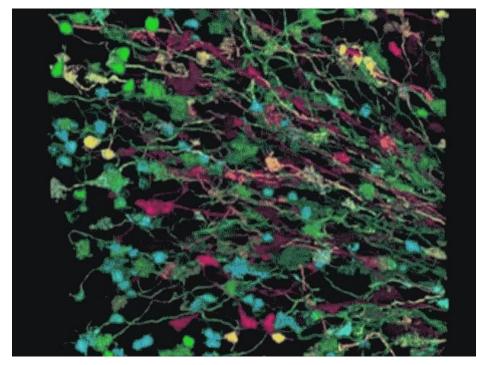
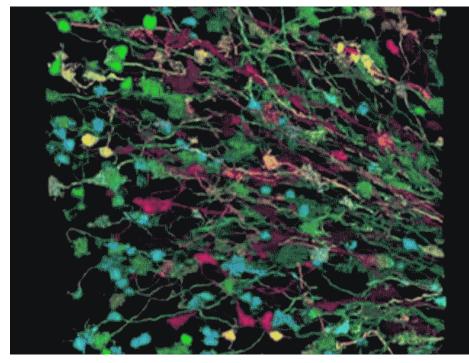
The brain: networks of neurons



Mouse cerebellum Lichtman et al. 2008

The brain: networks of neurons



1 mm³

~1.5 year, 1 petabyte (10^{15})

Mouse brain: ~ 2000 years, 1 *exabyte* (10¹⁸)

Human cortex: $\sim 10^7$ years, 10 *zettabytes* (10²¹)

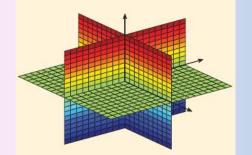
World storage: 300 exabytes

~ on January 2015

Mouse cerebellum

Lichtman et al. 2008

Scalable Inference in Large Neural Systems



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Outline

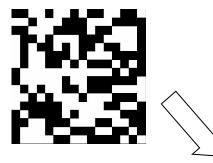
- Neural mapping via multineuron excitation
 - Background: Neuroscience
 - Optogenetic stimulation
 - Estimation via graphical models
- Network connectivity via Ca²⁺ imaging
 - Large scale but indirect and smoothed
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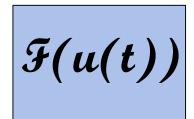
Neuroscience: Estimation Challenges





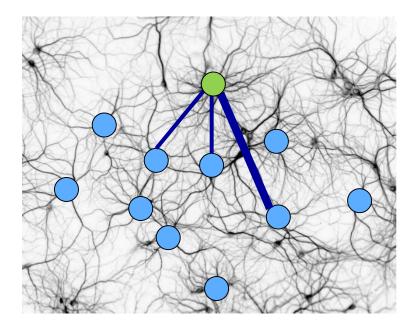






- Large-scale
 - ~86 billion neurons
 - V1 alone 140 million
- Sparse: ~1000 connections
- Complex:
 - Nonlinear dynamics
 - Feedback
- Indirect measurements
- Incomplete data
- Limited in vivo collection





Problem:

Detect connections to one neuron

Goal:

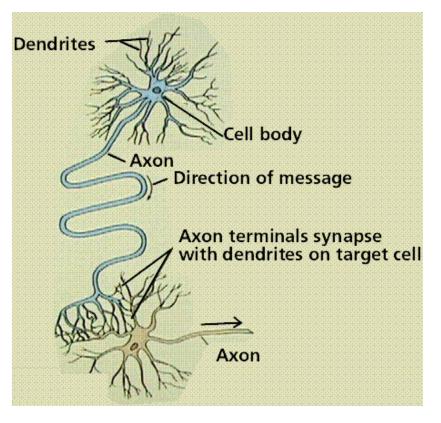
Reduce trials and computation

How:

Optogenetics Improved "decoding" via subset stimulation



Neuron: Basic cell for information processing

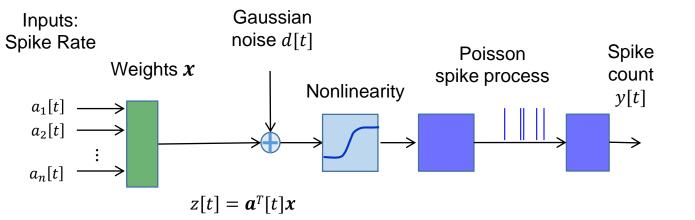


Components

- Dendrites: Filaments receive signals
- Soma: cell body
- Axon:
 Outputs electrical signals to neurons or motor functions
- Synapses: Junctions of axons and dendrites



Neuron: Linear-Nonlinear Poisson Model



$$z[t] = \sum_{j} x_{j} a_{j}[t]$$

$$\int_{a_{f}}^{d_{f}} \lambda[t] = f(z[t] + d[t])$$

$$y[t] \sim Poisson(\lambda[t])$$

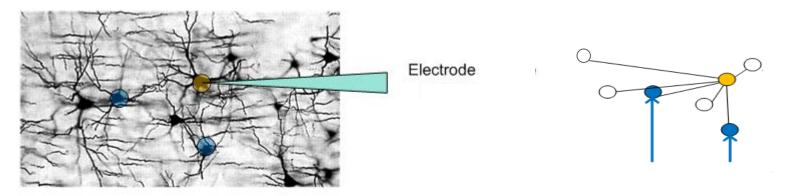
Functional Model: simple input-output

- Effectively captures average rates
- Windows: 10 to 200 spikes/s
- Three-stage LNP: Linear + Nonlinearity + Poisson process
- Connectivity: Identify weights x
- Biological models with feedback for precise timing later...



Classic Connectivity Detection

Measure at post-synaptic neuron of interest



Stimulate potential pre-synaptic neurons: one at a time

Problems: many measurements per test neuron

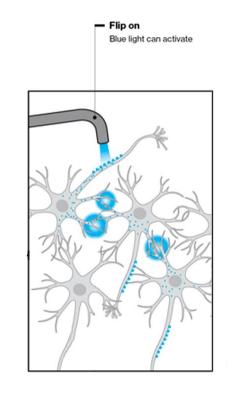
- Most neurons are not connected
- Noisy system with many exogenous inputs
- Test neurons die
- Can we do better?



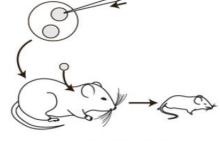
New Technologies: Optical Stimulation

Connectivity Detection:

- Genetically modified neuron
 - Photosensitive protein
- Optically activate test neurons
- Greater spatial precision
 - Pinpoint individual neurons
 - Multiple neurons at once



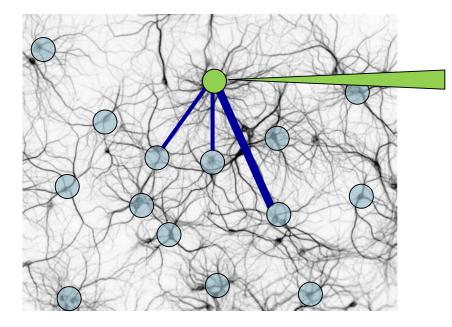




Transgenic mice



Connectivity via Multineuron Excitation





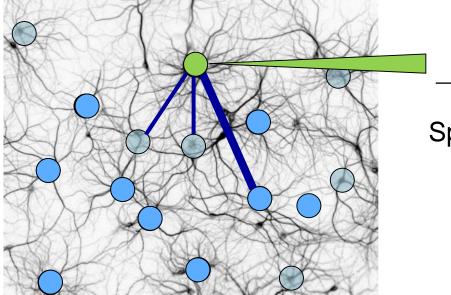
Spike recording Average over time windows

