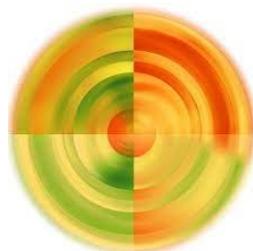


# Optimal Oscillator Memory Networks

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# Motivation

Attractor networks are important models of memory in neuroscience & ML

Memory networks models for hippocampus and other brain areas

Error-correction in Vector Symbolic Architectures (VSA)

“Modern Hopfield Networks” in Transformer networks

Many traditional attractor models are inefficient

How to design efficient associative memories for neuromorphic hardware or coupled oscillators?

# Classical “Hopfield” Associative Memory

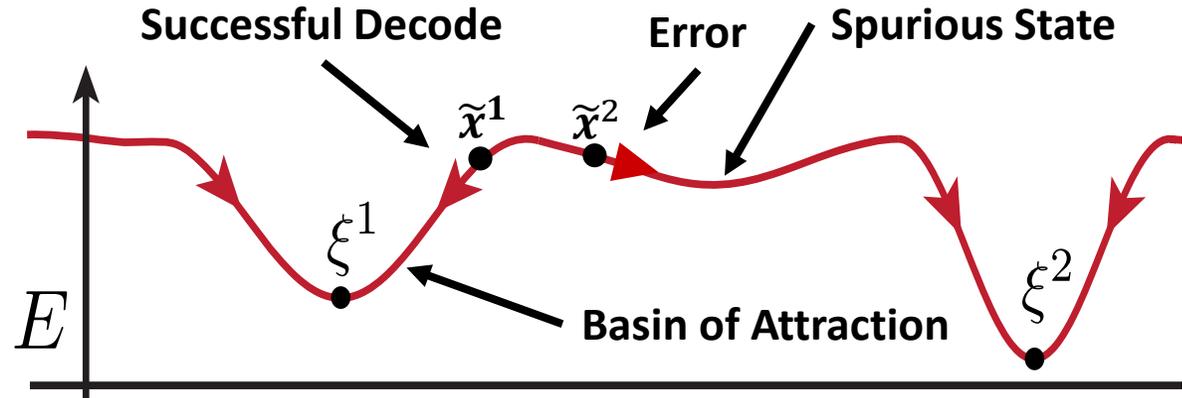
An associative memory stores a set of patterns for robust recall

Binary Patterns  
 $\xi^k \in \{-1, 1\}^N$

Outer Product Learning Rule

$$W = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^M \xi^k \xi^{kT}$$

Energy Function  
 $E = -x^T W x$



System Dynamics

$$\Delta x = f(-\nabla_x E(x))$$
$$x(t+1) = f(Wx(t))$$

Error-Correction (Two Components)

- Collective State Computation
- State Quantization  $f(x) = \text{sign}(x)$

# Efficiency of Associative Memories

## Parameters

$M$  Patterns

$N$  Units/Neurons

$S = |\{W_{ij}\}|$  Synapses/Parameters

$I_p$  Pattern Information (Bits/Pattern)

