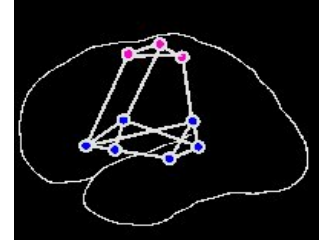




MirrorBot
Biomimetic multimodal learning
in a mirror neuron-based robot
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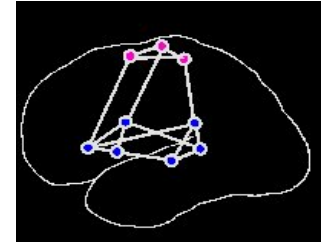
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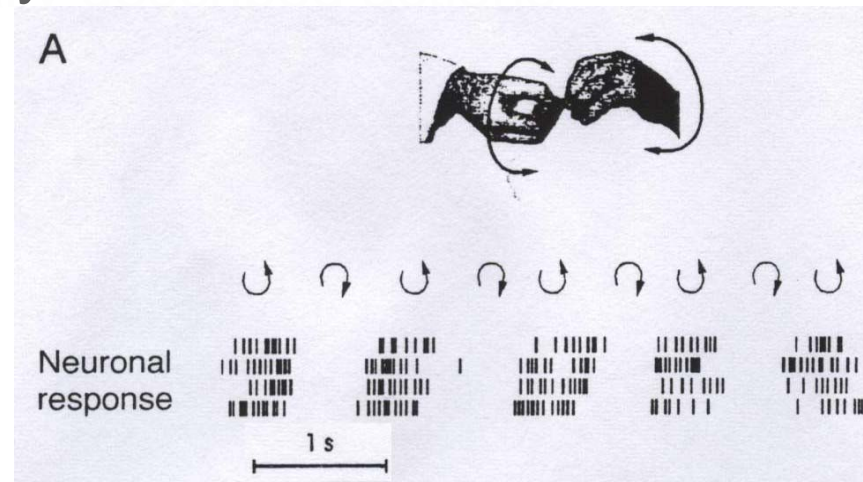


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Objectives of MirrorBot



- Mirror neurons fire for specific actions, visually observed actions and acoustically described actions

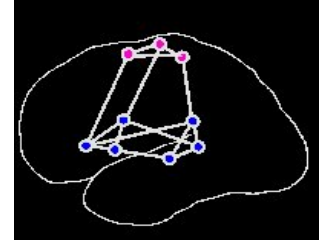


- How can mirror neuron-based associative networks be used for multimodal actions in robots?





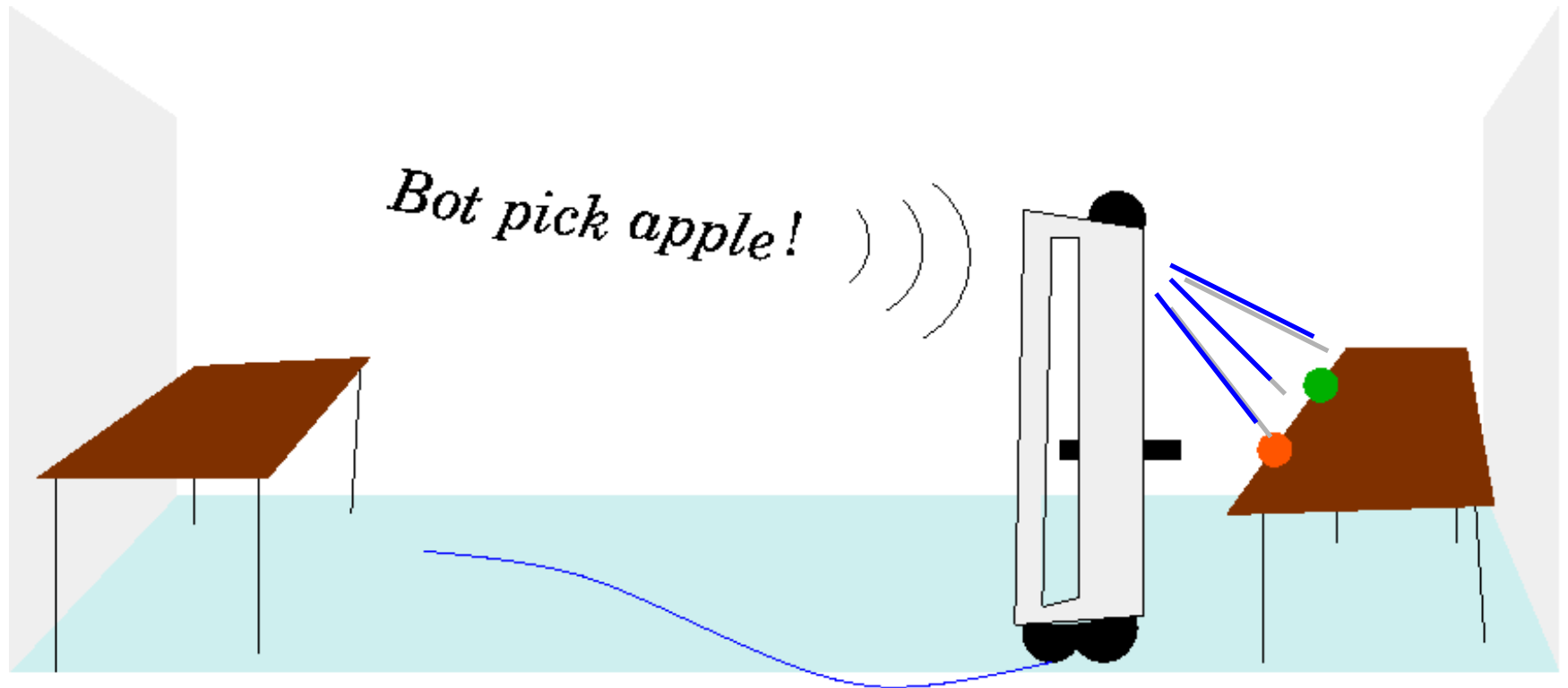
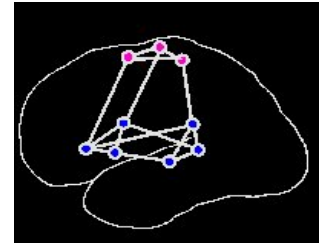
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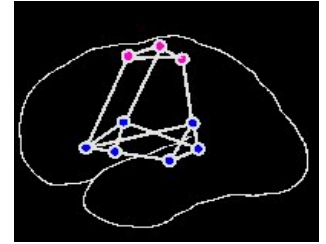
- collect imaging and neural recording data: EEG, MEG, fMRI, TMS
- identify neural architectures for perceptual visual and language data
- develop associative networks for mirror neuron concept
- train and evaluate the MirrorBot robot to perform actions



