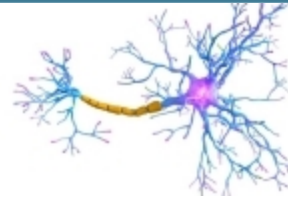




Dendritic Computation for Neuromorphic Applications



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DENDRITIC TOOLKIT FOR COMPUTATION



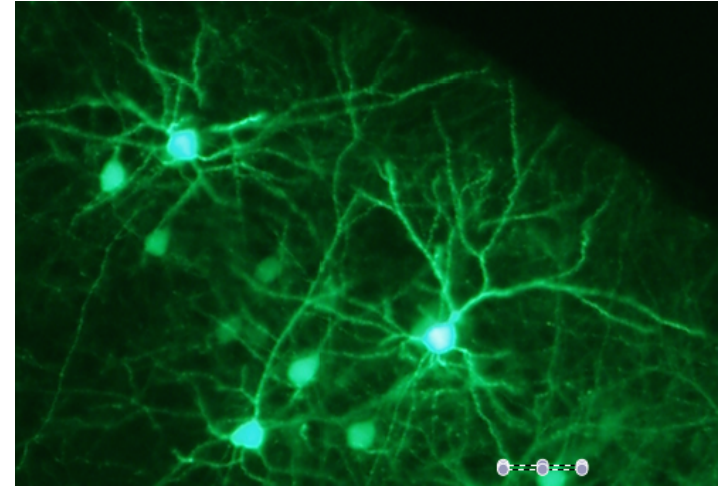
Dendrites are tree-like structures that connect neurons synapses to its soma.

Dendrites are not *just* wires!

They can perform interesting computation like:

- Coincidence Detection
- Current Summation
- Directional selectivity
- Non-linear filtering
- Amplification of Synaptic inputs

London 2005, Poirazi 2020

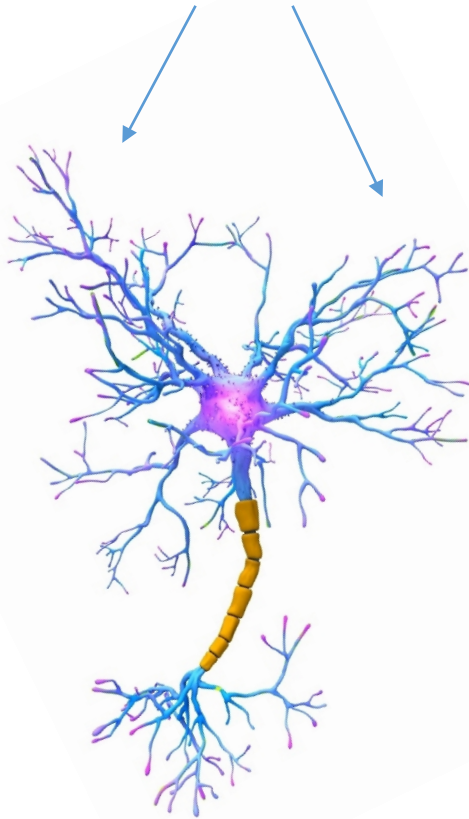


Increased Connectivity and
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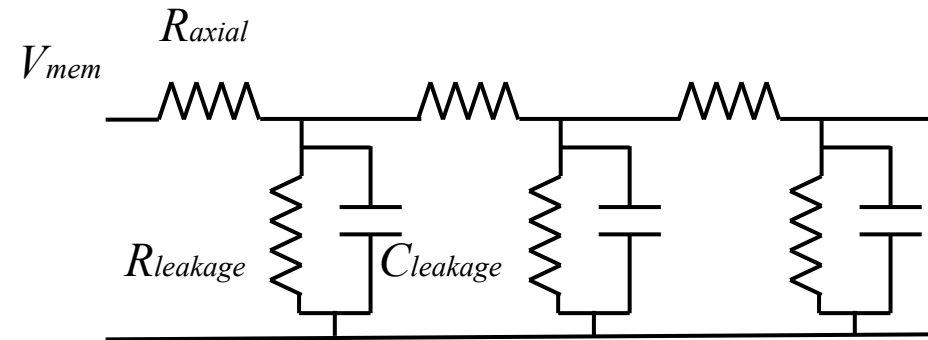
DENDRITE MODELING



