

# Hyperdimensional distributed representations: a paradigm for future intelligent electronics?

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- Visiting researcher

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# This talk is about

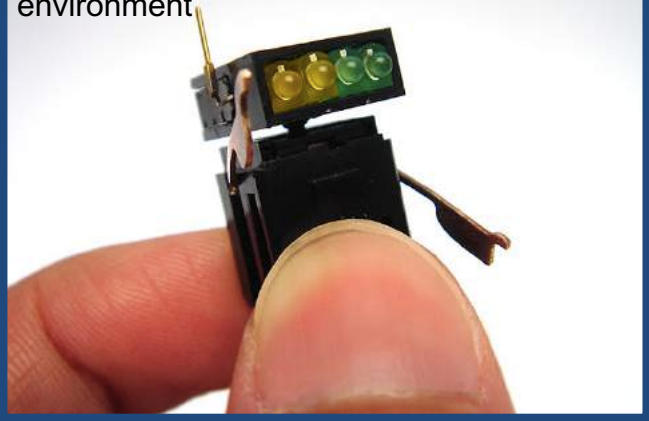
- Alternative way of computing
  - belongs to a class of approximate computing
- A specific mathematical framework, called Hyperdimensional Computing and also Vector Symbolic Architectures
  - computations are done in high-dimensional space
  - allows similarity based reasoning
- Properties of high-dimensional spaces
- Transformation from the low-dimensional to high-dimensional spaces
- Use-cases
  - Intelligent transportation systems
  - Fault classification in complex systems
  - Processing of strings of symbols



# Technology: Narrow down the scope

- Consider an artificial learning and prediction system
- With extremely limited possibilities of pre-training, unique individual experience
- The goal is to develop a predictive algorithm that scales up to potentially large (a priori unknown) representational spaces using finite computational resources
- The algorithm should learn on the fly as more and more data is observed from individual episodic instances
  - One shot (incremental learning)
  - Efficient similarity based reasoning

Mini robots discovering unknown environment



Sensors automatically discovering the environment

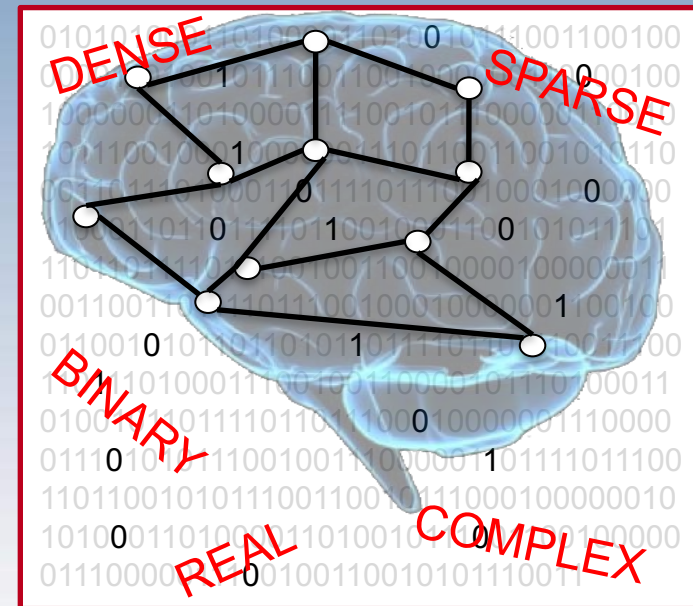
# HD computing: Narrowing down the scope

- Cognitive Architectures = artificial mind through understanding and modeling mental processes of biological organisms
- Algorithms and mathematical models inspired by selected brain features for solving a particular set of problems
- HD computing is a **mathematical model** belonging to a class **of approximate computing** for similarity based reasoning and analogical mappings

# HD is



- A mathematical (bio-inspired) framework for building a (potentially) general cognitive system with many positive qualities we associate with brains:
  - Robust and noise-tolerant
  - Learns from data/example, learns by analogy
  - Can learn fast: "One-shot" learning
  - Integrates signals from disparate senses
  - Allows simple algorithms that scale to large problems efficiently
  - Allows high degree of parallelism
  - Is implementable on extremely low power electronics



**RANDOMNESS**

**HIGH DIMENSIONALITY**  
hundreds/thousands of bits and more

**SIMILARITY BASED COMPUTING**

| object | Random bit-string    | object | Random bit-string    |
|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|
| name   | 01011100010100001110 | Pat    | 11010000000011000100 |
| sex    | 01010101110001011100 | male   | 10000011100010001110 |
| age    | 01111011010011101000 | 66     | 10101001101100001111 |

Biological inspiration: Some intuition would not hurt 😊

**РАСПРЕДЕЛЕННЫЕ ПЕРСДАТЛВЕНИЯ  
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# The mathematical theory of HD computing

- The theory dates to the 1990s and is referred to variously as Holographic Reduced Representation (Plate), Binary Spatter Code (Kanerva), and Vector-Symbolic Architecture (Gayler & Levy) also Semantic Pointer Architecture - SPAUN (Elliasmith)
- The underlying math dates to the late 1800s and early 1900s and is referred to as abstract algebra.

• **Kanerva, P. "Hyperdimensional Computing: An Introduction to Computing in Distributed Representation with High-Dimensional Random Vectors." *Journal of Cognitive Computation*, 2009.**



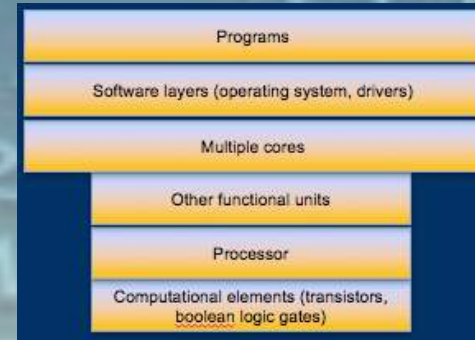
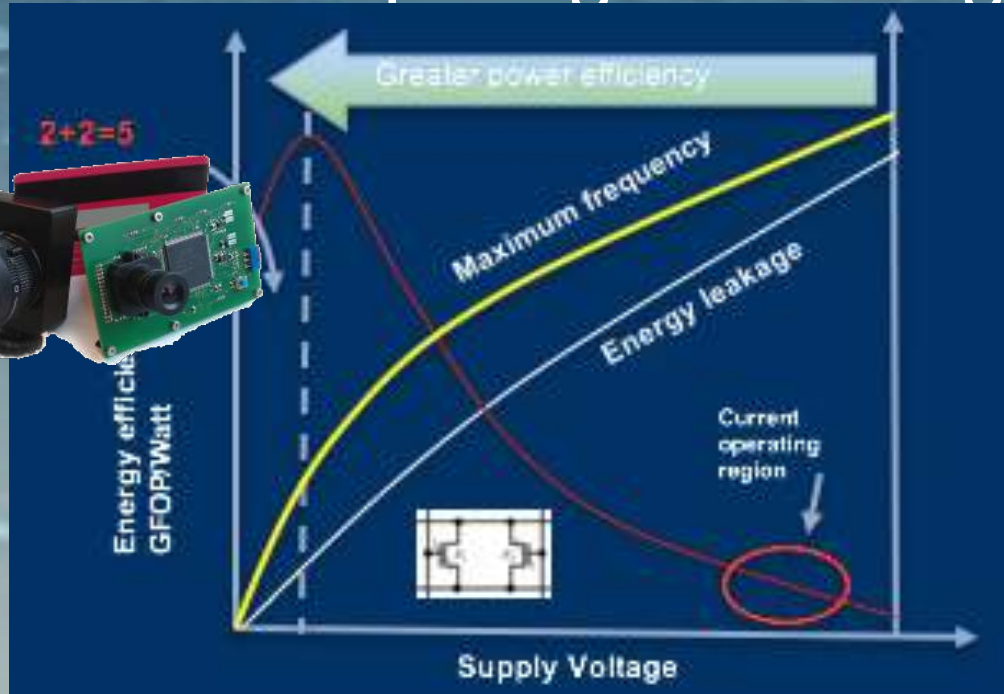
# Bio-inspired: Similarity as the central factor of cognitive systems -> Vector Symbolic Architectures

- Large diversity of symbols/concepts are represented by unrelated (orthogonal) vectors
- There are functions, which transform (initially) unrelated symbols into places with desired proximity: **Vector-Symbolic Architectures (Gayler, Levy), Semantic Pointer Architecture (Eliasmith)**
- There is a distance metric which reflects (semantic) similarity between point in space



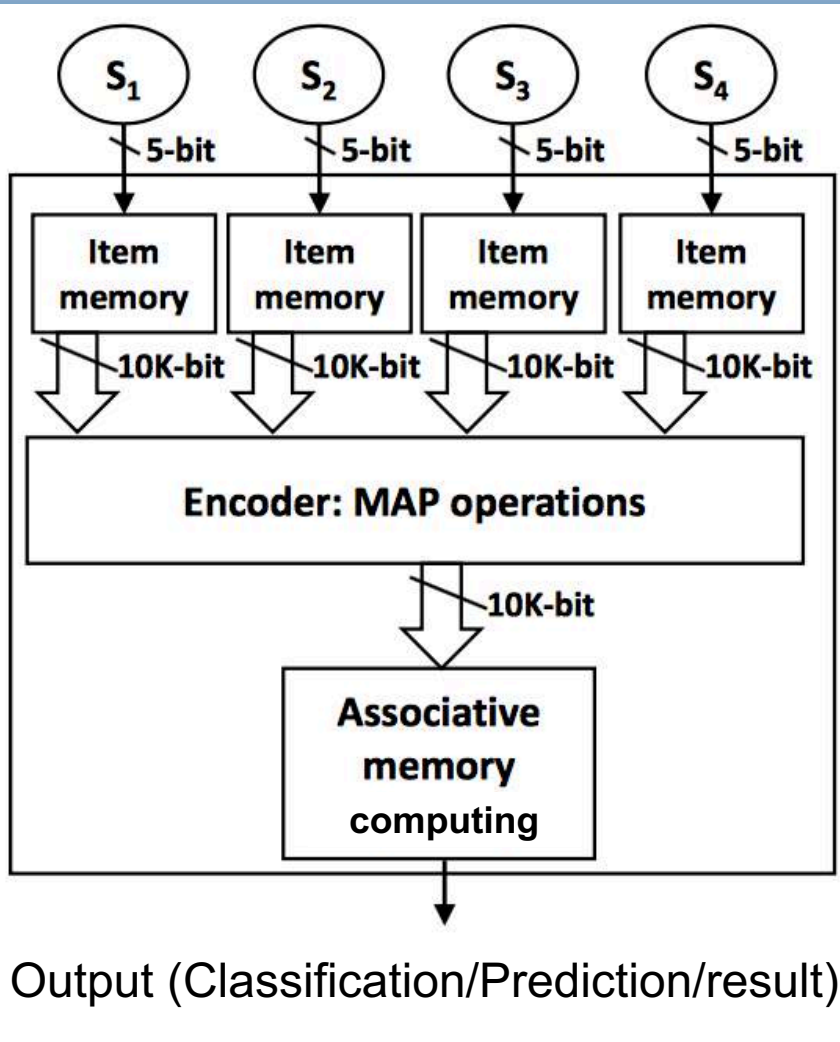
# HD and HW: What's wrong with the current Computing technology

- inference
- Approximate Computational Models
- New (imprecise) devices



- Subthreshold computing:
  - Approximate computing
  - Neuro-inspired computing

# HD computer: an architecture

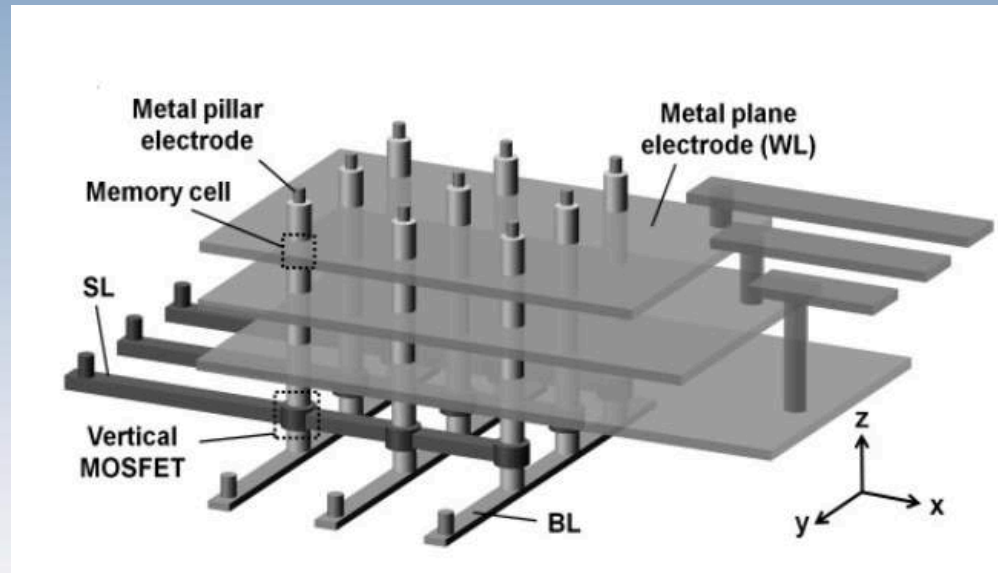


A fully general system with many positive qualities :

