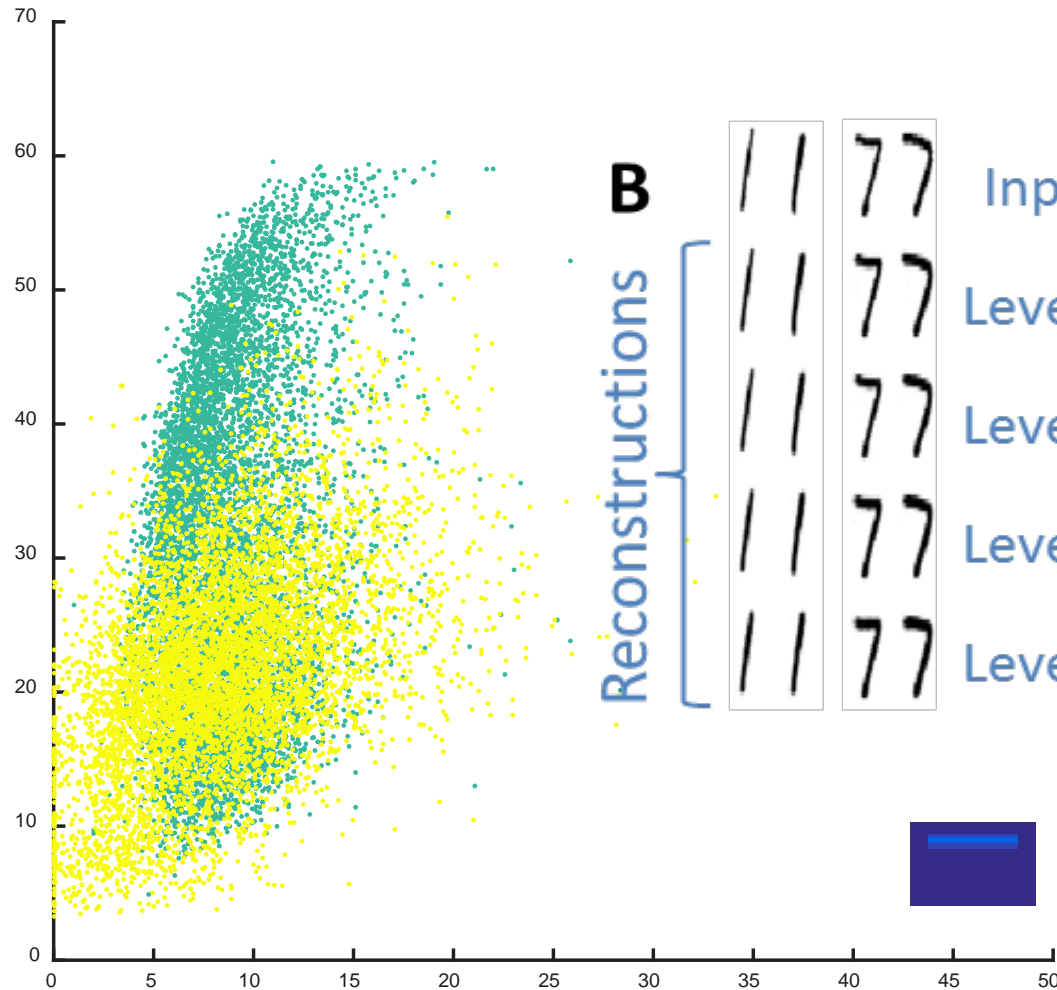


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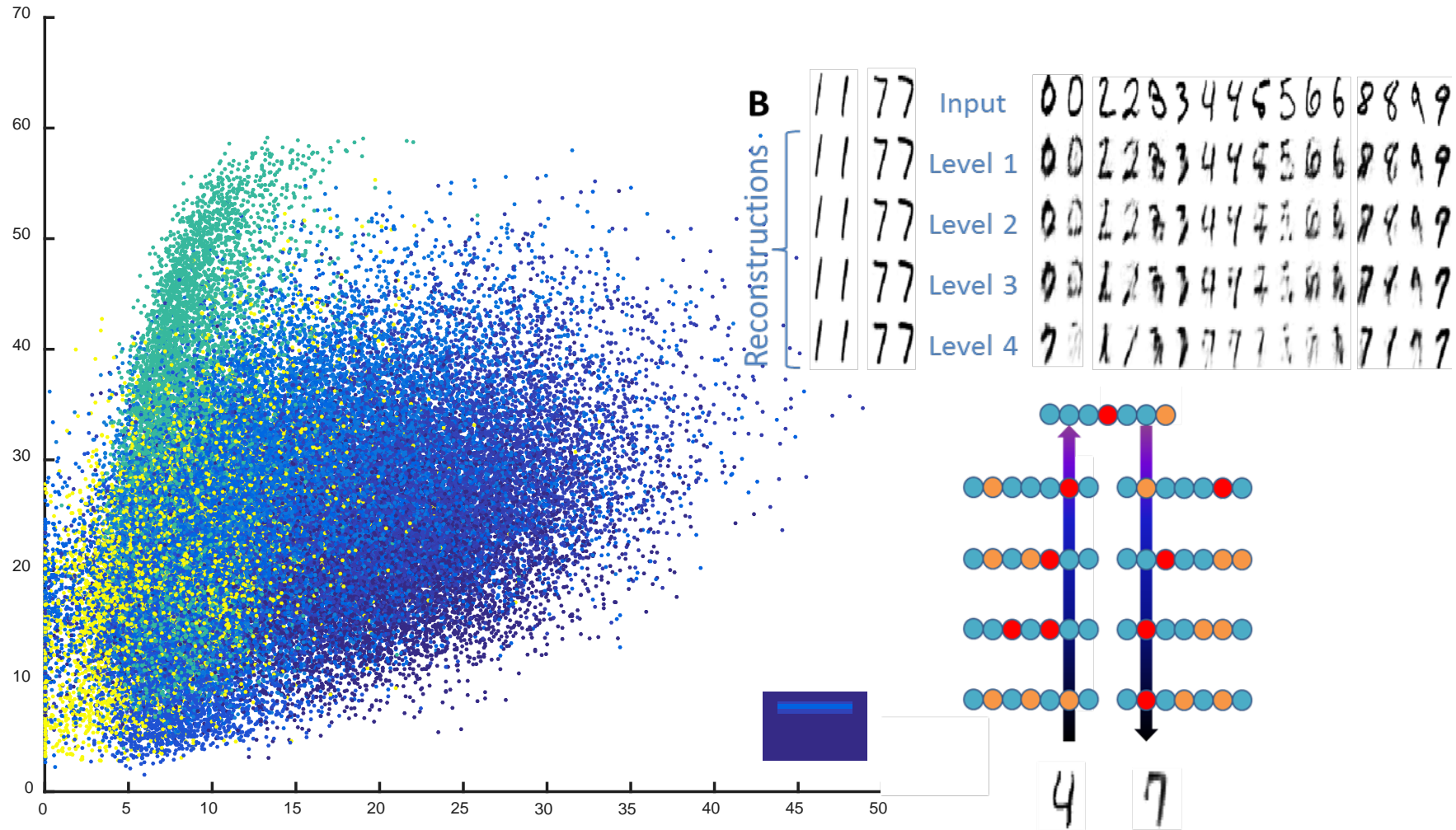


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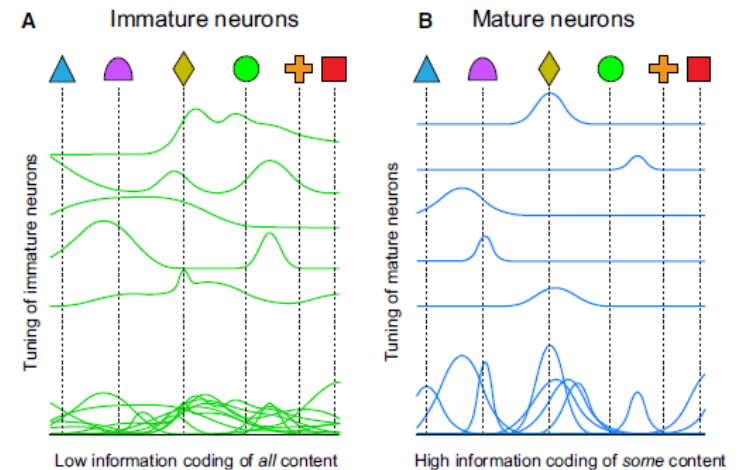
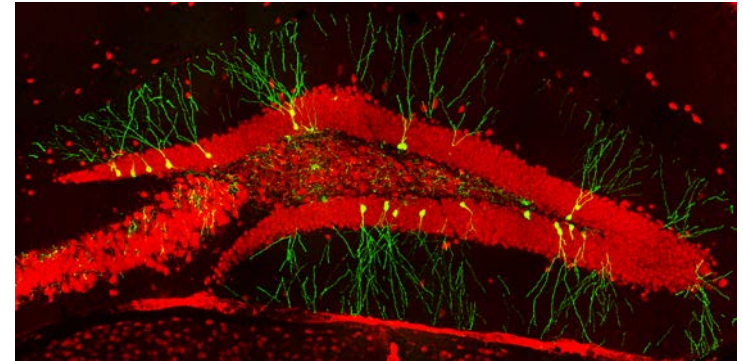
# Deep networks often struggle to generalize outside of training domain