DENDRITES

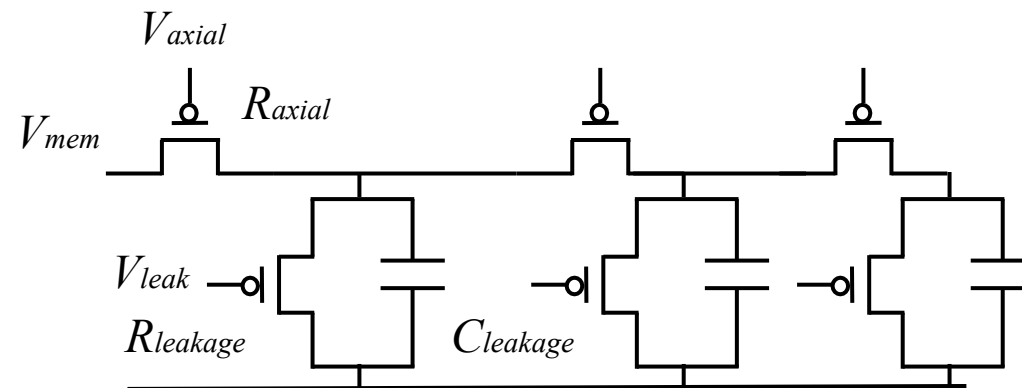


Resistor-Capacitor Circuit



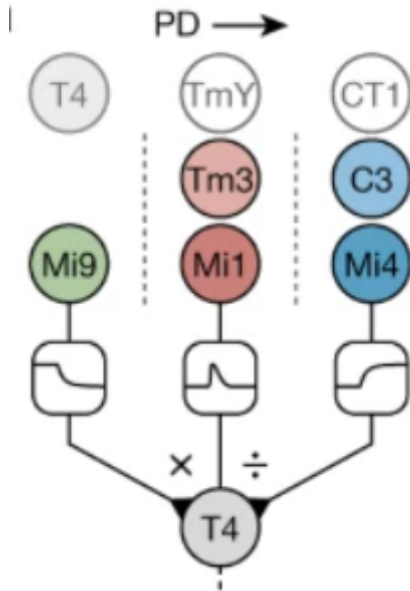
Rall's Cable
Model

CMOS-transistor based Dendrite



Nease et al. 2011

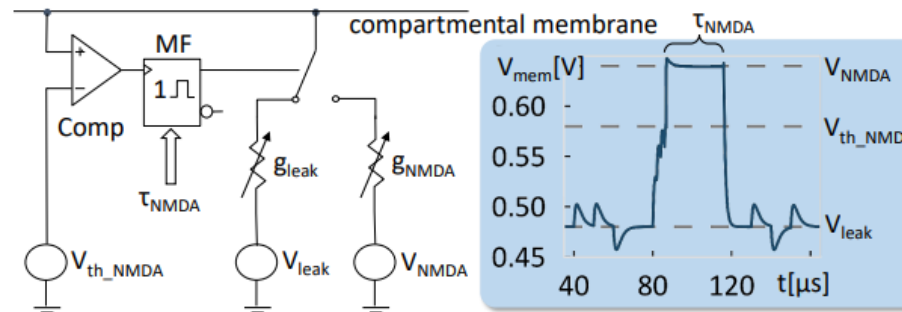
SINGLE NEURON MULTIPLICATION



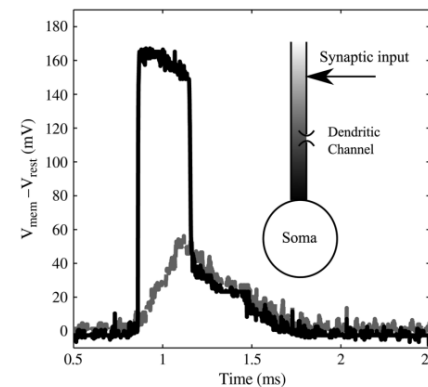
Groschner et al., Nature 2022

Leveraging Inhibition

Shunting Inhibition/
Leveraging Leakage
Conductance

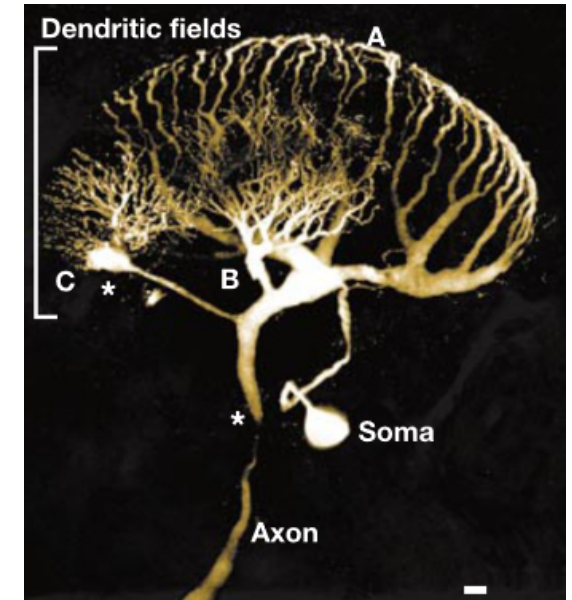


Schemmel, Johannes, et al., IEEE IICNN, 2017.



Dendrites with Active Channel,
Ramakrishnan et al., IEEE
TBIOCAS, 2013.

NMDA /Ca



Lobula giant movement
detector (LGMD) of locusts
Gabbiani et al., Nature 2002

Multiplication based on dendritic subtraction of two converging inputs encoded logarithmically, followed by exponentiation through active membrane conductances.

SINGLE NEURON MULTIPLICATION



Algorithms



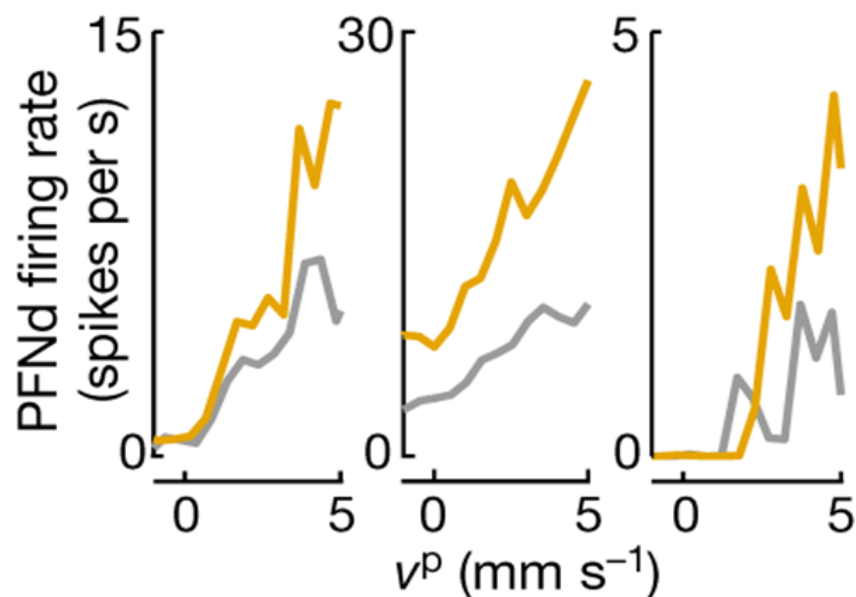
Devices &
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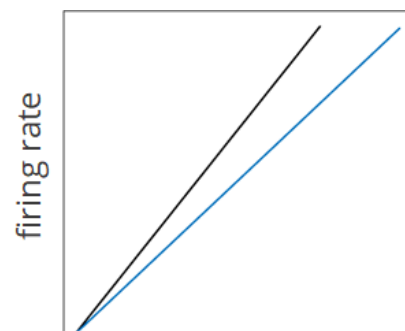
Physics of
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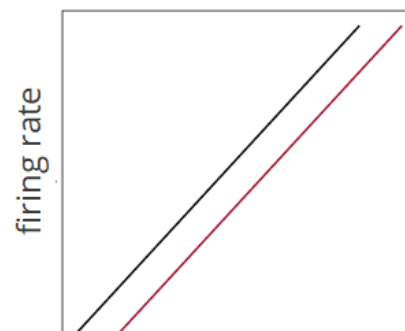
from fan-shaped body of *Drosophila* brain