MirrorBot scenario



MirrorBot scenario



agent ::= SAM **action**
BOT **action**

action ::= body_action
head_action
hand_action
stop

body_action ::= go
move_body
turn_body

head_action ::= turn_head
show

hand_action ::= pick
put
lift
drop
touch

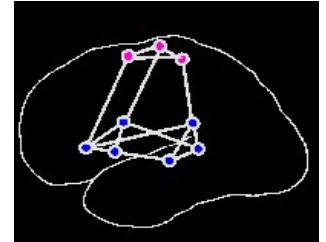
object
x_direction
y_direction
y_direction | z_direction

object

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MirrorBot grammar



x_direction::= forward | backward

y_direction::= left | right

z_direction::= up | down

object::= [colour] natural_object

[colour] artefact_object

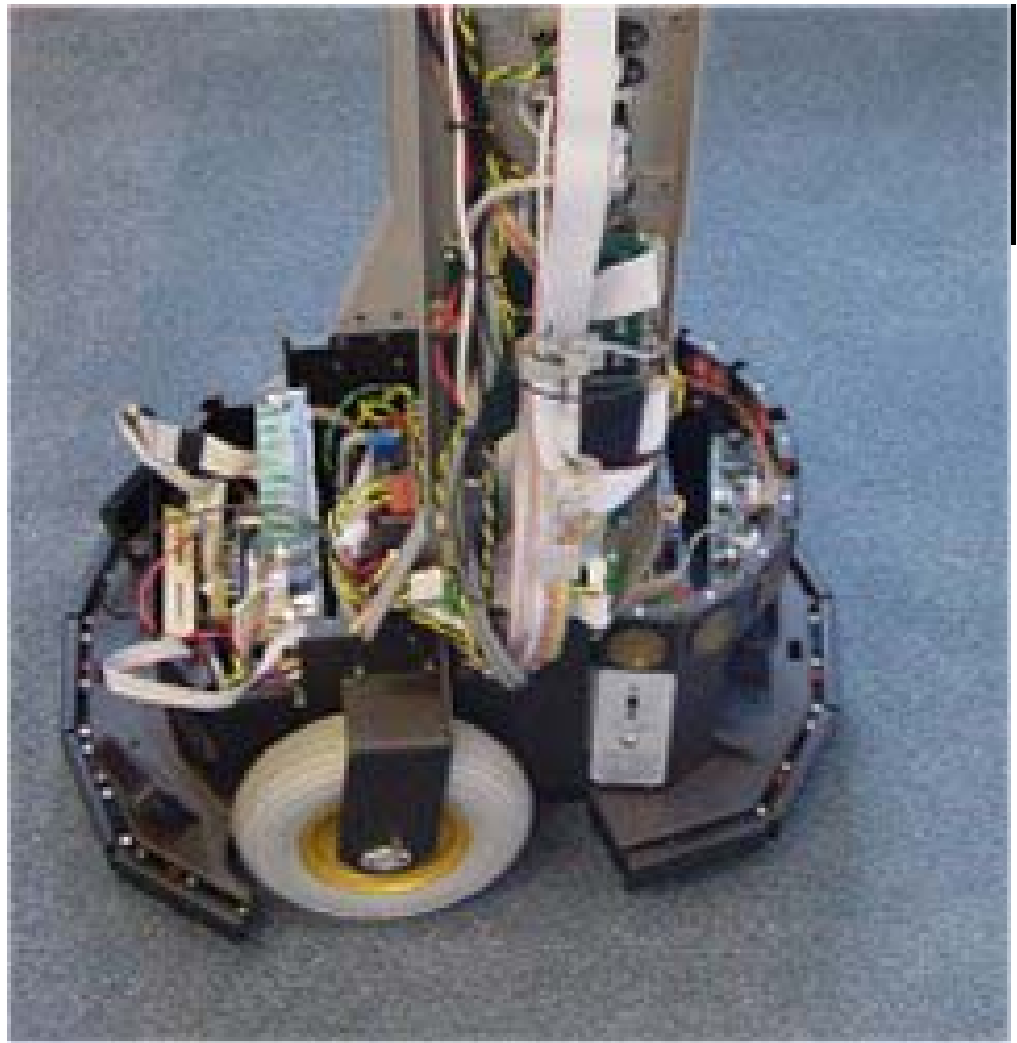
colour ::= brown | blue | black | white

natural_object::= nut | plum | dog | cat

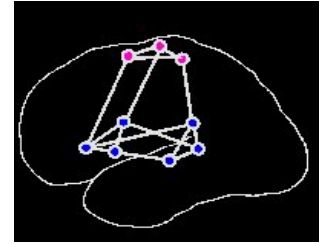
artefact_object::= desk | wall | ball | cup



MirrorBot platform



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Examples of ongoing Work



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F5 Neuron Responses

The response of an audio-visual F5 mirror neuron

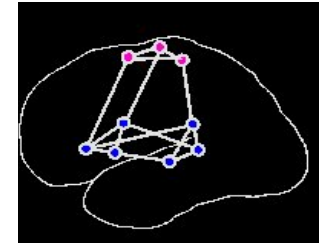
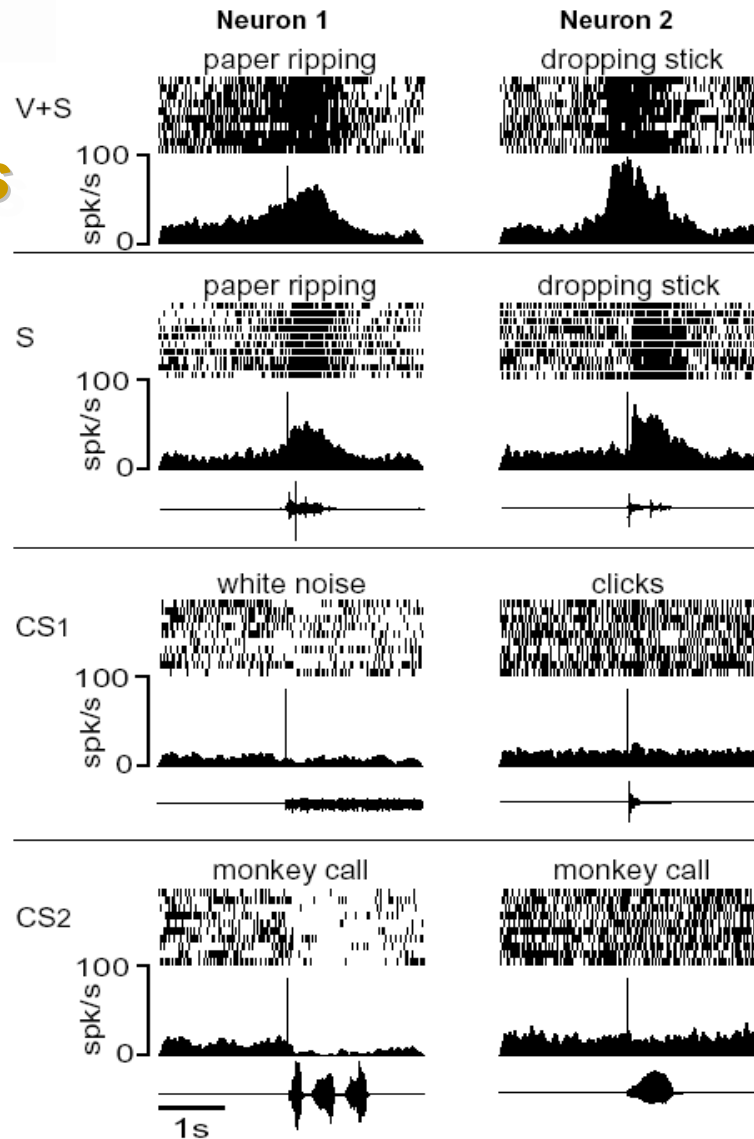
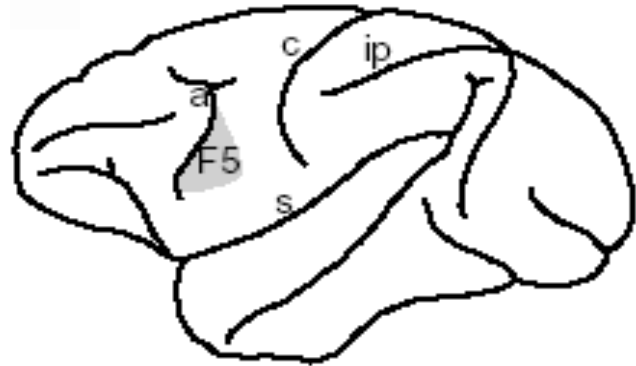
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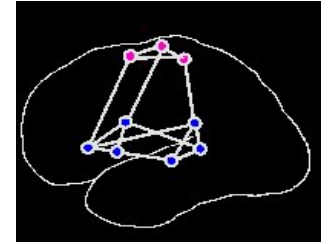
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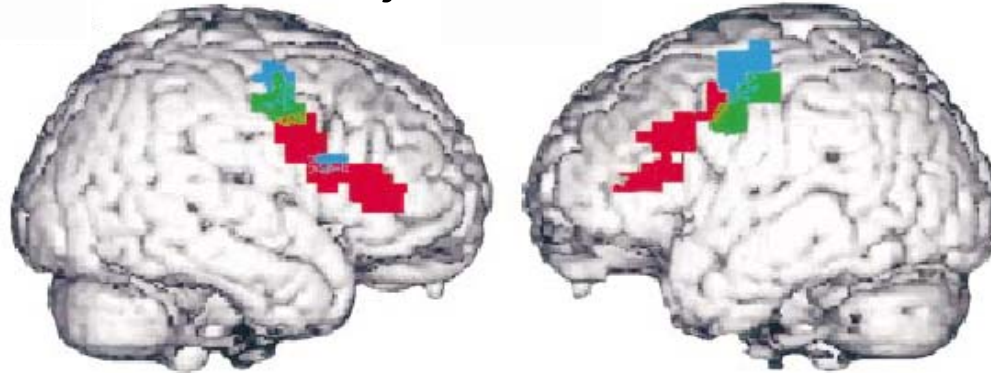
F5 responses



