An optimization approach to understand biological search

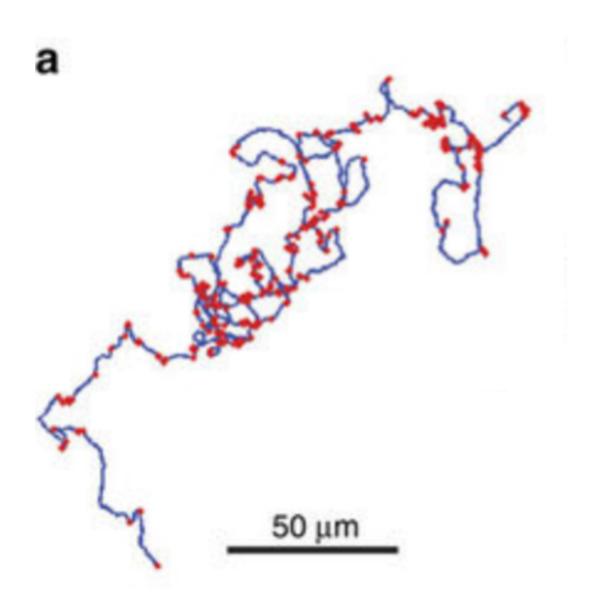
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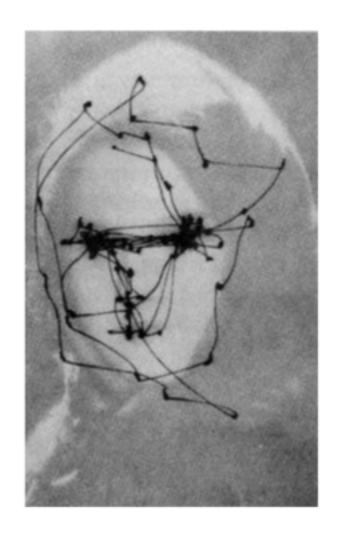
Darwinian view of life



An evolutionally conserved search strategy: Levy flight

Bacteria Eye position

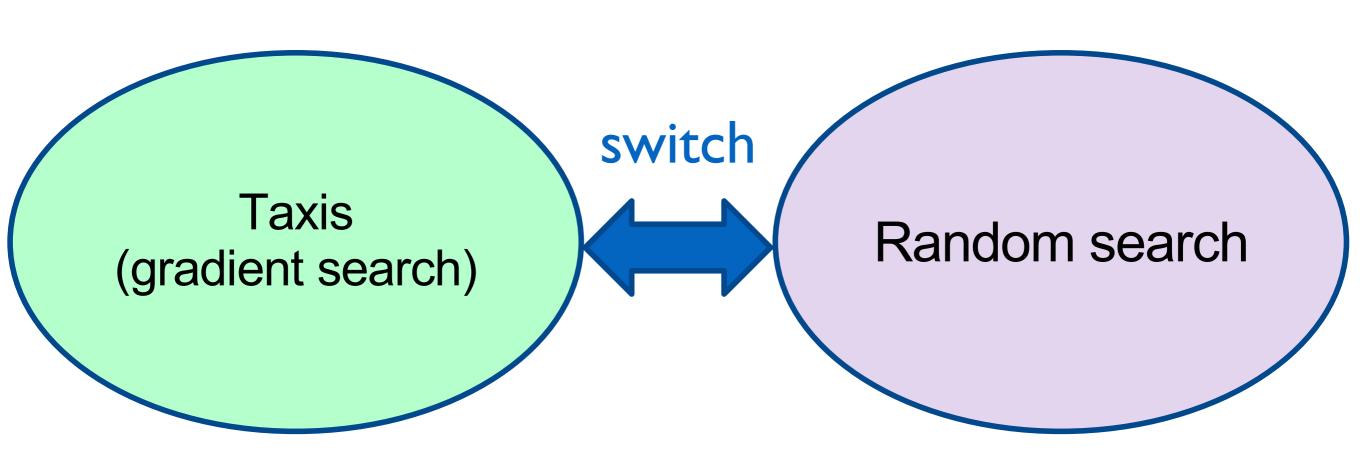




Ariel et al. 2015

http://www.androidblues.com/visualperception.html

Conventional view



Levy flight emerges from the 2nd-order stochastic optimization

smoothness

gradient

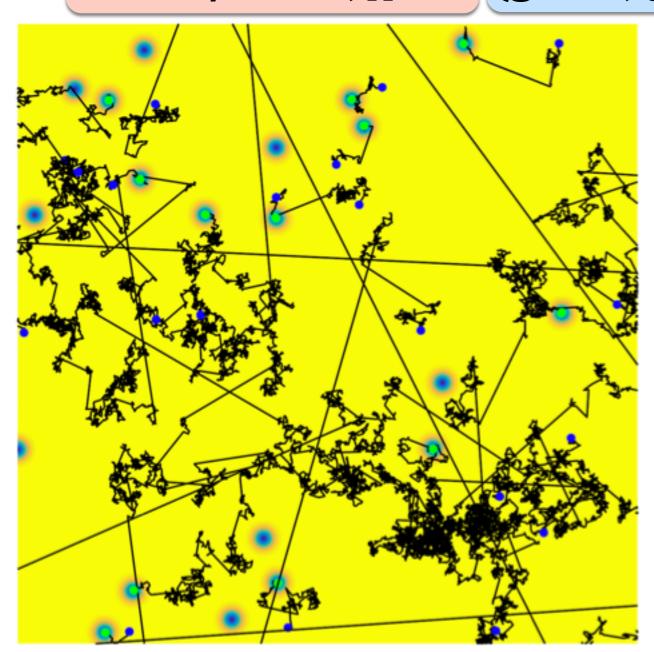
$$\Delta \propto (H + \beta I + \xi_H)^{-1} (\vec{g} + \vec{\xi}_G)$$

