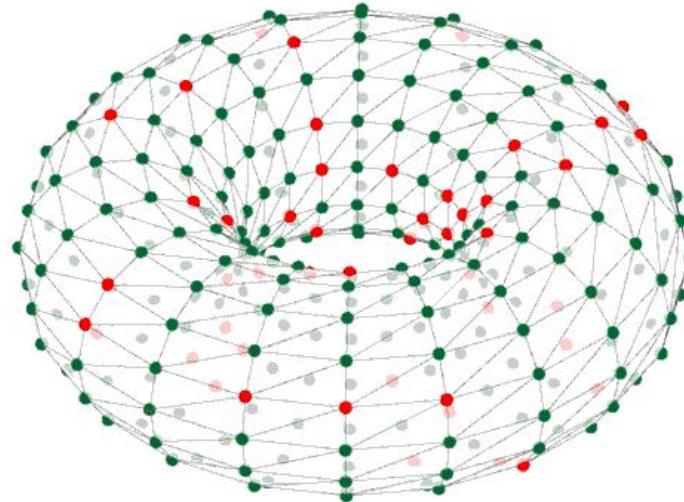


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Jupyter Notebook Interface

JupyterLab Interface

# Accessing SpiNNaker via Jupyter

The screenshot shows the Jupyter Notebook launcher interface. On the left is a sidebar with various icons and a list of recent notebooks and directories:

- File, Edit, View, Run, Kernel, Git, Tabs, Settings, Help
- + (New Notebook)
- Launcher
- Name (dropdown)
- 01.RunningPyNNSimulations
- 02.LiveInputAndOutput
- 03.NeuroroboticsPlatform
- application\_generated\_data...
- Documents
- drive
- nginx
- nrpStorage
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- sPyNNakerGit
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- Notebook**: Contains four icons for Python 3, Python 2, sPyNNaker, and sPyNNakerGit.
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At the bottom of the launcher, there are status indicators for file counts (0, \$, 0) and a "Launcher" button.

# Jupyter Folders

The screenshot shows the Jupyter Notebook interface with a sidebar containing a file tree and a central area for launching notebooks.

**File Tree:**

- 01.RunningPyNNsimulations
- 02.LiveInputAndOutput
- 03.NeuroroboticsPlatform
- application\_generated\_data...
- Documents
- drive (highlighted with a red arrow)
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**Launcher:**

**Notebook**

- Python 3
- Python 2
- sPyNNaker
- sPyNNakerGit

**Console**

- Python 3
- Python 2
- sPyNNaker
- sPyNNakerGit

**Other**

- Terminal
- Text File
- Markdown File
- Show Contextual Help

0 \$ 0 0

Launcher

# EBRAINS Drive

File Edit View Run Kernel Git Tabs Settings Help

drive /

Name

- My Libraries
- Shared with all
- Shared with groups
- Shared with me

Launcher

drive

Notebook

Python 3 Python 2 sPyNNaker sPyNNakerGit

Console

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Other

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1 \$ 0 ⌂ Launcher

# Running sPyNNaker

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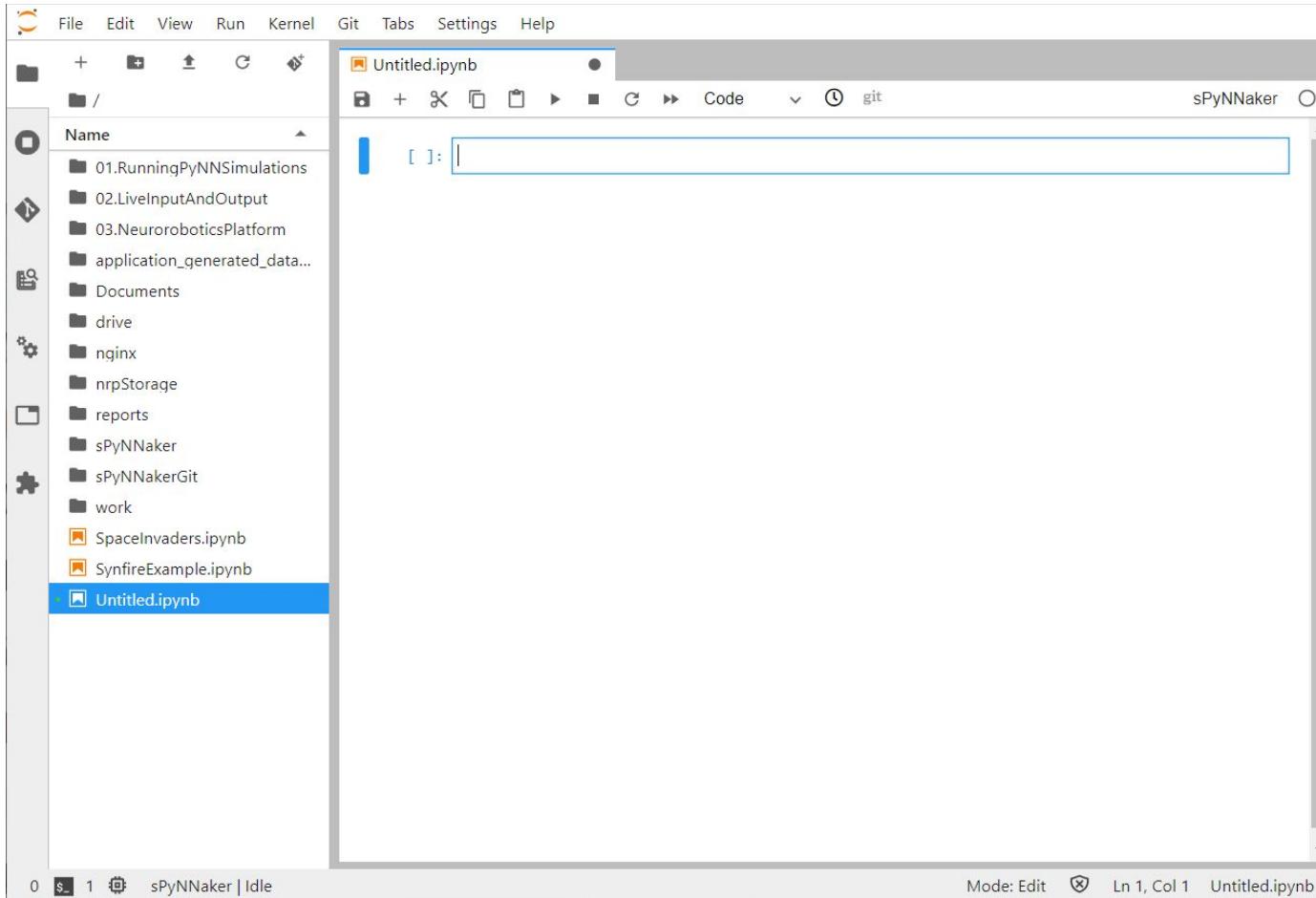
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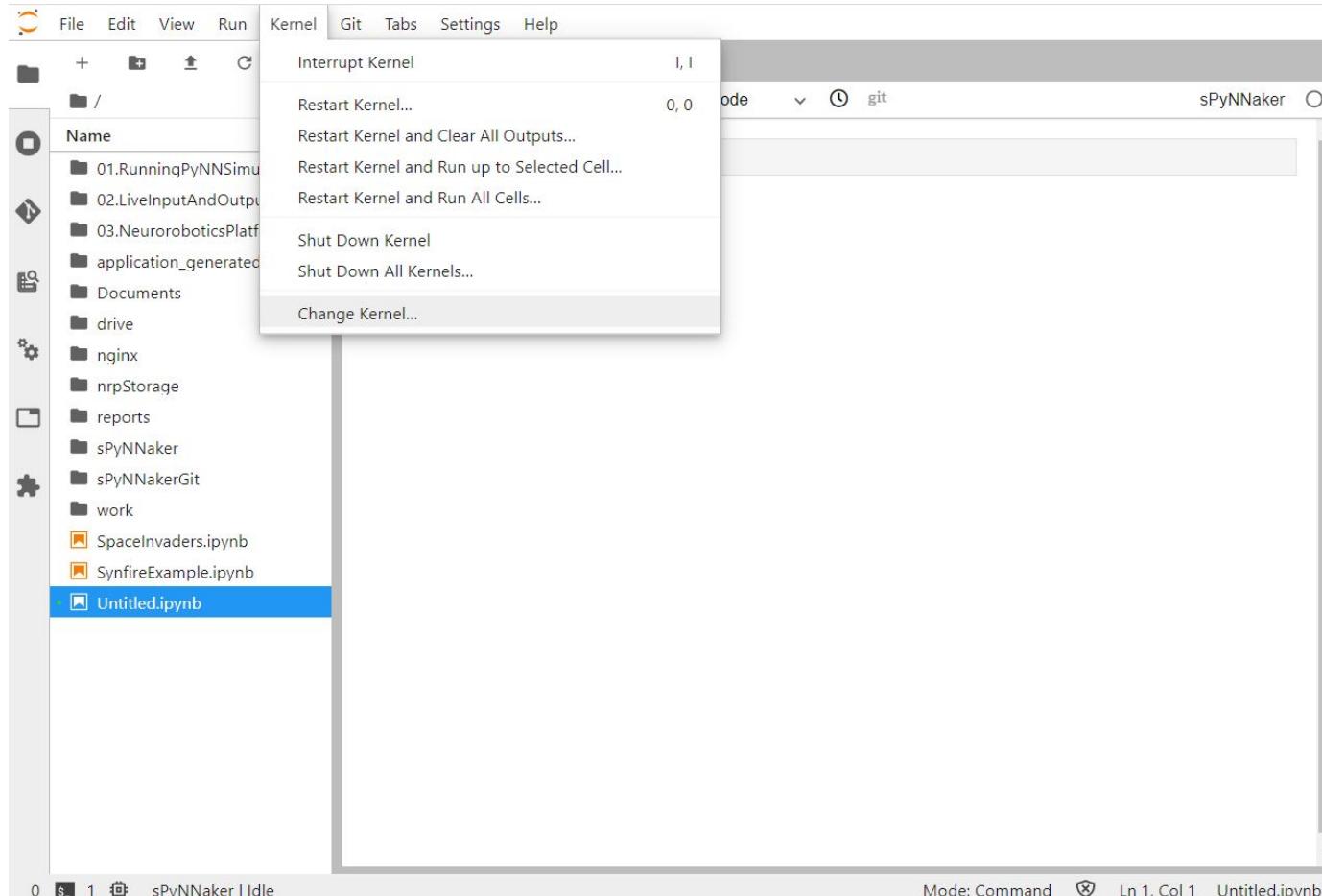
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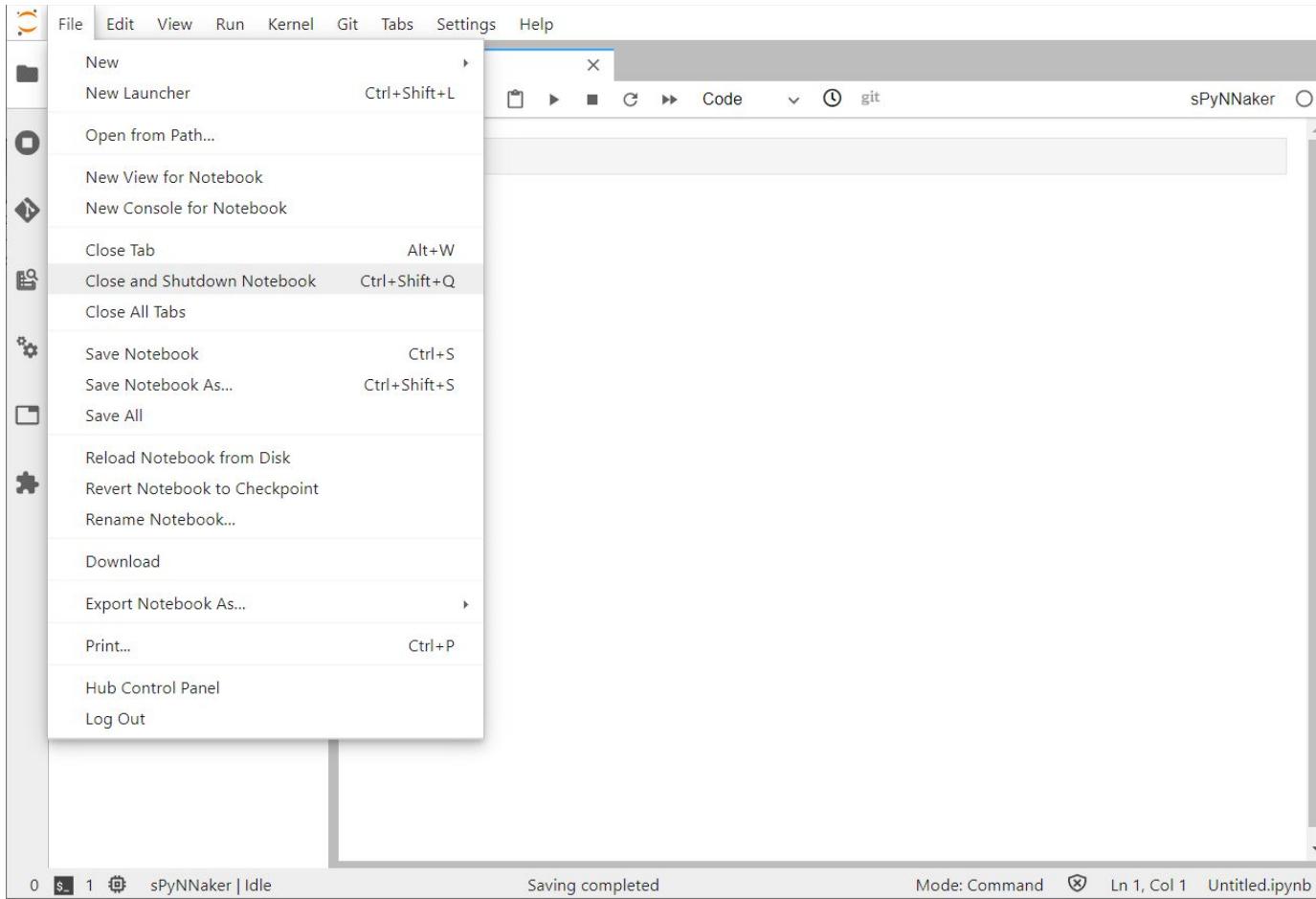
# Running sPyNNaker



