

# Calculer avec des cerveaux artificiels : Les approches neuromorphiques



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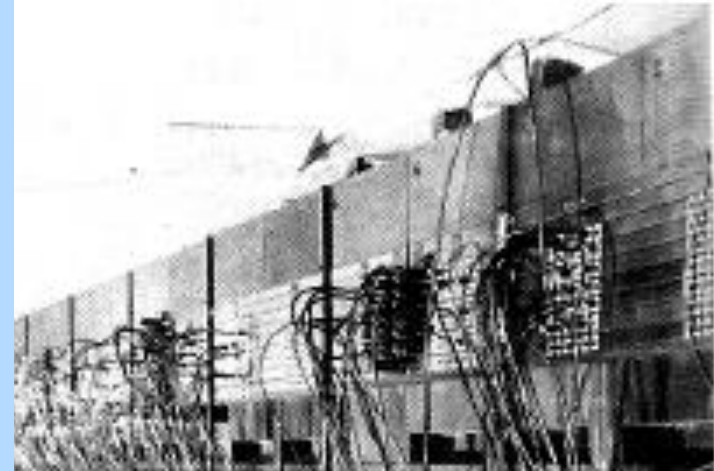
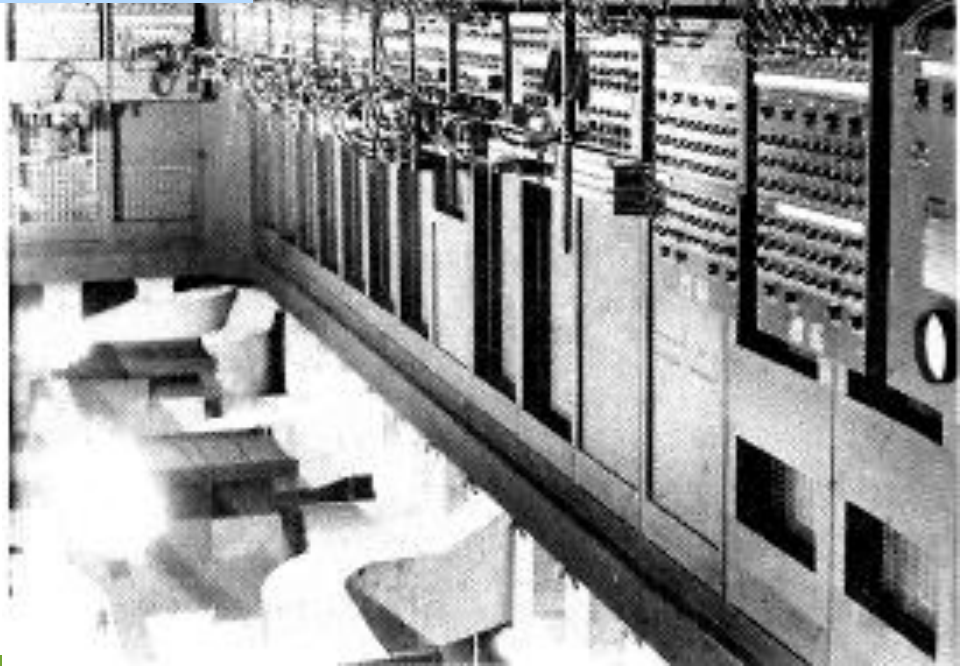
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- Traitement de l'information aujourd'hui
- Limites en vues
- S'inspirer du cerveau: histoires et promesses
- Les propriétés du traitement neuro-inspirées
- Les voies technologiques
- Quelques exemples et applications
- Perspectives: espoirs & menaces
- Conclusions

# cea tech Le cerveau électronique: ENIAC (1945)

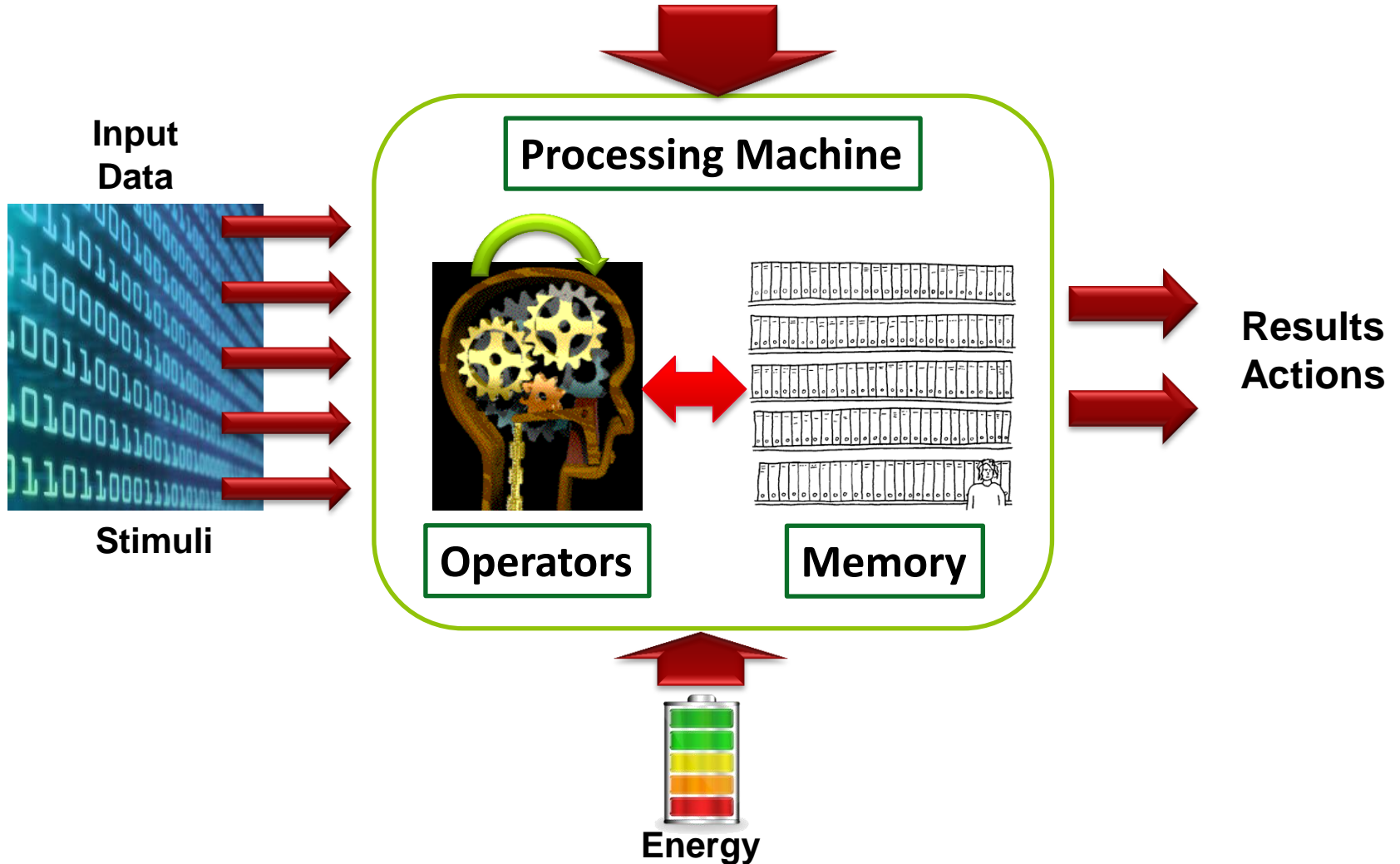
- 18,000 tubes à vide
- 80,000 composants électroniques
- 6,000 switches (programmation)
- 30m X 3m X 1m)
- Consommation : 140KW
- 100kHz
- 5,000 additions par seconde
- 500 multiplications par seconde

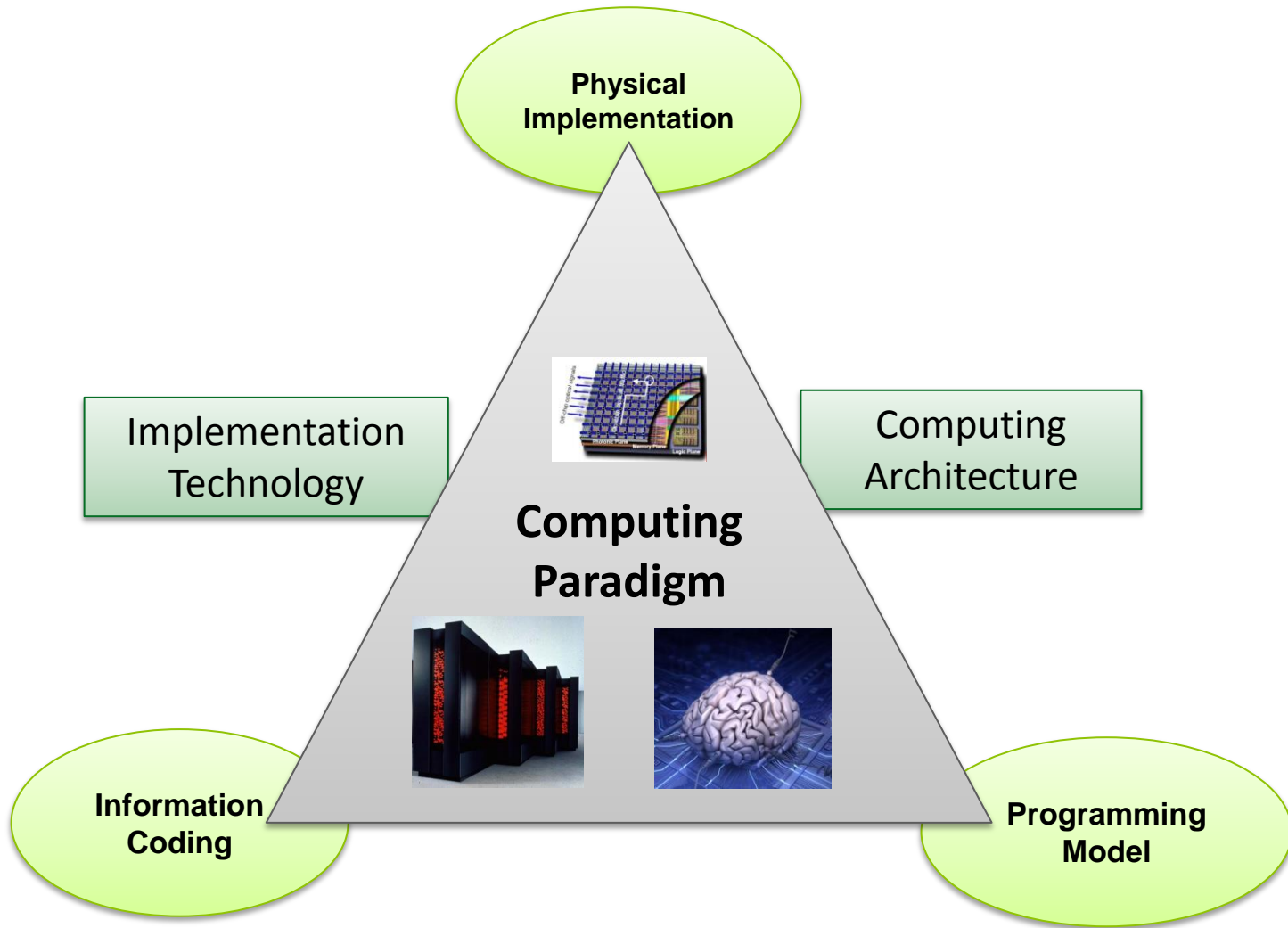
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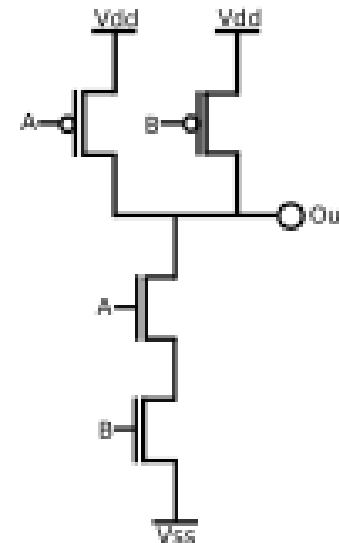
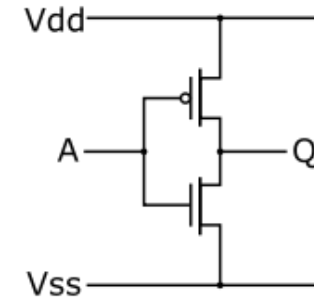
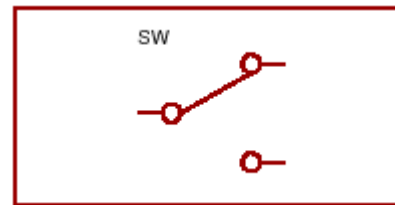
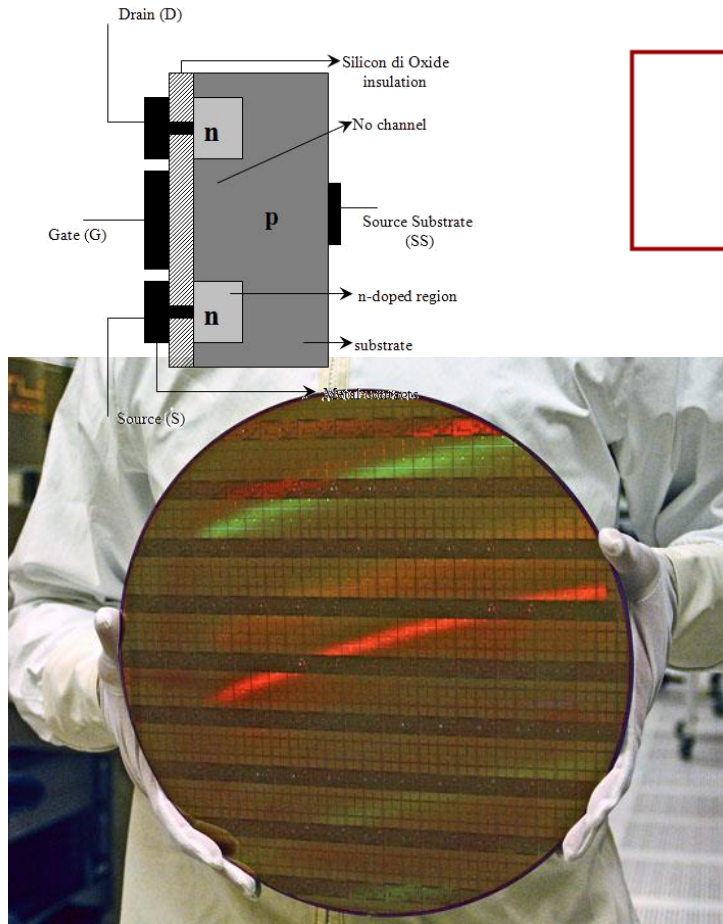
# Preamble: Information Processing

Programming: Algorithms, Heuristics  
Learning: With or without supervision





- Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor
- A pretty good switch (bit)



CMOS inverter (up)  
NAND gate (left)  
*(The function semantics is  
hardcoded into the circuit  
layout)*

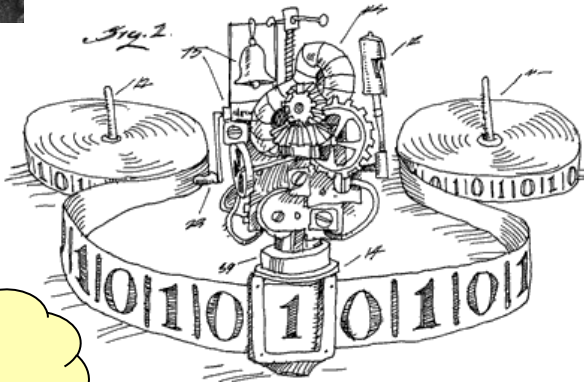
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# Von Neumann Architecture



Alan Turing

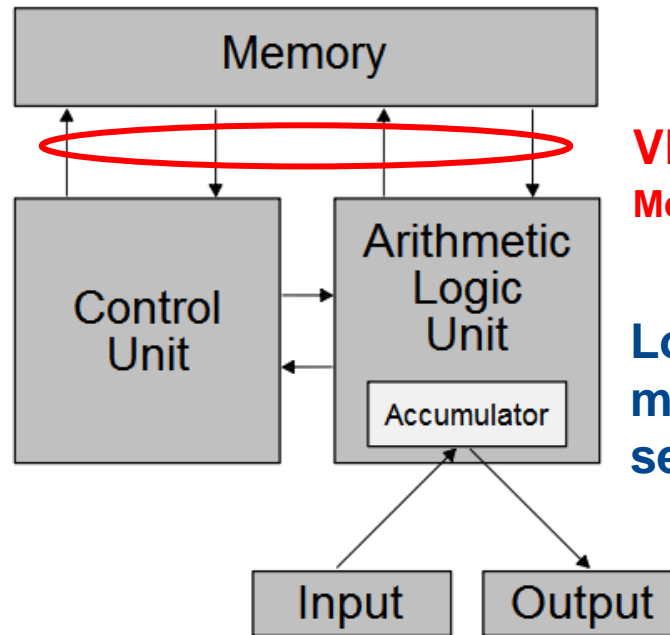
- The Von Neumann architecture is an implementation of Turing's machine
- Together with the idea of program stored in memory, the V.N. architecture automates computing tasks



Why did they name this after me?