Step-size

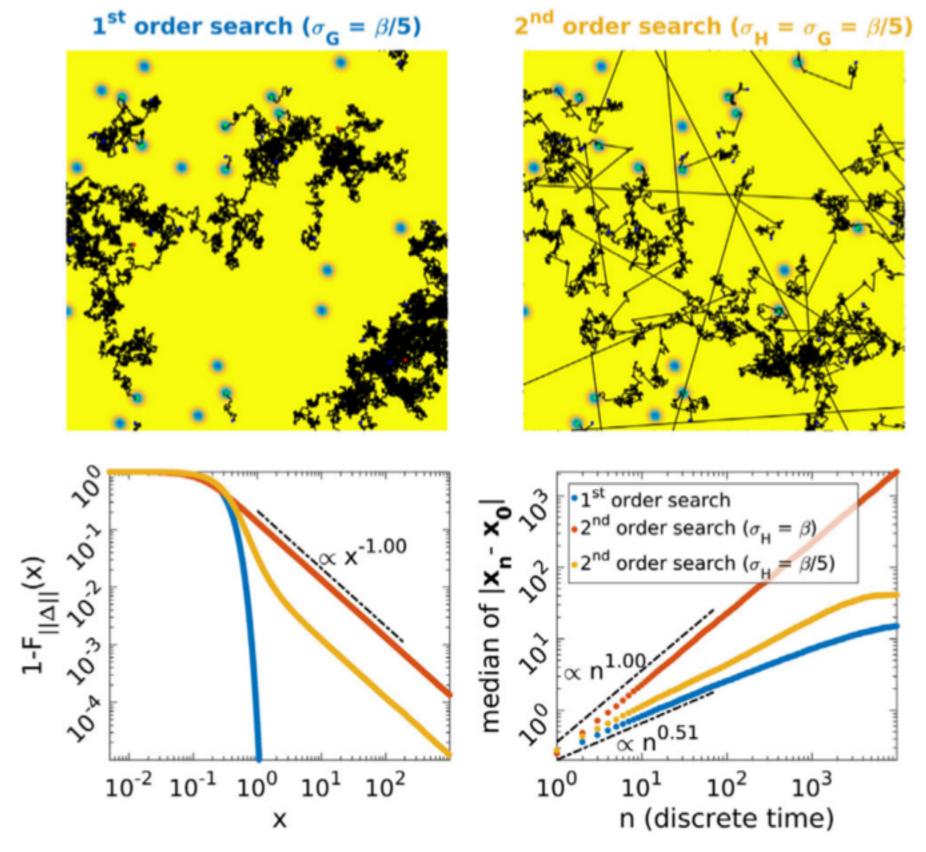
$$\Delta = \frac{\xi_G}{\xi_H}$$

Step-size distribution

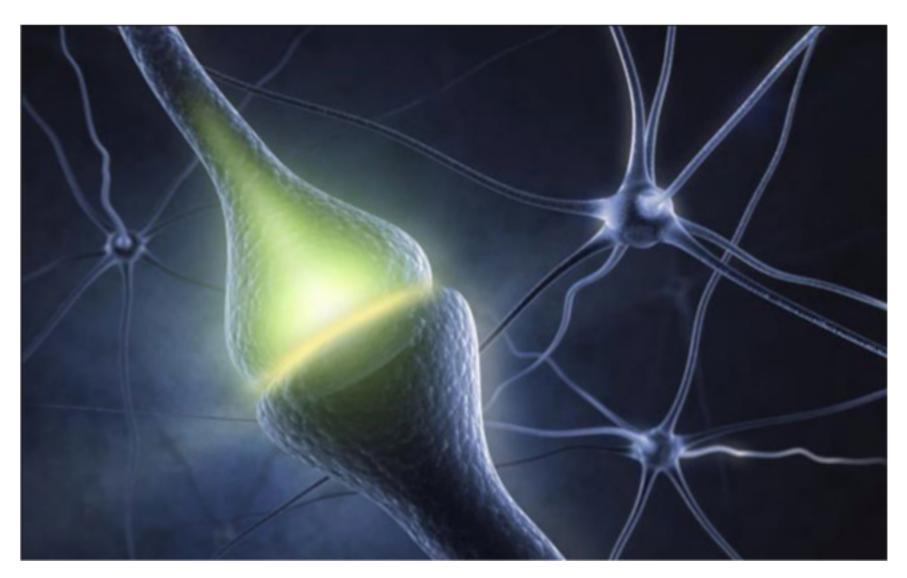
$$p(\Delta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + \Delta^2}$$



The 2nd-order stochastic optimization: The middle between Brownian and Levy searches



