

# “The ethical challenges of Artificial Intelligence”

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PROJECT: MNEMOSYNE**

**Brain computer interface to study and manipulate  
memories of aversive experience during sleep**

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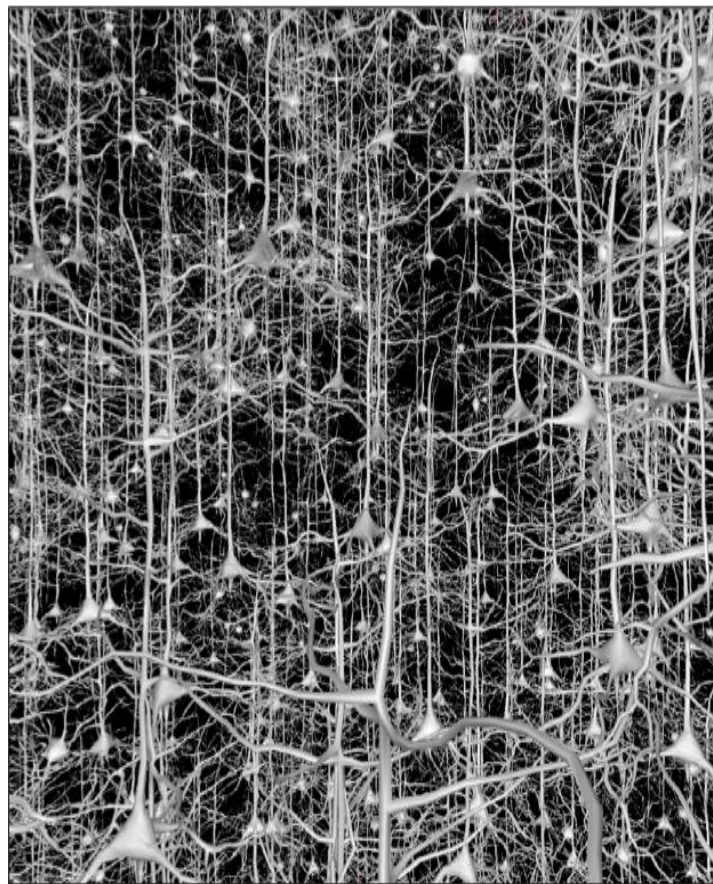
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## Main topic of research : Sleep and memory



Neuronal network

**Understand memory and its pathologies**

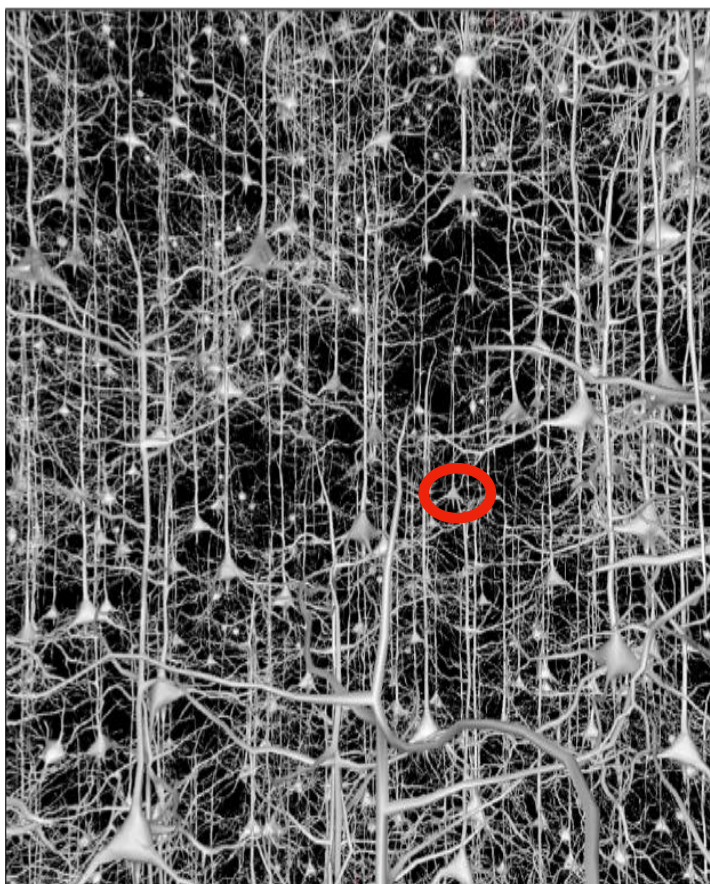
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**Understand how neurons communicate together and how experience modifies this communication**



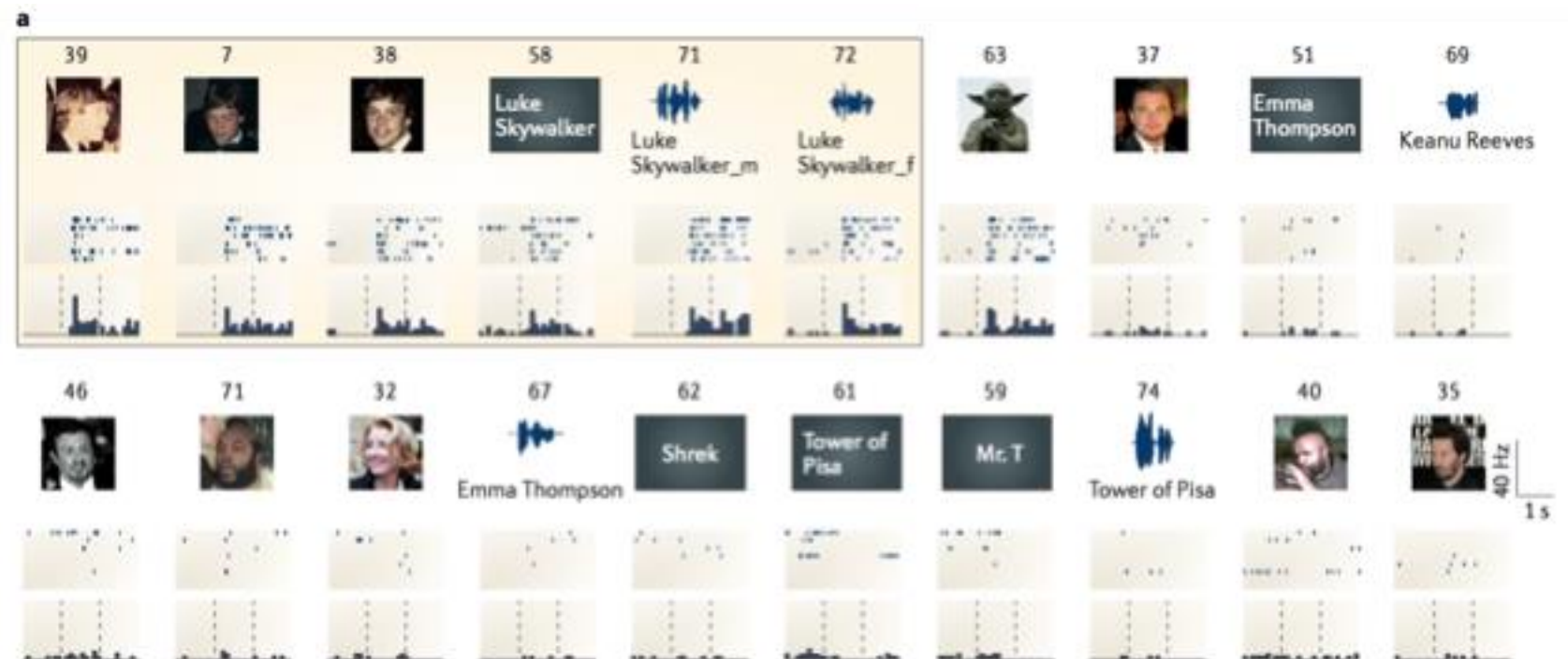


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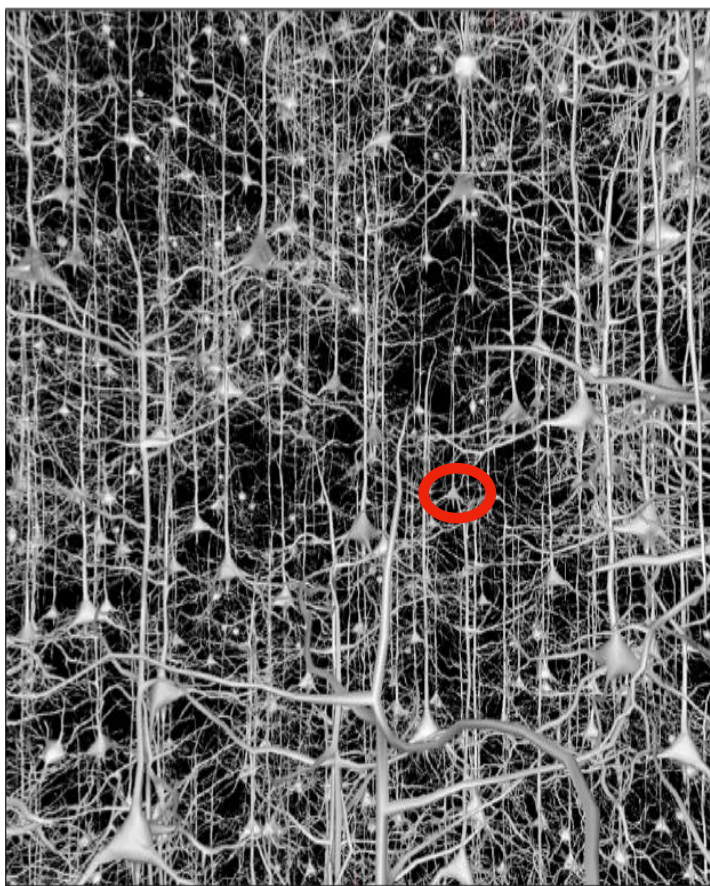
### The « Luke Skywalker » neuron