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  - Allows simple algorithms that scale to large problems efficiently
  - Robust and noise-tolerant
  - Allows high degree of parallelism
  - AND...
- 
- This is an architecture of an HD computing device

# HD computer: computing using Associative Memory

- HD computer is a memory-centric machine
  - Frequent patterns can be stored and retrieved from a table using a set of keys
- Used in a broad spectrum of applications including query processing, search engines, text and image processing, pattern recognition and data mining
- Implemented on memory and operation efficient hardware architectures



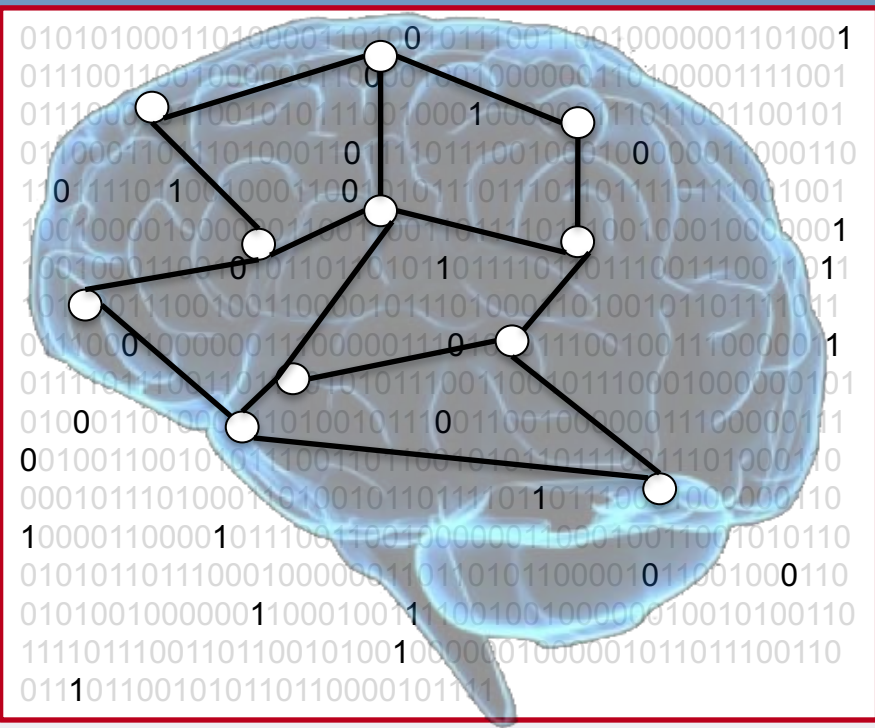
Schematic of a 3D Resistive Memory Array

**47% more power efficient in classification tasks with marginal loss of accuracy (approx. 1%)**

H. Li *et al.*, "Hyperdimensional computing with 3D VRRAM in-memory kernels: Device-architecture co-design for energy-efficient, error-resilient language recognition," *2016 IEEE International Electron Devices Meeting (IEDM)*, San Francisco, CA, 2016, pp. 16.1.1-16.1.4.



# Hyper-dimensional computing



## Computations:

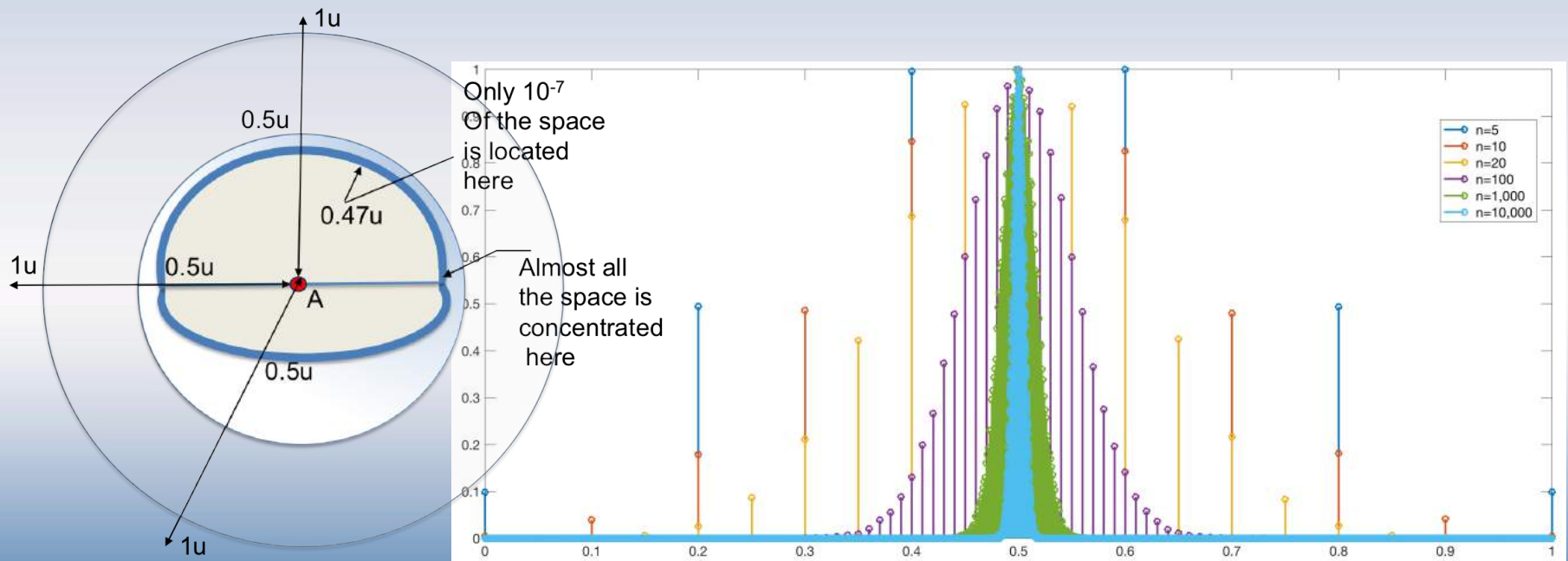
- Distributed representations
- Rich ambiguous representation:
  - (>1000 dimensional space)
- Simple operations
- Similarity-based reasoning
- Extremely robust to errors
- Complex functionality

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Each bit does not matter per se only the entire sequence make sense  
 Very robust to errors  
 Suitable for implementation on on imprecise hardware

# Similarity measure

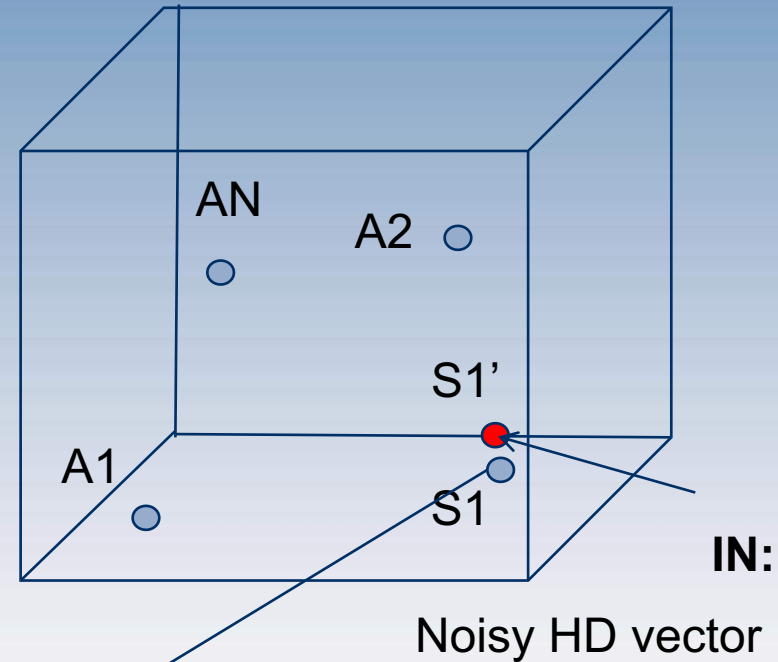
- Measures the similarity between two vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ , giving a real number
- ‘No significant similarity’ between two randomly generated vectors
- Normalized Hamming distance for binary vectors



# Item-memory: storage of meaningful HD-vectors

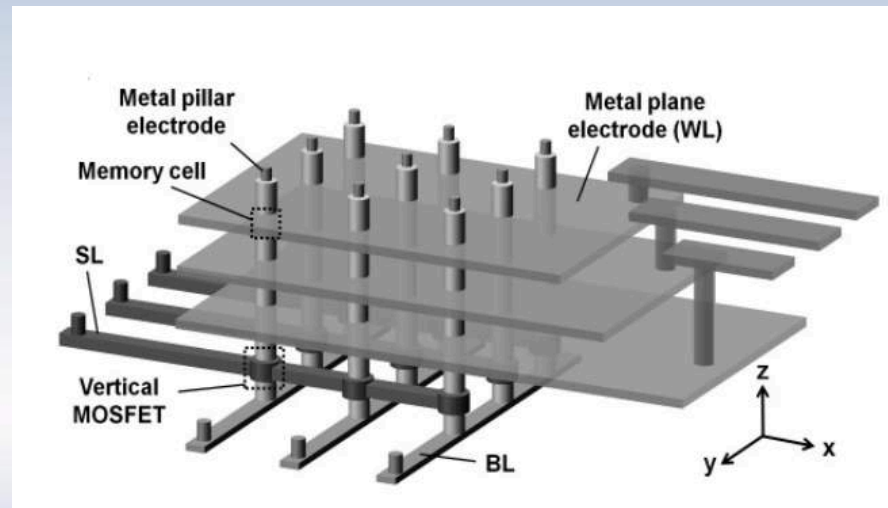
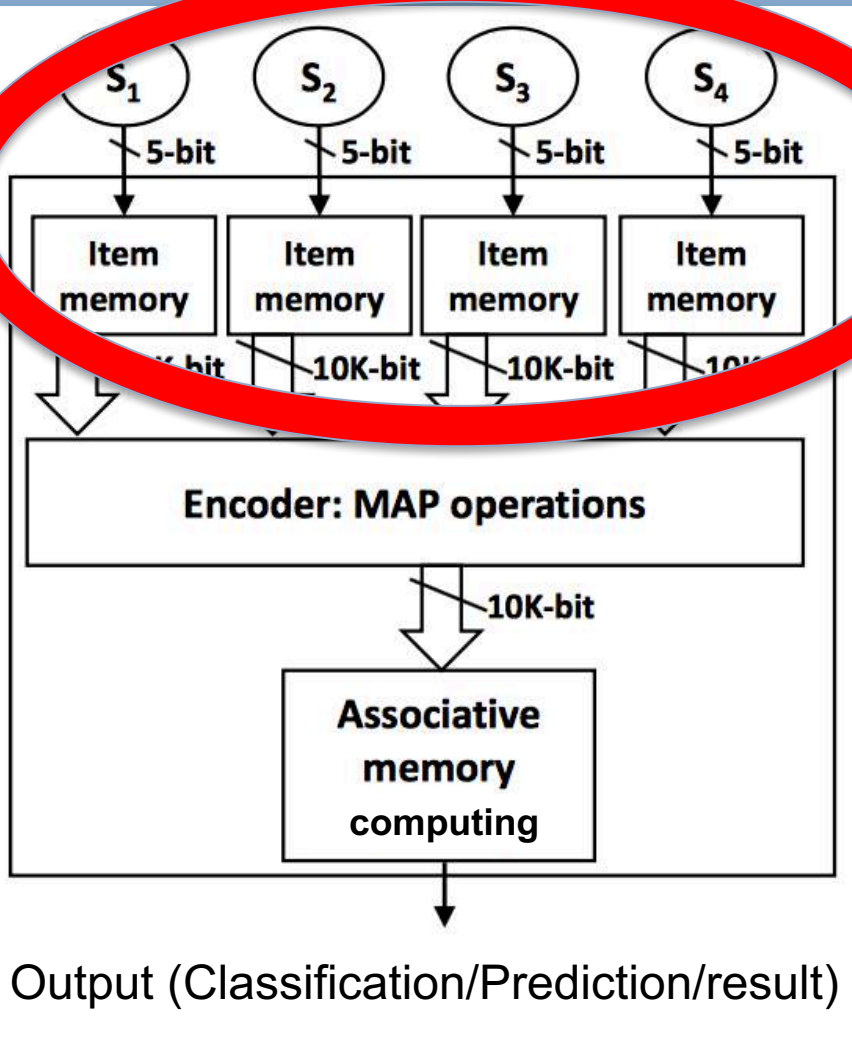
- Denoising principle
- A set of random HD vectors with assigned meaning
- Also called clean-up memory
- Does nearest-neighbor search among the set of stored meaningful HD-vectors.