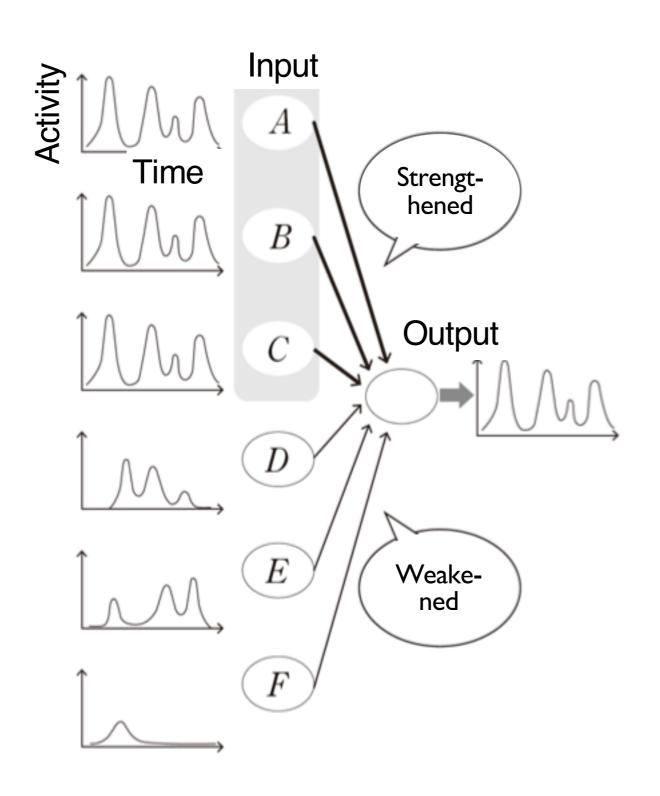
Synaptic plasticity



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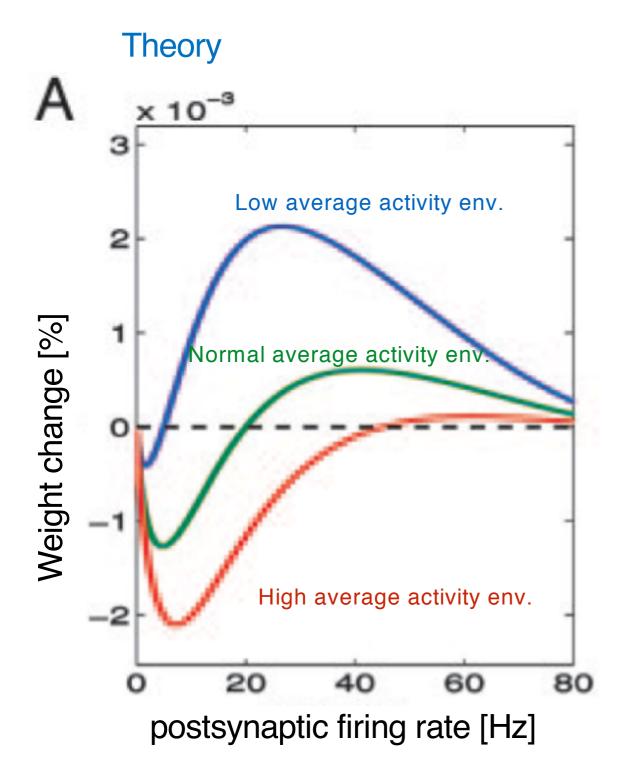
Optimal synaptic plasticity:

A synaptic plasticity rule for maximizing information transmission (Linsker 1988)

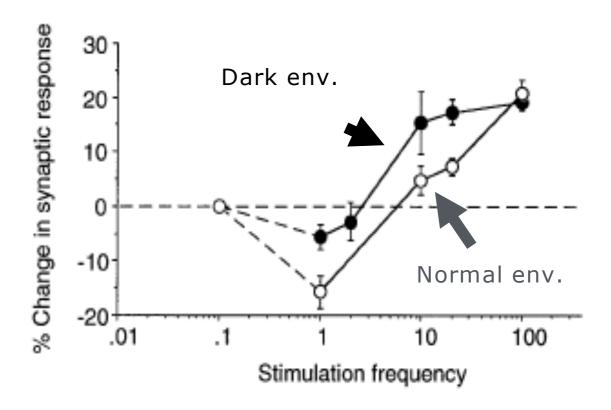


Firing rate dependency and meta-plasticity

With an energy constraint....