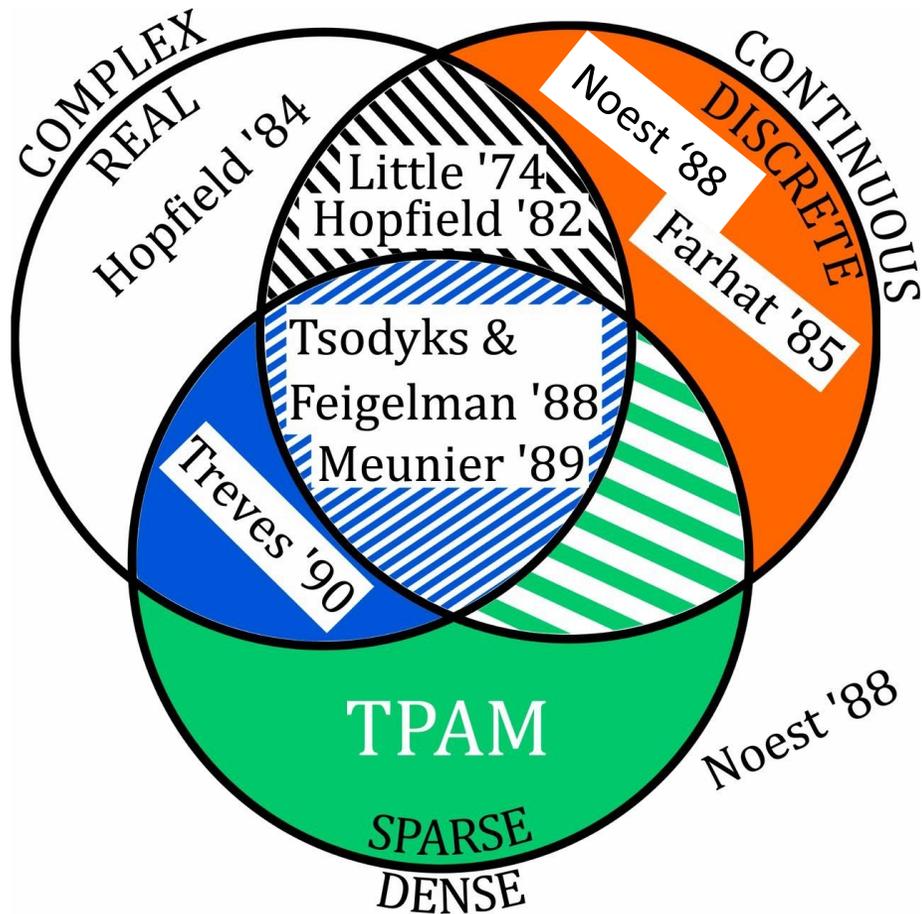
## Pattern Capacity

$$\frac{M}{N} \left[ \frac{\text{Patterns}}{\text{Unit}} \right]$$

## Information Capacity

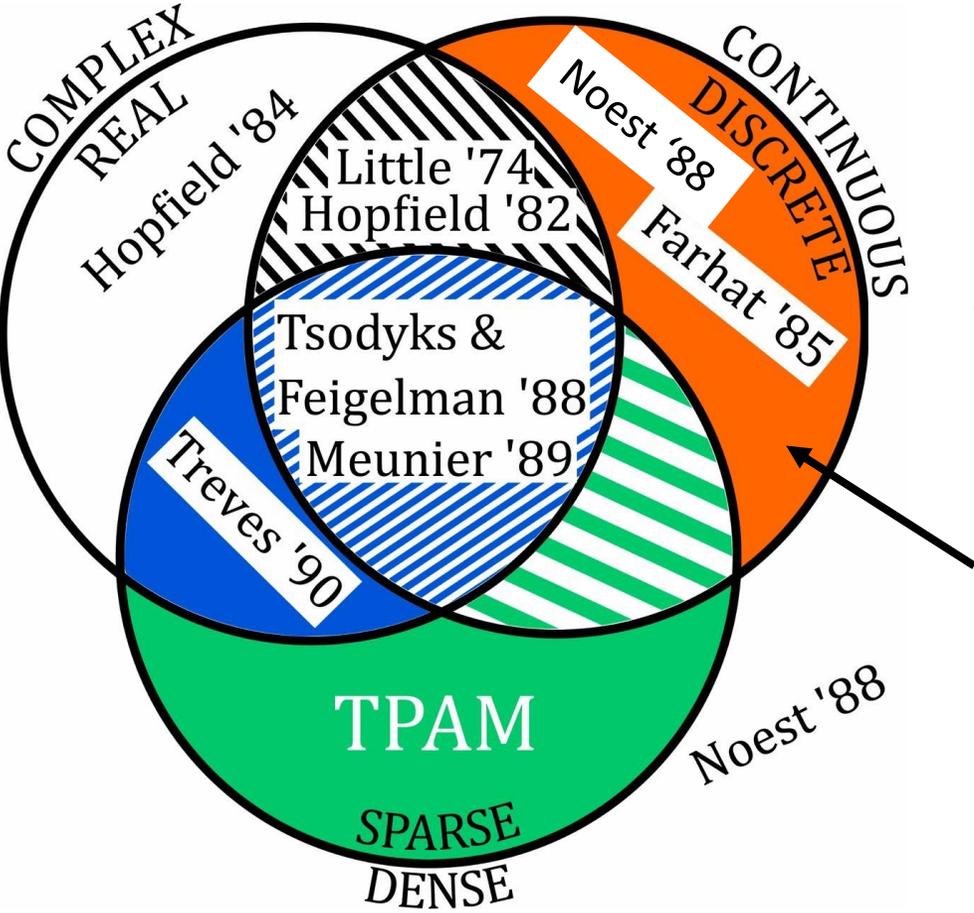
$$\frac{I_p M}{S} \left[ \frac{\text{Bits}}{\text{Synapse}} \right]$$

# Existing Associative Memory Models



	Pattern Information	Pattern & Information Capacity
<b>Binary &amp; Dense &amp; Discrete</b>	High	Low
<b>Sparse</b>	Low	High
<b>Complex &amp; Dense &amp; Continuous</b>	High	Low

# Existing Associative Memory Models



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<b>Complex &amp; Dense &amp; Discrete</b>	High	?

Frady, E. Paxon, and Friedrich T. Sommer. "Robust computation with rhythmic spike patterns." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 116.36 (2019): 18050-18059.

# Complex-Valued Phasor Associative Memory

**Continuous Patterns**

$$\xi^k \in \mathbb{C}^N$$

**Complex Outer Product Learning Rule**

$$\mathbf{W} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^M \xi^k (\xi^k)^{*T}$$

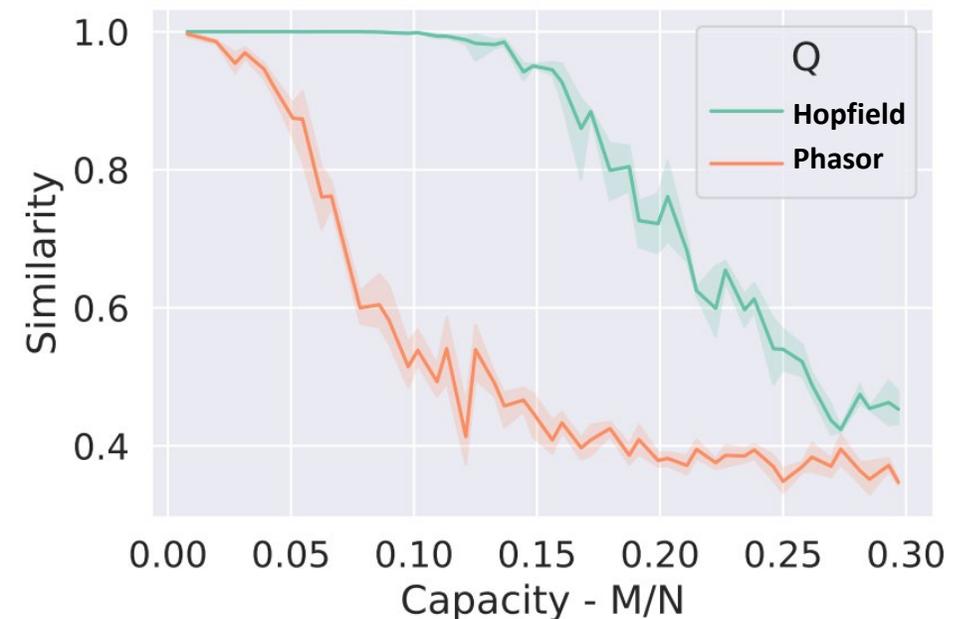
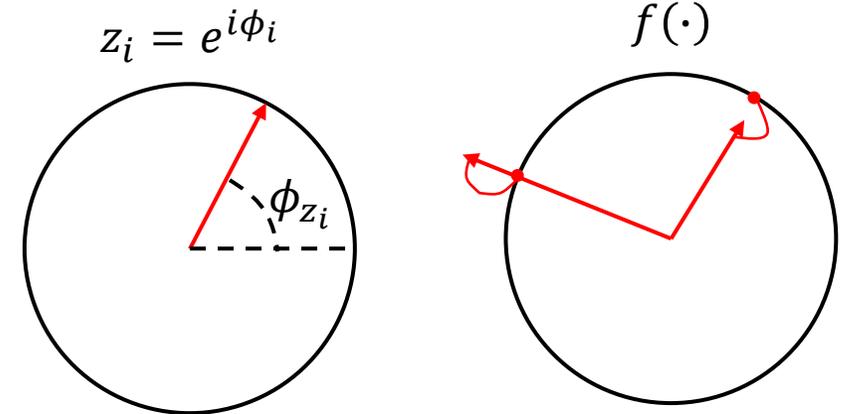
**Energy**

$$\mathbf{E} = -(\mathbf{z})^{*T} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}$$