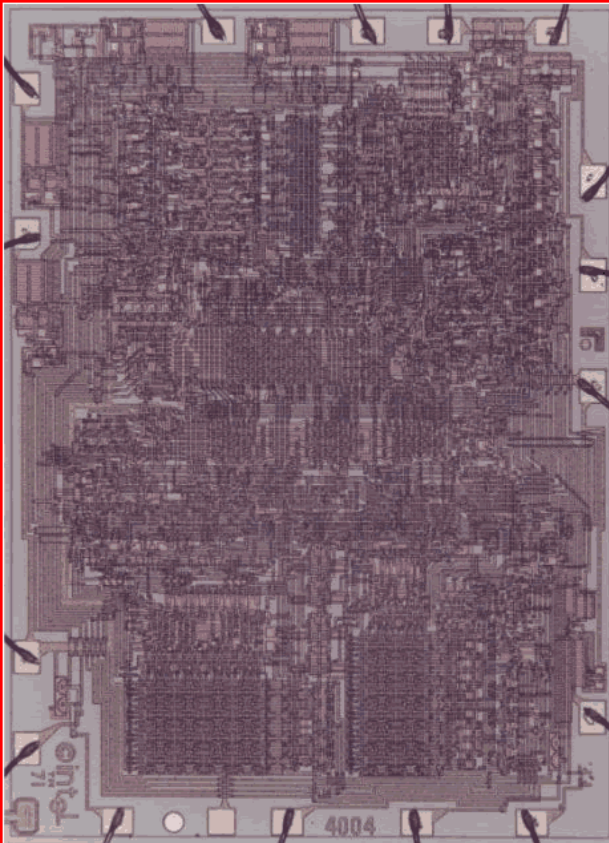
John Von Neumann



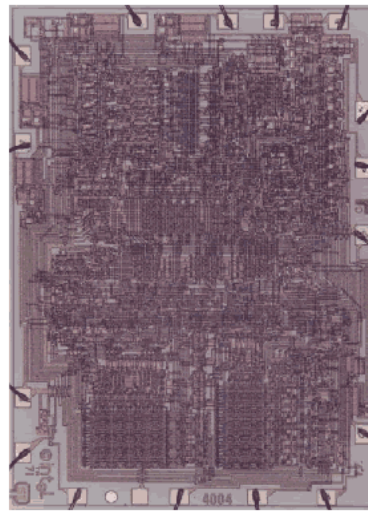
**VN bottleneck**  
Memory access

**Logic and memory are separated**

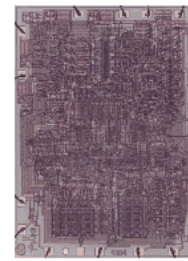
## Relative Process Technology Scaling from i4004 - Core Solo



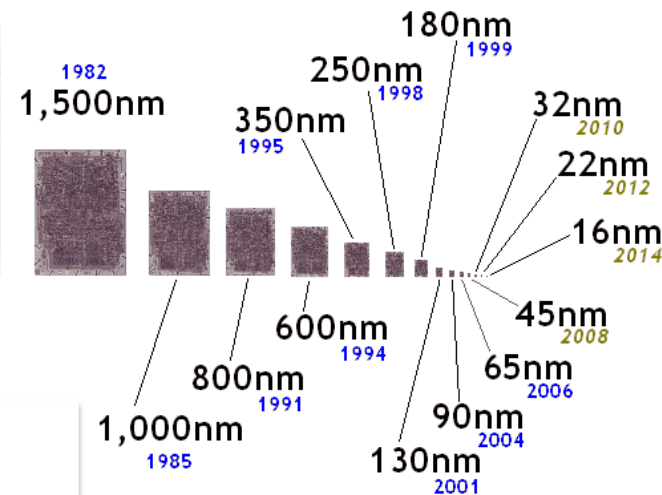
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6,000nm  
1974



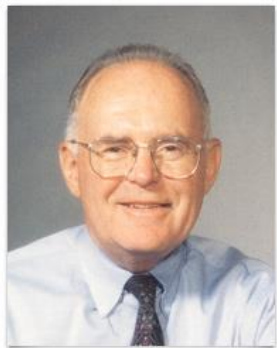
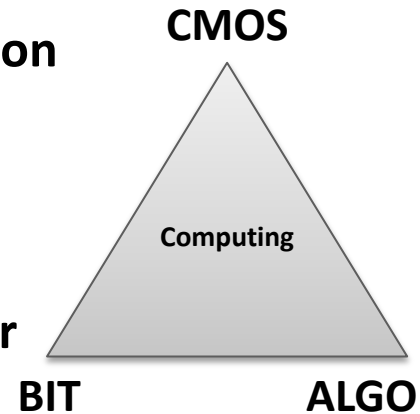
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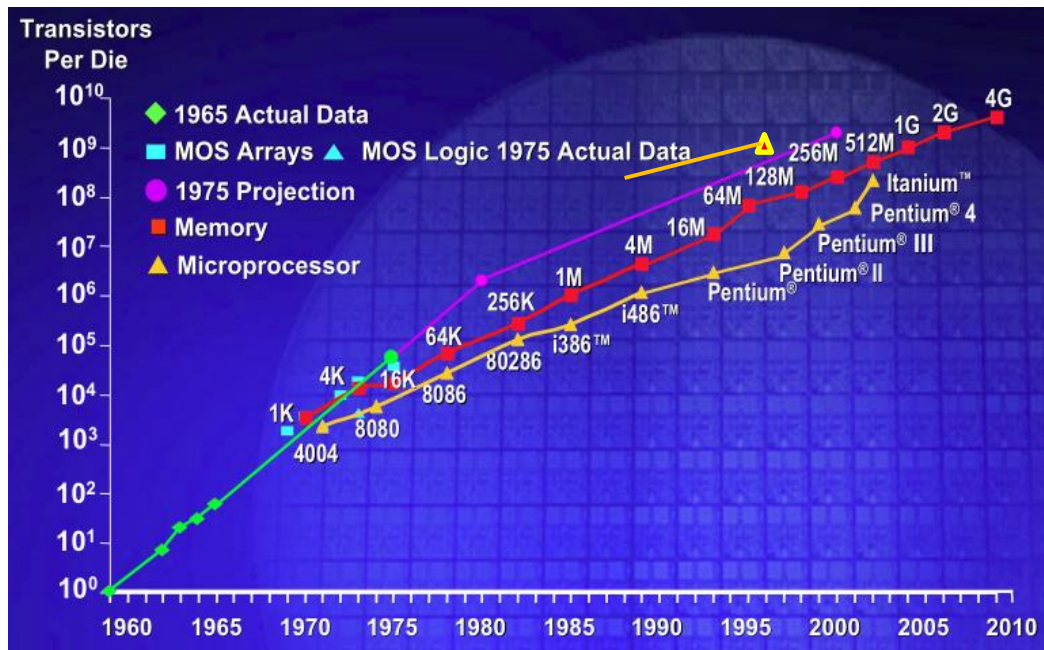


# The CMOS VN triangle

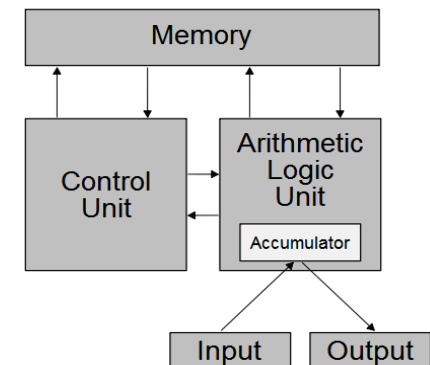
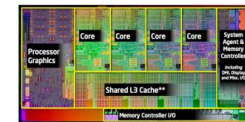
- The « quasi » perfect fit between binary coding, CMOS technology and the VN architecture made for the rapid evolution of computers.
- Every shrinking step allowed for « free » improvements in performances: clock increase, power decrease...
- If this is still true, it's at the price of clever tricks that have their share of problems: reducing Vdd, number of cores



Gordon Moore

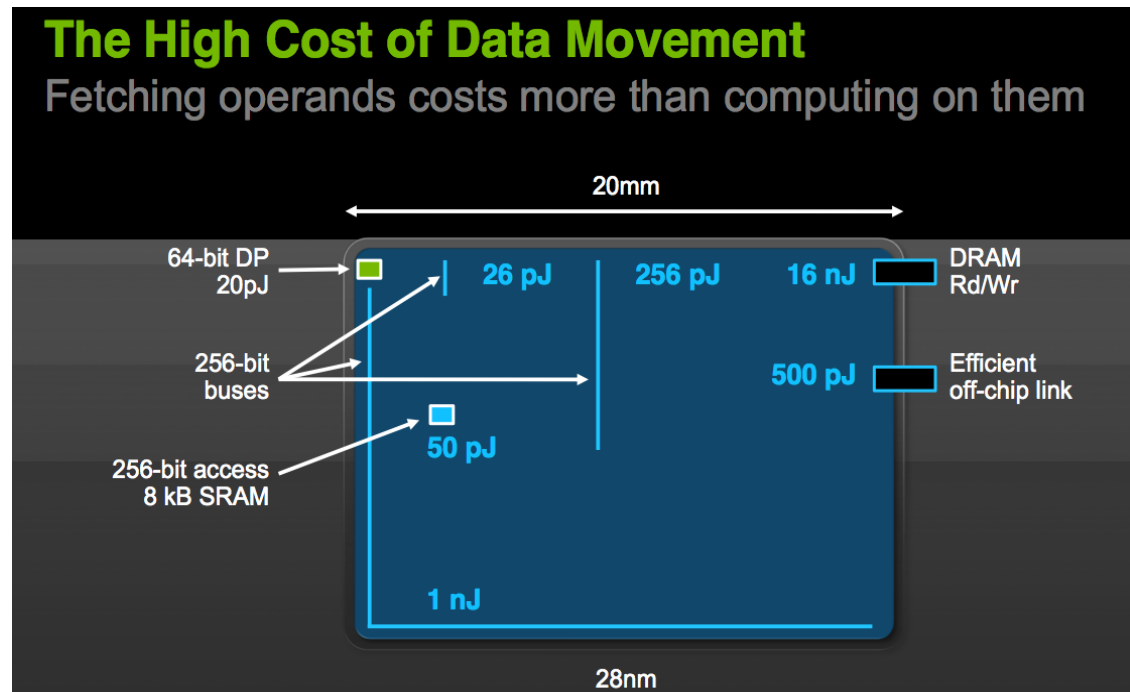


Intel Sandy Bridge 32 nm  
1 Milliard de Transistors  
4 coeurs



# The cost of data movements

- **With 22nm CMOS**
  - The cost of **switching** 1 bit in a transistor is approximately  $10^{-18}$  joule
  - The cost of **moving** 1 bit on a wire is approximately  $10^{-12}$  joule / mm
  - Moving a 64 bits word on a 1cm bus @1GHz requires **0.64 W/cm!**
- **Moving data requires much more energy than computing!**



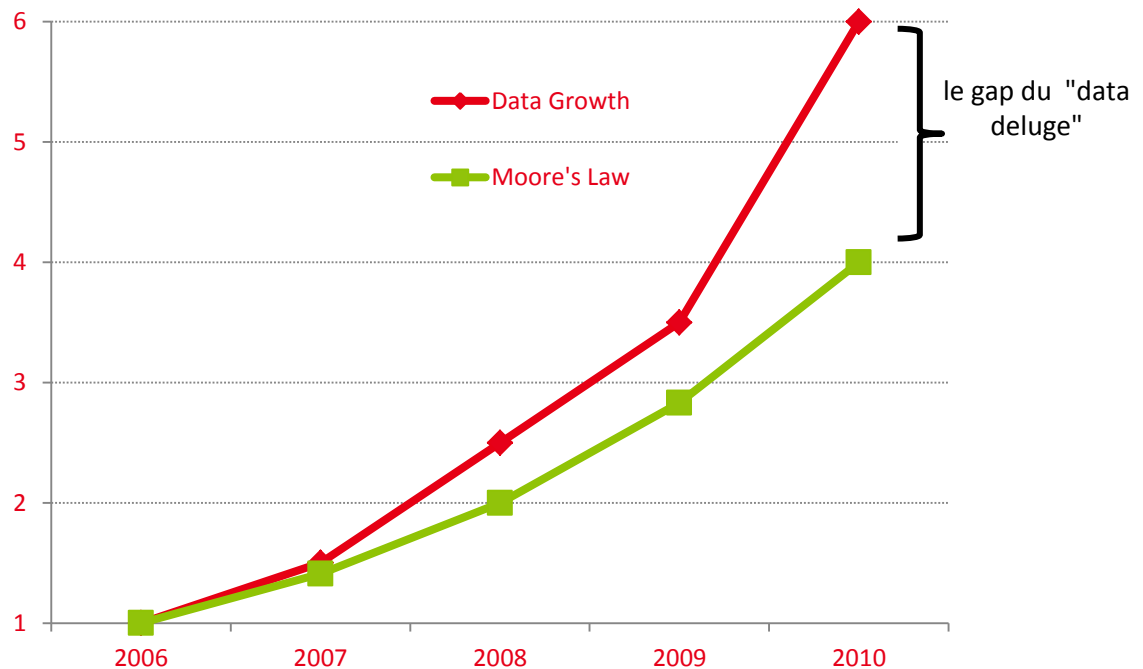
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- In 2010 (a long time ago) the world generated more than 1.2 zetta bytes ( $10^{21}$ ) of new data
- -> 50% more that all data previously generated, and we're in 2015!!!
- The amount of data increases faster that the computing power



1 ZO = 1 DVD stack  
300000 km high

1 DVD ~ 5 GB

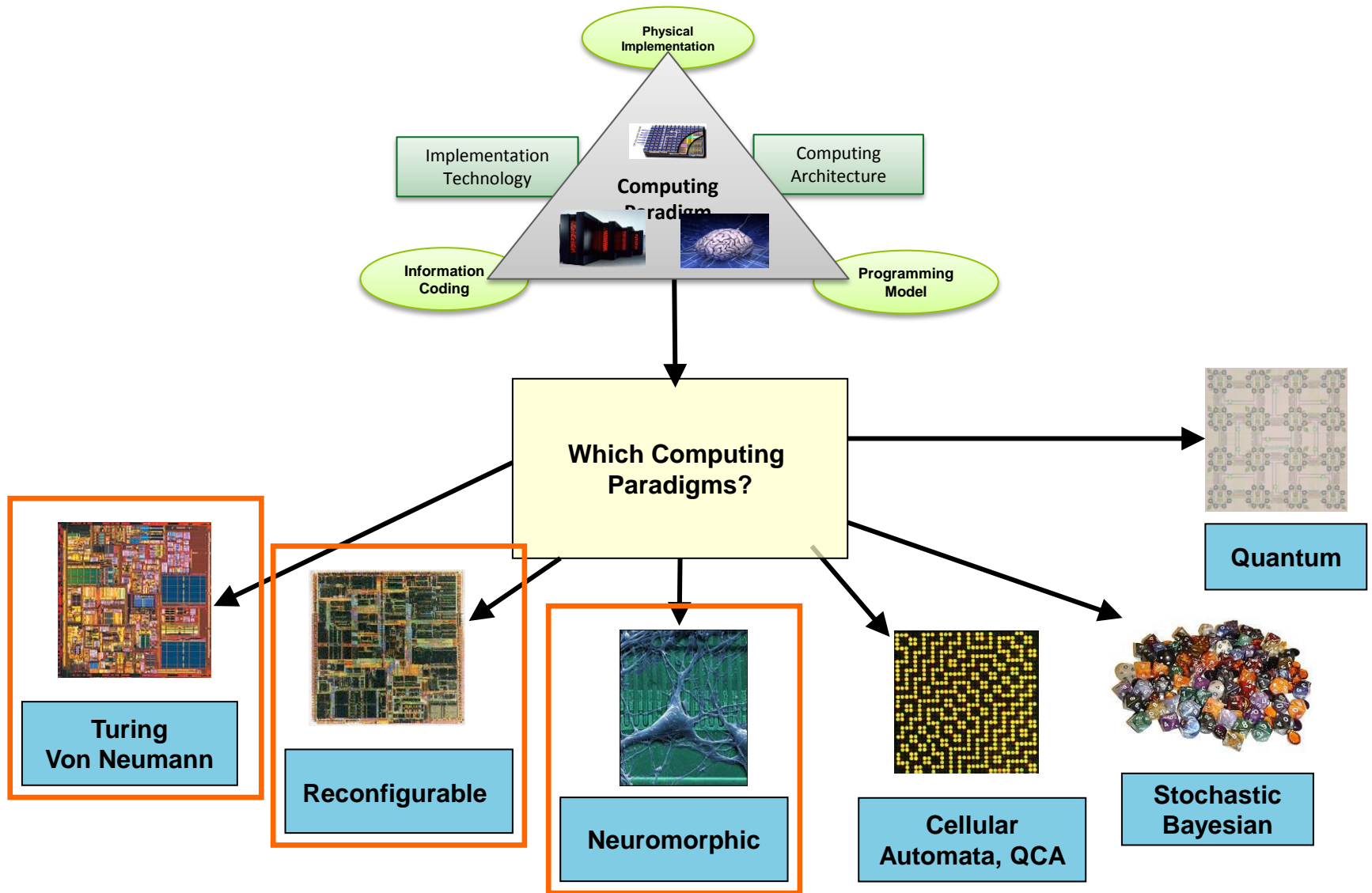


# OK, What can be done then

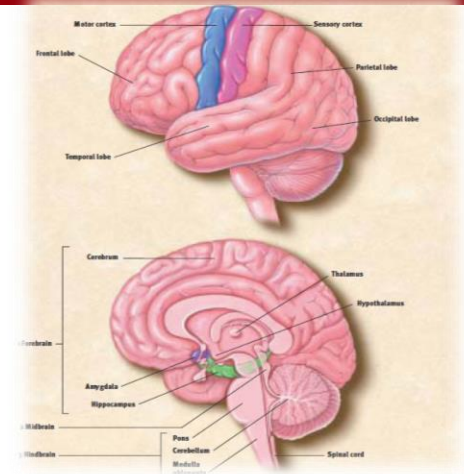
## Could we imagine something different? another paradigm?



# Which Computing Paradigm?



- Massive Parallelism
- Adapts its wiring to the task
- Low power
- Quite reliable despite its low reliability components
- Ideal for natural data processing
- Tasks that are easy for us are difficult for computers
- And tasks that are difficult for us are easy for computers
- The brain seems to handle time in a very different way



$1.1 \times 10^4$



$1.5 \times 10^7$

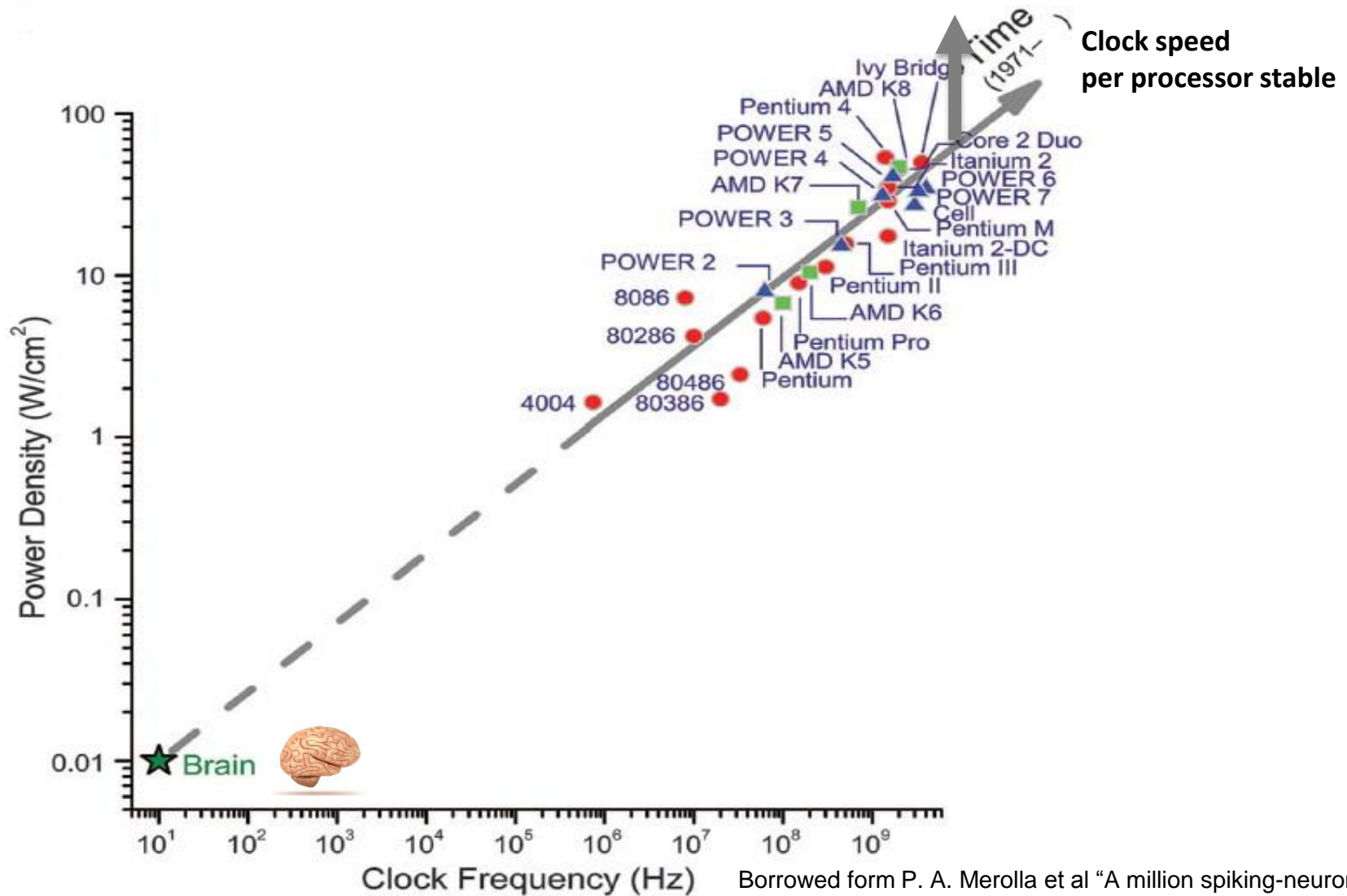


$6.2 \times 10^9$



$1.1 \times 10^{10}$

# Energy efficiency of the brain



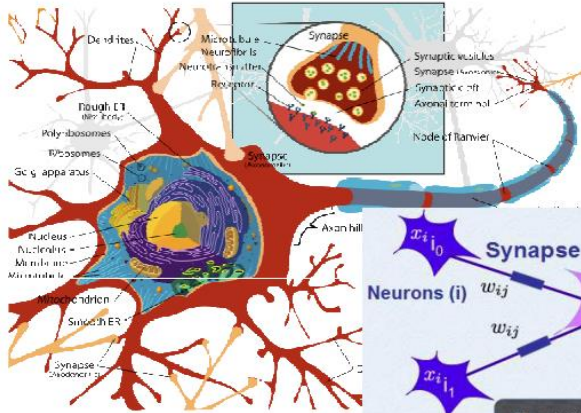
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# Artificial brains?