Potential presynaptic neurons

Synapses or connections



Detection via Multineuron Excitation





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Spike recording

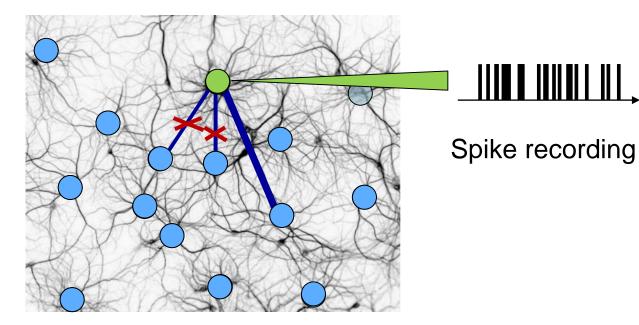


Stimulate subsets of neurons at a time

- Increase probability of response
- Fewer wasted trials



Detection via Multi-Neuron Stimulation



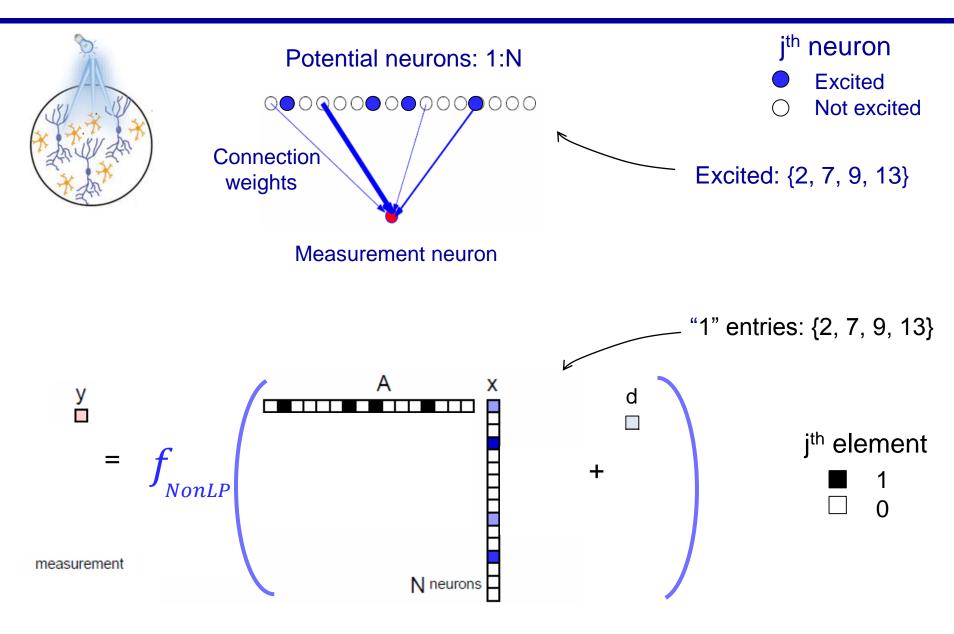
Nowedsponsection **Studentination**

- Stimulate subsets of neurons at a time
 - Increase probability of a response
 - Less measurements wholly wasted
- Benefits
 - Weak sub-threshold connection
 - More reliable with less data

Hu & Chklovskii NIPS 2010, Fletcher et al NIPS 2011

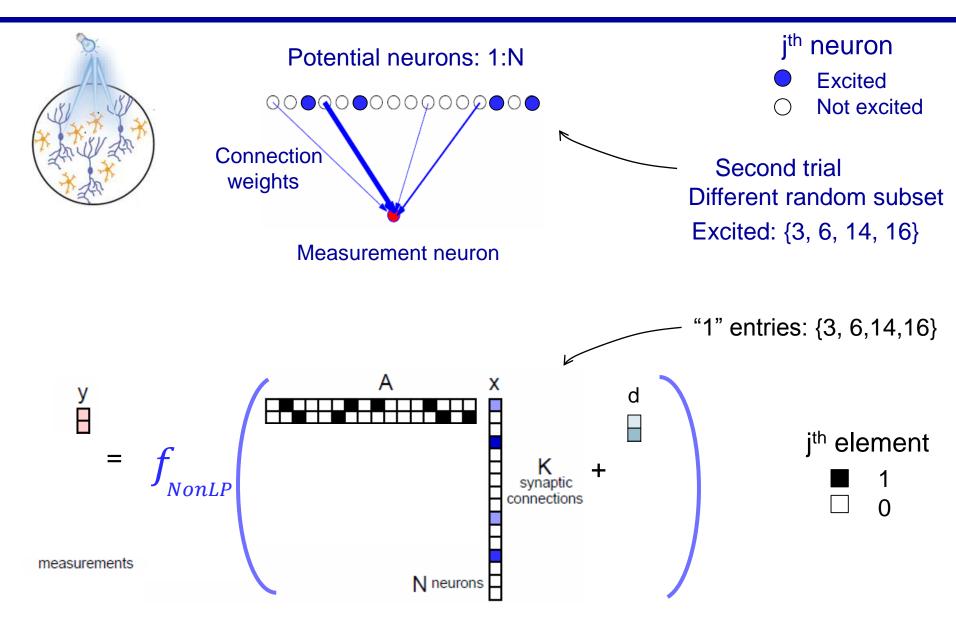


Multi-neuron Excitation: Model



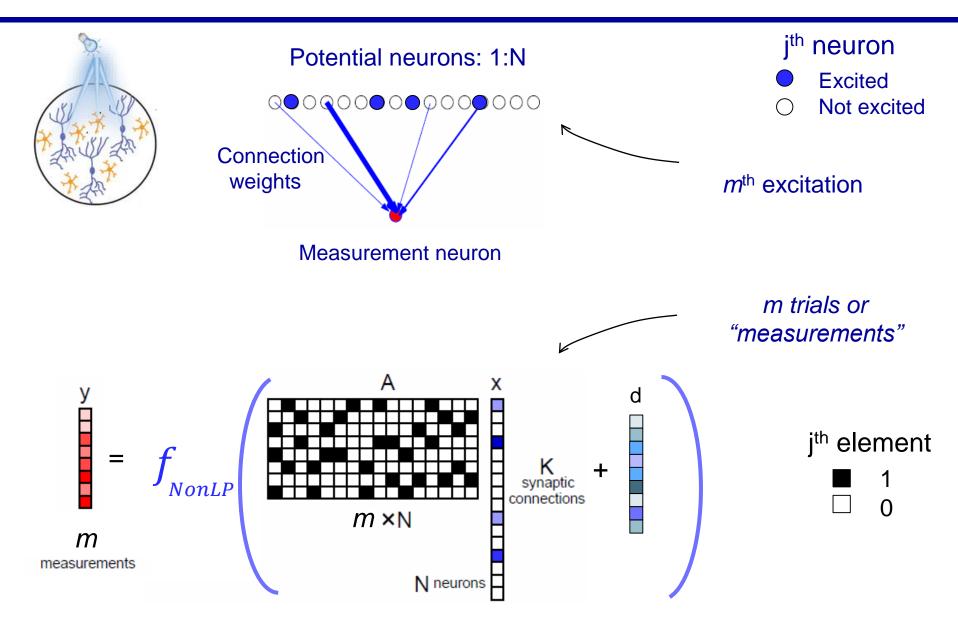


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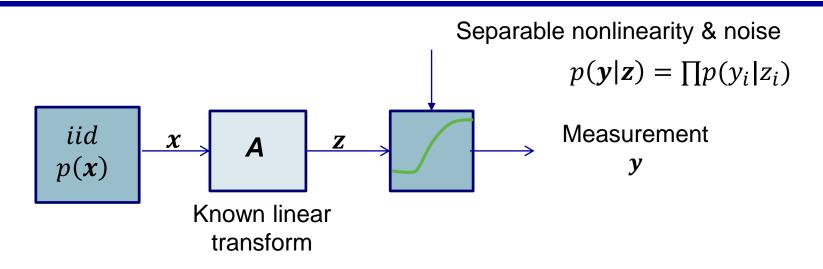