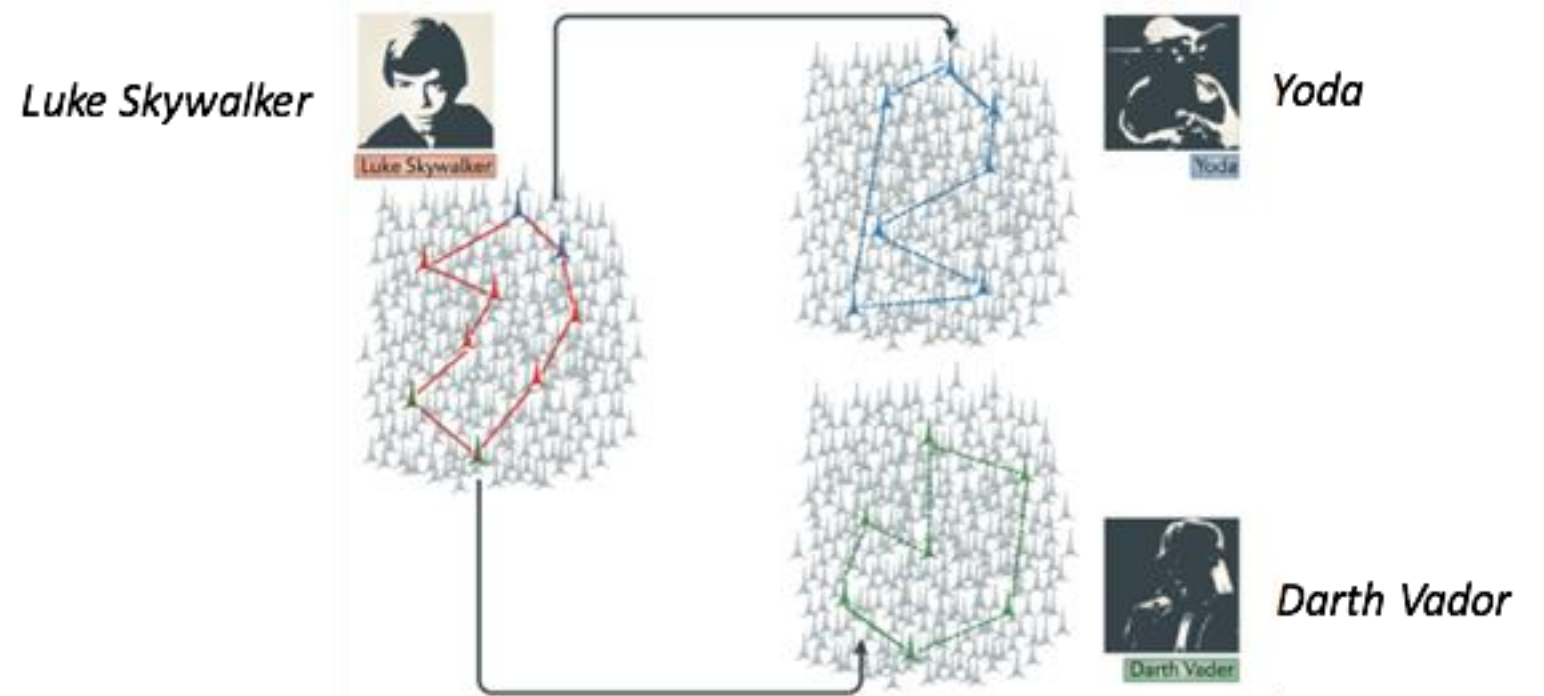
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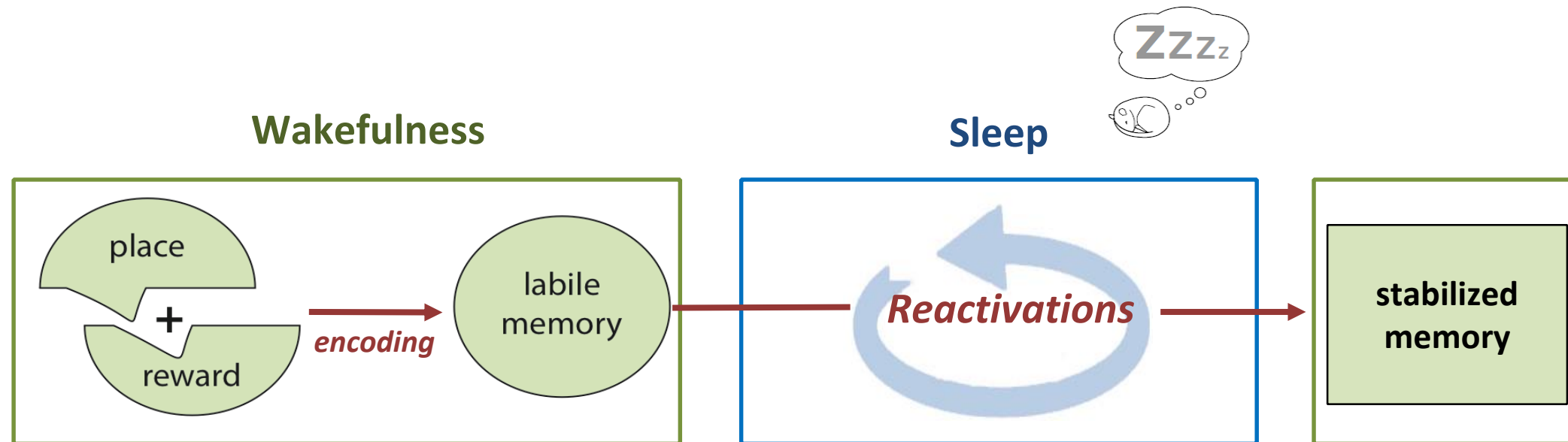


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## Population coding in the brain

*Need to record a lot of neurons simultaneously*

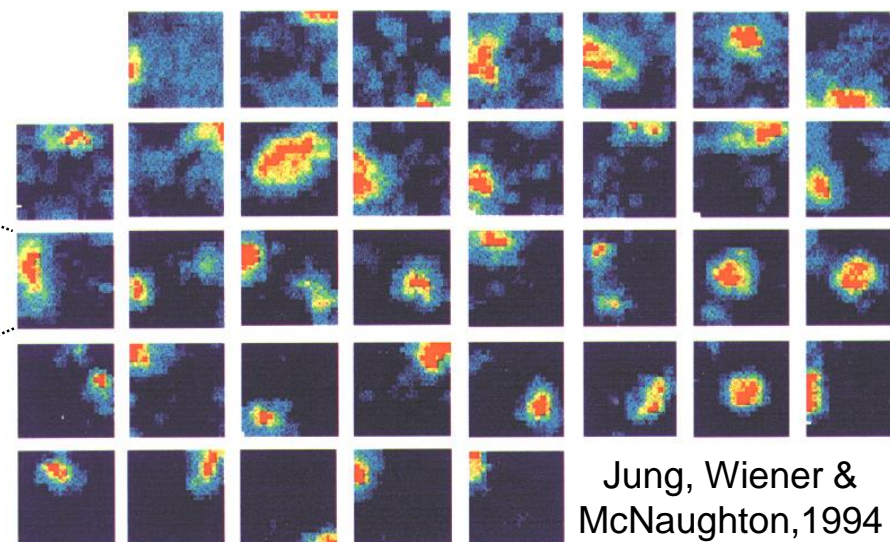
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Place cell