Experiment

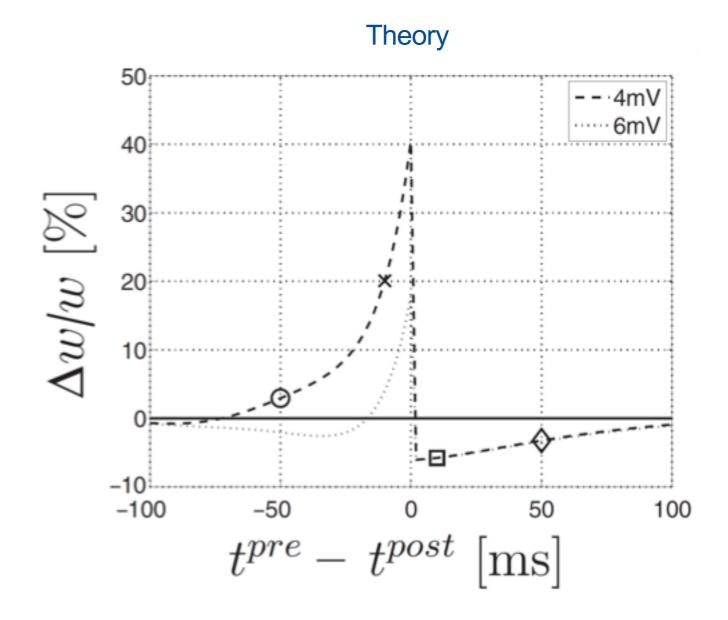


Kirkwood et al. 1996

Toyoizumi et al. 2005

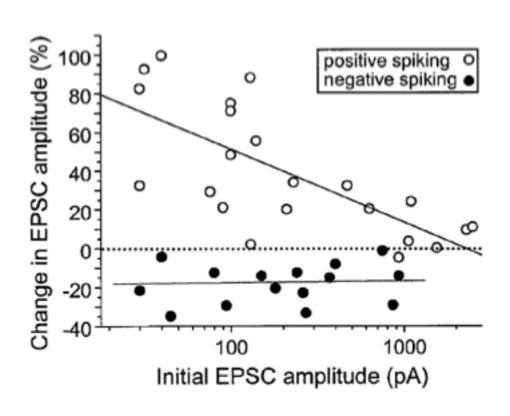
STDP and weight-dependency

With a cost of maintaining synapses....



Toyoizumi et al. 2007

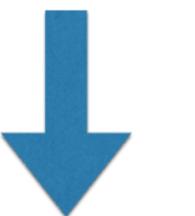




Bi and Poo 1998

A Local Learning Rule for ICA and PCA

Information maximization using multiple output neurons



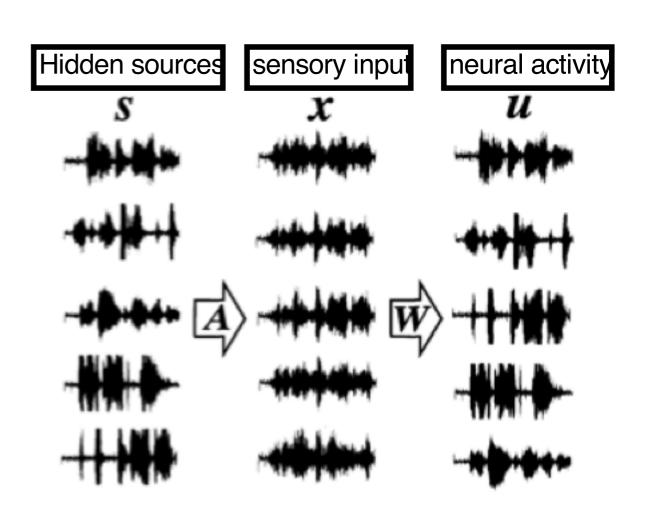
Bell and Sejnowski 1995

Independent component analysis (ICA)

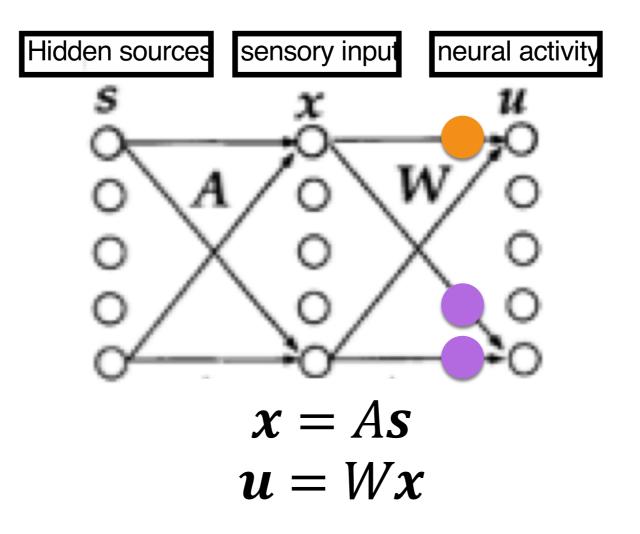


$$\dot{W}_{ij} \propto (W^{-T})_{ij} - g(u_i) x_j$$

Non-local engineering rule



A typical setup for ICA



$$g(u_i) = -\left(\log p_s(u_i)\right)'$$

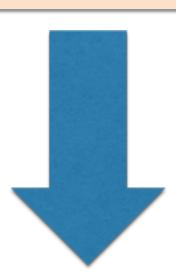
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Non-local learning rule

Error-gated Hebbian rule (EGHR)

Bell and Sejnowski 1995 $\dot{W}_{ij} \propto (W^{-T})_{ij} - g(u_i)x_j$



$$\langle F(u)g(u)\rangle \approx \langle F'(u)\rangle$$

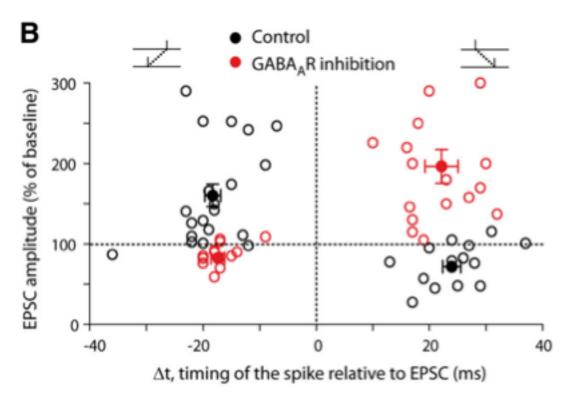
holds around the ICA solution.