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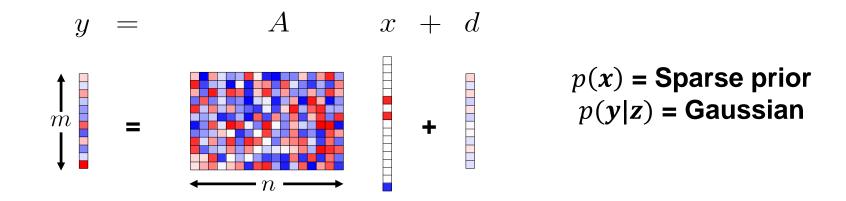
Bayesian Nonlinear Generalized Linear Models



- Problem: Estimate x and z given y and A
- Bayesian formulation: general system class
 - Prior $P_X(x)$ incorporates constraints, like sparsity
 - $P_{Y|Z}(y|z)$ models output: nonlinearities, randomness
- Challenge: optimal estimation is hard
 - Components of vector \mathbf{x} are coupled in \mathbf{z}



Example: Sparse recovery



- Problem: Given A and y, recover sparse x
- Many applications
 - Communication channels, linear inverse problems
 - Wavelet image reconstruction
 - Regularized linear regression, classification
 - Compressed sensing...
- Now many algorithms, theoretical analyses, ...

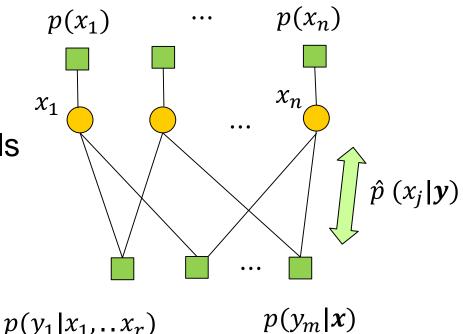


Divide & Conquer with Graphical Models

Subdivide & conquer

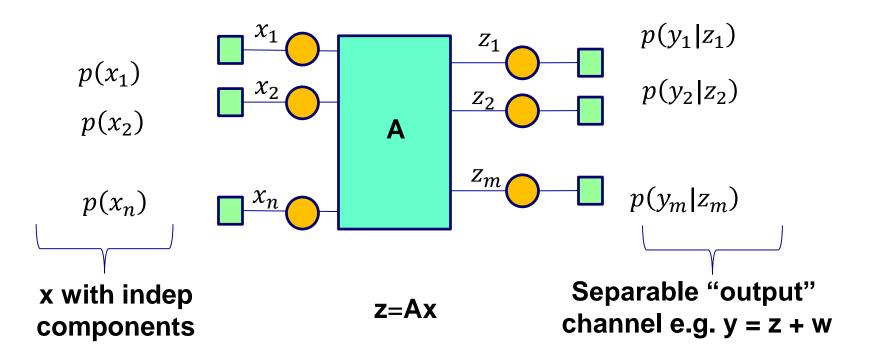
$$p_{X|Y}(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{y}) = \prod_{j=1}^{n} p(x_j) \prod_{i=1}^{m} p(y_i|\boldsymbol{x})$$

- Few "smaller" components
 - Few variables
 - Limited connections
- Message passing:
 - Iteratively update marginals
 - Global estimation local
- But random A is dense!





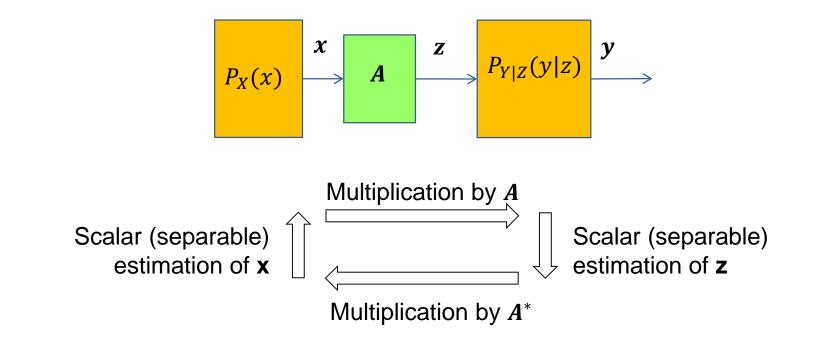
"Graphical Model" for GLM



- Assume separable priors & likelihoods
- The posterior density p(x|y) factors into:
 - m + n scalar terms; and
 - Linear constraint z = Ax



Generalized Approximate Message Passing (GAMP)

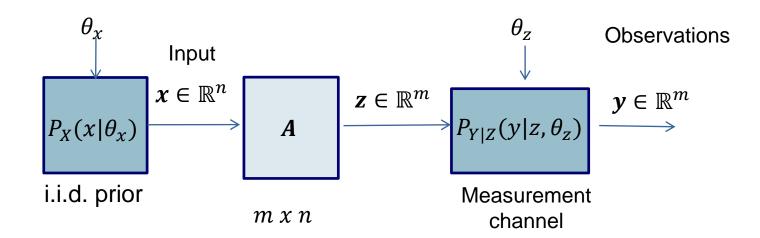


- Gaussian & quadratic approximations
- Asymptotic guarantees
- Low complexity: *O*(*mn*) each iteration
- Classic AMP*: separable distributions & AWGN
- GAMP: KNOWN nonlinearities

AMP Donoho, Maleki, Montanari 09, Bayati & Montanari 10, GAMP Rangan et al 10, HyGAMP Fletcher et al 11, ...



Theorem: Joint Estimation & Learning with Adaptive GAMP



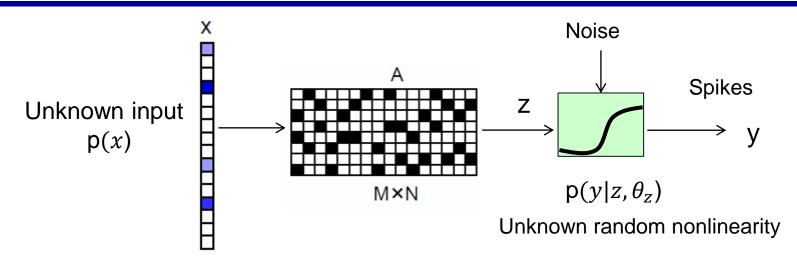
- **GLM** with unknown parameters θ_x and θ_z
 - Unknown prior, nonlinearities, noise...
- Joint estimation learning problem: Given y and A:
 - Estimate input x and z,
 - Learn parameters θ_x and θ_z in distribution
 - Consistent estimator

Kamilov, Fletcher, Rangan, Unser NIPS 2012, Trans IT 2014

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Neural Mapping via Adaptive-GAMP: NeuRAMP



- Problem: For neural LNP model:
 - Incorporates sparsity on prior $P_X(x)$
 - $P_{Y|Z}(y|z, \theta_z)$ models unknown output nonlinearities
- Jointly: Estimate weight vector x

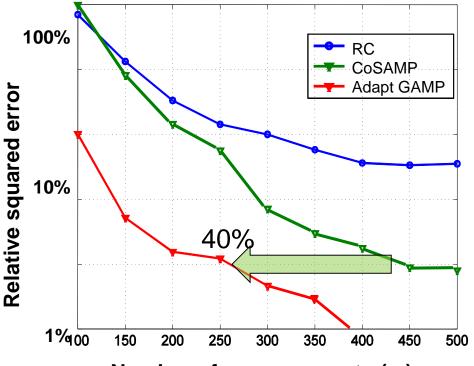
Learn the nonlinearity

- Computationally fast
- Improved estimates with fewer measurements

Fletcher et al. NIPS (2011)