Somatotopy of visual action observation (fMRI)

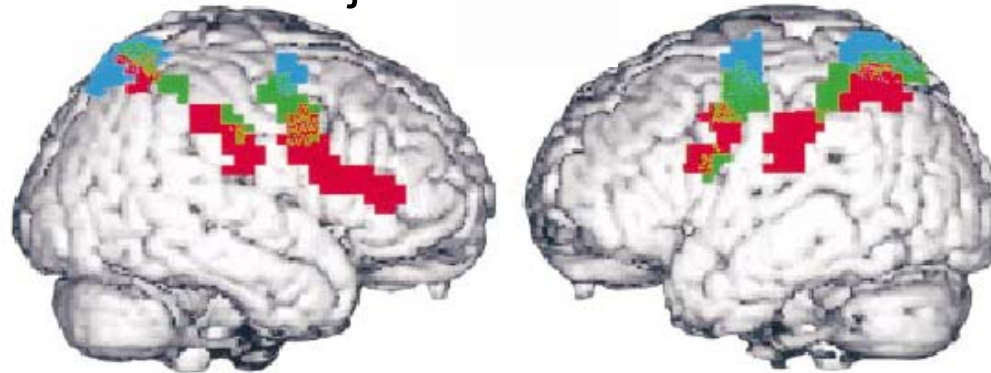


Non-object-related actions



 **Foot Action**

Object-related actions

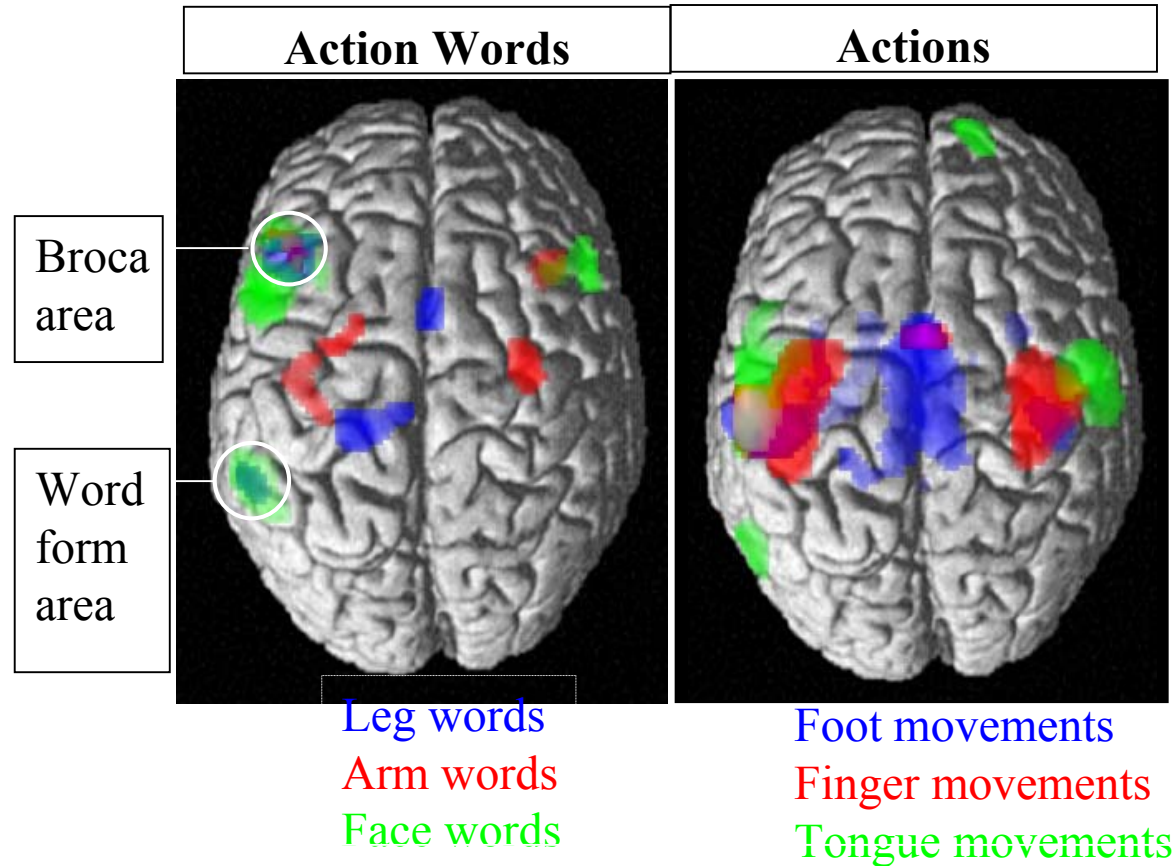
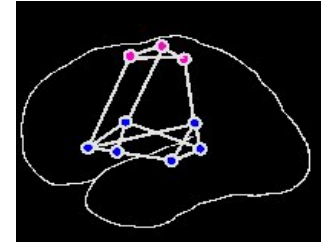