Isomura and Toyoizumi 2016

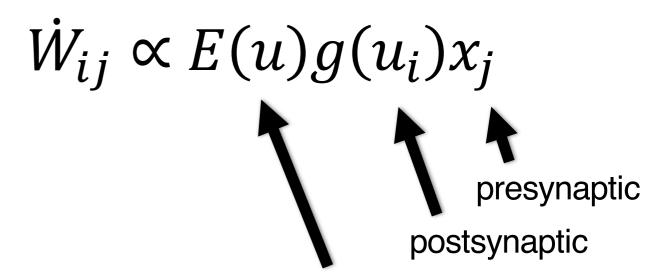
$$E(u) \equiv E_0 - \sum_{i} \int_{-\infty}^{u_i} g(z) dz$$

$$\dot{W}_{ij} \propto E(u)g(u_i)x_j$$

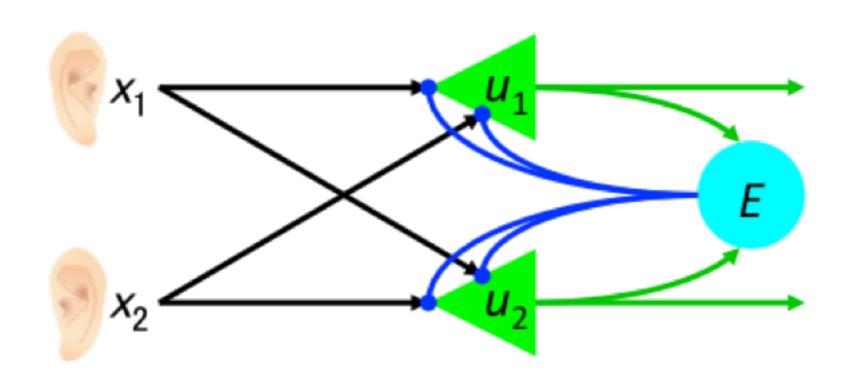
A local ICA rule: Modulation of Hebb's rule by a third factor



Paille et al. 2013

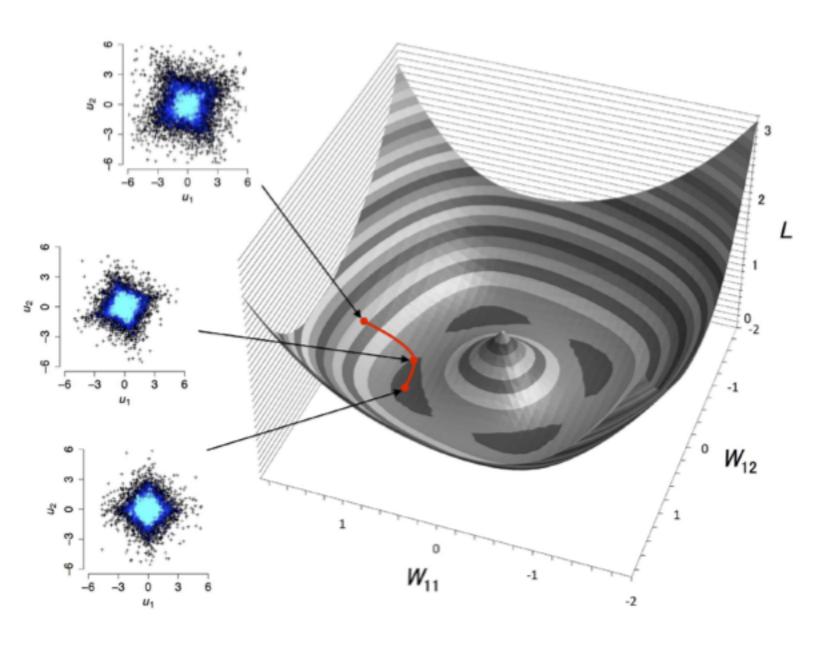


global third-factor (e.g. GABA, neuromodulator, glial factor, etc.)