Simulation: MSE of Synaptic Weight Estimates



Number of measurements (m)

m = number of trials, random excitation ~40n = 500,k = 30 or 6%Bernoulli-Gayssuab weights

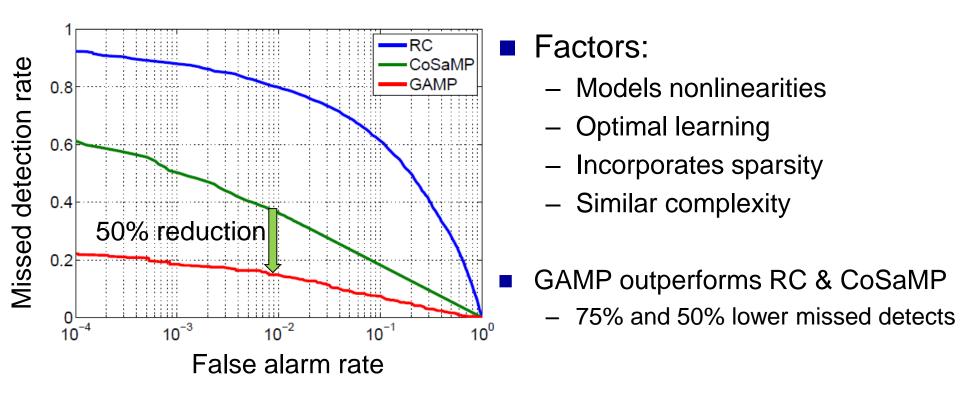
100 spike windows: 10.4s Spike rate: 10 spikes/s with.4 second reset 300 trials: ~1 hour

- RC: Reverse Correlation
 - Linear estimation
 - No sparsity
- *CoSaMP: Greedy CS
 - Ignores nonlinearities
- **Adaptive GAMP:
 - Lower MSE
 - Fewer measurements

*Hu & Chlovskii NIPS 2010 **Fletcher et al, NIPS 2011



Simulation: NeuRAMP Connectivity Detection



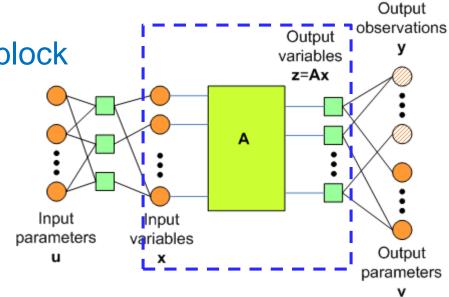
"Simultaneous all optical manipulation and recording...", AM Packer, Dec 2014 Nature ****"Block sparse" filters:** Salamander visual receptive field

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Moving forward: Scalable adaptive block

- Generalized Approximate Message Passing (GAMP)
- Improved neural connectivity detection
 - Data limited
 - Unknown nonlinearities, sparsity levels
- Scalable adaptive GAMP block
 - Linear mixing blocks
 - Low complexity: scalable
 - Extensible
 - Rich input output models
 - Adaptive



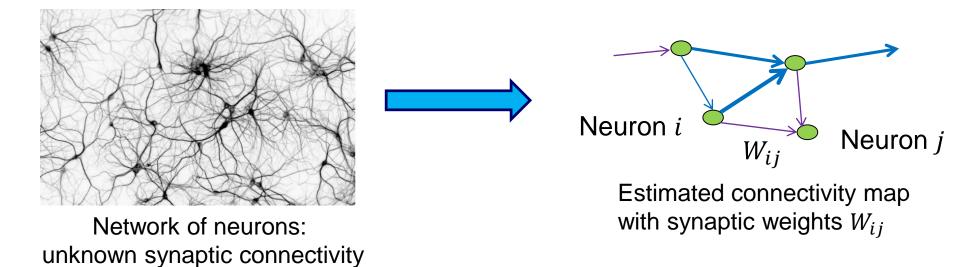


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Inference of Network Connectivity

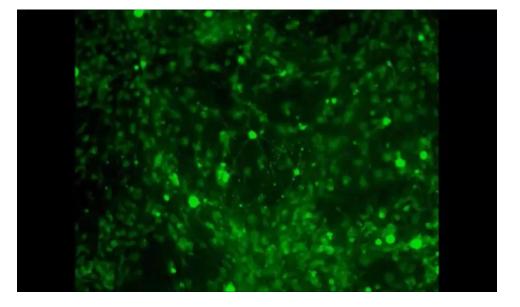


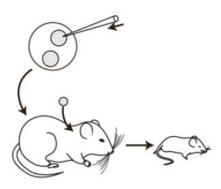


New Technologies: Calcium Imaging

Fluorescent Ca²⁺ indicators

- Genetically encoded
- Chemical dyes
- Spiking: Ca²⁺ influx
- Large populations in parallel





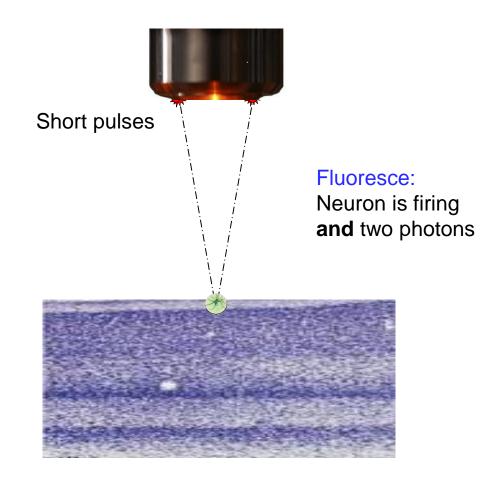
Mei Zhang 2009

Transgenic mice



Two photon Ca²⁺ imaging: depth acquisition

- Fluorescence & spiking:
 - Ca²⁺ influx
- Two-photon imaging
 - Raster scan
 - Depth acquisition
- Spatial resolution
 - Image into the cortex



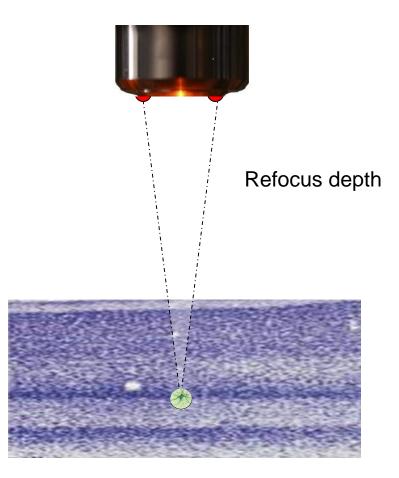


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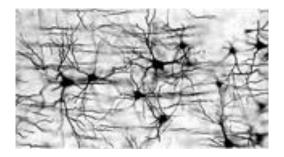
Cortical layers

Cortex ~ 2-4 mm

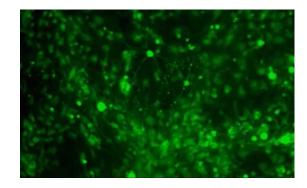




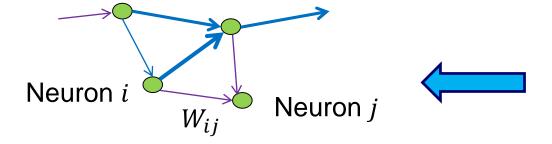
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Network of neurons: unknown synaptic connectivity



Ca²⁺ fluorescence movie



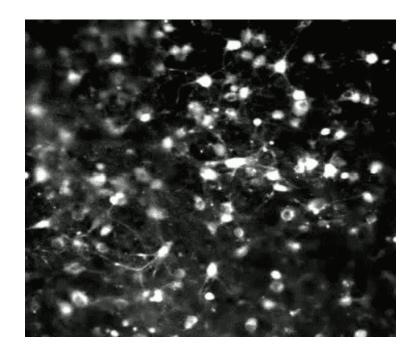
Estimated connectivity map with synaptic weights W_{ij}