| HD-vector        | Meaning |
|------------------|---------|
| 01110010101 (A1) | OBJECT1 |
| 10101010011 (A2) | OBJECT2 |
| ...              |         |
| 10111011011 (AN) | OBJECT3 |
| 01010101110 (S1) | ...     |



**OUT:** clean HD vector

# A very quick cross-reference back: HD computer



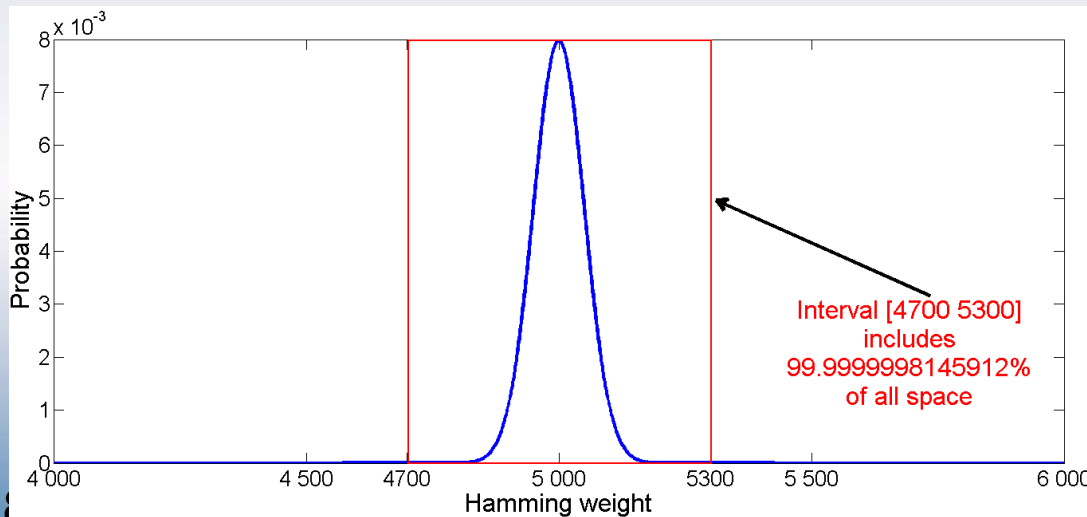
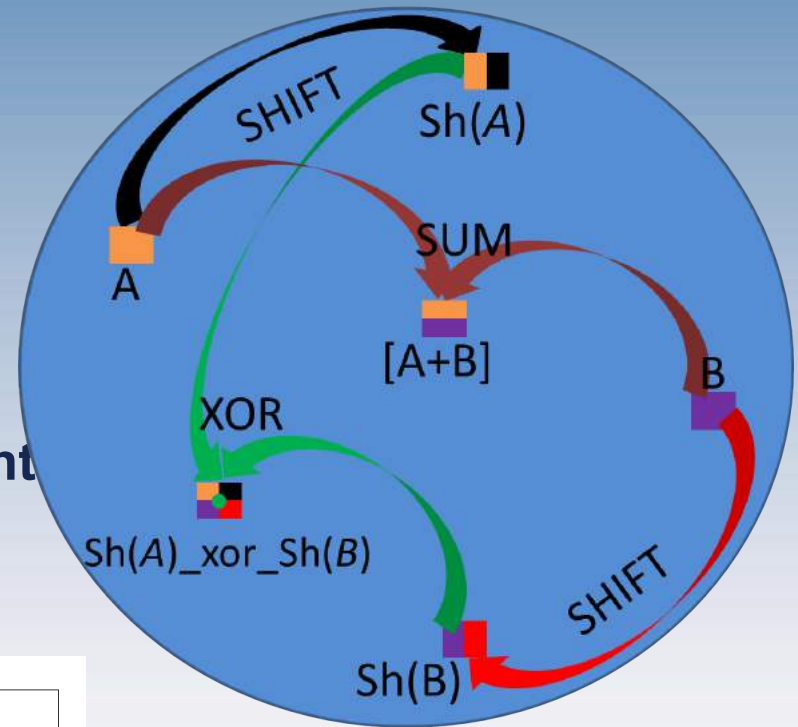


# Key properties of HD algebra

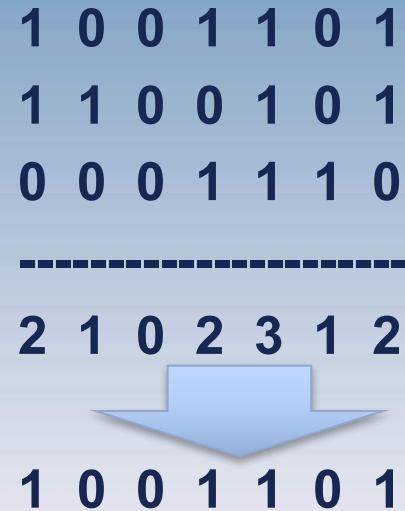
- Resembles ordinary computing on Booleans and numbers: Addition (bundling), Multiplication (binding), Permutation (ordering):
  - Addition commutes:  $A + B = B + A$
  - Addition, multiplication and **permutation** are invertible
  - Multiplication distributes over addition
  - **Permutation distributes over both addition and multiplication**
  - **The output of addition is similar to the inputs**
  - **The outputs of multiplication and permutation are dissimilar to the inputs**
  - **Multiplication and permutation preserve similarity**

# Properties some more details

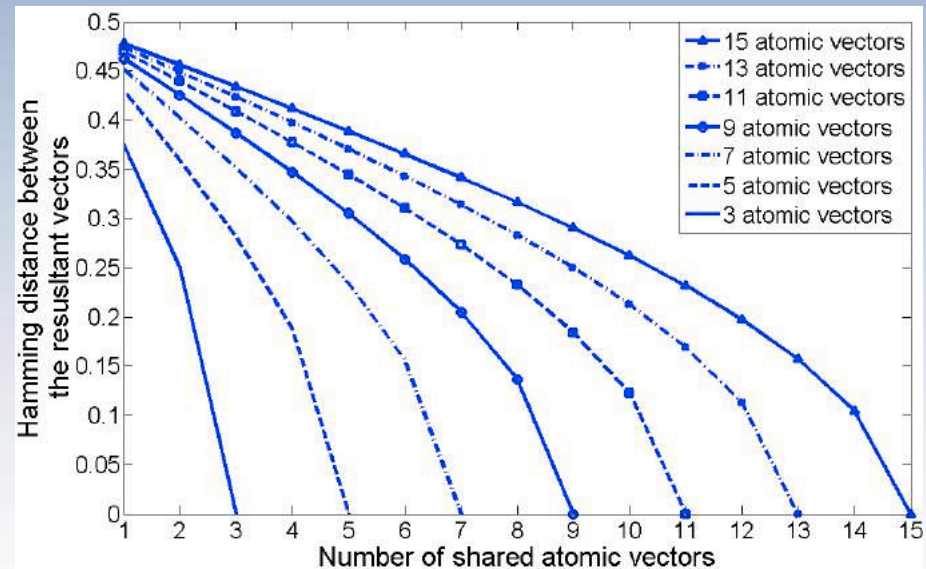
- **Multiplication (used for Binding):**  
XOR
- $\Delta_H(\text{operand}, \text{result}) \approx 0.5$
- **Addition (used for Bundling):**  
Majority sum
- $\Delta_H(\text{operand}, \text{result}) < 0.5$
- **Permutation (application dependent usage):** Cyclic shift
- $\Delta_H(\text{vector}, \text{shifted vector}) \approx 0.5$



# Majority SUM



Threshold = Number of inputs/2



Hamming distance changes in discrete steps depending on the number of summed vectors

# The cognitive staff: Analogical mapping (preliminaries)

- Using HD vectors it is possible to create a distributed representation of information
- Let us represent each element as a random hypervector (for example 10 000 dimensional denote as “\*\_hv”)

## Example

**Record: AU**

Country = Australia

Currency = Dollar

Country-> **country\_hv**

Currency-> **currency\_hv**

Australia -> **Australia\_hv**

Dollar -> **Dollar\_hv**

Record -> **AU\_hv**



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## Example

Record: AU

Country = Australia

Currency = Dollar

- Build the relationship field = value (binding):

country\_hv  $\otimes$  Australia\_hv

currency\_hv  $\otimes$  Dollar\_hv

- Build the resultant vector (bundling):

AU\_hv = [ (country\_hv  $\otimes$  Australia\_hv) + (currency\_hv  $\otimes$  Dollar\_hv) ]

# Probing (decoding) example

$AU\_hv = [(country\_hv \otimes Australia\_hv) + (currency\_hv \otimes Dollar\_hv)]$

What is the name of the country?

## 1. NAME

$= country\_hv \otimes AU\_hv$

$= country\_hv \otimes [(country\_hv \otimes Australia\_hv) + (currency\_hv \otimes Dollar\_hv)]$

$= Australia\_hv + \underbrace{country\_hv \otimes currency\_hv \otimes Dollar\_hv}$

not valid vector; act as a noise

2. NAME to Item-memory returns **Australia\_hv** ->

3. Name of the country is **Australia**

# Analogical mapping in HD computing:

## What is the Dollar of Mexico?

- Allows to infer the literal meaning from figurative expressions

**AU:**

Country = Australia

Currency = Dollar



$$\text{AU\_hv} = [ (\text{country\_hv} \otimes \text{Australia\_hv}) + (\text{currency\_hv} \otimes \text{Dollar\_hv}) ]$$

**MX:**

Country = Mexico

Currency = Peso



$$\text{MX\_hv} = [ (\text{country\_hv} \otimes \text{Mexico\_hv}) + (\text{currency\_hv} \otimes \text{Peso\_hv}) ]$$

# What is the Dollar of Mexico? -2

- Literal interpretation of Dollar of Mexico produces nonsense:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Dollar\_hv} \otimes \text{MX\_hv} \\ &= \text{Dollar\_hv} \otimes [ (\text{country\_hv} \otimes \text{Mexico\_hv}) + (\text{currency\_hv} \otimes \text{Peso\_hv}) ] \\ &= [ (\text{Dollar\_hv} \otimes \text{country\_hv} \otimes \text{Mexico\_hv}) + (\text{Dollar\_hv} \otimes \text{currency\_hv} \otimes \text{Peso\_hv}) ] \\ &= \text{NOISE} + \text{NOISE} \end{aligned}$$