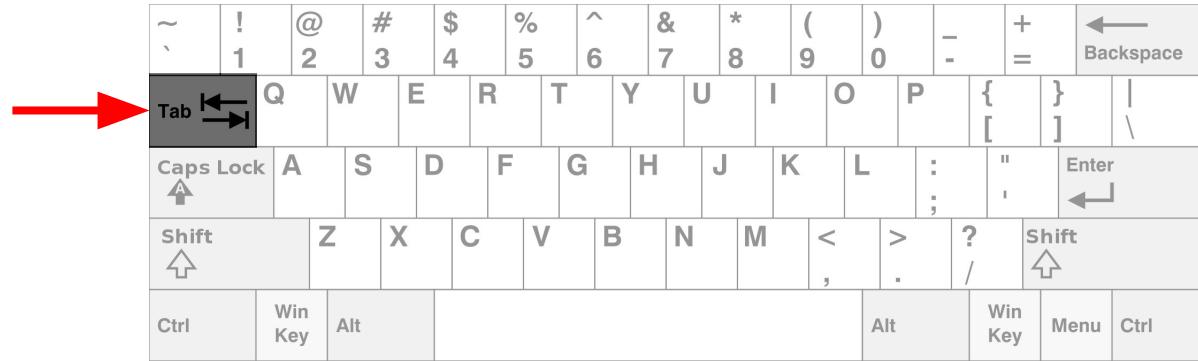
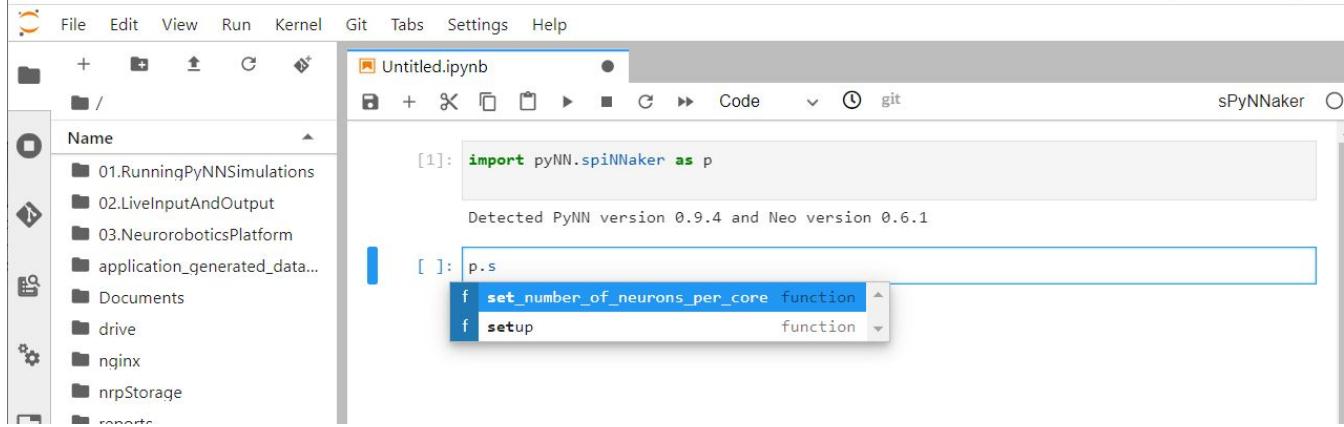
# Changing Kernel



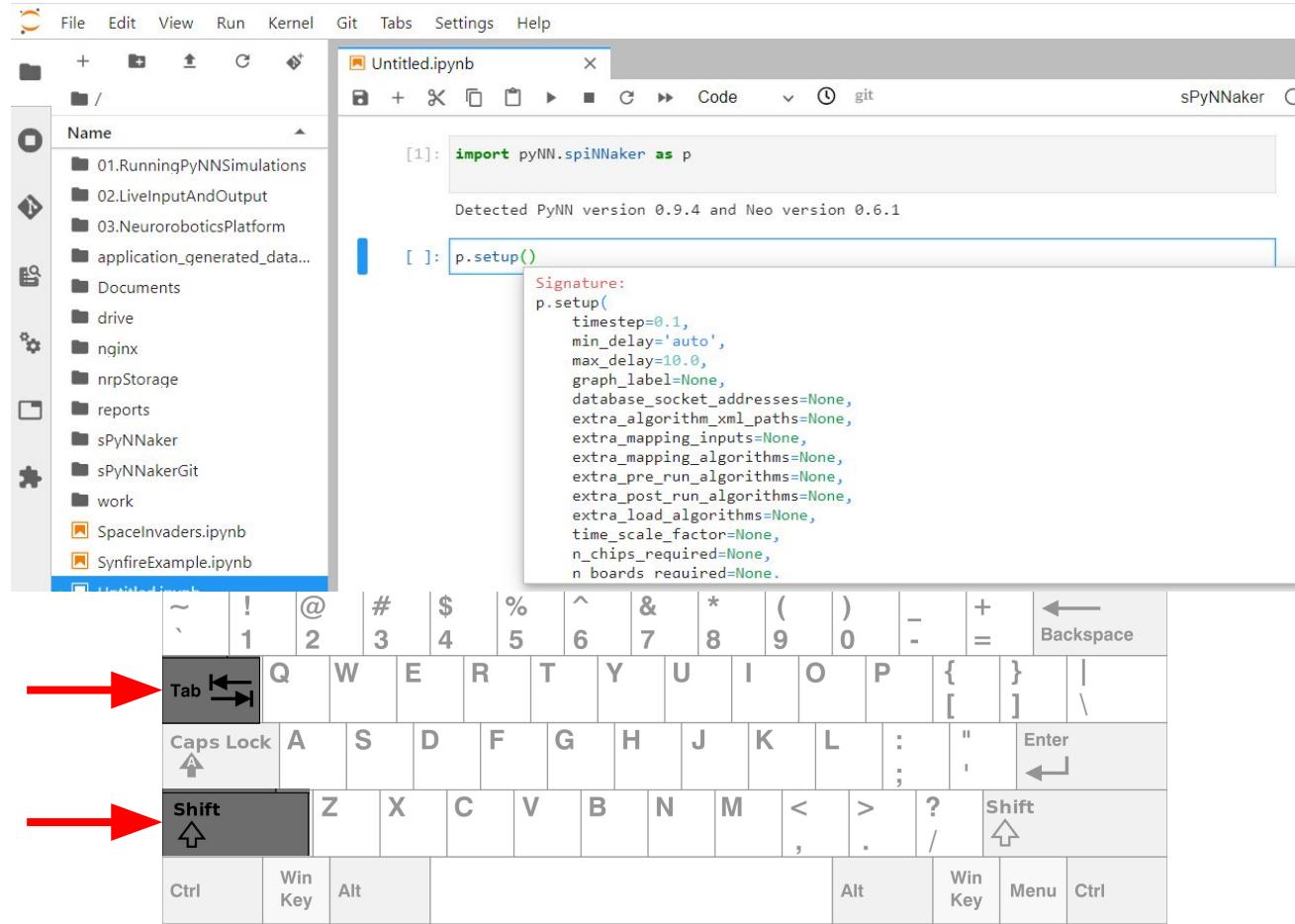
# Close Notebooks



# Jupyter Autocomplete



# Jupyter Function Help

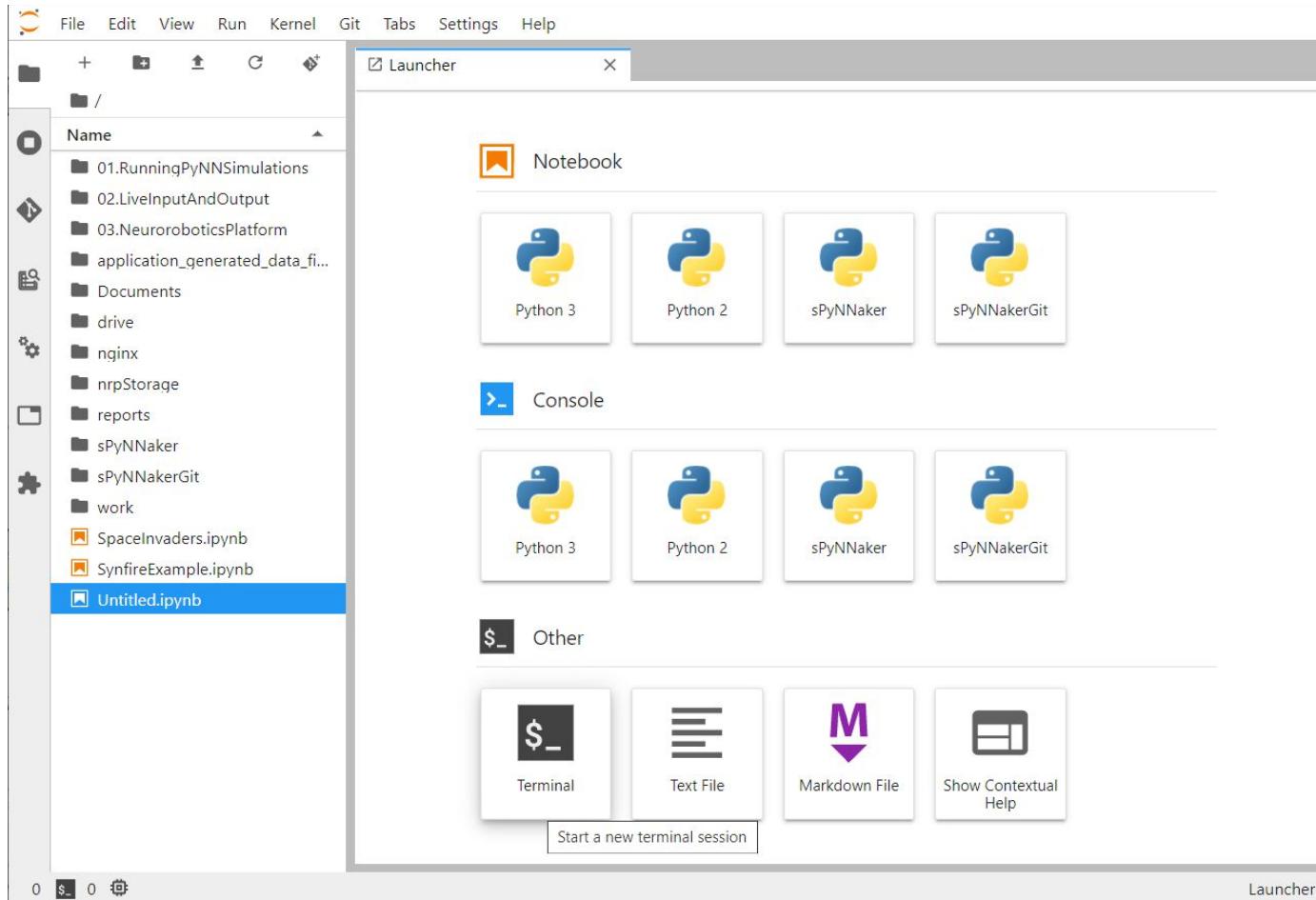


# Install Libraries

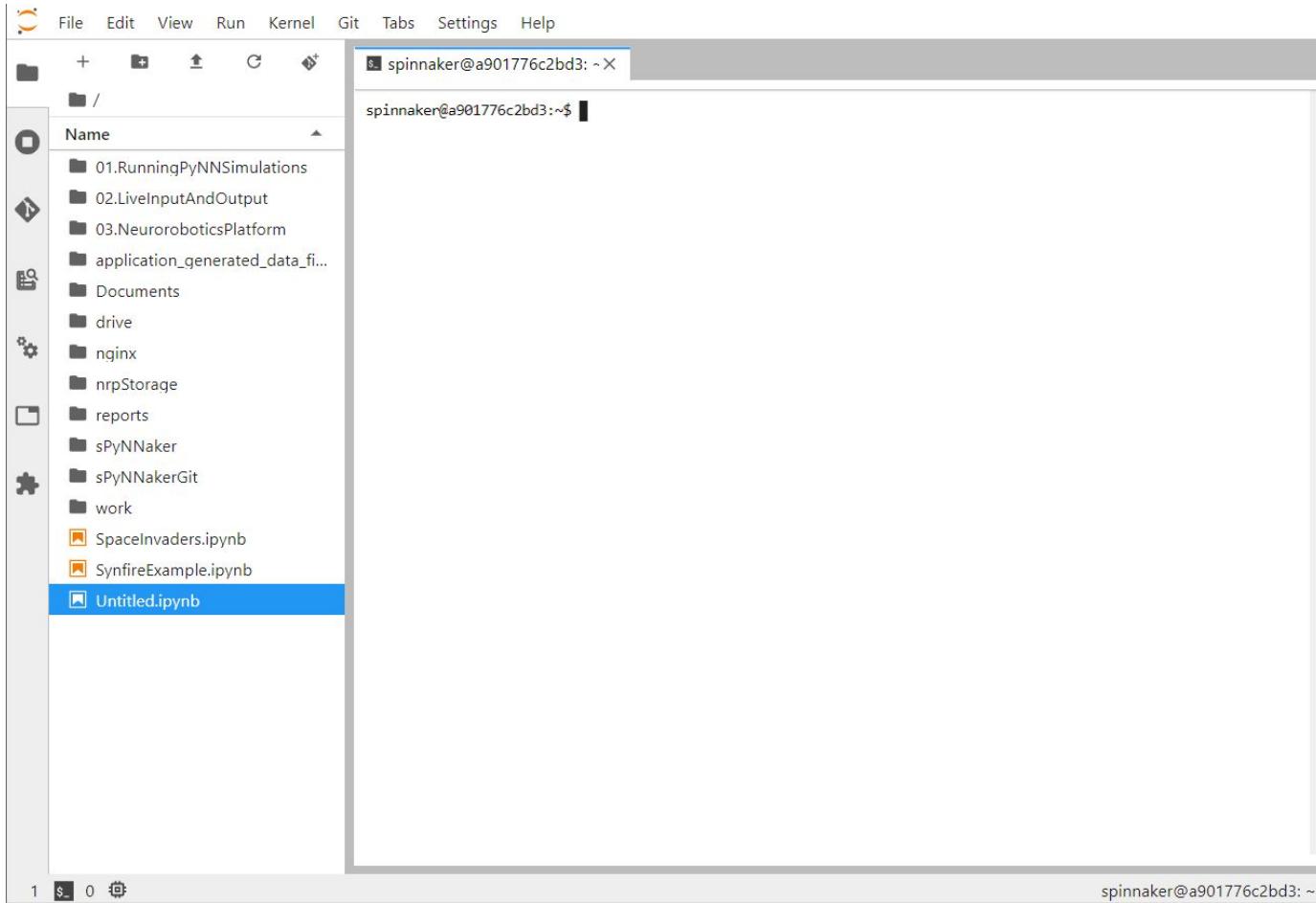
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  - Untitled.ipynb** (highlighted in blue)
- Top Toolbar:** Untitled.ipynb, Code, git, sPyNNaker.
- Code Cell:** [ ]: `%pip install gym`
- Bottom Status Bar:** 0 \$ 1 🏃 sPyNNaker | Idle, Saving completed, Mode: Edit, Ln 1, Col 17, Untitled.ipynb

# Terminal Access



# Terminal Access



# Start the NRP...

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "roscore http://127.0.0.1:1131 X". The terminal is running on a Spinnaker machine, as indicated by the prompt "spinnaker@...". The user is executing commands to start the NRP stack, specifically "cle-nginx" and "cle-start". The output shows the stack starting up, including the launch of a ROS master and the configuration of an nginx server to handle ROS traffic. The terminal interface includes a file browser on the left and various status indicators at the bottom.

```
spinnaker@...:~$ cle-nginx
 * Restarting nginx nginx
spinnaker@...:~$ cle-start
[1] 1870
... logging to /home/spinnaker/.ros/log/2263c840-19d4-11eb-9668-0242ac11001c/roslaunch-a901776c2bd3-1870.log
Checking log directory for disk usage. This may take a while.
Press Ctrl-C to interrupt
Done checking log file disk usage. Usage is <1GB.

[2] 1878
started roslaunch server http://127.0.0.1:35140/
ros_comm version 1.14.6

SUMMARY
=====

PARAMETERS
* /rosdistro: melodic
* /rosversion: 1.14.6

NODES

auto-starting new master
process[master]: started with pid [1887]
ROS_MASTER_URI=http://127.0.0.1:11311

setting /run_id to 2263c840-19d4-11eb-9668-0242ac11001c
[ INFO] [1603968448.201297625]: Waiting For connections on 0.0.0.0:8081
process[rosout-1]: started with pid [1904]
started core service [/rosout]
[3] 1919
[4] 1956
[uWSGI] getting INI configuration from /home/spinnaker/.local/etc/nginx/uwsgi-nrp.ini
*** Starting uWSGI 2.0.15-debian (64bit) on [Thu Oct 29 10:47:29 2020] ***
compiled with version: 7.3.0 on 28 September 2018 15:41:15
```

# Connect to the NRP

<https://spinn-20.cs.man.ac.uk/user/<username>/proxy/9000/#/esv-private>



Local authentication form

nrpuuser

.....