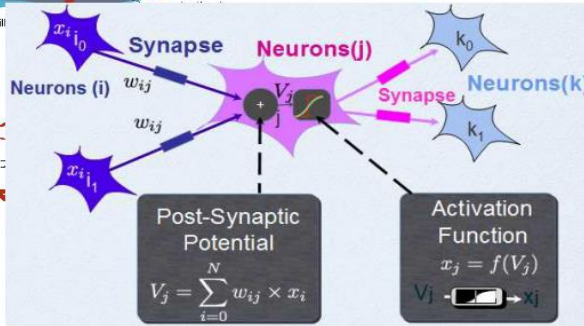
## A long story.....



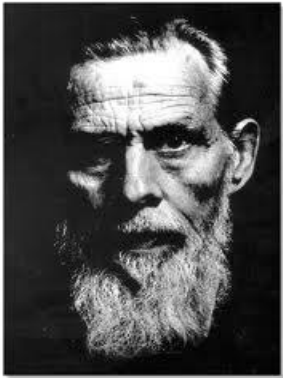
# Neuromorphic Computing, an old story!



Biological neural network



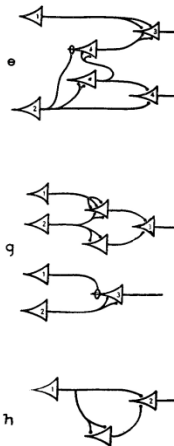
Artificial neural network



Warren McCulloch



Walter Pitts



ideas Immanent in Nervous Activity

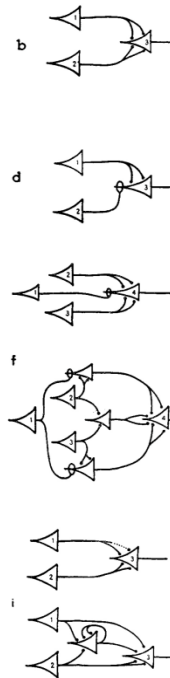


FIGURE 1

[1] W. S. McCulloch and W. Pitts, "A logical calculus of the ideas immanent in nervous activity," Bull. Math. Biophysics, no. 5, pp. 115-133, 1943.

A Logical Calculus of Ideas Immanent in Nervous Activity

observations and of these to the facts is all too clear, for it is apparent that every idea and every sensation is realized by activity within that net, and by no such activity are the actual afferents fully determined.

There is no theory we may hold and no observation we can make that will retain so much as its old defective reference to the facts if the net be altered. Tinnitus, paraesthesias, hallucinations, delusions, confusions and disorientations intervene. Thus empiry confirms that if our nets are undefined, our facts are undefined, and to the "real" we can attribute not so much as one quality or "form." With determination of the net, the unknowable object of knowledge, the "thing in itself," ceases to be unknowable.

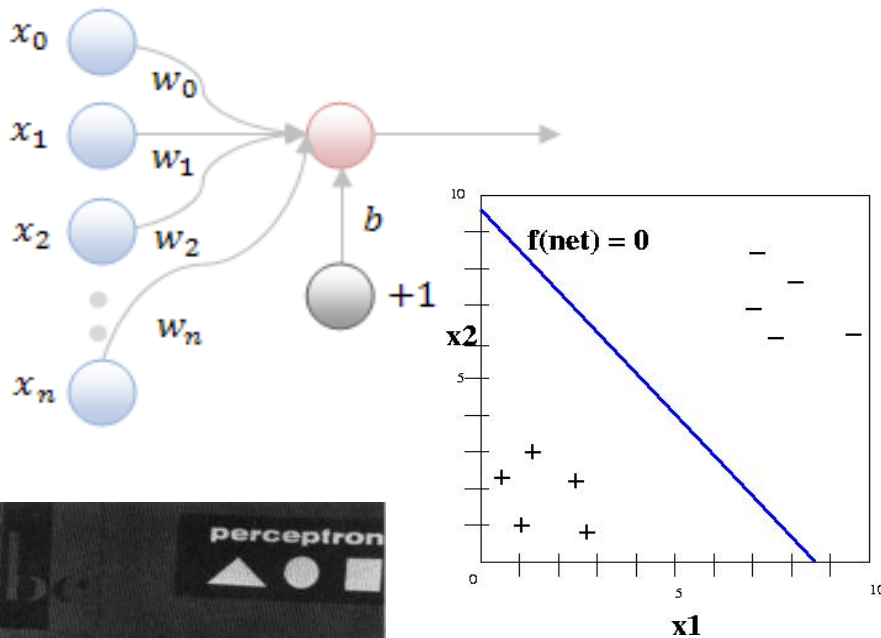
To psychology, however defined, specification of the net would contribute all that could be achieved in that field—even if the analysis were pushed to ultimate psychic units or "psychons," for a psychon can be no less than the activity of a single neuron. Since that activity is inherently propositional, all psychic events have an intentional, or "semiotic," character. The "all-or-none" law of these activities, and the conformity of their relations to those of the logic of propositions, insure that the relations of

EXPRESSION FOR THE FIGURES

In the figure the neuron  $x_i$  is always marked with the numeral  $i$  upon the body of the cell, and the corresponding action is denoted by ' $N$ ' with  $i$  as subscript, as in the text.

- Figure 1a  $N_1(t) = . N_1(t - 1)$
- Figure 1b  $N_1(t) = . N_1(t - 1) \vee N_2(t - 1)$
- Figure 1c  $N_1(t) = . N_1(t - 1) . N_2(t - 1)$
- Figure 1d  $N_1(t) = . N_1(t - 1) . \sim N_2(t - 1)$
- Figure 1e  $N_1(t) = : N_1(t - 1) . \vee . N_2(t - 3) . \sim N_2(t - 2)$   
 $N_1(t) = . N_2(t - 2) . N_2(t - 1)$
- Figure 1f  $N_1(t) = : \sim N_1(t - 1) . N_2(t - 1) \vee N_2(t - 1) . \vee . N_1(t - 1) . N_2(t - 1) . N_2(t - 1)$   
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- Figure 1g  $N_1(t) = . N_2(t - 2) . \sim N_2(t - 3)$
- Figure 1h  $N_1(t) = . N_1(t - 1) . N_1(t - 2)$
- Figure 1i  $N_1(t) = : N_2(t - 1) . \vee . N_1(t - 1) . (Ex)t - 1 . N_1(s) . N_1(s)$

# cea tech Perceptron: first neuromorphic engine



[1] F. Rosenblatt, "The perceptron: a probabilistic model for information storage and organization in the brain.," *Psychological Review*, vol. 65, no. 6, pp. 386-408, 1958.

*Psychological Review*  
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## THE PERCEPTRON: A PROBABILISTIC MODEL FOR INFORMATION STORAGE AND ORGANIZATION IN THE BRAIN<sup>1</sup>

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*Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory*

If we are eventually to understand the capability of higher organisms for perceptual recognition, generalization, recall, and thinking, we must first have answers to three fundamental questions:

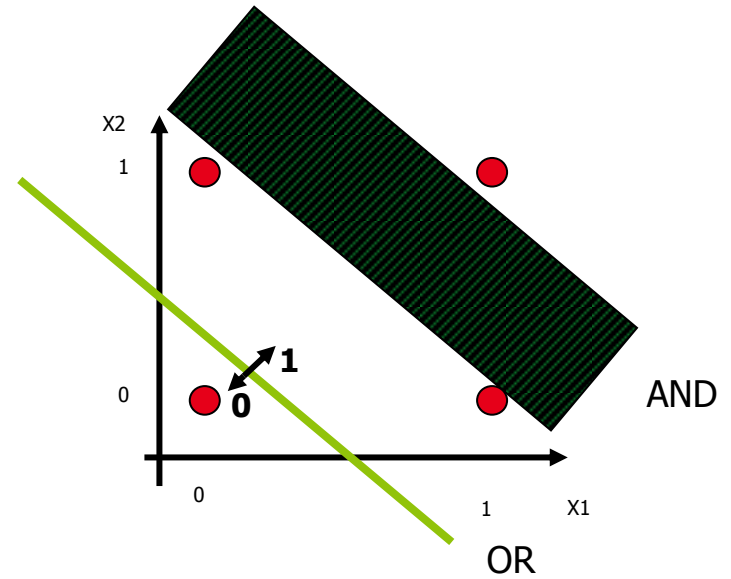
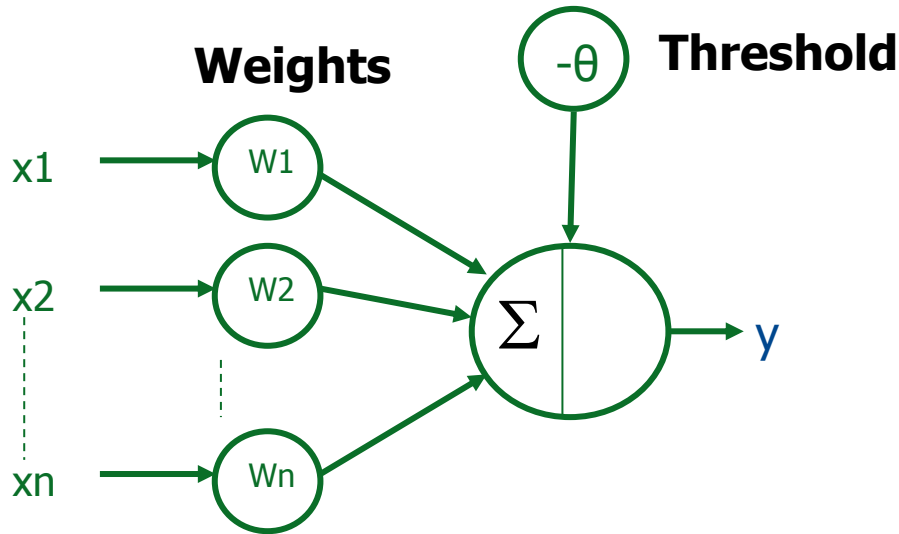
1. How is information about the physical world sensed, or detected, by the biological system?
2. In what form is information stored, or remembered?
3. How does information contained in storage, or in memory, influence recognition and behavior?

and the stored pattern. According to this hypothesis, if one understood the code or "wiring diagram" of the nervous system, one should, in principle, be able to discover exactly what an organism remembers by reconstructing the original sensory patterns from the "memory traces" which they have left, much as we might develop a photographic negative, or translate the pattern of electrical charges in the "memory" of a digital computer. This hypothesis is appealing in its simplicity and ready intelligibility, and a large family of theoretical brain



Frank Rosenblatt

(Robert Hecht-Nielsen:  
*Neurocomputing*, Addison-Wesley,  
1990)



$$y = (X_1W_1 + X_2W_2) - \theta$$

$$\chi = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} w_i x_i$$

$$y = \text{sign}(\chi - \theta)$$

A	B	S
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

S=A+B (OU)



A	B	S
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

S=A.B (ET)



# The big depression of the 1970's

- Minsky and Papert's book on Perceptrons is seen by many as the cause of the drop in ANN research (the XOR problem)
  - But that's not fair to their work.

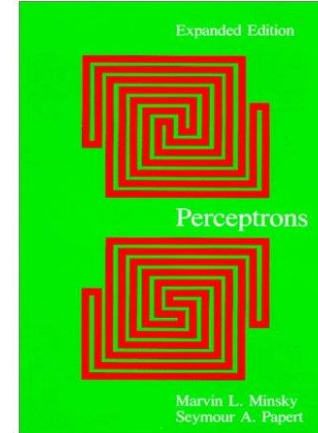
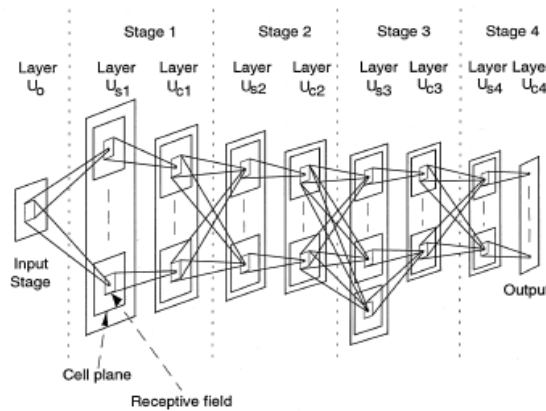
[1] M. L. Minsky and S. A. Papert, Perceptrons: An Introduction to Computational Geometry. The MIT Press, 1970



Marvin Minsky & Seymour Papert



Kunihiko Fukushima



Book Reviews

**Understanding of Information Processes**

... in some fixed way, the  $\alpha_i$  and ask if the evidence adds up to enough  $\theta$ , to warrant saying that  $X$  is an instance of the pattern (equivalently, deciding yes). Although this corresponds to the oft-expressed intuitive notion that judgments are made by "weighing the evidence" it must be made clear that perceptrons are an extremely restricted class of decision devices. In most real situations there is much exploring of consequences, returning for new information, redefinition of the situation, and so on. None of these processes find expression in the perceptron, as formulated. Nevertheless, perceptrons still constitute a nontrivial type of decision element, and—as Minsky and Papert note—if we cannot understand the behavior of perceptrons we have little chance with the more complex decision processes.

The book states and proves a large number of theorems about perceptrons. For any interesting theory, one must restrict the elementary measurements (the  $\phi_i$ ), since otherwise the whole burden of the decision could be put on them, the combinatorial aspect that is the essence of the definition thus being bypassed entirely. Two restrictions are proposed: *diameter-limited* perceptrons, in which the points on which a  $\phi_i$  depends must all lie within a circle of given diameter (though the whole collection of  $\phi_i$  can cover  $R$  many times over); and *order-limited* perceptrons, in which the number of points on which a  $\phi_i$  depends must be less than a given number (though the points can be located anywhere on the retina). Both restrictions fit an intuitive notion that the  $\phi_i$  are somehow simple, limited and local predicates, so that the act of

... perceptron that can recognize when a figure is connected, as opposed to being disconnected. This holds for both diameter-limited and order-limited perceptrons, though the proof for the first is direct and for the latter quite complex. In general the results are of this negative character. For instance, it is possible for there to be perceptrons of order 1 for two predicates, yet no perceptron of finite order that will recognize the disjunction (or, similarly, the conjunction) of the two predicates. In the development of the theory some powerful tools are constructed. Perhaps the most central is the group-invariance theorem, which states that if a perceptron is to be invariant over a (finite) group of transformations on the retina, then there must exist a particularly simple form of the weighted sum (namely, where all coefficients of those  $\phi_i$  which are equivalent under the group are the same). The power of this theorem arises from the close connection between notions of what is interesting geometrically and properties that are invariant under groups of transformation. Thus the theorem reflects something of the geometry of the retina in the algebraic structure of the perceptron.

Still other results concern the fact that though order-limited perceptrons exist for some classes of patterns, their coefficients (more precisely, the ratio between the smallest and largest coefficients) may be exceedingly large—so large, indeed, that one might as well store the instances directly, since that would require fewer bits than storing the coefficients. There is a chapter on learning in perceptrons in which one considers the  $\phi_i$  fixed and asks what procedures might discover appropriate weights to do a particular pattern-recognition task. The information from which the weights are inferred is a sequence of instances of the patterns. There is a perceptron convergence theorem which states that a particularly simple form of feedback modification of the weights under the impact of the sequence will indeed find a workable set of weights if such exists. Finally, there is a comparison of the perceptron with various highly serial algorithms for recognizing some of the same kind

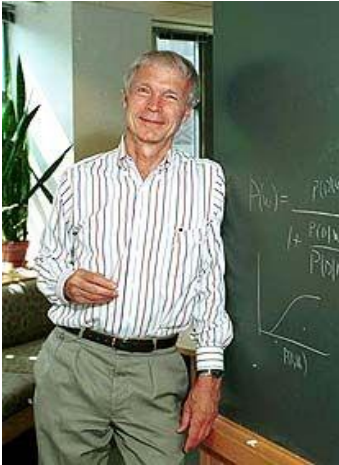
Figure. Let there be a set of predicates, call them  $\phi_i$ , which one can think of as elementary measurements on the space  $R$ . Then a perceptron is a predicate which can be represented in the form:

$$f(X) \text{ is true if } \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i(X) > \theta$$

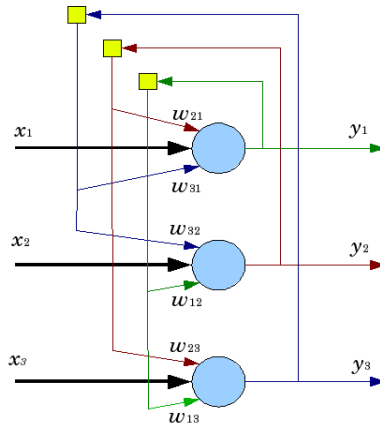
$$f(X) \text{ is false if } \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i(X) \leq \theta$$

where the coefficients,  $\alpha_i$ , and the threshold,  $\theta$ , are real numbers and the values

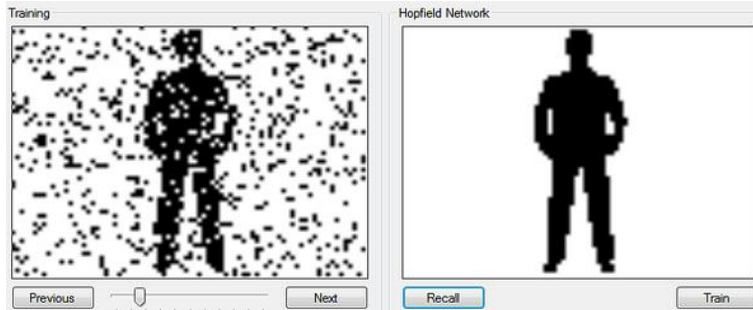
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John J. Hopfield



- The Hopfield net, a recurrent architecture
- Analogy to physics (Ising)
- Potential Applications



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Biophysics

## Neural networks and physical systems with emergent collective computational abilities

(associative memory/parallel processing/categorization/content-addressable memory/fault-tolerant devices)

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**ABSTRACT** Computational properties of use to biological organisms or to the construction of computers can emerge as collective properties of systems having a large number of simple equivalent components (or neurons). The physical meaning of content-addressable memory is described by an appropriate phase space flow of the state of a system. A model of such a system is given, based on aspects of neurobiology but readily adapted to integrated circuits. The collective properties of this model produce a content-addressable memory which correctly yields an entire memory from any subpart of sufficient size. The algorithm for the time evolution of the state of the system is based on asynchronous parallel processing. Additional emergent collective properties include some capacity for generalization, familiarity recognition, categorization, error correction, and time sequence retention. The collective properties are only weakly sensitive to details of the modeling or the failure of individual devices.