**Dynamics**

$$\mathbf{z}(t+1) = f(\mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}(t))$$

$$f(z_i) = \frac{z_i}{|z_i|}$$



# Q-State Phasor Neural Networks

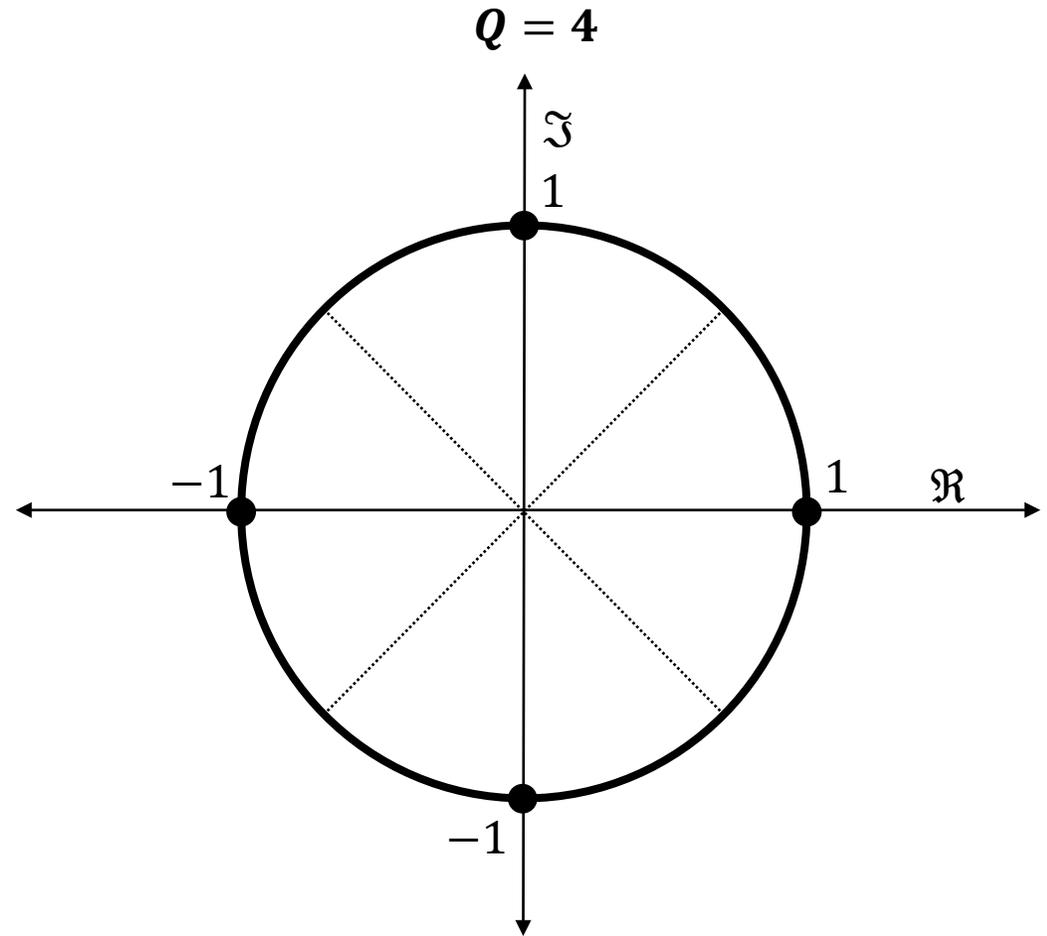
## Patterns

$$\xi^k = \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi \mathbf{q}^k}{Q}\right)$$

## Dynamics

$$\mathbf{z}(t+1) = f(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{z}(t))$$

$$f(u_i) = \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi}{Q} \operatorname{argmin}_q \left| \phi_i^u - \frac{2\pi q}{Q} \right| \right)$$