# What is the Dollar of Mexico? -3

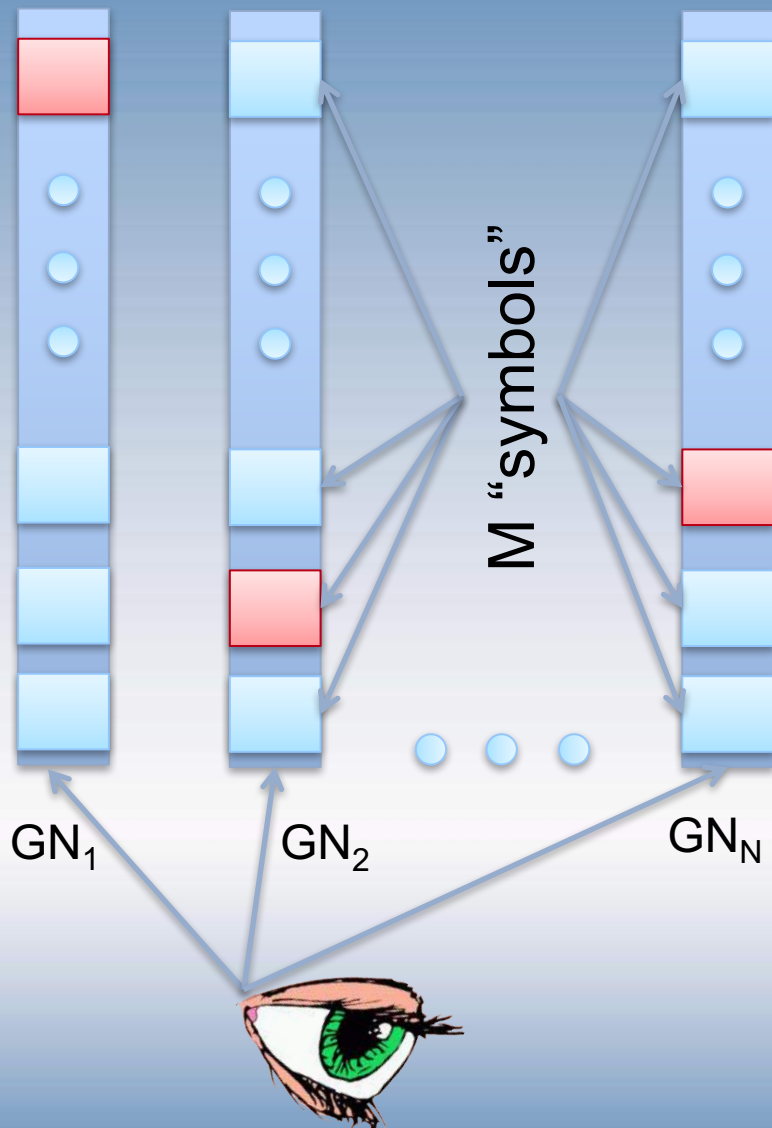
- Implicit query gives the answer. What in Mexico corresponds to dollar in Australia?

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Dollar\_hv} \otimes (\text{MX\_hv} \otimes \text{AU\_hv}) \\ &= \text{Dollar\_hv} \otimes (\text{Australia\_hv} \otimes \text{Mexico\_hv} + \text{Dollar\_hv} \otimes \text{Peso\_hv} + \\ & \text{noise}) \\ &= \text{Dollar\_hv} \otimes \text{Australia\_hv} \otimes \text{Mexico\_hv} + \text{Dollar\_hv} \\ & \otimes \text{Dollar\_hv} \otimes \text{Peso\_hv} + \text{Dollar\_hv} \otimes \text{noise} \\ &= \text{noise} + \text{noise} + \text{Peso\_hv} + \text{noise} \\ &= \text{Peso\_hv} + \text{noise} \\ &\approx \text{Peso\_hv} \end{aligned}$$





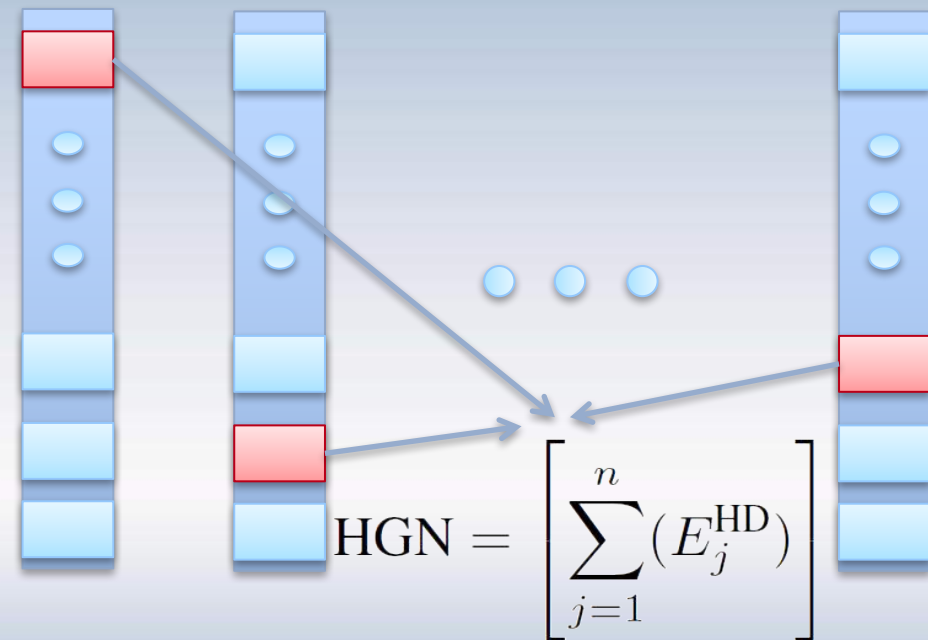
# Mapping of features: Graph Neuron



- **Graph Neuron** is an approach for memorizing of patterns of **generic sensor stimuli** for later template matching.
- Neuron = set of discrete values
  - Value of one pixel in an image
  - Value of one sensor
  - Character in on a certain position in a word/sentence
- Pattern = activated values in all neuron

# Orthogonal mapping: Holographic Graph Neuron

Generate a set of dissimilar initial vectors for each column ( $IV_j$ )

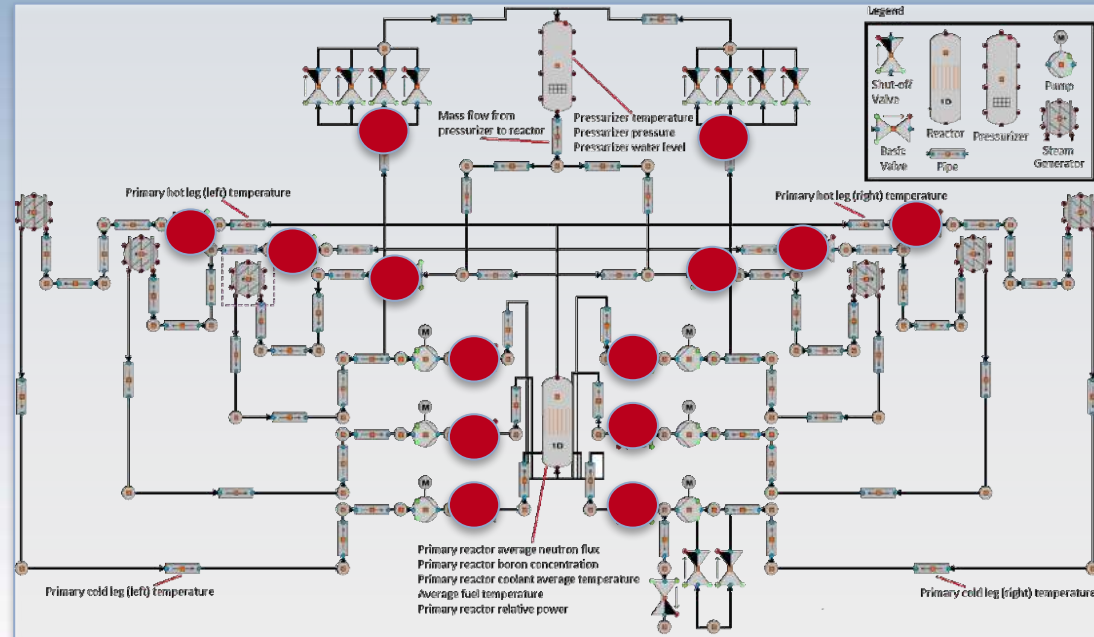
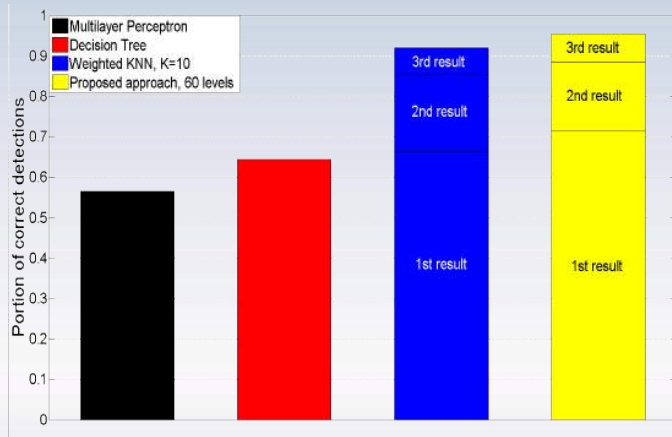


Generate dissimilar random vector for each Graph Neuron to encode indices of activated elements (E)

$$E^{\text{HD}} = \text{SHIFT}(IV_j, \text{INDEX})$$

# Use-case A. Fault isolation and classification in distributed systems

## The functional Failure Identification and Propagation framework



$$\text{HGN} = \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n (E_j^{\text{HD}}) \right]$$

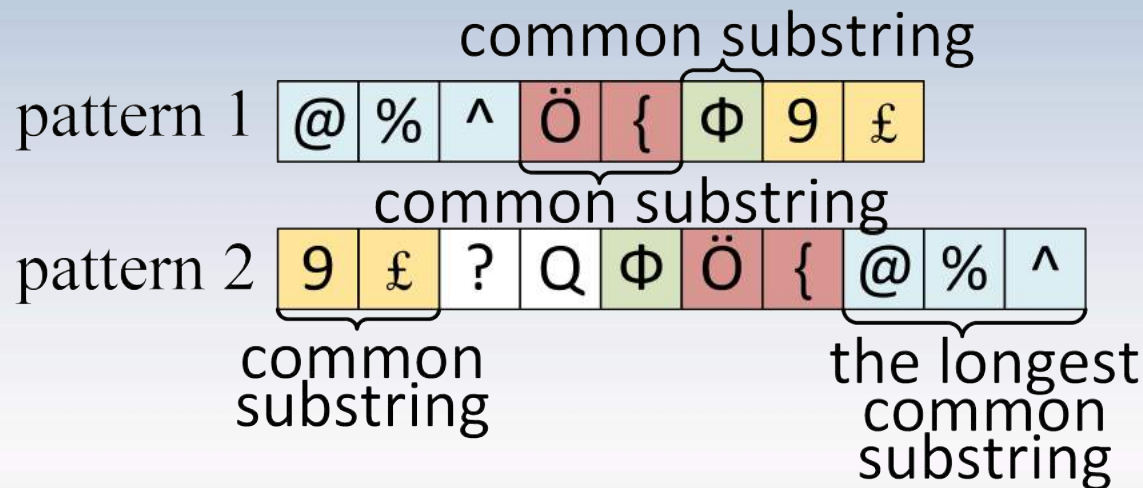
Holographic Graph Neuron: a Bio-Inspired Architecture for Pattern Processing

Kleyko, D., Osipov, E., Senior, A., Khan, A. & Sekercioglu, A. 2016 In : IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems. 9 p.