Lu et al. 2020



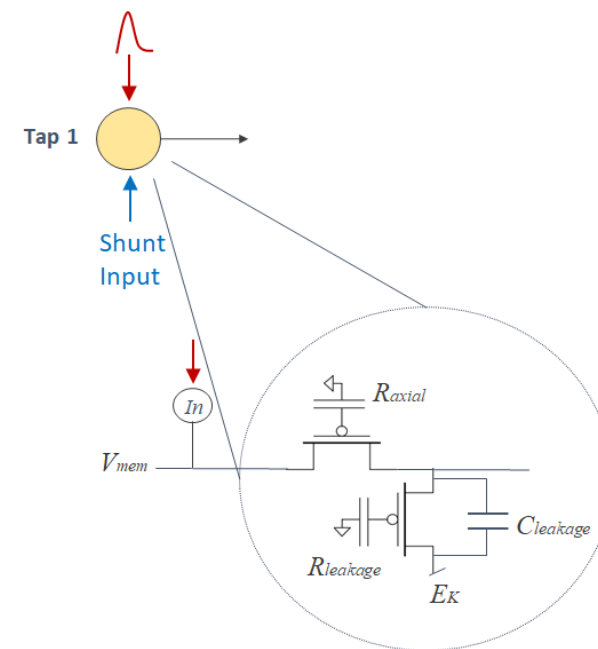
$$R = \mathbf{A} * f(x)$$



$$R = f(x) - \mathbf{A}$$

stimulus

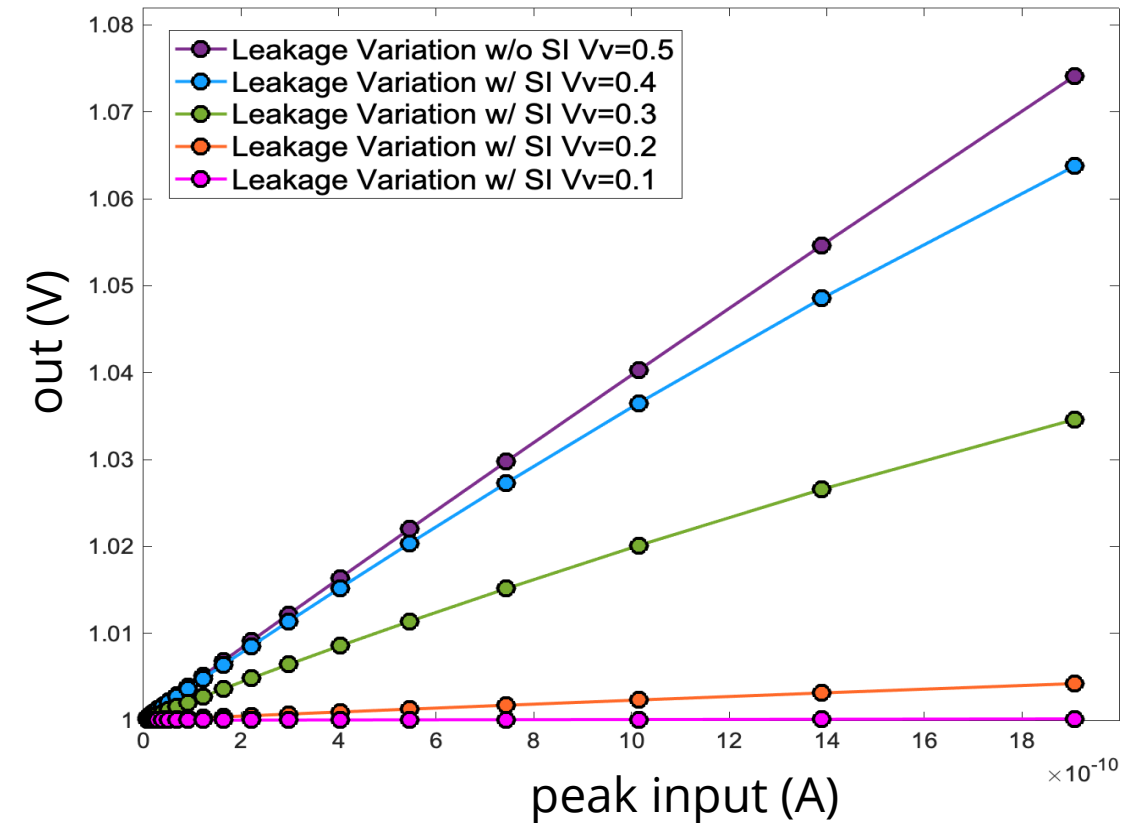
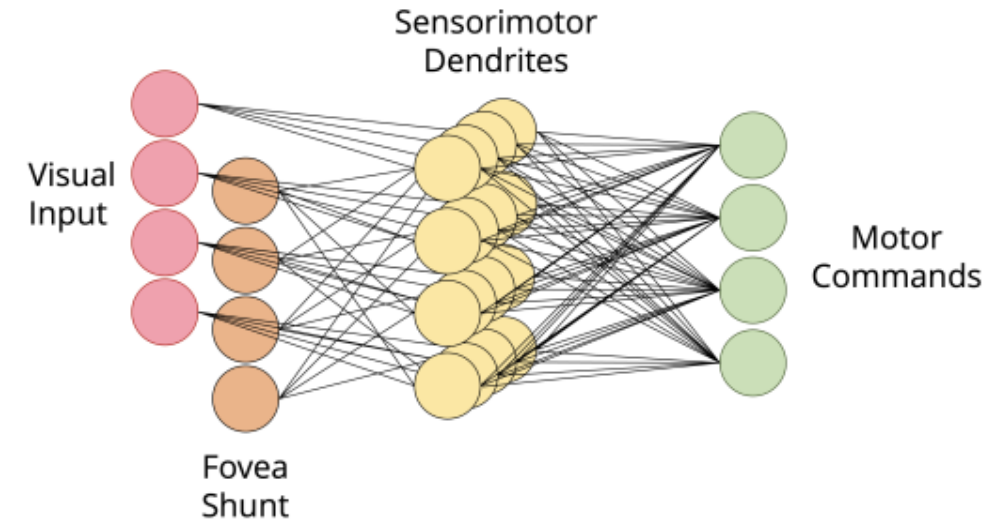
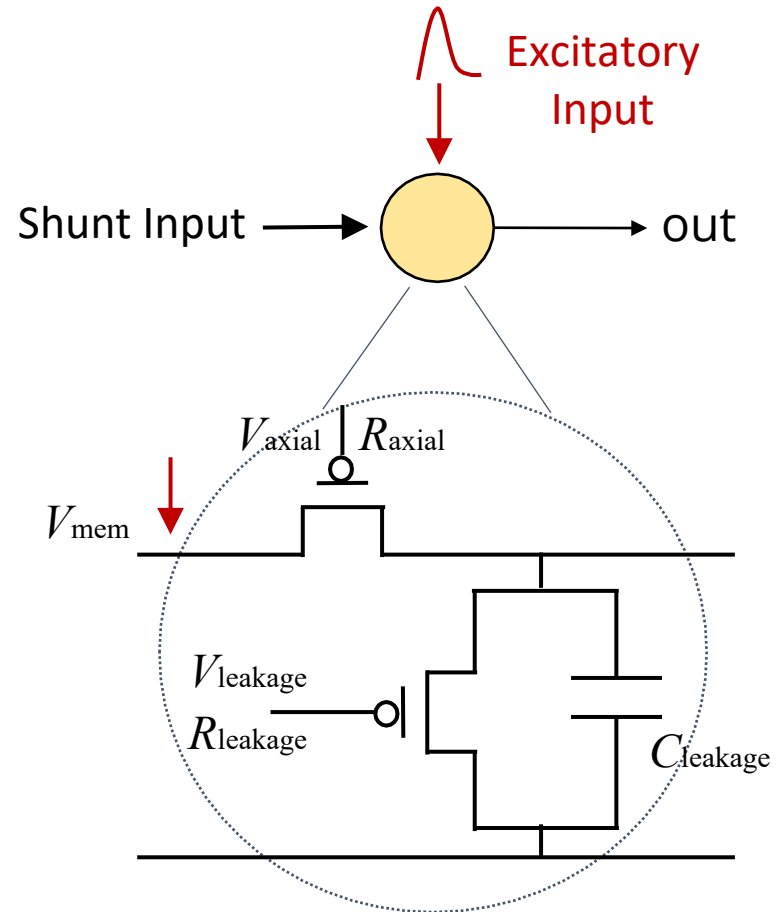
Chance & Cardwell
NICE 2023



Shunting Inhibition in
Neuromorphic Dendrite

Collaborators: University of Texas at Austin, Intel Neuromorphic Research Community

DRAGONFLY WITH DENDRITES



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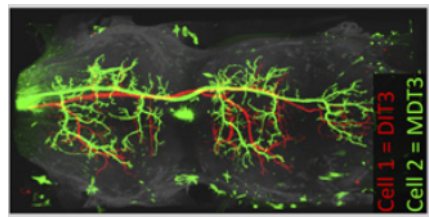


Coordinate transformations from Dragonflies to Neuromorphic Hardware

Lead PI: Frances Chance, SNL

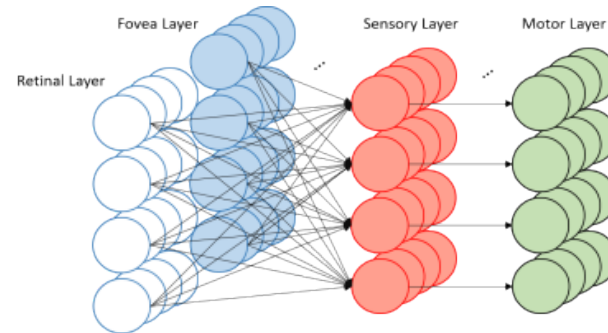
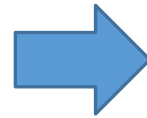