# Neurogenesis can be used to capture new information without disrupting old information

- Brain incorporates new neurons in a select number of regions
  - Particularly critical for novelty detection and encoding of new information
  - “Young” hippocampal neurons exhibit increased plasticity (learn more) and are dynamic in their representations
  - “Old” hippocampal neurons appear to have reduced learning and maintain their representations
- Cortex does **not** have neurogenesis (or similar mechanisms) in adult-hood, but does during development

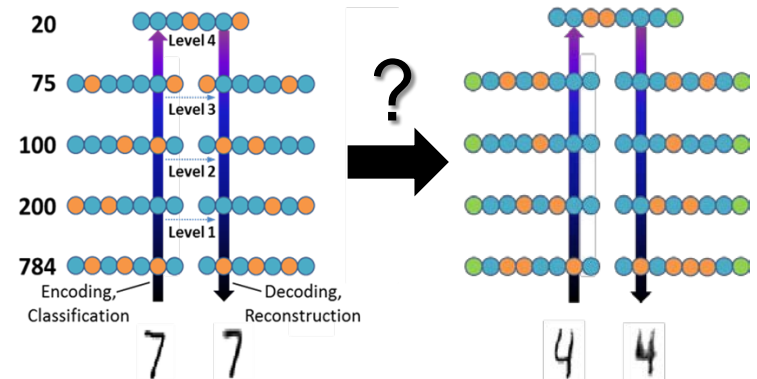
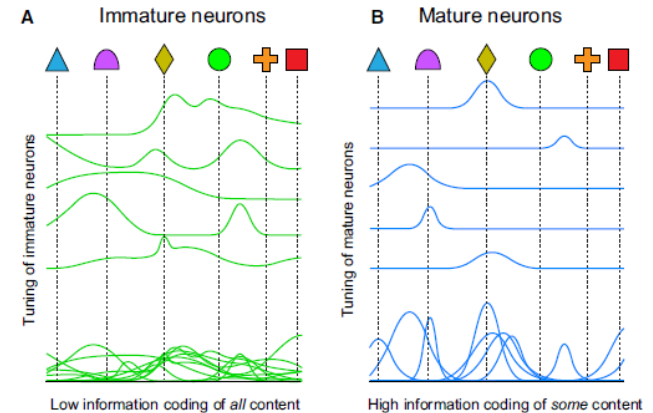


*Aimone et al., Neuron 2011*



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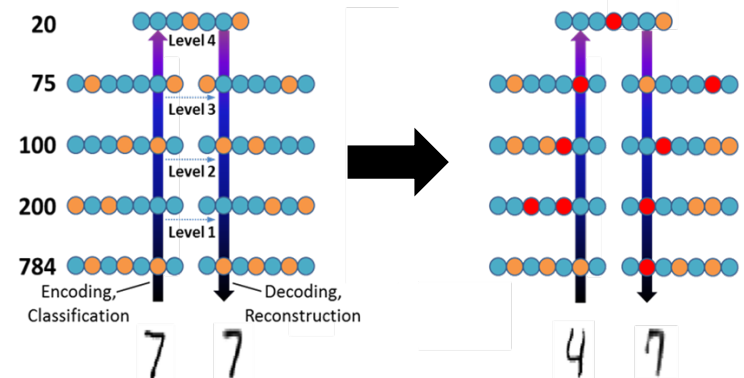
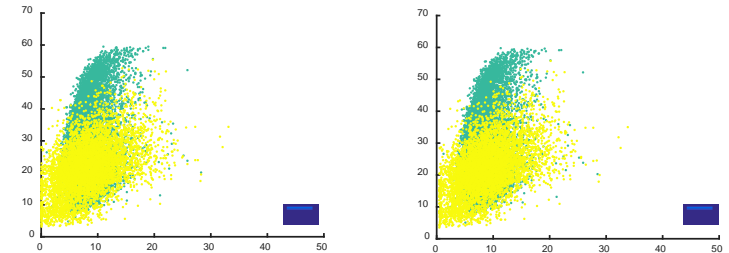
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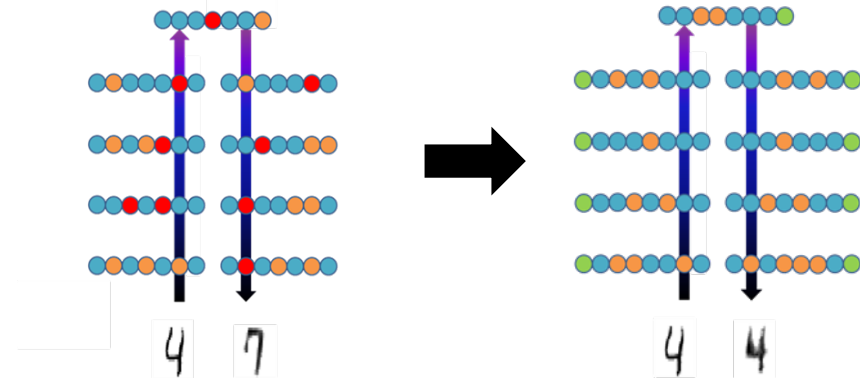
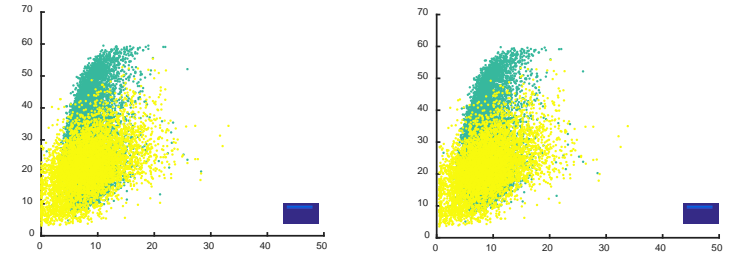
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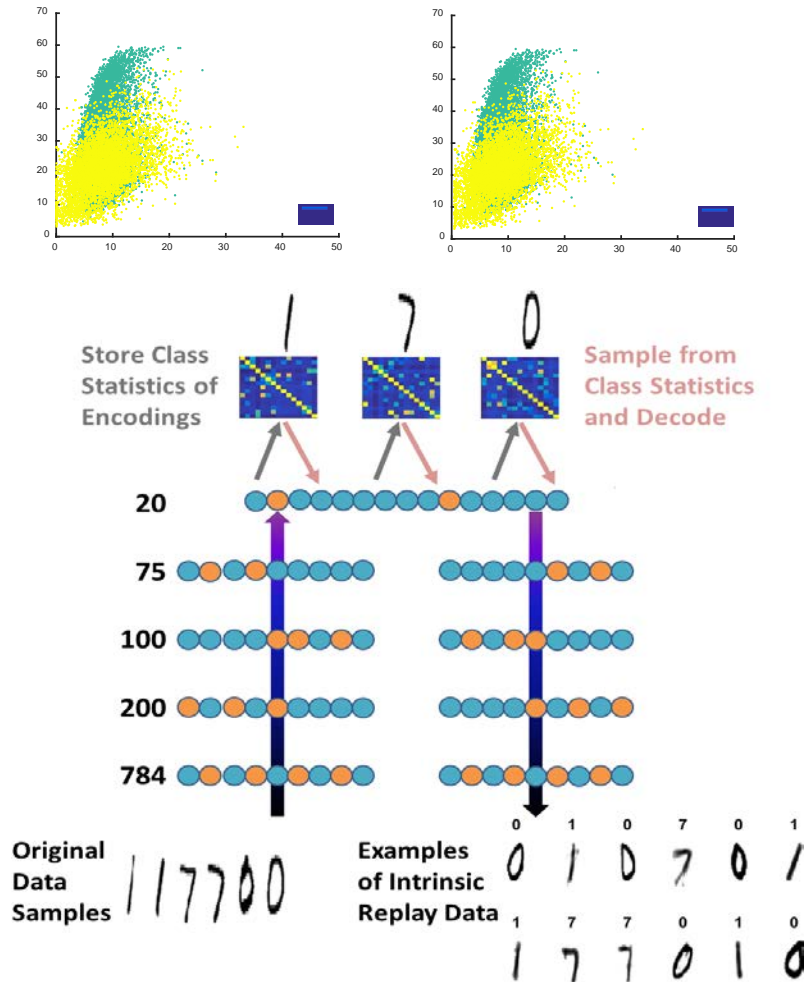
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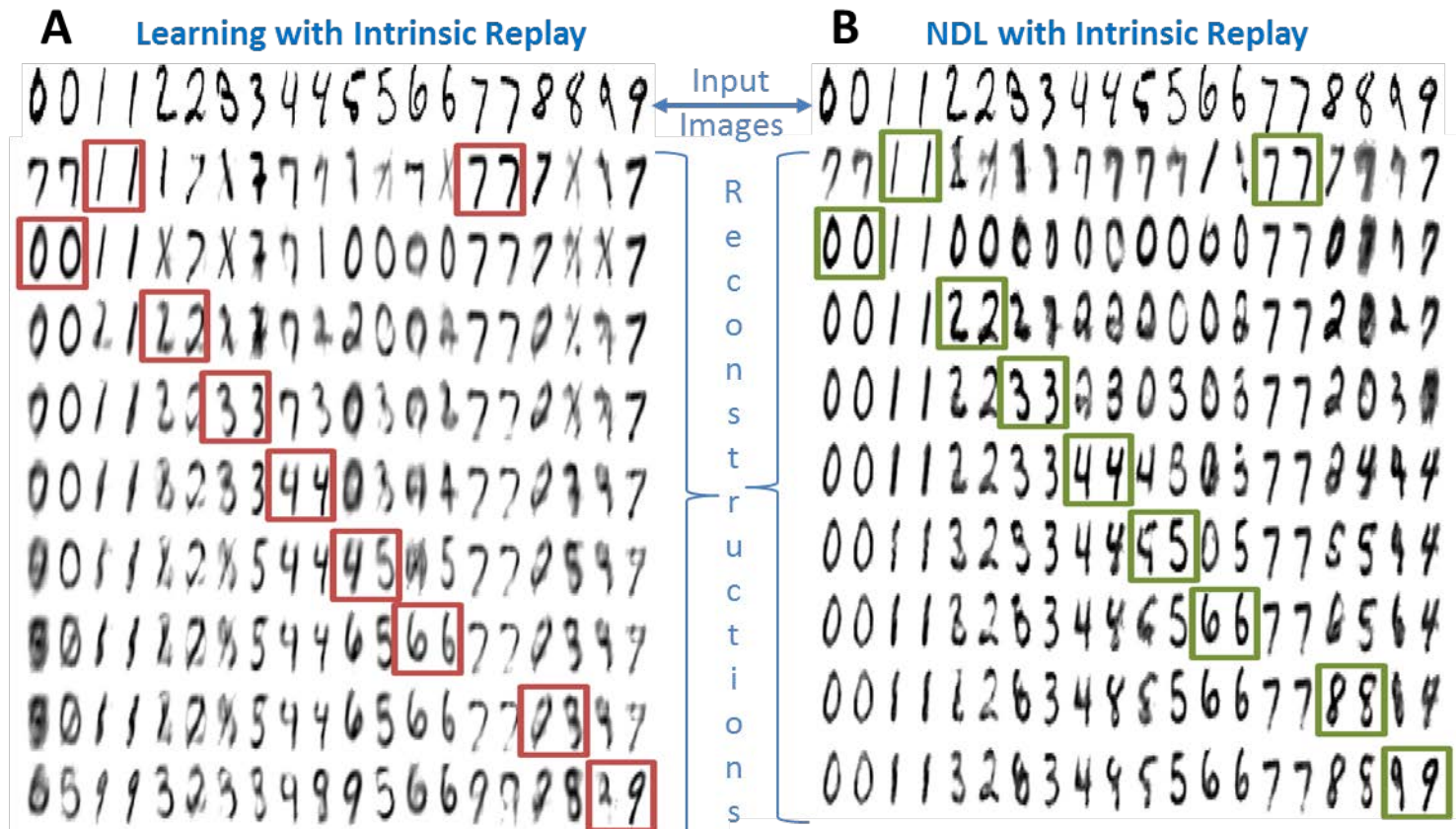
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  - Stage 3: Repeat neurogenesis until reconstructions drop below error thresholds





