Is a Computer Smarter than a Fruit Fly (Drosophila m.)?

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- A Fruit Fly's unique lifestyle is specifically adapted to its particular body
- They develop intelligent strategies to navigate life events based upon what their bodies are capable of
- Intelligence gradually develops along with the body, through experience, as a dynamic living unity

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"Form follows function — that has been misunderstood. Form and function should be one, joined in a spiritual union."

:: Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959), the American architect who designed the Guggenheim Museum in New York City

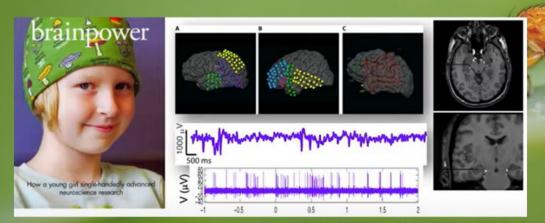


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German philosopher G.W.F. Hegel's (1770-1831) dialectic approach explains how mind-body dualism is sublated in the dynamic identity in difference of activity

- "Neural nets are a means of doing machine learning, in which a computer learns to perform some task by analyzing training examples"
- "Modeled loosely on the human brain, a neural net consists of thousands or even millions of simple processing nodes that are densely interconnected"
- "The point [is] to suggest that the human brain could be thought of as a computing device"

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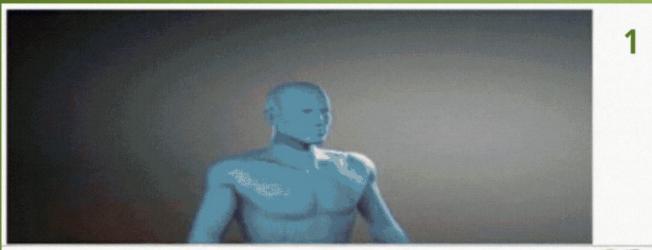


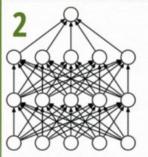
"A neural network can learn without receiving explicit instructions"

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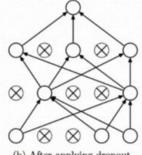
66 The problem facing the development of expert systems, that is, systems that enable a computer to simulate expert performance (for example medical diagnostics) is that an important part of the expert knowledge is tacit. If experts try to articulate the knowledge they apply in their performance, they normally regress to a lower level. Therefore, according to Hubert and Stuart Dreyfus, expert systems are not able to capture the skills of an expert performer. We know this phenomenon from everyday life. Most of us are experts on walking. However, if we try to articulate how we walk, we certainly give a description that does not capture the skills involved in walking.

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(a) Standard Neural Net



(b) After applying dropout.

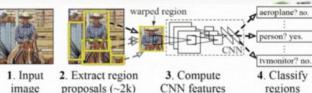
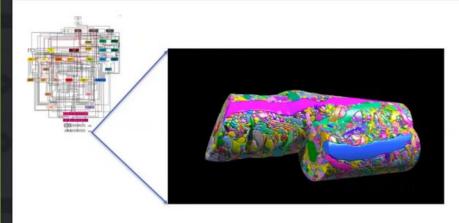


Figure 1: Object detection system overview. Our system (1) takes an input image, (2) extracts around 2000 bottom-up region proposals, (3) computes features for each proposal using a large convolutional neural network (CNN), and then (4) classifies each region using class-specific linear SVMs. R-CNN achieves a mean

- Simulating object detection & object classification
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#### Connnectomics!



See Jeff Lichtman's talk

Kasthuri et al, Nature 2015





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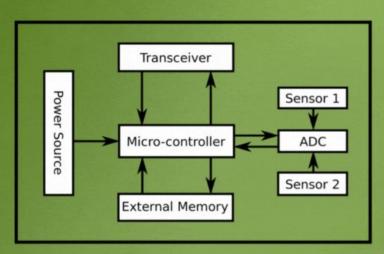
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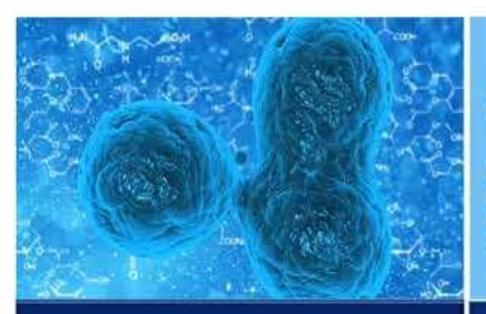
#### Sensor Node

- Limited sense capacity
- External memory
- External power source
- Consumes 1 milliwatt of power (1000x more than Drosophila)

#### Drosophila m.

- Multi-sense perception
- Aerial navigation
- Decision making
- Reproduces itself
- Internal memory
- Internal power source.
- Consumes a few microwatts of power





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