How connectomes can help us understand navigational attractor dynamics



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Isaacson et al. (2022)

Thermal place learning



* tracking by Ctrax (Branson et al. 2009)

Ofstad, Zuker & Reiser, (2011)







NeuroPixels project (Janelia, imec, Allen Institute, UCL)

Janelia GENIE team

50,000 simultaneously-recorded neurons





Internal representations for flexible navigation



Internal representations for flexible navigation



Barry & Burgess, Curr. Biol. (2014)

Jeff Taube & James Ranck et al.

These representations are generated within densely recurrent brain networks









conjunctive coding



mixed selectivity

Stopfer*, Jayaraman* & Laurent (2003)

How do these representations arise?

conjunctive coding



mixed selectivity

manifolds

Stopfer*, Jayaraman* & Laurent (2003)

Fly "Hemi-Brain" Connectome Project



Google

volume imaged = 16x10⁶ µm³



Central Complex & Mushroom Body of a female fly highlighted Reslice of TransformedCombinedStacks_Sec19_20_21_22_23_24_25_26_27_28_29_30_31_32_3...



Xu et al. (2017); Scheffer et al. (2020)



Neurons come in different types



Dickson lab

Cell types matter





Knowledge of cell type



presynaptic neuron

The central complex: internal-representation-driven flexibility





Adapted from M.A. Frye & M.H. Dickinson (2003)



Seelig*, Chiappe*, Lott* et al. (2010)

A compass that updates with self-motion



Population activity dynamics lie on a ring





Brad Hulse

Ring attractor networks: theory-rich area



Ben-Yishai et al. (1995); Skaggs, McNaughton et al. (1995); Zhang (1996); Hansel and Sompolinsky (1998); Xie, Hahnloser & Seung (2002); Wu and Amari (2005) ; Wimmer, Compte et al. (2014); Noorman et al. (2022); ...

Looking at the connectome with a theory-inspired lens



D.B. Turner-Evans*, S. Wegener* et al. (2017), J. Green et al. (Maimon lab) (2017), D.B. Turner-Evans et al. (2020)

Phase-shifted population updates the compass







Video credits: Philip Hubbard & Shin-ya Takemura



Scheffer et al. (2020); Hulse et al. (2021)



D.B. Turner-Evans*, S. Wegener* et al. (2017)

A conjunctive encoding of heading & velocity



D.B. Turner-Evans*, **S. Wegener*** et al. (2017)

Self-motion input must be combined with localizing sensory input



Most "sensory" neurons individually synapse onto all compass neurons



Input neurons synapse onto each other



~All-to-all inhibition within type



Stimulus selection/ noise suppression

Postsynaptic ring neurons

A hierarchy of sensory inputs to the compass



Postsynaptic ring neurons

Each input "ring" neuron connects to all compass neurons



Visual feature input to the compass





J.D. Seelig & V. Jayaraman (2013), Y. Sun et al. (2017), H.M. Shiozaki & H. Kazama (2017), J.J. Omoto et al. (2017), B.J. Hardcastle et al. (2021)

Sample visual receptive fields





J.D. Seelig & V. Jayaraman (2013), Y. Sun et al. (2017), H.M. Shiozaki & H. Kazama (2017), J.J. Omoto et al. (2017), B.J. Hardcastle et al. (2021)

But these synapses are plastic





S.S. Kim et al. (2019), Y. Fisher et al. (2019,2022), C. Dan et al. (2021,2022); See also: A. Cope et al. (2017), J. Green & G. Maimon (2018)

Mapping visual scenes onto the compass





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Hannah Haberkern

A heading vector for goal-driven navigation





Wehner et al.

A heading vector for goal-driven navigation



Heading activity bump is formatted as a cosine



of syns

0 10 20 30 40



 $\Delta 7$ postsynaptic neuron



See also: Lyu et al. (2022) B.K. Hulse*, H. Haberkern*, R. Franconville*, **D.B. Turner-Evans*** et al. (2021)

Anatomical phase shifts in the fan-shaped body (FB)



See also: Stone et al. (2017) (Heinze & Webb labs) **B.K. Hulse***, H. Haberkern*, R. Franconville*, D.B. Turner-Evans* et al. (2021)

A circuit motif for coordinate transformations



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Stone et al., Current Bio. (2017) Shiozaki, et al., Neuron (2020) Currier et al., eLife (2020)

Self-motion input

See also: C. Lyu et al. (2022); J. Lu et al. (2022)



= 180° phase shift!

A 4-vector basis set for arbitrary vector computation



See also: Lyu et al. (2022); Lu et al. (2022)

Setting context for goal-driven behavior with a variety of "tangential" neurons



See also: Stone et al. (2017); Sun et al. (2020); Goulard et al. (2021); Pires et al. (2024); Matheson et al. (2021)

Dan, Hulse, Kappagantula, Jayaraman & Hermundstad, (2021, 2022)

Phase shifts enable rapid learning of goal-heading-driven behavior



See also: Stone et al. (2017); Sun et al. (2020); Goulard et al. (2021); Pires et al. (2024); Westeinde et al. (2024)

Dan, Hulse, Kappagantula, Jayaraman & Hermundstad, (2021, 2022) **B.K. Hulse***, H. Haberkern*, R. Franconville*, D.B. Turner-Evans* et al. (2021)

postsynaptic neuron





Knowledge of cell type /connectivity

"mixed selectivity" "conjunctive coding"



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Hulse*, Haberkern*, Franconville*, **Turner-Evans*** et al. (2021)



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Many, many more!