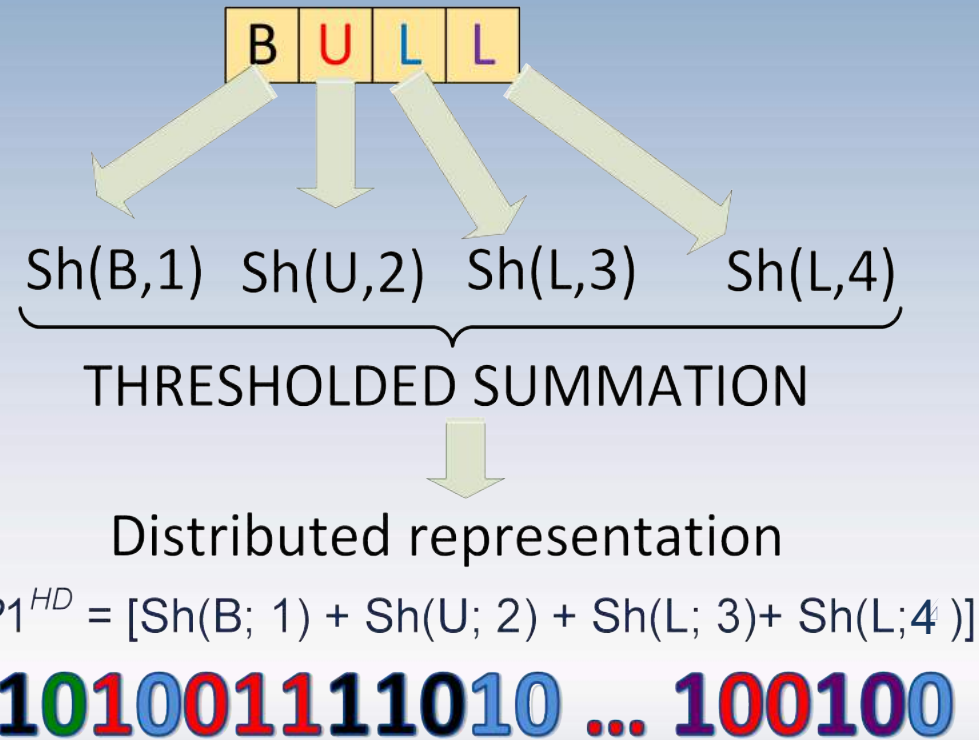
# Use-case B. Common substrings search

- Given two strings of characters of different lengths, find the substring of the maximal length



# Use-case B. Encoding of strings

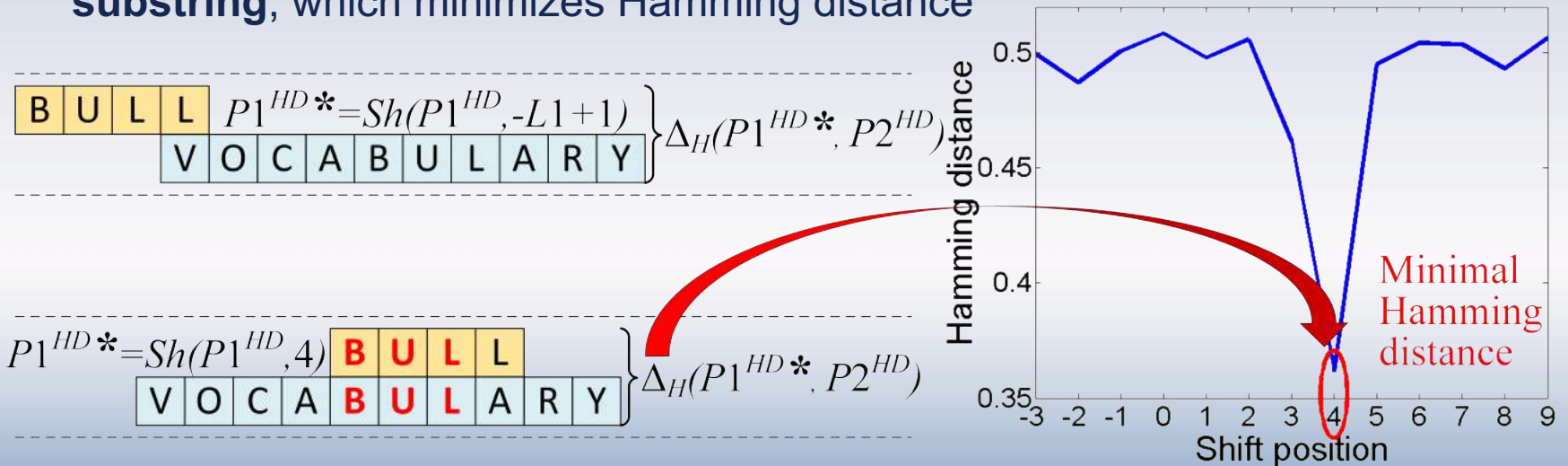
- Generate dictionary  $D_{HD}$  of random HD-vectors for each symbol.
- **Cyclically shift** the initial HD-vector for a given symbol  $S$  on the value of its position  $i$ :  $Sh(D_{HD}[S]; i)$
- **VSA representation** of the string is a **thresholded** sum of the distributed representations of shifted individual elements  $Sh(D_{HD}[S]; i)$ .



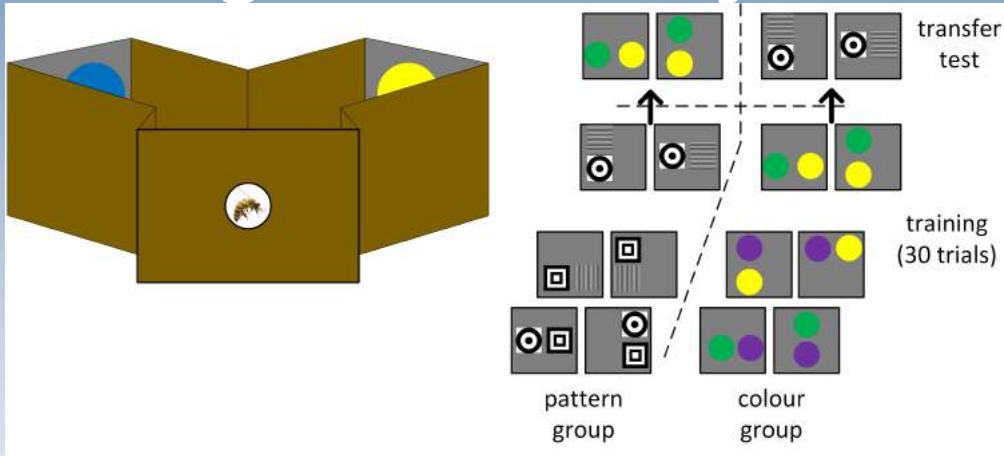
# Use-case B. Search procedure

“On bidirectional transitions between localist and distributed representations: The case of common substrings search using Vector Symbolic Architecture”, Kleyko, D. & Osipov, E. 26 Dec 2014 In : Procedia Computer Science. 41, p. 104-113.

- If strings have elements in common, Hamming distance between their representations is less than 0.5
- The larger is the number of the **overlapping elements** the closer is the Hamming distance to **zero**
- The task is to find **offset of shortest string relative to the longest substring**, which minimizes Hamming distance



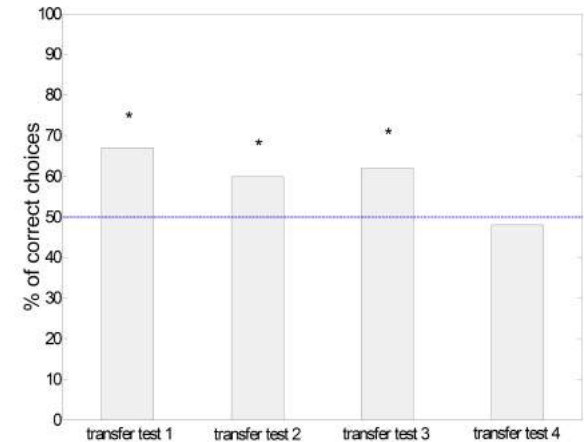
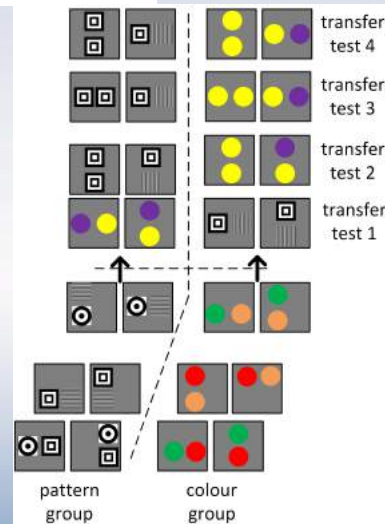
# An inspiration from the nature: The cognitive honey bees



Honey bees have to choose between two visual stimuli. During the training trails either above-below or left-right relations are corresponding to the reward.

Opposite relation leads to quinine solution.

The aim is to learn relationships and reason upon between a priori unknown (unseen) objects.



A. Avarguès-Weber, et al., Simultaneous mastering of two abstract concepts by the

# Approach Outline

1. Associative memory based architecture
2. Vector Symbolic Architectures for encoding episodic relationships
3. The essence: There are templates for generic (unlabeled) relationships
  - These are filled with instances of particular objects, their features and are given labels (above, to the right, etc) at runtime for further recall.



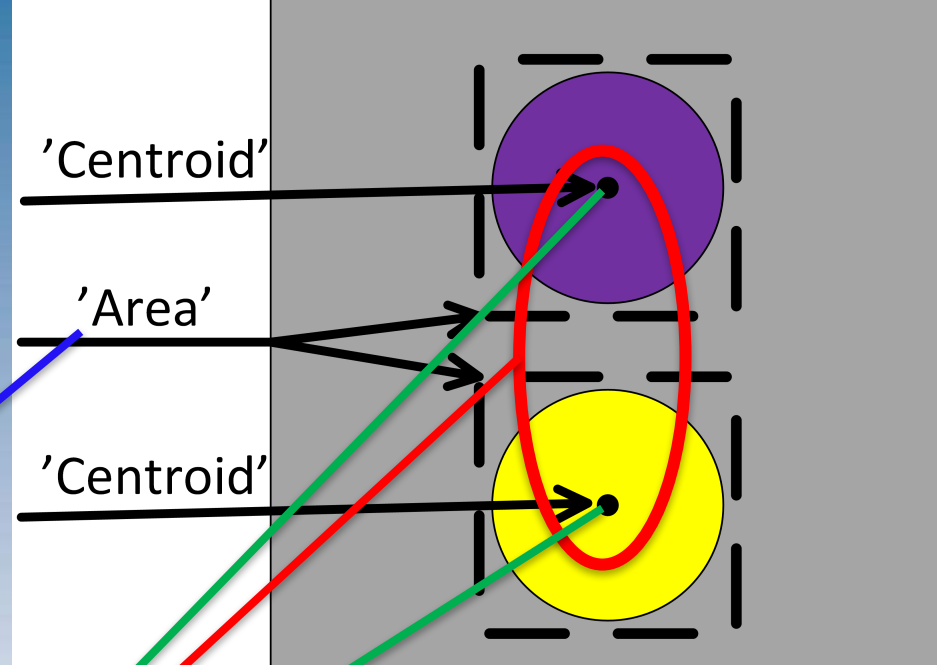
# Visual stimuli

From the measured values:

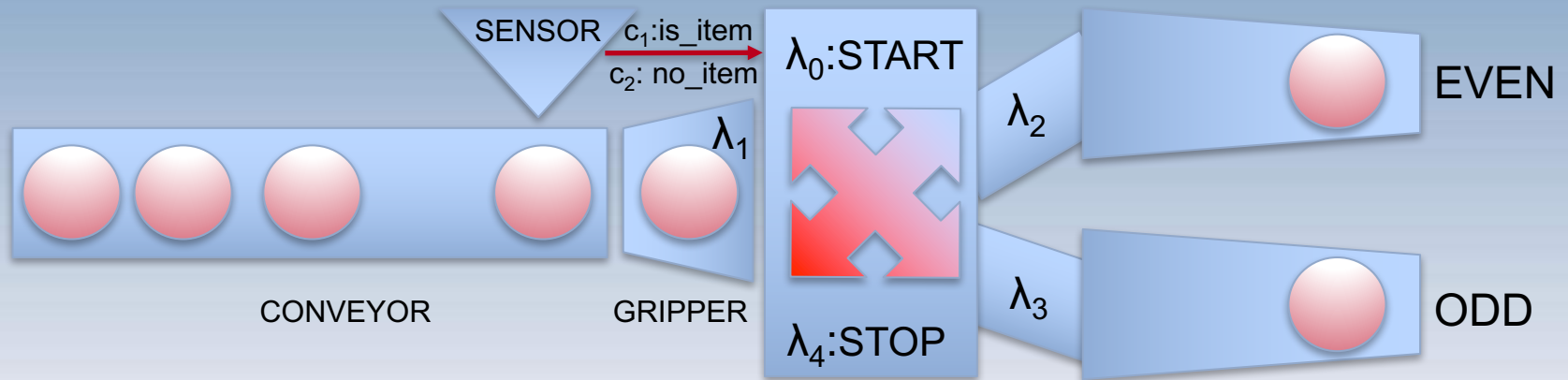
1. Spatial relation between figures
2. Similarity of shapes
3. Similarity of colors

VSA mapping structure:

[~~SPATIAL RELATION~~+ Placeholder\_1 ⊗ figure1+ Placeholder\_2 ⊗ figure2+  
Similarity of shapes +Similarity of colors]



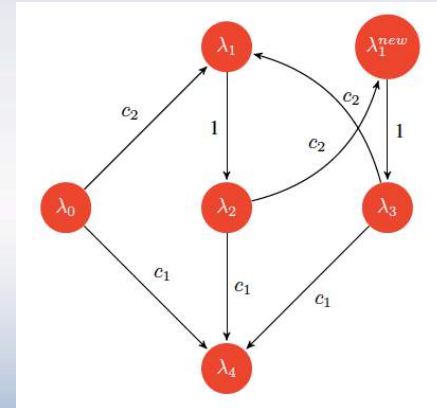
# Hyperdimensional synthesis of automata model of a controlled object