**LOGIN**

# NRP Storage

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with a terminal window displaying ROS log output. A red arrow points to the 'nrpStorage' folder in the left sidebar.

File Edit View Run Kernel Git Tabs Settings Help

roscore http://127.0.0.1:1131 X

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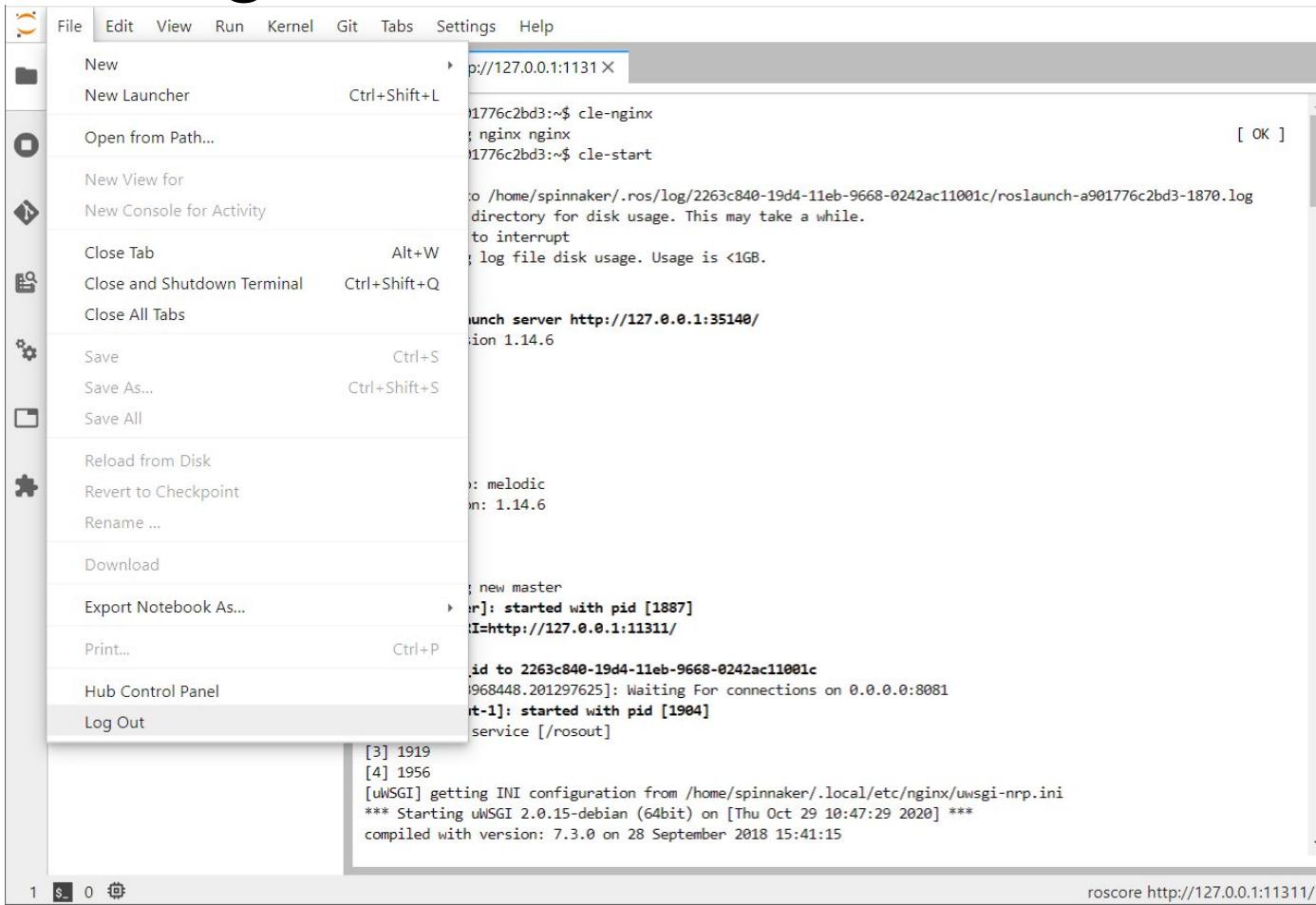
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1 \$ 0

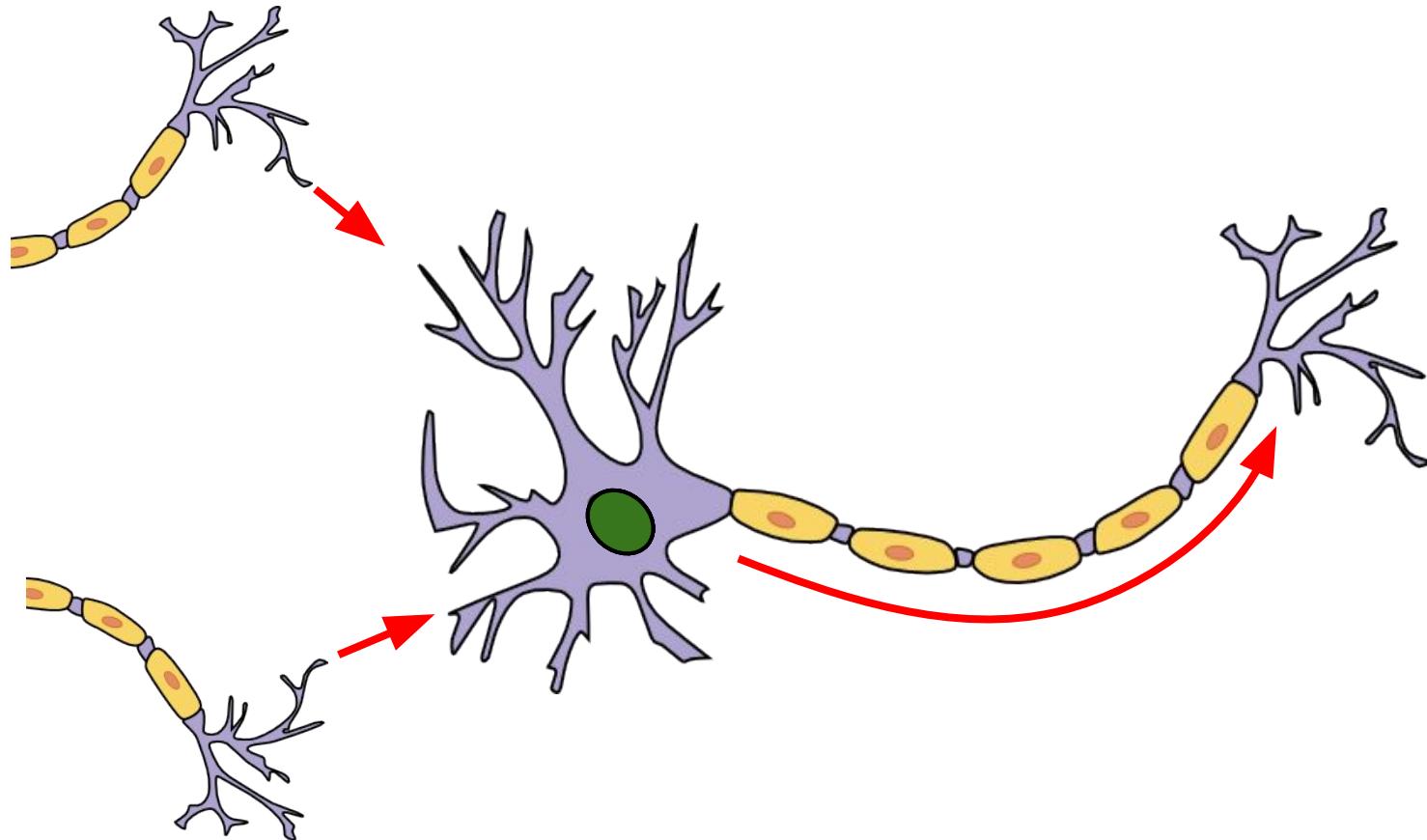
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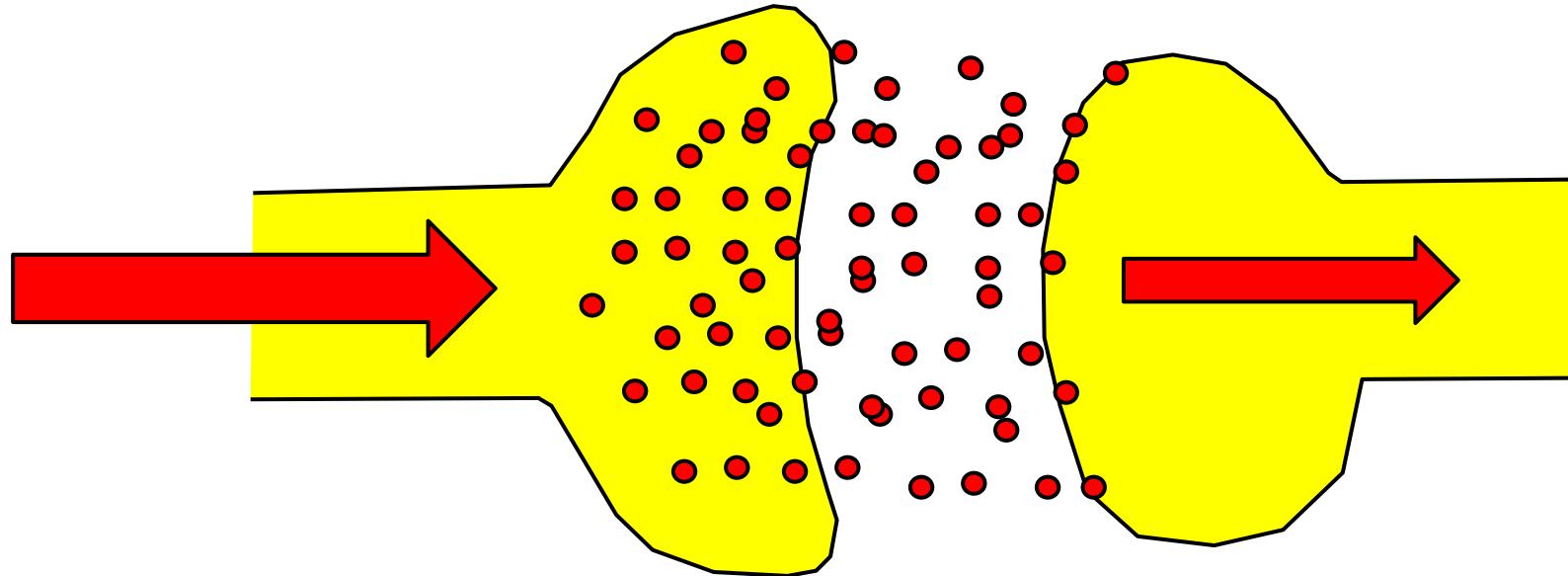


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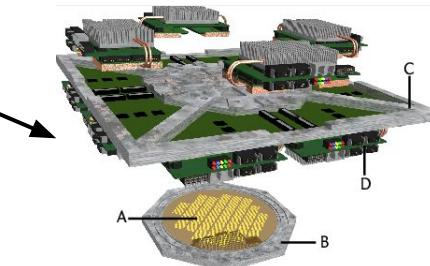
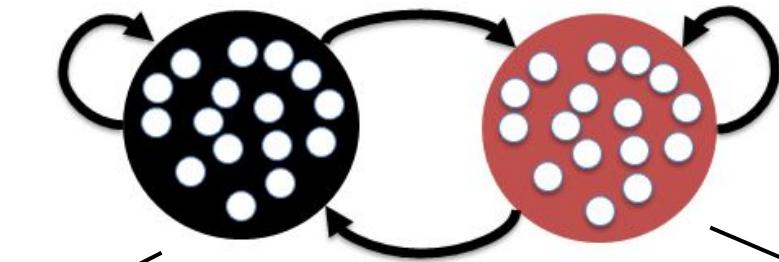


# PyNN

# What is PyNN?



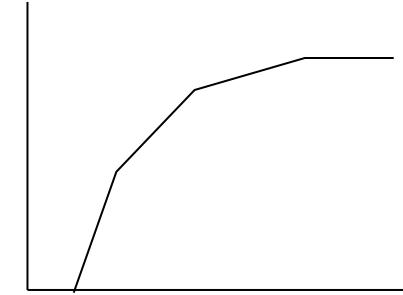
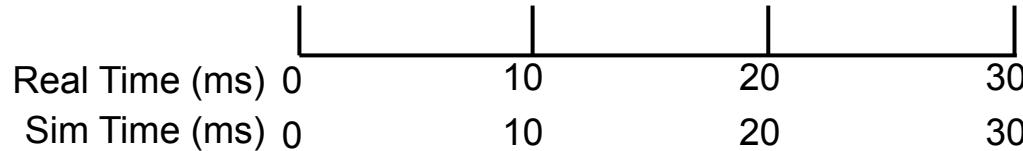
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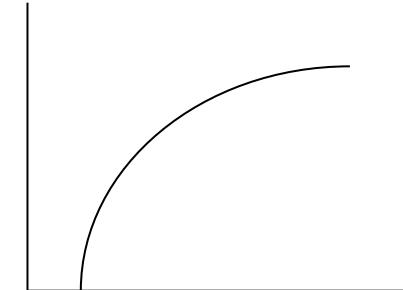
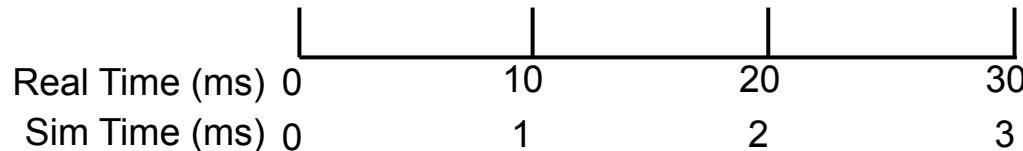
# PyNN - Setup

```
import pyNN.spiNNaker as p
```

```
p.setup(timestep=1.0)
```

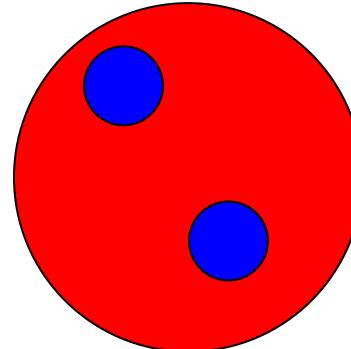
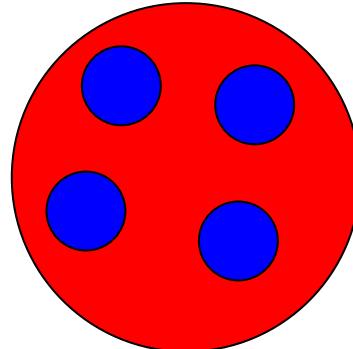


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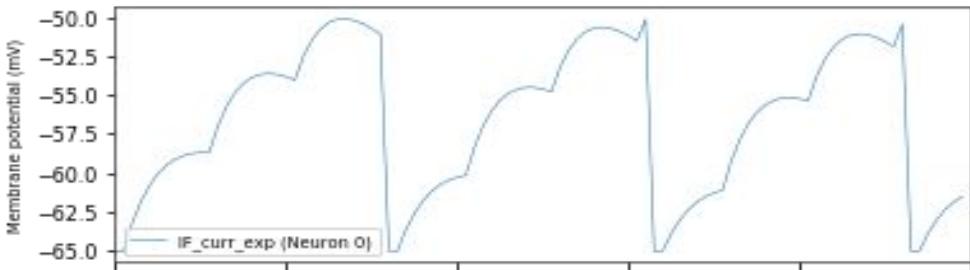
# PyNN - Populations

```
pop_1 = p.Population(  
    4, p.IF_curr_exp(), label="Fred")  
pop_2 = p.Population(  
    2, p.IF_curr_exp(), label="Bob")
```