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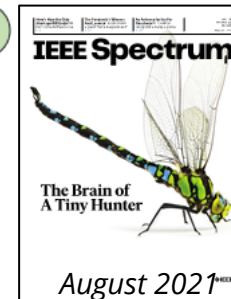
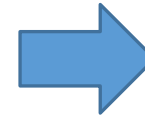
Gonzalez-
Bellido, UMN

**DRAGONFLY
EXPERIMENTS**



Chance 2020

**COMPUTATIONAL
MODEL**



GT FPAA



George
Cardwell 2016

Intel's Loihi



Davies 2018

SNL, Baylor

**NEUROMORPHIC
IMPLEMENTATION**



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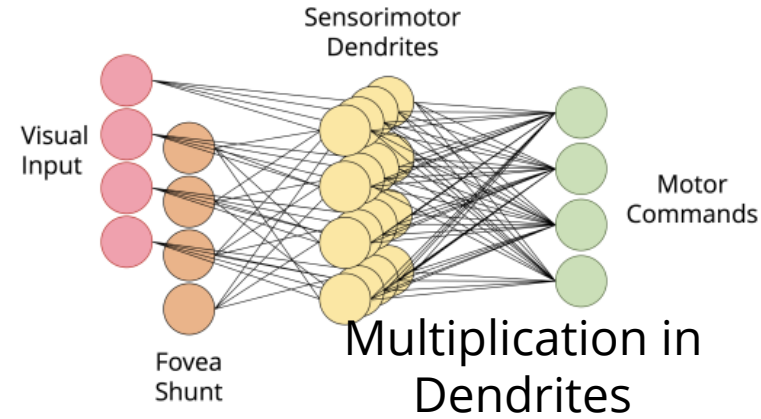
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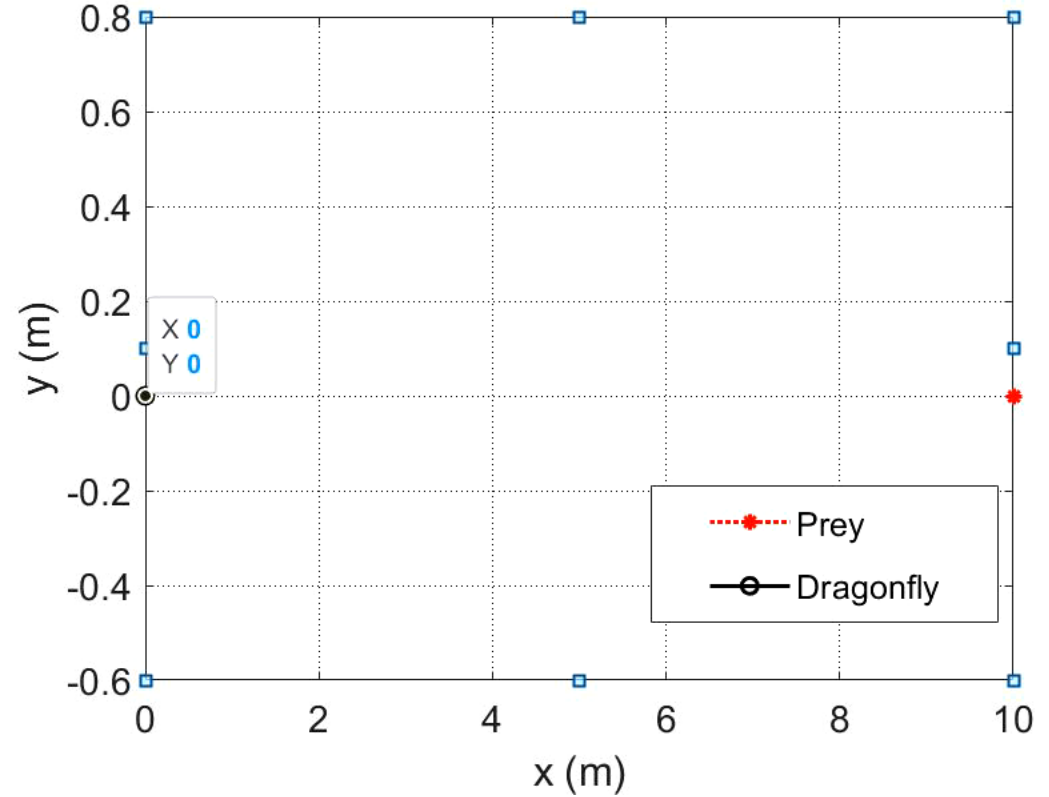
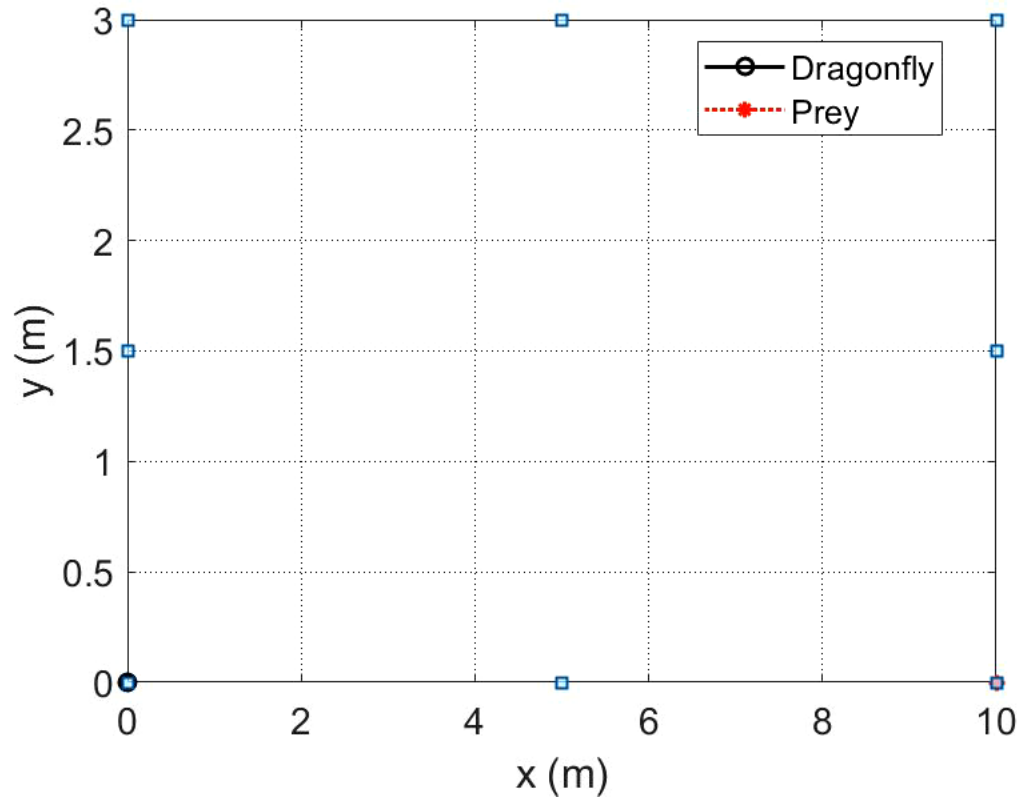
Increased collaboration between neuroscience and neuromorphic engineering will facilitate development of novel neural-inspired architectures.