# Trade-off Pattern Complexity vs. Error-Correction

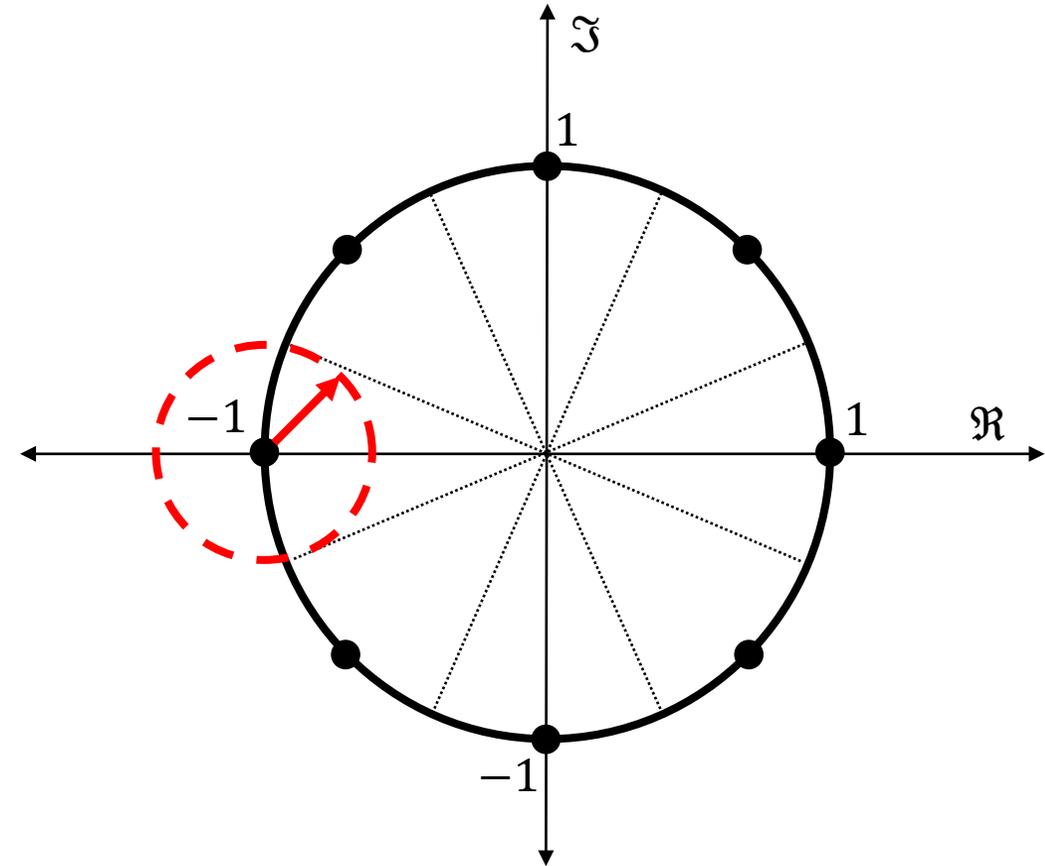
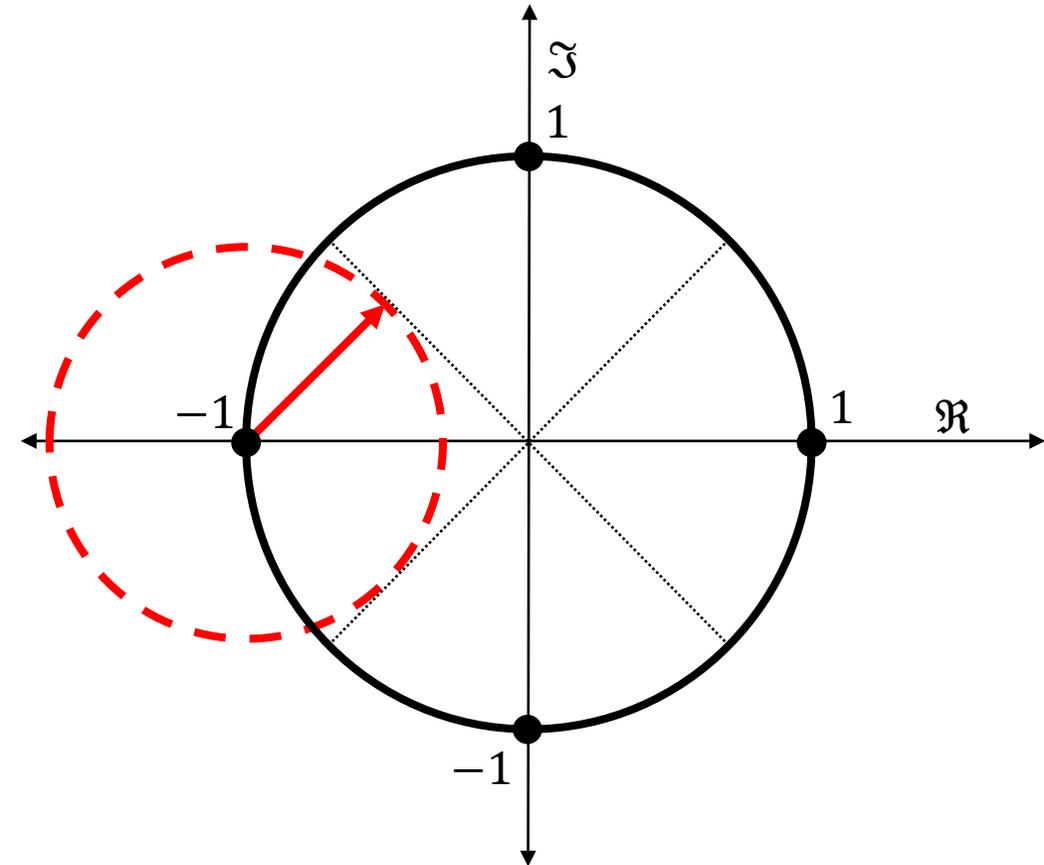
**Lower Entropy  
More Robust**

**Higher Entropy  
Less Robust**

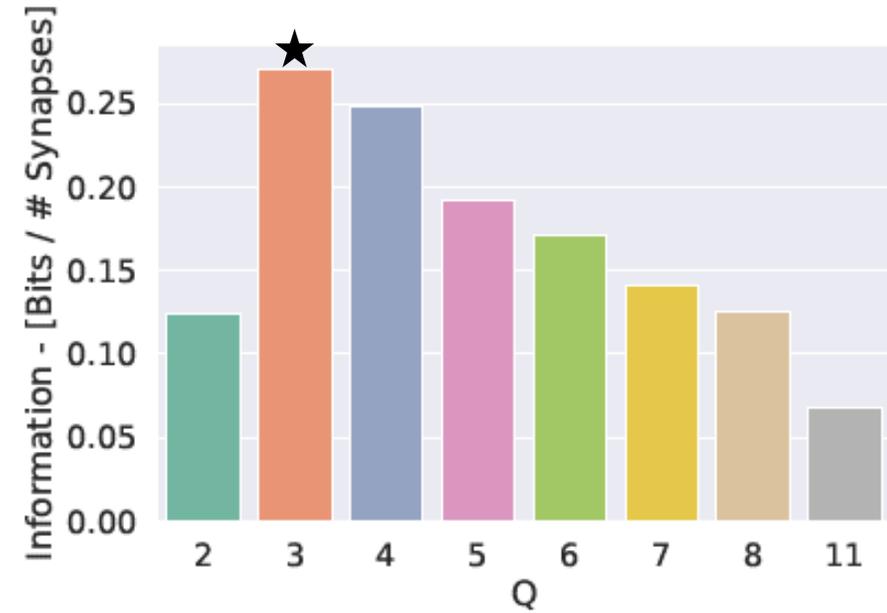
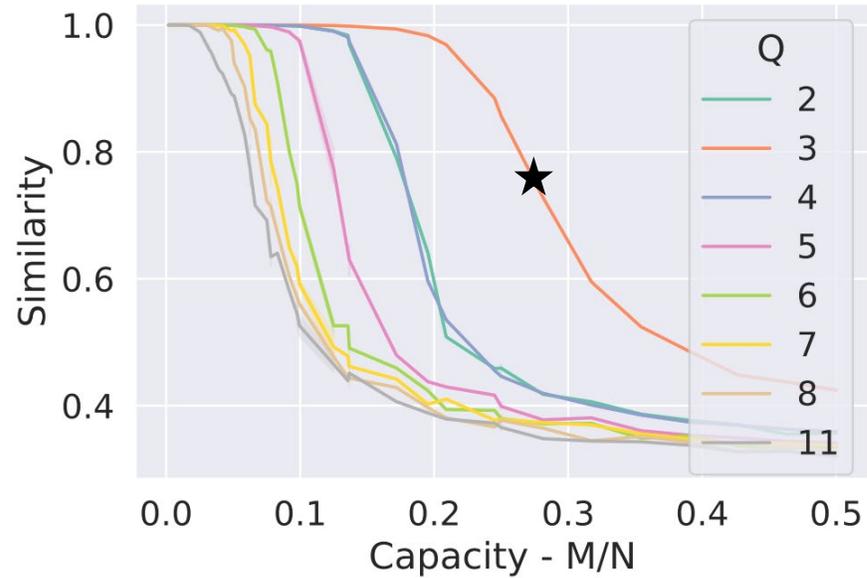


