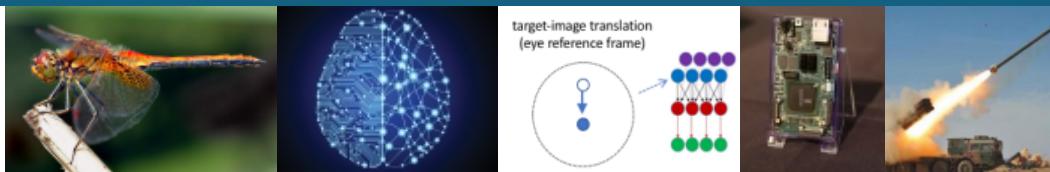




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# Lessons from Dragonflies in Brain-inspired Computing



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# 1 How to do brain-inspired computing?



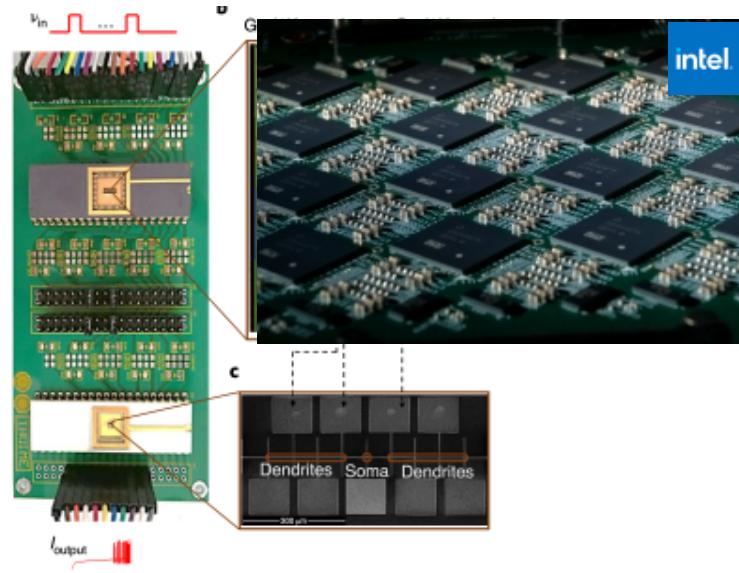
## Neural-inspired algorithms



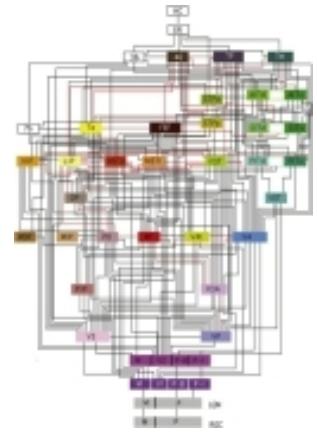
# How to do brain-inspired computing?



## Neuromorphic hardware



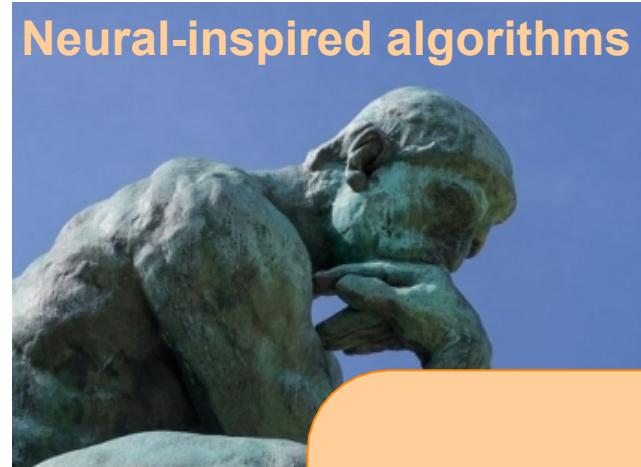
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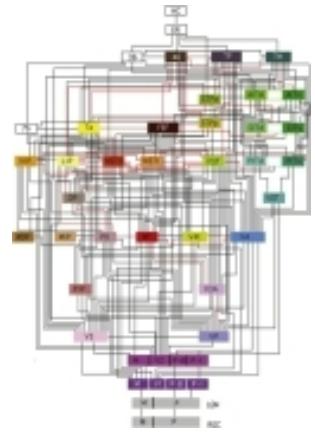
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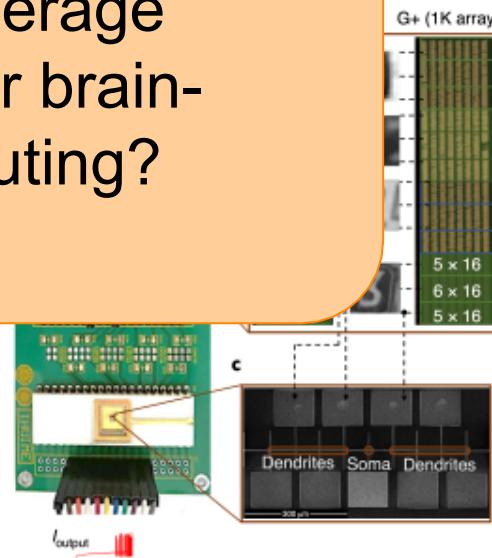