Given the dynamical electrochemical properties of neurons and their interconnections (synapses), we readily understand schemes that use a few neurons to obtain elementary useful biological behavior (1-3). Our understanding of such simple circuits in electronics allows us to plan larger and more complex circuits which are essential to large computers. Because evolution has no such plan, it becomes relevant to ask whether the ability of large collections of neurons to perform "computational" tasks may in part be a spontaneous collective consequence of having a large number of interacting simple neurons.

In physical systems made from a large number of simple elements, interactions among large numbers of elementary components yield collective phenomena such as the stable magnetic orientations and domains in a magnetic system or the vortex

calized content-addressable memory or categorizer using extensive asynchronous parallel processing.

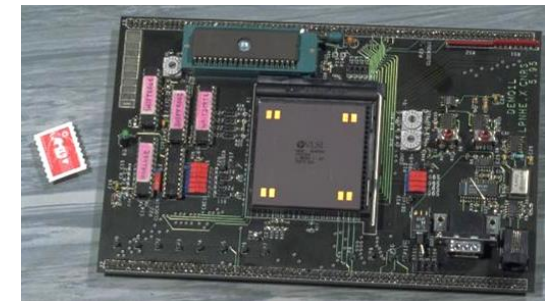
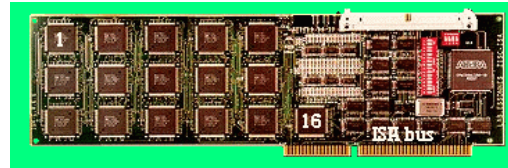
**The general content-addressable memory of a physical system**

Suppose that an item stored in memory is "H. A. Kramers & C. H. Wannier *Phys. Rev.* 60, 252 (1941)." A general content-addressable memory would be capable of retrieving this entire memory item on the basis of sufficient partial information. The input "& Wannier, (1941)" might suffice. An ideal memory could deal with errors and retrieve this reference even from the input "Vannier, (1941)". In computers, only relatively simple forms of content-addressable memory have been made in hardware (10, 11). Sophisticated ideas like error correction in accessing information are usually introduced as software (10).

There are classes of physical systems whose spontaneous behavior can be used as a form of general (and error-correcting) content-addressable memory. Consider the time evolution of a physical system that can be described by a set of general coordinates. A point in state space then represents the instantaneous condition of the system. This state space may be either continuous or discrete (as in the case of  $N$  Ising spins).

The equations of motion of the system describe a flow in state space. Various classes of flow patterns are possible, but the systems of use for memory particularly include those that flow toward locally stable points from anywhere within regions around those points. A particle with frictional damping moving in a potential well with two minima exemplifies such a dynamics.

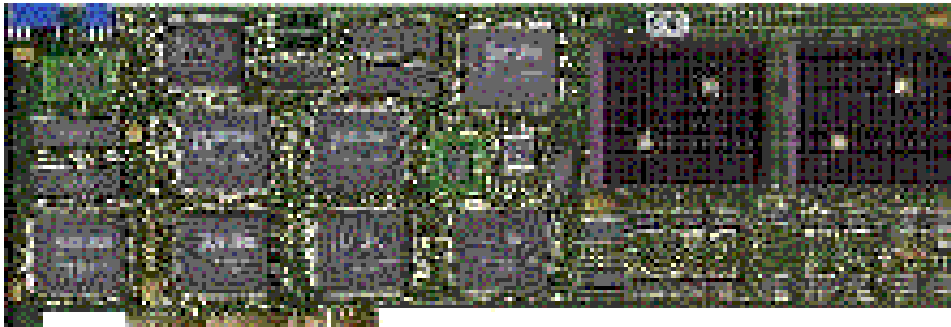
If the flow is not completely deterministic, the description is more complicated. In the two-well problems above, if the frictional force is characterized by a temperature, it must also



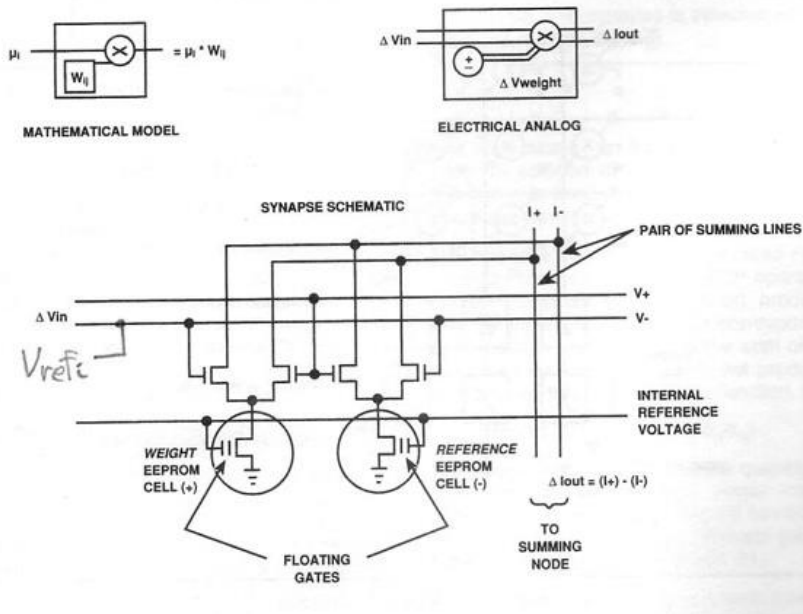
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  - Synapse-1, neurocomputer with 8xM-A16 chips
  - Synapse3-PC, PCI board with 2xMA-16 (1.28 Gpcs)
- Adaptive Solutions : CNAPS
  - SIMD // machine based on a 64 PE chip.
- IBM : ZISC
  - Vector classifier engine
- Philips : L-Neuro
  - 1st Gen 16PEs 26 MCps
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- + Intel (ETANN), AT&T (Anna), Hitachi (WSI), NEC, Thomson (now THALES), etc...

# An example : Siemens SYNAPSE

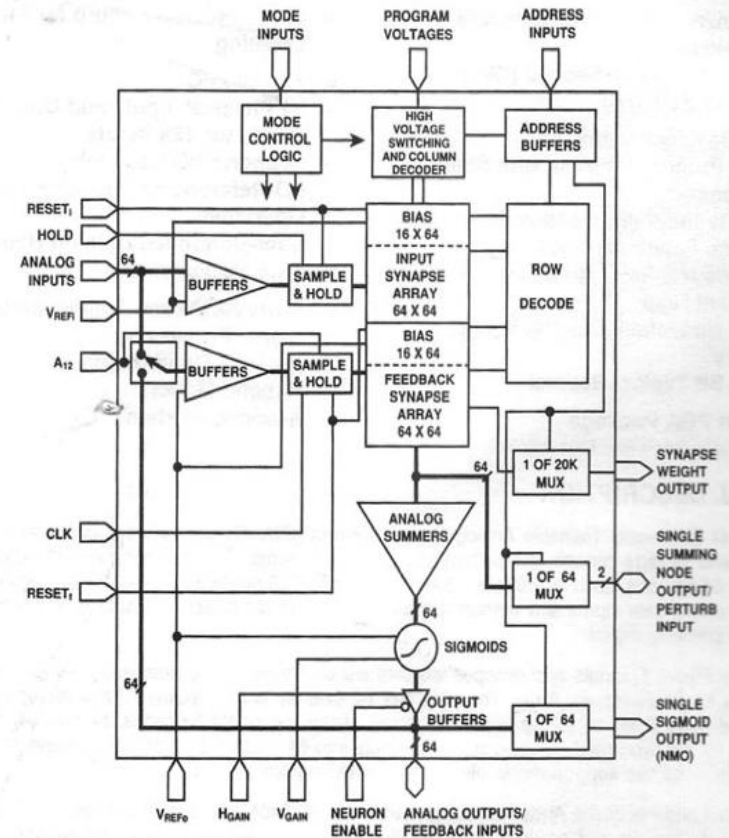
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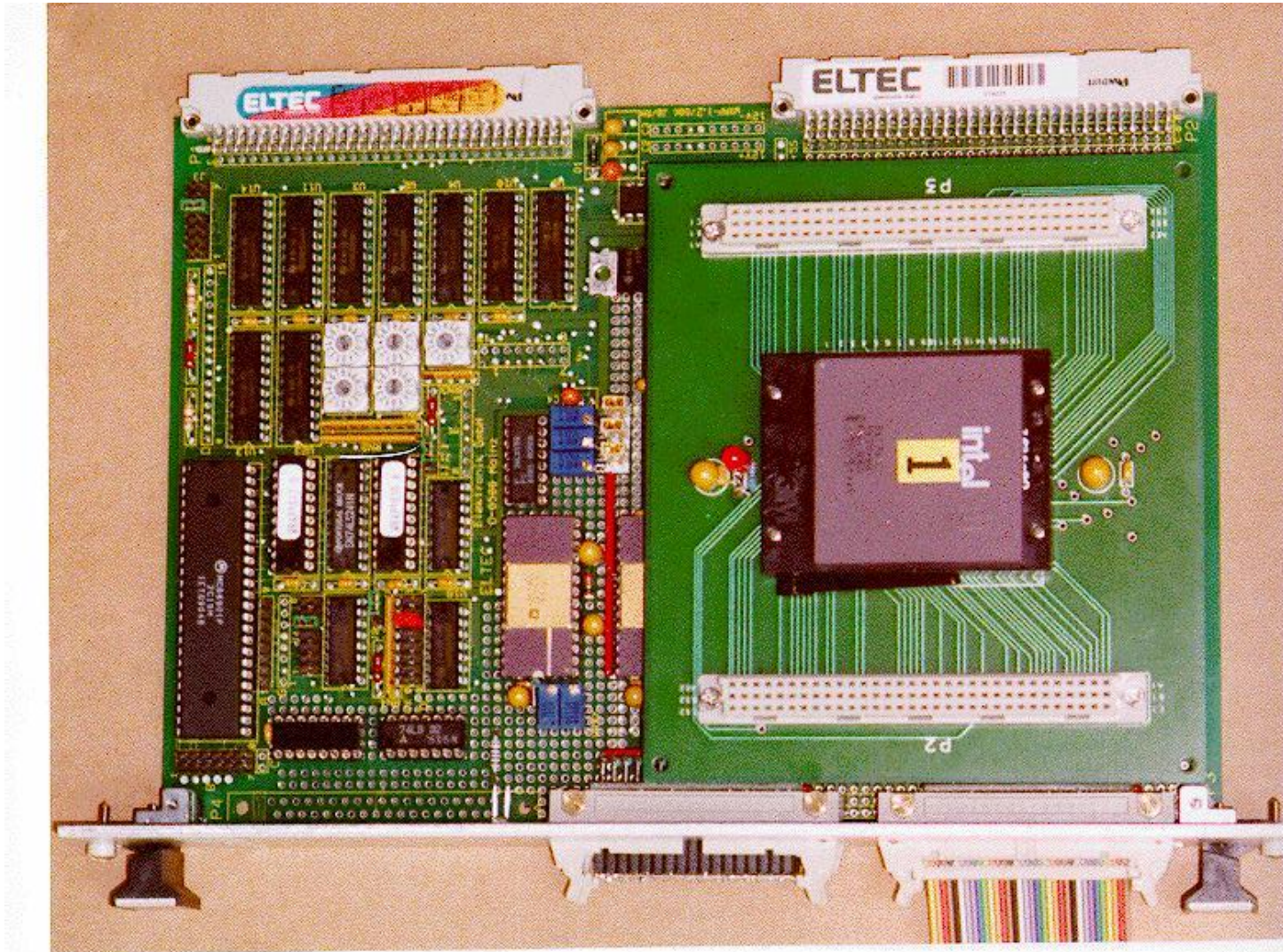
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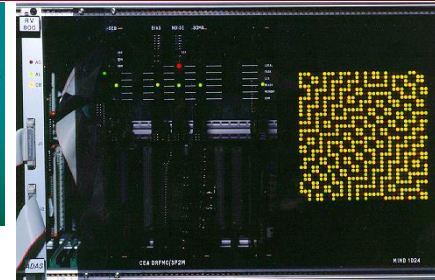
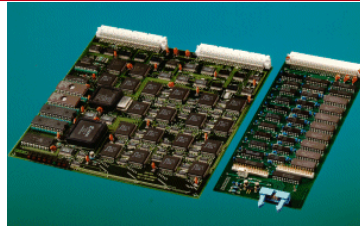
Synapse circuit





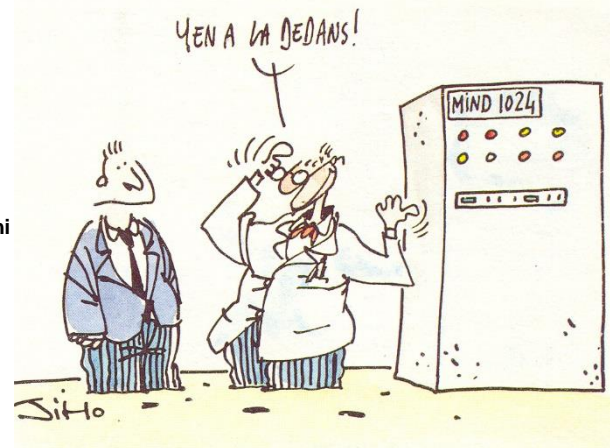
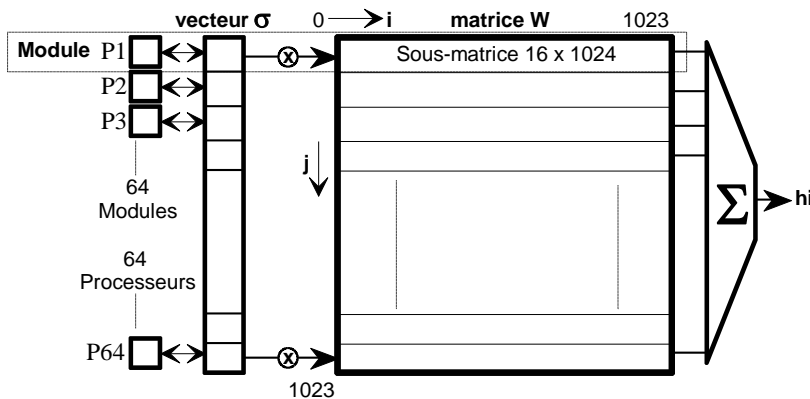


Analog/digital: MIND-128  
Fully digital: MIND-1024



Number of binary neurons	1024
Number of synapses	1,048,576 (full connectivity)
Precision of the synapses	16 bits (learning) / 8 bits (recalling)
Precision of the thresholds	32 bits (learning) / 18 bits (recalling)
Precision of noise variable	18 bits
Type of noise distribution	Any (Gaussian, thermal and white built-in)
Cycle length (Updating time)	910 ns.
Neurons updating scheme	Asynchronous, synchronous or mixed
Number of learning processors	64 for the synapses + 1 for the thresholds
Learning processor type	Intel 80C186 at 12.5 Mhz
Learning rule	Any one programmed in C, C++ or Pascal
Recalling speed	$1.1 \times 10^9$ Synapses / second
Learning speed	$20 \times 10^6$ Synapses update / sec (Hebb in C)
Input/Output of neurons states	Available in real-time on a dedicated bus

C. Gamrat, A. Mougin, P. Peretto, and O. Ulrich, "The architecture of MIND neurocomputers," in *MicroNeuro Int. Conf. on Microelectronics for Neural Networks*, Munich, Germany, 1991, pp. 463–469.



- Removing HAL's modules gradually lower its capacity
- A slow and graceful decay and return to childhood....