Ca²⁺ fluorescence image MPI 2012



Ca²⁺ Imaging: Strengths

- Parallel measurements
 (~10³ neurons)
- In vivo or in vitro
- High spatial resolution (neuronal level, sub-μm)
- Image below surface

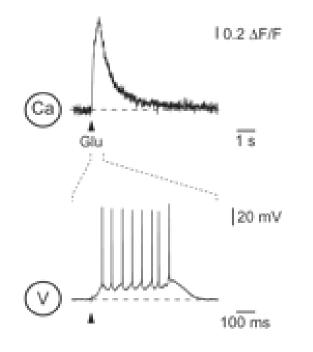


M. Kuykendal and G. Guvanasen, Georgia Tech



Challenges with Ca²⁺ Imaging

Calcium Fluorescence



[Stociek et al. (2003)]

Glutamate induced spiking

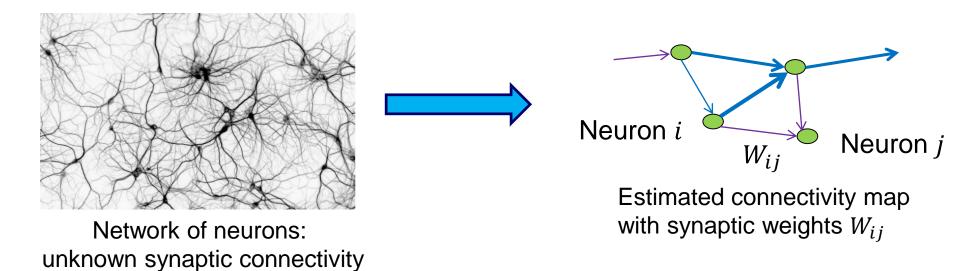
- Indirect fluorescence traces
- Nonlinear dynamics
- Large data sets
- Exogenous inputs
- Heavy temporal blurring
 Ca²⁺ long decay: τ_c~0.5 s **
- Low frame rate
 - Frames: 10-100 ms*
 - Interneuron dynamics: 1-3 ms
- Need super-resolution

**GCaMP5, newer indicators faster

NIPS 2013 & NIPS 2015 workshops: "Statistical Methods For Understanding Neural Systems"



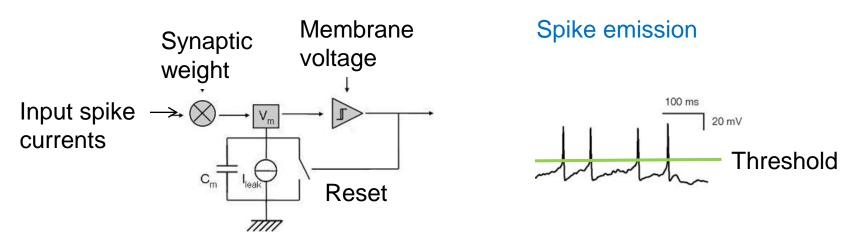
Network Inference: Causality Crucial



Elements of the network : time-varying electrochemical devices



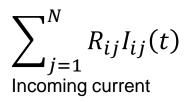
Neuronal Model: Integrate and Fire



- Electrochemical dynamic model:
- $V_i(t)$ = neuron *i* potential $I_{ij}(t)$ = current j^{th} to i^{th} neuron
- Integrate phase: Potential builds: $V_i(t) \le V_{th}$

$$RC_m \frac{dV_i(t)}{dt} = -V(t) +$$

Charge increase leakage

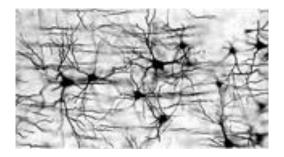


[Lapicque (1907)]

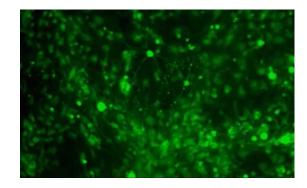
Fire: discharges spike, reset: $V_i(t) = V_{th} \Rightarrow V_i(t^+) = V_{reset}$



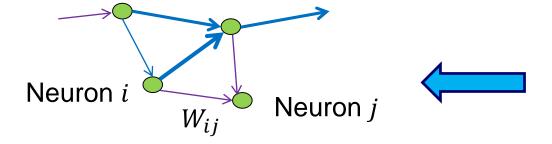
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Each Neuron: Discrete-Time Neural Model

Voltage: integrate and fire:

$$\begin{split} v_i^{k+1} &= (1-\alpha)v_i^k + \sum_{j=1}^n W_{ij} \, s_j^k + d_{v,i}^k & \text{[Integrate]} \\ \text{if} \quad v_i^{k+1} \geq \mu \Rightarrow \ s_i^k = 1, \, v_i^{k+1} = 0, & \text{[spike \& reset]} \\ \text{else} \ v_i^{k+1} < \mu \Rightarrow \ s_i^k = 0 & \text{[no spike]} \end{split}$$

Calcium fluorescence

$$z_{i}^{k+1} = (1 - \beta)z_{i}^{k} + s_{i}^{k} + d_{z,i}^{k}$$
 [z: Ca²⁺]

$$y_{i}^{k} = a z_{i}^{k} + d_{y,i}^{k}$$
 [y: fluorescence]

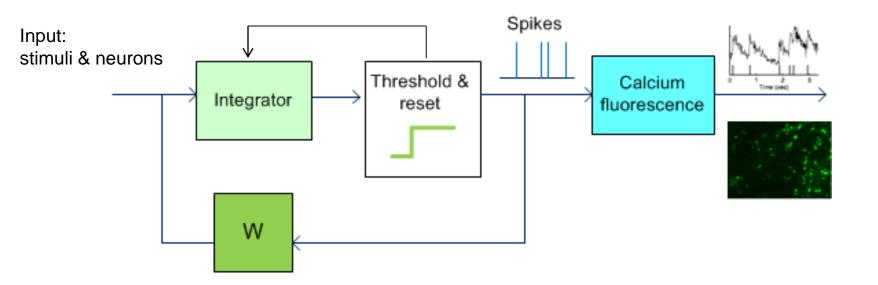
 W_{ij} = "weight" = integrated voltage change from spike current

- Ca²⁺ fluorescence: dynamical system also
- Nonlinear state space
- Need: connectivity, spike times, voltages, calcium...

Mischenko, Vogelstein, Paninski (2010), Yasuda(2004), Vogelstein et al (2010) Fletcher et al, COSYNE 2014, NIPS 2014



Summary: System



$$v^{k+1} = (1 - \alpha)v^k + Ws^k + d_x^k \quad \longleftarrow \text{Membrane voltage integration}$$

$$s^k = 1, v^k = 0 \text{ when } v^k > \mu \quad \longleftarrow \text{Spike and reset}$$

$$z^{k+1} = (1 - \beta)z^k + d_z^k + s^k \quad \longleftarrow \text{Bound Ca}^{2+} \text{ concentration}$$

$$y^k = a z^k + d_y^k \quad \longleftarrow \text{Fluorescence}$$



Maximum Likelihood Estimation of Connectivity

ML estimate:

$$\widehat{W} = \arg \max_{W} \log p(y|W) - \lambda \|W\|_{1}$$

$$\bigwedge_{W} \qquad \bigwedge_{W} \qquad \bigwedge_{W} \qquad \bigwedge_{W} \qquad 0$$