How do we leverage neuroscience for brain-inspired computing?



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# My vignette: Dragonfly prey-interception for brain-inspired computing

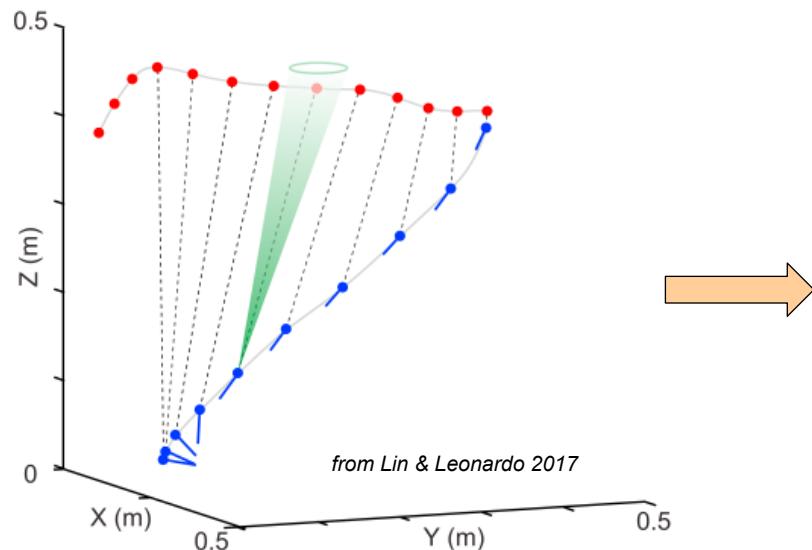


Specialized behavior (90-95% capture rate)

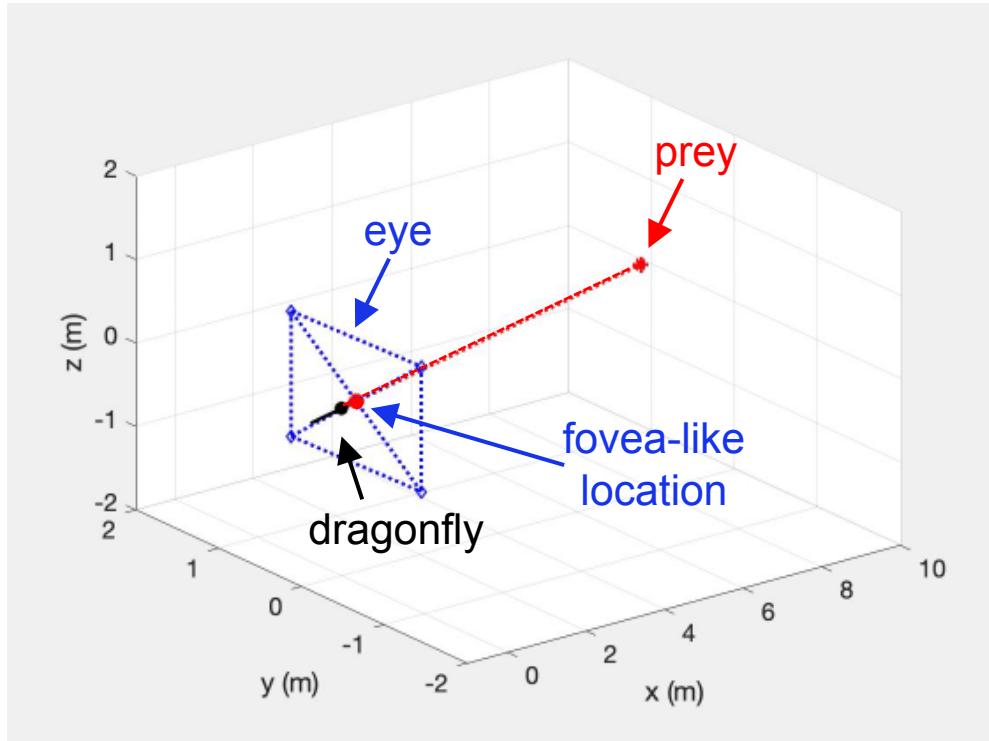
Fast calculation (~50 ms latency)