From Stanley Kubrick, "2001: A space odyssey", 1968

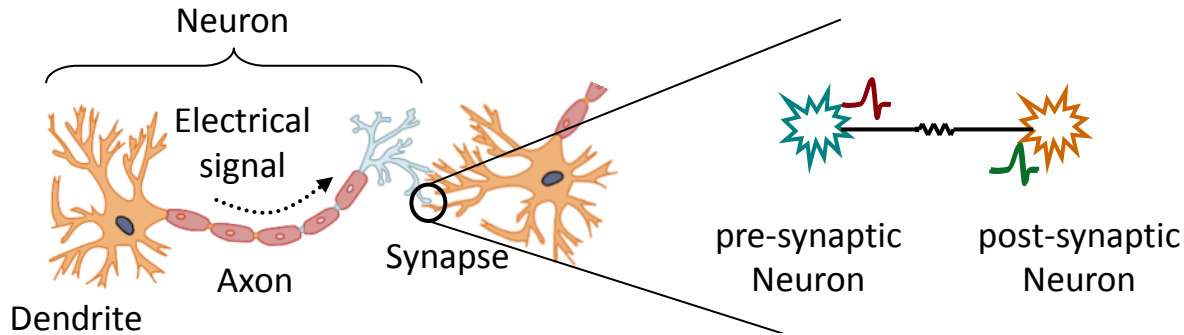
## ● Montrent les limitations de l'approche du perceptron et introduisent LTP/LTD and STDP

- time
- 1992 - The teams of **Mark Bear** and **Robert Malenka** report that prolonged low-frequency stimulation evokes **homosynaptic LTD**
  - 1991-1993 - **Tsodyks, Gerstner, van Hemmen** develop **associative models with spiking neurons**
  - 1994 - **Dominique Debanne** shows that the timing of postsynaptic depolarization determines the sign of plasticity
  - 1994 - **Greg Stuart** and **Bert Sakmann** find **back-propagating action potentials** in pyramidal cell dendrites
  - ~1995 - **Lina Turrigiano** et al report homeostatic plasticity of intrinsic and synaptic properties
  - 1995-1997 - **Henry Markram** et al report the existence of neocortical STDP
  - 1996 - **Wulfram Gerstner** et al propose a model for temporally asymmetric spike timing learning in barn owl auditory development
  - 1996 - **Henry Markram** et al report timing-dependent plasticity in neocortical pyramidal cells
  - 1997 - **Jeff Magee** and **Dan Johnston** report that precisely timed **back-propagating action potentials** act as an associative signal in LTP
  - 1997 - **Curtis Bell** and colleagues discover temporally inverted timing-dependent plasticity in the electric fish
  - 1998 - **Mu-ming Poo's** team find **in-vivo STDP** in *Xenopus laevis* tadpole tectum
  - 2000 - **Sen Song** and **Larry Abbott** coin the STDP abbreviation
  - 2001 - **Yang Dan's** team reports **in-vivo STDP in humans**
  - 2001 - **Sjöström, Turrigiano, and Nelson** show that **rate, timing, and depolarization-dependent plasticity co-exist** at the same synapse
  - 2002 - **Rob Froemke** and **Yang Dan** demonstrate that STDP summates non-linearly
  - 2001-2007 - The teams of **Bonhoeffer, Dan, Shulz, and Feldman** report **in-vivo STDP** in rodents
  - 2004 - The **Martin Heisenberg** lab finds timing-dependent plasticity in *Drosophila*
  - 2005 - **Froemke** et al report that STDP is location dependent
  - 2006 - **Sjöström and Häusser** and **Greg Stuart's** team find inverted STDP at inputs onto distal dendrites
  - 2007 - **Cassenaer and Laurent** report STDP in the locust
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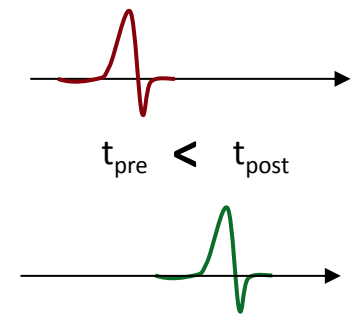
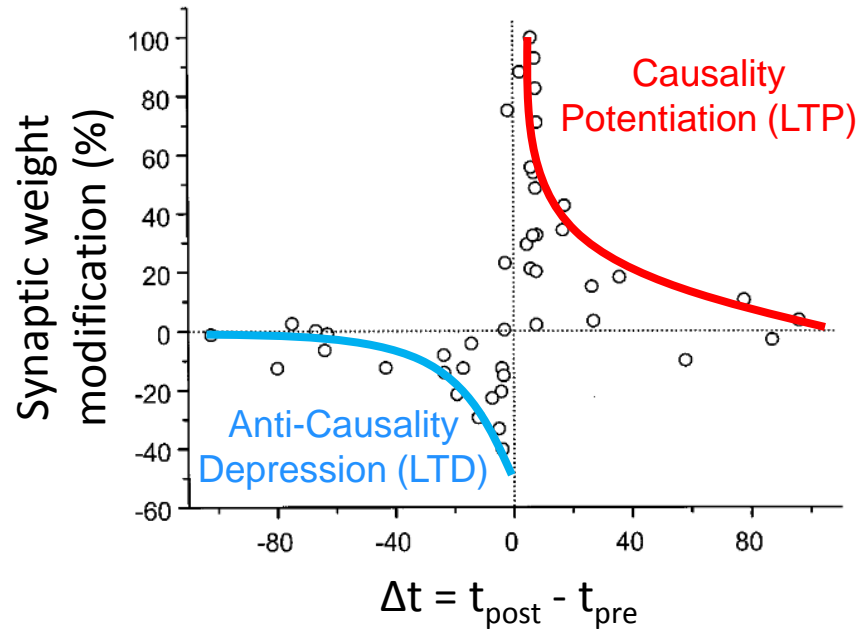
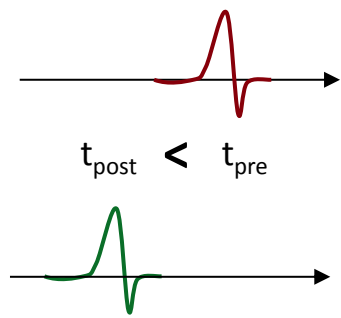
**La variable Temps est critique**  
**Le Réseau de neurone est dynamique!**

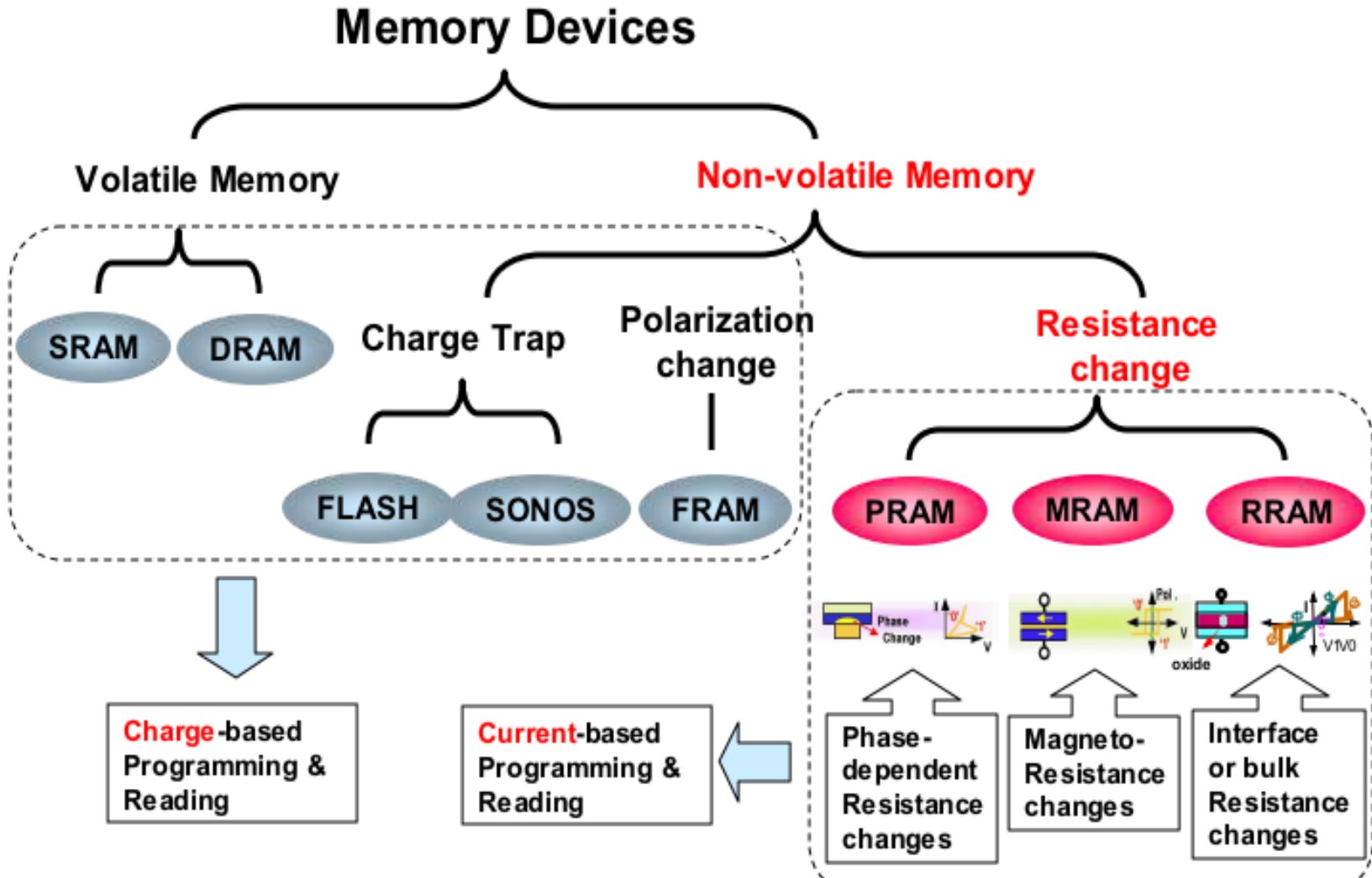
Learning becomes increasingly inspired by Hopfield et al  
Mechanisms of LTP and LTD  
STDP: mechanisms & parameters

from Markram et al. "A history of spike-timing-dependent plasticity," in *Frontiers in Synaptic neuroscience*, Vol 3, August 2011



STDP = correlation detector  
 → Possible learning model of the mind





## ■ Introduced by Leon Chua, 1971



## ■ Revisited by Strukov et al., 2008



## ■ Spotted way back...

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUIT THEORY, VOL. CT-18, NO. 5, SEPTEMBER 1971

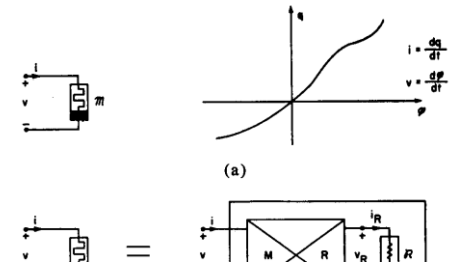
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### Memristor—The Missing Circuit Element

LEON O. CHUA, SENIOR MEMBER, IEEE

**Abstract**—A new two-terminal circuit element—called the *memristor*—characterized by a relationship between the charge  $q(t) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^t i(\tau) d\tau$  and the flux-linkage  $\phi(t) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^t v(\tau) d\tau$  is introduced as the *fourth basic circuit element*. An electromagnetic field interpretation of this relationship in terms of a quasi-static expansion of Maxwell's equations is presented. Many circuit-theoretic properties of memristors are derived. It is shown that this element exhibits some peculiar behavior different from that exhibited by resistors, inductors, or capacitors. These properties lead to a number of unique applications which cannot be realized with RLC networks alone.

Although a physical memristor device without internal power supply has not yet been discovered, operational laboratory models have been built with the help of active circuits. Experimental results are presented to demonstrate the properties and potential applications of memristors.



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## LETTERS

### The missing memristor found

Dmitri B. Strukov<sup>1</sup>, Gregory S. Snider<sup>1</sup>, Duncan R. Stewart<sup>1</sup> & R. Stanley Williams<sup>1</sup>

Anyone who ever took an electronics laboratory class will be familiar with the fundamental passive circuit elements: the resistor, the capacitor and the inductor. However, in 1971 Leon Chua reasoned from symmetry arguments that there should be a fourth fundamental element, which he called a memristor (short for memory resistor)<sup>1</sup>. Although he showed that such an element has many interesting and valuable circuit properties, until now no one has presented either a useful physical model or an example of a memristor. Here we show, using a simple analytical example, that mem-

propose a physical model that satisfies these simple equations. In 1976 Chua and Kang generalized the memristor concept to a much broader class of nonlinear dynamical systems they called memristive systems<sup>2,3</sup>, described by the equations

$$v = \mathcal{R}(w, i) i \quad (3)$$

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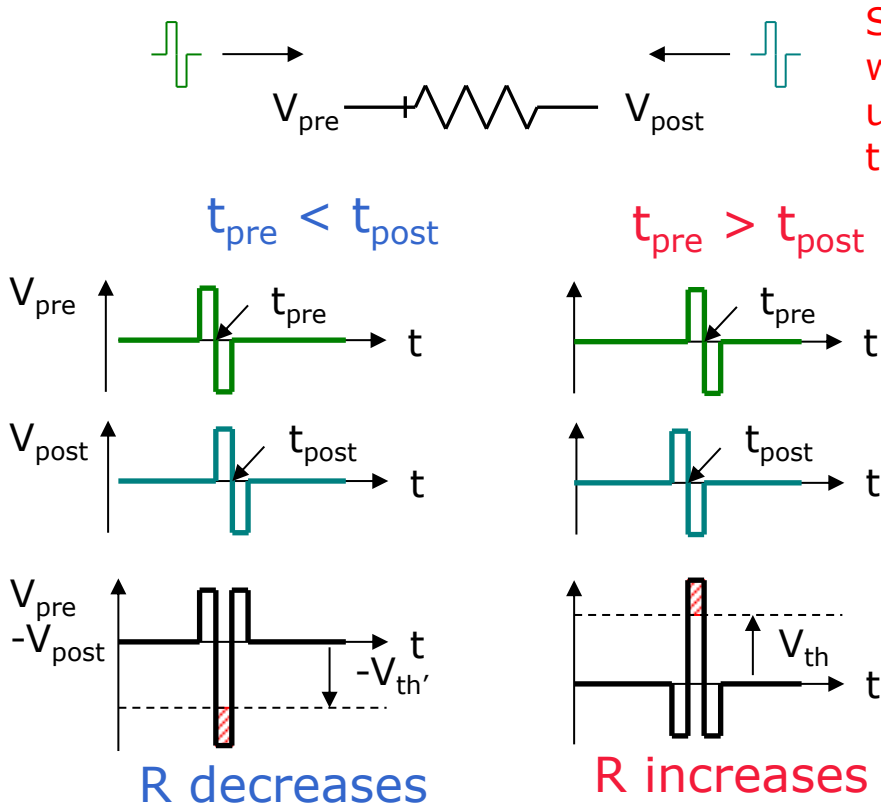
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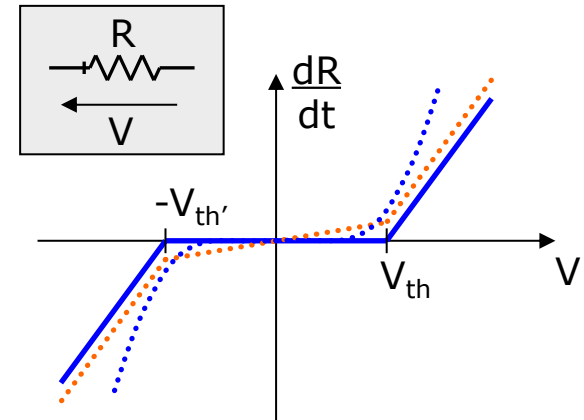
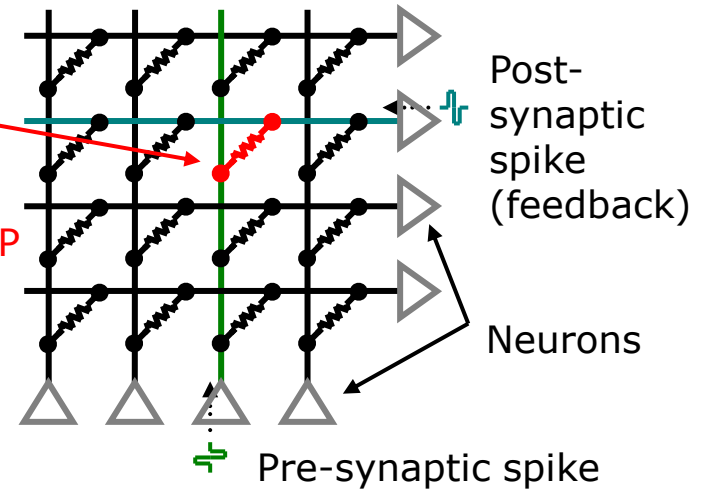
### Low-Frequency Negative Resistance in Thin Anodic Oxide Films

T. W. HICKMOTT  
General Electric Research Laboratory, Schenectady, New York  
(Received February 5, 1962)

## ■ First Proposed by Snider(1)



Synaptic weight update through STDP

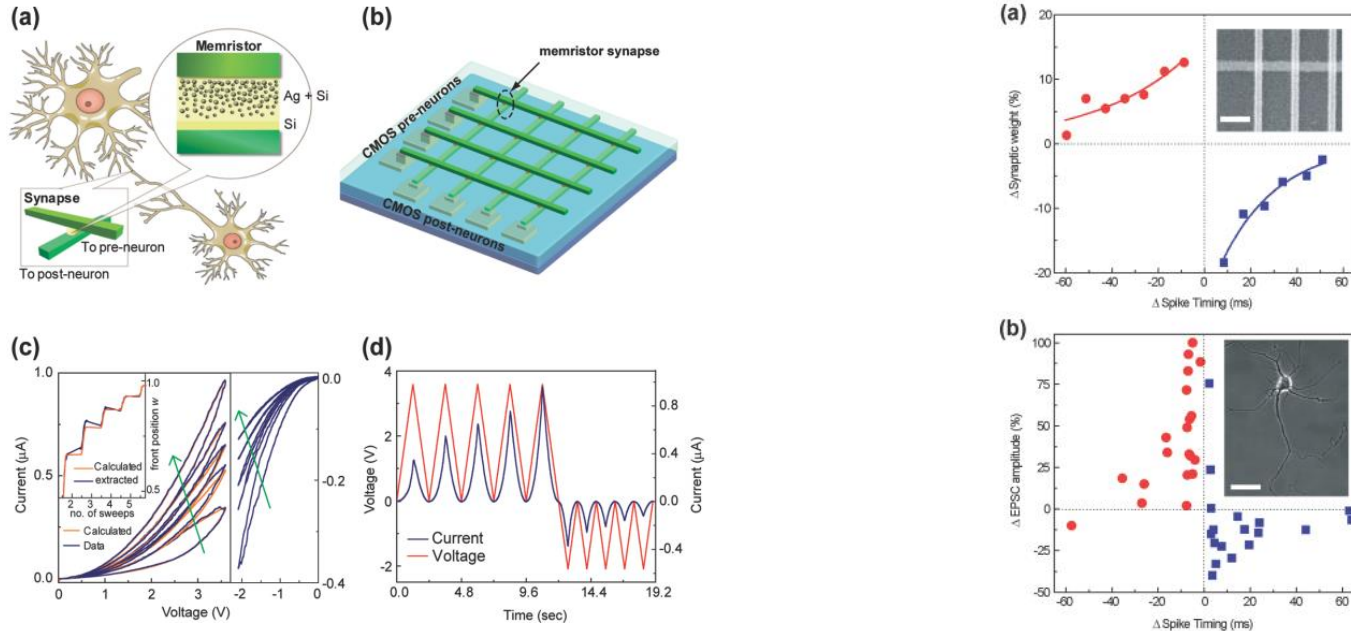


1. G. Snider, *Nanoscale Architectures*, 2008
2. B. Linares-Barranco et al, *Nature Precedings*, 2009



## ■ U. Michigan, Lu group demonstration

<sup>1</sup> Jo, S.H. et al. Nanoscale Memristor Device as Synapse in Neuromorphic Systems. *Nano Letters* (2010).