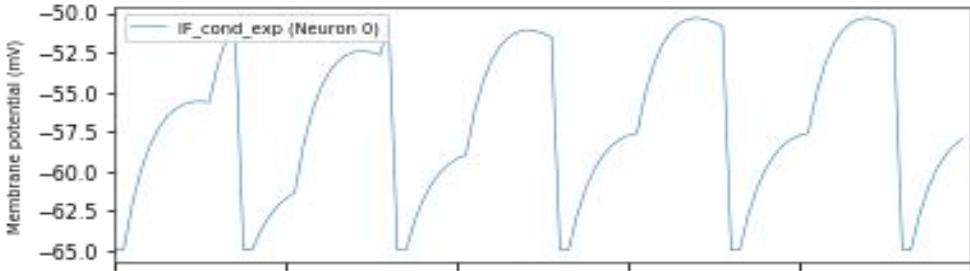


# PyNN Populations - Models

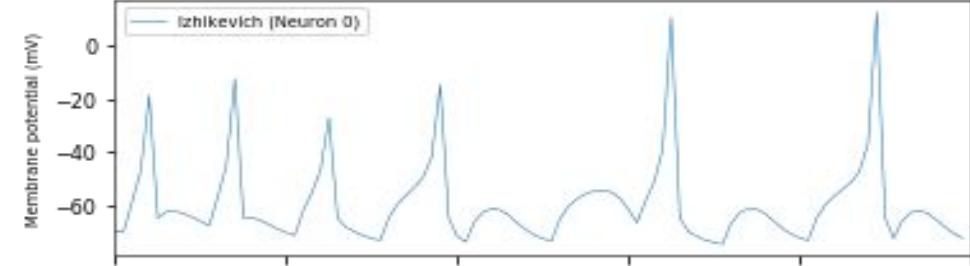
`p.IF_curr_exp(...)`



`p.IF_cond_exp(...)`

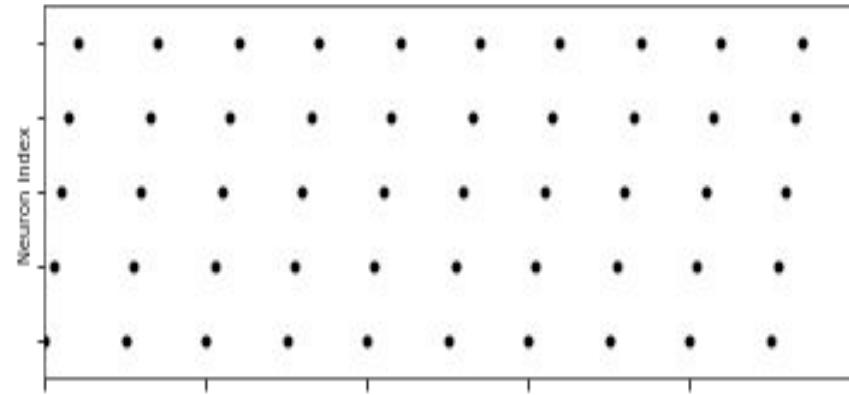


`p.Izhikevich(...)`

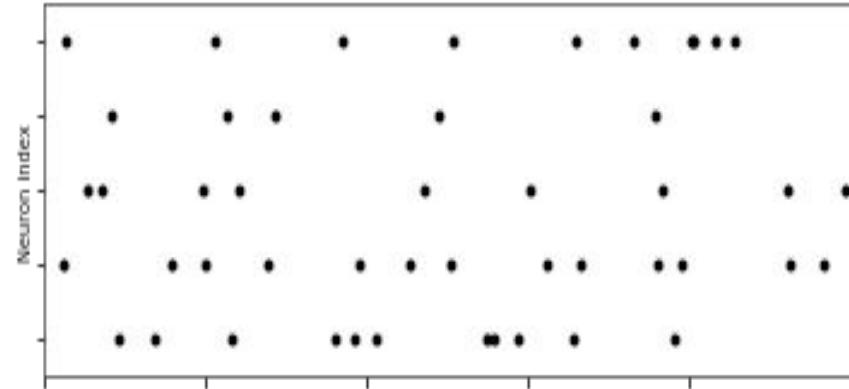


# PyNN Populations - Models

```
p.SpikeSourceArray(  
    spike_times=[...])
```

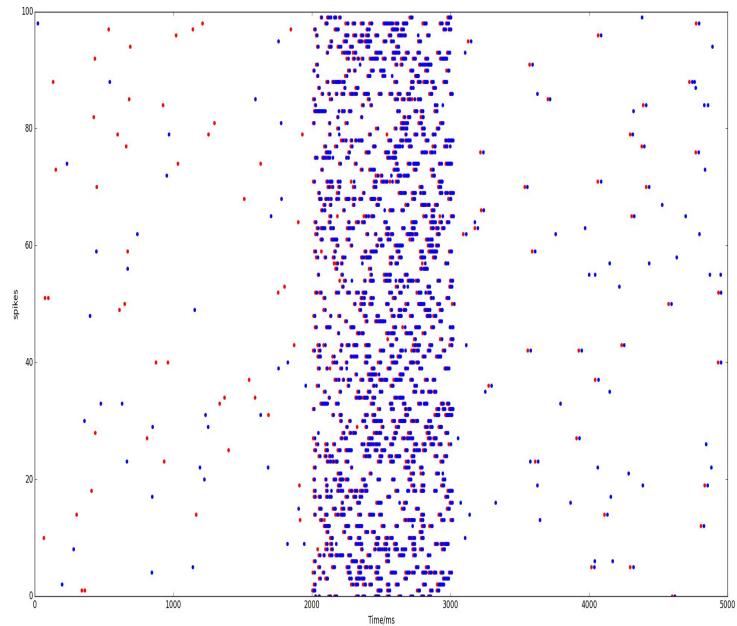
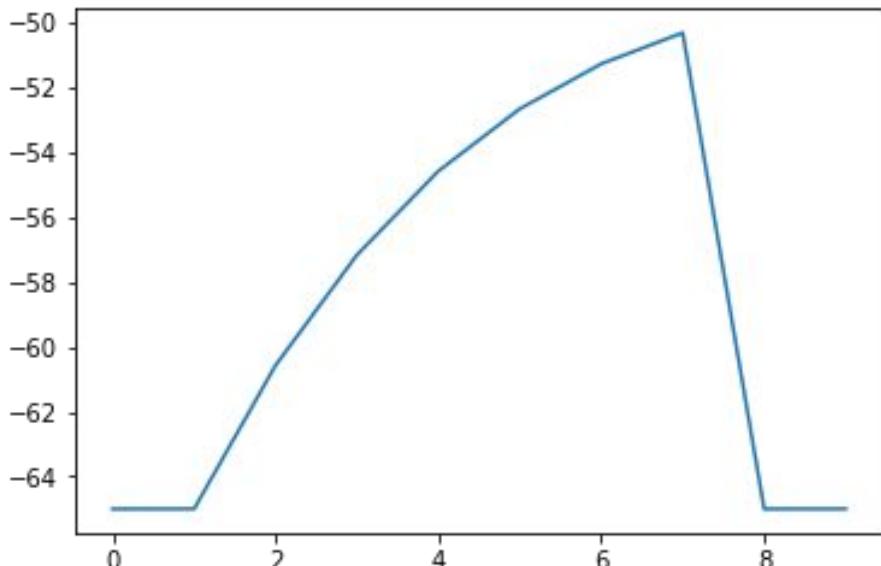


```
p.SpikeSourcePoisson(  
    rate=...)
```



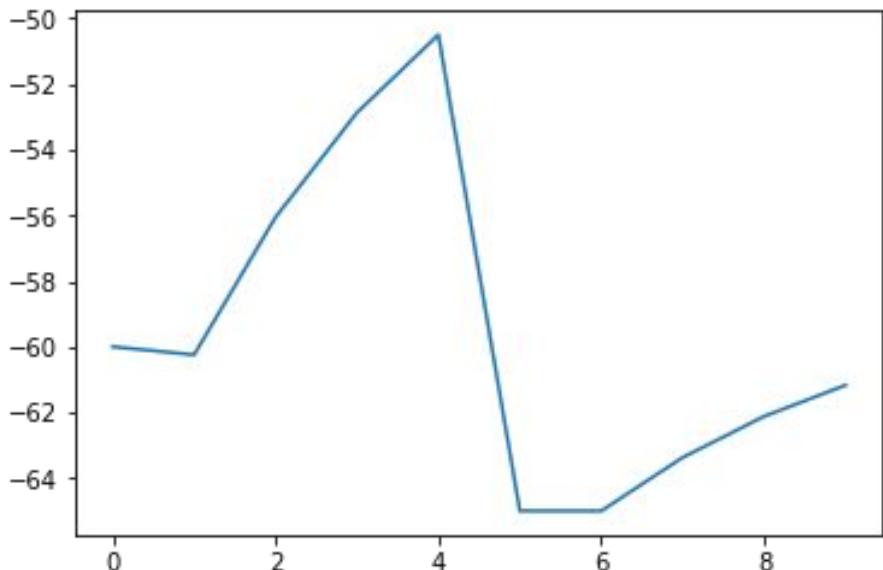
# PyNN Populations - Recording

`pop_1.record(["v", "spikes"])`

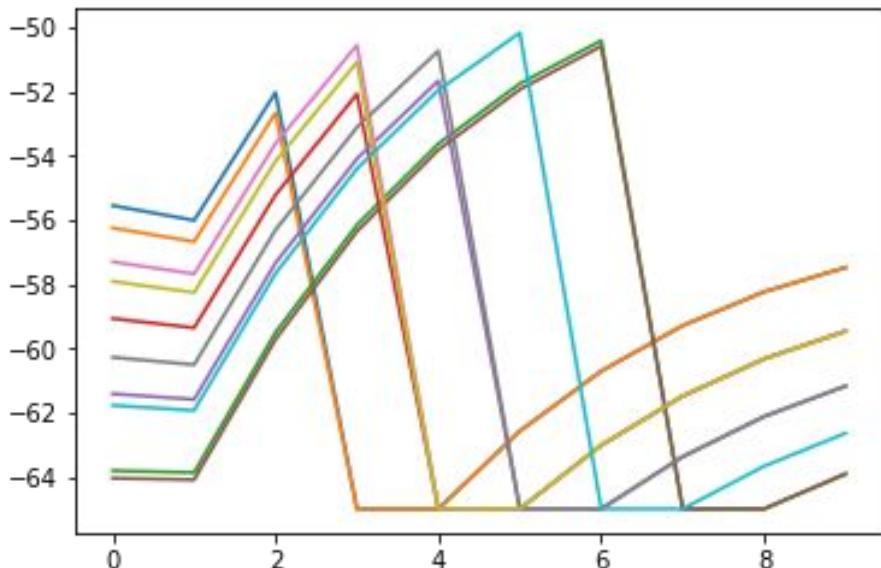


# PyNN Populations - Initialize

`pop_1.initialize(v=-60)`

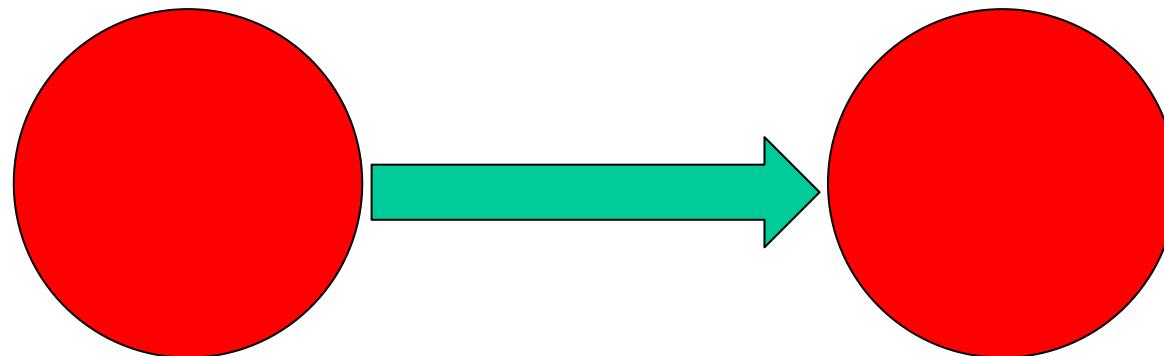


```
pop_1.initialize(v=p.RandomDistribution(  
    "uniform", low=-65.0, high=-55.0))
```



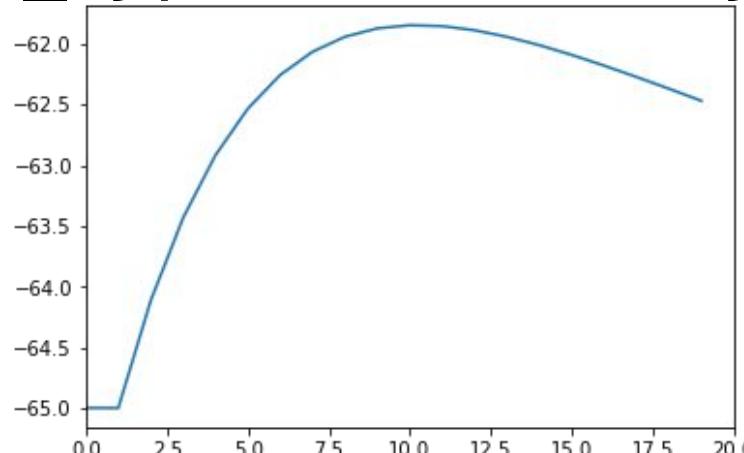
# PyNN - Projections

```
proj = p.Projection(  
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    p.OneToOneConnector(),  
    p.StaticSynapse(  
        weight=1.0, delay=2.0))
```



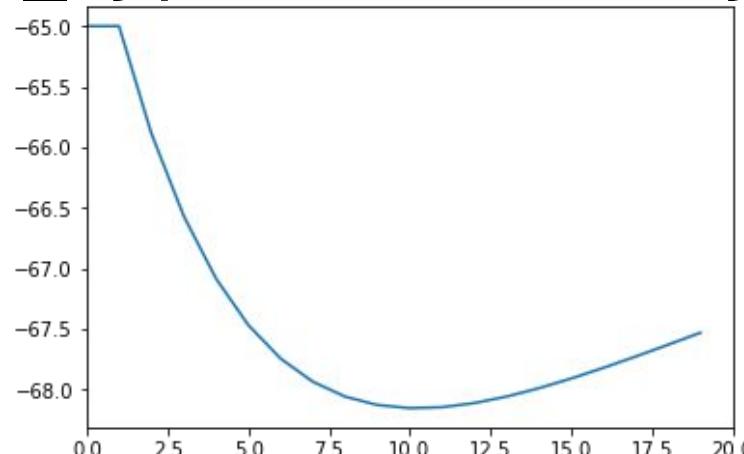
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```