 **Hand Action**

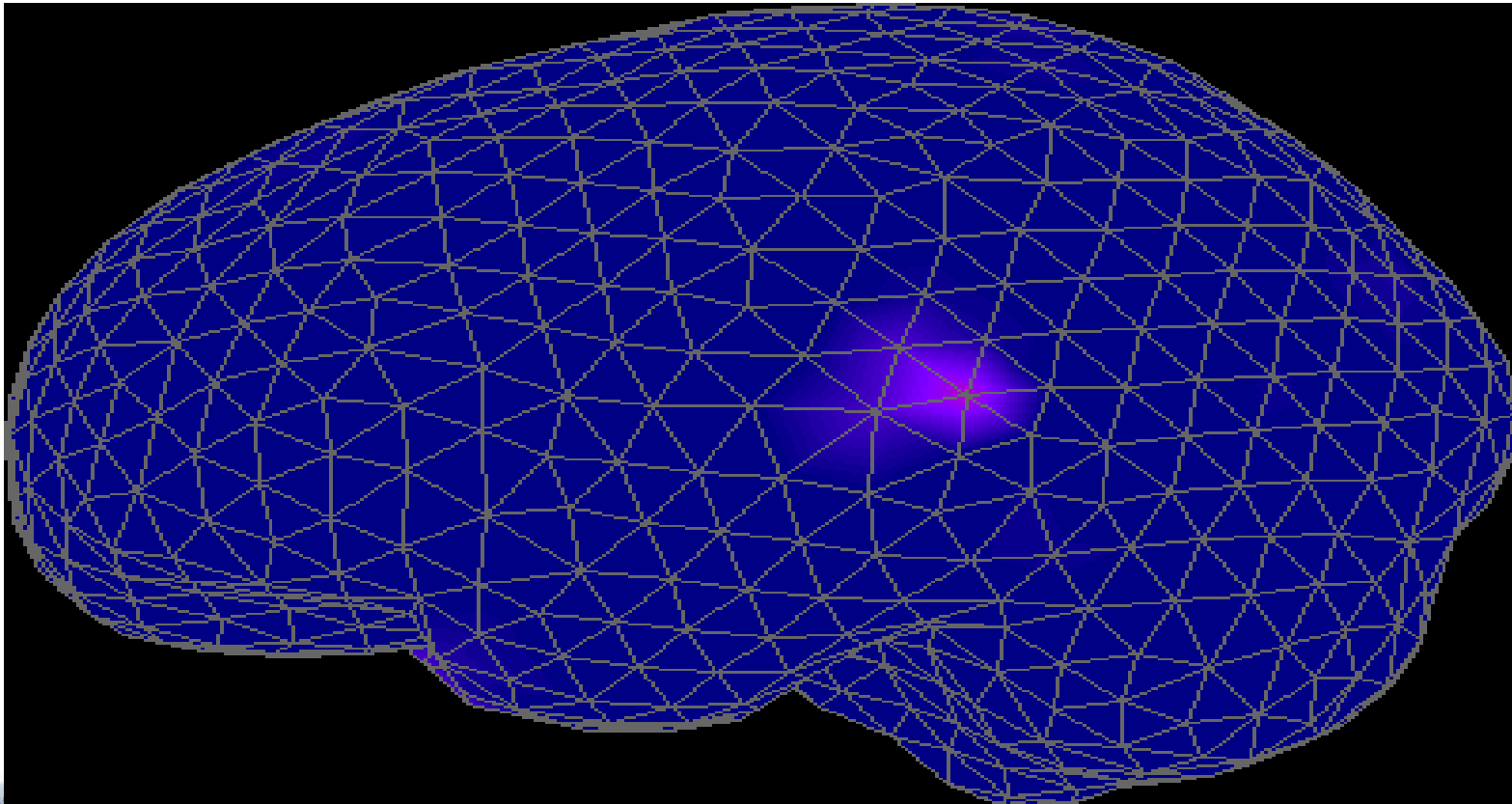
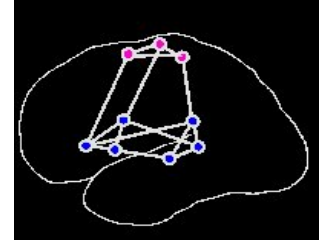
 **Mouth Action**



Somatotopy of actions words and actions (fMRI)

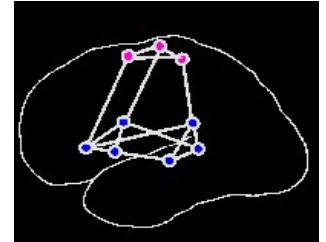


Word-related neuronal ensembles distributed over perisylvian cortex



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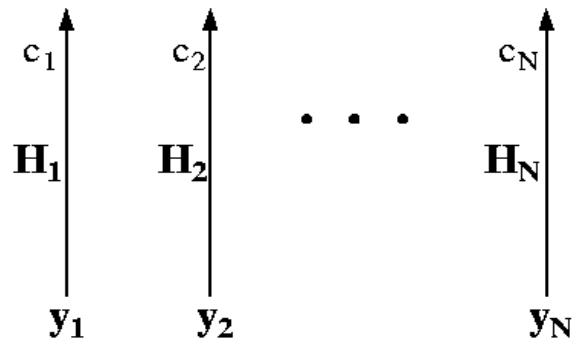
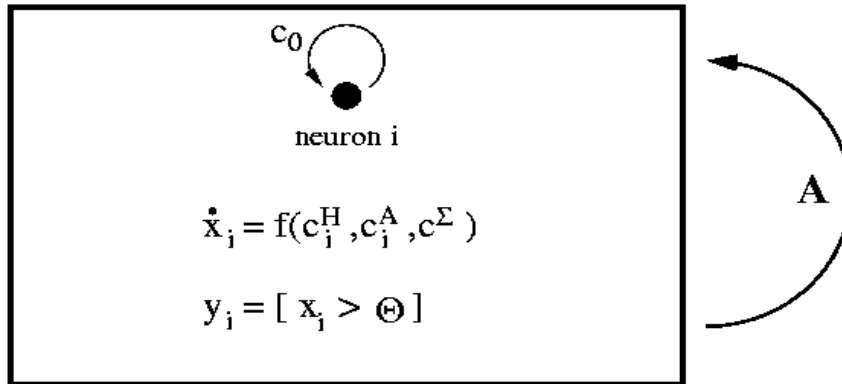
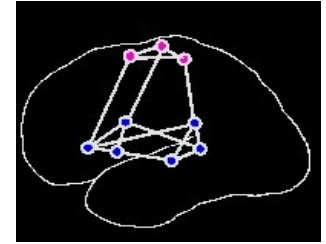
Findings



- Performed actions, visually observed actions and actions described in language are associated with related cortical circuits
- The cortical circuits are topologically organised as areas for mouth, hand and leg areas
- How do we model these findings for language, vision, motor control?



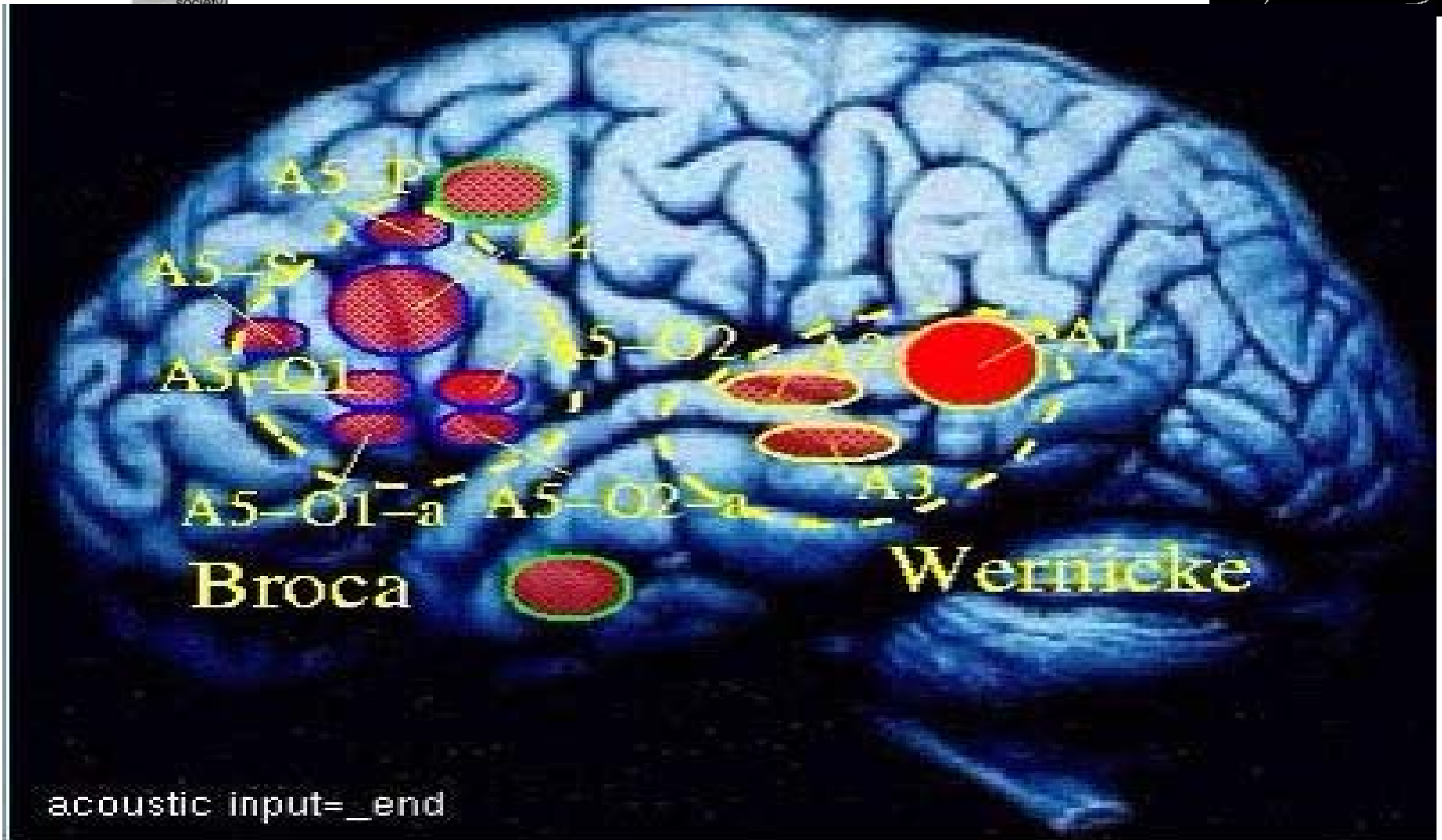
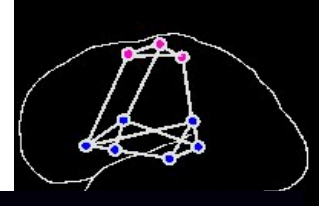
Associative spike counter model for a cortical language area