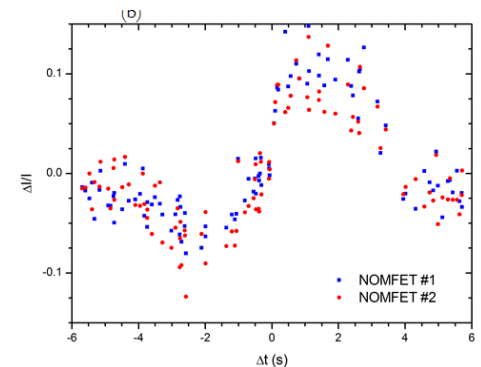
## ■ Demonstration on PC memory by Wong group, Stanford

D. Kuzum et al, "Nanoelectronic Programmable Synapses Based on Phase Change Materials for Brain-Inspired Computing," *Nano Letters*, 2011

## ■ Demonstrated on NOMFET devices

F. Alibart et al. "A Memristive Nanoparticle/Organic Hybrid Synapstor for Neuroinspired Computing,"

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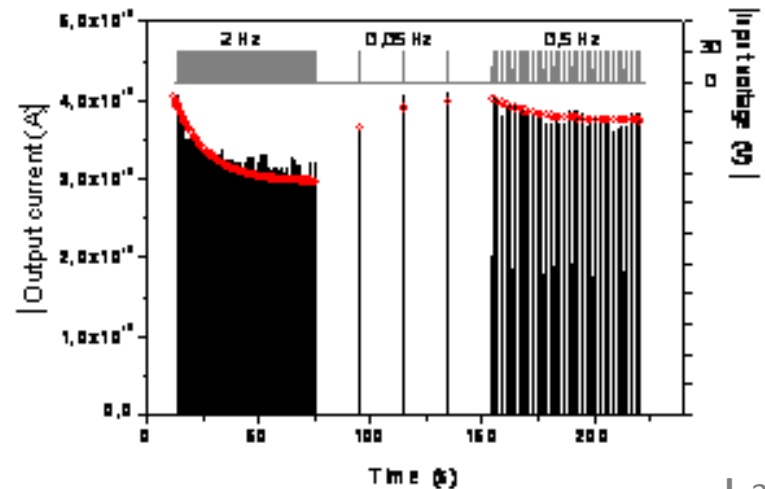
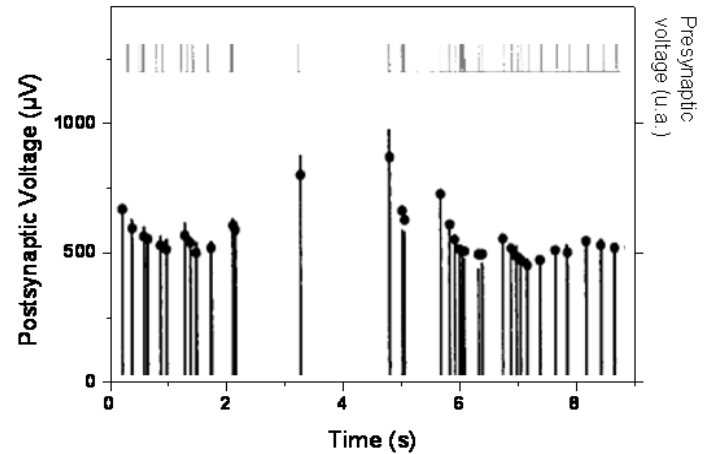
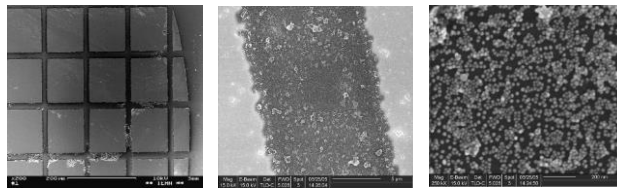
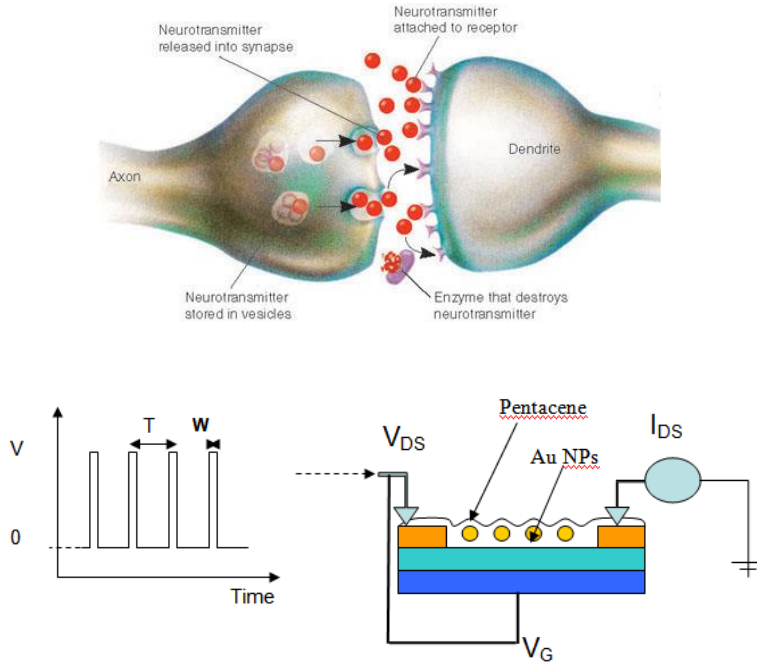




Collaboration. Dominique Vuillaume group,  
IEMN, CNRS, Lille, France

## An Organic Nanoparticle Transistor Behaving as a Biological Spiking $\zeta$ *Adv. Funct. Mater.* 2010, 20, 330–337

By Fabien Alibert, Stéphane Pleutin, David Guérin, Christophe Novembre, Stéphane Lenfant, Kamal Lmimouni, Christian Gamrat, and Dominique Vuillaume\*



**IF WE CAN WE BUILD NEUROMORPHIC MACHINES?**

**CAN THEY LEARN?**

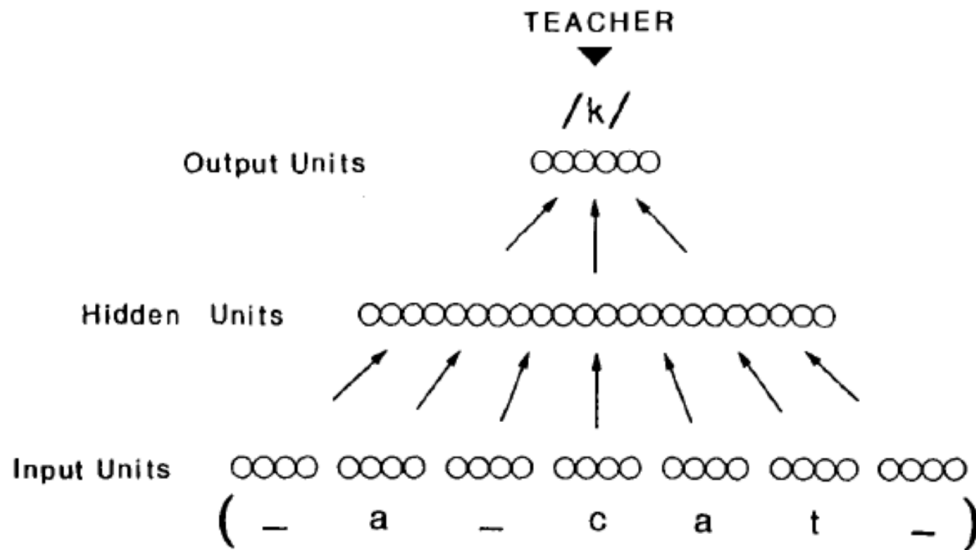
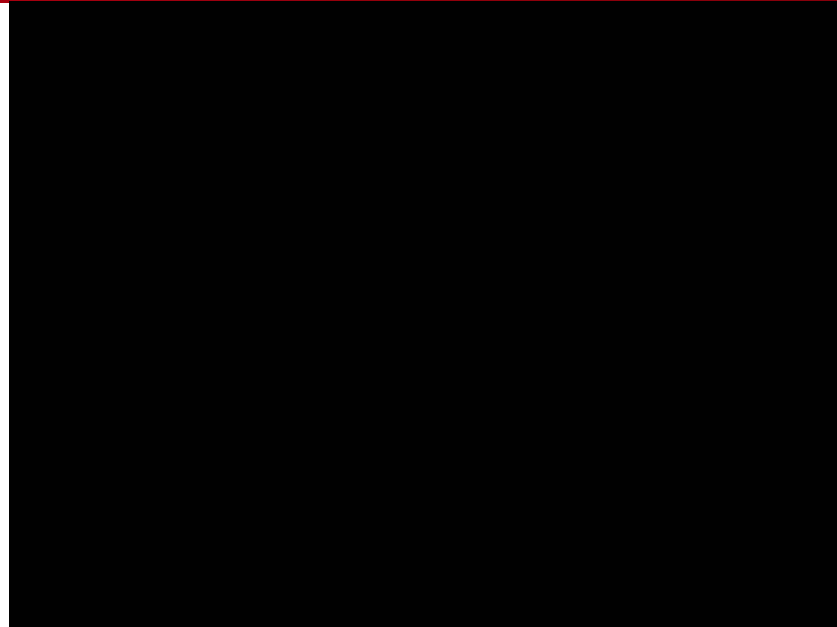
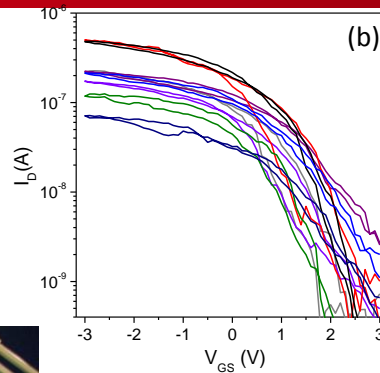
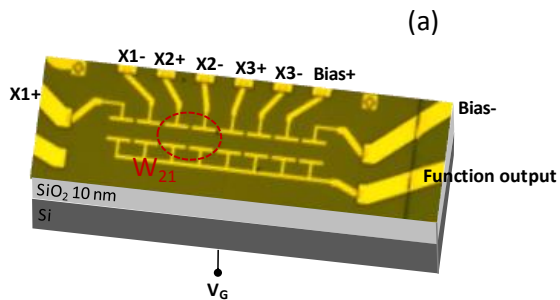


Figure 1: Schematic drawing of the NETtalk network architecture. A window of letters in an English text is fed to an array of 203 input units. Information from these units is transformed by an intermediate layer of 80 “hidden” units to produce patterns of activity in 26 output units. The connections in the network are specified by a total of 18629 weight parameters (including a variable threshold for each unit).

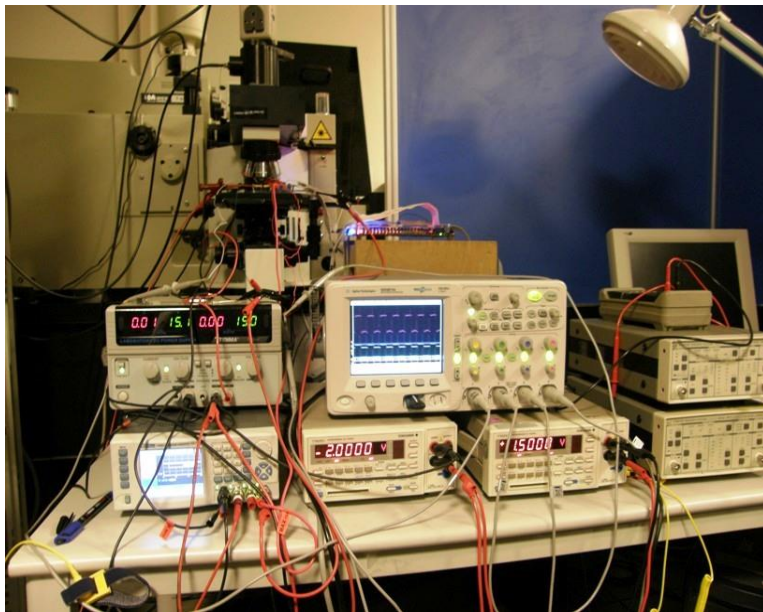


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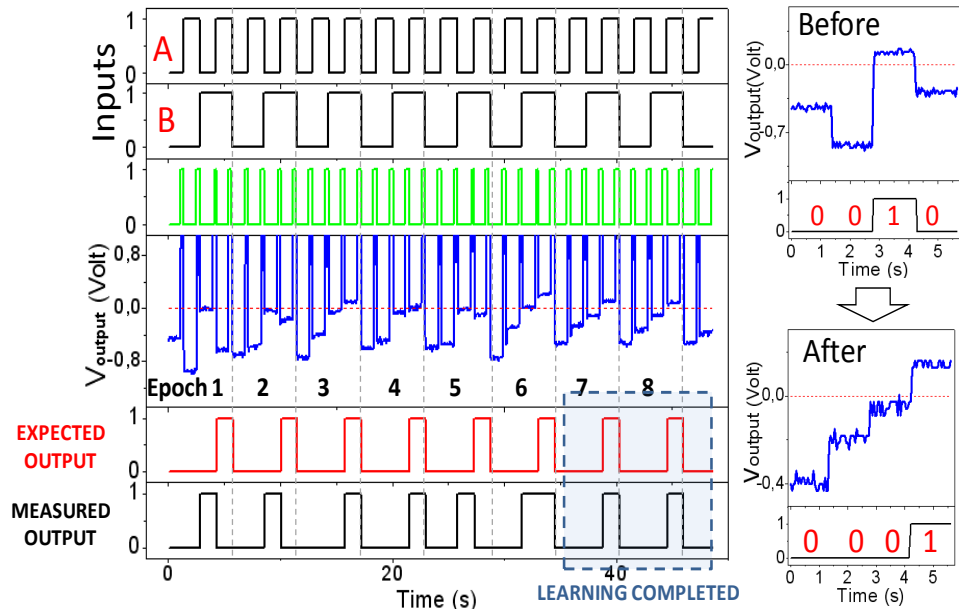


- (a) 8 OG-CNTFETs sharing the same gate and output electrodes.
- (b)  $I_D(V_{GS})$  transfer characteristics showing large variability in the ON-state but still leading to efficient learning of functions.

Collaboration with Paris-Sud University, J.O. Klein's group

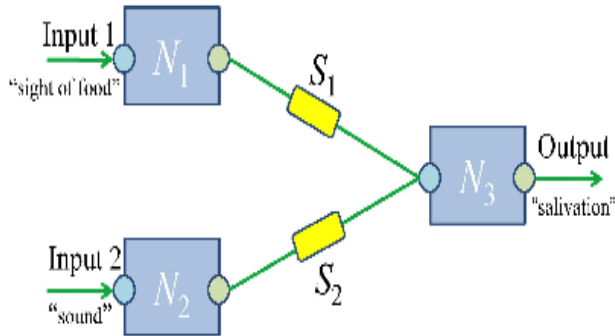


Nanotube devices based crossbar architecture: toward neuromorphic computing, W. Zhao et al. Nanotechnology 21, 175202 (2010).

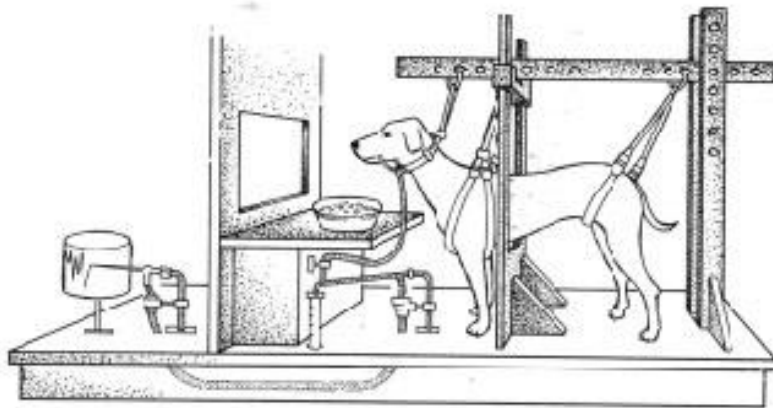


Example of learning of a 2-input boolean function

# Can it learn? A dog with 2 synapses!

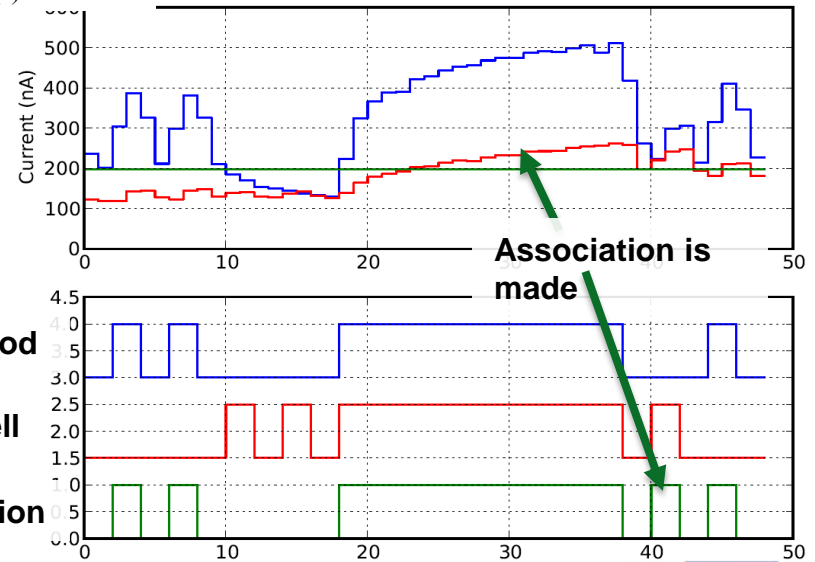
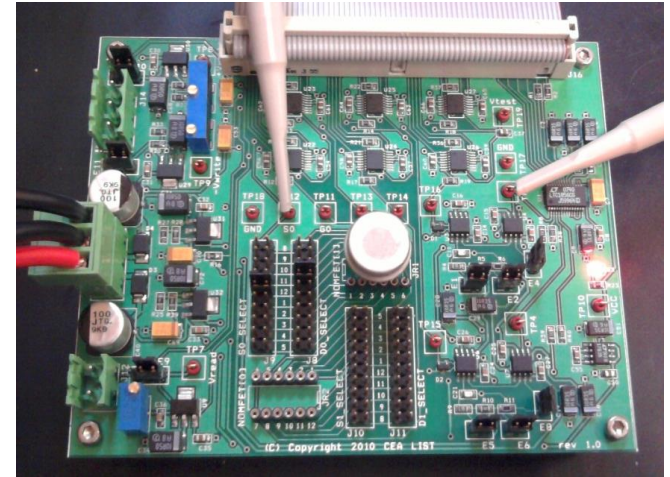
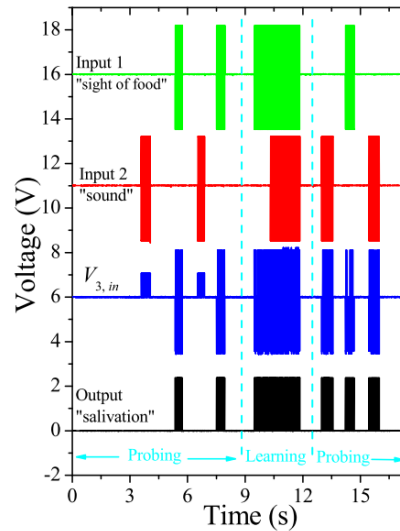


Experimental setup for a Pavlovian associative memory based on memristive devices as proposed by Di Ventra et al.<sup>2</sup>