DRAGONFLY INTERCEPTION WITH DENDRITES

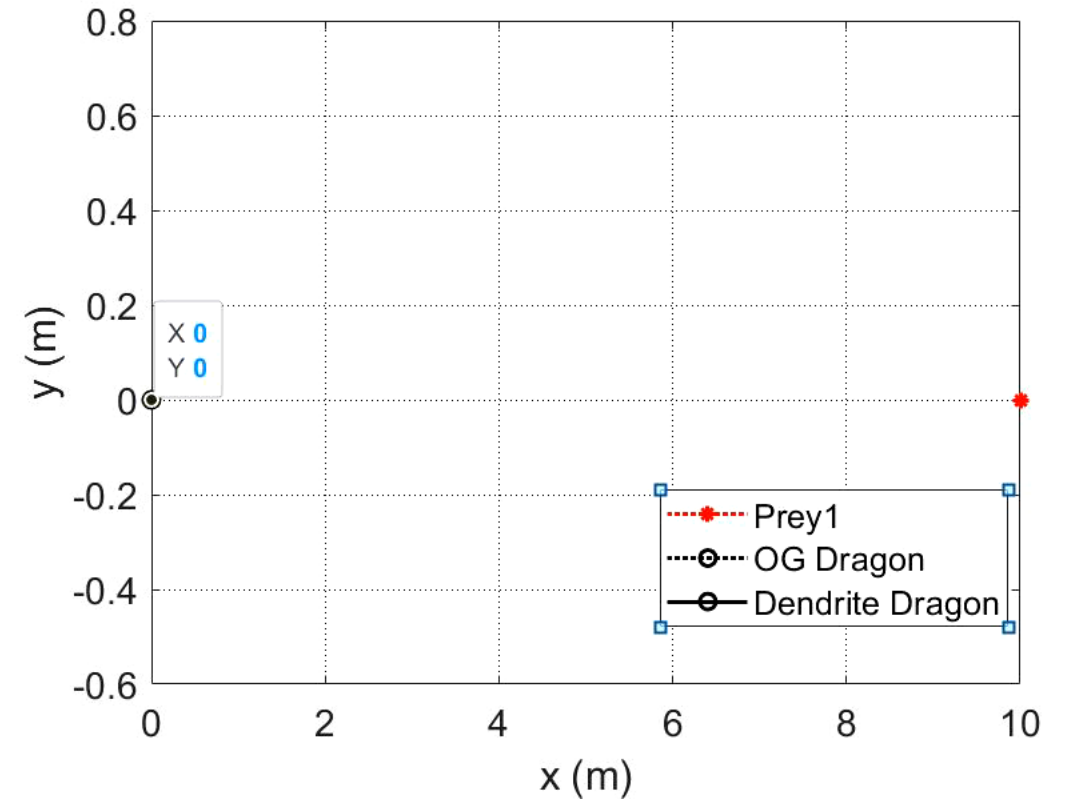
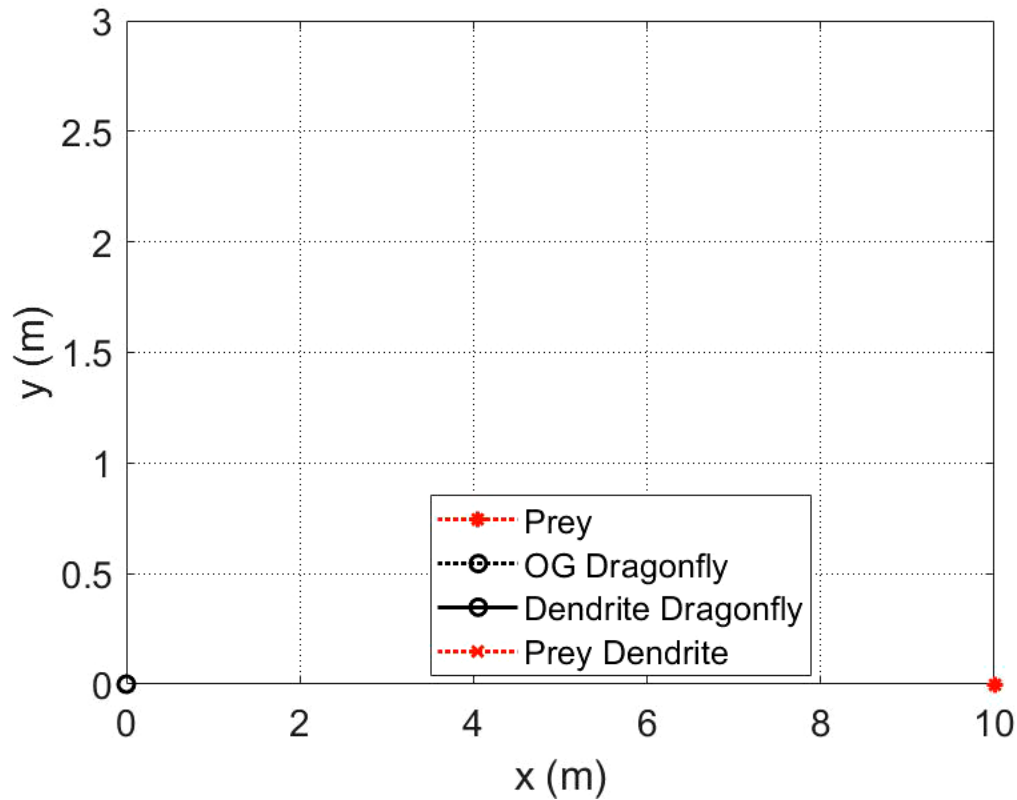
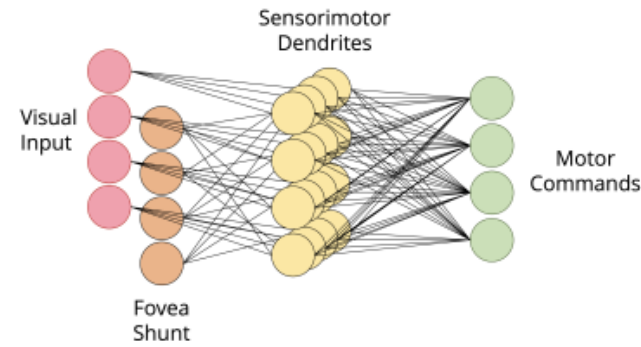