- spiking variant of binary Willshaw associative memory
- requires sparse binary patterns
- binary memory matrices:
A auto-associative
 H_i hetero-associative
- sequence processing by delayed feedback (in H)

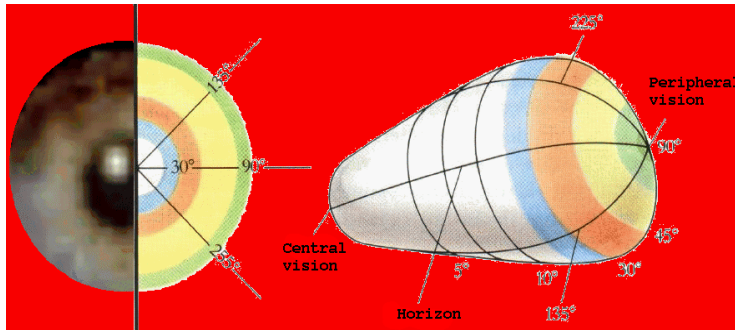
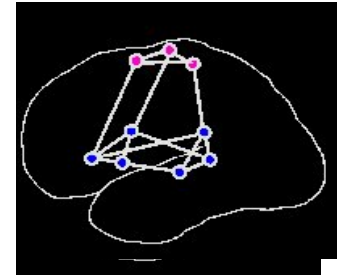


Language areas of MirrorBot: Bot show red apple



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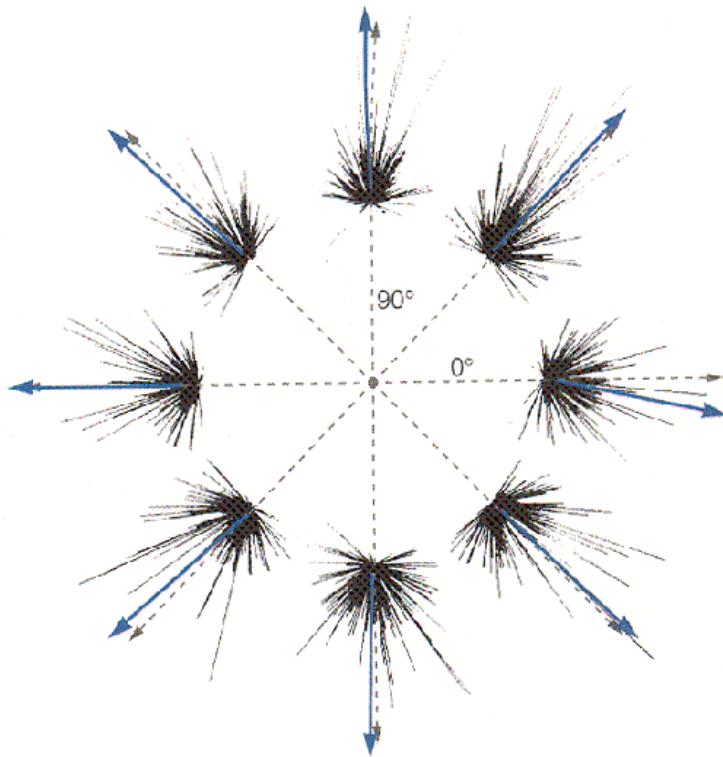
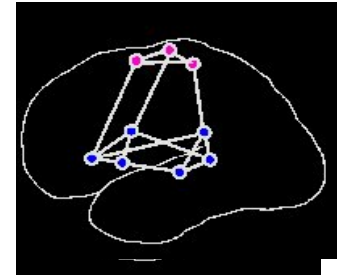
Visual encoding



- Non-uniform distribution on the retina
- Visual neural filters
- Overlapping receptive fields



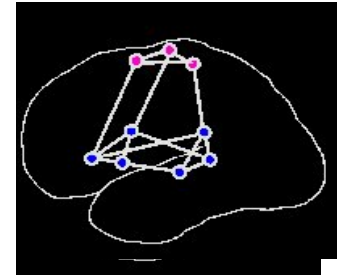
Motor encoding



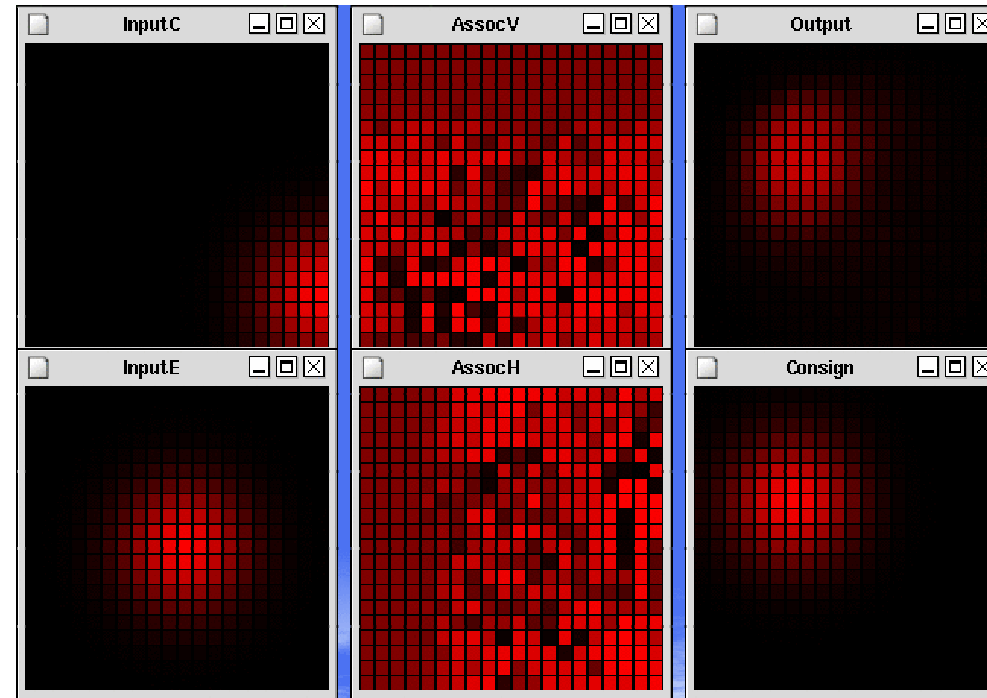
- Maximal activities when movement in preferred direction of neuron
- In M1, topographic organization: neighboring neurons have similar preferred directions
- Neural maps realise population encoding for motor commands