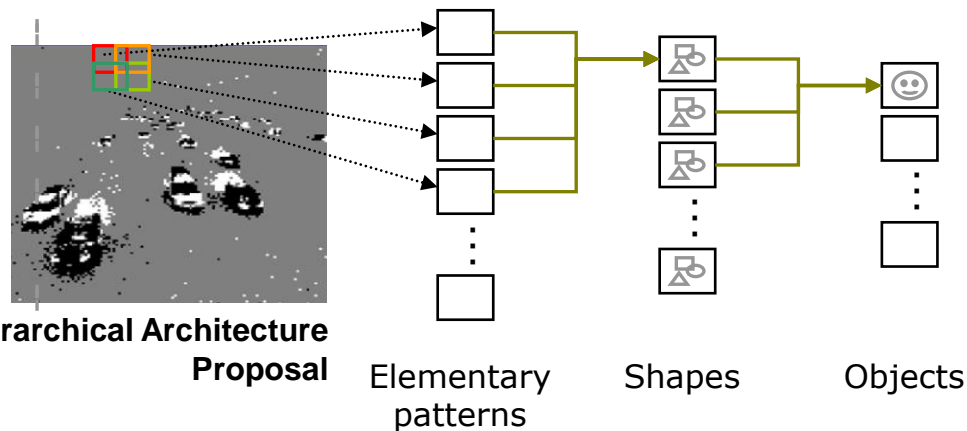
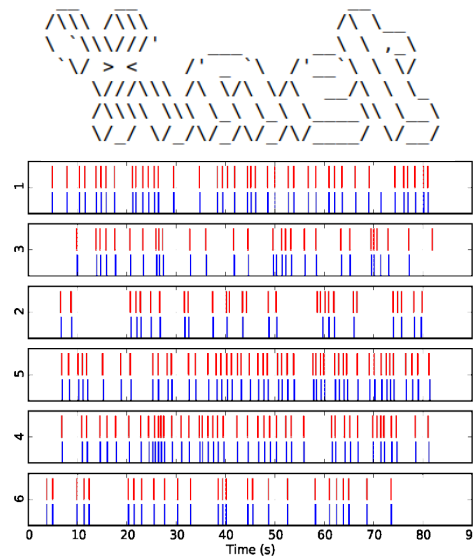
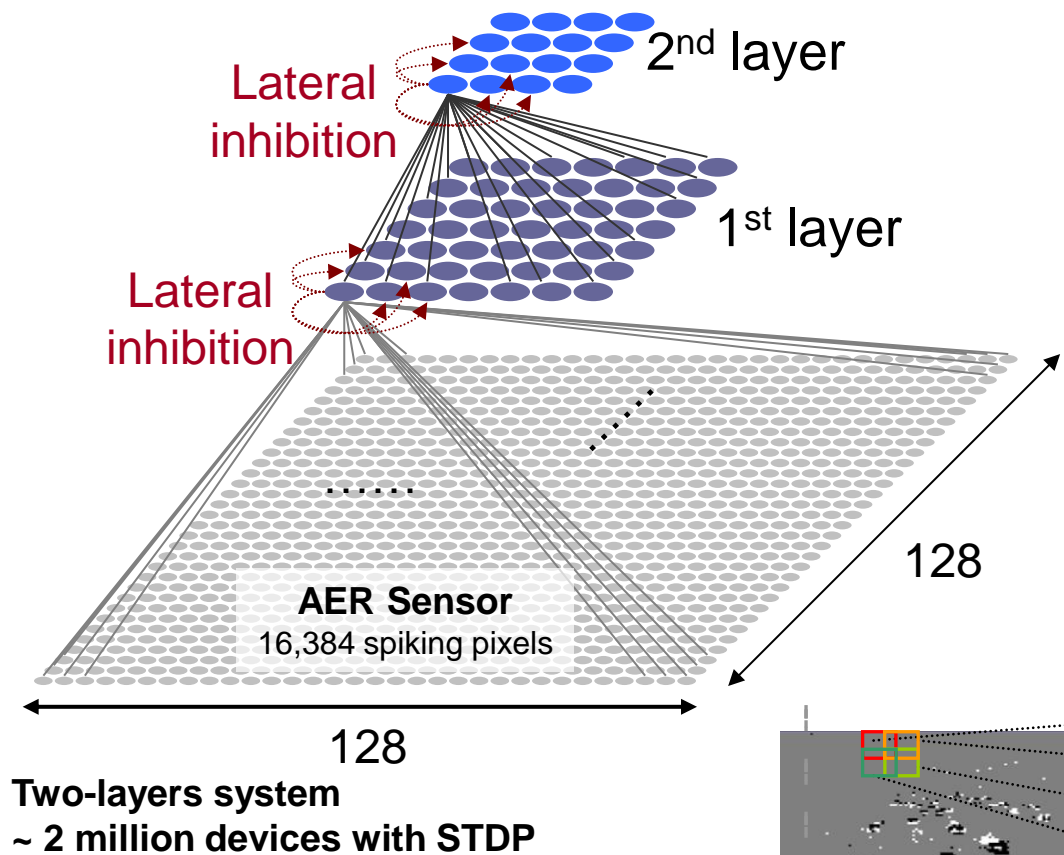


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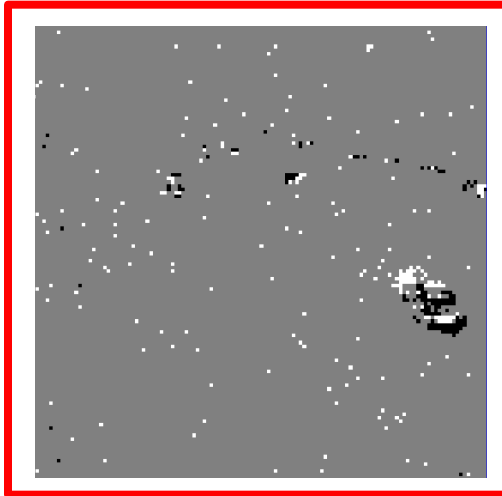
# A pretty realistic application example



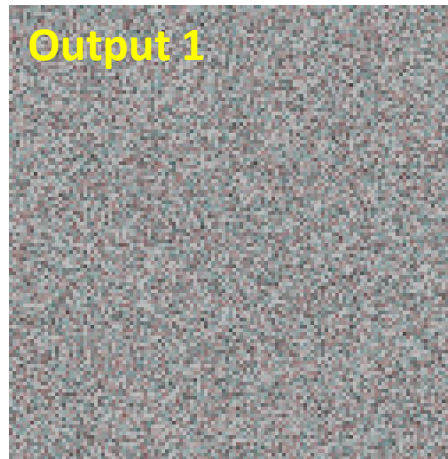
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# Weights Evolution During Learning

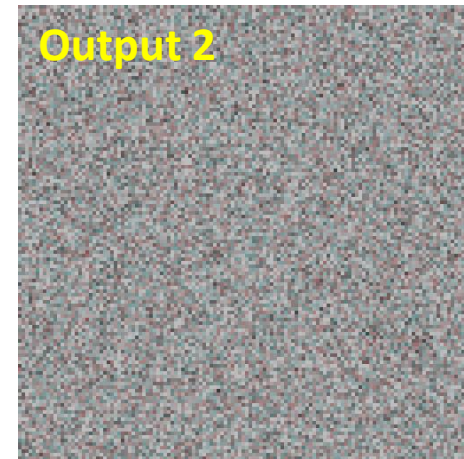
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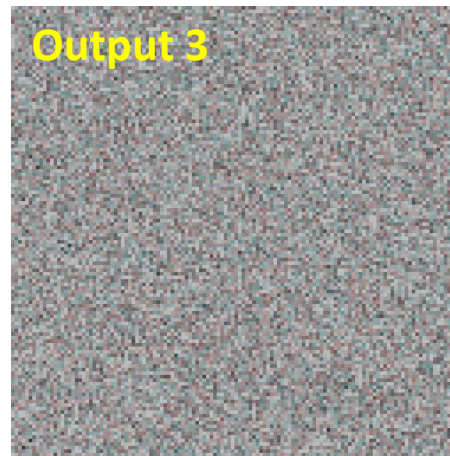
Synaptic maps for 4 neurons on the first layer



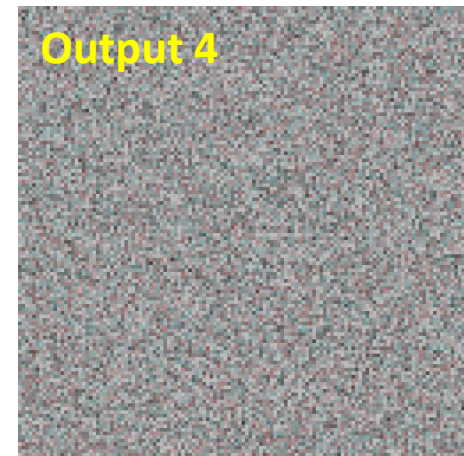
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Lane 4



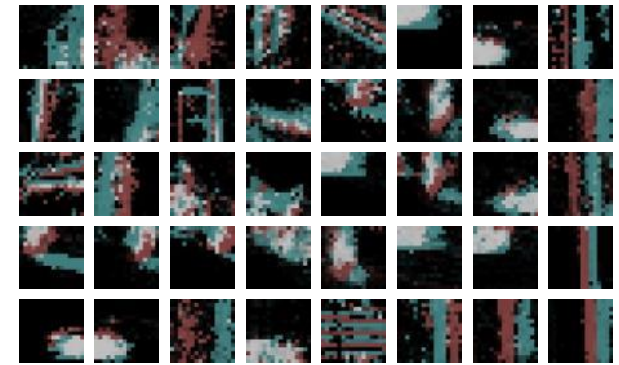
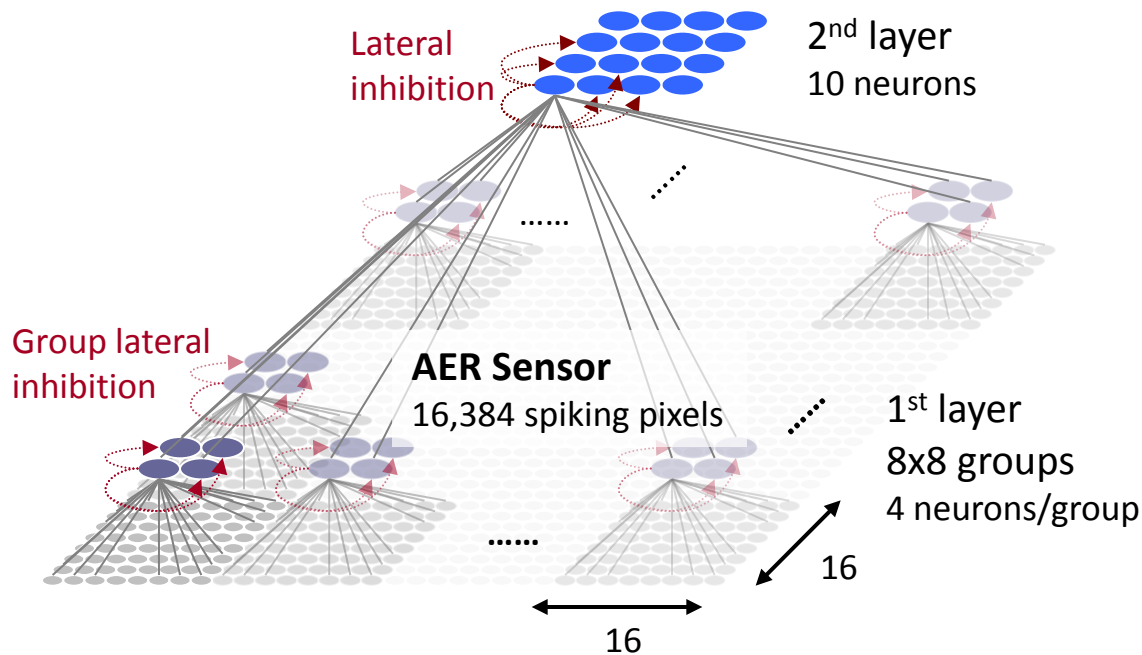
Lane 5



Lane 1



- The architecture can be modularized
- Simulation shows that a hierarchy of 16x16 arrays yields the same results

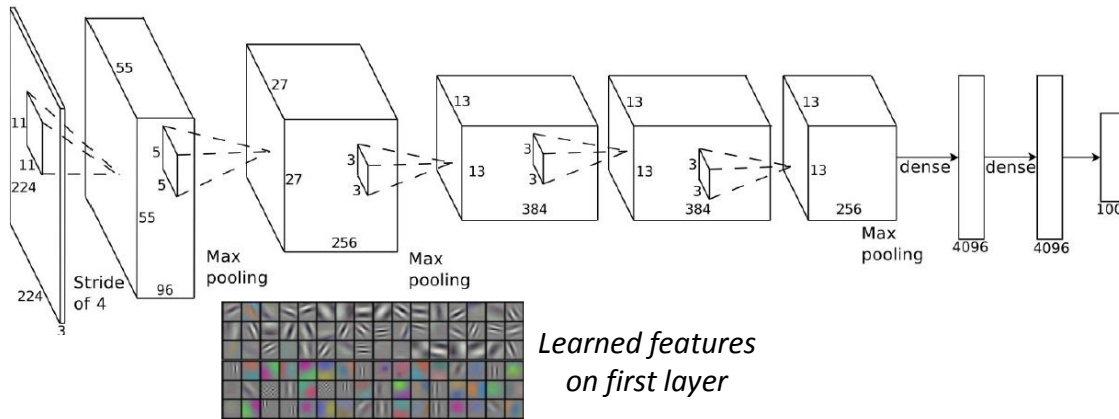


Typical feature maps emerging within devices when exposed to a video scene : walking in the street.

# Current trend Deep Neural Networks

## ImageNet classification (authors hired by Google) [1]

- 1.2 million high res images, 1,000 different classes
- Top-5 17% error rate (huge improvement)



## Facebook's 'DeepFace' Program (labs head: Y. LeCun) [2]

- 4 million images, 4,000 identities
- 97.25% accuracy, vs. 97.53% human performance

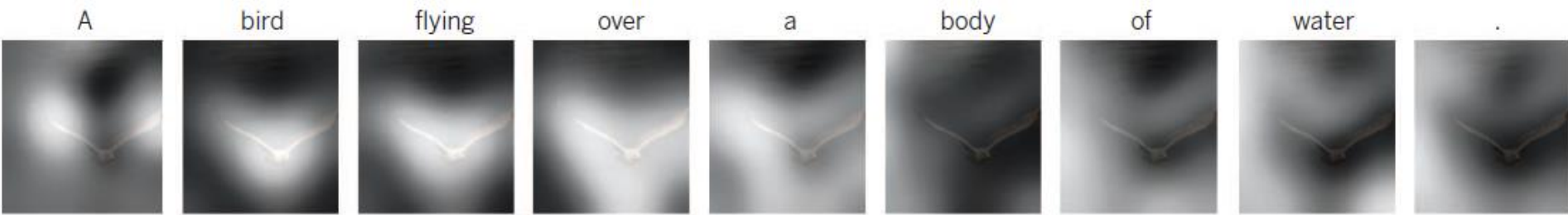
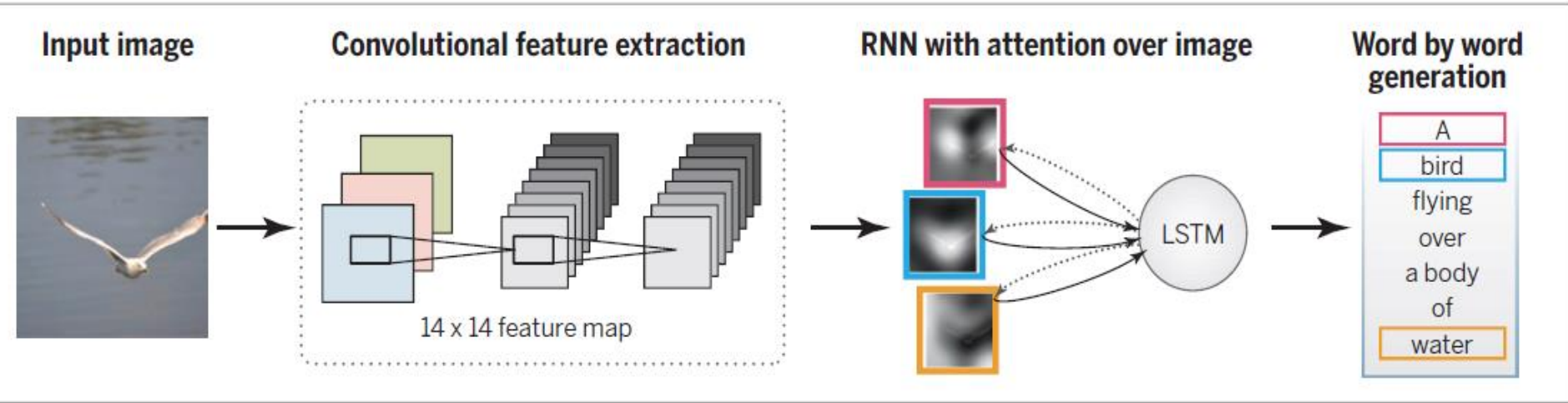


# DNN, State of the Art in Recognition

## ■ Deep Neural Networks all over the place!

Database	# Images	# Classes	Best score
MNSIT <i>Handwritten digits</i>	60,000 + 10,000	10	99.79% [3]
GTSRB <i>Traffic sign</i>	~ 50,000	43	99.46% [4]
CIFAR-10 <i>airplane, automobile, bird, cat, deer, dog, frog, horse, ship, truck</i>	50,000 + 10,000	10	91.2% [5]
Caltech-101	~ 50,000	101	86.5% [6]
ImageNet	~ 1,000,000	1,000	Top-5 83% [1]
DeepFace	~ 4,000,000	4,000	97.25% [2]