Expectation that the underlying circuitry is 'light'

Is the underlying circuit representative of fast sensorimotor computations?



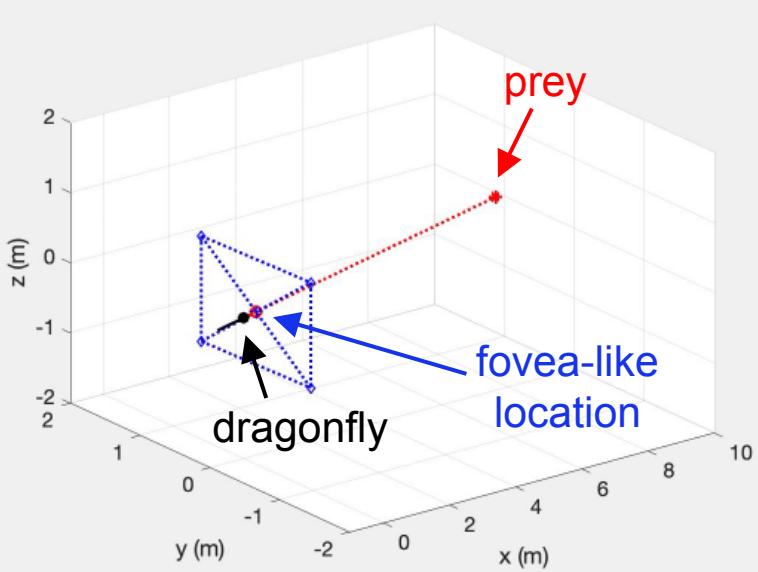
# Building a dragonfly model



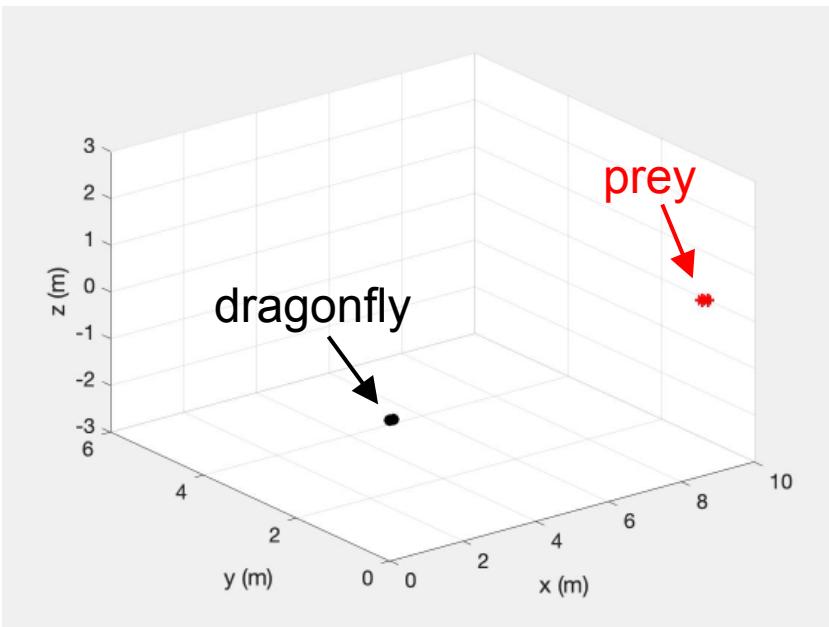
dragonfly-centered reference frame  
(head plotted at origin)