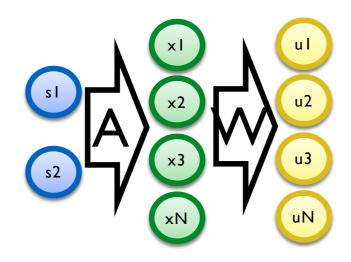
Dynamics of EGHR

$$\dot{W}_{ij} \propto \frac{\partial \langle E(u)^2 \rangle}{\partial W_{ij}}$$

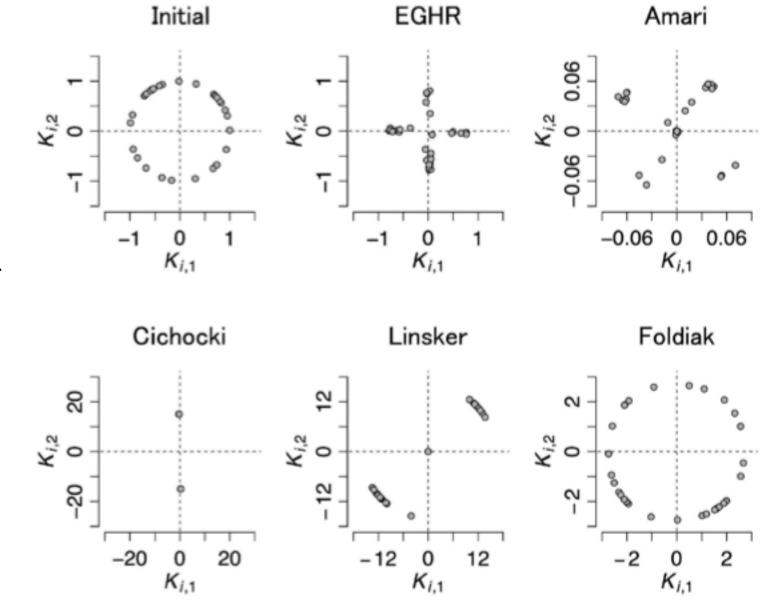


- EGHR is an approximation of the Infomax rule around the solution. Stability of the solution is roughly the same.
- No spurious solutions if the source distribution is near Gaussian.
- Unlike some heuristic rules, no preprocessing (e.g. whitening) is necessary.

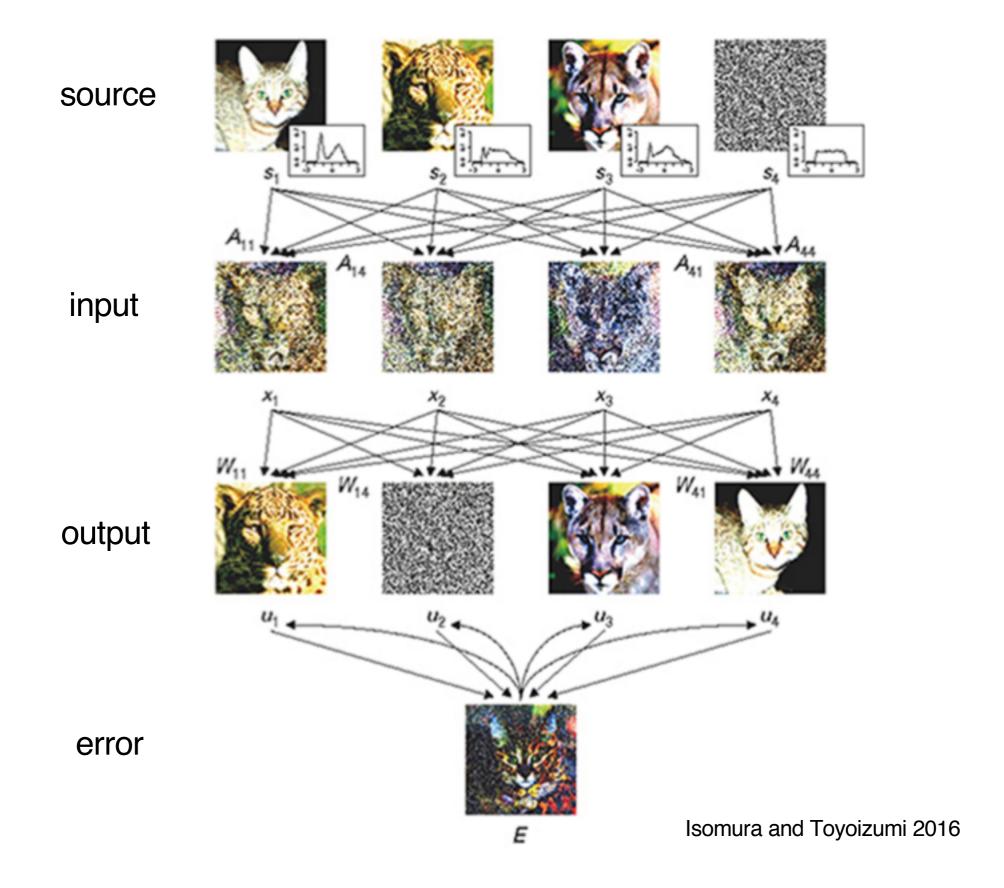
EGHR is robust to the number of sources



Each output neuron describes a source if a marker is located on one of the axes.