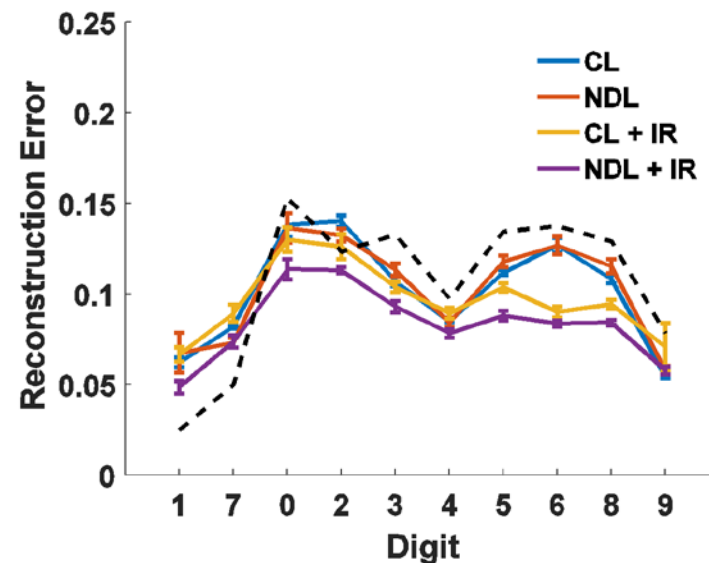
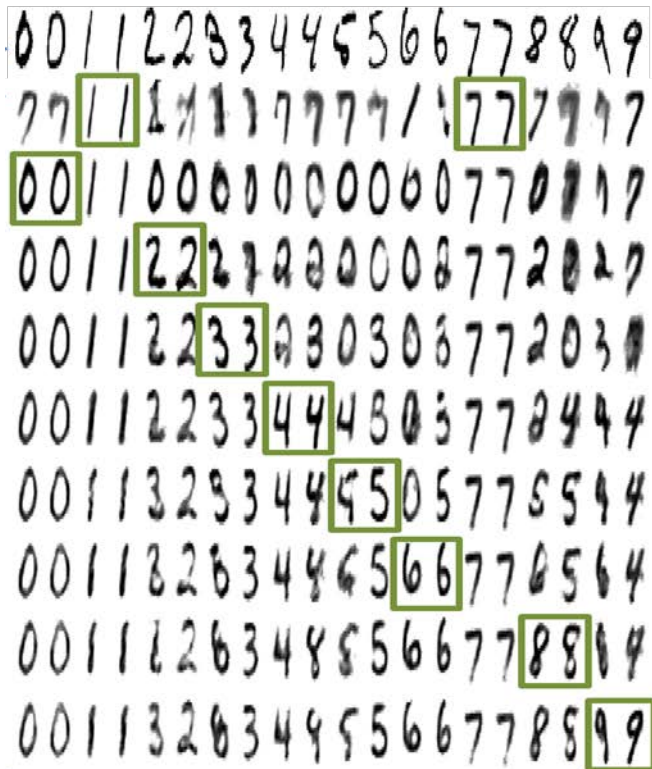
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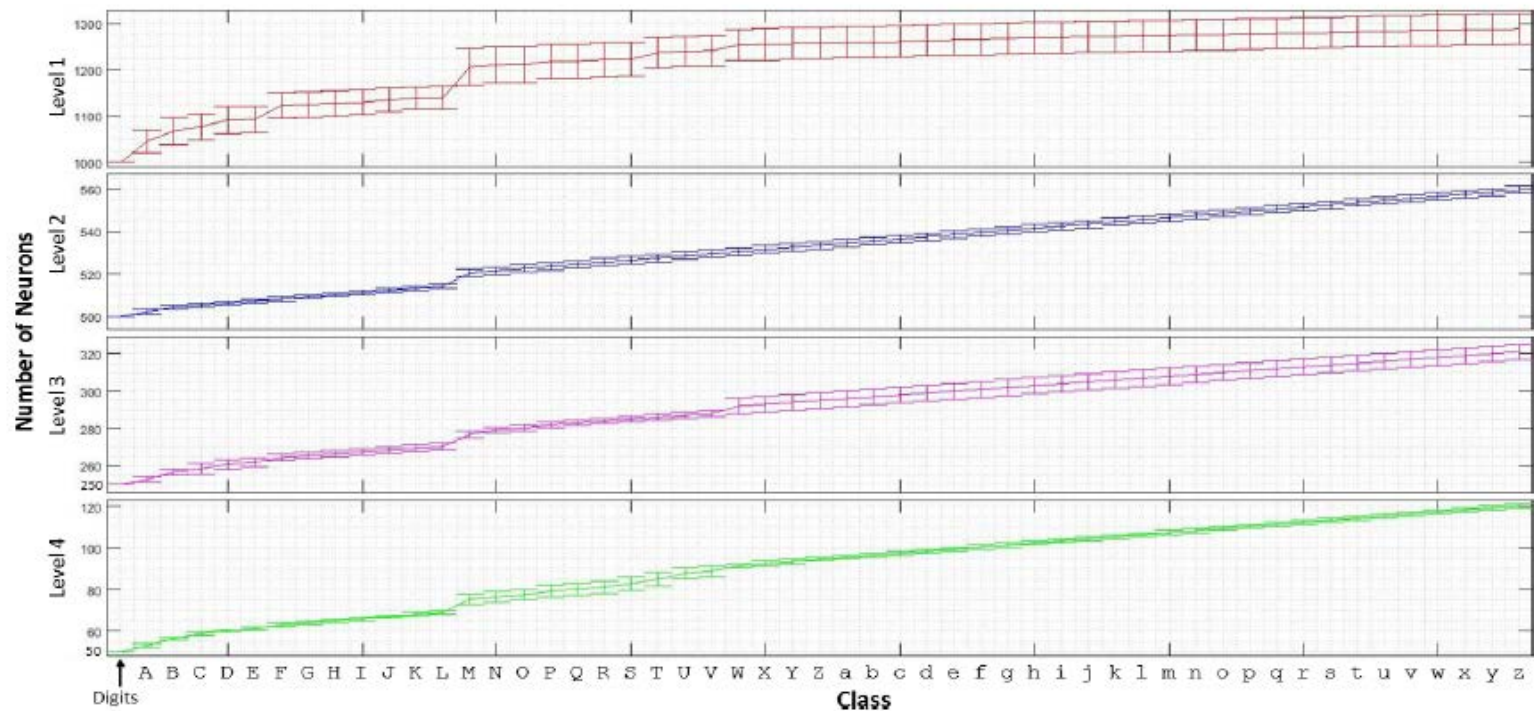
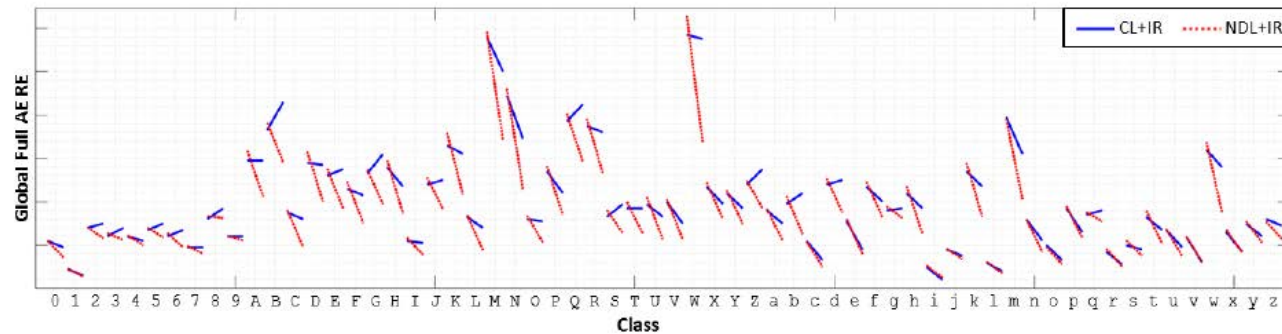
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**B** NDL with Intrinsic Replay