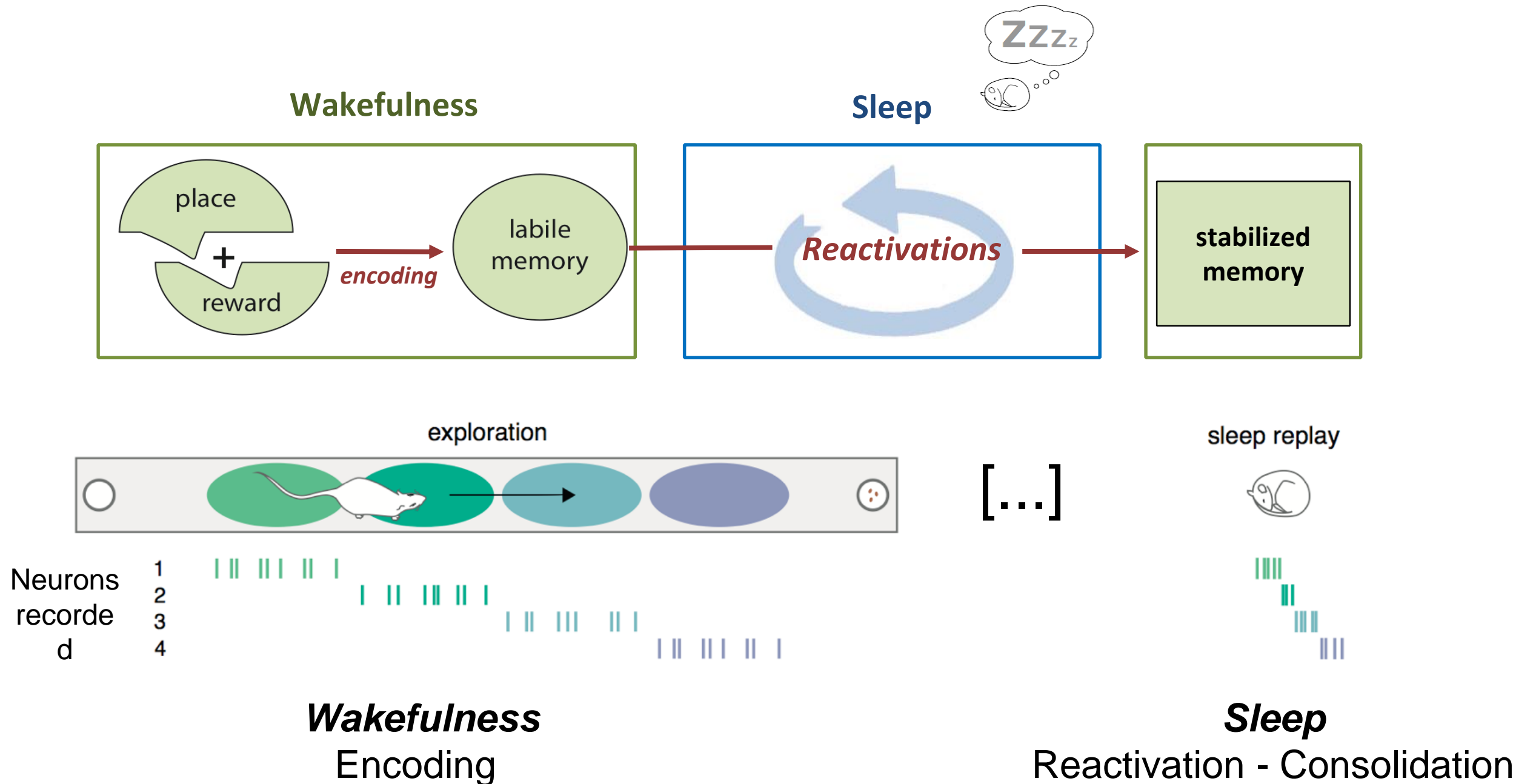


(O'Keefe & Dostrovsky  
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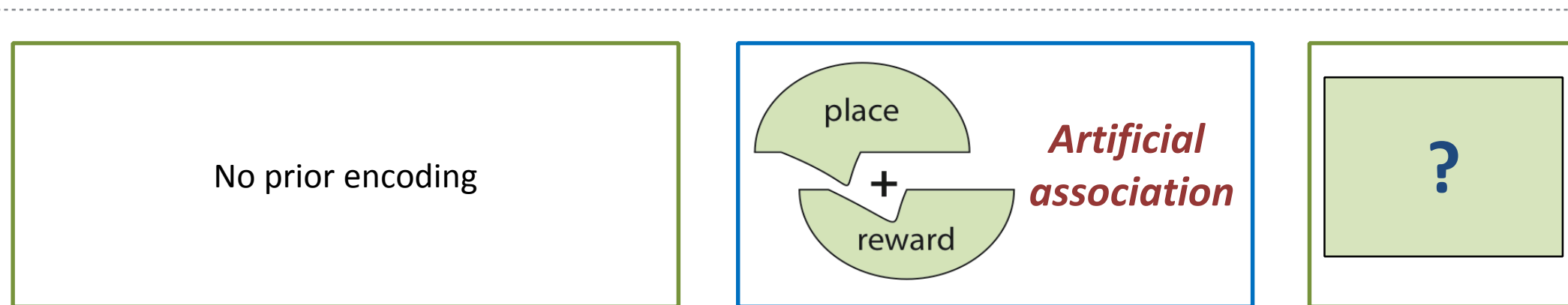
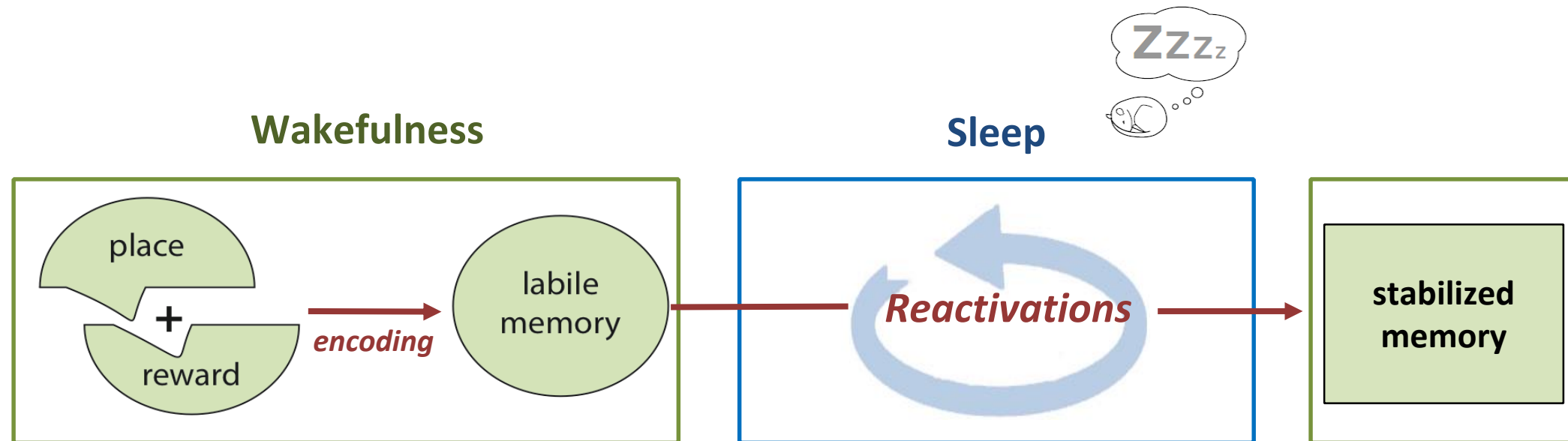
Jung, Wiener &  
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**ARTIFICIAL LEARNING**  
during sleep

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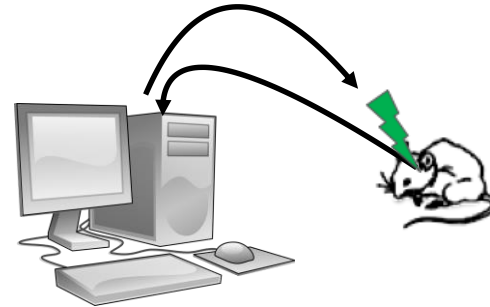
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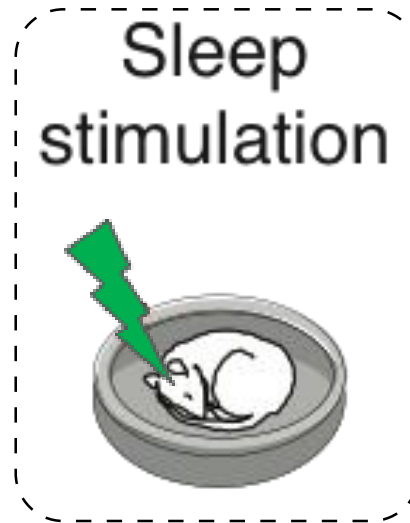
## Brain computer interface



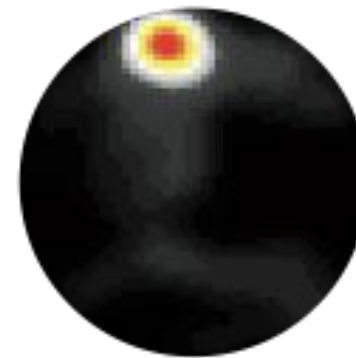
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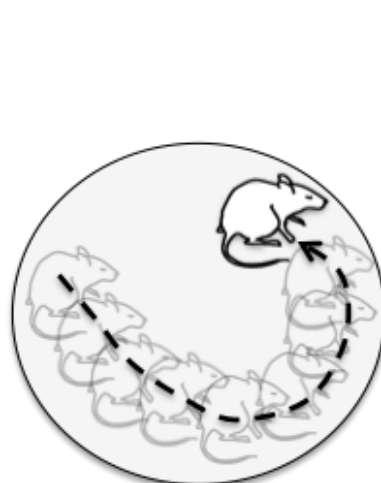
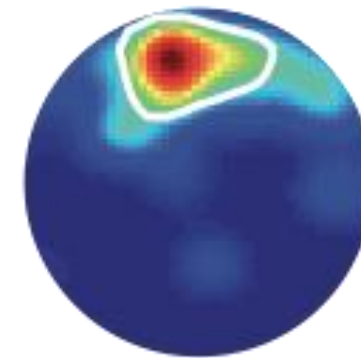
Sleep  
stimulation