$$Besired \ parameters \\ e.g. \ connectivity \ matrix$$

- Can add regularization term to impose sparsity

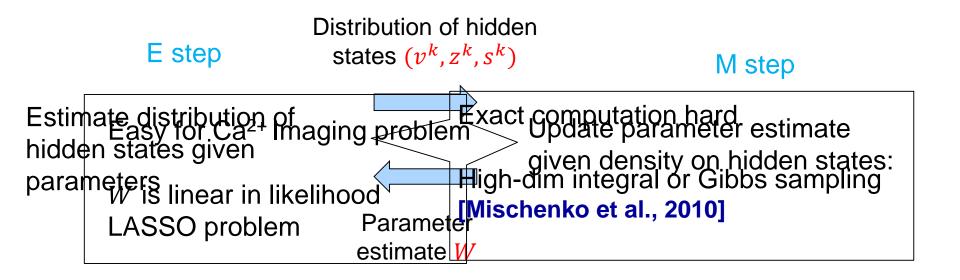


Expectation Maximization Algorithm

$$\boldsymbol{v}^{k+1} = (1-\alpha)\boldsymbol{v}^k + \boldsymbol{W}\boldsymbol{s}^k + \boldsymbol{d}_x^k$$
$$\boldsymbol{s}^k = 1, \, \boldsymbol{v}^k = 0 \text{ when } \boldsymbol{v}^k > \mu$$

$$z^{k+1} = (1 - \beta)z^k + d_z^k + s^k$$
$$y^k = az^k + d_y^k$$

- Want regularized ML: $\widehat{W} = \arg \max_{W} \log p(y|W) - \lambda ||W||_{1}$
- Problem: Hidden states (v^k, z^k, s^k)
- Use EM iterations



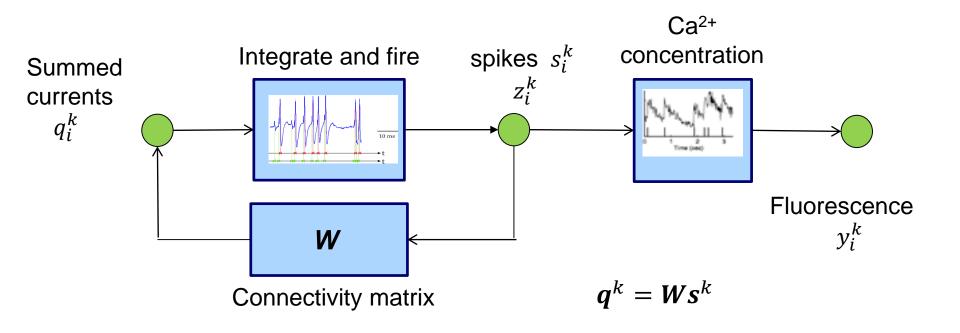


Decoupling for the E-Step

Want: State estimates for nonlinear system

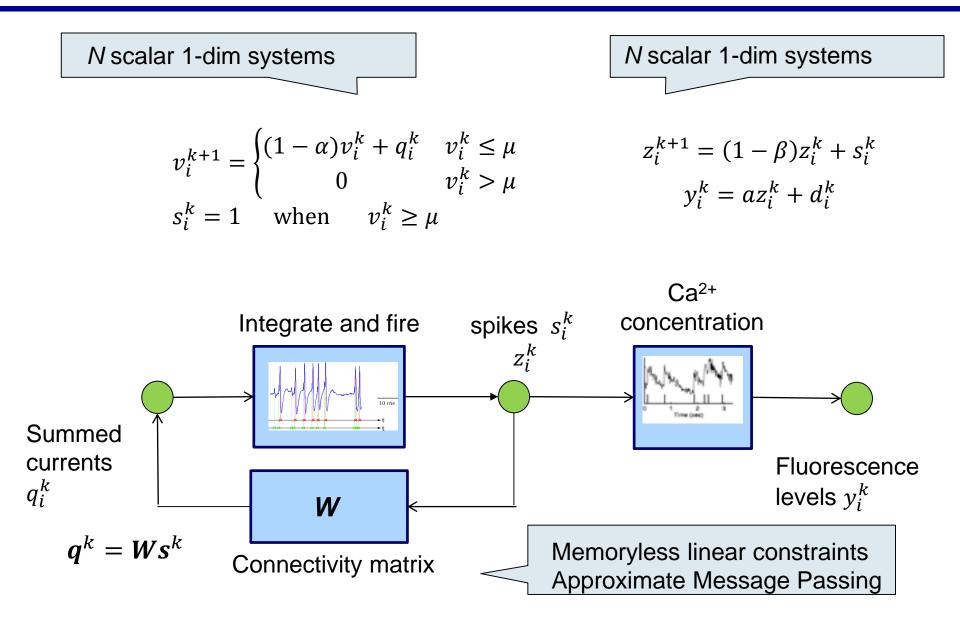
 High dimensional : N Neurons, 3N states

 Key insight: System decouples: scalar iterations q^k = Ws^k



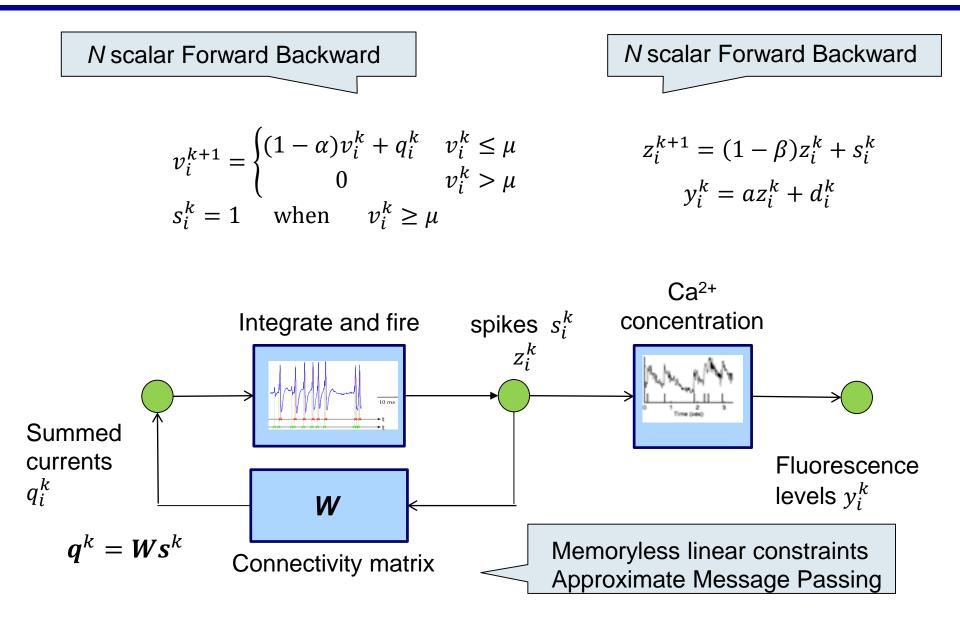


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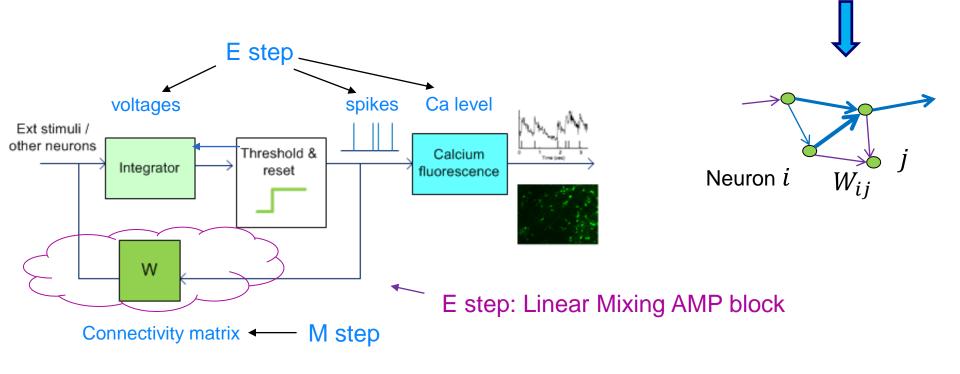




