### Nerve cells types



# **Cortical Layers**



### **Action Potentials**

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# Synapses

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## Neural circuits

- Receptive field model: somatic/visual/auditory
  Binary/continuous
- Barlow's dogma
- Kernel representation

## Neural circuits

- Spatial summation: amount of active fibers
- Temporal summation: intensity of firing
- Excitatory and Inhibitory circuits
- Converging signals
- Lateral Inhibition
- Reverberation by synaptic delay

# Measuring methods

- Intra cellular
- Single unit Extra cellular
- PSTH
- Multi unit Extra cellular
- Large scale (CNV/P300)
- fIMAGING

### McCulloch & Pitts 1943: Formal Neurons

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### Formal Neuron extensions

- Discrete continuous
- Different threshold functions
- Integrate & Fire models

### Formal Neural Networks

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Any behavior that can be unambiguously described in a finite number of words can be realized by a formal neural network

## The fallacy of the first step

### Models and reality: the right scale

- Evoked potentials
- Multi units
- Single units
- Intracellular
- Synaptic

### Models and reality: the right scale

- Discrete or continuous ?
- Synchronized ?
- Uniform processor ?
- The information carrier is:

spikes/frequency/inter-spikes/synchrony?

### Hebb principle (1949):

when an axon of cell A is near enough to excite cell B, and repeatedly and persistently takes part in firing it, some growth process or metabolic change take place in one or both cells, such that A's efficacy as one of B's excitators is increased

Interaction of presynaptic/postsynaptic excitation/inhibition

# Implementing memory in NN

• Memory – variable strength synapses

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$$y(t) = F\{x_1(t), x_2(t), ..., x_N(t)\}$$
  
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kernels approximated by basis functions  $\{Q_i(\tau)\}_{i=1}^{K}$ 

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