Model dragonfly turns to keep prey-image on fovea

# Parallel navigation in the dragonfly model

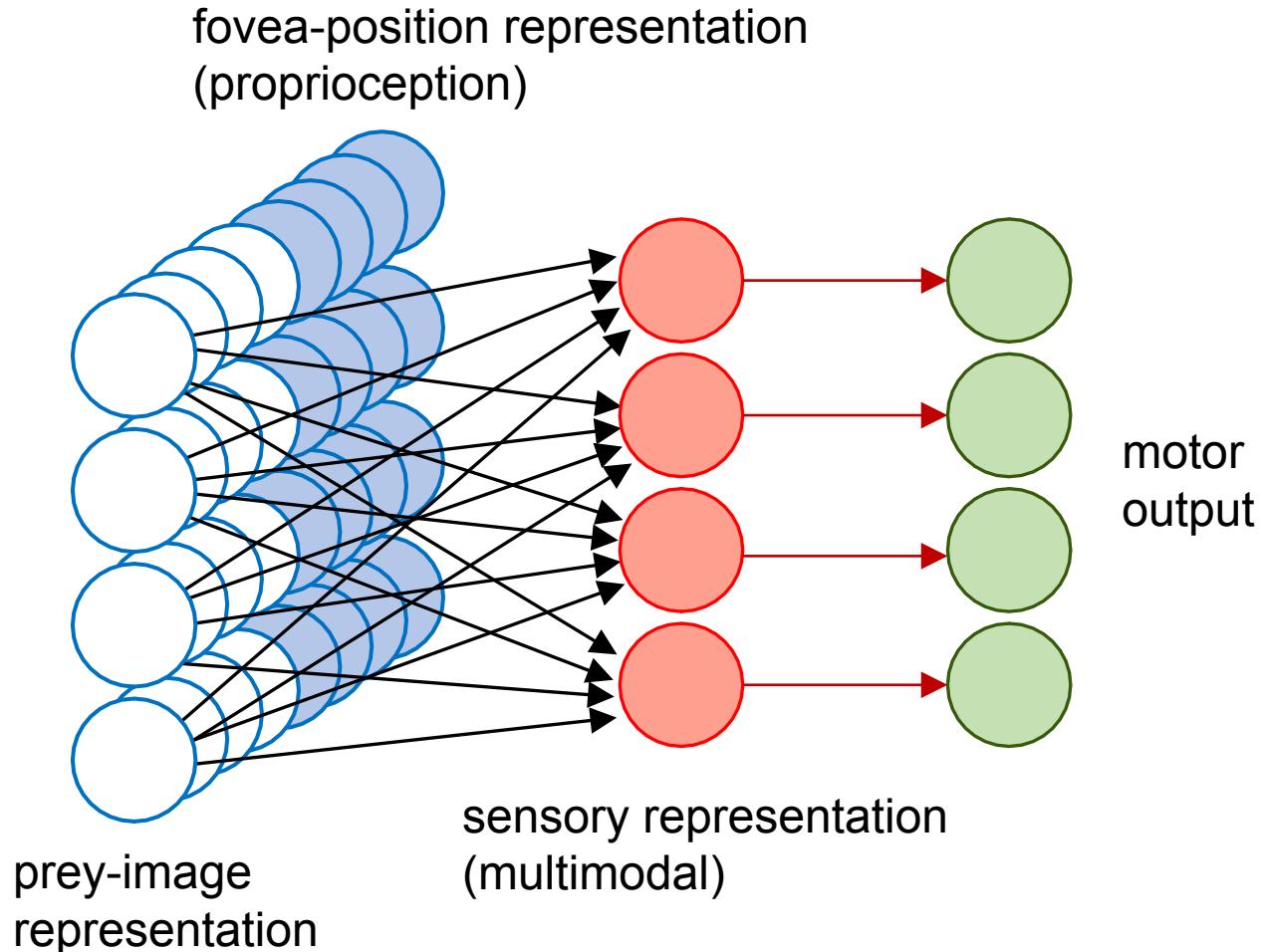


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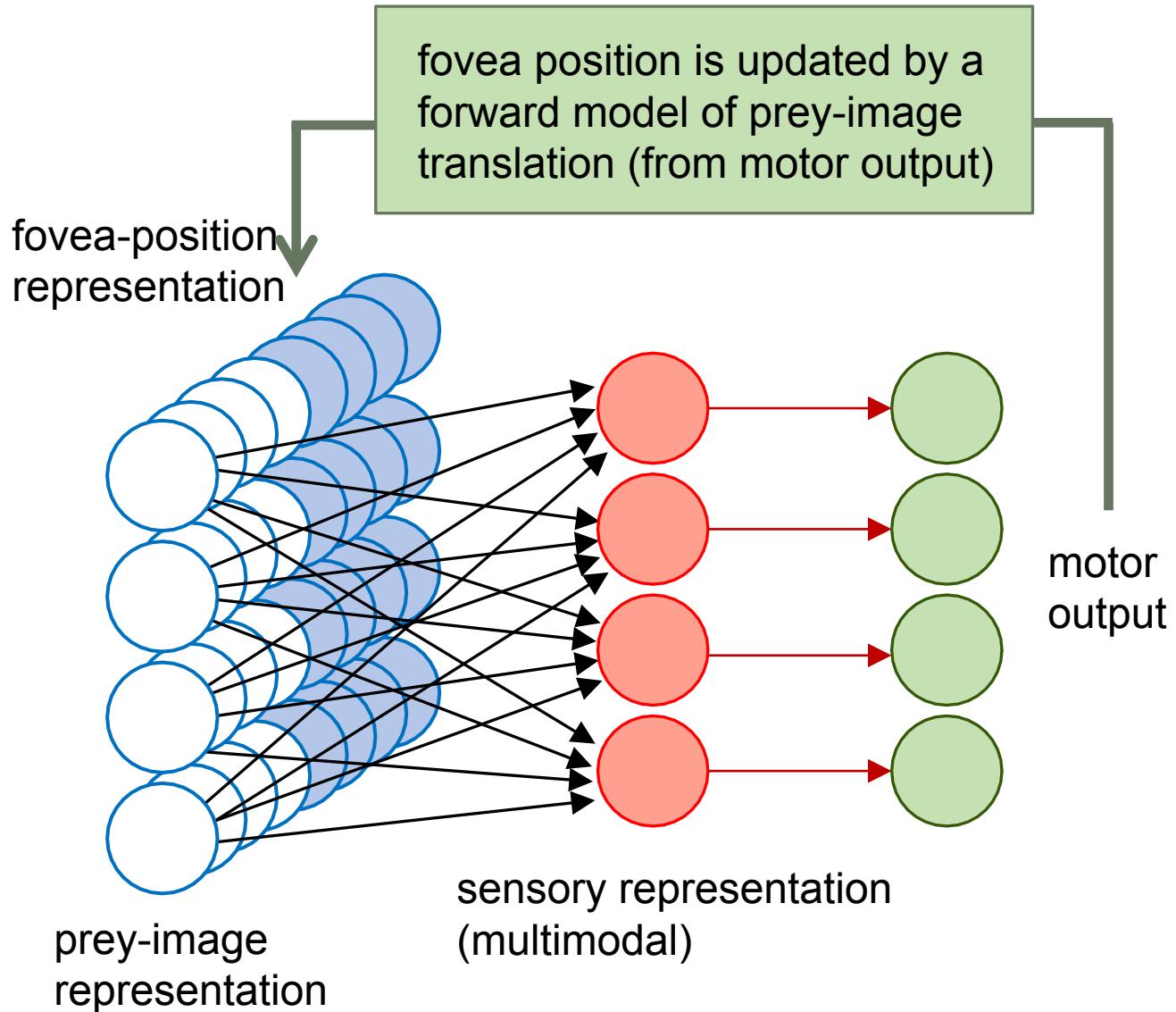
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# Neural network model of dragonfly interception



\*neural network receives no training - weights are calculated  
(see Zipser & Andersen, 1988; Salinas & Abbott, 1995)