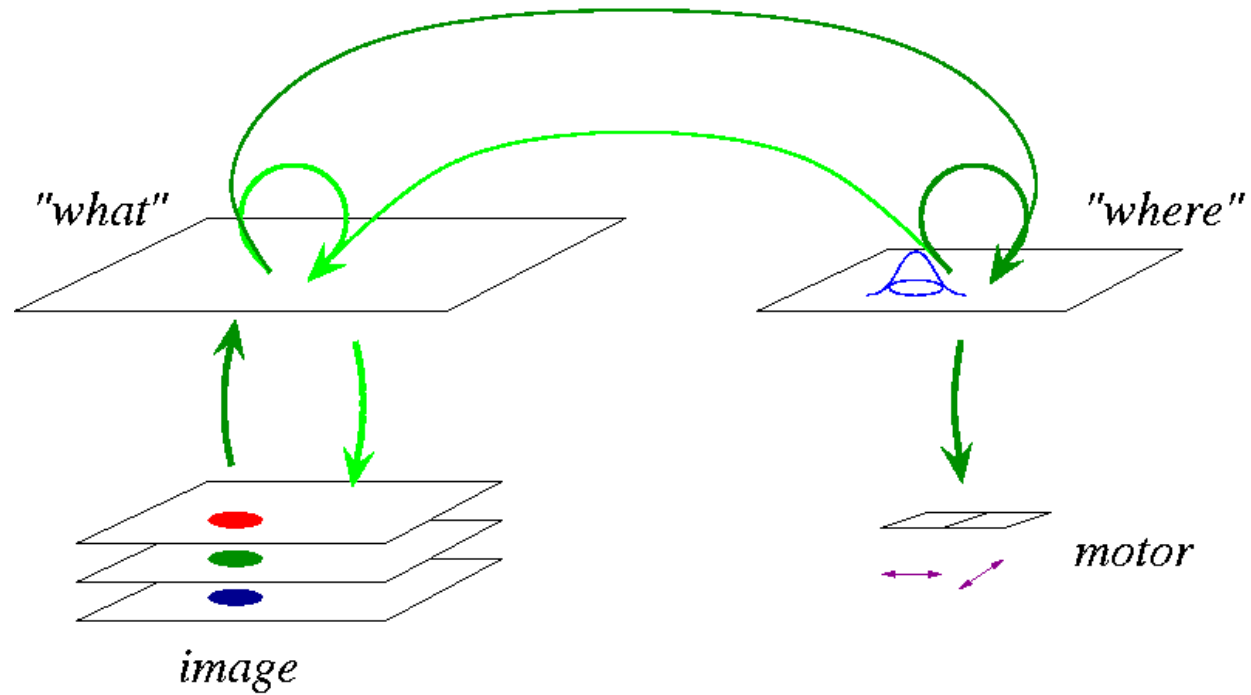
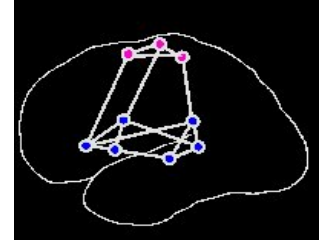
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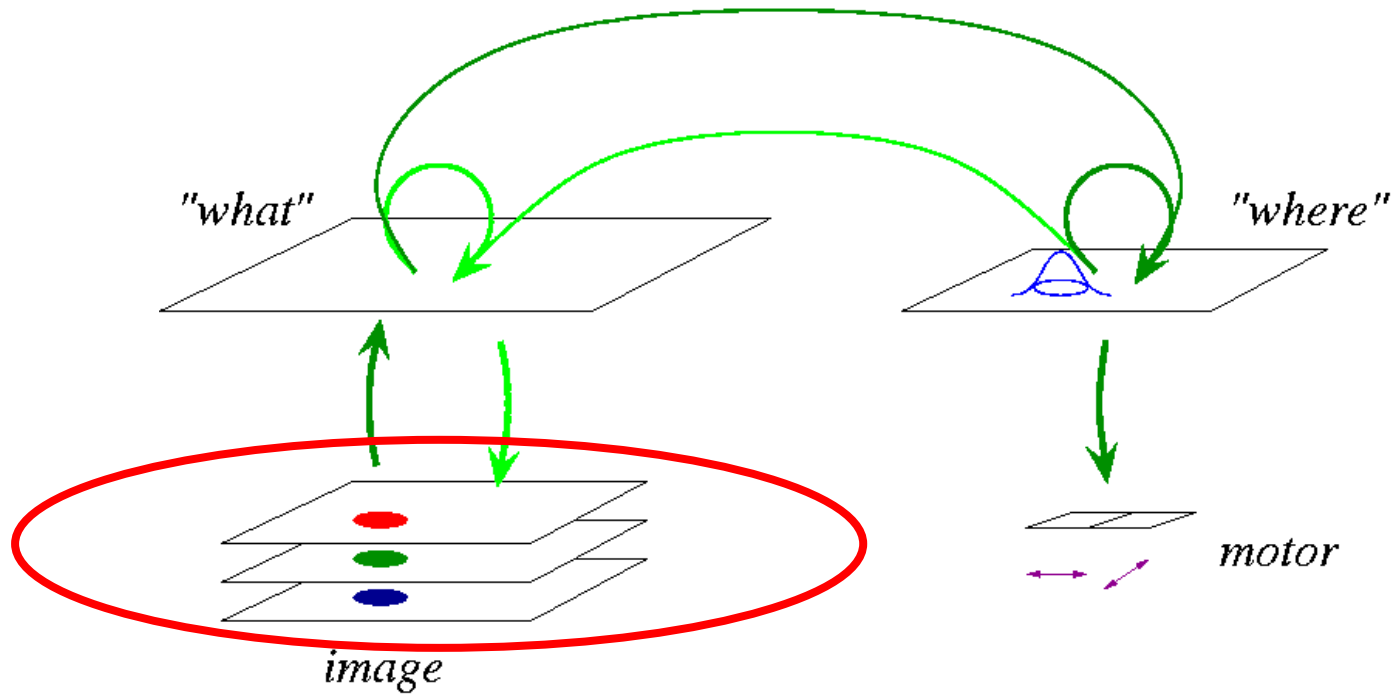
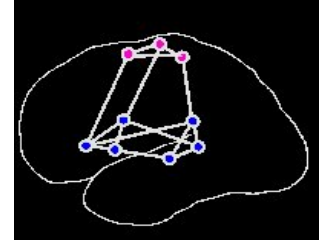
- control of saccadic eye movements towards a target