EM Overview

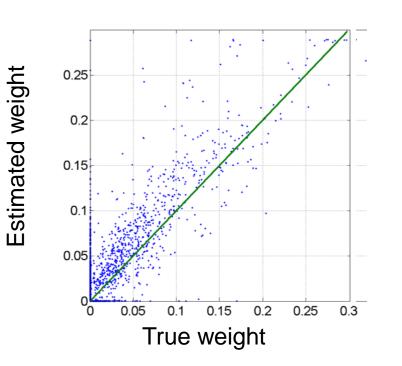
- Fluorescence movie: estimate
 - Connectivity matrix W, spike times, voltages
- Scalable block
 - High-dimensional, nonlinear dynamical system







Simulation Results: Accuracy of the Weights



Accurate estimation

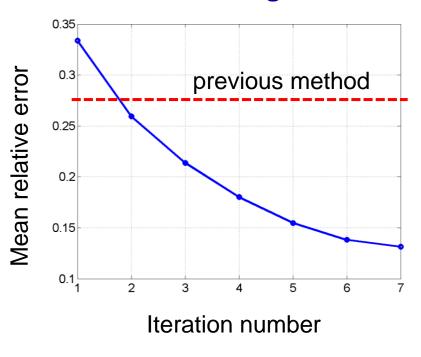
Neuron model

[Sayer (1990)]

- 100 guinea pig cortical neurons
- Synchronized bursting: 10 spikes/s
- 10% sparse random connectivity
- 20 *ms* integrate-fire τ_c
- 2 ms inter-neuron conduction time
- 1 *ms* time step
- Ca²⁺ imaging model
 - 100 frames/s, 100 s trials
 - 10000 $\mathcal{F}l$ values per neuron
 - 500 ms Ca²⁺ τ_c
 - Fluorescence SNR = 20 dB



Accuracy of the Weights



Fast convergence

•Relative MSE = $\frac{E(W_{ij} - \widehat{W}_{ij})^2}{E(W_{ij})^2} = 0.12$

- Neuron model [Sayer (1990)]
 - Guinea pig cortical column
 - 100 neurons
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- Data Collection
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 - Ca²⁺ τ_c = 500 ms, \mathcal{H} SNR = 20 dB

Fletcher et al NIPS '14

- Previous work MSE=0.28, same parameters
 Mischenko et al. (2010)
 - Accurate, low complexity O(N) per iteration, instead of $O(*^N)$

OD UCSC

Network Connectivity Summary

- Network analysis from Ca²⁺ imaging
 - Attack temporal resolution issues for neural dynamics
 - Scalable EM algorithm
- Rich, flexible modeling framework
 - Incorporates nonlinearities, indirect measurements, dynamics
- Computationally scalable solution
 - Linear in number of measurements
- Demonstrated performance
 - Outperforms existing techniques
 - Allows more biologically plausible model with feedback

http://gampmatlab.sourceforge.net/

Phil Schniter!!!



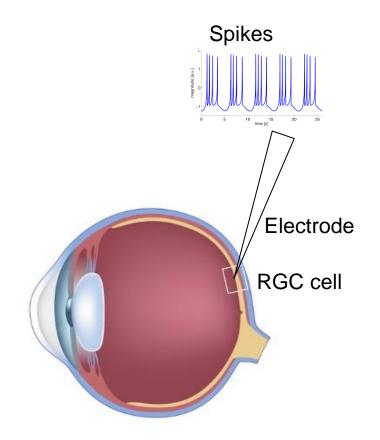
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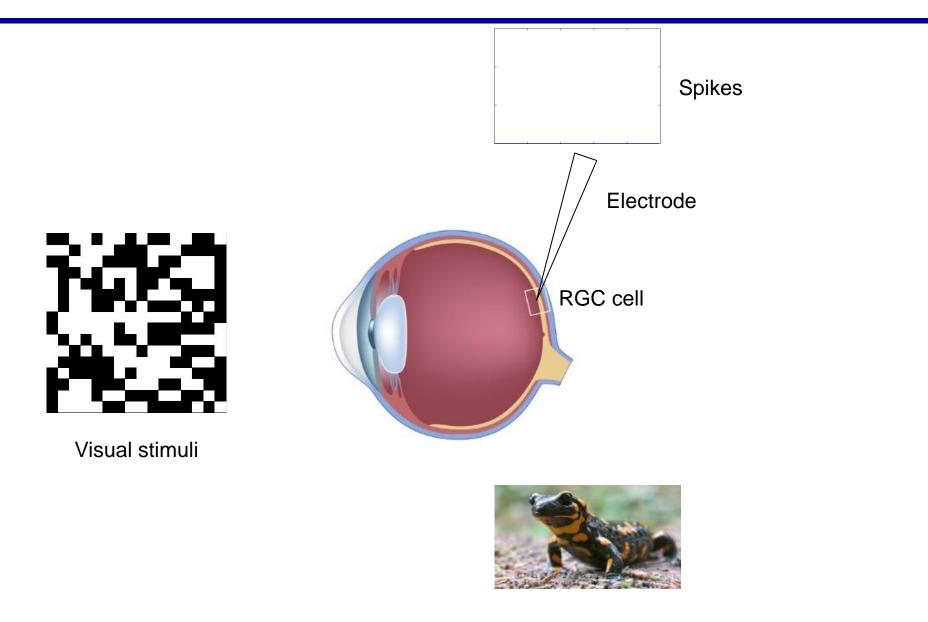
Receptive Field Identification

- Retinal ganglion cell (RGC) Sensitive to light in its field of view, or receptive field
- Tuned to some local features in time and space (curve, edge, etc)
- Response estimation of RGCs:
 - Expose retina to image
 - Measure response via electrode
 - Fit model
- Challenge: Model is often nonlinear



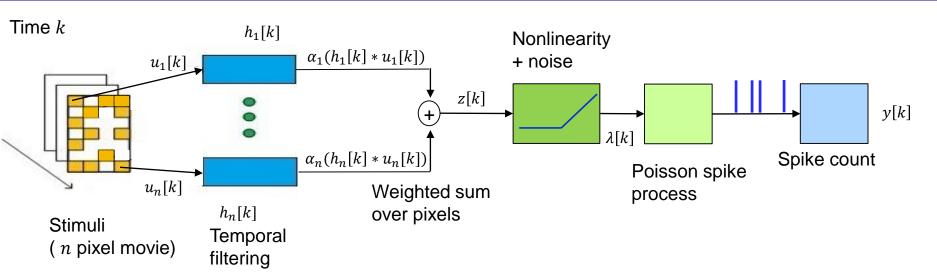


Salamander Receptive Field Identification





Retinal Ganglion Cell LNP Model

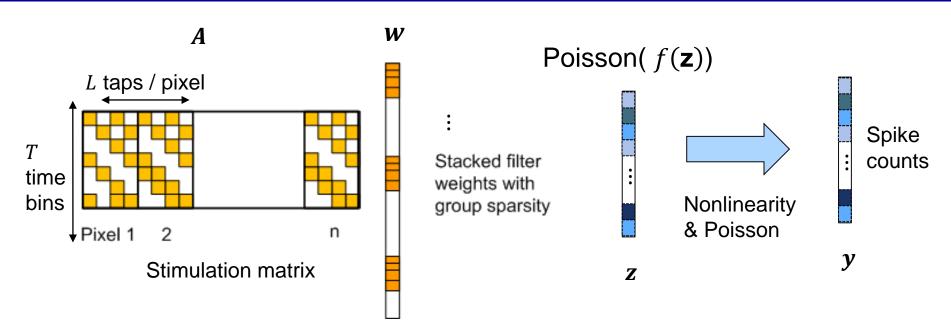


- Linear-Nonlinear Poisson model. Given stimuli $u_i[k]$
 - Filtering over time and space: $z[k] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i (h_i[k] * u_i[k])$
 - Nonlinear phase: y[k] = Poisson(f(z[k] + d[k]))
- Identification problem: Given stimuli $u_i[k]$ and spike counts y[k]
 - Estimate weighted filters $w_i[k] = \alpha_i h_i[k]$, Describes space-time response of neuron to pixel *i*
 - Each $h_i[k]$ is an L tap filter
 - Estimate nonlinearity $f(\cdot)$