INCREASING COMPLEXITY

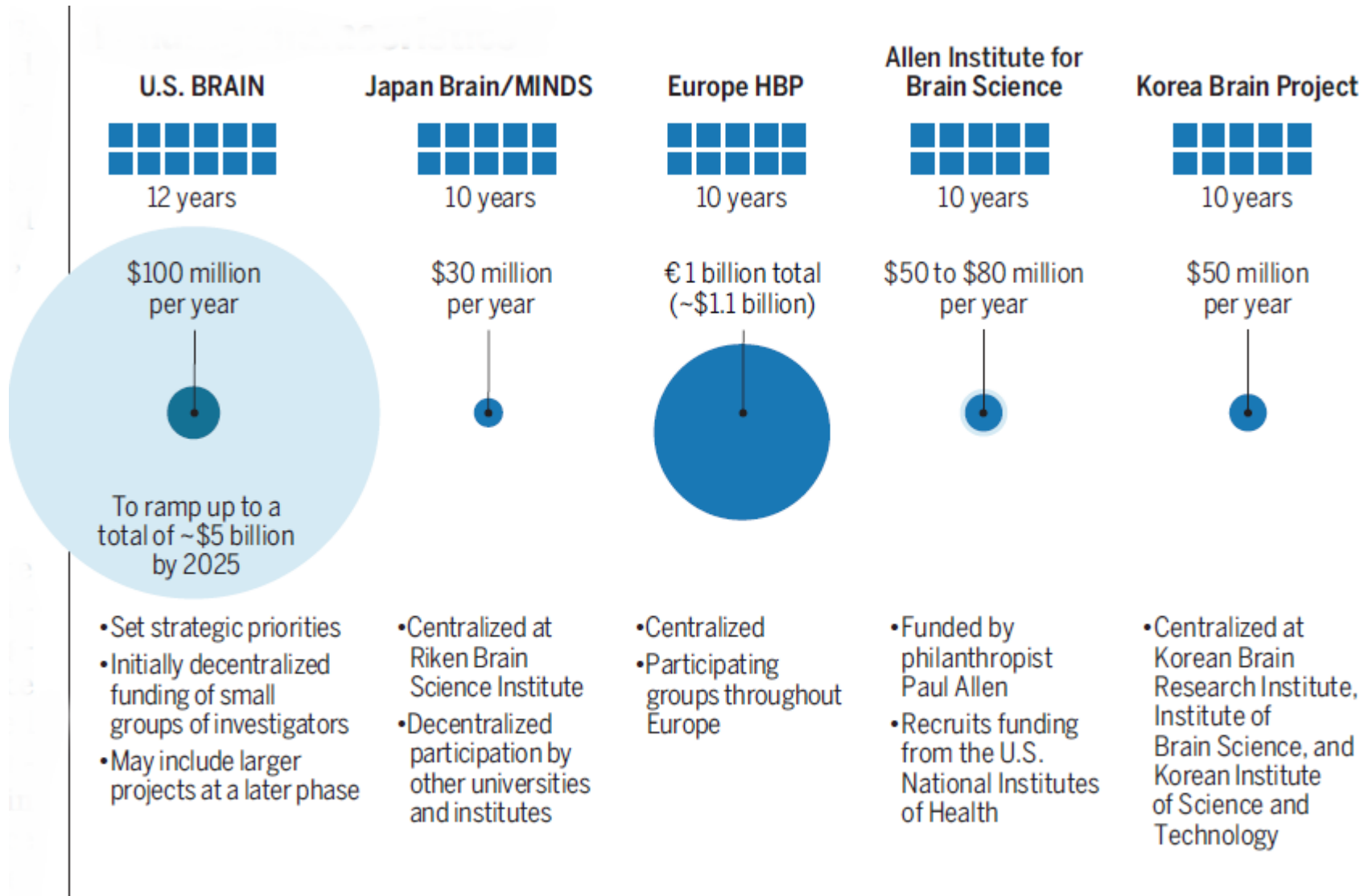


From K. Xu et al. Proceedings of the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Machine Learning, vol 37, Lille, France, July 2015 pp 2048-2057

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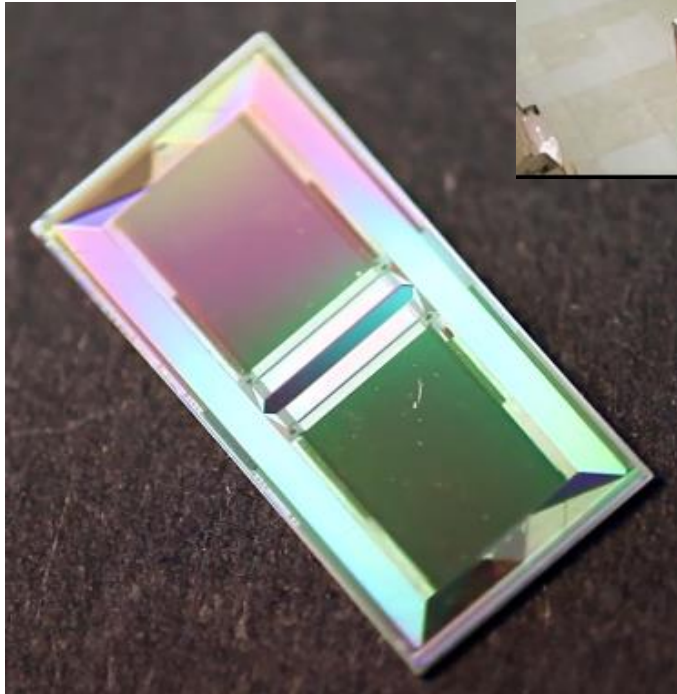
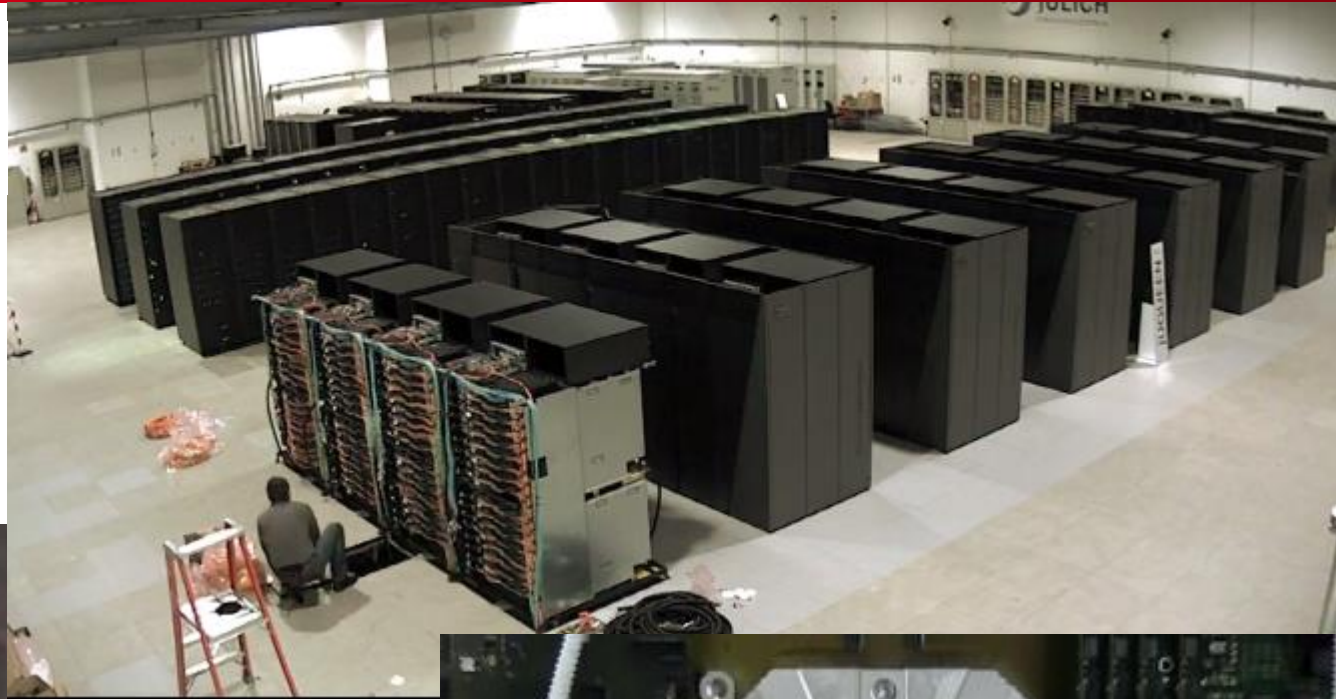
**SO WHAT'S NEXT?.....**

# Brain projects in the world



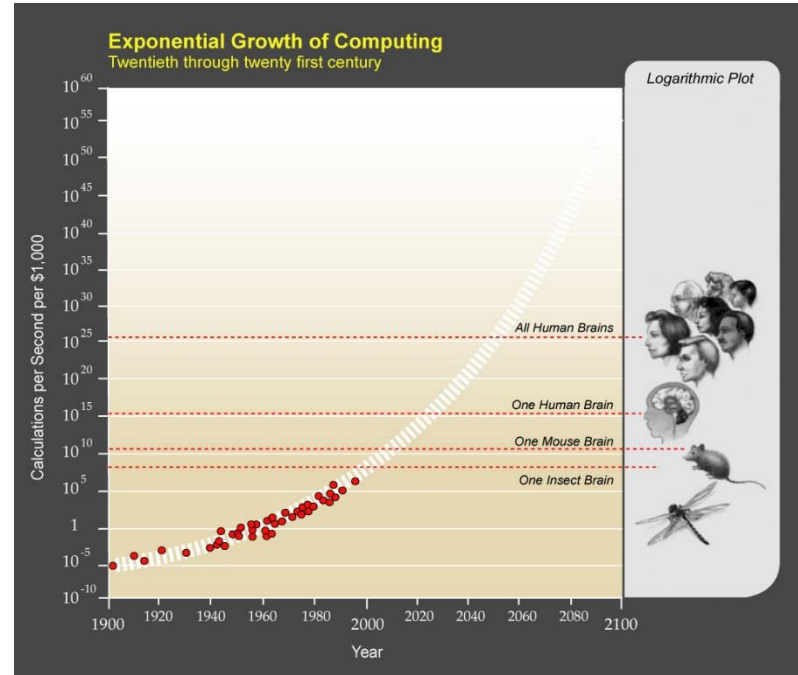
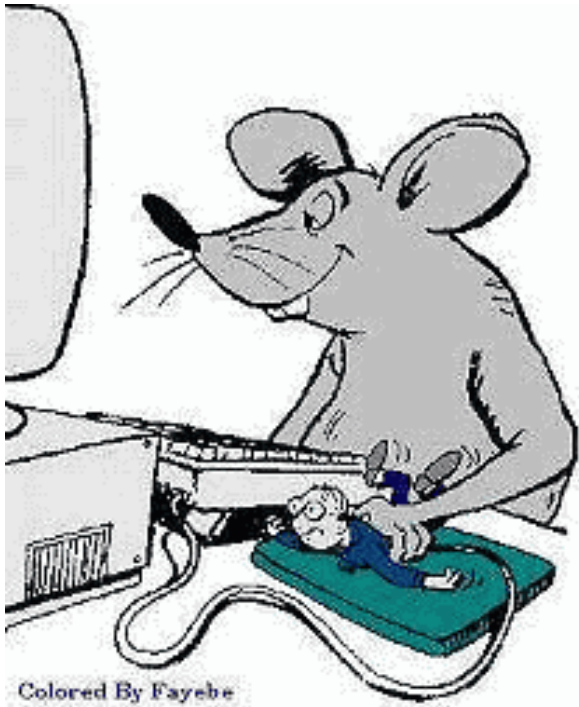
From Z. J. Huang and L. Luo, "It takes the world to understand the brain," *Science*, vol. 350, no. 6256, pp. 42–44, Oct. 2015.

# The Human Brain Machines



# Toward the singularity, the AI threat.

- Ray Kurzweil prediction: « We're on the eve of the Singularity »



- Prominent Folks warn about A.I.: Hawkins, Musk, Woz, Le Cun, Hinton, Gates,...

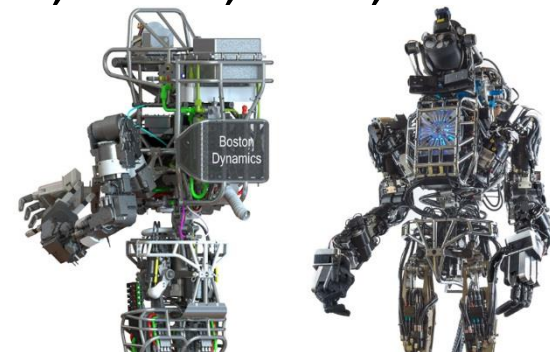
**Stephen Hawking, Elon Musk, and Bill Gates Warn About Artificial Intelligence**

Google-owned Boston Dynamics released a video showing a 6' tall 320-lb humanoid robot named Atlas running freely in the woods

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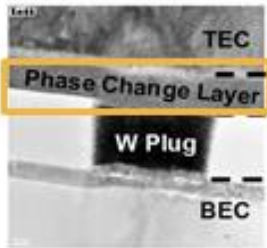




# Wrap up: Neuromorphic tech Today

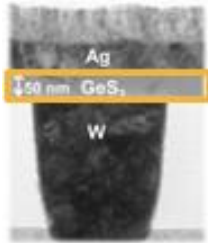
## Memristive technologies

PCM



ST/LETI

RRAM (CBRAM/OXRAM) (...)



ALTIS/LETI

$$i = G \cdot v$$

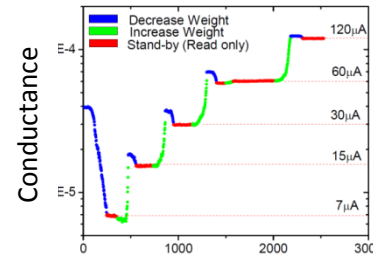
$$\frac{dG}{dt} = f(v, G)$$

$f()$  non linear



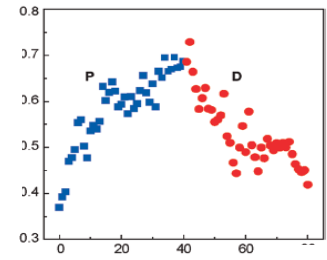
## Synaptic-like devices

Multi-level



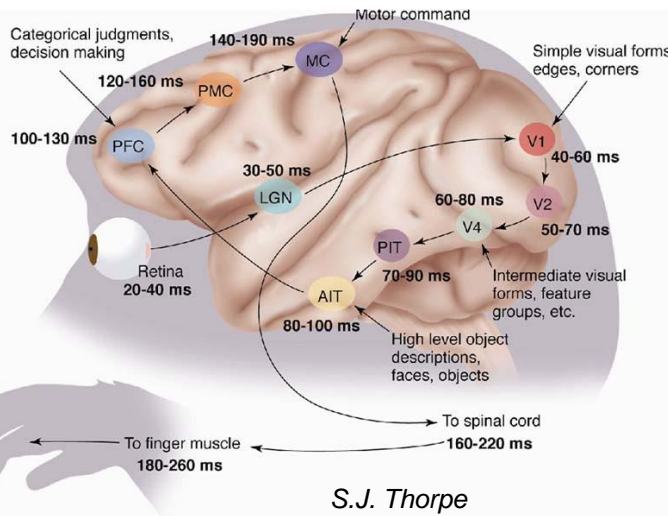
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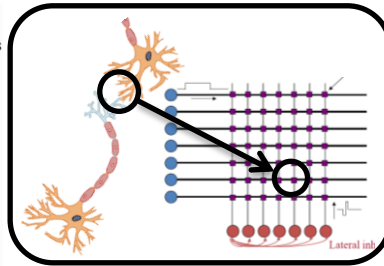


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## Spike based coding (Human visual system)

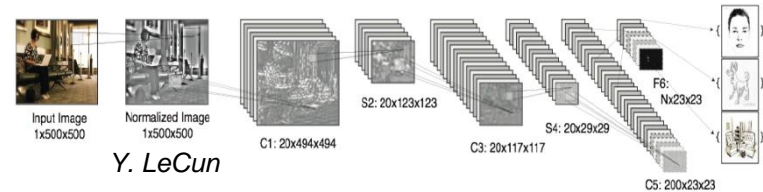
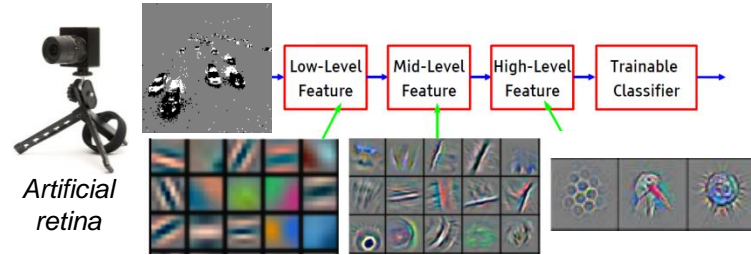


## Circuit Design



## Embedded cognitive functions

Apps : image, audio, natural data sensing



Objectif : Exploiter la physique des nano-dispositifs mémoire pour obtenir une densité d'intégration synaptique et une efficacité énergétique inégalées pour réaliser des fonctions cognitives dans des systèmes embarqués et des senseurs intelligents

### Nano-dispositifs mémoire

PCM

RRAM (CBRAM/OxRAM)

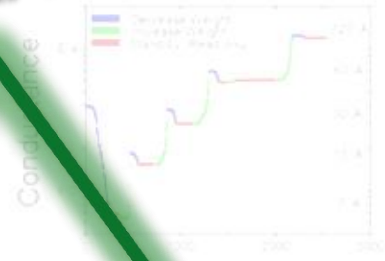


**RRAM**

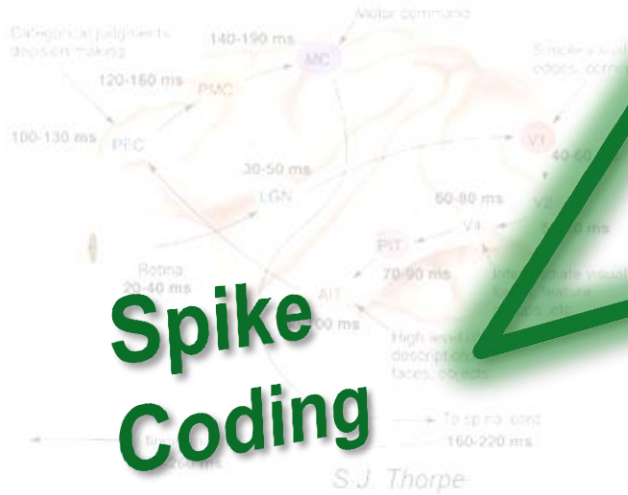
### Synapses artificielles

Multi-niveaux

Cumulativité/Stochasticité



### Codage impulsif neuro-inspiré (Système visuel humain)



**Spike Coding**

**Neuromorphic technologies**

### Fonctions cognitives embarquées Applications: reconnaissance images, sons, vidéos...



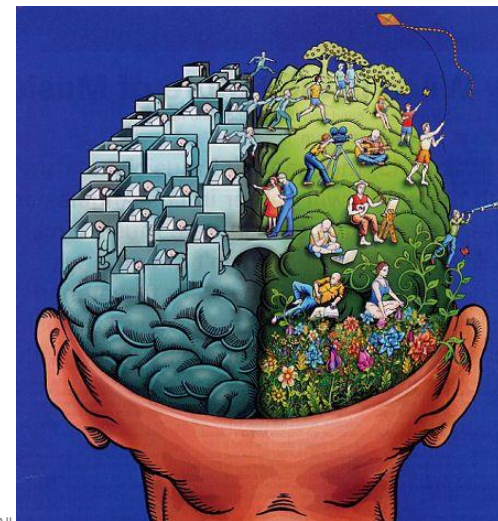
**Cognitive Function**

Rupture avec CMOS  
Haute densité  
Voies applicatives à forte valeur ajoutée

### Système de vision complet



- New memory technologies and coding schemes shall allow the implementation of embedded deep learning systems
- Progresses have been made toward the brain understanding...
- ...But a Big LOT remains to be made!
- The brain is a very different data processing engine
  - Does it actually process data or just predict it?
- It really looks more like a Time Machine than a computer
- Don't forget: the brain is a product of evolution
  - It is shaped by its environment
- Why not mix computer and brain?



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