# NDL applied to NIST data set





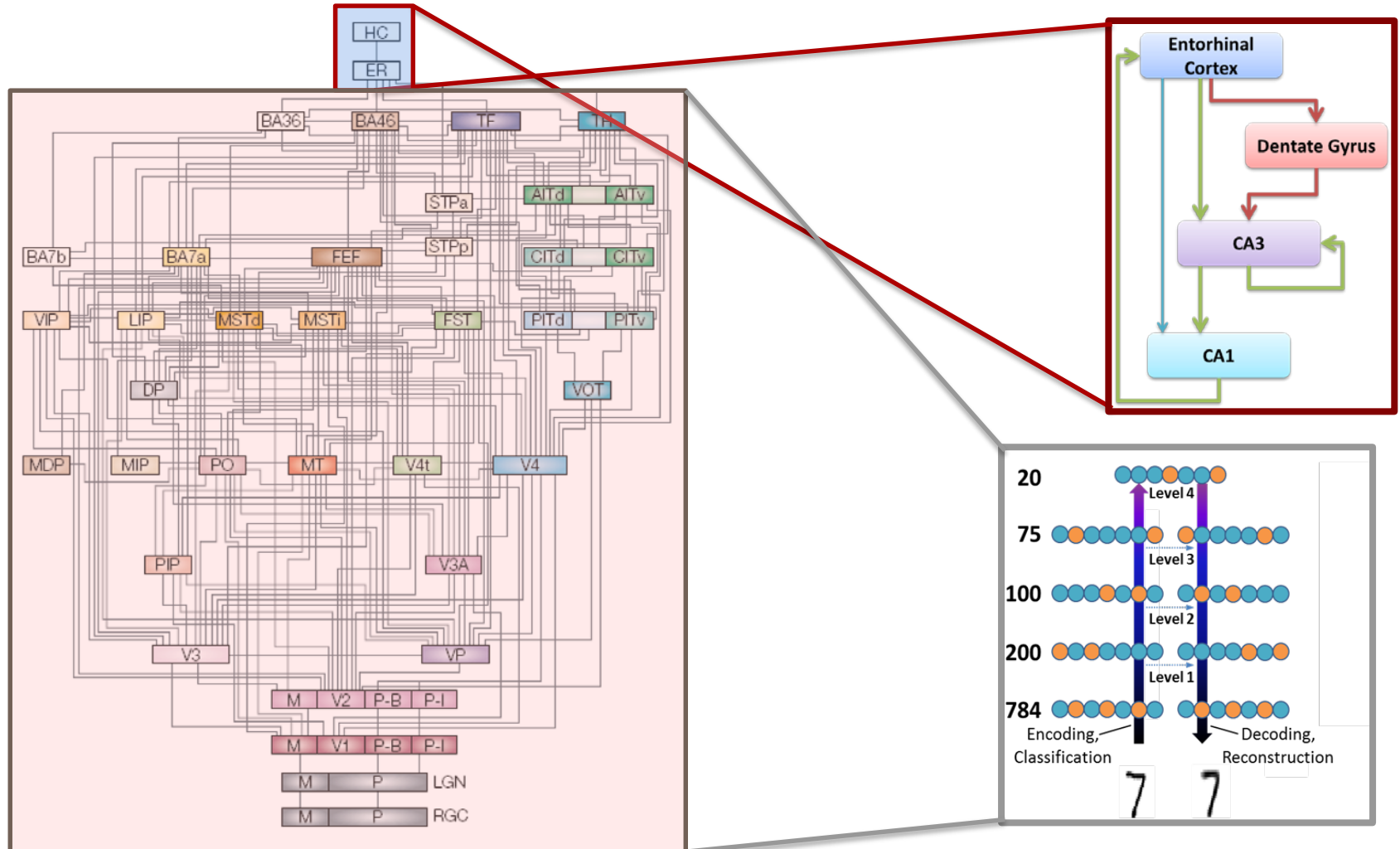
# A New View of the Hippocampus





# Deep learning $\approx$ Cortex

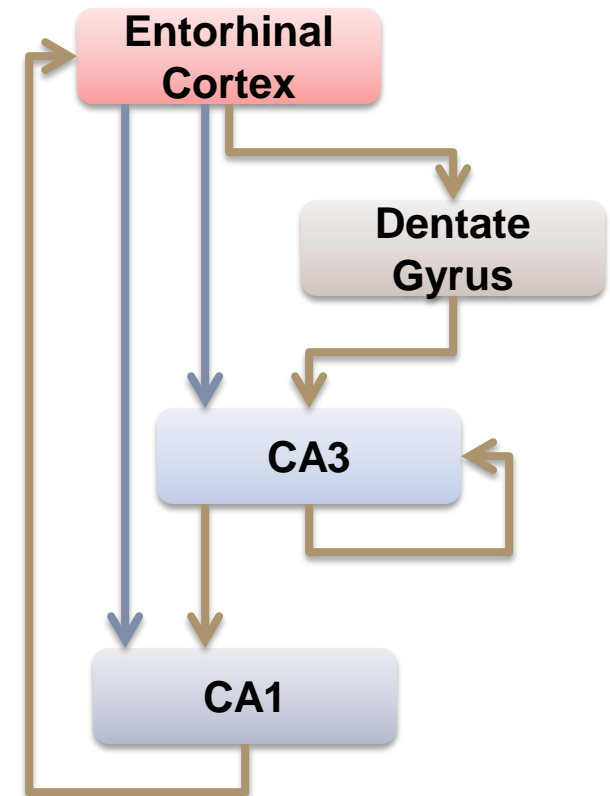
## *What $\approx$ Hippocampus?*





# Can a new framework for studying the hippocampus help inspire computing?

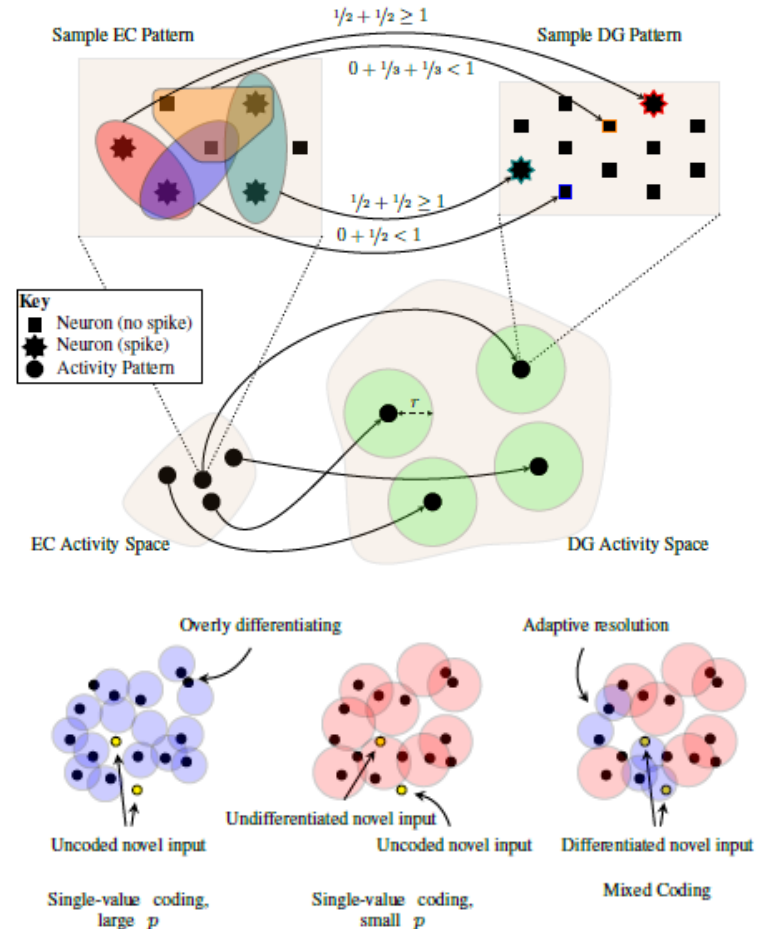
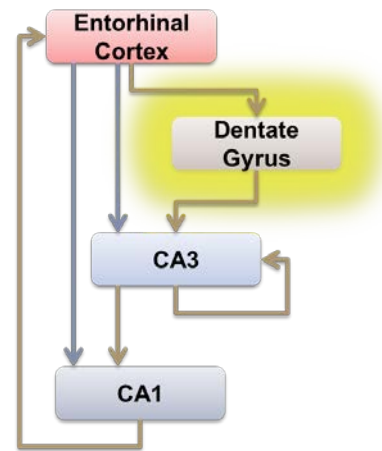
- Desired functions
  - Learn associations between cortical modalities
  - Encoding of temporal, contextual, and spatial information into associations
  - Ability for “one-shot” learning
  - Cue-based retrieval of information
- Desired properties
  - Compatible with spiking representations
  - Network must be stable with adaptation
  - Capacity should scale nicely
  - Biologically plausible in context of extensive hippocampus literature