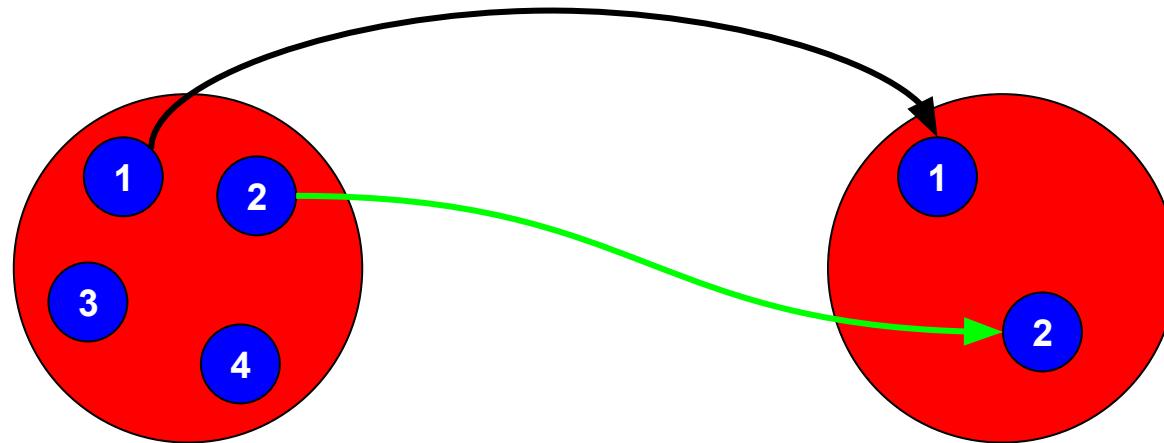
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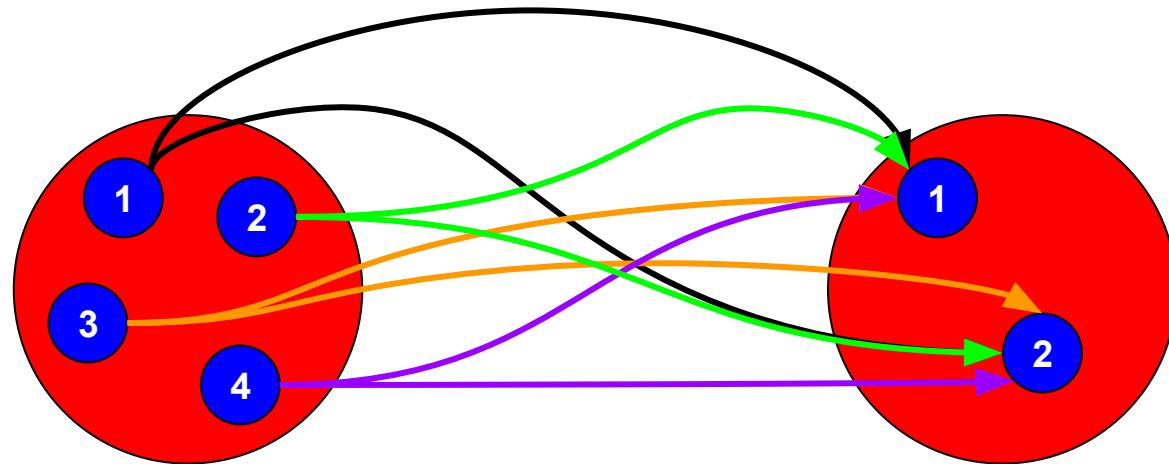
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p.OneToOneConnector()



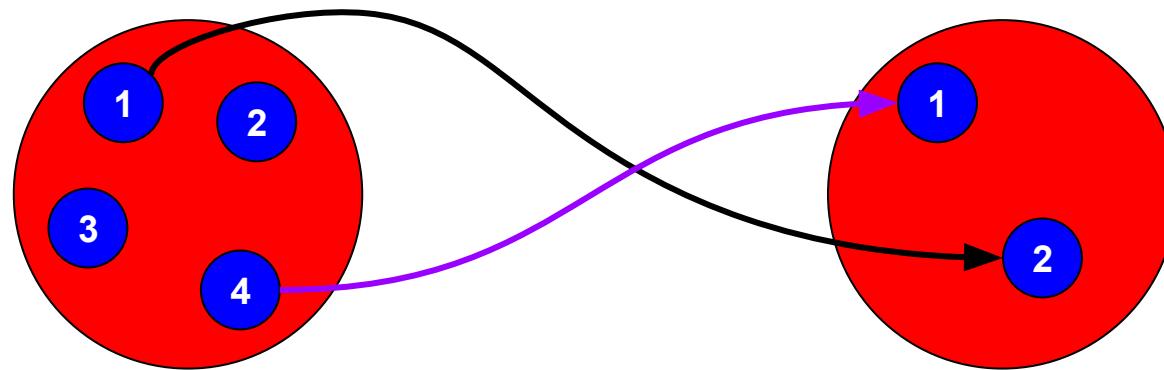
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p.AllToAllConnector()



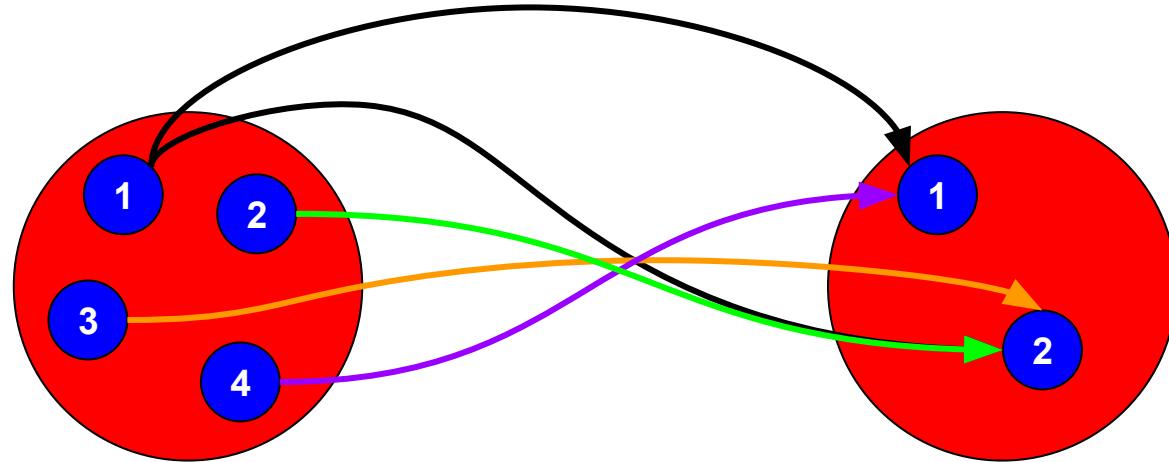
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`p.FixedProbabilityConnector(p=0.1)`



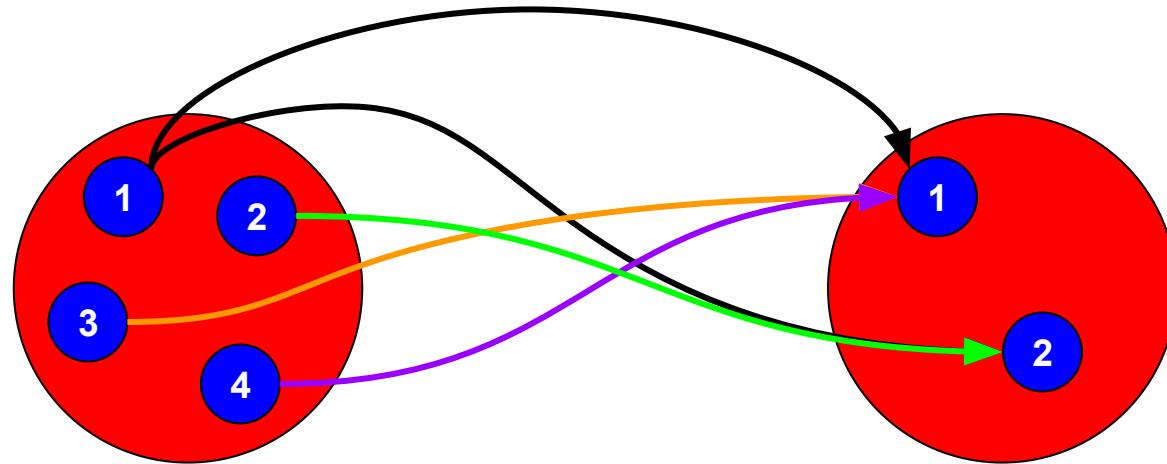
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`p.FixedProbabilityConnector(p=0.5)`



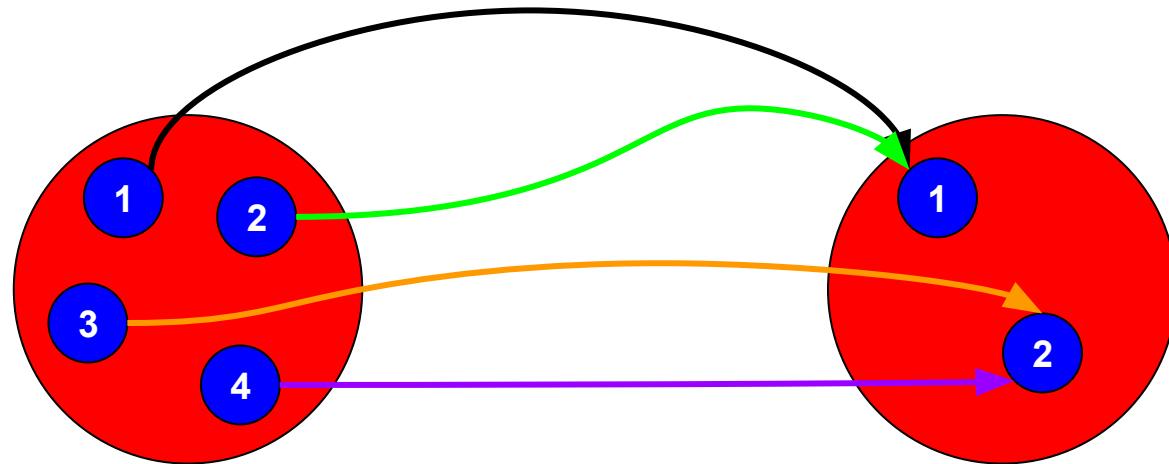
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p.FixedTotalNumberConnector(5)



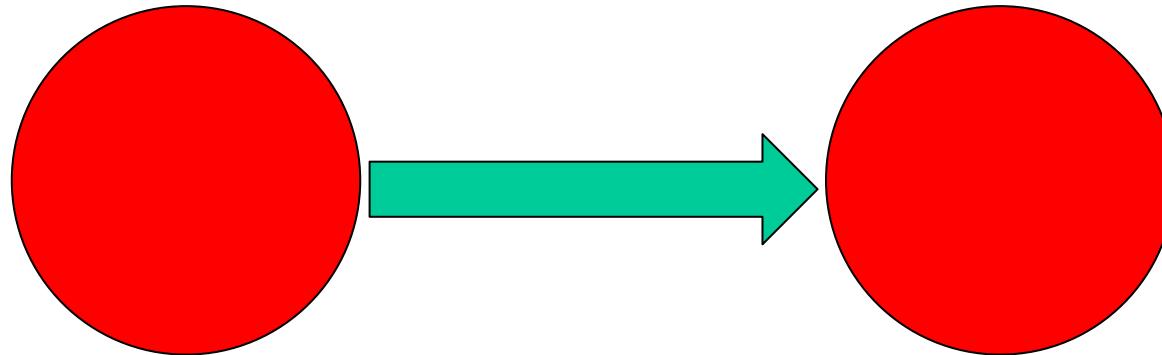
# PyNN Projections - Connectors

```
p.FromListConnector(  
    [(1, 1), (2, 1), (3, 2), (4, 2)])
```



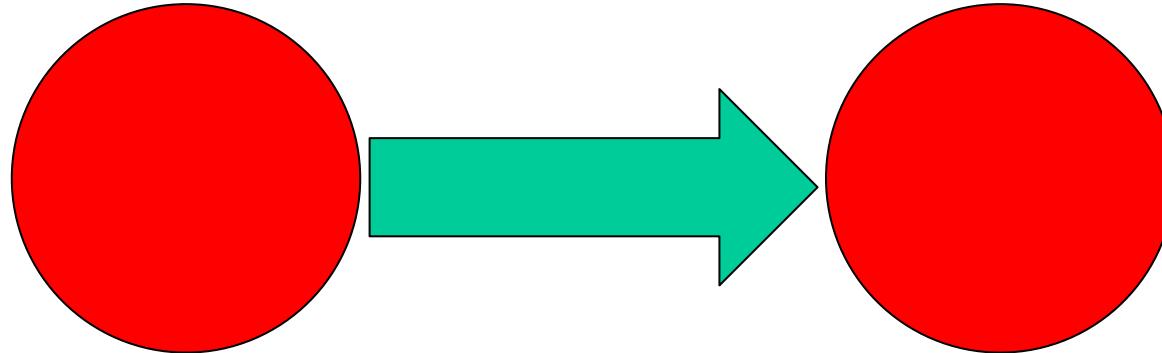
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```
p.StaticSynapse(weight=1.0, delay=2.0)
```



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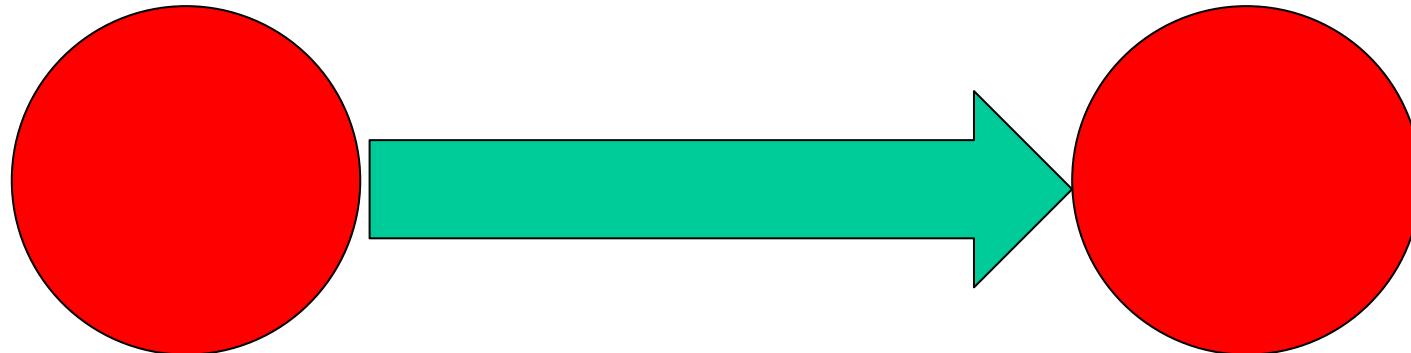
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p.StaticSynapse(weight=5.0, delay=2.0)
```



