

# Theoretical Neuroscience that Employs Mathematical Models, Computer Simulations, Theoretical Analysis and Abstractions of the Brain

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## Description

Computational neuroscience is a subfield of theoretical neuroscience that employs mathematical models, computer simulations, theoretical analysis, and abstractions of the brain to comprehend the principles governing the nervous system's development, structure, physiology and cognitive abilities. Computational neuroscience can be thought of as a subfield of theoretical neuroscience because it uses computational simulations to validate and solve mathematical models. Computational neuroscience, on the other hand, focuses on the description of biologically plausible neurons (neural systems) and their physiology and dynamics; consequently, it is not directly concerned with biologically unrealistic models used in connectionism, control theory, cybernetics, quantitative psychology, machine learning, artificial neural networks, artificial intelligence and computational learning theory; however, mutual inspiration exists and sometimes there is no strict limit between fields, with model abstraction in computational neuroscience.

## Organic Framework at Numerous Spatial-Transient Scales

Models in hypothetical neuroscience are pointed toward catching the fundamental elements of the organic framework at numerous spatial-transient scales, from layer flows and compound coupling through network motions, columnar and geographical engineering, cores, as far as possible up to mental resources like memory, learning and conduct. Hypotheses based on these computational models can be directly tested through psychological or biological experiments. Computational neuroscience research can be roughly divided into several fields of study. When it comes to synthesizing new models of biological phenomena and analyzing novel data, the majority of computational neuroscientists work closely with experimentalists. Modeling of a single neuron even a single neuron has intricate biophysical properties and can carry out computations. The fast-acting sodium and the inward-rectifying potassium were the only two voltage-sensitive currents in the initial model developed by Hodgkin and Huxley. Voltage sensitive ion channels are glycoprotein molecules that extend

through the lipid bilayer and permit ions to traverse the axolemma under certain conditions. Although it was able to accurately predict the action potential's timing and qualitative characteristics, it was unable to accurately predict a number of crucial characteristics like adaptation and shunting. The implications of the various dynamics, modulations, and sensitivity of voltage-sensitive currents are an important topic in computational neuroscience. Additionally, extensive research is being conducted into the computational functions of complex dendrites. There is a huge collection of writing in regards to how various flows cooperate with mathematical properties of neurons. A few models are likewise following biochemical pathways at tiny scopes like spines or synaptic clefts. *In silico* modeling of realistic neurons is made possible by a number of software packages, including genesis and neuron. Blue Brain, which aims to build a biophysically accurate simulation of a cortical column on the Blue Gene supercomputer. Mechanisms that serve as the building blocks for network dynamics can be provided by modeling the richness of biophysical properties on a single neuron scale. However, detailed neuron descriptions are computationally expensive, which can make it difficult to conduct realistic network investigations because many neurons need to be simulated. Thus, scientists that concentrate on huge brain circuits ordinarily address every neuron and neurotransmitter with a falsely straightforward model, overlooking a significant part of the natural detail. As a result, there is a push to develop simplified neuron models with low computational overhead that can maintain significant biological fidelity. Development, axonal patterning, and guidance Computational neuroscience aims to address a wide range of questions. From computationally expensive, detailed neuron models, algorithms have been developed to produce faithful, faster-running, simplified surrogate neuron models. During development, how are dendrites and axons formed? How do axons know which targets to pursue and how to get there? In what way do neurons migrate between the central and peripheral systems? How are synapses created? From molecular biology, we know that different parts of the nervous system release different chemical cues, like growth factors and hormones, that control how quickly and how well functional connections between neurons grow and develop.

## Formation and Patterning of Synaptic Connection and Morphology

The formation and patterning of synaptic connection and morphology is still the subject of theoretical research. Sensory processing Horace Barlow is credited with developing the first theoretically understood models of sensory processing. The minimal wiring hypothesis proposes that the formation of axons and dendrites effectively minimizes resource allocation while maintaining maximum information storage. Barlow believed that the processing of the early sensory systems was a form of efficient coding, in which the neurons encoded information in a way that minimized the number of spikes, somewhat analogous to the minimal wiring hypothesis discussed in the preceding section. Since then, both experimental and computational studies have provided evidence to support this hypothesis. The V1 Saliency Hypothesis (V1SH) was developed on exogenous attentional selection of a fraction of visual input for further processing, guided by a bottom-up saliency map in the primary visual cortex. Current research in sensory processing is divided between a biophysical modelling of various subsystems and a more theoretical modelling of perception. For the example of visual processing, efficient coding manifests itself in the forms of efficient spatial coding, color coding, temporal/motion coding, current models of discernment have proposed that the cerebrum plays out a few type of Bayesian surmising and

combination of various tactile data in creating our impression of the physical world. Many models of the manner in which the cerebrum controls development have been created. This includes models of brain processing like how the cerebellum corrects errors, how motor cortex and basal ganglia learn skills, and how the vestibulo ocular reflex is controlled. This also includes a lot of normative models based on the idea that the brain efficiently solves problems, like Bayesian or optimal control models. Synaptic plasticity and memory early models of memory are primarily based on Hebbian learning's postulates. To address the characteristics of associative also known as content-addressable style of memory that are present in biological systems, biologically relevant models like the Hopfield net have been developed. The formation of medium- and long-term memory localized in the hippocampus is the primary focus of these efforts. Based on theories of network oscillations and persistent activity, some features of the prefrontal cortex in context-related memory have been captured in models of working memory. Additional models examine how the close relationship between the basal ganglia and the prefrontal cortex contributes to working memory. One of the major issues in neurophysiological memory is how it is maintained and changed over multiple time scales. Training unstable synapses is simple, but they are also susceptible to stochastic disruption. Stable synapses are harder to consolidate, but they forget less easily.