  - Ability to formally quantify costs and performance
- **This requires a new model of CA3**





# Formal model of DG provides lossless encoding of cortical inputs

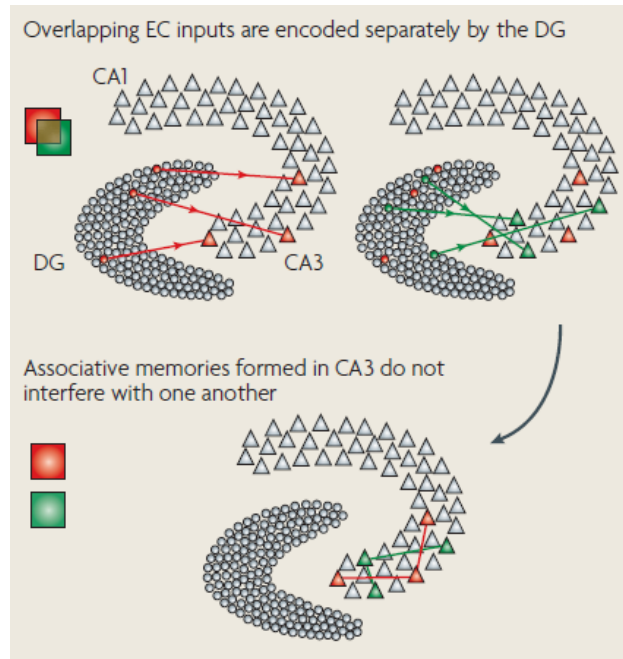
- Constraining EC inputs to have “grid cell” structure sets DG size to biological level of expansion (~10:1)
- Mixed code of broad-tuned (immature) neurons and narrow tuned (mature) neurons confirms predicted ability to encode novel information



William Severa, NICE 2016  
Severa et al., Neural Computation, 2017



# Classic model of CA3 uses Hopfield-like recurrent network attractors



*Deng, Aimone, Gage, Nat Rev Neuro 2010*

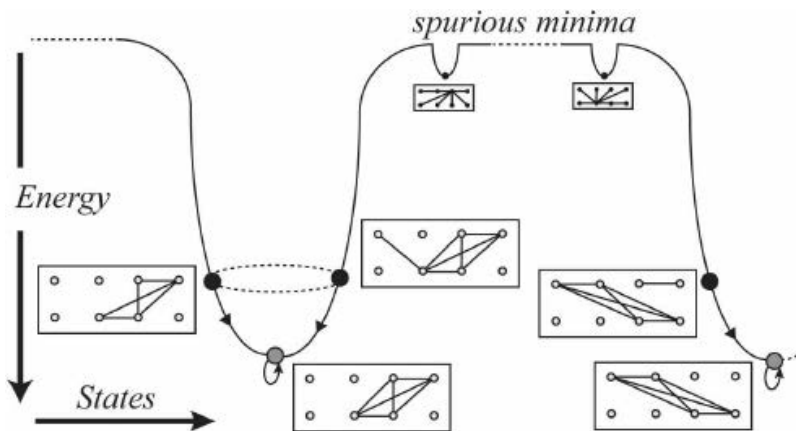
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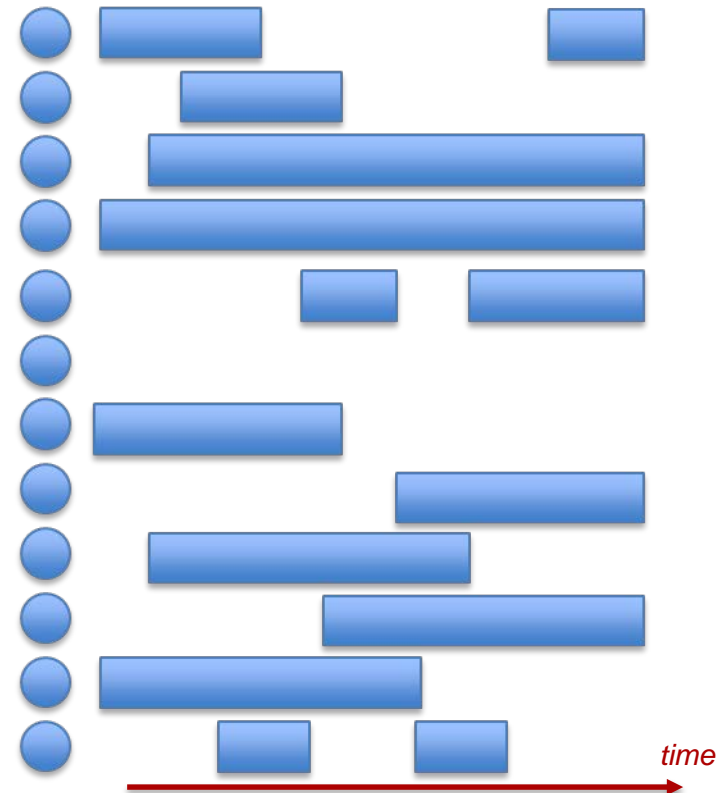


