



Self-generated off-line memory reprocessing in a hierarchical recurrent neural network

Boosting recognition performance in absence of external stimuli

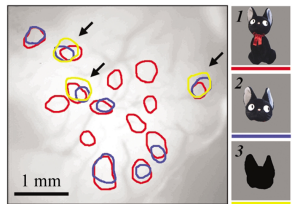
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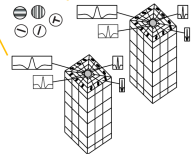
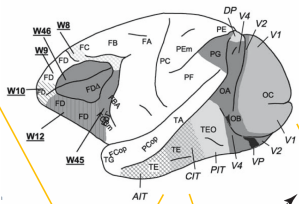


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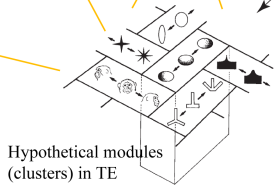
Memory network in the visual cortex



Cluster responses in dorsal TE, macaque (via optical intrinsic imaging)



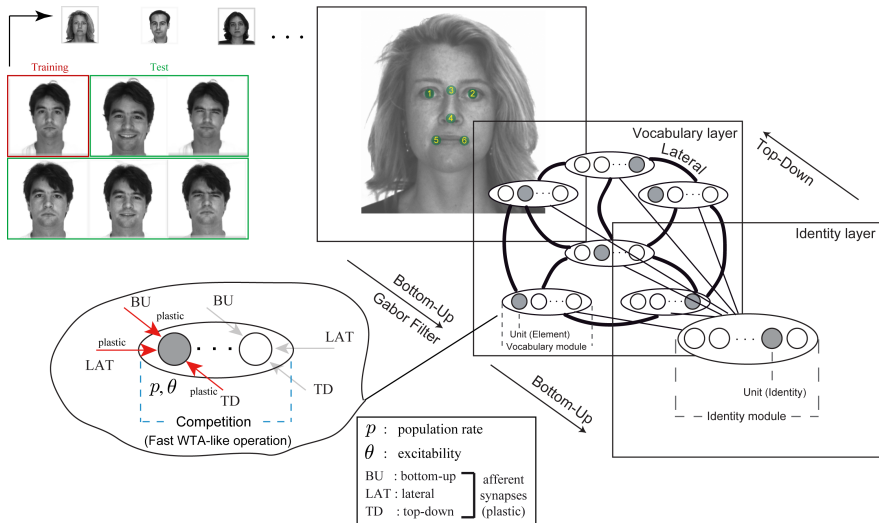
Hypothetical modules (clusters) in V1



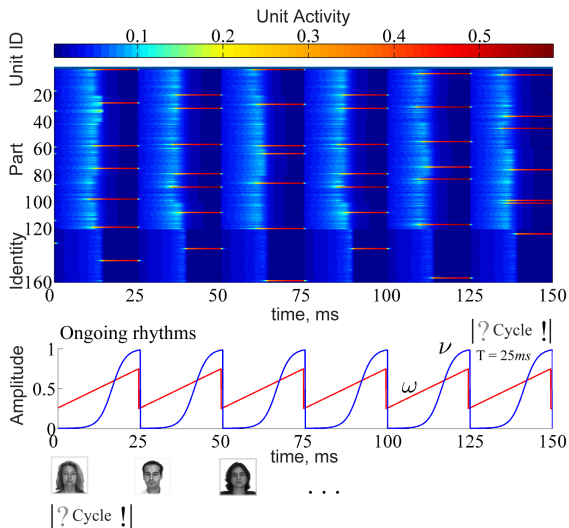
Hypothetical modules (clusters) in TE

DeValois, 1990; Tanaka, 1996, 2003; Tsunoda et al., 2001

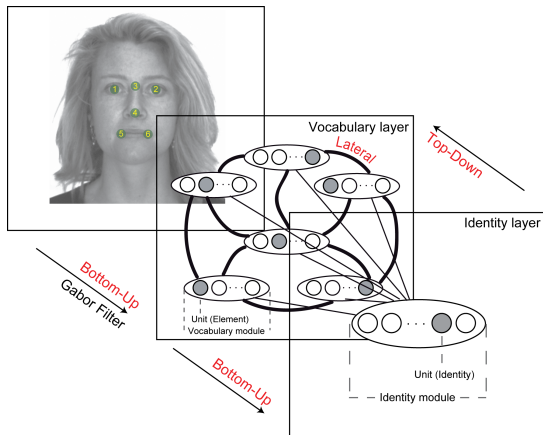
Unsupervised learning of compositional object identity



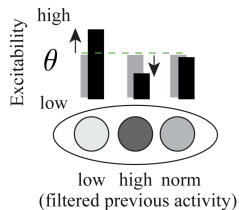
Network activity dynamics and competitive learning