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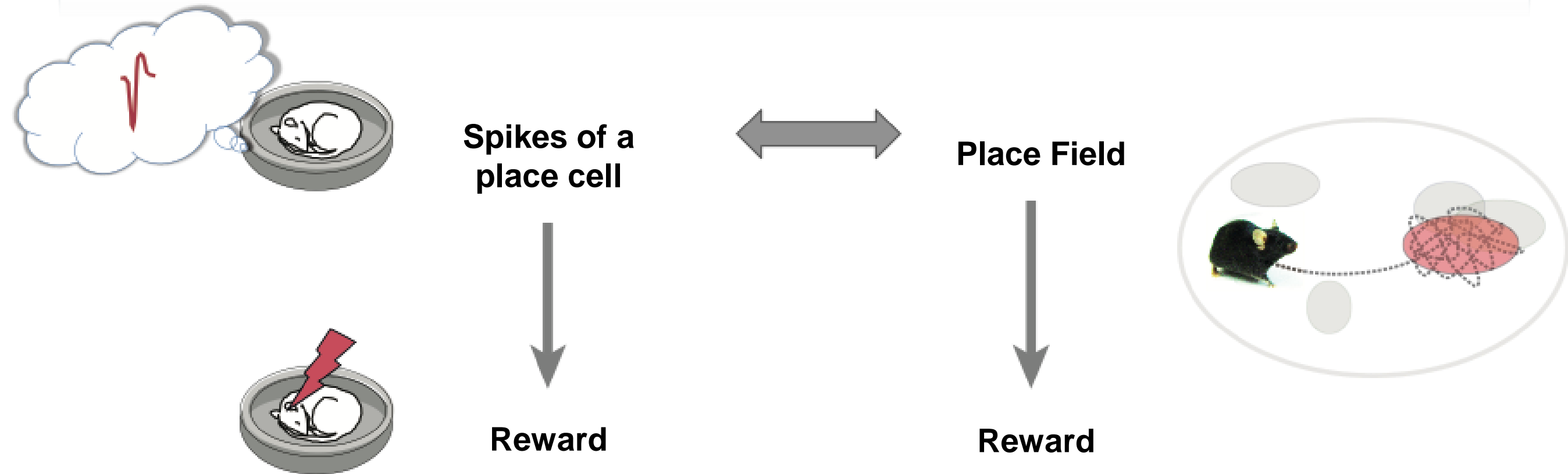


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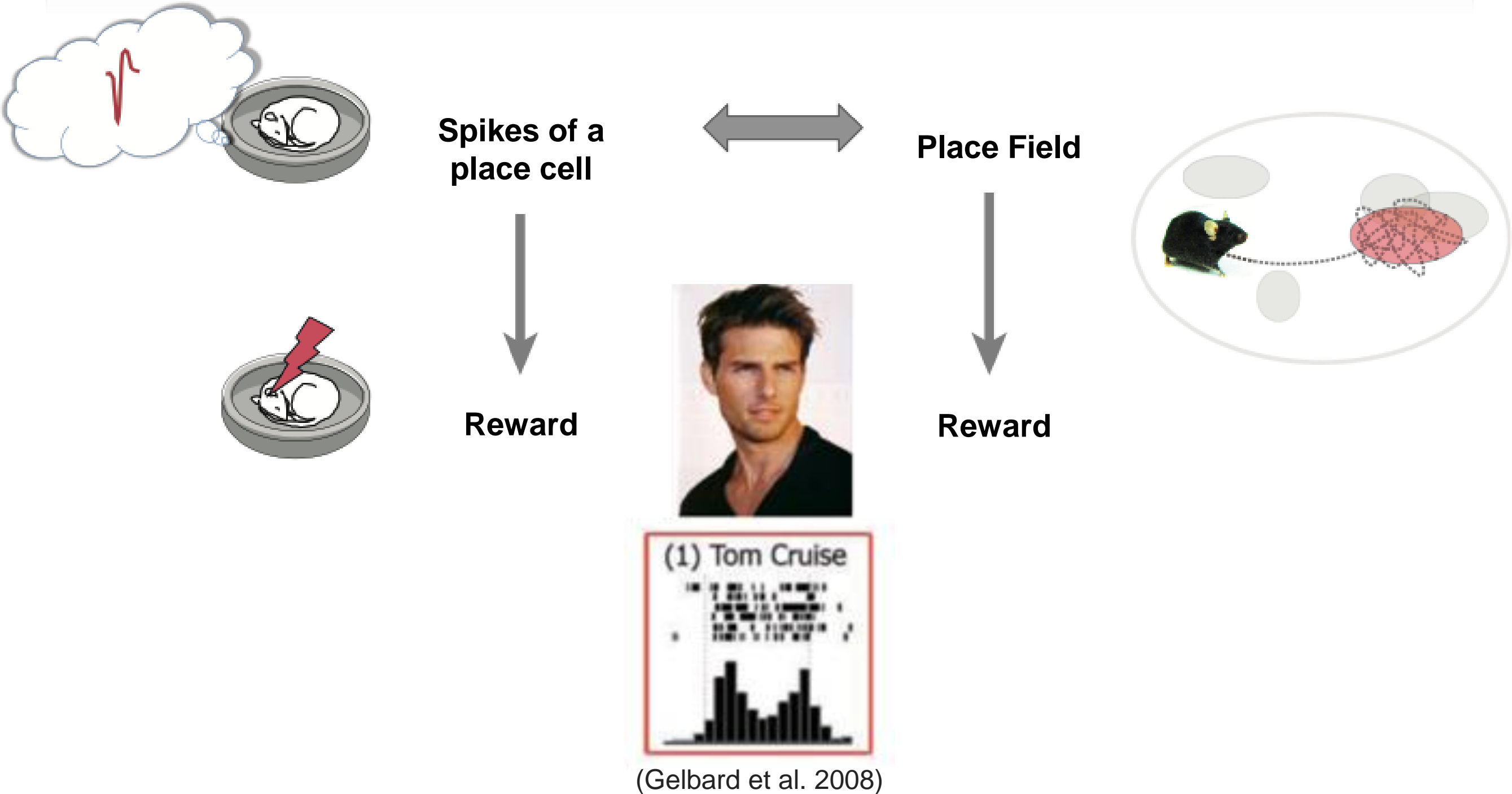


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**CHANGE THE EMOTIONAL  
VALENCE OF A KNOWN ITEM**

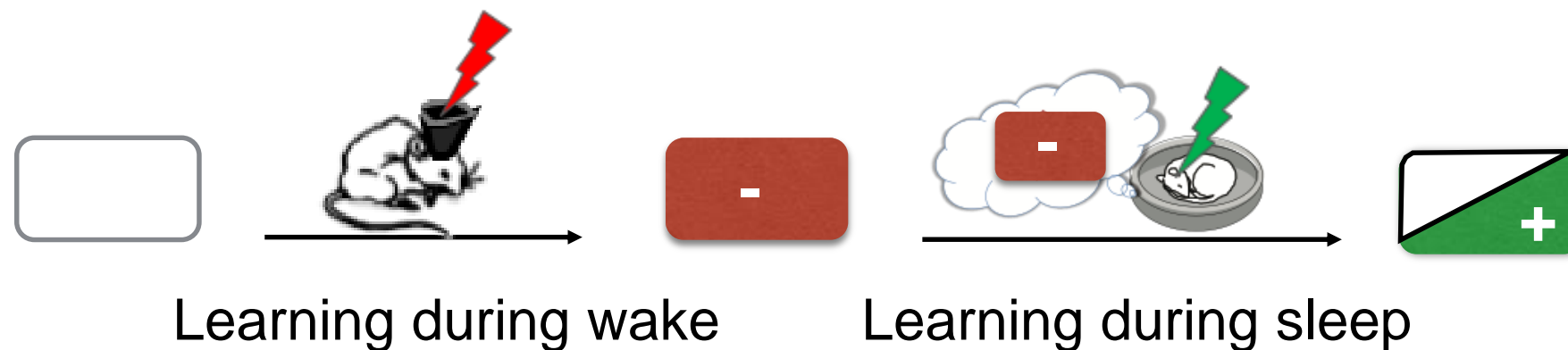


## Rewarding-learning during sleep



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## Reverse an aversive experience during wakefulness (trauma) by a rewarding-learning during sleep

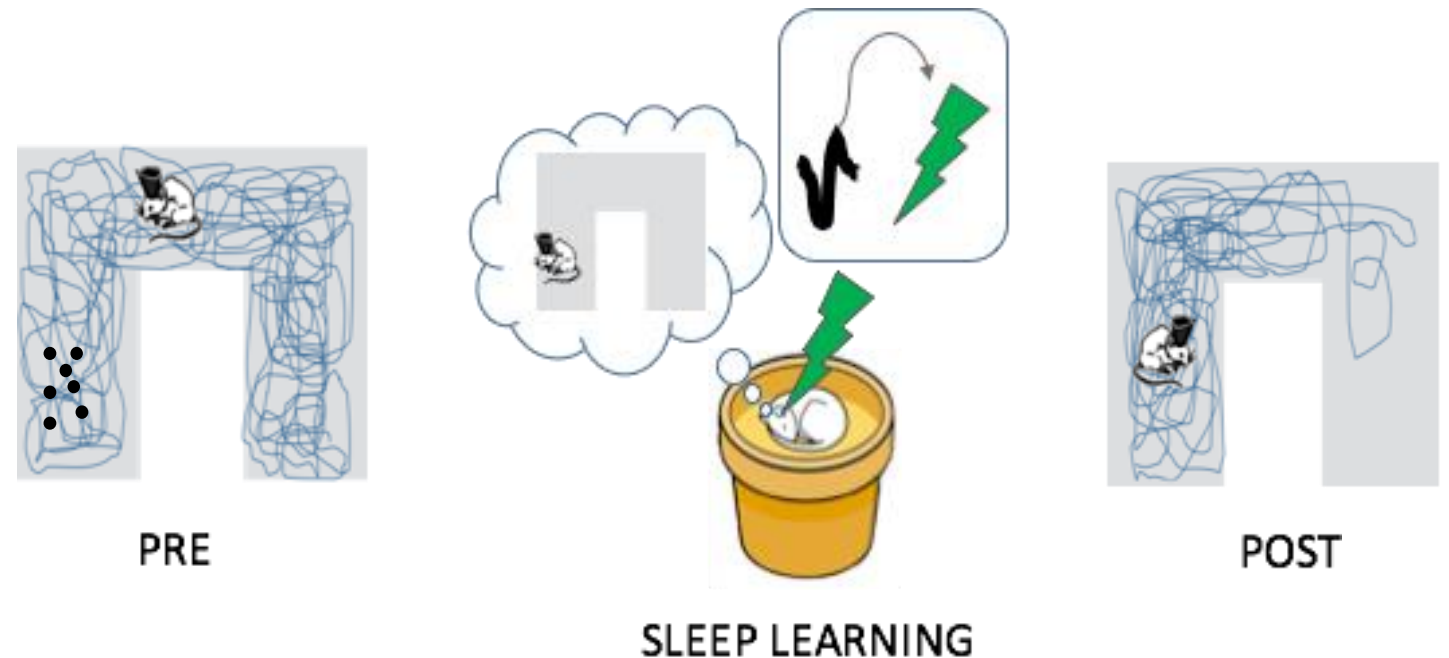






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**Rewarding learning during sleep**