# Moving away from the Hopfield

## “learned auto-association” function for CA3



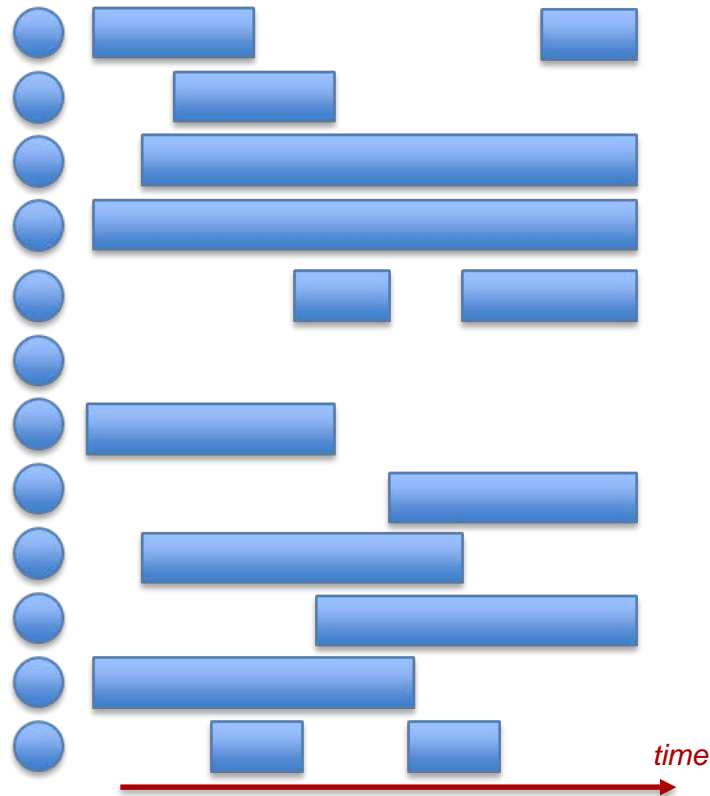
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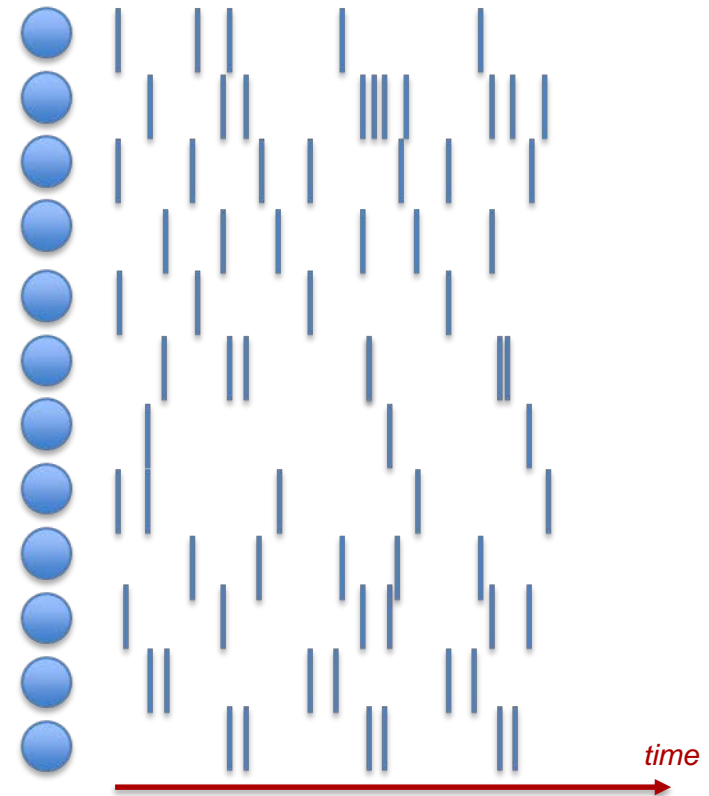
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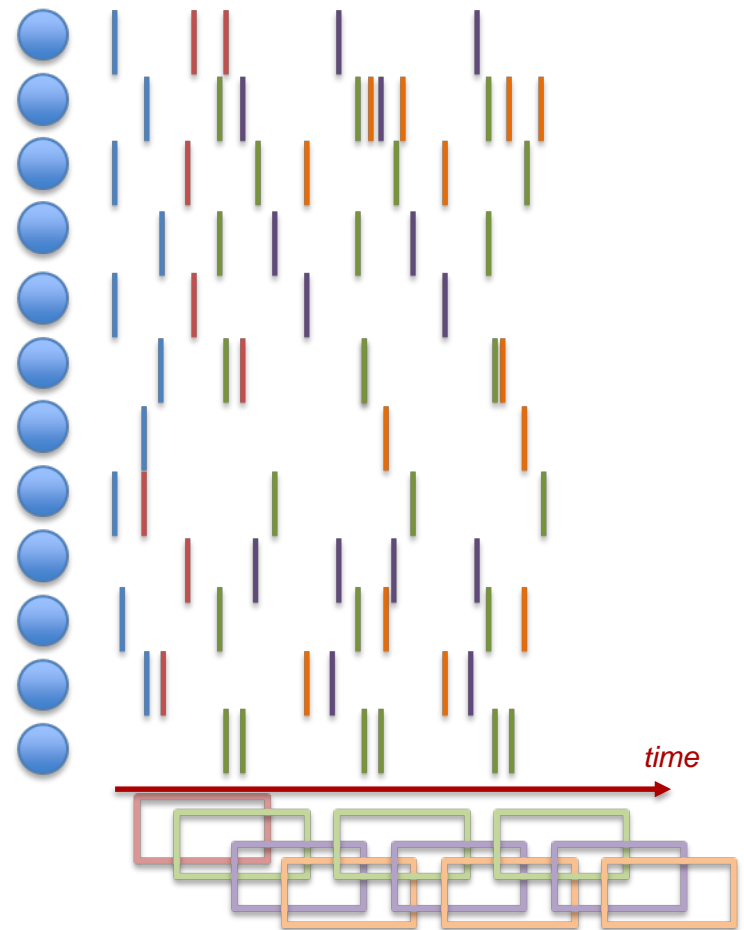
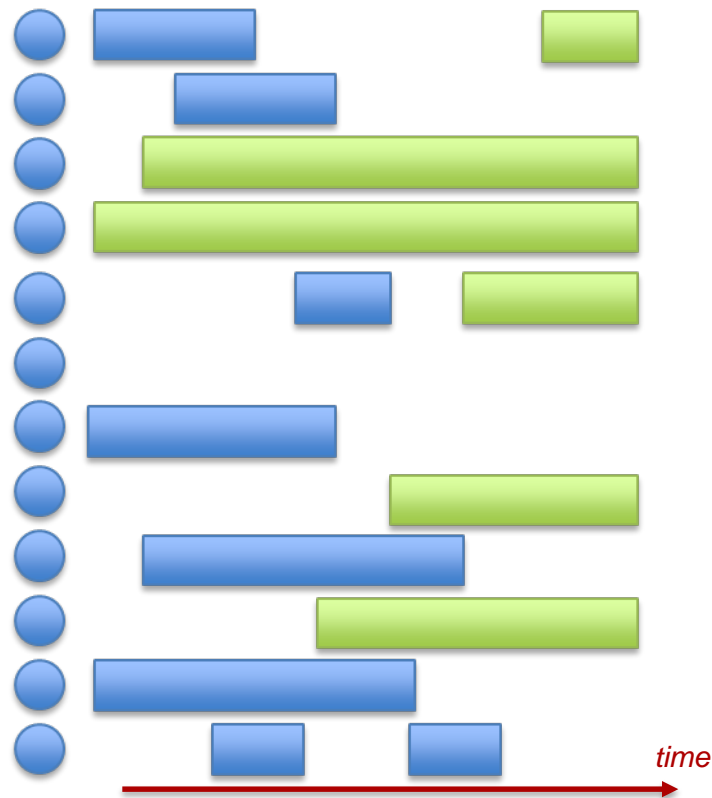
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Biology uses sequence of spiking neurons?