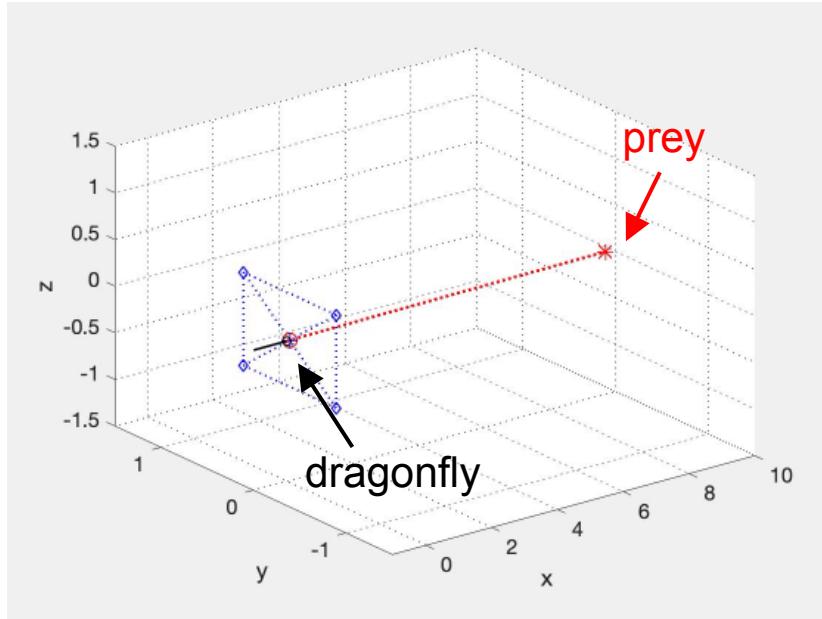
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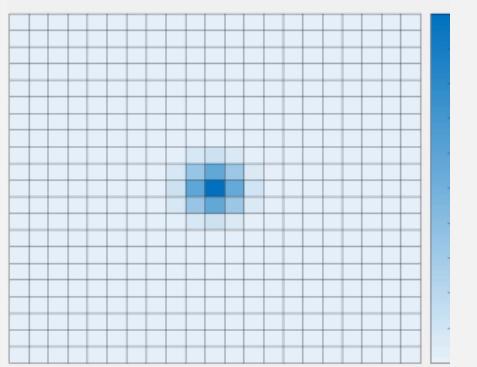
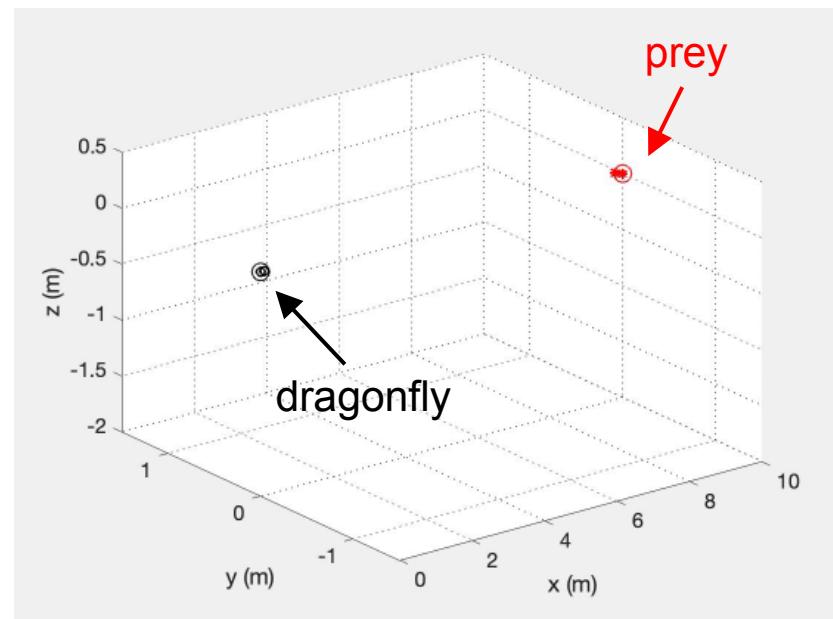
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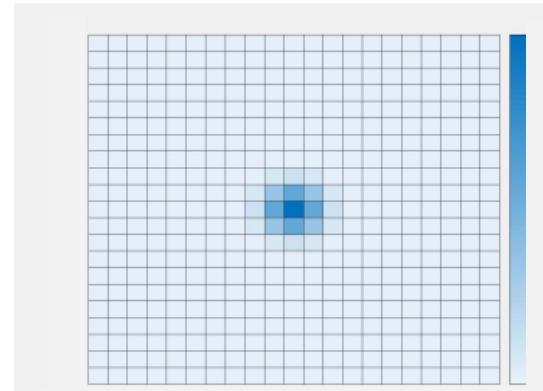
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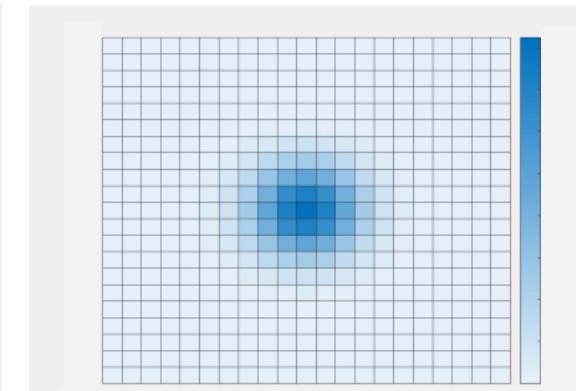
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prey image population