Sensorimotor
Dendrites Response

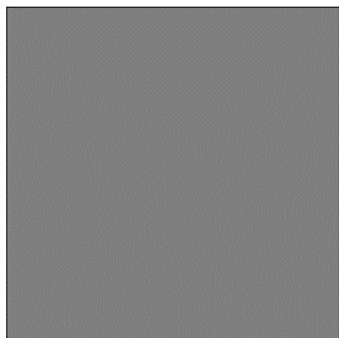
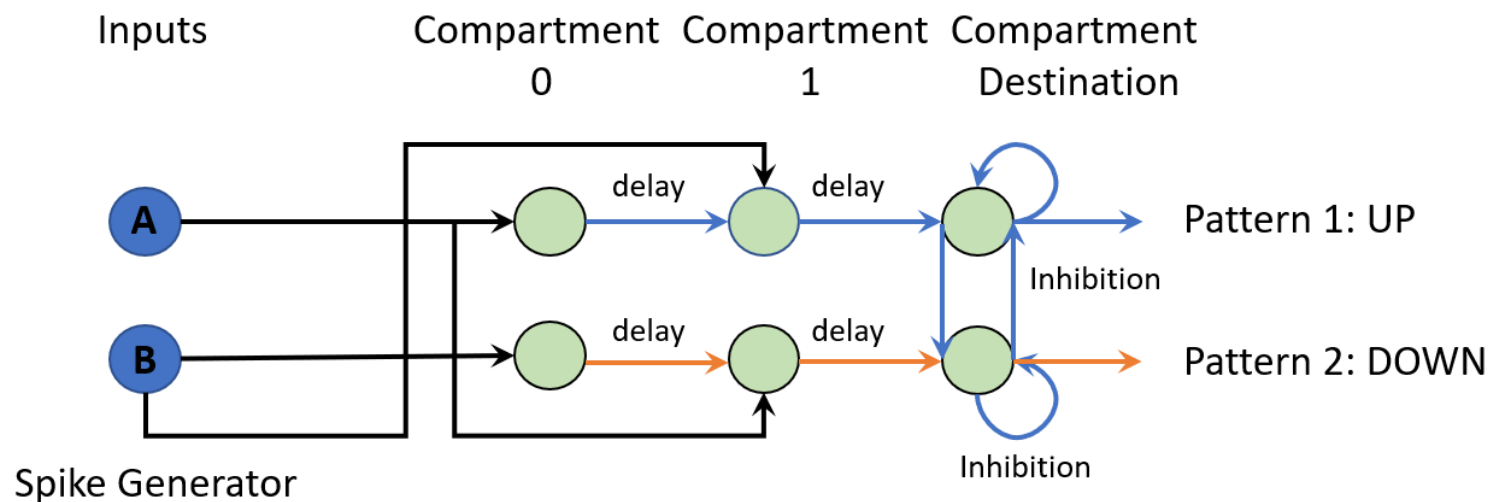
$$s_{ij} = f_i(x)g_j(y)$$