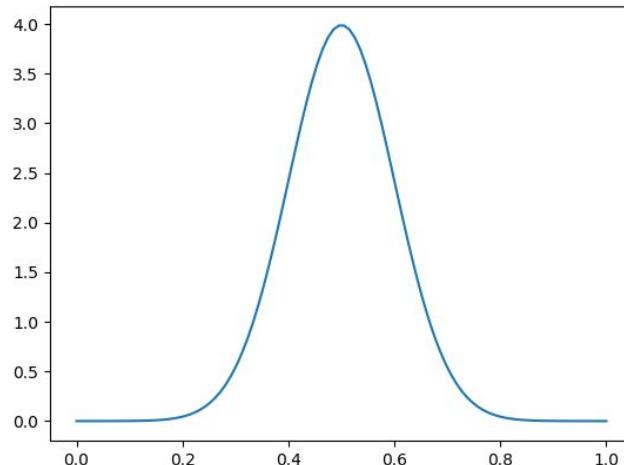
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```
p.StaticSynapse(weight=5.0, delay=3.0)
```

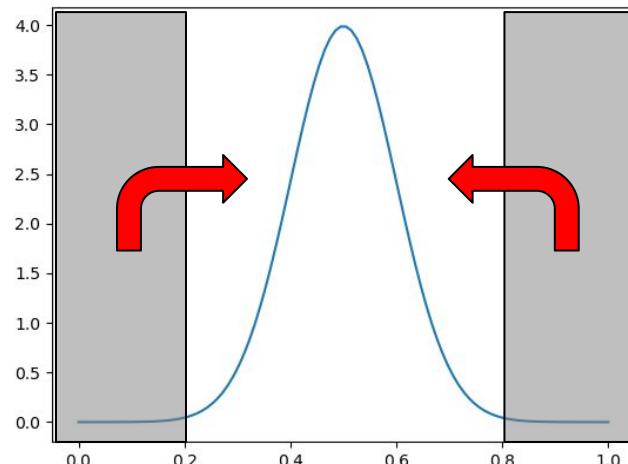
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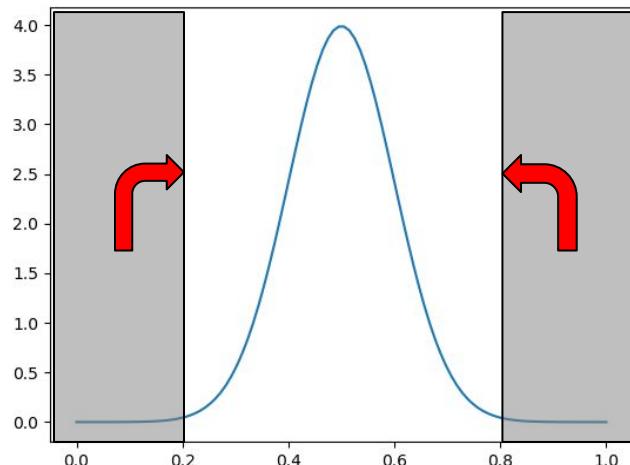
```
weight_dist = p.RandomDistribution(  
    "normal", mu=0.5, sigma=0.1)  
p.StaticSynapse(  
    weight=weight_dist, delay=3.0)
```



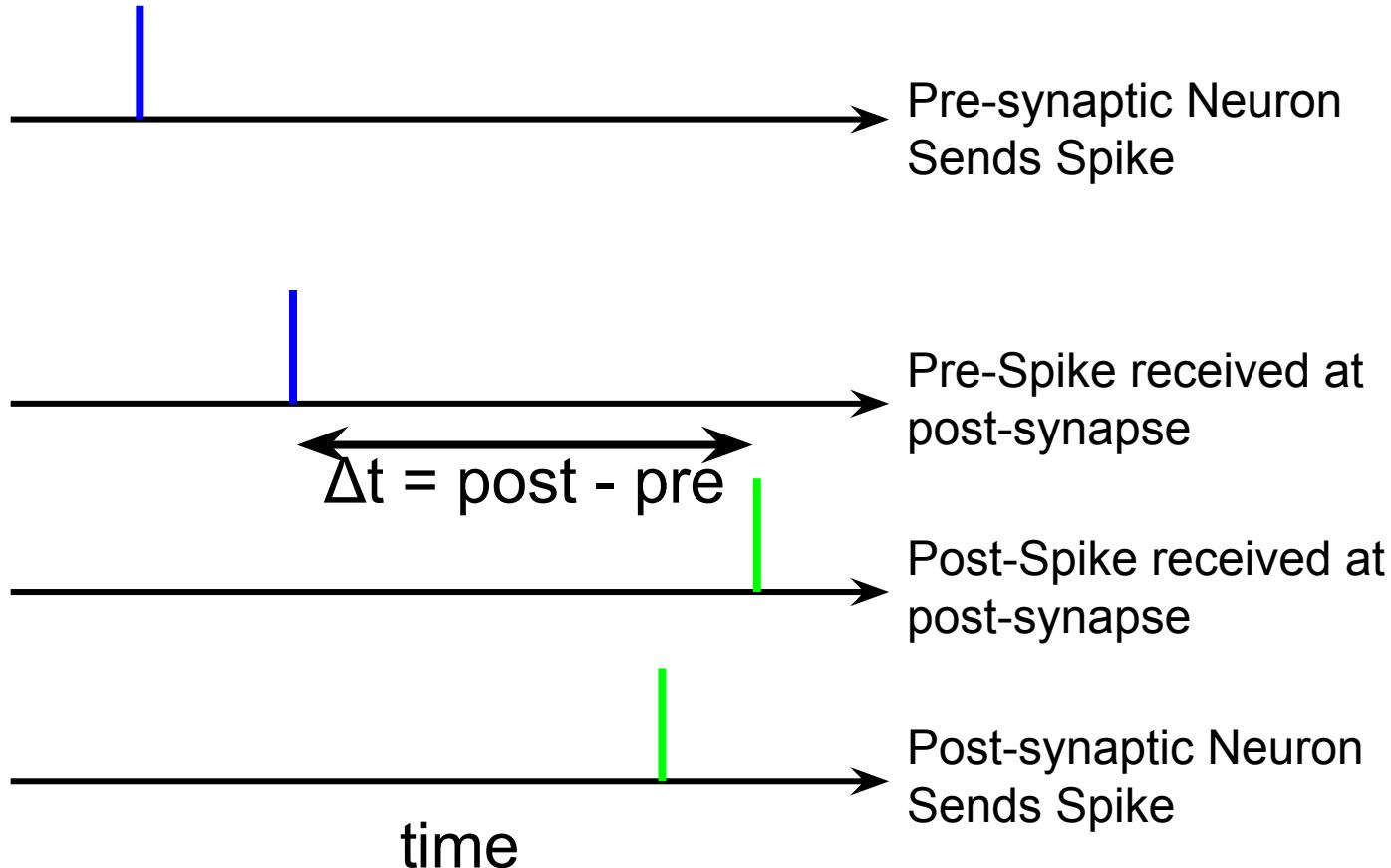
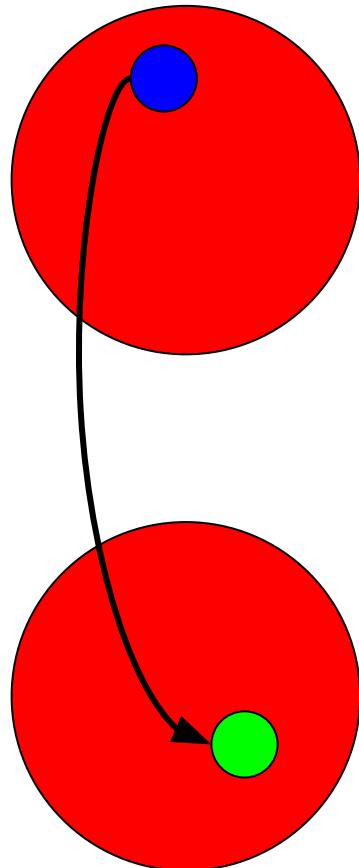
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    "normal_clipped",  
    mu=0.5, sigma=0.1, low=0.2 high=0.8)
```



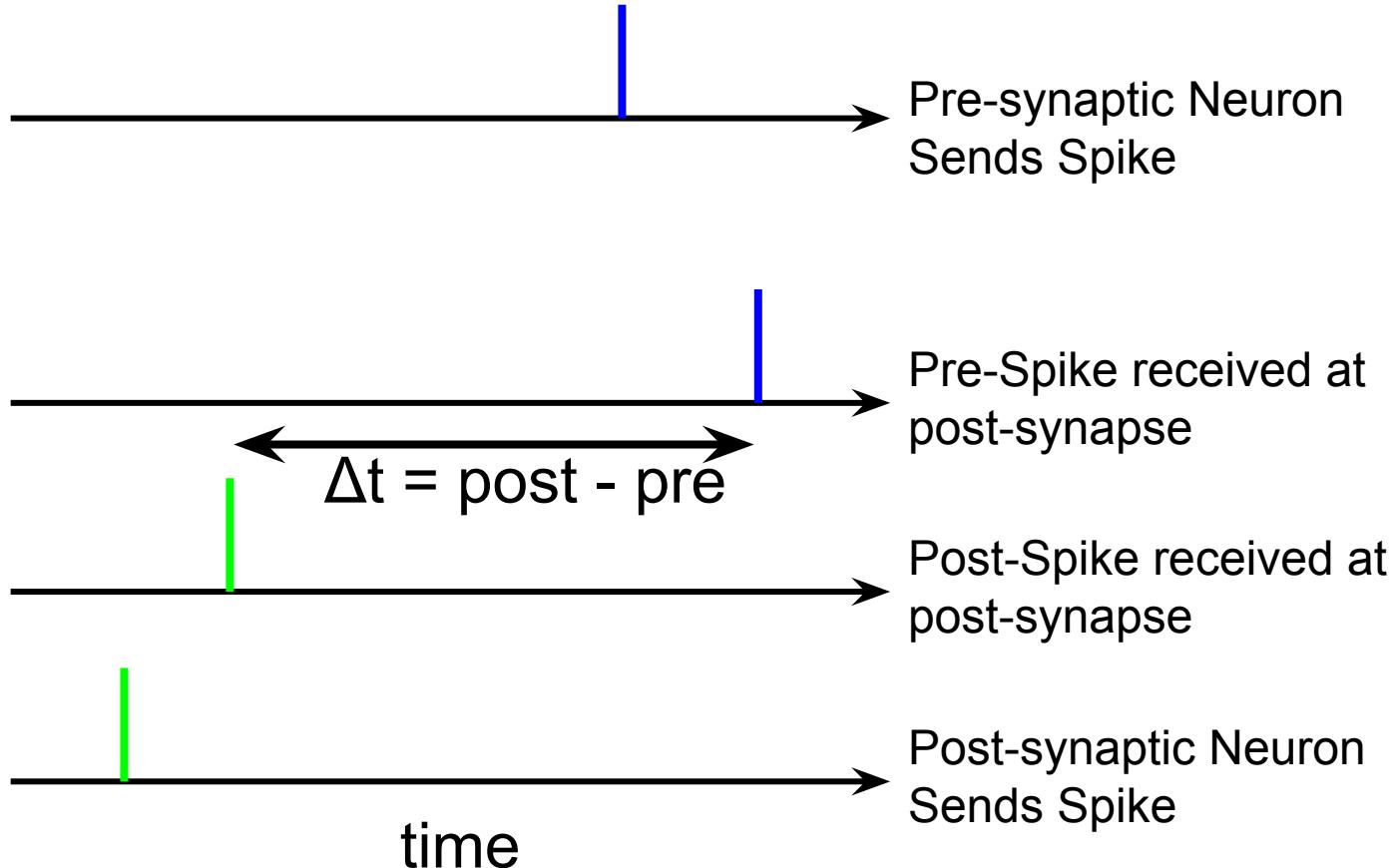
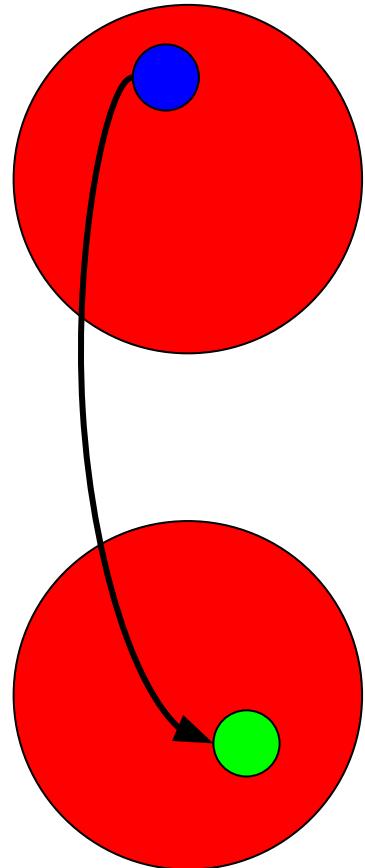
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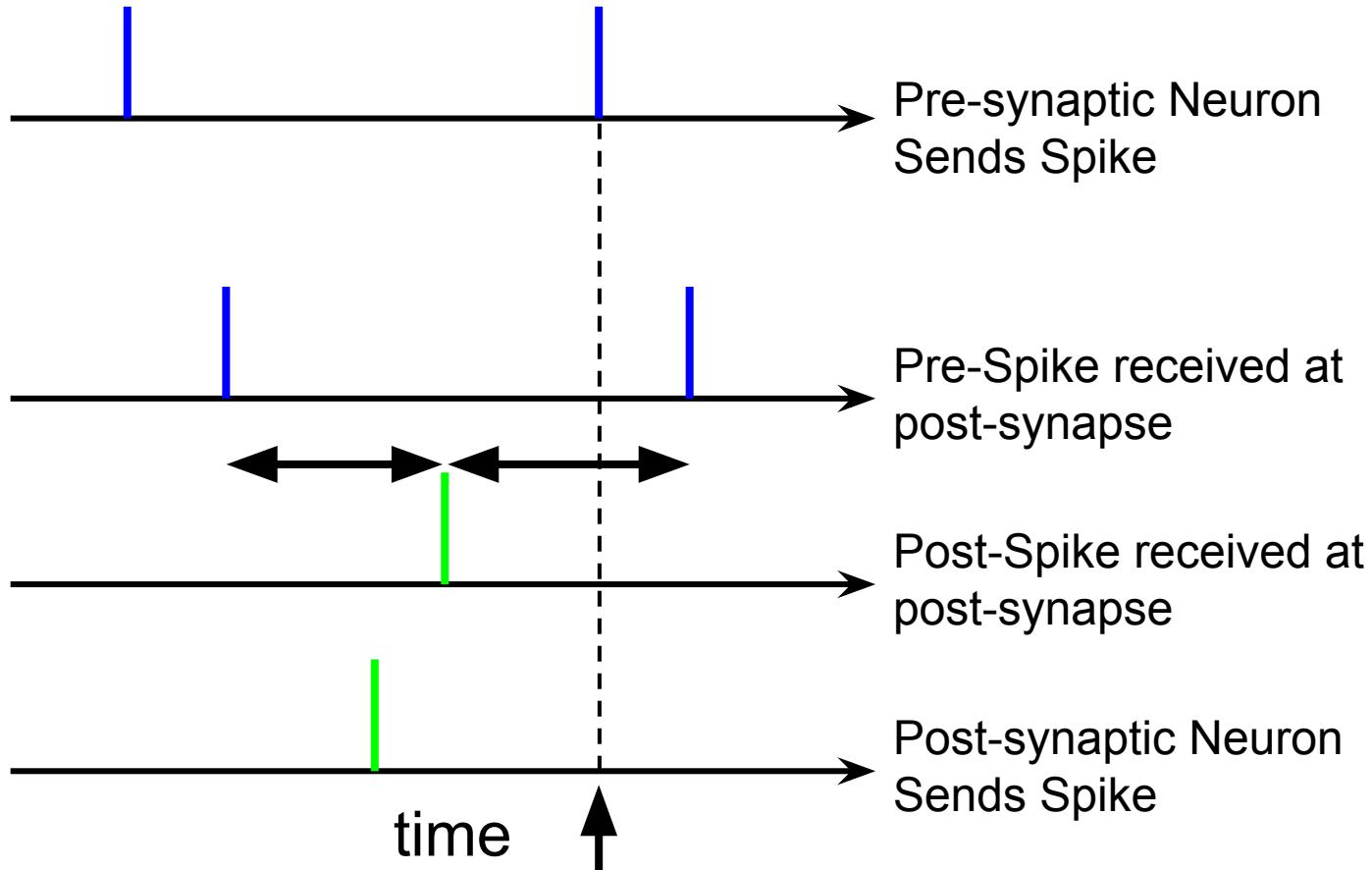
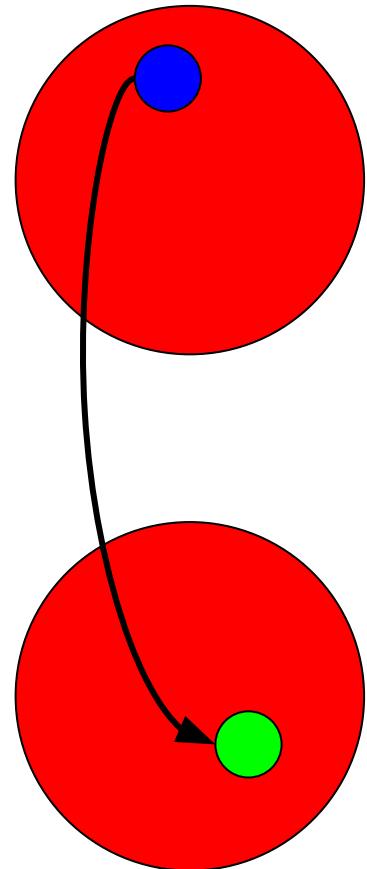
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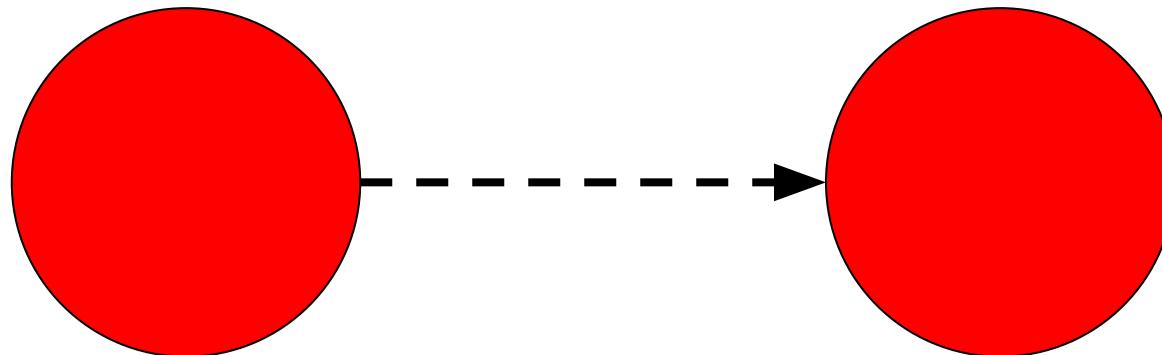