**PAG aversive stimulations**



**MFB rewarding stimulations**

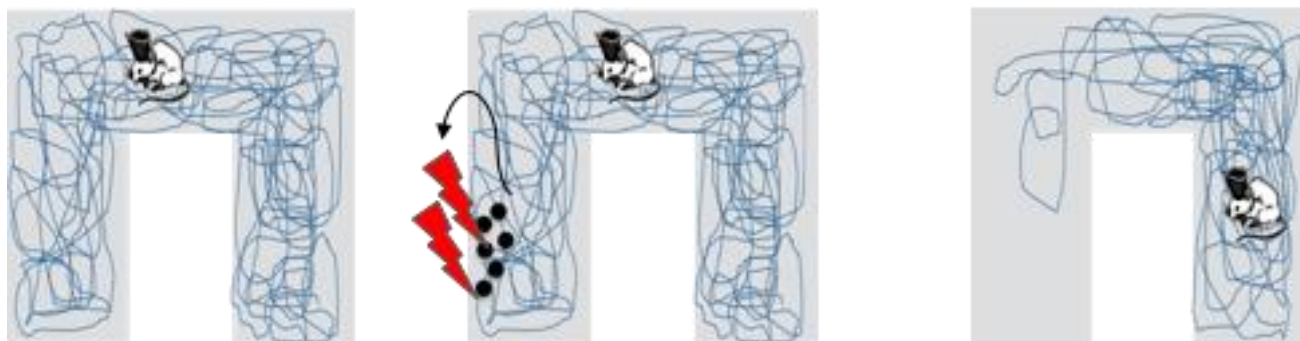


**Brain-computer interface**



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**Awake aversive learning**



PRE

WAKE LEARNING

POST1



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**Brain-computer interface**



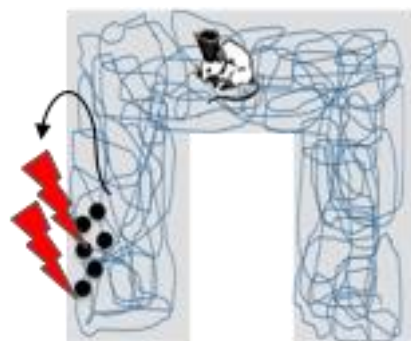
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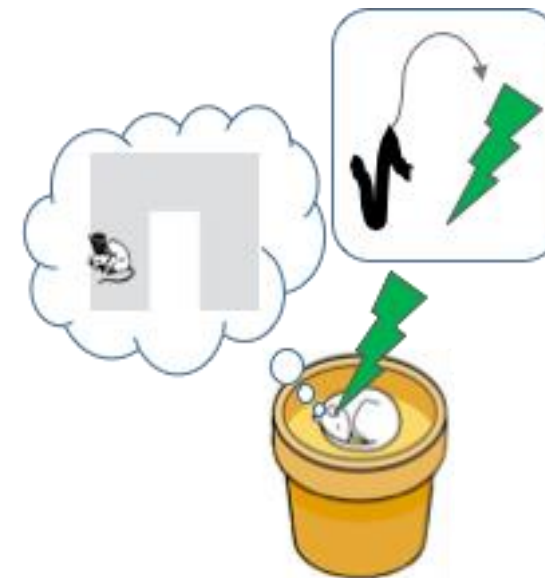
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WAKE LEARNING



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SLEEP LEARNING



POST 2 REVERSAL ?



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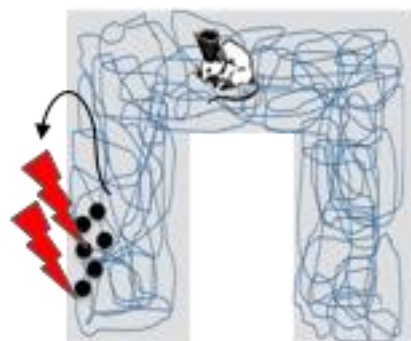
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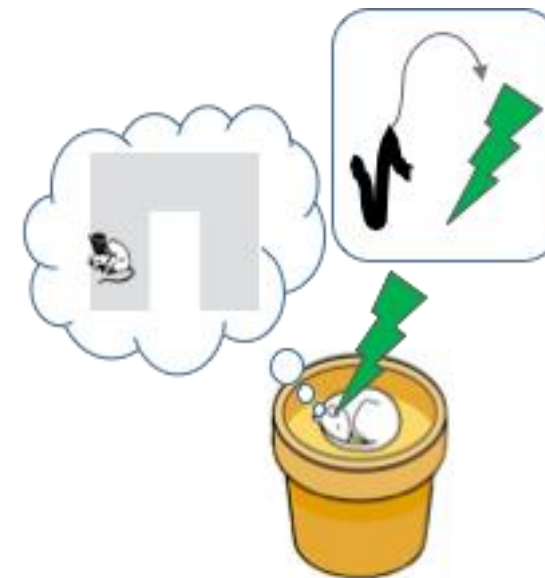
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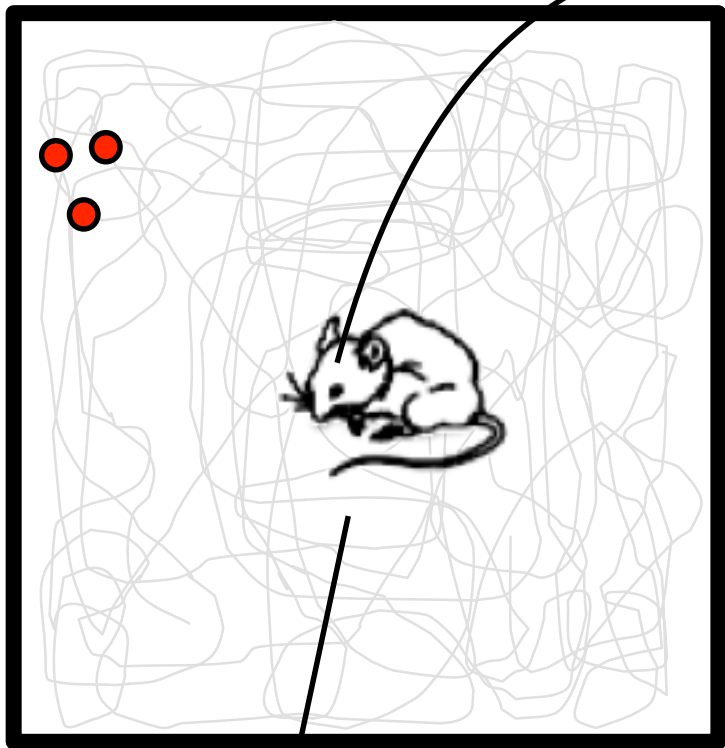
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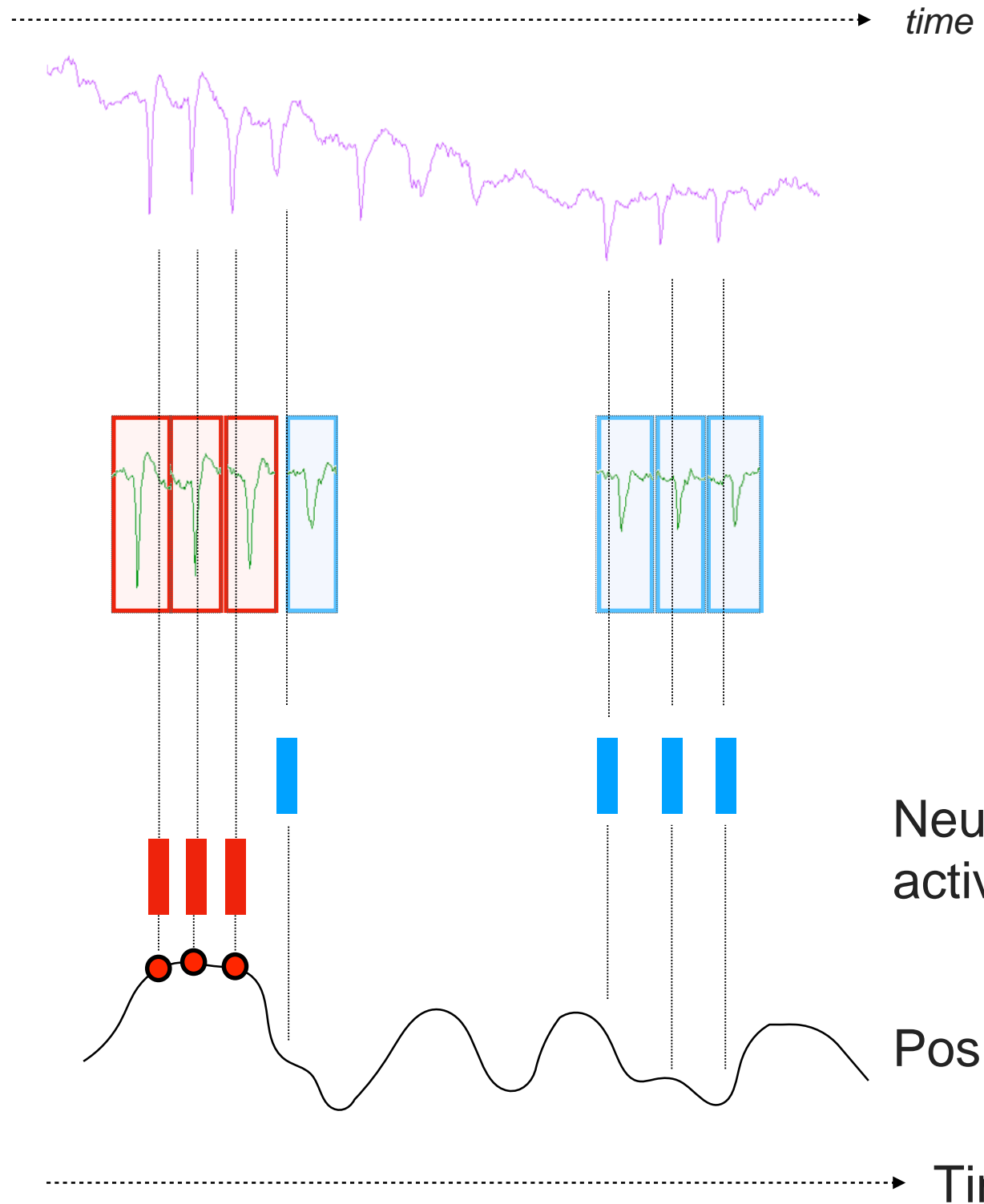
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Place cell