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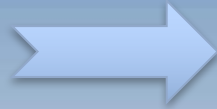
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# Details HD synthesis

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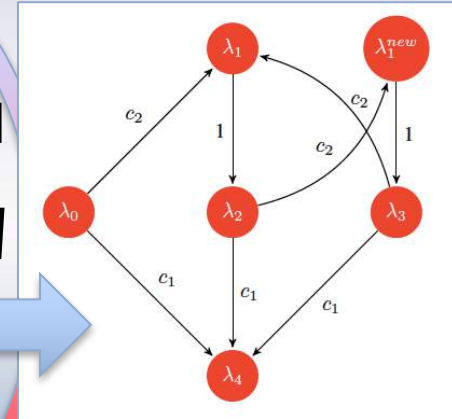
- 1)  $T1 : \{\lambda_0 \xrightarrow{c_1} \lambda_4\}$
- 2)  $T2 : \{\lambda_0 \xrightarrow[t_1]{c_2} \lambda_1 \xrightarrow{c_1} \lambda_2 \xrightarrow{c_1} \lambda_4\}$
- 3)  $T3 : \{\lambda_0 \xrightarrow[t_2]{c_2} \lambda_1 \xrightarrow[t_3]{c_2} \lambda_2 \xrightarrow[t_4]{c_2} \lambda_1 \xrightarrow{c_1} \lambda_3 \xrightarrow{c_1} \lambda_4\}$
- 4)  $T4 : \{\lambda_0 \xrightarrow[t_5]{c_2} \lambda_1 \xrightarrow[t_6]{c_2} \lambda_2 \xrightarrow[t_7]{c_2} \lambda_1 \xrightarrow[t_8]{c_2} \lambda_3 \xrightarrow[t_9]{c_2} \lambda_1 \xrightarrow[t_{10}]{c_2} \lambda_2 \xrightarrow[t_{11}]{c_2} \lambda_1 \xrightarrow[t_{12}]{c_2} \lambda_3 \xrightarrow[t_{13}]{c_2} \lambda_1 \xrightarrow[t_{14}]{c_2} \lambda_2 \xrightarrow[t_{15}]{c_1} \lambda_4\}$

$$T_1 = \lambda_0^{<<<} \oplus C_{0 \rightarrow 4} \oplus \lambda_4 \text{ (created)}$$

| $t_i$    | Item Memory                 | Compositional memory                        |   |  |
|----------|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
|          |                             | $STATE_{cur}^{<<<} \oplus STATE_{next}$     | $C_{cur \rightarrow next}$                                    | $STATE_{cur}^{<<<} \oplus C_{cur \rightarrow next} \oplus STATE_{next}$          |
| $t_0$    | EMPTY                       | EMPTY                                       | EMPTY   | EMPTY  |
| $t_1$    | $\lambda_0, c_1, \lambda_4$ | $\lambda_0^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_4$          | $c_1 \notin C_{0 \rightarrow 4} : C_{0 \rightarrow 4} += c_1$ | $T_1 = \lambda_0^{<<<} \oplus C_{0 \rightarrow 4} \oplus \lambda_4$ (created)    |
| $t_2$    | $c_2, \lambda_1$            | $\lambda_0^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_1$          | $c_2 \notin C_{0 \rightarrow 1} : C_{0 \rightarrow 1} += c_2$ | $T_2 = \lambda_0^{<<<} \oplus C_{0 \rightarrow 1} \oplus \lambda_1$ (created)    |
| $t_3$    | $\lambda_2$                 | $\lambda_1^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_2$          | $c_1 \notin C_{1 \rightarrow 2} : C_{1 \rightarrow 2} += c_1$ | $T_3 = \lambda_1^{<<<} \oplus C_{1 \rightarrow 2} \oplus \lambda_2$ (created)    |
| $t_4$    |                             | $\lambda_2^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_4$          | $c_1 \notin C_{2 \rightarrow 4} : C_{2 \rightarrow 4} += c_1$ | $T_4 = \lambda_2^{<<<} \oplus C_{2 \rightarrow 4} \oplus \lambda_4$ (created)    |
| $t_5$    |                             | $\lambda_0^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_1$ (exists) | $c_2 \in C_{0 \rightarrow 1} : \text{(not updated)}$          | (not updated)  |
| $t_6$    |                             | $\lambda_1^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_2$ (exists) | $c_2 \notin C_{1 \rightarrow 2} : C_{1 \rightarrow 2} += c_2$ | $T_5 = \lambda_1^{<<<} \oplus C_{1 \rightarrow 1} \oplus \lambda_2$ (updated)    |
| $t_7$    |                             | $\lambda_2^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_1$          | $c_2 \notin C_{2 \rightarrow 1} : C_{2 \rightarrow 1} += c_2$ | $T_6 = \lambda_2^{<<<} \oplus C_{2 \rightarrow 1} \oplus \lambda_1$ (created)    |
| $t_8$    | $\lambda_3$                 | $\lambda_1^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_3$          | $c_1 \notin C_{1 \rightarrow 3} : C_{1 \rightarrow 3} += c_1$ | $T_7 = \lambda_1^{<<<} \oplus C_{1 \rightarrow 3} \oplus \lambda_3$ (created)    |
| $t_9$    |                             | $\lambda_3^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_4$          | $c_1 \notin C_{3 \rightarrow 4} : C_{3 \rightarrow 4} += c_1$ | $T_8 = \lambda_3^{<<<} \oplus C_{3 \rightarrow 4} \oplus \lambda_4$ (created)    |
| $t_{10}$ |                             | $\lambda_0^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_1$ (exists) | $c_2 \in C_{0 \rightarrow 1} : \text{(not updated)}$          | (not updated)  |
| $t_{11}$ |                             | $\lambda_1^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_2$ (exists) | $c_2 \in C_{1 \rightarrow 2} : \text{(not updated)}$          | (not updated)  |
| $t_{12}$ |                             | $\lambda_2^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_1$ (exists) | $c_2 \in C_{2 \rightarrow 1} : \text{(not updated)}$          | (not updated)  |
| $t_{13}$ |                             | $\lambda_1^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_3$ (exists) | $c_2 \notin C_{1 \rightarrow 3} : C_{1 \rightarrow 3} += c_2$ | $T_9 = \lambda_1^{<<<} \oplus C_{1 \rightarrow 3} \oplus \lambda_3$ (updated)    |
| $t_{14}$ |                             | $\lambda_3^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_1$          | $c_2 \notin C_{3 \rightarrow 1} : C_{3 \rightarrow 1} += c_2$ | $T_{10} = \lambda_3^{<<<} \oplus C_{3 \rightarrow 1} \oplus \lambda_1$ (created) |
| $t_{15}$ |                             | $\lambda_1^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_2$ (exists) | $c_1 \in C_{1 \rightarrow 2} : \text{(not updated)}$          | (not updated)  |
| $t_{16}$ |                             | $\lambda_2^{<<<} \oplus \lambda_4$ (exists) | $c_1 \in C_{2 \rightarrow 4} : \text{(not updated)}$          | (not updated)  |

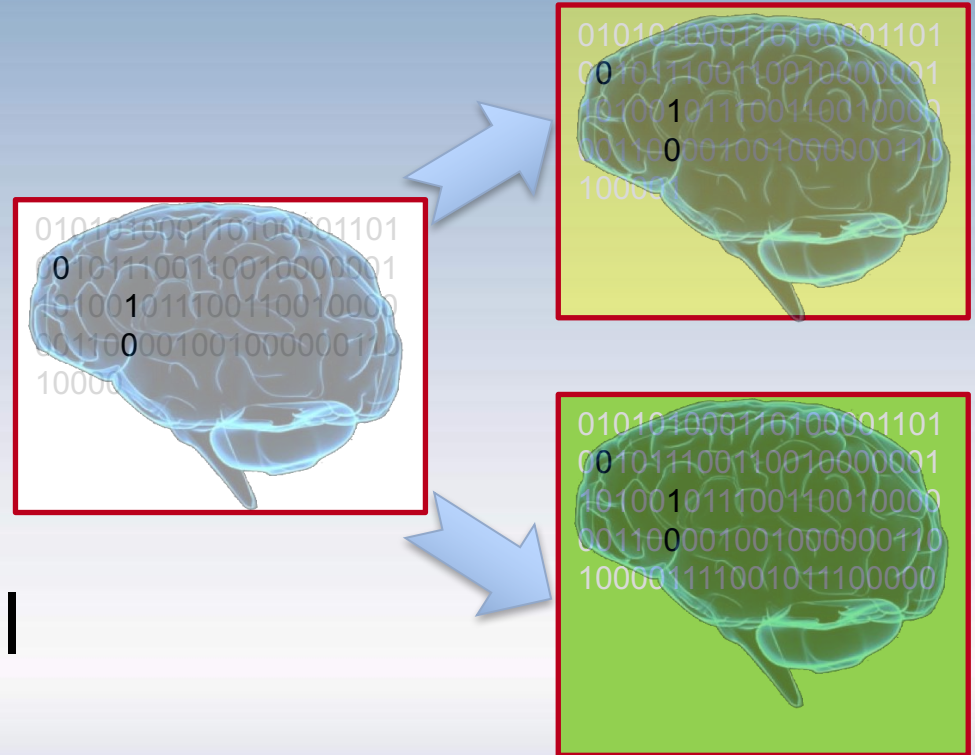
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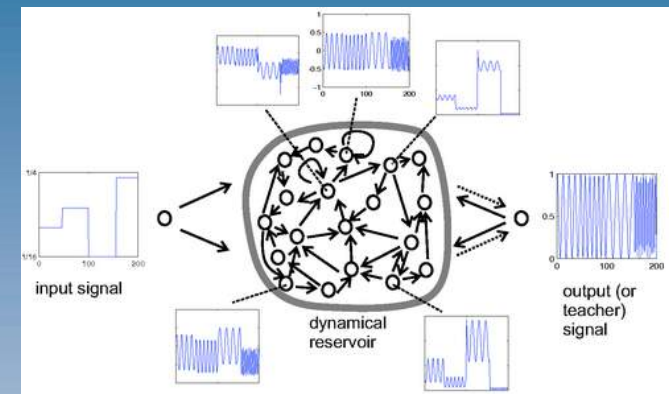


# A foretaste of future developments

- A fully distributed modeling of automation processes down to the nodes
- A hyperdimensional execution environment



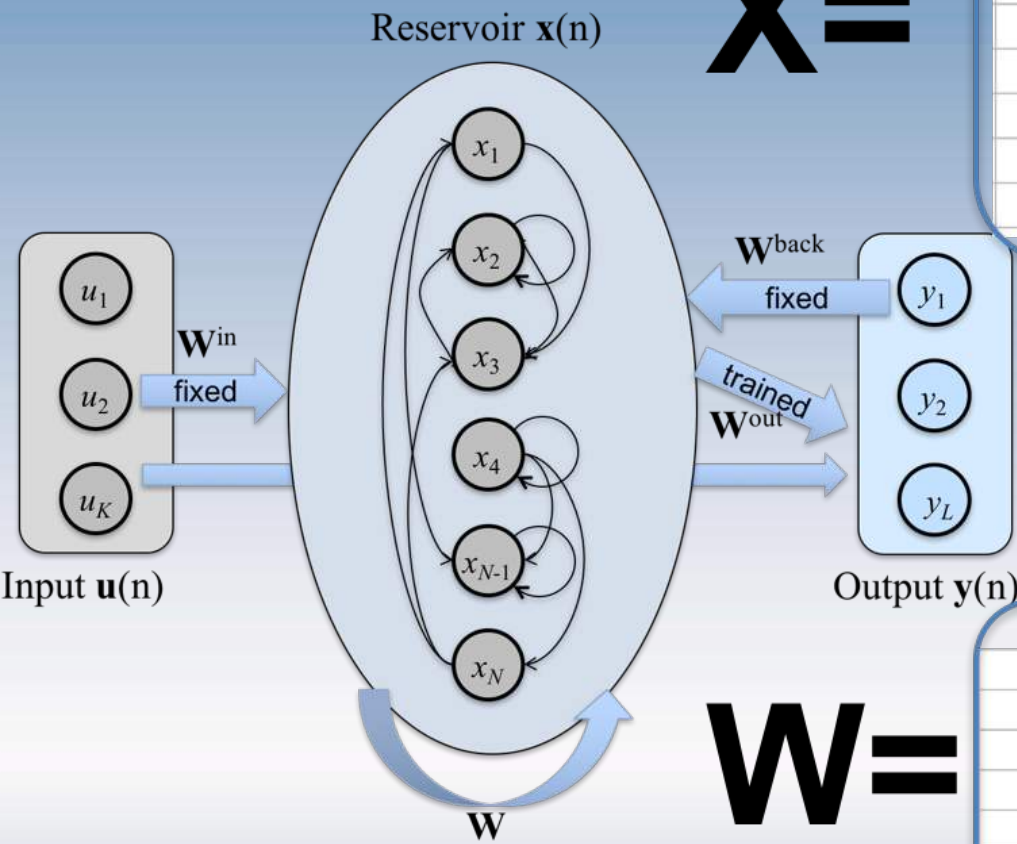
# Integer Echo State Networks: Hyperdimensional reservoir computing



- Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) have been a prominent concept within Artificial Intelligence and Neural Networks.
- RNNs are good for temporal tasks because they are able to memorize historic inputs.
  - speech recognition
- Hard to train
- Reservoir Computing is an alternative to RNNs training.
  - a more accurate model of how recurrent topologies in the brain work, as opposed to feed-forward models
- RC = A dynamical system operating at the “edge of chaos” + a high-dimensional projection of the input + nonlinearity + a fading memory.
- Training = learning only connections to the last readout layer while keeping the other connections to be fixed.