Excitability regulation and memory trace formation

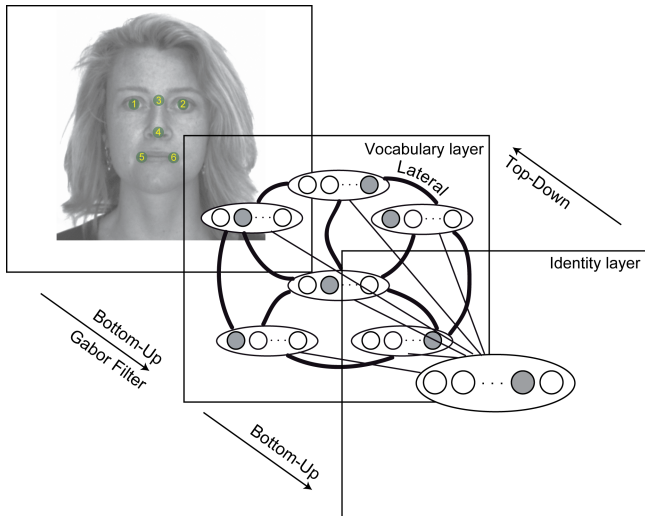


Intrinsic plasticity

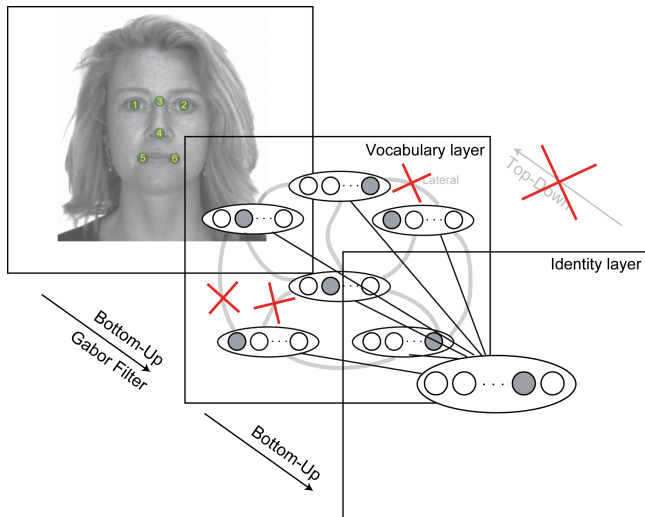


$$\underbrace{\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \tau_{\theta}^{-1}(p_{aim} - \langle p \rangle)}_{\text{Adaptive excitability}}, \quad \underbrace{\langle p \rangle = \frac{1}{T} \int_t^{t+T} p(t) dt}_{\text{Average activity in a cycle}}, \quad \underbrace{p_{aim} = \frac{1}{n}}_{\text{Target activity}}$$

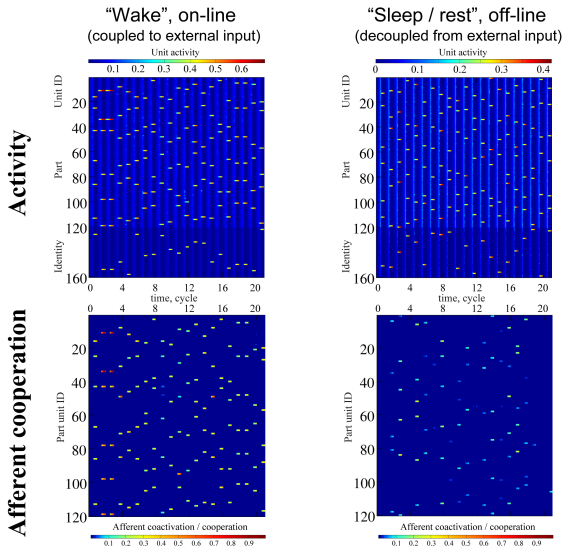
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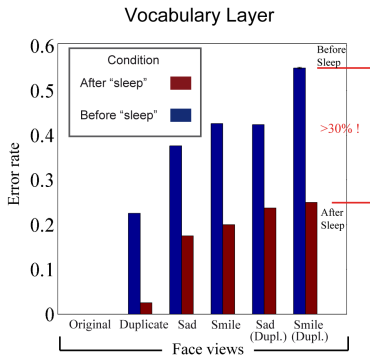
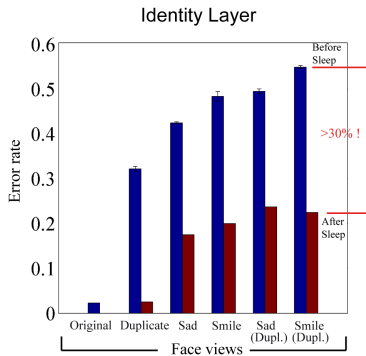
Stimulus induced and self-generated activity



Jitsev and von der Malsburg, 2010; Jitsev, 2010

Generalization boost after the off-line regime

Identity error before and after "sleep"

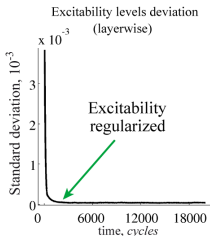
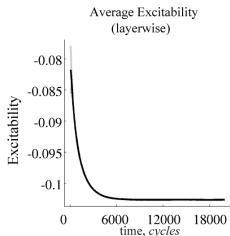