Separating mixtures of natural images

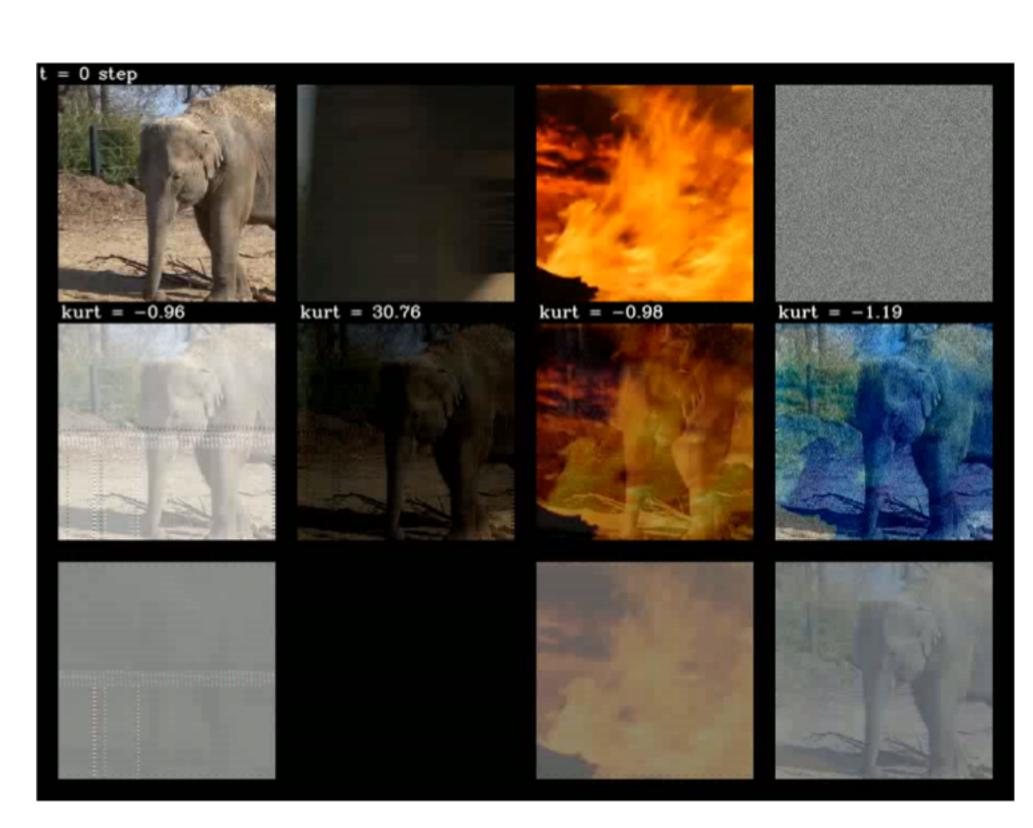


Separating movie clips

Source

Mixed input

Output

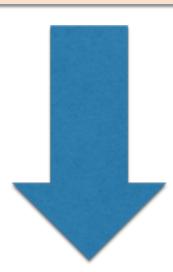


Not only separating sources but also extracting major features by PCA

A local learning rule for PCA

Oja 1989

$$\dot{W}_{ij} \propto u_i(x_j - \sum_k u_k W_{kj})$$



$$\langle F(u)g(u)\rangle \approx \langle F'(u)\rangle$$

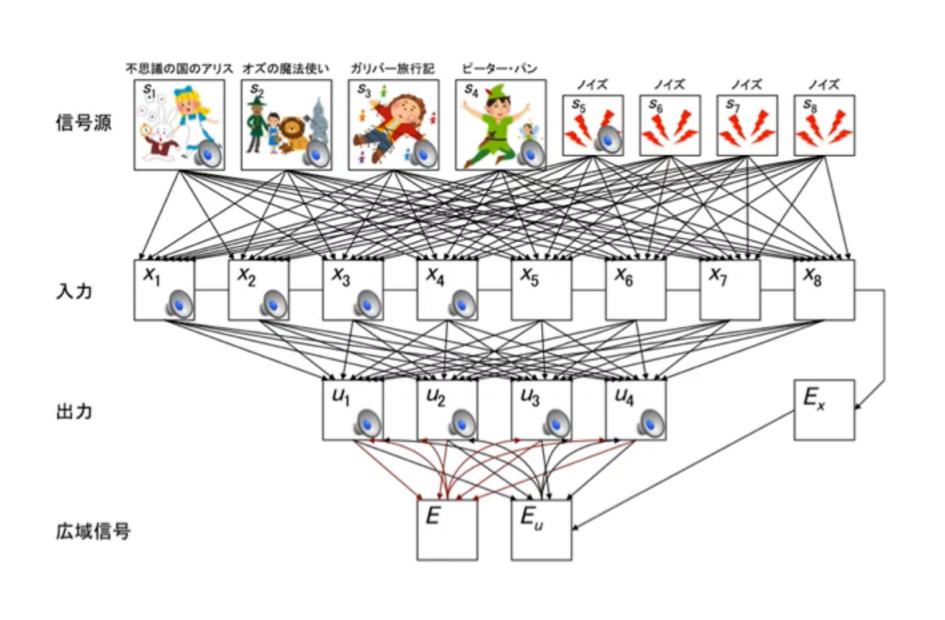
Isomura and Toyoizumi, submitted

$$E_{PCA}(x,u) \equiv \sum_{j} (x_j^2 - \langle x_j^2 \rangle) - \sum_{i} (u_i^2 - \langle u_i^2 \rangle)$$