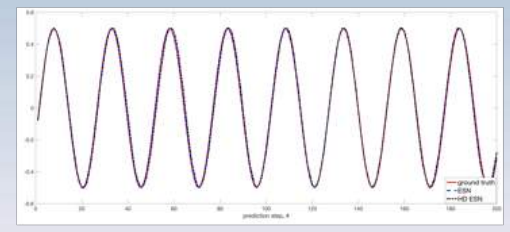
# Echo State Networks (ESN)



$\mathbf{X} =$

|         |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| -0.1203 | -0.1753 | -0.2492 | -0.1953 | -0.2895 |
| -0.2553 | -0.2576 | -0.2578 | -0.3114 | -0.2241 |
| -0.0977 | -0.2840 | -0.3910 | -0.4023 | -0.4288 |
| -0.0873 | -0.0512 | -0.0860 | 0.0240  | 0.0974  |
| 0.0679  | 0.1130  | 0.3028  | 0.3411  | 0.3518  |
| 0.0112  | 0.0287  | 0.0118  | -0.0166 | -0.0590 |
| -0.0557 | 0.0018  | -0.0369 | -0.0221 | 0.0180  |
| 0.2321  | 0.4240  | 0.4554  | 0.4658  | 0.4944  |
| -0.1397 | 0.0964  | -0.0387 | -0.0046 | -0.1063 |
| 0.1740  | 0.2162  | 0.1590  | 0.1610  | 0.1791  |

$\mathbf{Y} =$



$\mathbf{W} =$

|        |         |         |         |         |        |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0.9754  | 0      |
| 0      | -0.6574 | 0.5498  | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 0      | 0.0803  | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| 0      | 0       | 0       | -0.4422 | -0.4987 | 0.2573 |
| 0.1385 | 0       | 0       | 0       | -0.9750 | 0.0731 |
| 0      | 0       | -0.1994 | 0       | 0.6850  | 0      |

$$\mathbf{x}(n) = \tanh(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}(n-1) + \mathbf{W}^{\text{in}}\mathbf{u}(n) + \mathbf{W}^{\text{back}}\mathbf{y}(n-1))$$

$$\mathbf{y}(n) = \tanh(\mathbf{W}^{\text{out}}[\mathbf{x}(n); \mathbf{u}(n)])$$

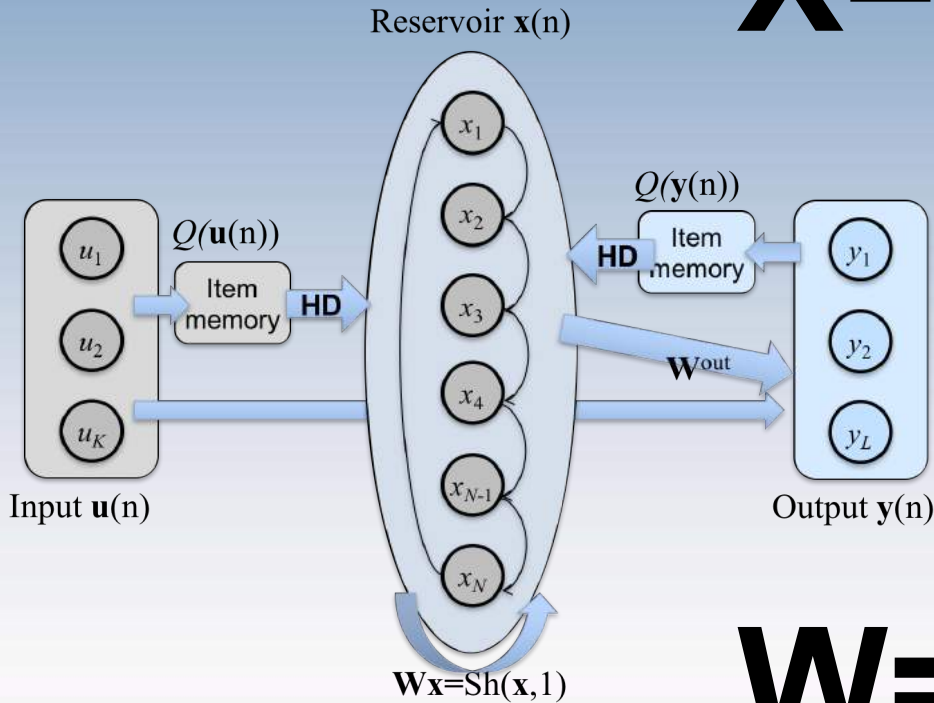
# Achieving “binarization”

- **We want** to convert major operations on reservoir to the domain of (less than one-byte) integers

$$\mathbf{x}(n)=\tanh(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}(n-1)+\mathbf{W}^{\text{in}}\mathbf{u}(n)+\mathbf{W}^{\text{back}}\mathbf{y}(n-1))$$

- We want Inputs to reservoir  $\mathbf{W}^{\text{in}}\mathbf{u}(n)$  and  $\mathbf{W}^{\text{back}}\mathbf{y}(n-1)$   $\mathbf{u}(n)$  have integer values
- The result of projection of the reservoir on itself  $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}(n-1)$  should have integer values
- Finally after nonlinear function  $\tanh()$  the result should have integer values

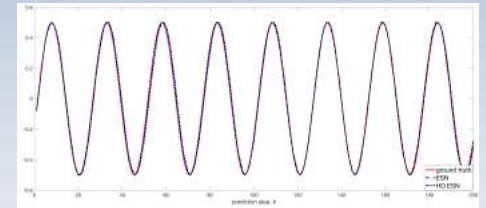
# intESN



**X =**

|     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0   | -2  | -4  | -2  | -4  |
| -1  | -1  | -3  | -5  | -3  |
| -6  | -2  | -2  | -4  | -6  |
| -5  | -5  | -1  | -1  | -3  |
| -8  | -6  | -6  | -2  | -2  |
| -7  | -7  | -5  | -5  | -1  |
| -8  | -8  | -8  | -6  | -6  |
| -9  | -9  | -9  | -9  | -7  |
| -10 | -10 | -10 | -10 | -10 |
| -9  | -9  | -9  | -9  | -10 |

**Y =**



**W =**

|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

$$\mathbf{x}(n) = \text{clipping}(\text{Sh}(\mathbf{x}(n-1), 1) + \text{item}(\mathbf{u}(n)) + \text{item}(\mathbf{y}(n-1)))$$

$$\mathbf{y}(n) = \tanh(\mathbf{W}^{\text{out}}[\mathbf{x}(n); \text{item}(\mathbf{u}(n))])$$

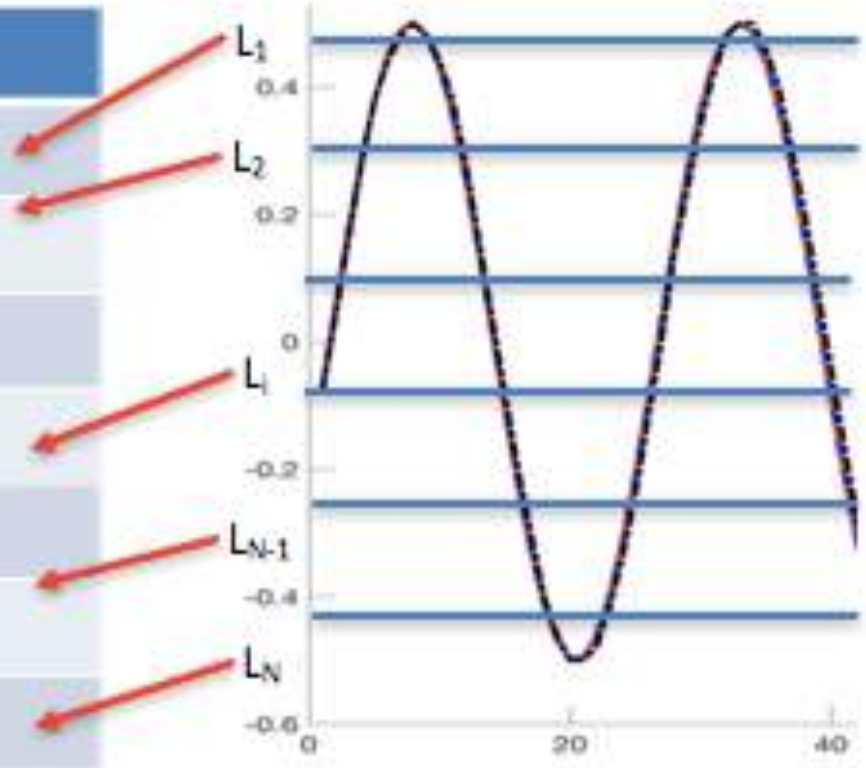


This step is same as before!

# Discretization - projection – item memory

## ITEM MEMORY

| Item      | BDDR vector                      |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| $L_1$     | -1 +1 +1 +1 -1 +1 - -1 -1 ... +1 |
| $L_2$     | +1 -1 -1 +1 +1 -1 - -1 +1 ... -1 |
| ...       | ...                              |
| $L_i$     | -1 -1 -1 +1 +1 +1 - -1 +1 ... +1 |
| ...       | ...                              |
| $L_{N-1}$ | -1 +1 +1 -1 -1 +1 - -1 -1 ... +1 |
| $L_N$     | -1 -1 -1 +1 -1 +1 - +1 -1 ... -1 |



# Cyclic shift as a recurrent connection

- Cyclic shift is used instead of matrix-vector multiplication

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Sh}(\mathbf{x},1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Cyclic shift can be represented as a recurrent connection matrix  $\mathbf{W}$
- This matrix is extremely sparse
- The result of matrix-vector multiplication is the same as for cyclic shift

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

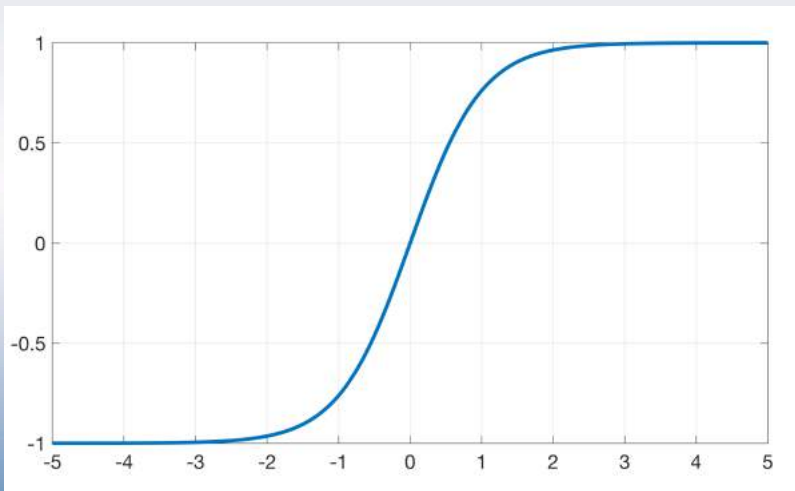
$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