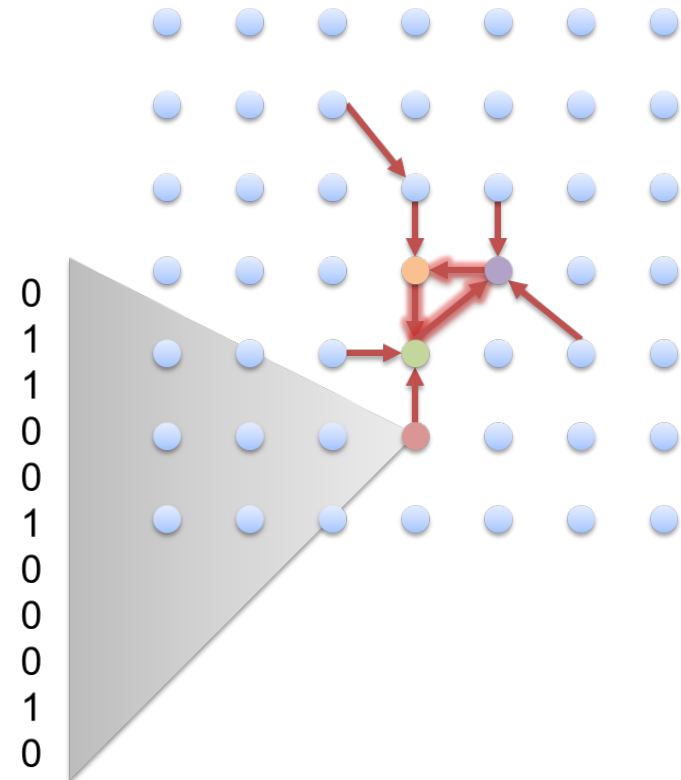
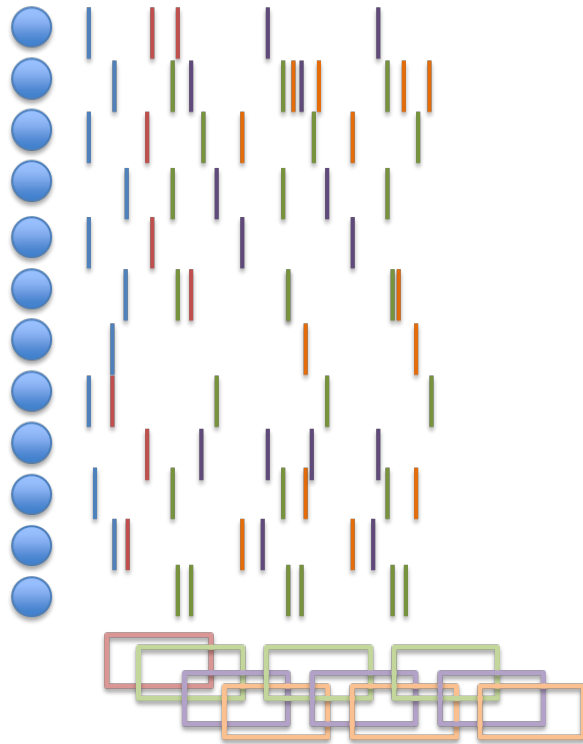
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One can see how *sequences* can replace fixed populations

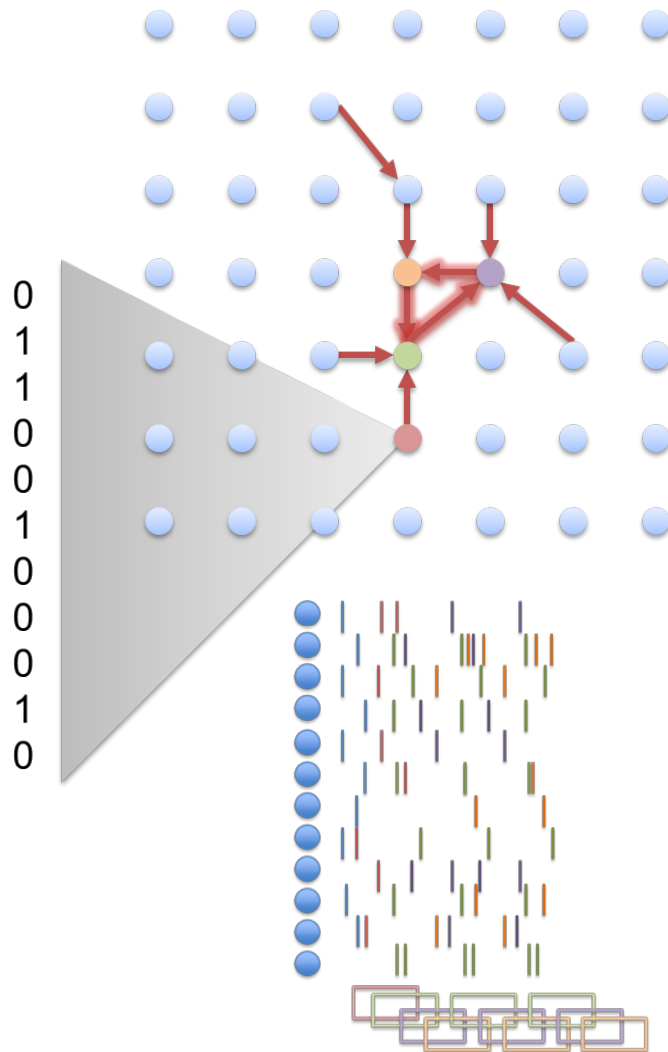


# Path attractors, such as *orbits*, are consistent with spiking dynamics





# A new dynamical model of CA3



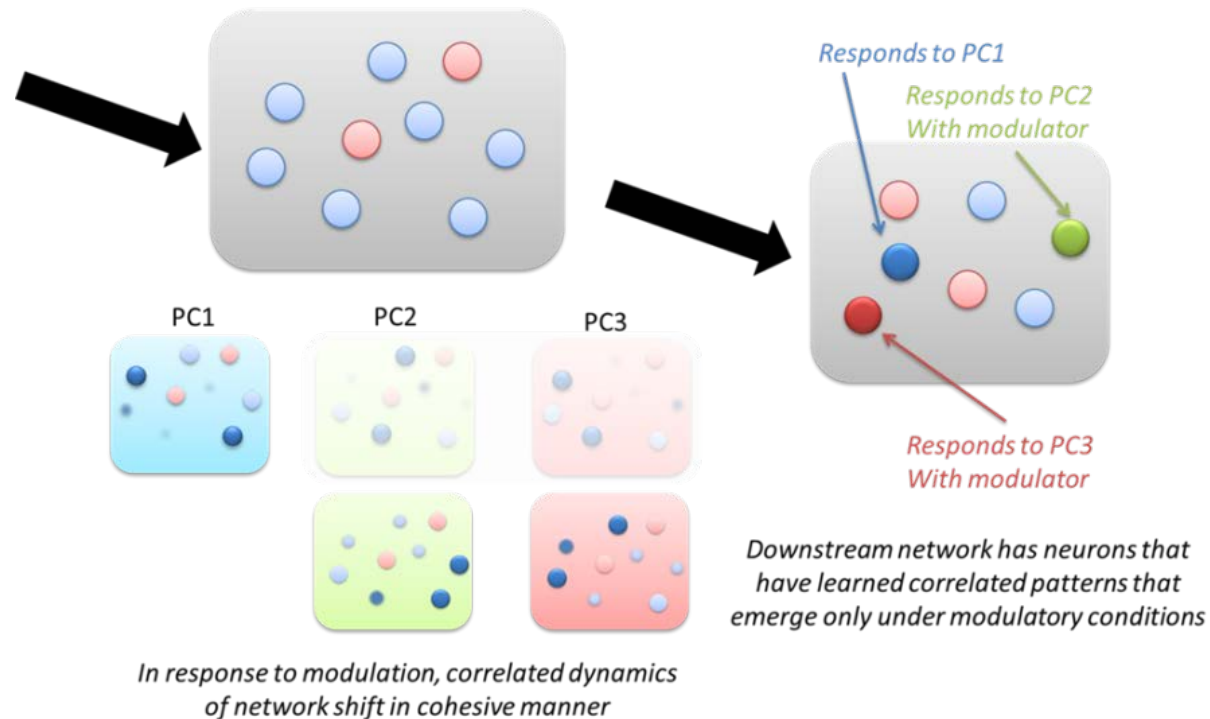
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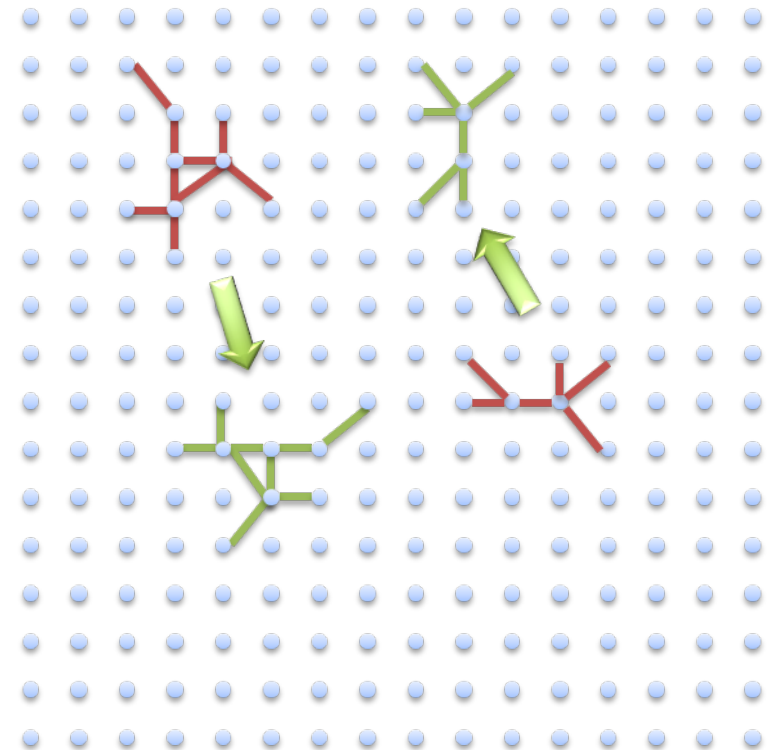