# STDP - Deferred Execution



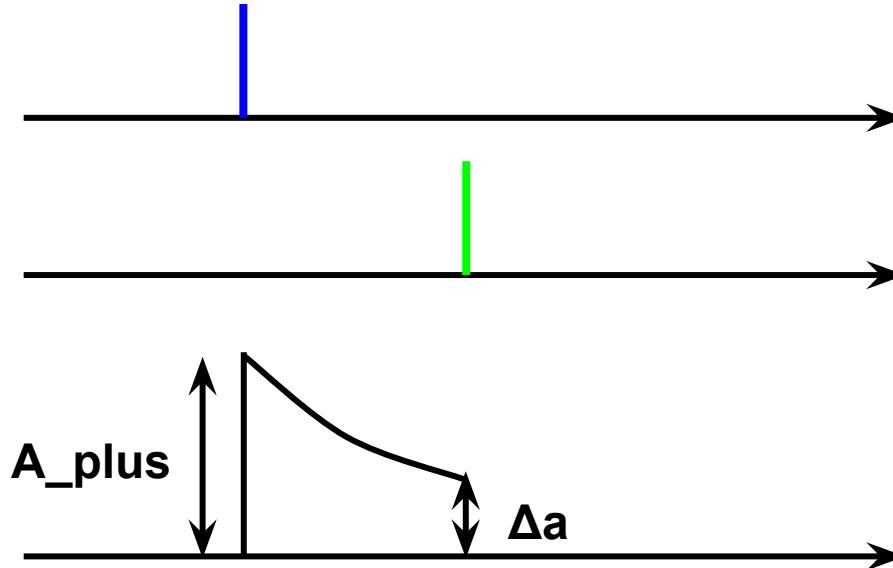
# PyNN - STDP Synapse Types

```
p.STDPMechanism(  
    timing_dependence=?,  
    weight_dependence=?,  
    weight=0.0, delay=2.0)
```



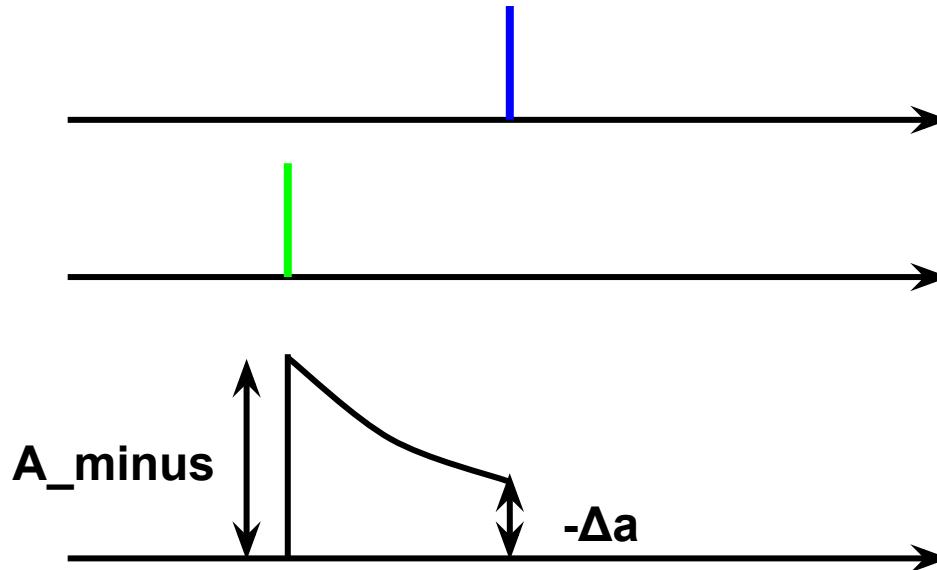
# PyNN - Timing Dependence

```
sim.SpikePairRule(tau_plus=20.0, tau_minus=20.0,  
                   A_plus=0.5, A_minus=0.5)
```