Mouse position  
 $x(t), y(t)$



Neuronal  
activity

Position

Time

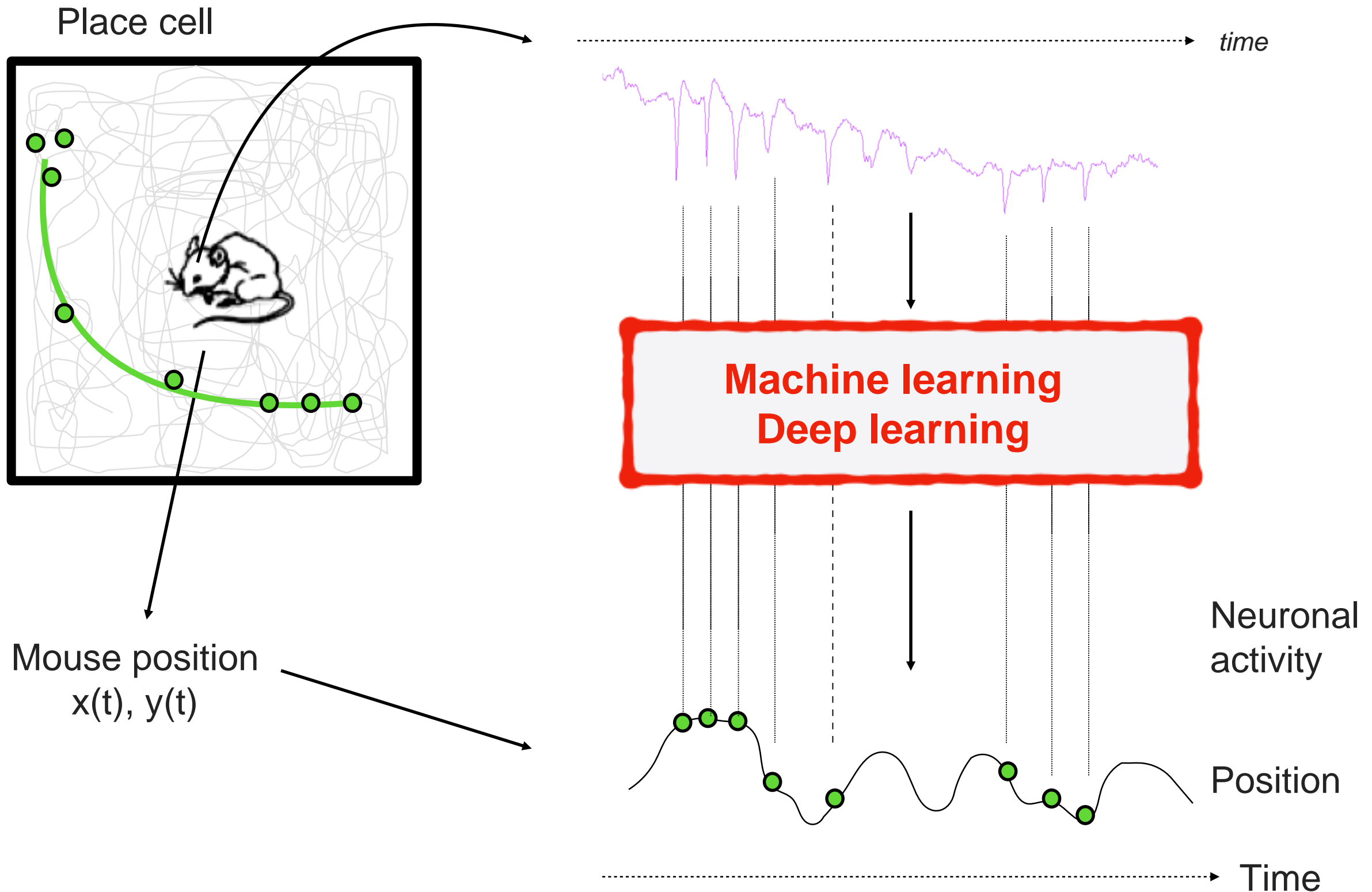
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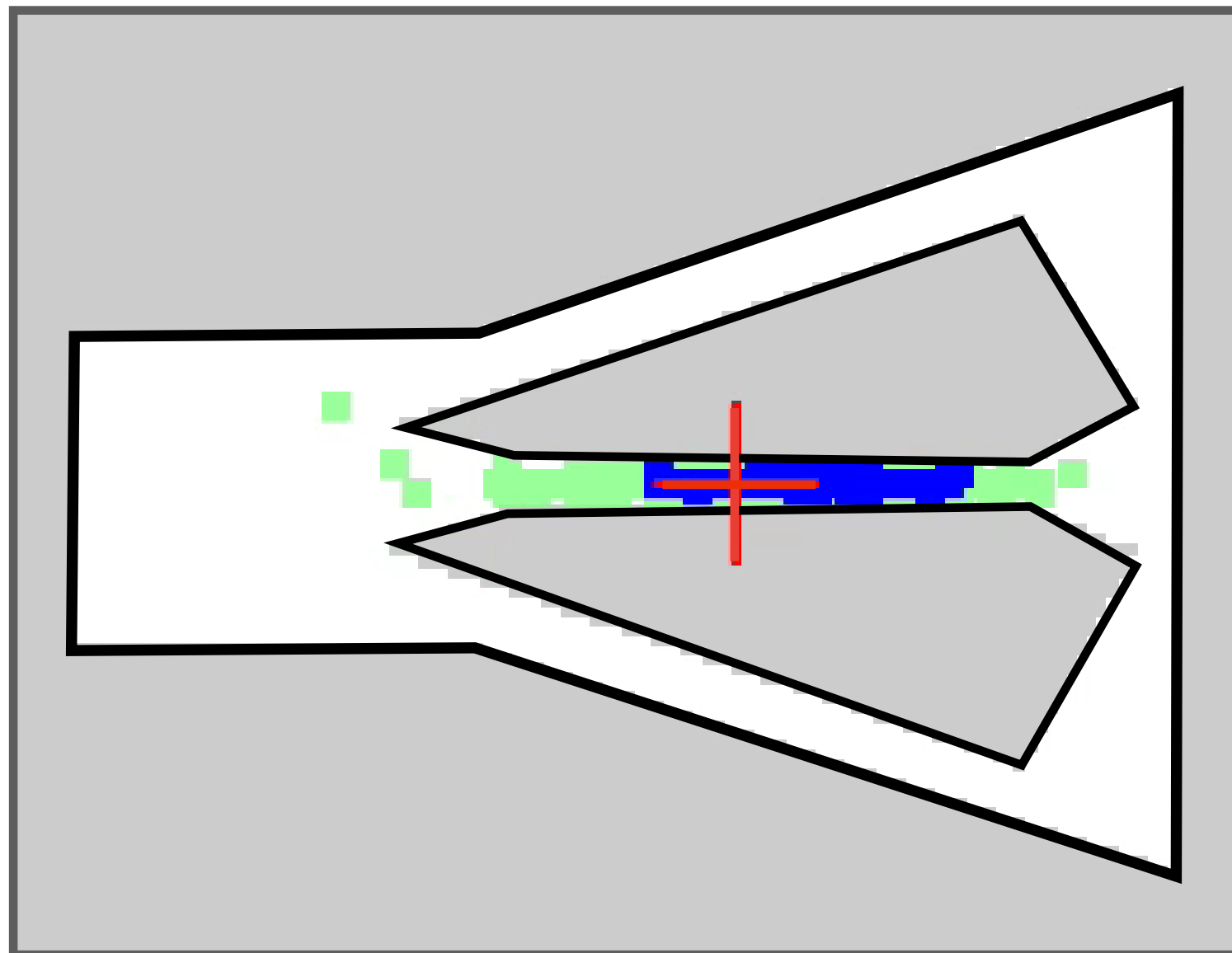
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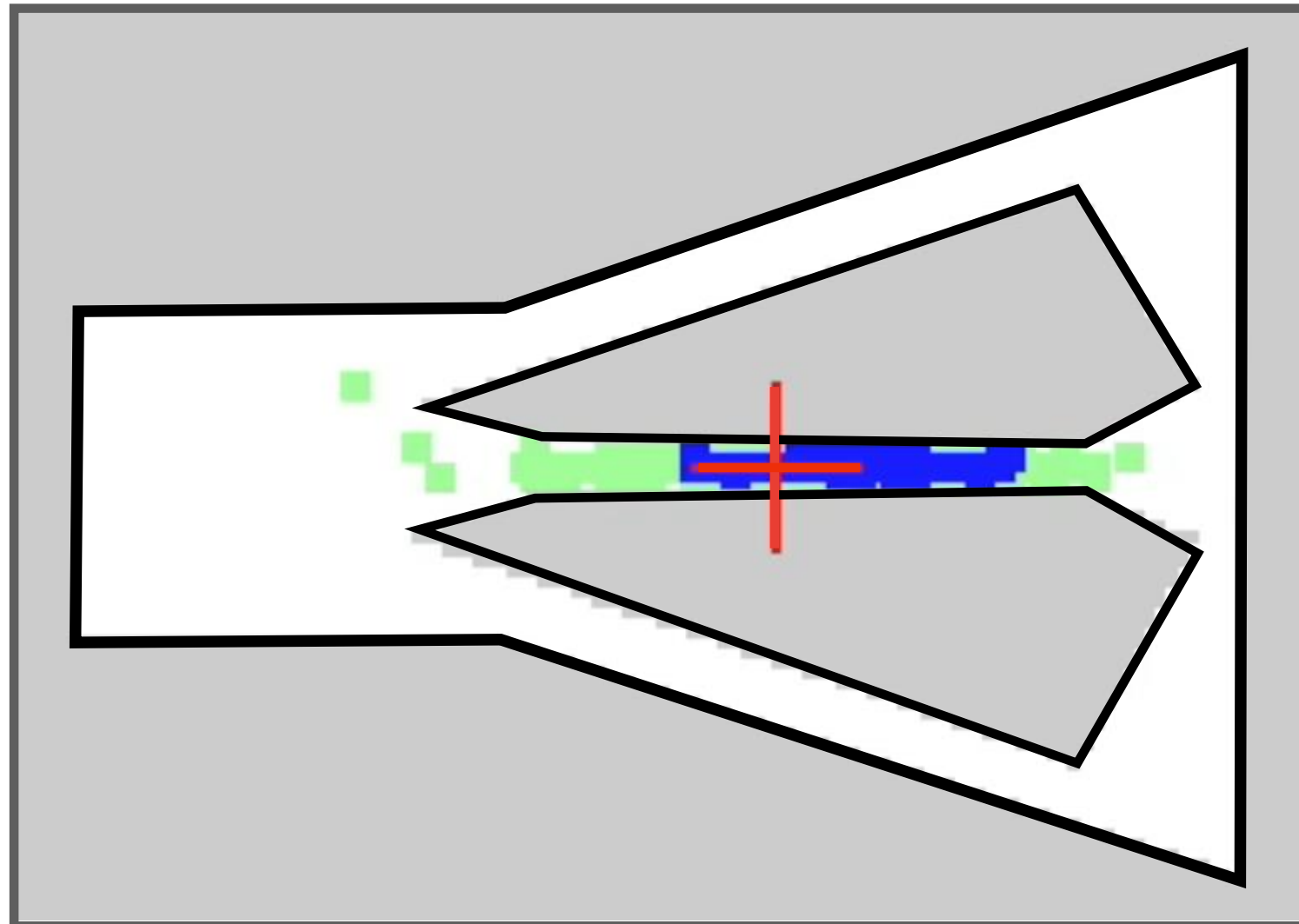
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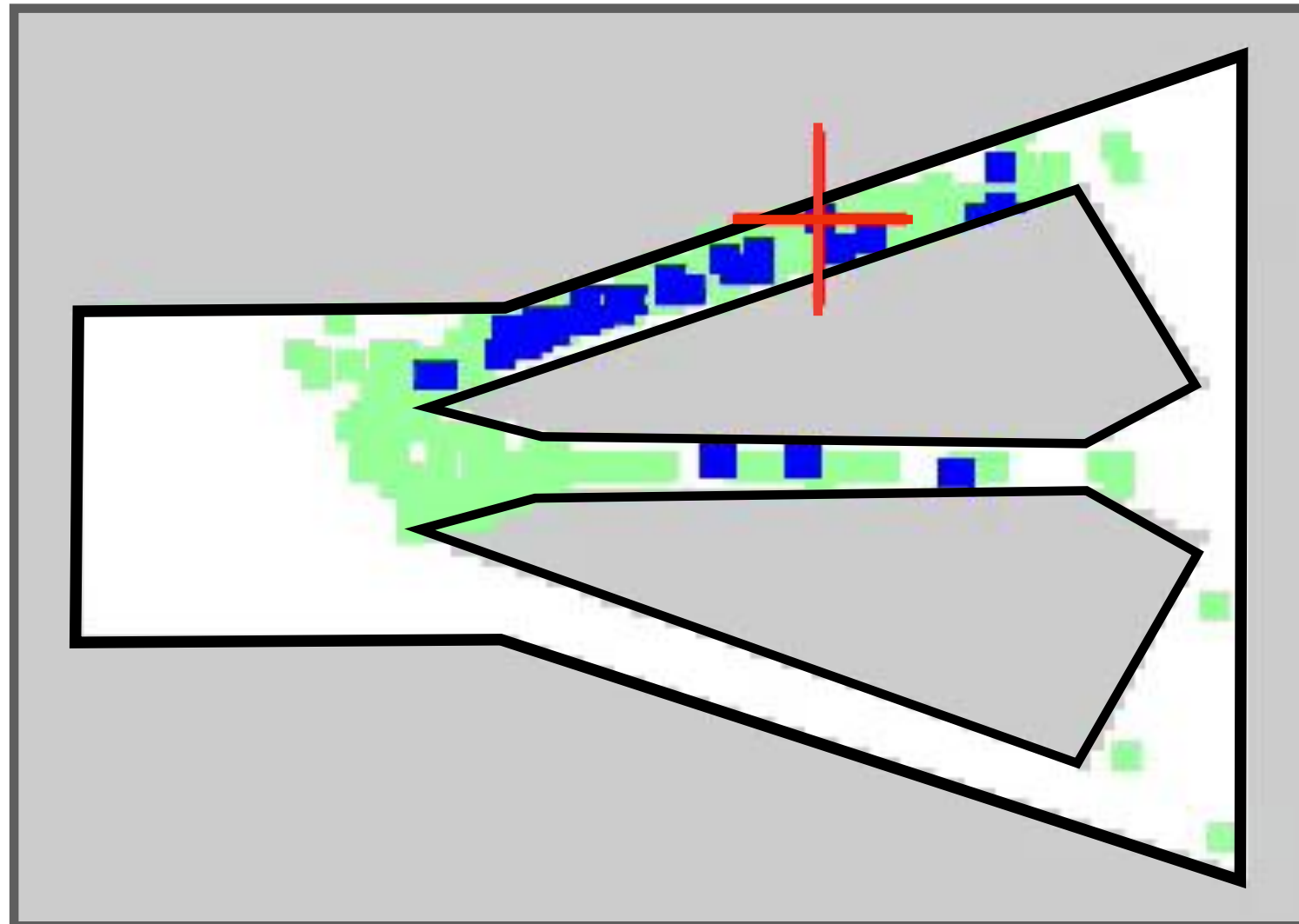