Fletcher et al. NIPS 2012



Structured Matrix View of Dynamic LNP



- LNP model: cascade of linear and nonlinear system
 - A rows: *n* pixel values at *L* delays (L = filter taps)
- Weights have a group sparse constraint:
 - RGC sensitive to small image region (spatial sparsity)
 - Coefficients of filter of one stimuli are on or off together



Classical Methods and their Limitations

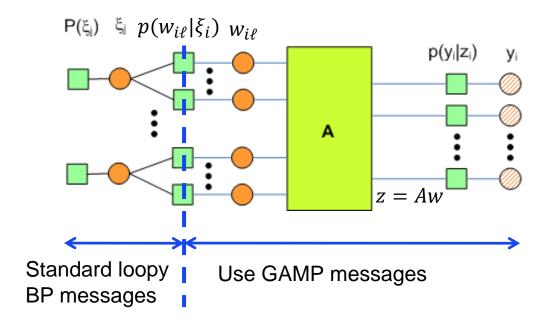
- Linear methods:
 - Matched filter: $\widehat{w} = \frac{1}{n}A^T y$ (also called STA)
 - Linear MMSE: $\hat{w} = (A^T A + \sigma^2 I)^{-1} A^T y$ (also called RC)
 - Also, linear least squares / zero forcing
 - Simple but does not exploit sparsity
- Compressed sensing methods

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{w}} = \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{w}} \|\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{w}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{w}\|_{1}$$

- Exploit sparsity of w
- Many methods: LASSO, OMP, CoSAMP,...
- Could also incorporate group sparsity via group Lasso
- But, does not account for output nonlinearities



Hybrid Algorithm for Structured Input: GAMP



- Introduce binary variables ξ_i to correlate sparsity over time
- Apply GAMP in a "turbo" manner with loopy BP
- Low complexity: each ξ_i is binary
- More general than group OMP and group lasso;
 - Similar complexity,
 - Better performance [Rangan, Fletcher, Goyal & Schniter '12]



Receptive Field Computation Considerations

- Problem size: 3630 variables
 - 11 x 11 pixels, 30 taps per pixel
 - 190,000 measurements (~30 min at 10 ms sampling)
 - Structured A matrix is 190,000 by 3630
- AGAMP iteration cost: multiplying by A & A*
 - Exploit block Toeplitz structure and entries are 0-1
- For larger problems, algorithm is parallelizable
 - Graphical methods: inherent decomposable
 - Parallelize multiplications across rows/columns of A
- Cannot theoretically guarantee convergence
 - Demonstrate performance experimentally



Experimental Results: Cross-Validation

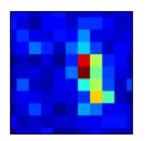
STA	STA GAMP	Num training samples	Cross-validation score	
400 s Training			STA	G-AMP
600 s		25000	0.906	0.917
Training		50000	0.914	0.921
1000 s Training	\rightarrow	100000	0.918	0.923
0 100 200 300 Delay (ms)	0 100 200 300 Delay (ms)			

- Validated on data used in training (190000 total samples)
- Cross-validation score = Geometric mean of likelihood of spike rate
- GAMP: same error, 25000 samples versus 100,000

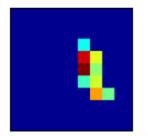
Data: Anthony Leonardo Janelia Farm



Non-sparse LNP w/ STA



Sparse LNP w/ GAMP



Spatial receptive field estimates for 11x11 pixel area

0 1 (normalized)

Spatial receptive field:

Plot estimated 11x11 response magnitudes. Color = 30-tap filter magnitude for each pixel

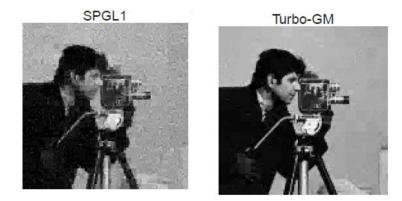
- Standard STA estimate shows noisy (spurious) responses outside
- GAMP method removes noise
 Shows only a response in a small area

Filter response 11 x 11 pixels for salamander RGCs Data from Anthony Leonardo, Janelia Farm



AMP++ methods: Applications in Imaging

- Hybrid-AMP can incorporate complex structure
 - Incorporate dependencies between wavelet coefficients
 - Hierarchical models, etc



http://gampmatlab.sourceforge.net/

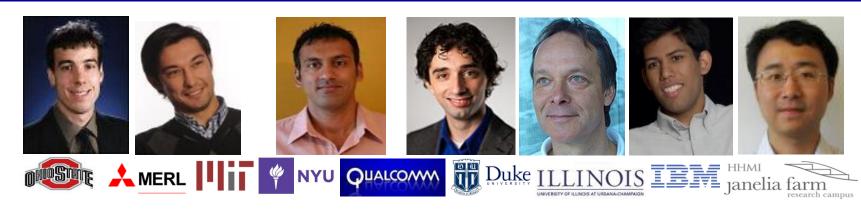
Algorithm	NMSE (dB)	Comp time (secs)
MHT+IRWL1	-14.37	363
CoSAMP	-16.90	25
SPLG1	-18.06	536
MCMC	-20.10	742
Turbo-GM	-20.74	51

Lowest MSE and almost fastest computation

[Som, Schniter, 2011]



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Moving forward

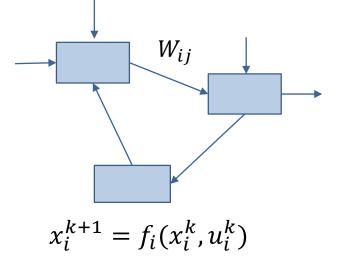
- Better account for exogenous effects
 - Correlations across neurons of interest**
 - Larger areas via "shotgun" techniques [Pnevmatikakis et al. 2013]
- Data sets in collaboration
 - Paninski Lab, Columbia; Tolias Lab, Baylor, Allen Institute
 - Validate methods: first cultured without exogenous
- Model new Ca²⁺ indicators:
 - GCaMP6f (2013): faster decay, rise time = 50-75 ms,
 - Nonlinear fluorescence model
- Theory
 - Convergence issues of GAMP via new ADMM GAMP
 - Networks of low-dimensional, nonlinear dynamical blocks
 - Provable results for structured non-iid, structured A



Future work : dynamical networks

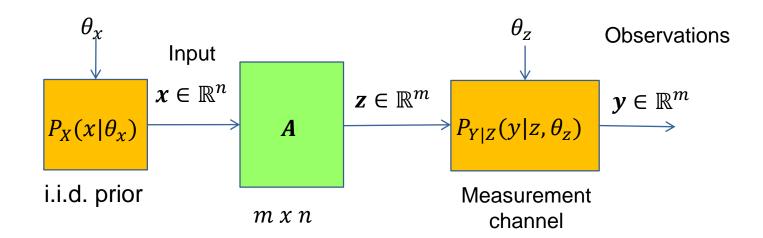
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Joint Estimation and Learning for GLMS



- **GLM** with unknown parameters θ_x and θ_z
 - Unknown prior, nonlinearities, noise...
- Joint estimation learning problem: Given *y* and *A*:
 - Estimate input x and z,
 - Learn parameters θ_x and θ_z in distribution
 - Consistent

Fletcher, Rangan NeuRAMP NIPS 2011

Kamilov, Fletcher, et al NIPS 2012, Trans IT 2014



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