$Q = 4$

$Q = 8$



# Capacity Results for Q-State Phasor Networks



★ Maximum capacity at  $Q=3$  as predicted by mean-field theory - Cook, J. (1989)

# Oscillator Networks

Mapping Associative Memories to Hardware

# Synchronization in Weakly-Coupled Oscillators

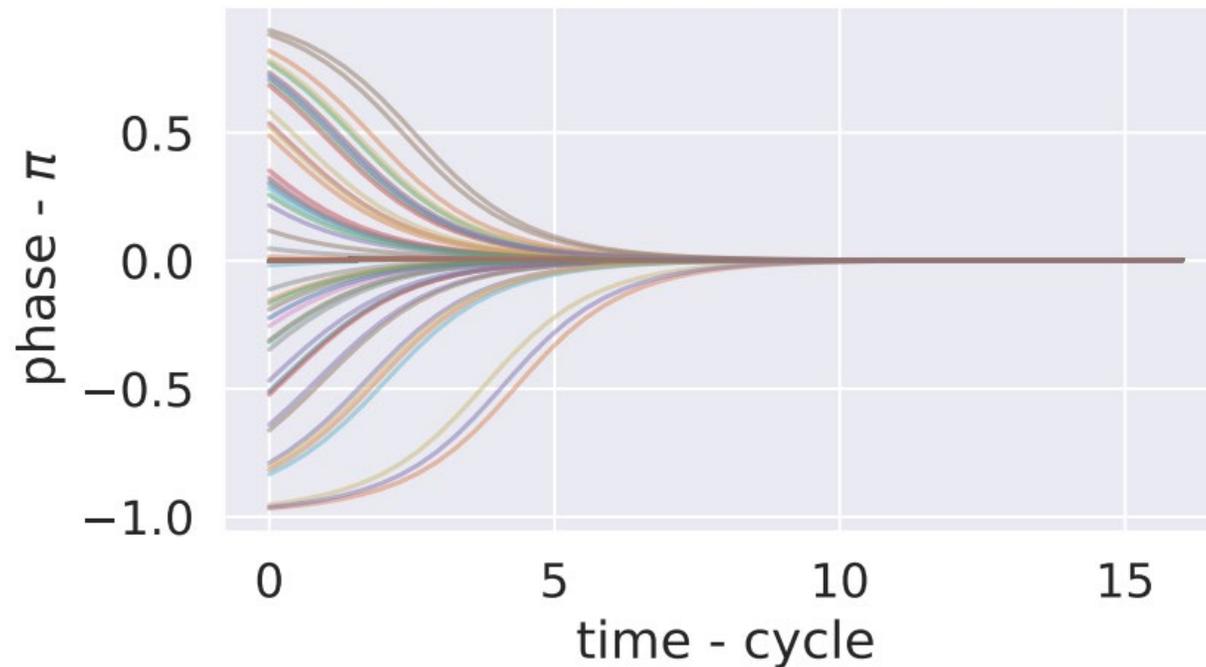
## Continuous Phasors

$$\mathbf{z}(t + 1) = f(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{z}(t)); W_{ij} = 1$$

$$f(z_i) = \frac{z_i}{|z_i|}$$

## Kuramoto Model

$$\dot{\phi}_i = \epsilon \sum_j \sin(\phi_j - \phi_i)$$



# Kuramoto Phasor Associative Memory

Phasor associative memories map to Kuramoto oscillator networks

Without state quantization fixed-points of dynamical system **ARE NOT\*** stored patterns

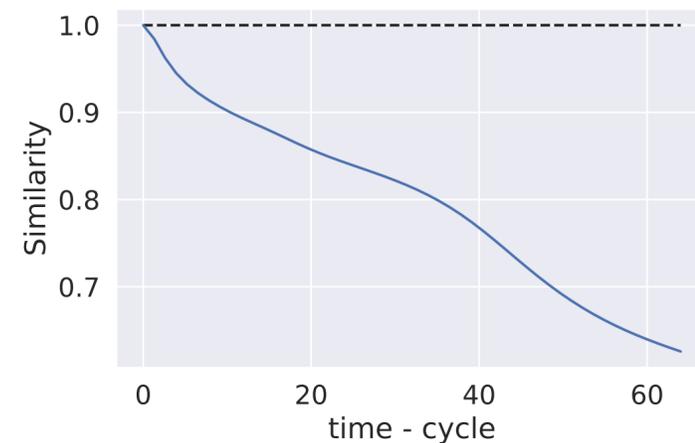
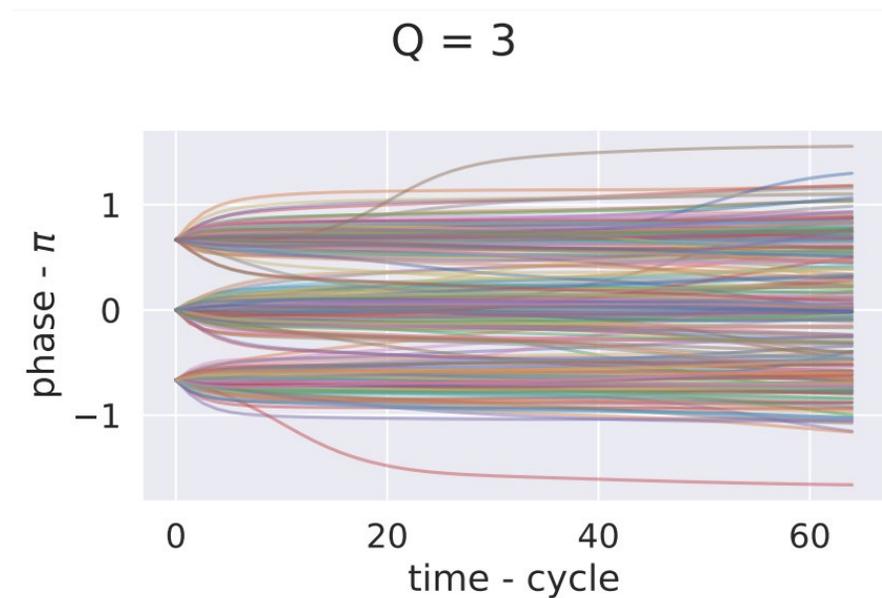
## Dynamics