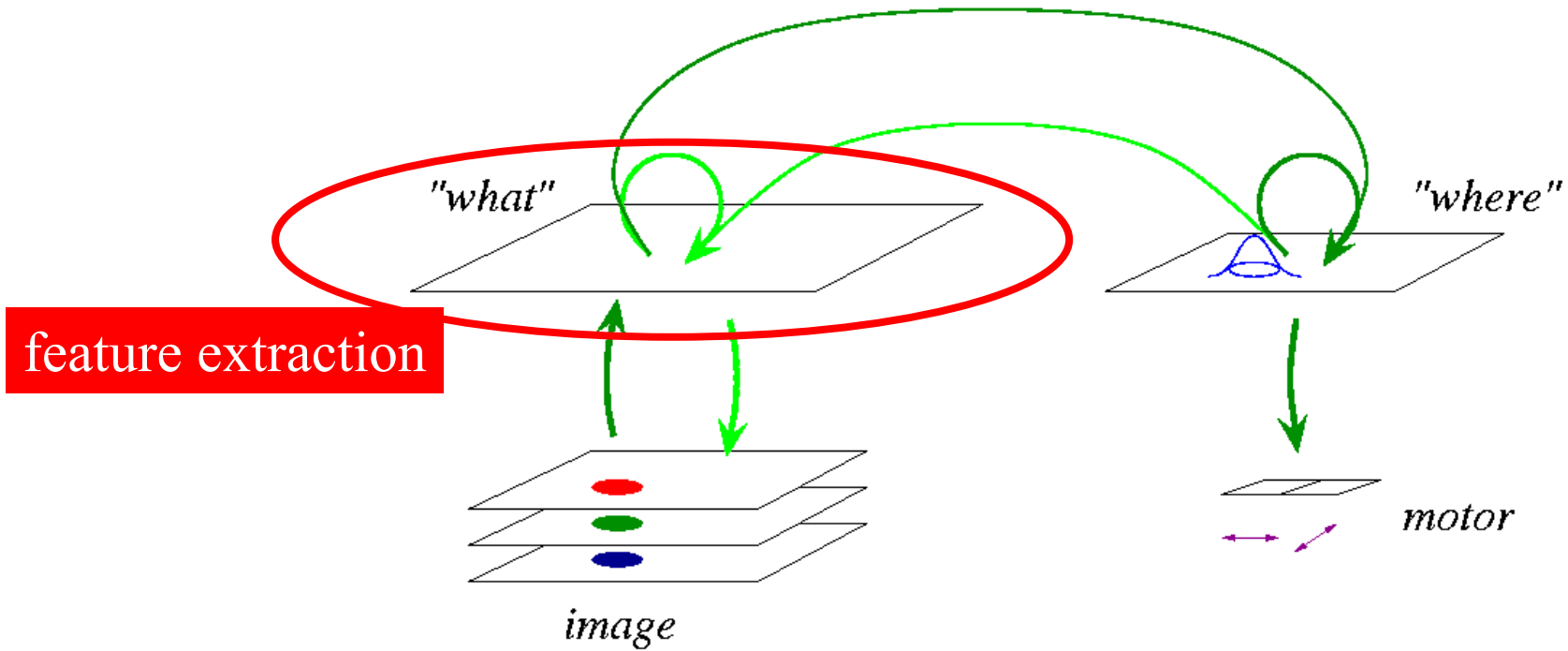
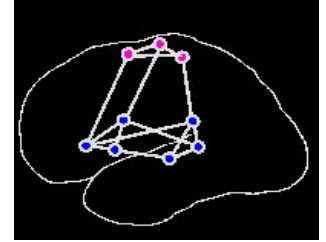
Associative network for "Bot show orange"