Carlson, Warrender, Severa and Aimone; in preparation



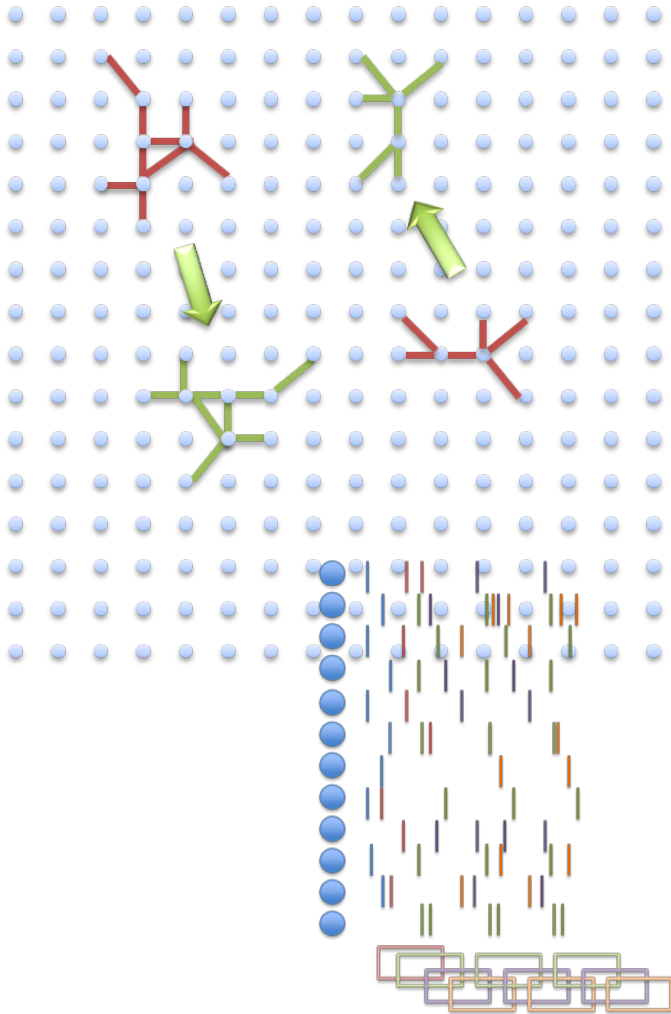
# Cortex and subcortical inputs can modulate CA3 attractor access

- Modulation can be provided mechanistically by several sources
  - Spatial distribution of CA3 synaptic inputs suggests EC inputs could be considered modulatory
  - Metabotropic modulators (e.g., serotonin, acetylcholine) can bias neuronal timings and thresholds
- Attractor network can thus have many “memories”, but only fraction are accessible within each context





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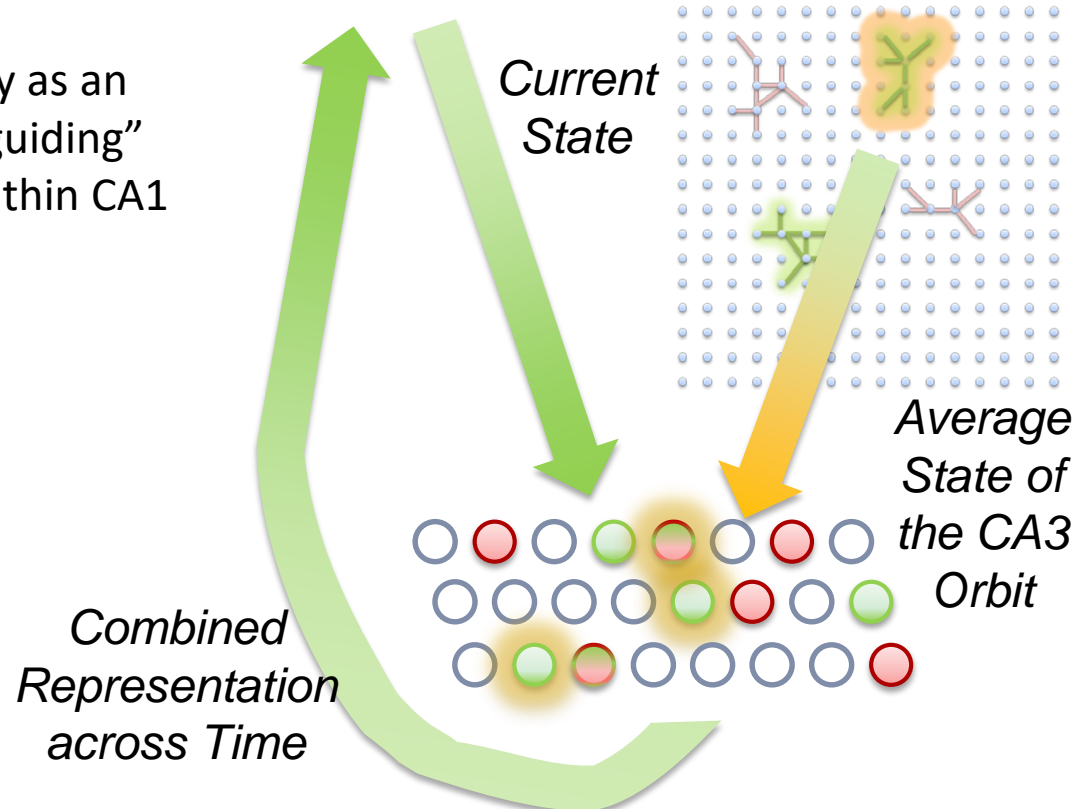
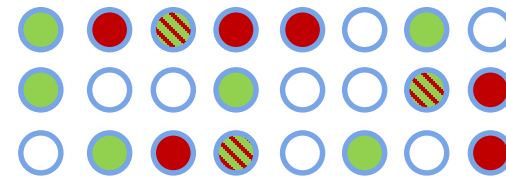
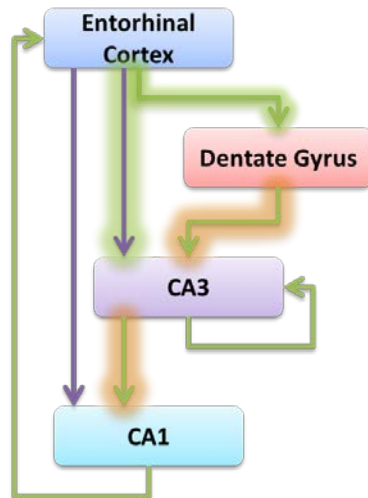
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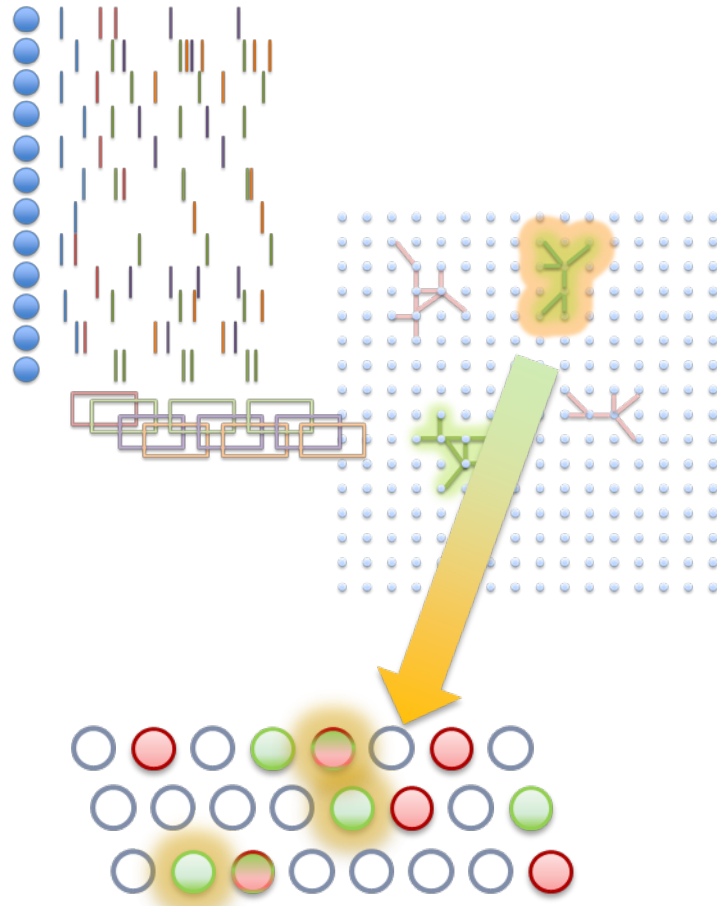
# CA1 encoding can integrate cortical input with transformed DG/CA3 input

- CA1 plasticity is dramatic
  - Synapses appear to be structurally volatile
  - Representations are temporally volatile
  - Consistent with one-shot learning
- Can consider EC-CA1-EC loosely as an autoencoder, with DG / CA3 “guiding” what representation is used within CA1





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