Improving recognition function via off-line reprocessing

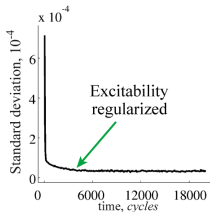
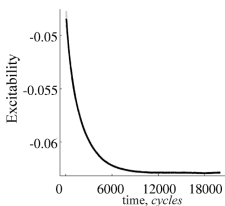
- The positive effect does **not** require synapse-specific plasticity
- The effect is stronger on the novel views not presented before
→ Off-line reprocessing boosts the ability to generalize

Intrinsic excitability regulation in the "sleep" state

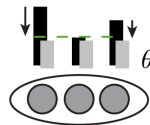
Vocabulary layer



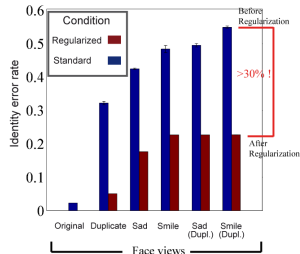
Identity layer



Excitability regularization

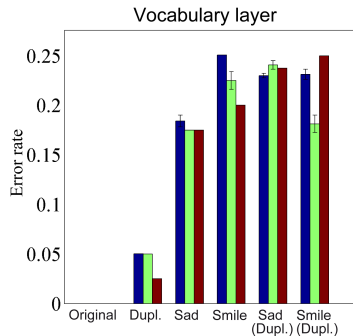
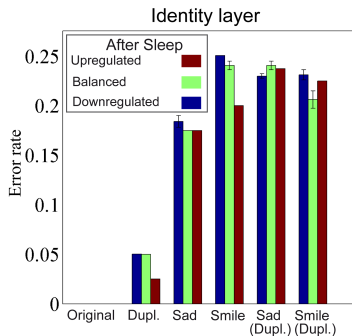


Manual regularization



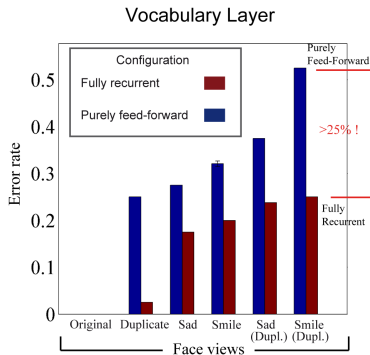
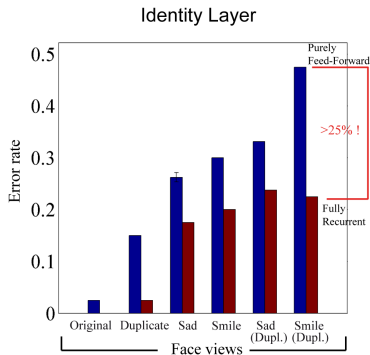
Excitability equalization causes the positive effect

- Positive effect does not depend on direction of regulation



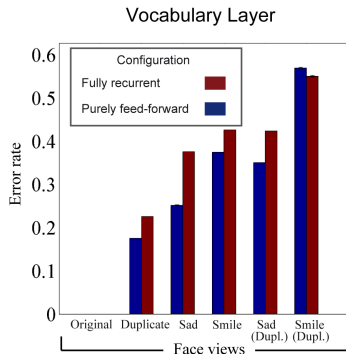
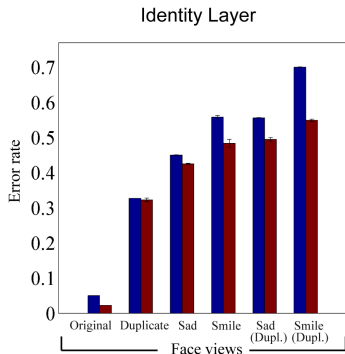
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Identity error after "sleep"



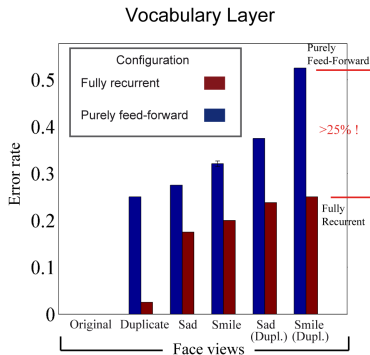
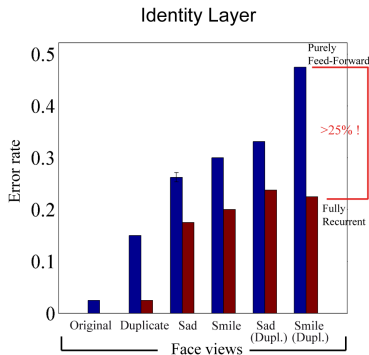
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Résumé

Improving recurrent neuronal network via off-line reprocessing

- Self-generated reprocessing in absence of external stimuli
- Strong boost in recognition performance after the off-line regime for the data not shown before
- The positive effect entirely mediated by synapse-unspecific excitability regulation
- Off-line boost favors fully recurrent architecture over purely feed-forward one



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