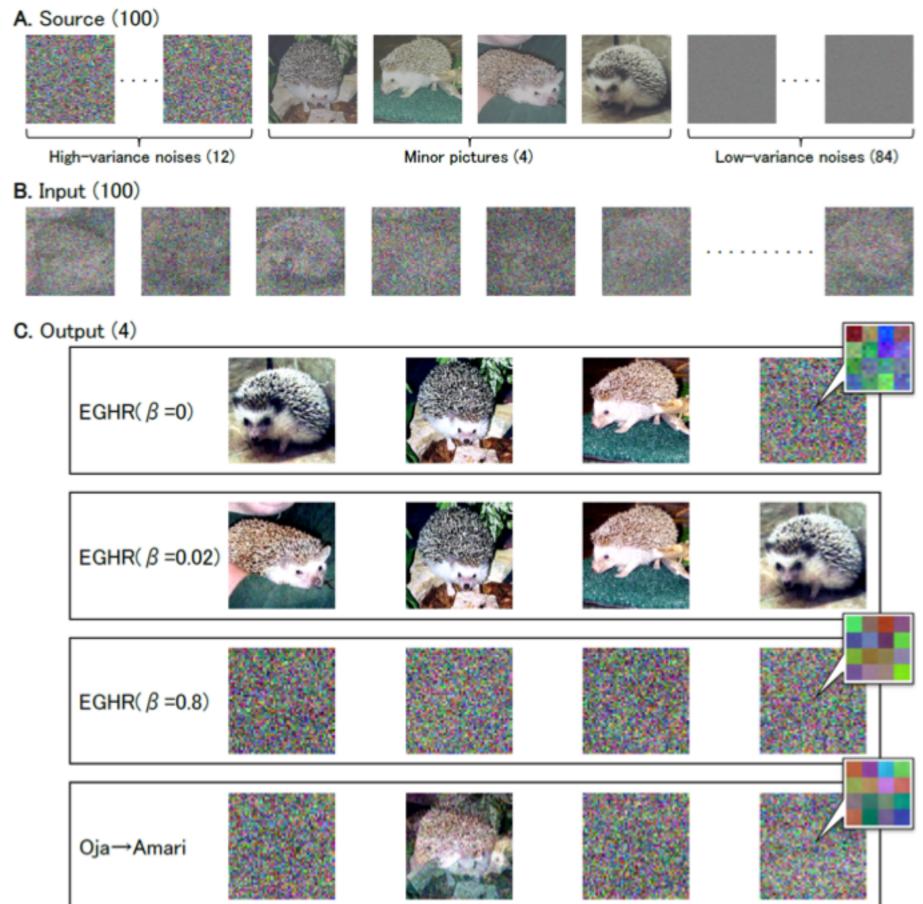
$$\dot{W}_{ij} \propto E_{PCA}(x,u)u_ix_j$$

PCA + ICA

 $\dot{W}_{ij} \propto (1 - \beta)E(u)g(u_i)x_j + \beta E_{PCA}(x, u)u_ix_j$



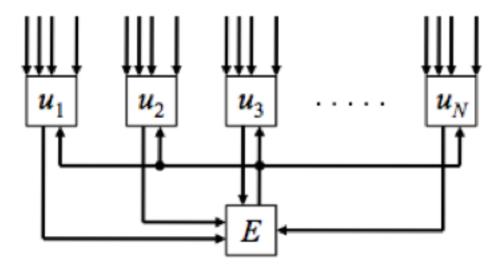
EGHR vs a cascade of PCA & ICA



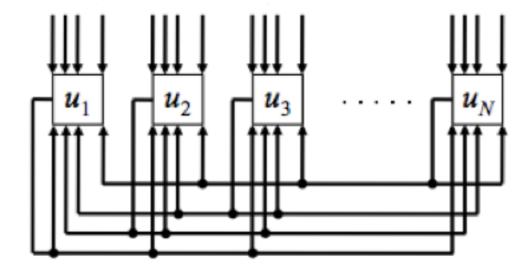
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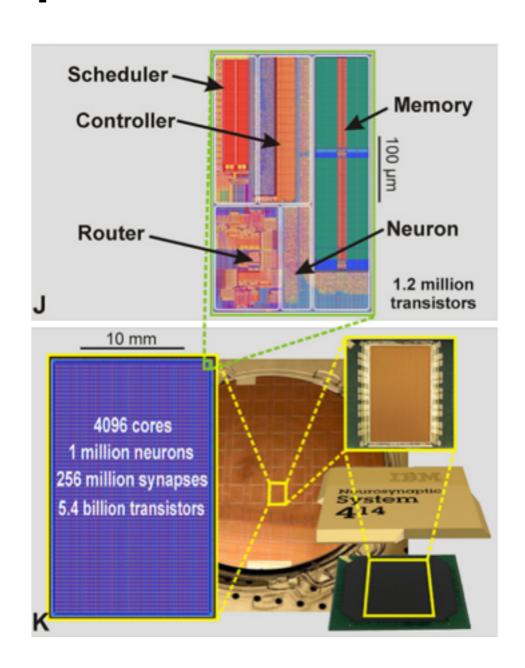
Large-scale and parallel neuromorphic computation

Proposed rule (parallel)



Conventional rules (serial)





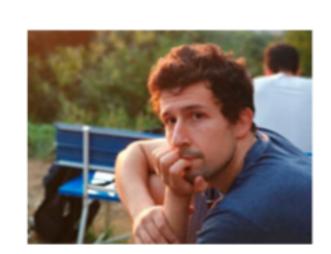
Merolla et al. 2014

Summary

- We have developed a local ICA&PCA algorithm, EGHR, that requires only global information sharing by a third plasticity factor.
- EGHR is more robust than conventional local ICA rules.
- EGHR is suitable for parallel blind-source separation and feature extraction by neuromorphic hardware.
- Generally, information decoding is hard if neural activities are correlated. The independent coding by EGHR can work with a simple decoding scheme.

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