$$\dot{\phi}_i = \epsilon \sum_j R_{ij} \sin(\phi_j + \Phi_{ij} - \phi_i)$$

## Parameters

$$R_{ij} = |W_{ij}| \quad \text{Coupling Strength}$$

$$\Phi_{ij} = \arg(W_{ij}) \quad \text{Coupling Phase Shift}$$



\*For  $M > 2$

# Phase Quantization

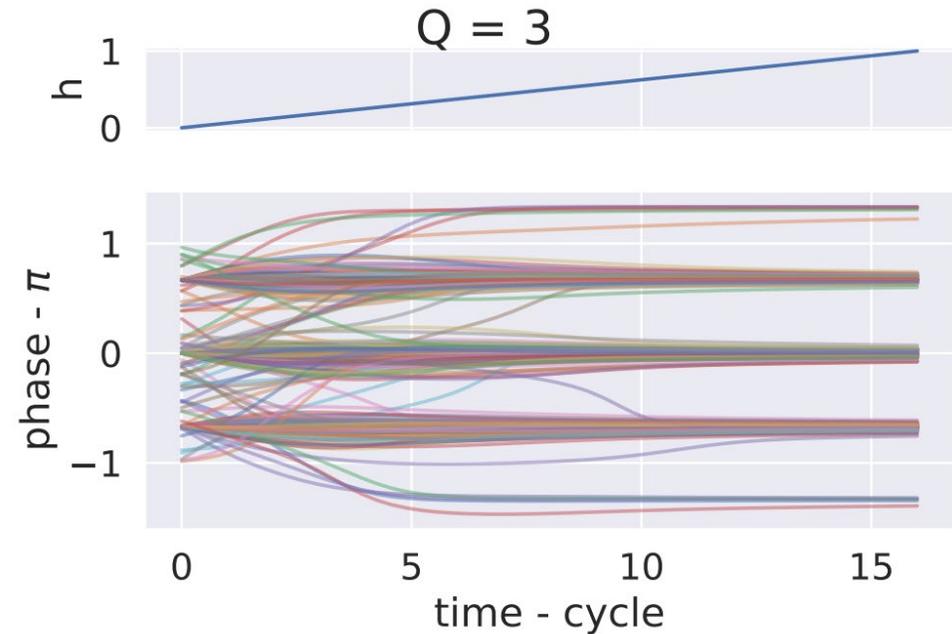
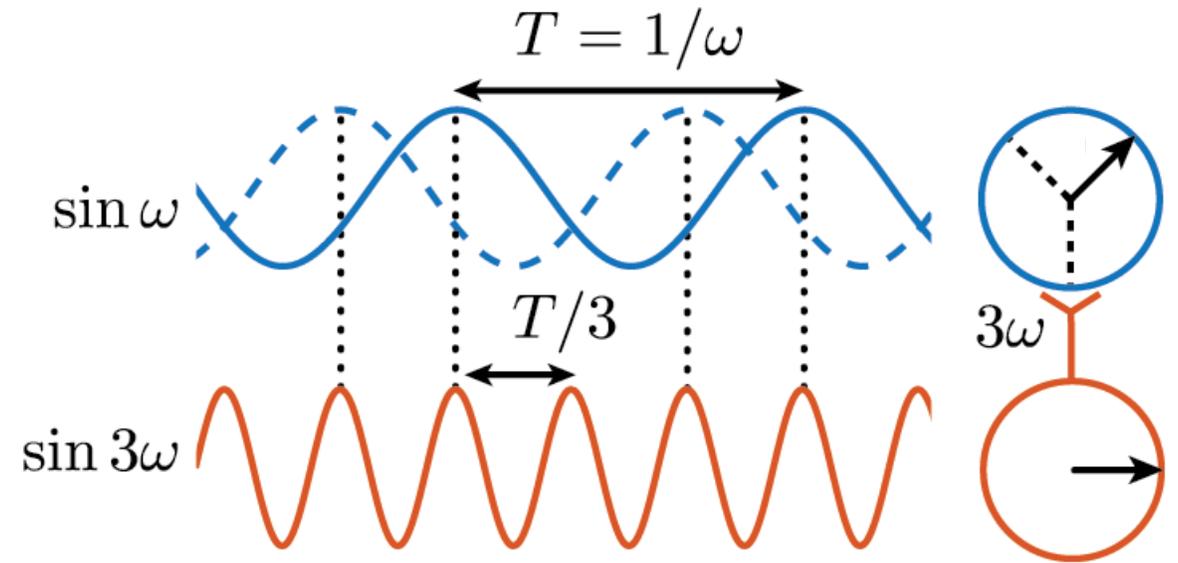
## Phase Quantization

$$f(u_i) = \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi}{Q} \operatorname{argmin}_q \left| \phi_i^u - \frac{2\pi q}{Q} \right| \right)$$