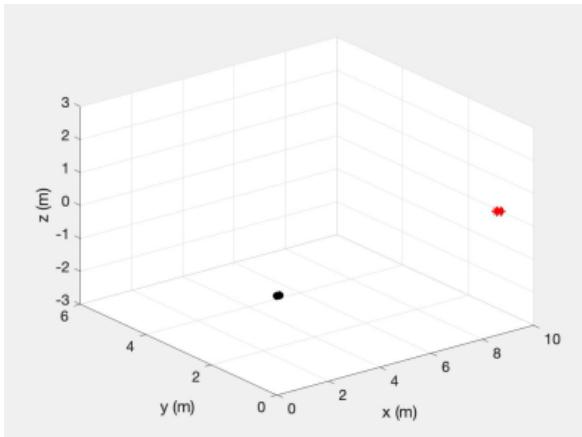
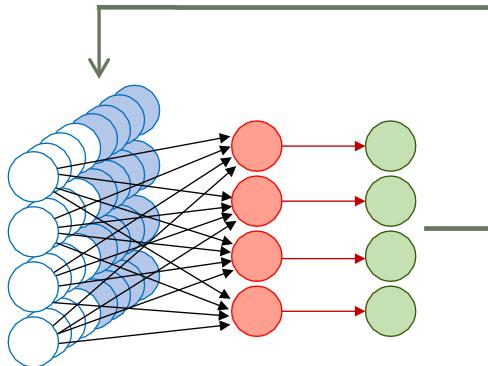


fovea population



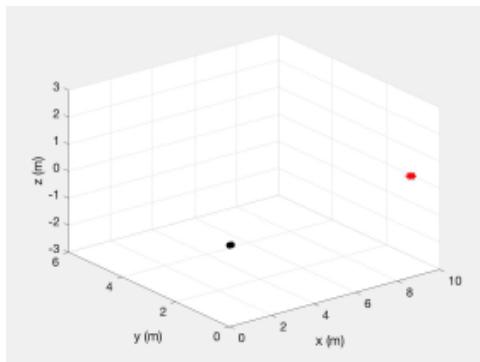
motor output

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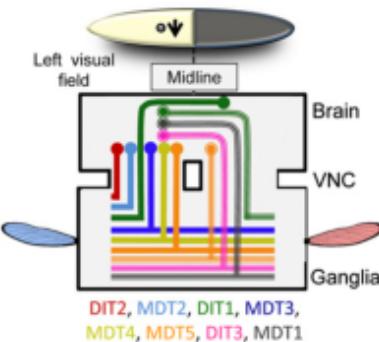