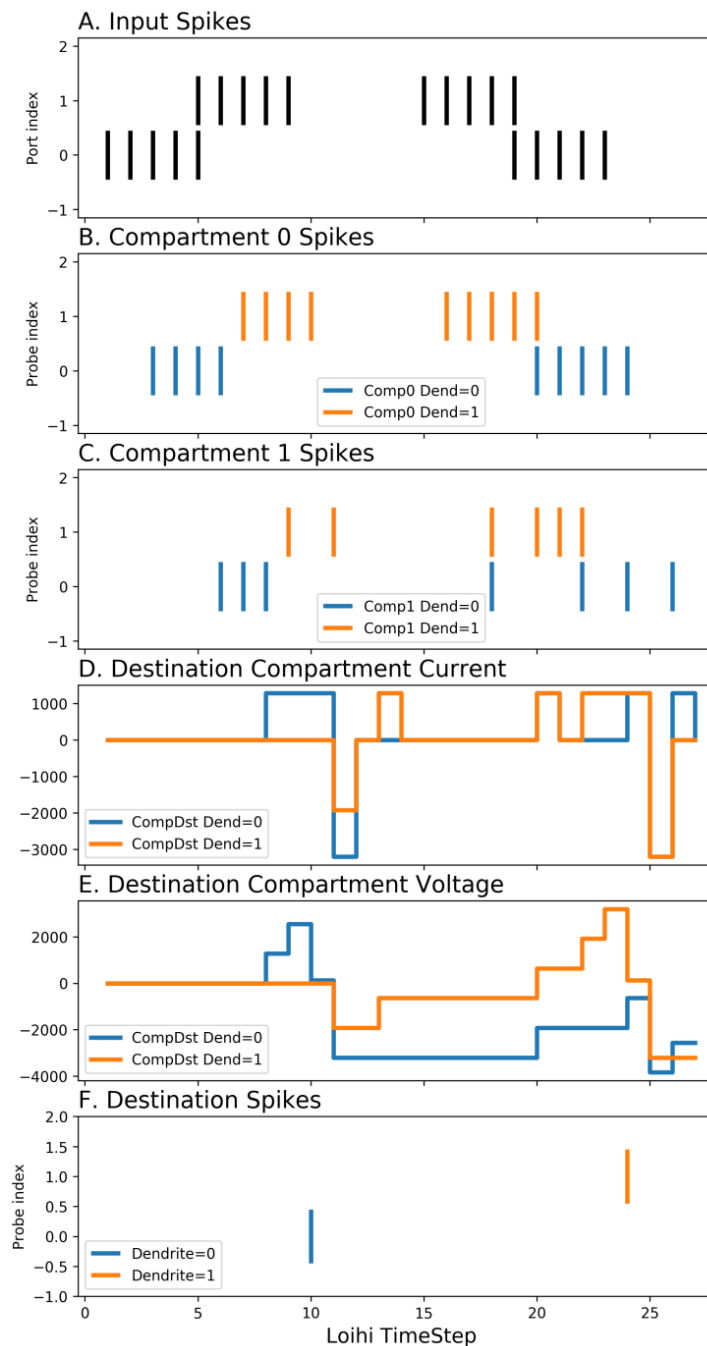
DRAGONFLY INTERCEPTION WITH DENDRITES COMPARISON



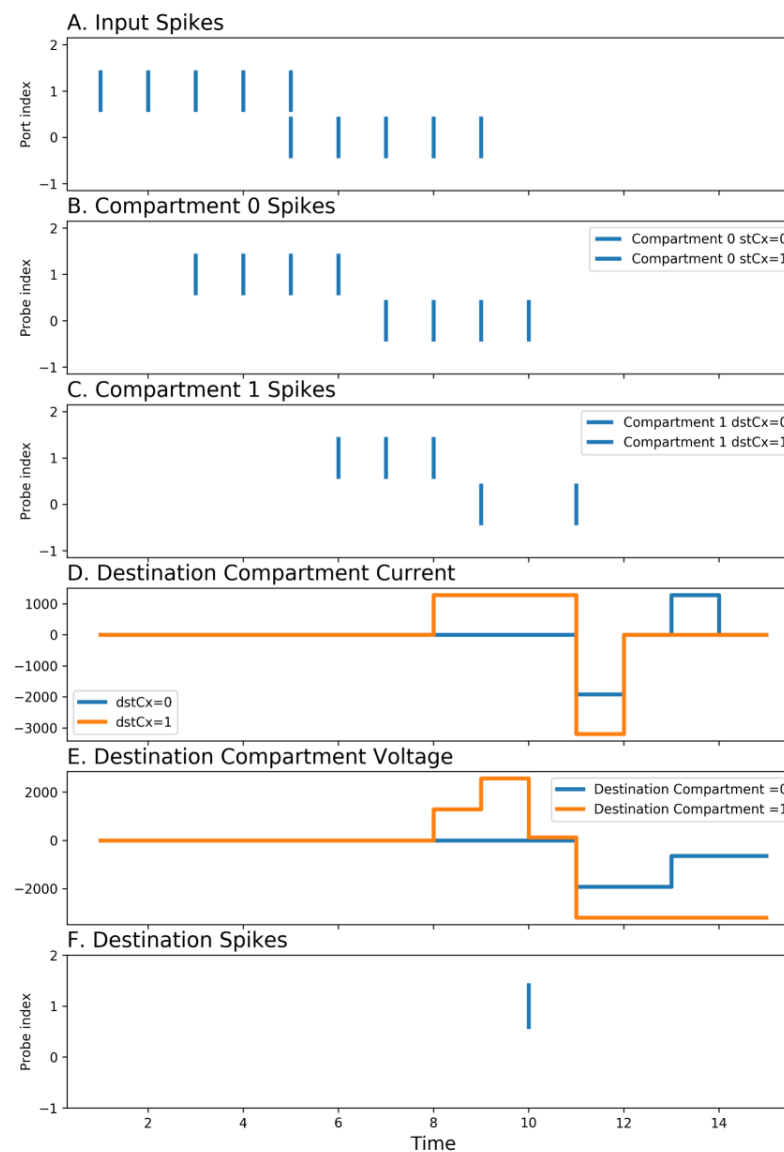
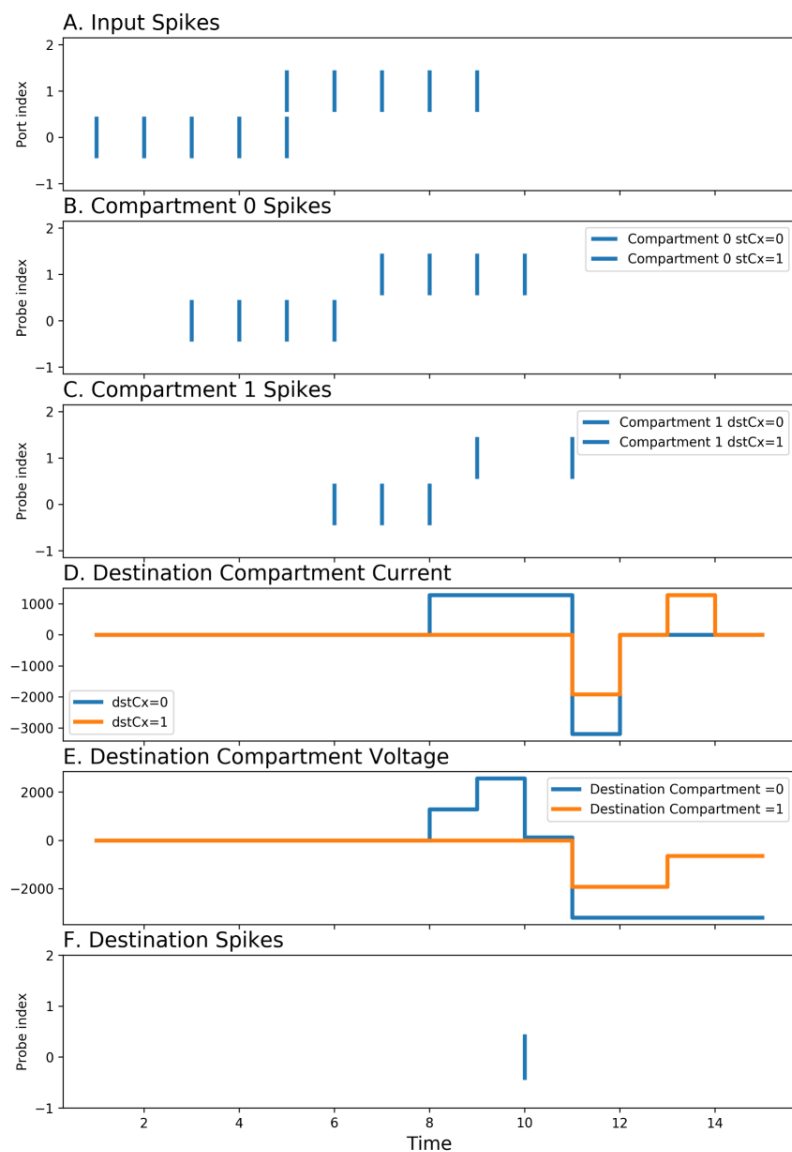
DIRECTION-SELECTIVE DENDRITES