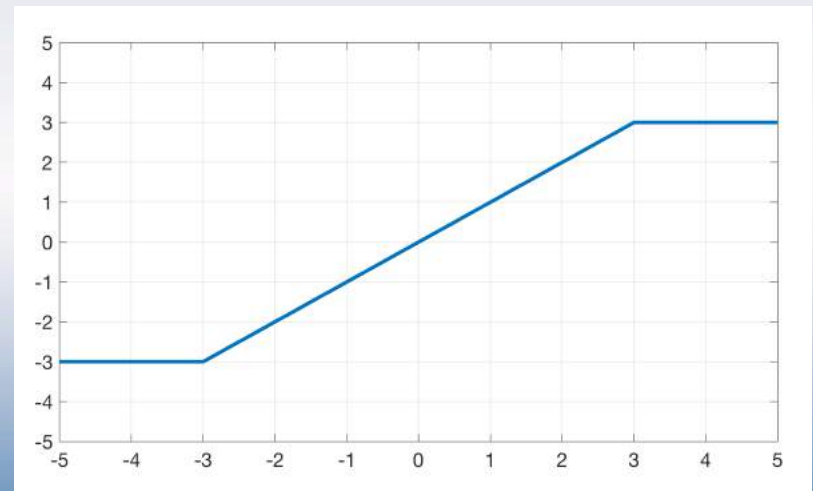
# Clipping as a nonlinearity function

- One of the key operations in ESN is a nonlinear function  $\tanh(x)$  applied on the reservoir at every step.
- Two key functions of  $\tanh(x)$ :
  - Keep values of the reservoir in the restricted range
  - Introduce nonlinearity
- We swap  $\tanh(x)$  with the clipping function which clips all the values above certain threshold  $k$

$\tanh(\mathbf{x})$

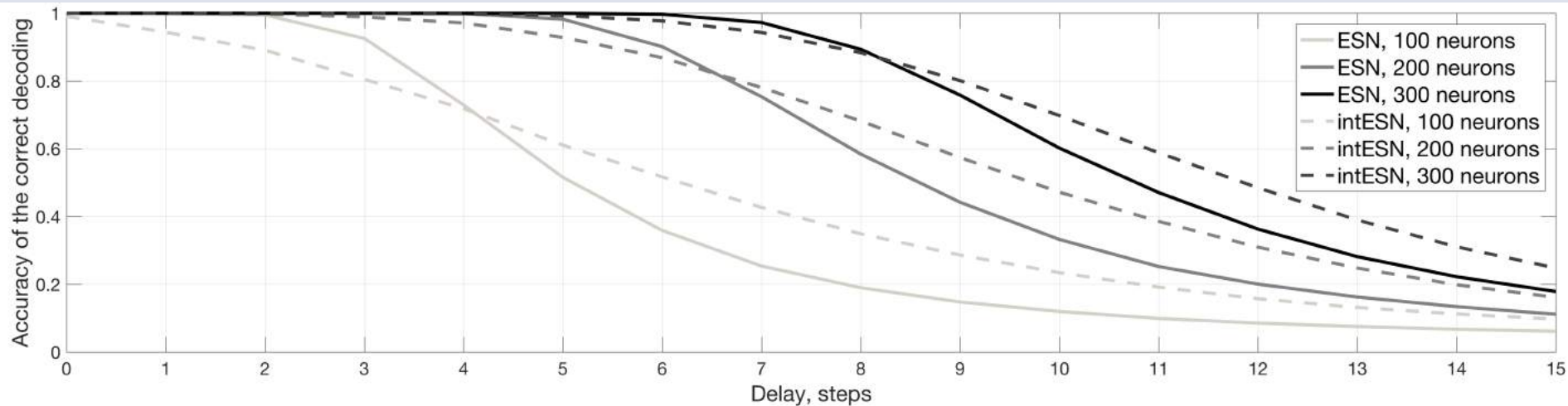


$\text{clipping}(\mathbf{x}), k=3$



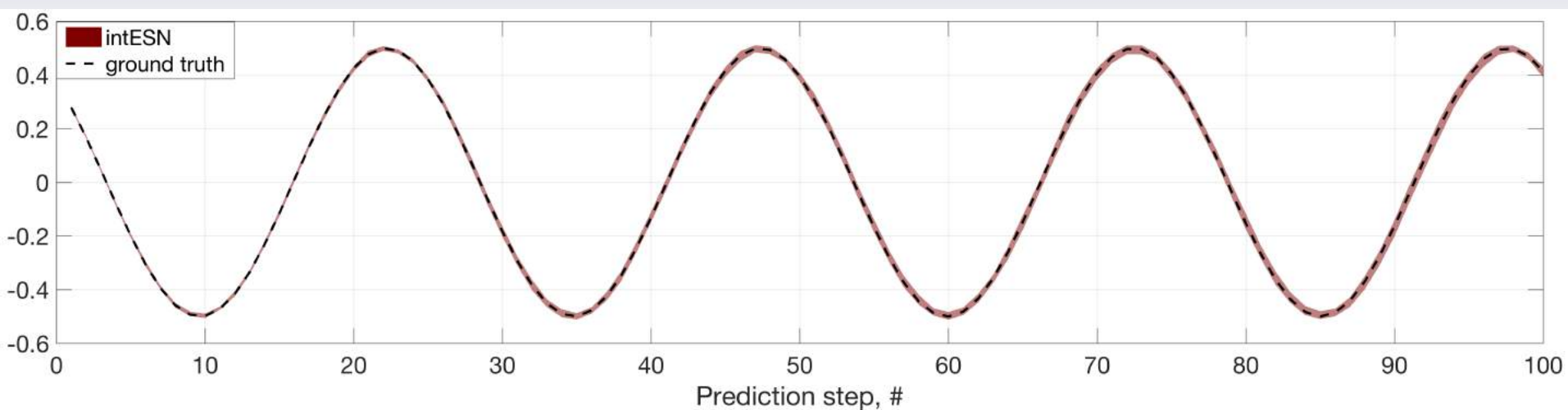
# Comparison of short-term memory

- Sequence recall task. Network continuously stores a sequence of tokens.
- One token is presented as input each time step
- Dictionary contains 27 unique tokens
- At the recall stage, the network uses the content of its reservoir to retrieve the token stored  $d$  steps ago, where  $d$  denotes delay



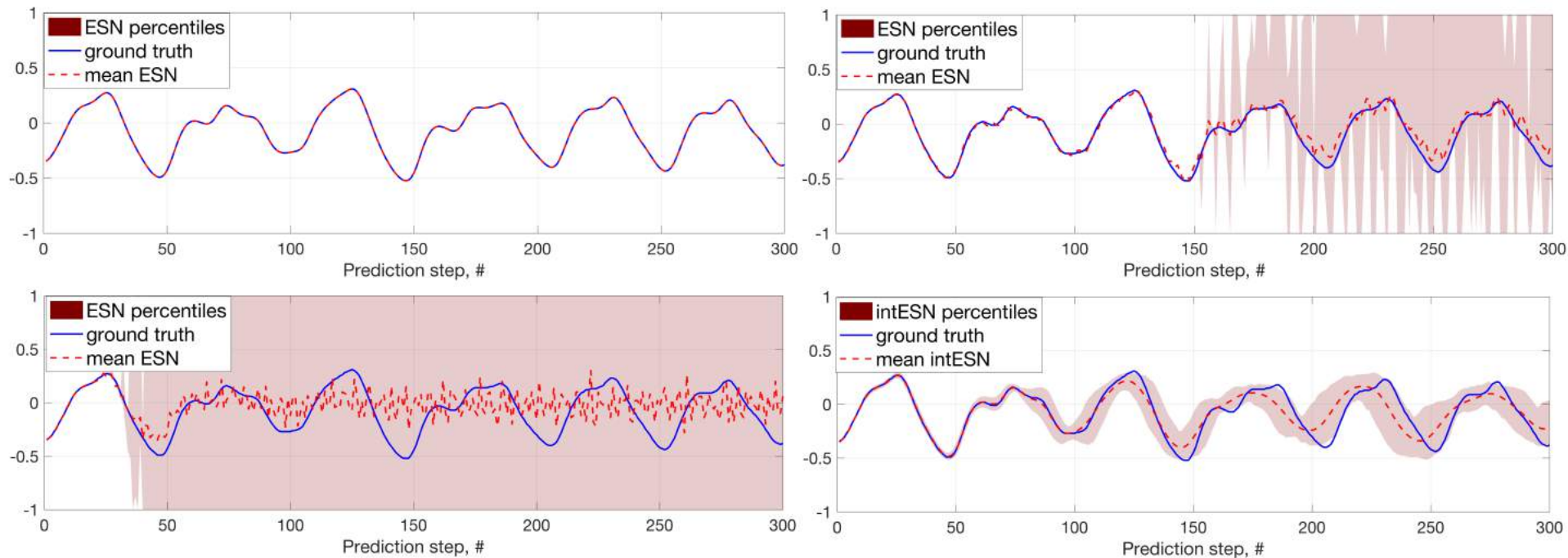
# Sinusoidal generator

- An example of a learning simple dynamic system with the constant cyclic behavior. Function form  $y(n) = 0.5 \sin(n/4)$
- The network projected the activations of the output layer back to the reservoir
- The output layer had only one neuron
- In the operating phase, the network acted as the generator of the signal feeding its previous prediction (at time  $n-1$ ) back to the reservoir.



# Mackey-Glass Prediction

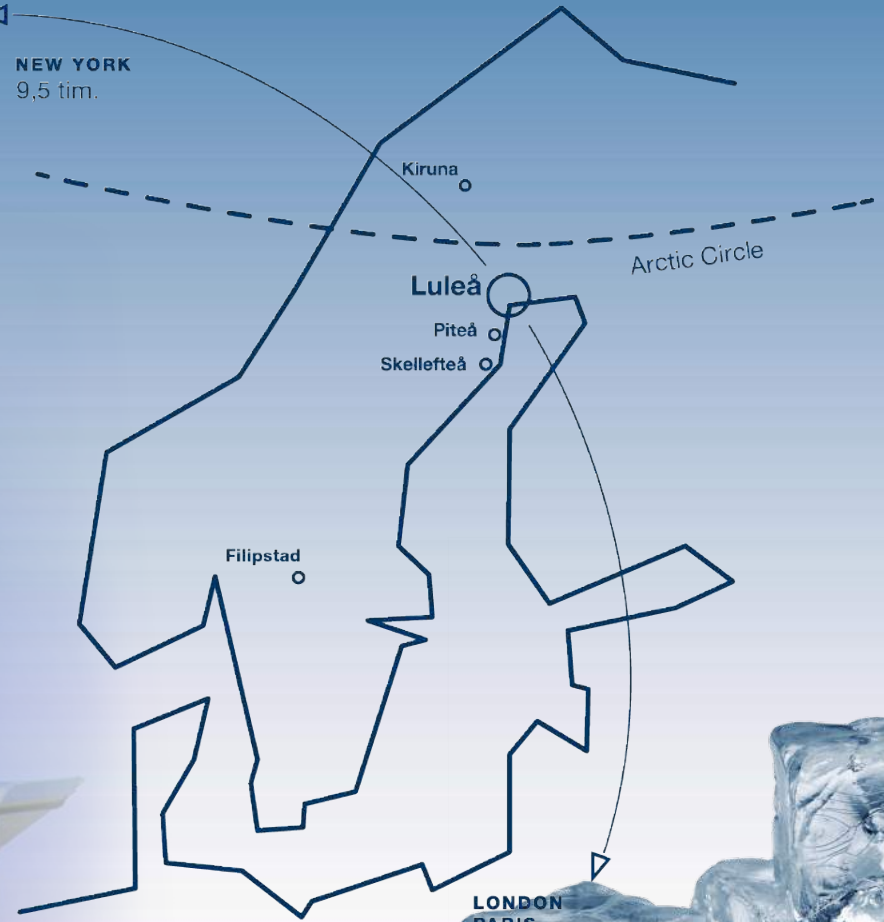
- A Mackey-Glass series is generated by the nonlinear time delay differential equation
- Panels show different cases related to the quantization of the data



# Typical performance

- Due to the integer approximation the accuracy of intESN is to a certain degree lower than that of traditional ESN.
- Still very good
- Extremely attractive for:
  - Size, weight, and power constrained devices
  - General area of approximate computing (where errors and approximations are acceptable as long as the outcomes have a well-defined statistical behavior).

Questions –  
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