Advantages of an invertebrate system

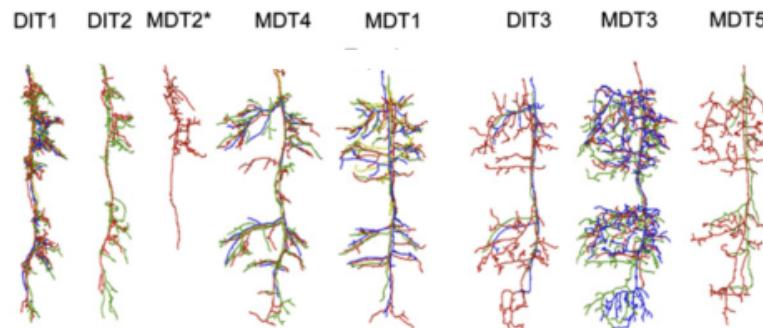
the neural circuit is 'light'

the individual components are identifiable

access to computation at the cellular level



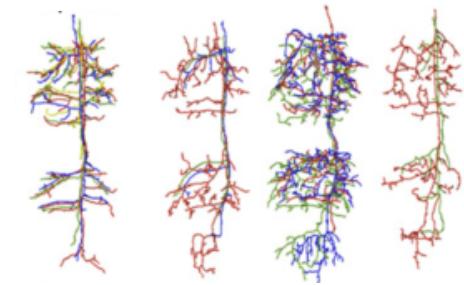
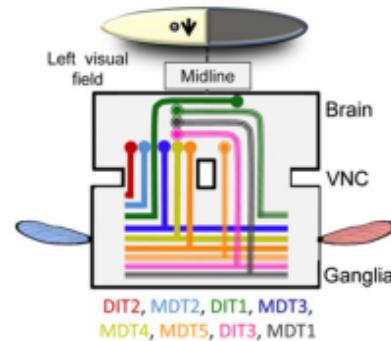
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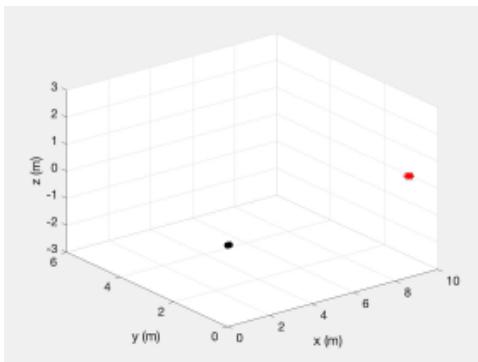
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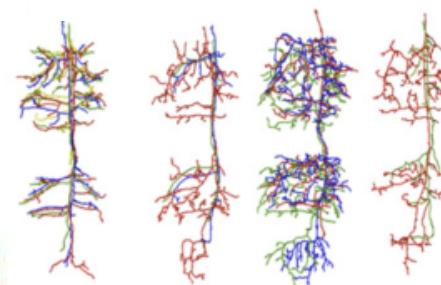
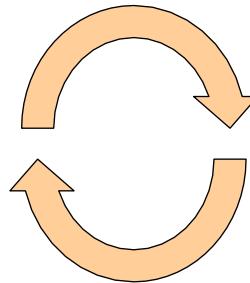
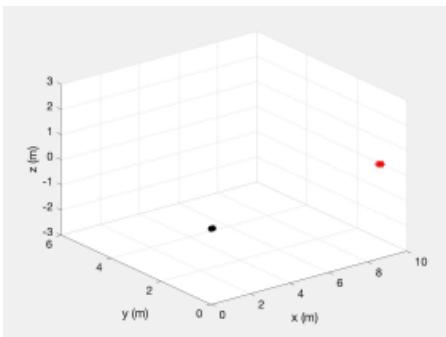
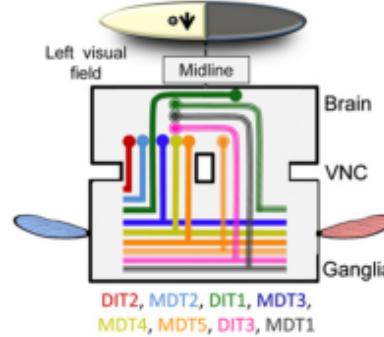
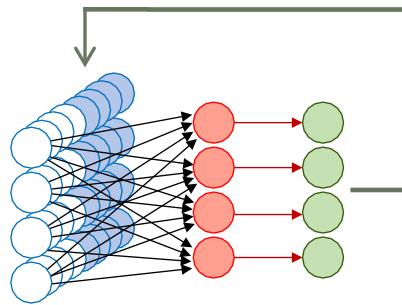
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