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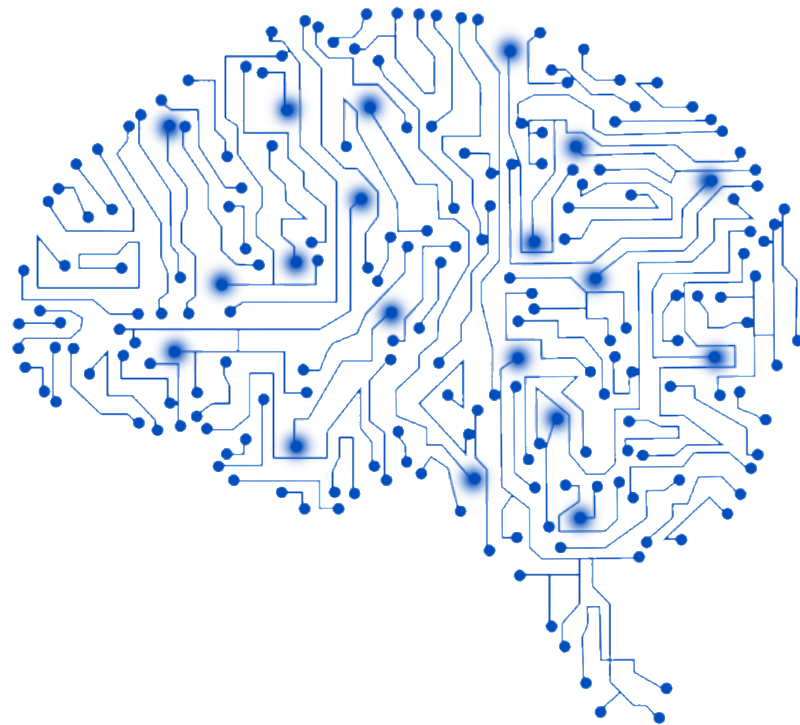
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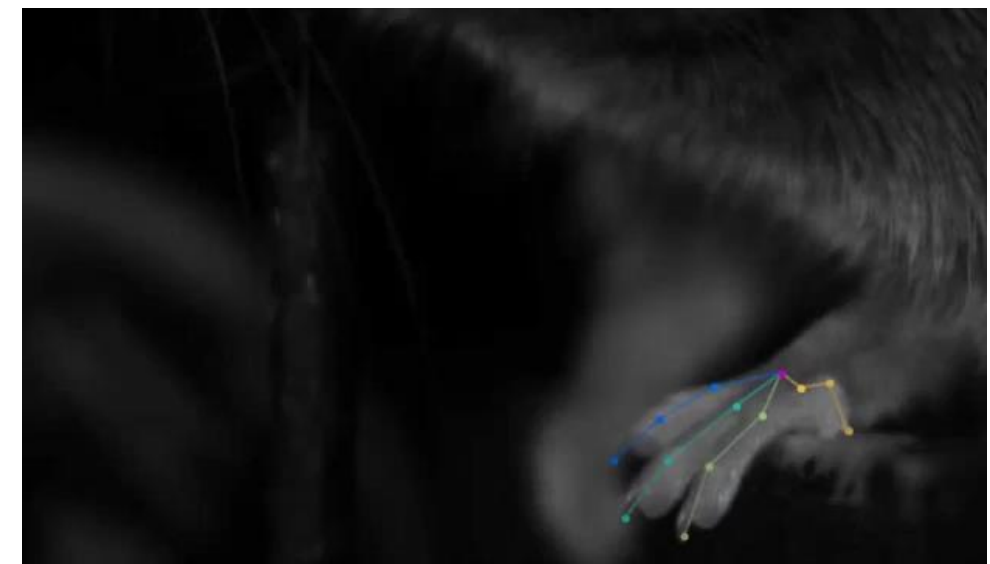
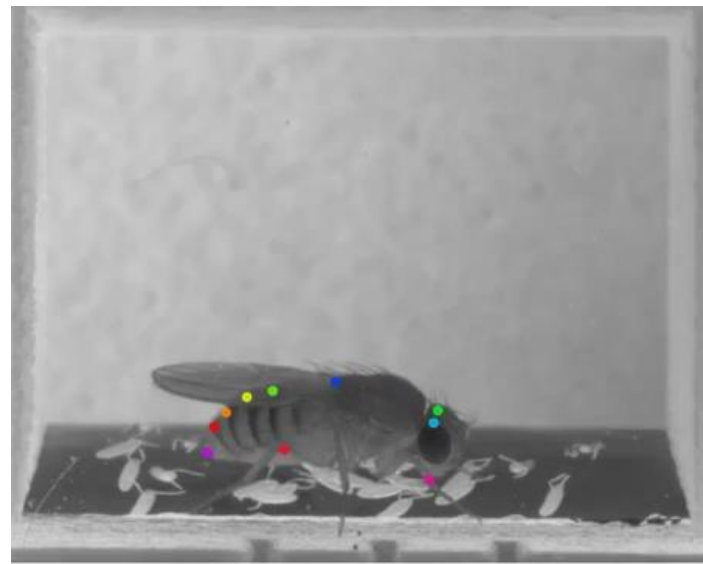
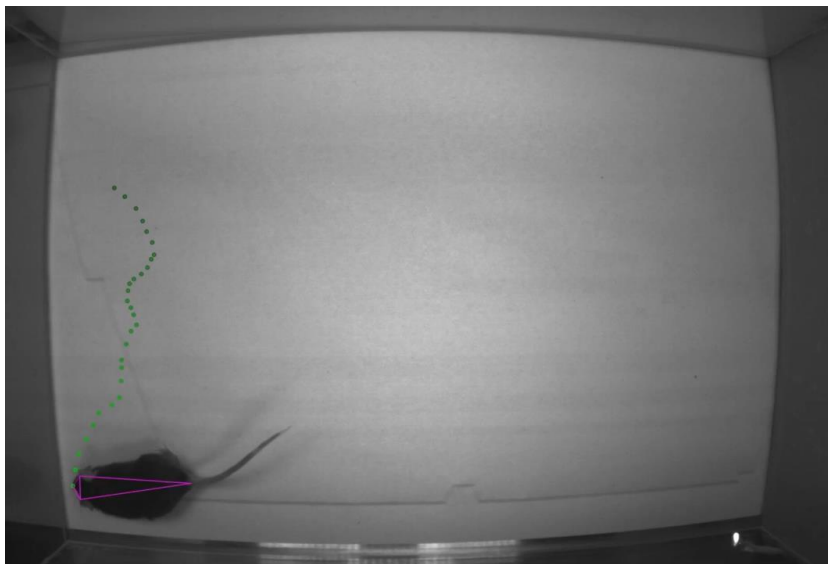
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## Supervised machine learning