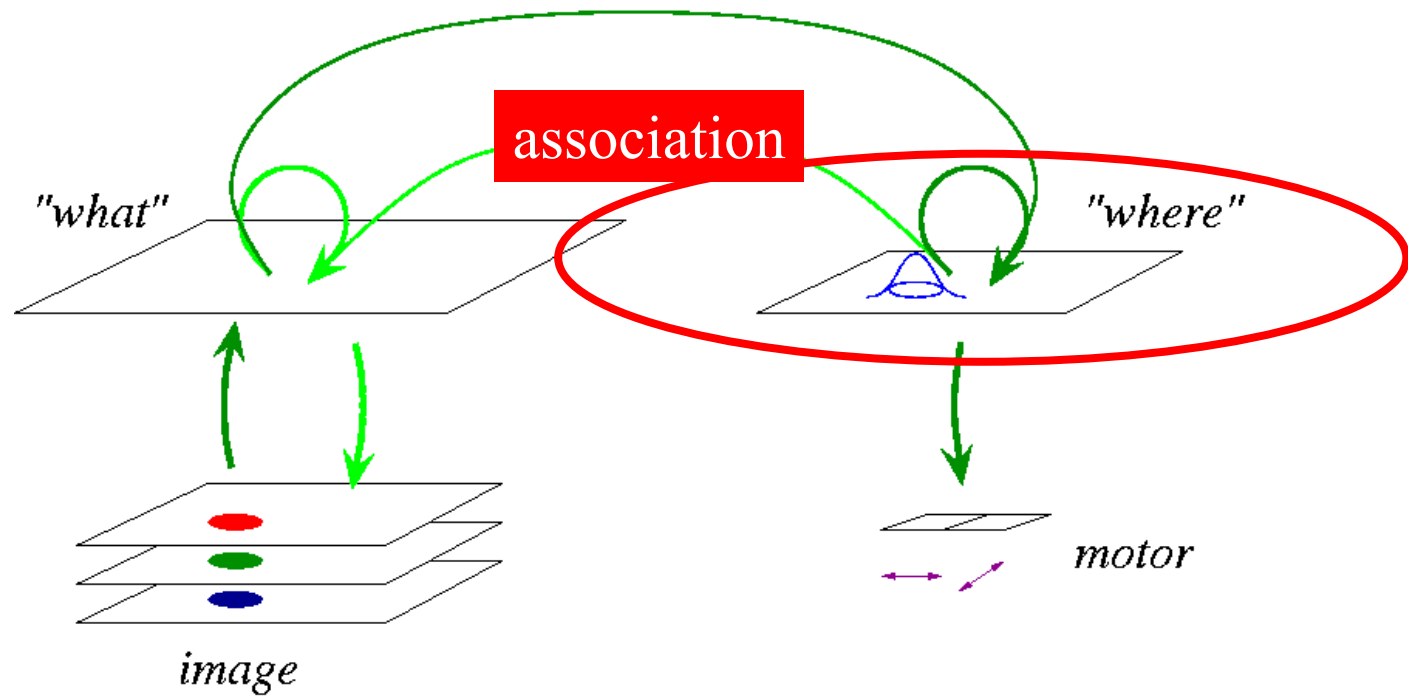
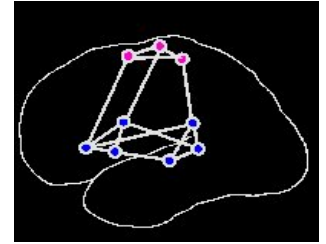
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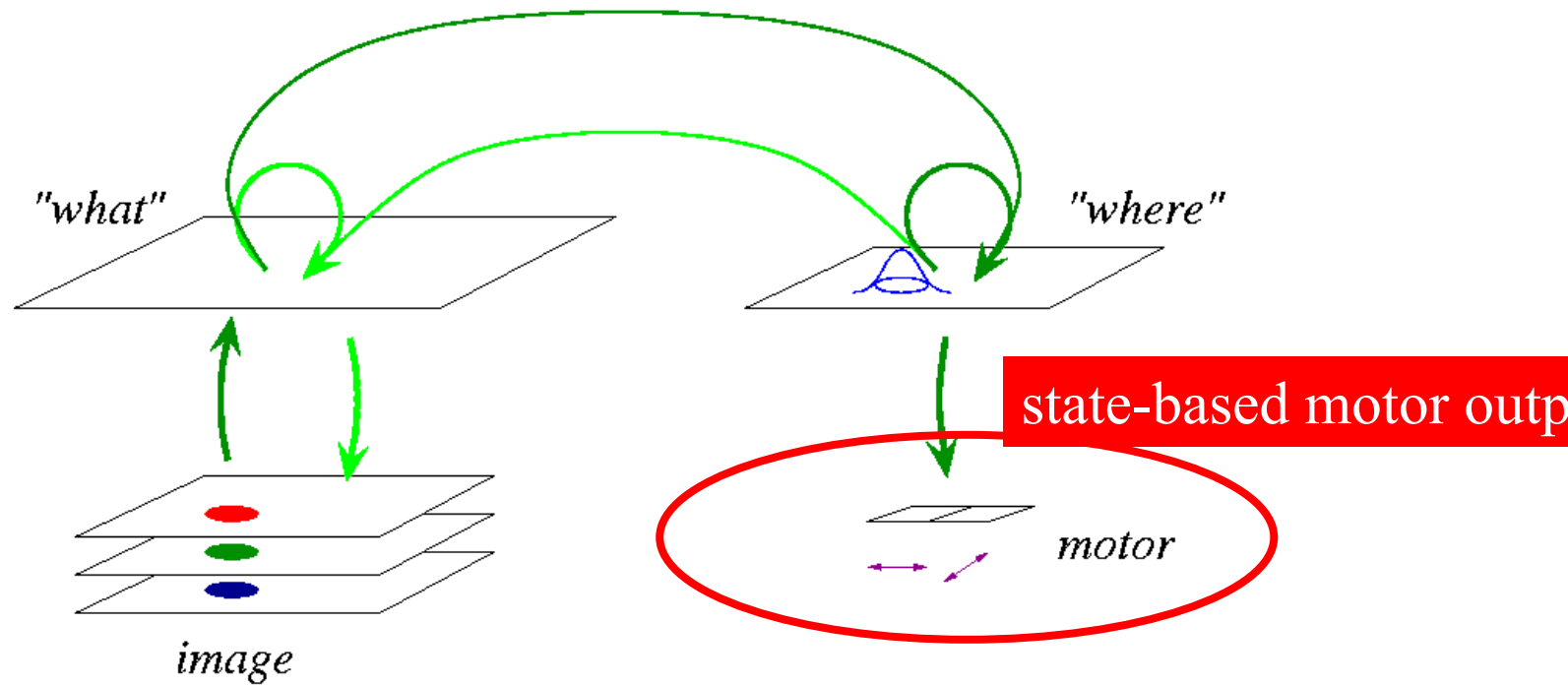
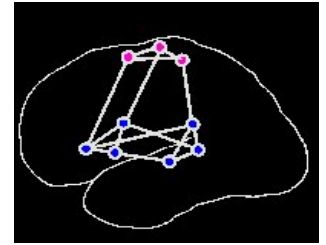
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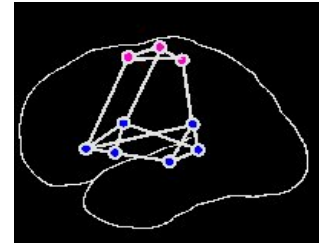
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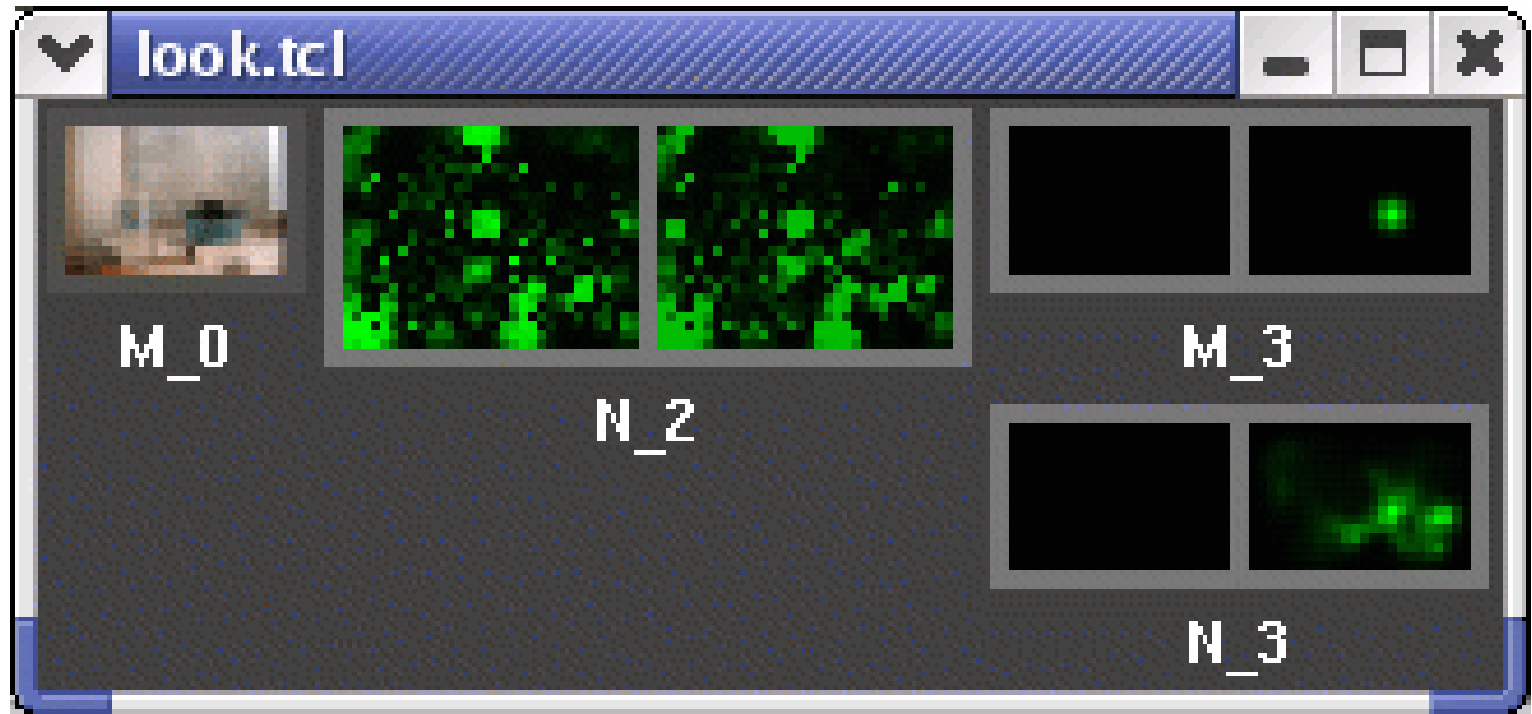
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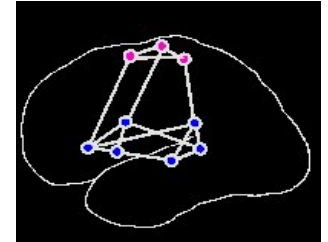
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“what”

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Docking



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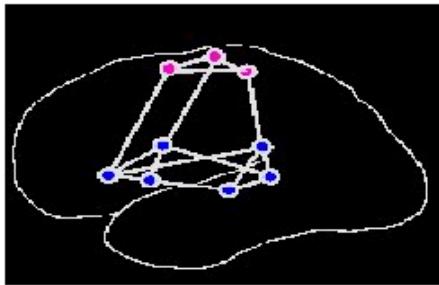
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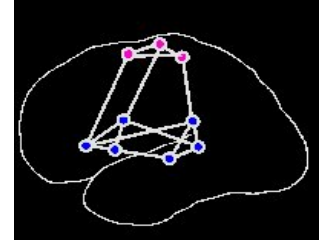
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Conclusions

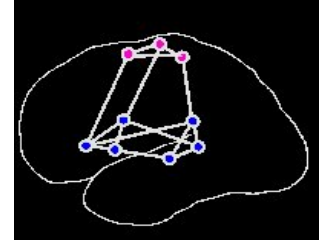


- Experiments on action-oriented cortical organisation
- Computational models for language, vision, action on robot
- Aim towards mirror neuron-based association of multiple modalities in neural models





European MirrorBot Workshop



- A multidisciplinary approach for the study of frontal cortex
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