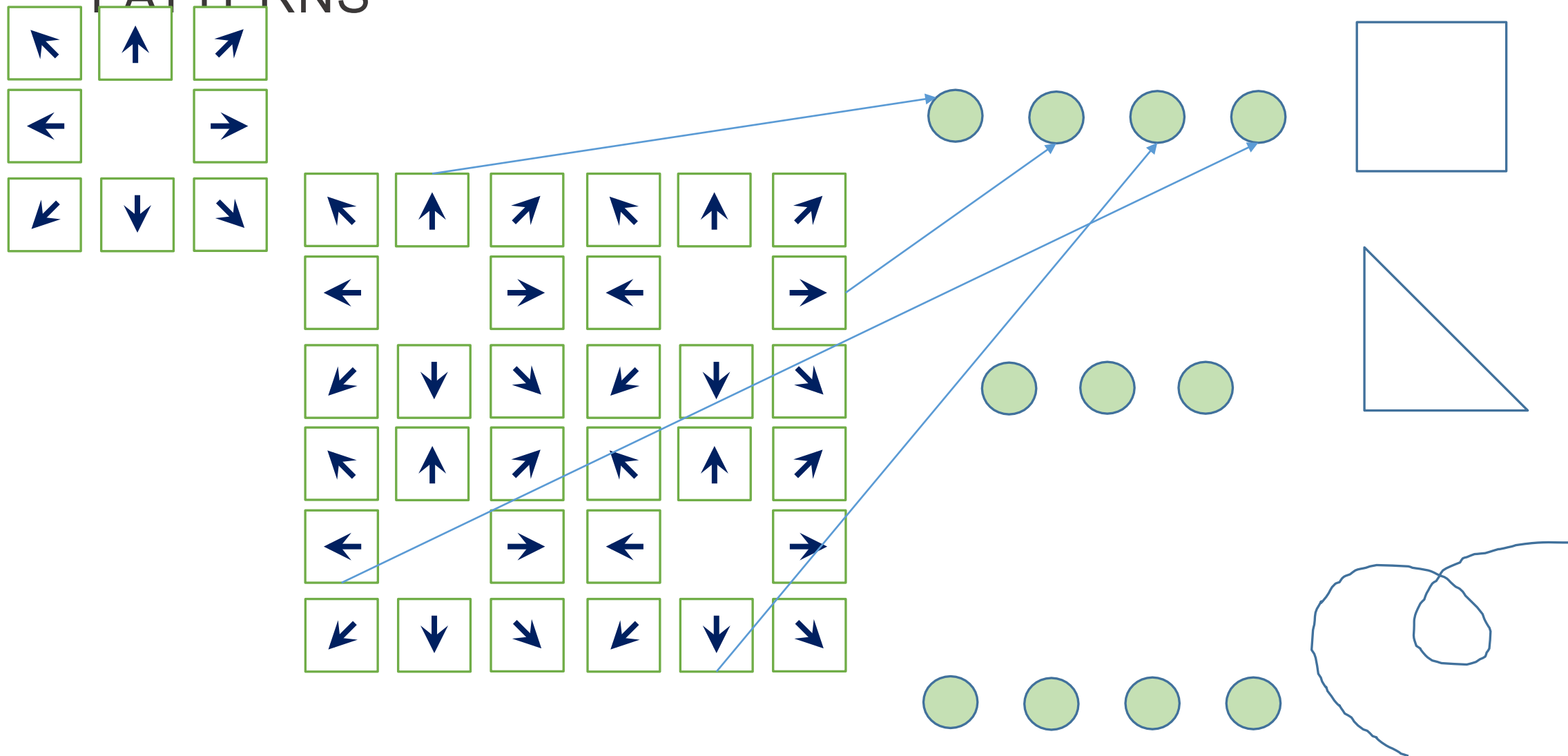
Nahuku (Loihi Chips)
Davies 2018



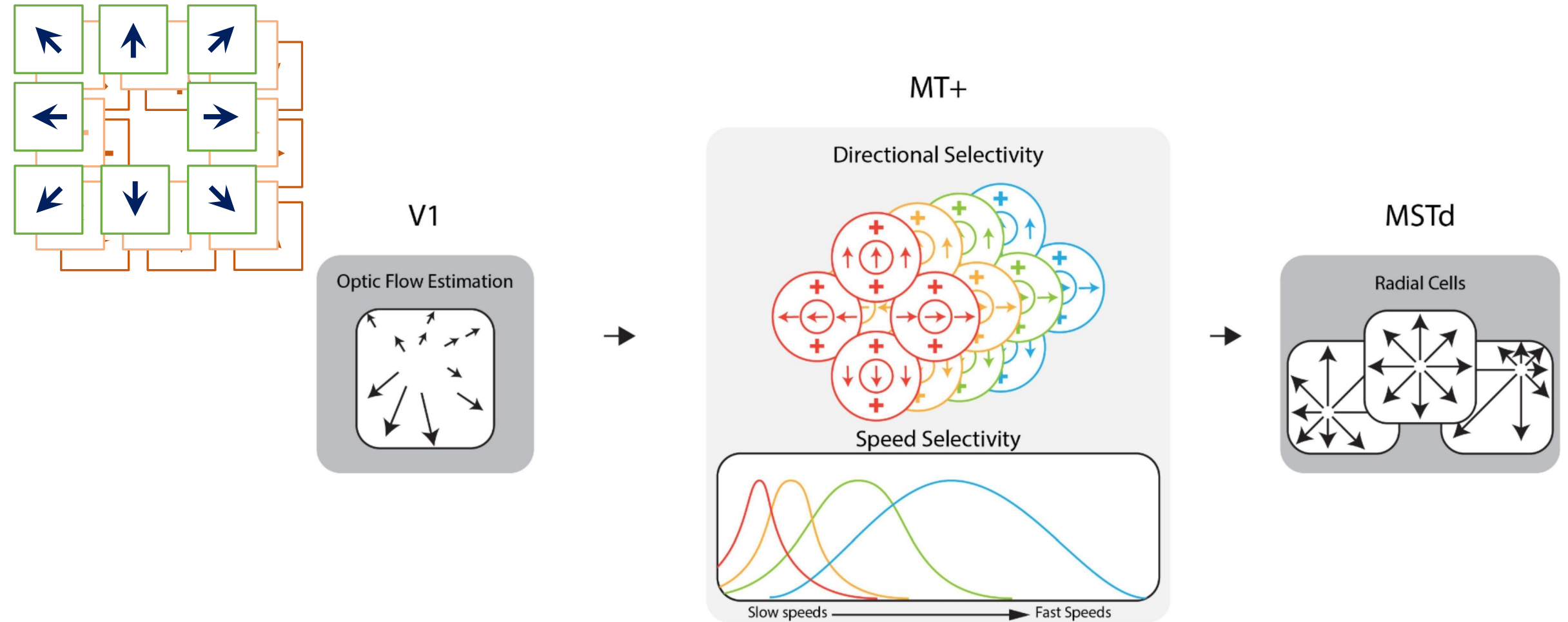
DIRECTION SELECTIVE CIRCUITS



DIRECTION-SELECTIVE CELLS FOR COMPLEX PATTERNS

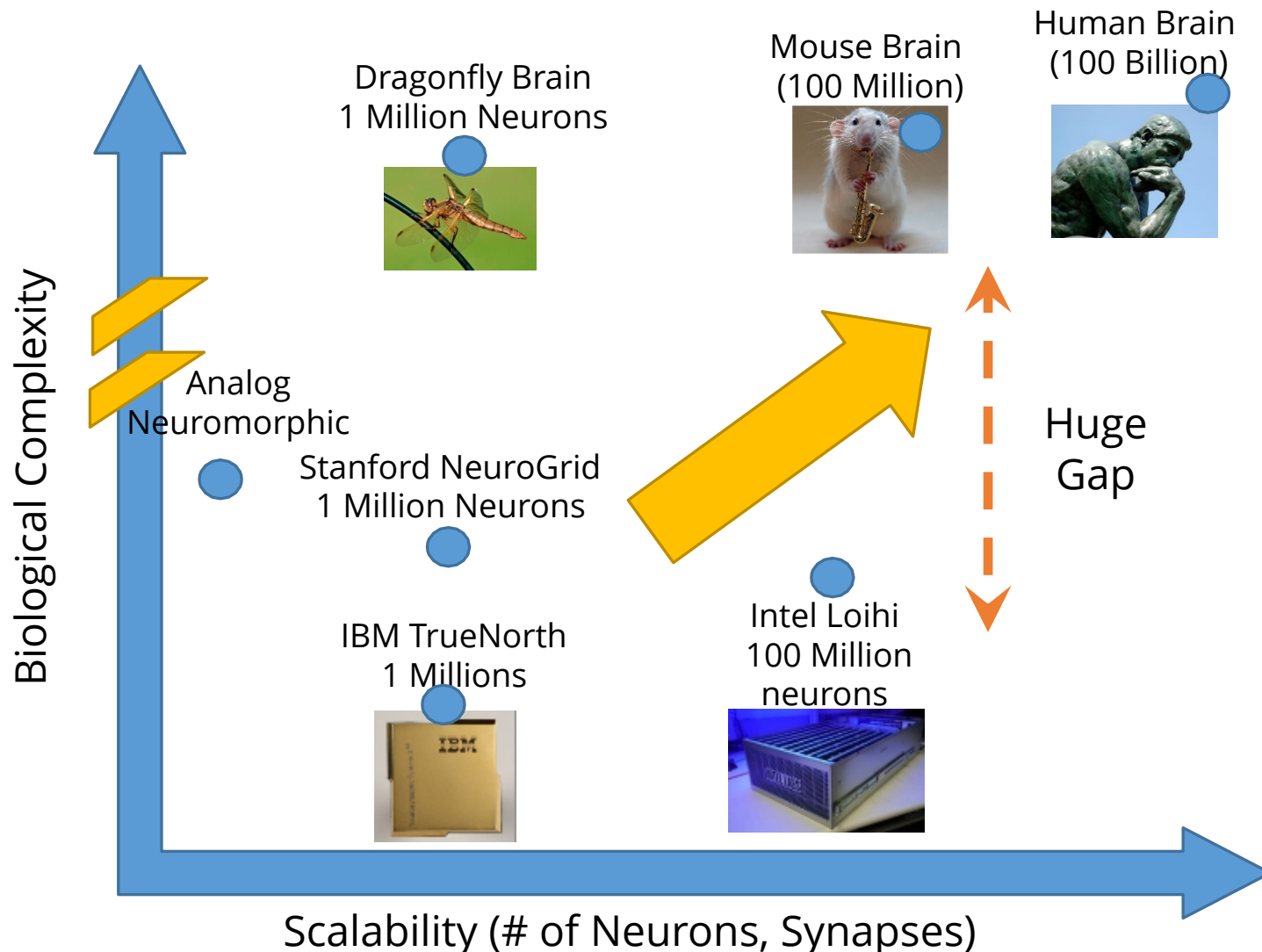


DIRECTION-SELECTIVE CELLS FOR COMPLEX PATTERNS



Steinmetz et al. 2022

NEUROMORPHIC COMPUTING CHALLENGE: SCALABILITY VS. COMPLEXITY



However, to achieve brain-like complexity we need both scaling and rich dynamics.

- Solving ill-structured problems
- Online learning
- Transfer learning

Understanding fundamental mechanisms in neuroscience, translated to algorithms and models will influence next-generation devices, architectures and intelligent computing systems

THANK YOU!!



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