If you can see it ...

**Deep learning will detect it faster  
and better than you ...**





**IF YOU CAN SEE IT**

	Precision	Invasive	Long term monitoring	Freely moving
Intracranial neuronal recordings	✓✓✓	✗	✓	✓
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Presented clip



Clip reconstructed from brain activity





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**Ethical question :** Do we want to be able to detect thoughts in your brain ?

*To have a fruitful discussion about this question, it is important that experts explain exactly to non-specialists what is feasible or not*

**Science**  
« Easy »

- Decode some thoughts

**Science**  
Difficult

- Decode in real time
- Motor control (exoskeleton)
- Repair sensory modality
- Choice prediction

**Science**  
Fiction

- Download your brain into a computer
- Upload new knowledge
- Decoding without you noticing it

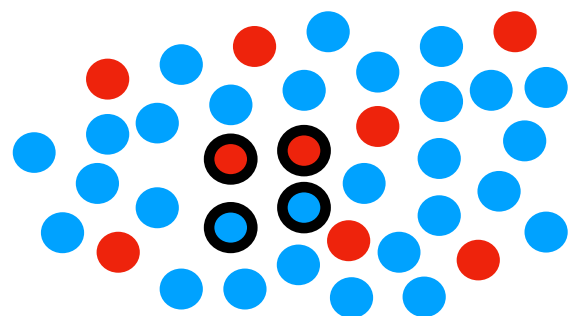


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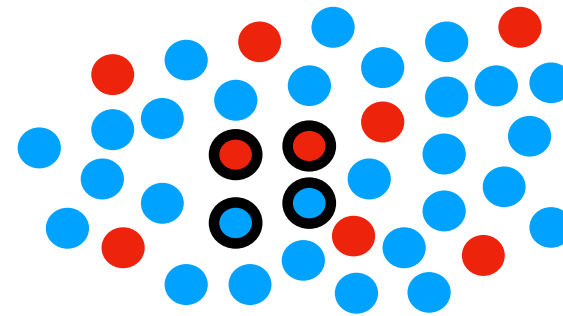
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Enough to decode

**Science**  
Difficult

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## fMRI

**Science**



**Medical**



**Advertising**



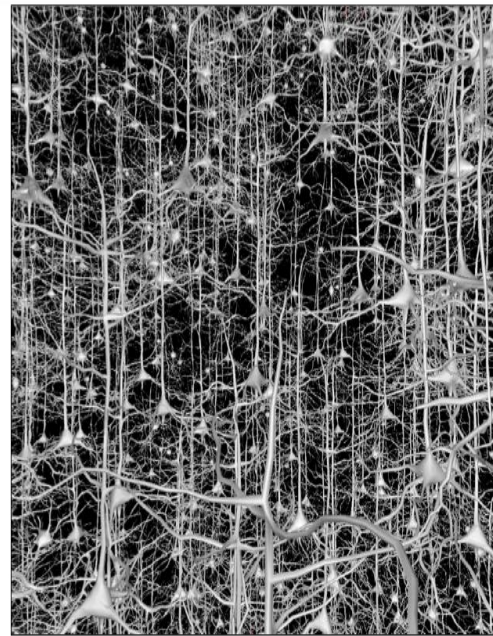
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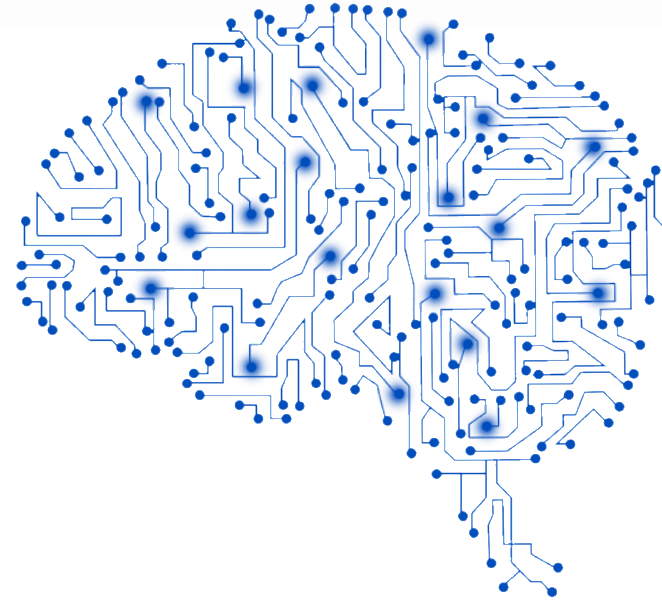




**FUTURE**



Neuronal network



Artificial  
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**Supervised machine  
learning**

**Is there anything to see ?**

**Unsupervised machine  
learning**

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