## Harmonic Injection Locking (HIL)

$$\dot{\phi}_i = -\epsilon \frac{\partial E(\boldsymbol{\phi})}{\partial \phi_i} - h \sin(Q\phi_i - \phi_j)$$

$$Q = \frac{\omega_{inj}}{\omega_{mem}} \quad \text{Harmonic Ratio}$$



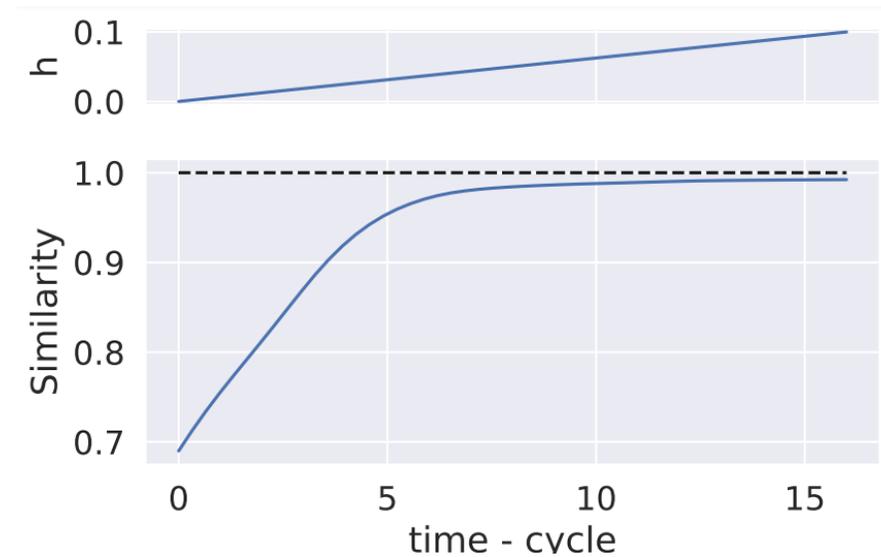
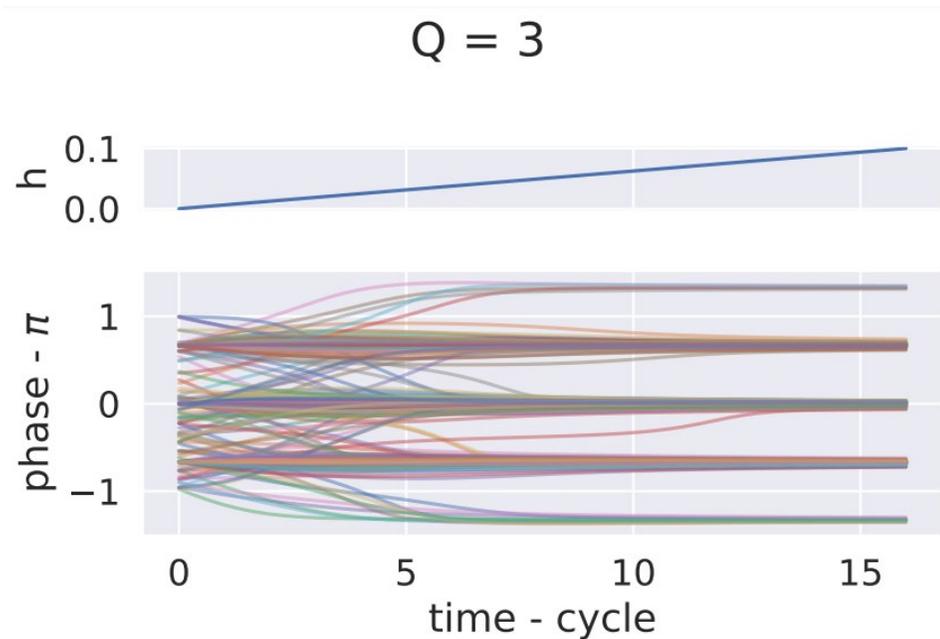
\*Presented in Nishikawa et al. '92 for bipolar patterns

# Result: Q-State Oscillator Network

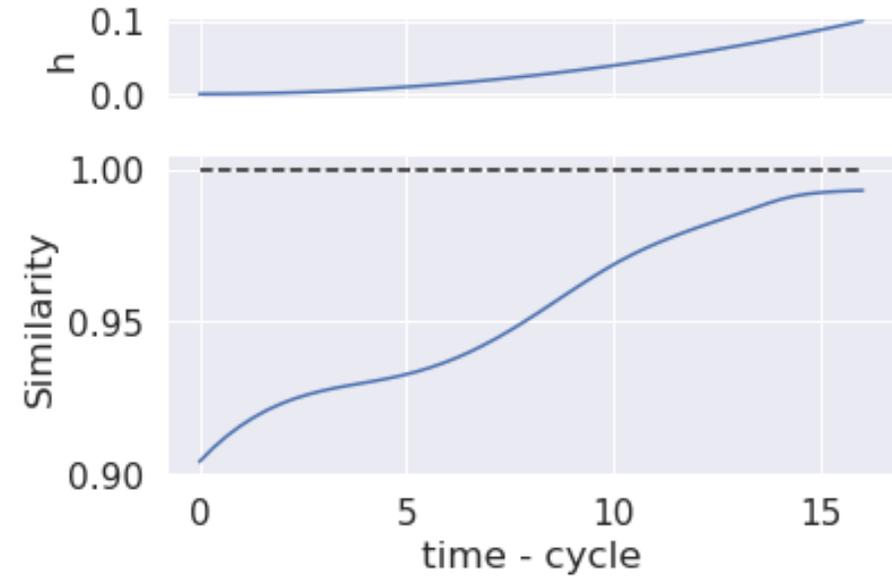
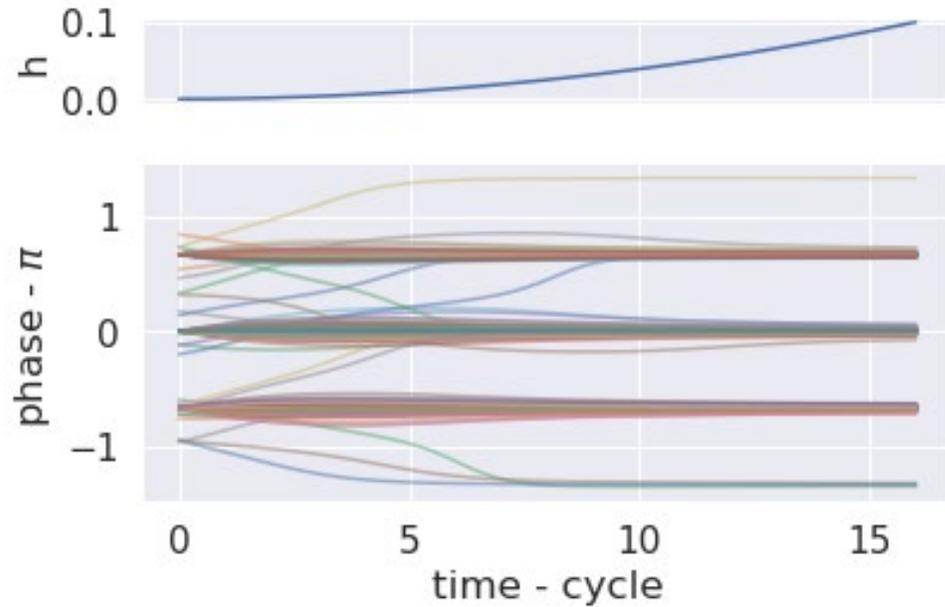
## Complete System Dynamics

$$\dot{\phi}_i = \epsilon \sum_j R_{ij} \sin(\phi_j + \Phi_{ij} - \phi_i) - h \sin(Q\phi_i - \phi_j)$$

$Q = 3$

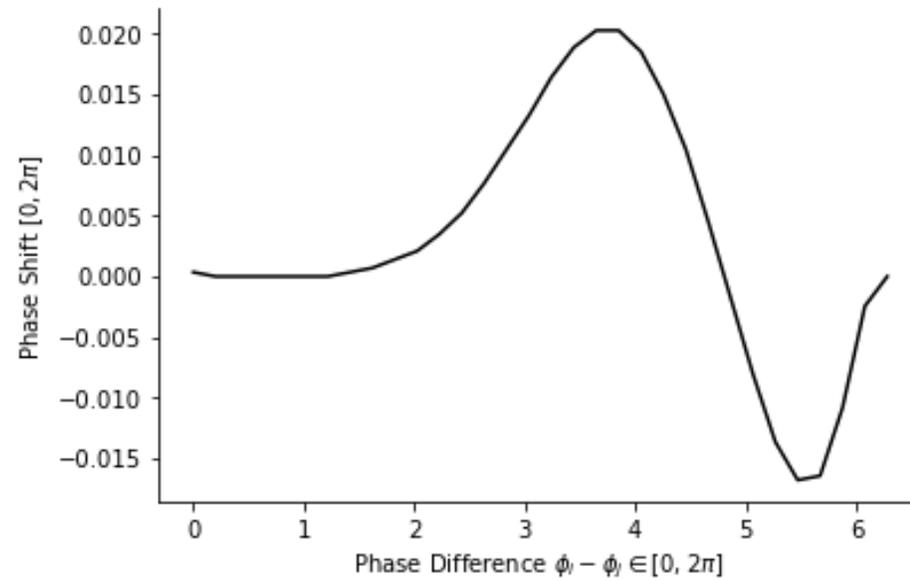


# Capacity of Q-state Oscillator Models

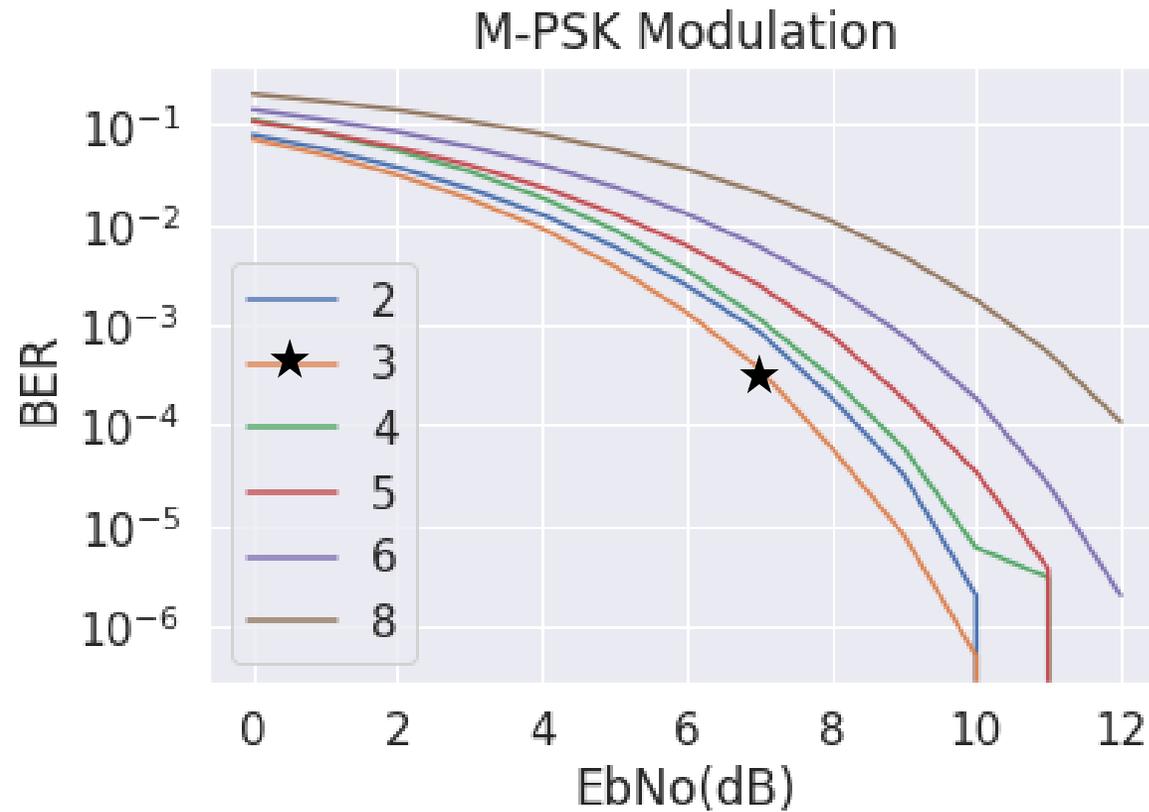


# General Phase Coupling

$$\dot{\phi}_i = \sum_j C_{ij} g(\phi_j - \phi_i)$$



# M-ary Phase Shift Keying (M-PSK)



★ Again,  $Q = 3$  is optimal!!

# Summary

Dense Hopfield associative memories in the literature have low capacity

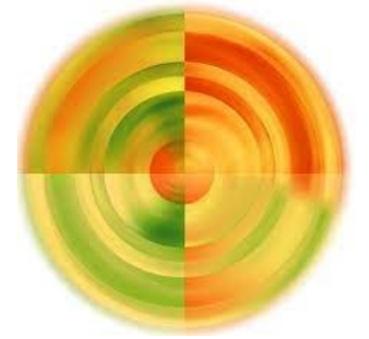
Q-State Phasor Associative Memories achieve high capacity

Implementation of Q-state Phasor Associative Memories in couple oscillators with harmonic injection

$Q = 3$  is best!

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