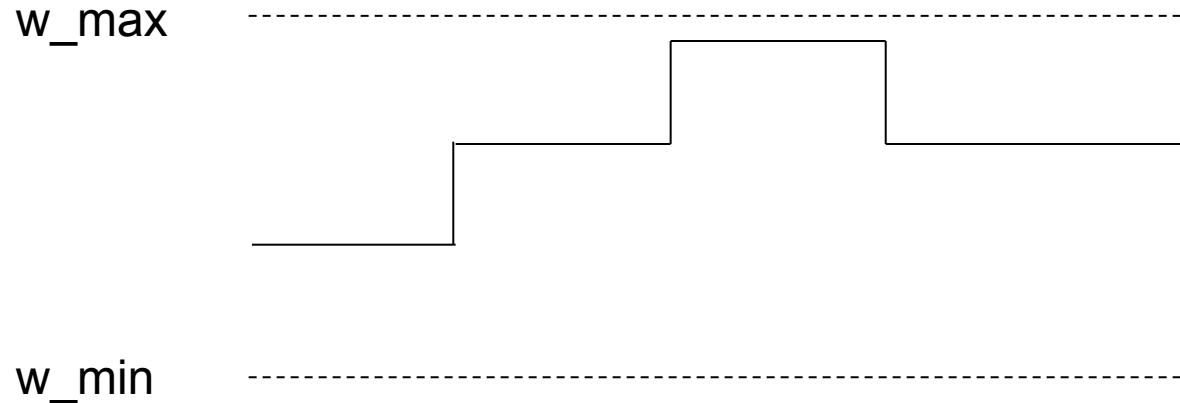
# PyNN - Timing Dependence

```
sim.SpikePairRule(tau_plus=20.0, tau_minus=20.0,  
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```



# PyNN - Weight Dependence

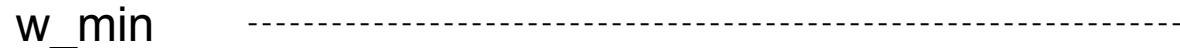
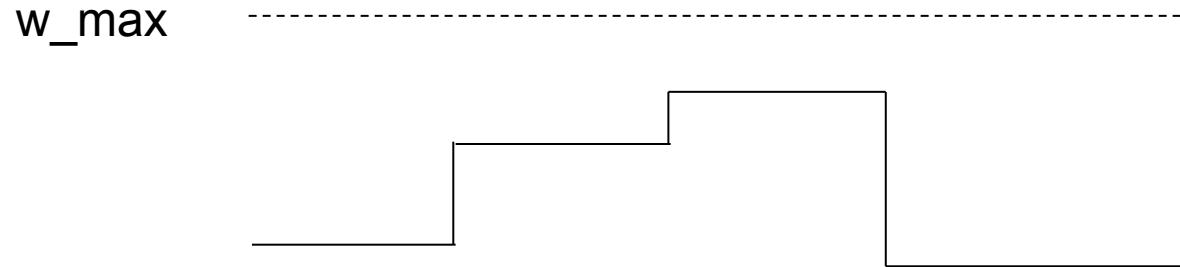
```
sim.AdditiveWeightDependence(w_max=5.0, w_min=0.0)
```



$$\Delta w = \Delta a (w_{\text{max}} - w_{\text{min}})$$

# PyNN - Weight Dependence

sim.MultiplicativeWeightDependence(w\_max=5.0,w\_min=0.0)

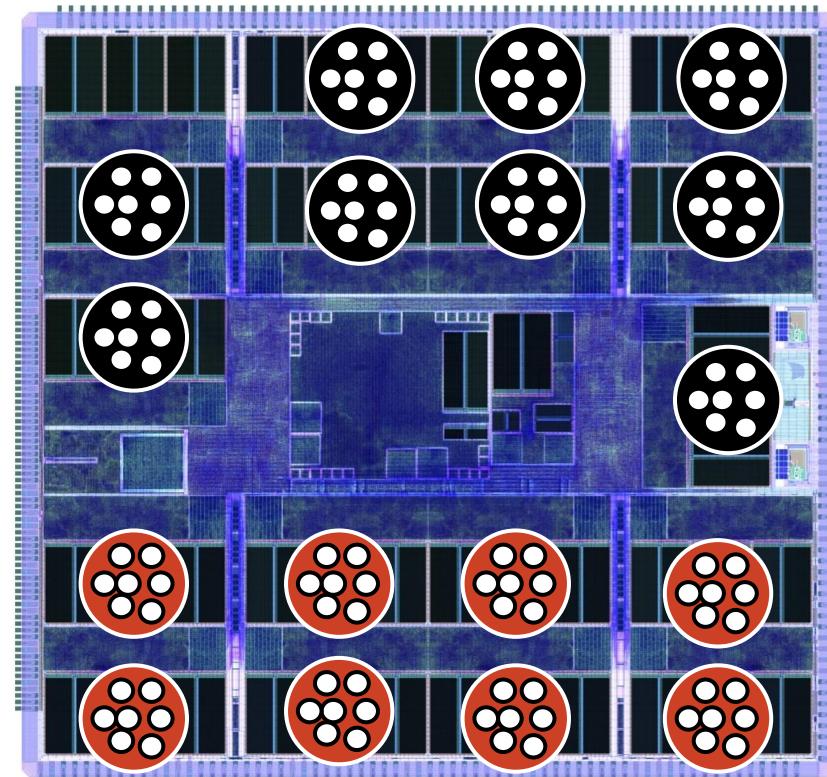
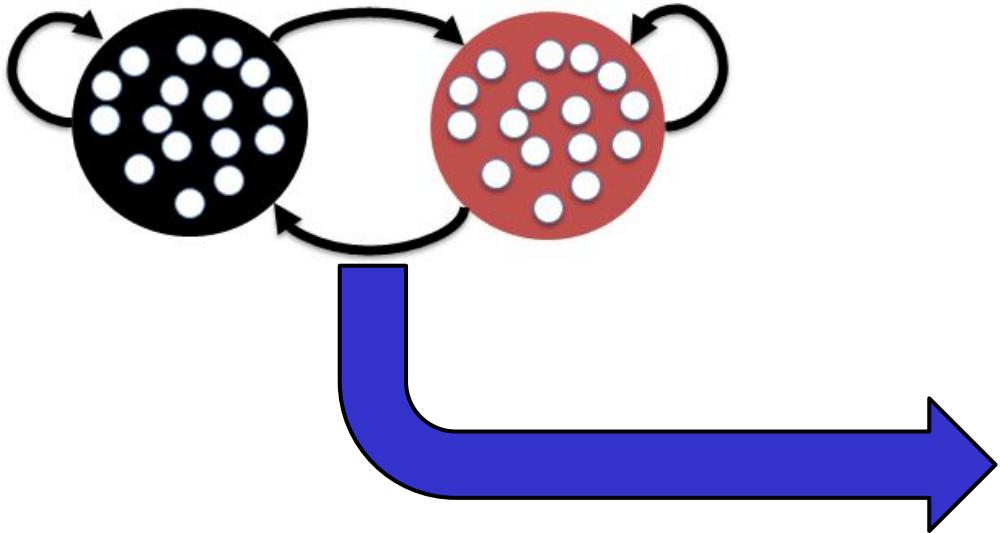


$$\Delta w = \Delta a (w - w_{\min}) \text{ if } \Delta a < 0 \text{ (Depression)}$$

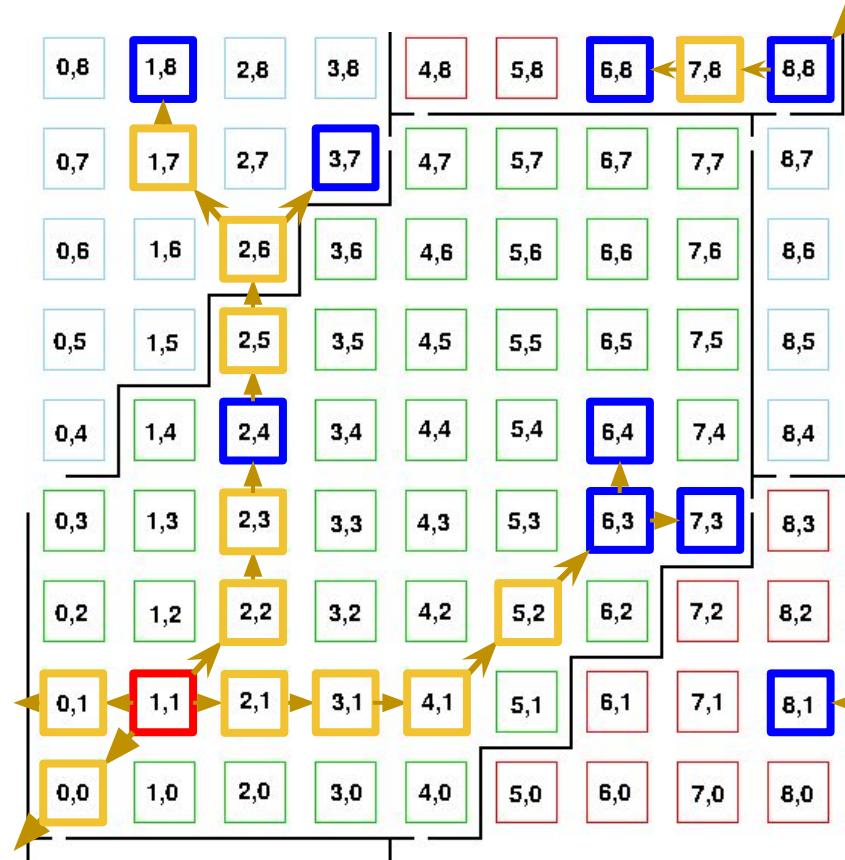
$$\Delta w = \Delta a (w_{\max} - w) \text{ if } \Delta a > 0 \text{ (Potentiation)}$$

# Running on SpiNNaker

p.run(100)

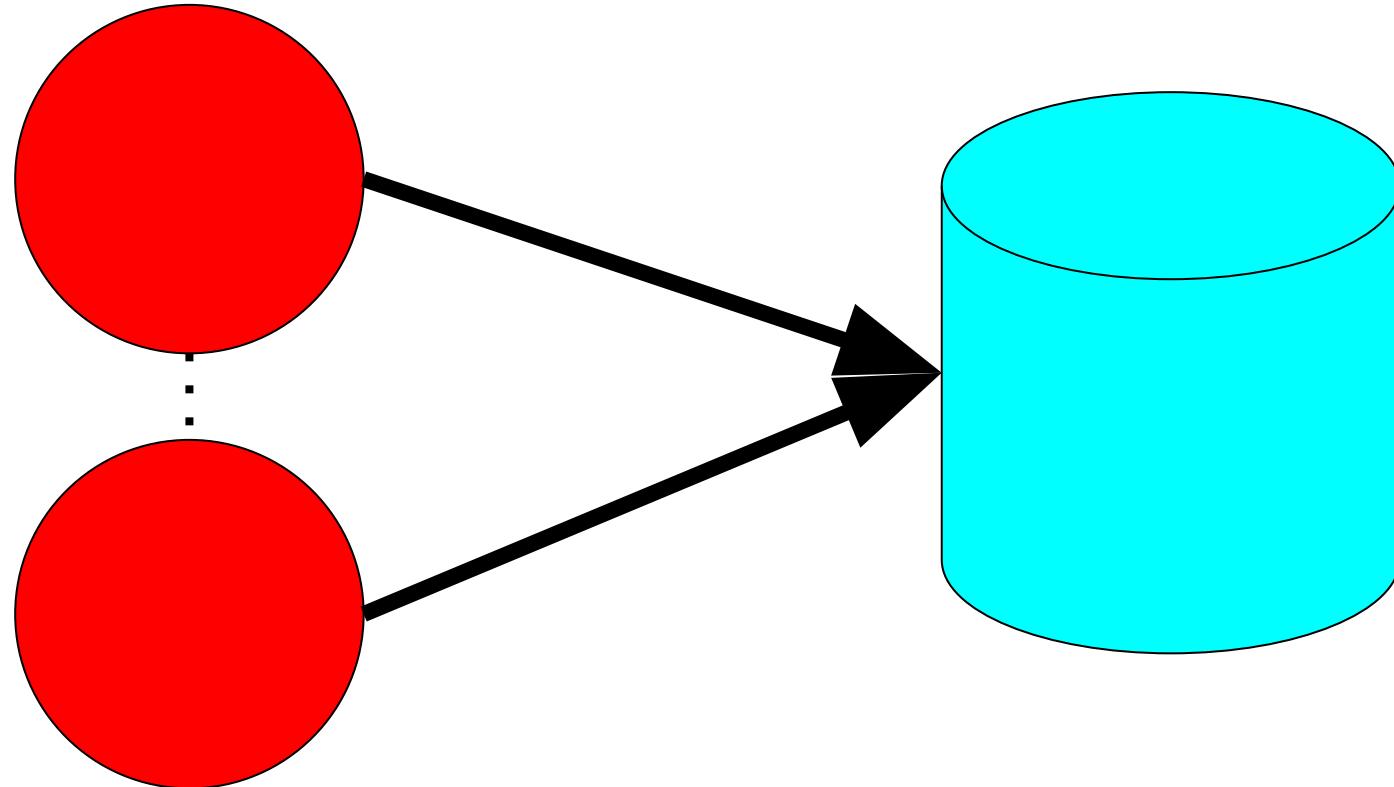


p.run(100)



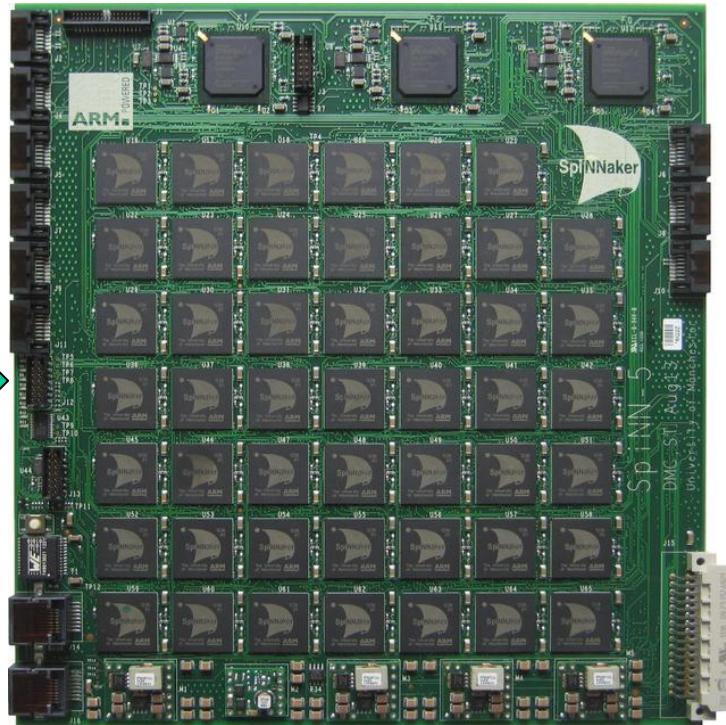
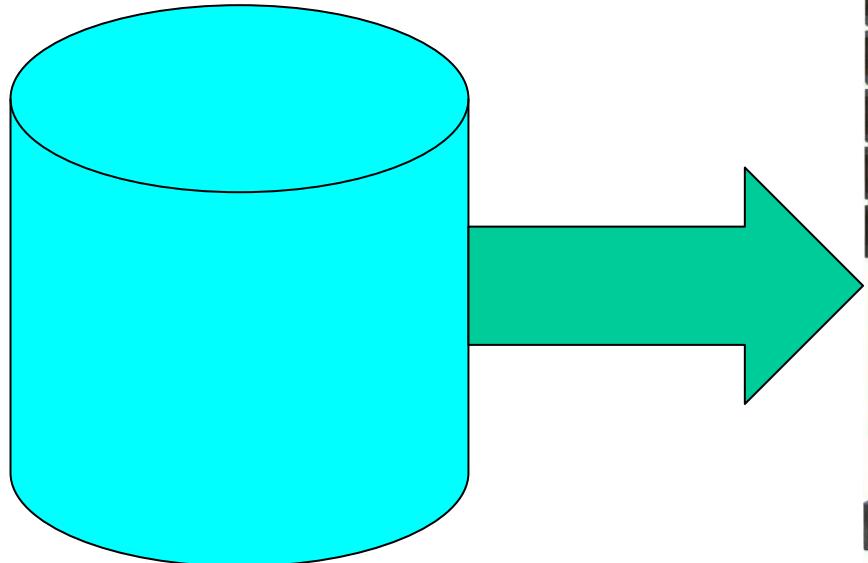
# PyNN - Run

`p.run(100)`



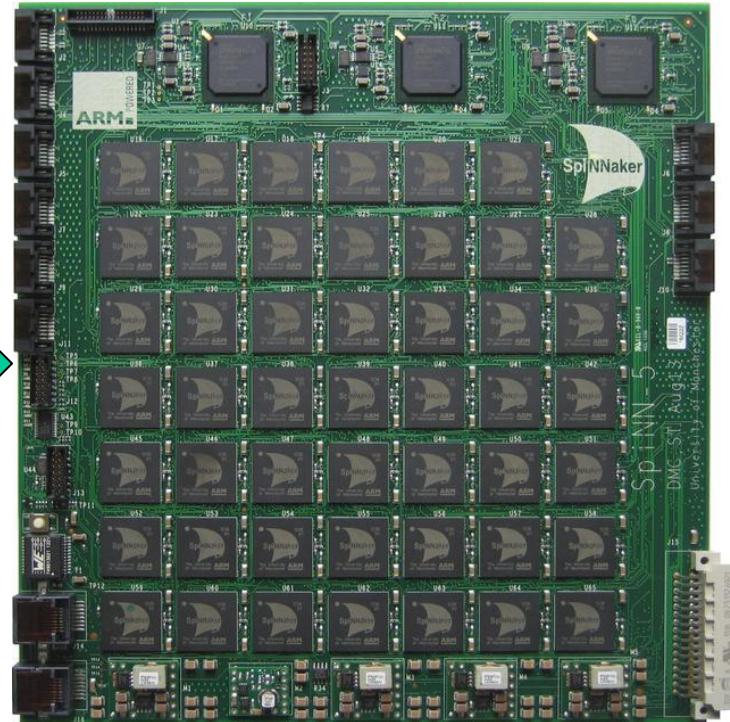
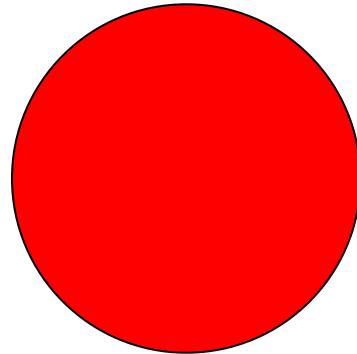
# PyNN - Run

p.run(100)



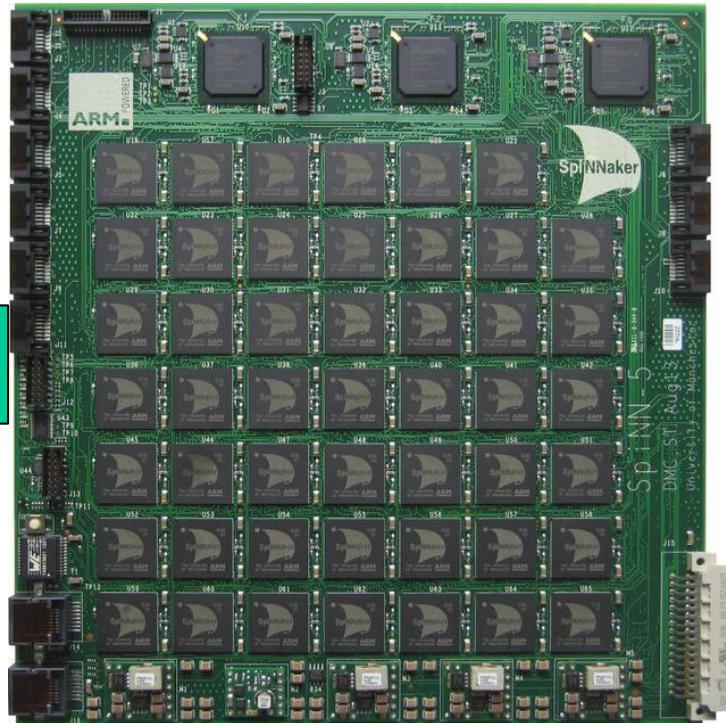
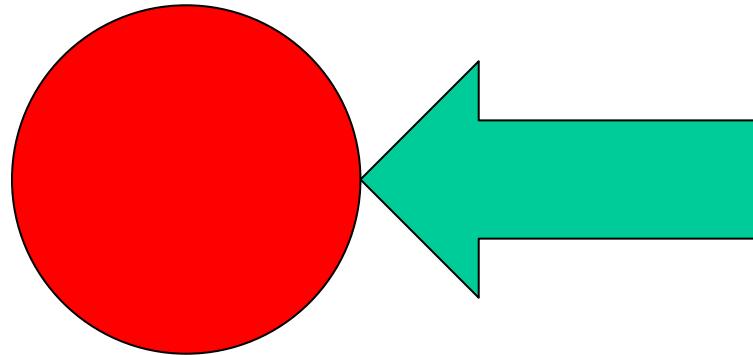
# PyNN - Change and Run Again

```
pop_1.set(i_offset=5.0)  
p.run(50)
```



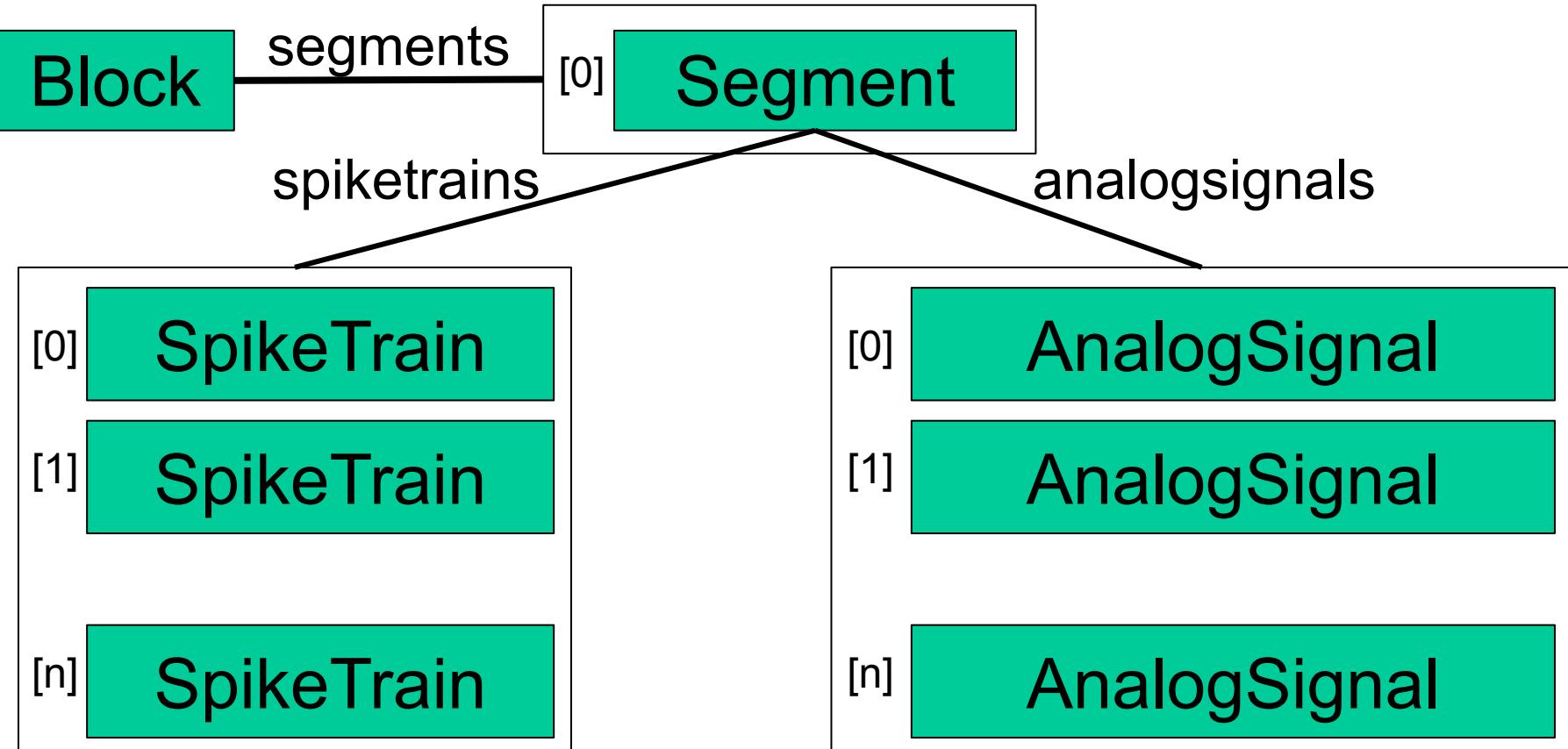
# PyNN - Get Data

```
data = pop_1.get_data(["v", "spikes"])
```

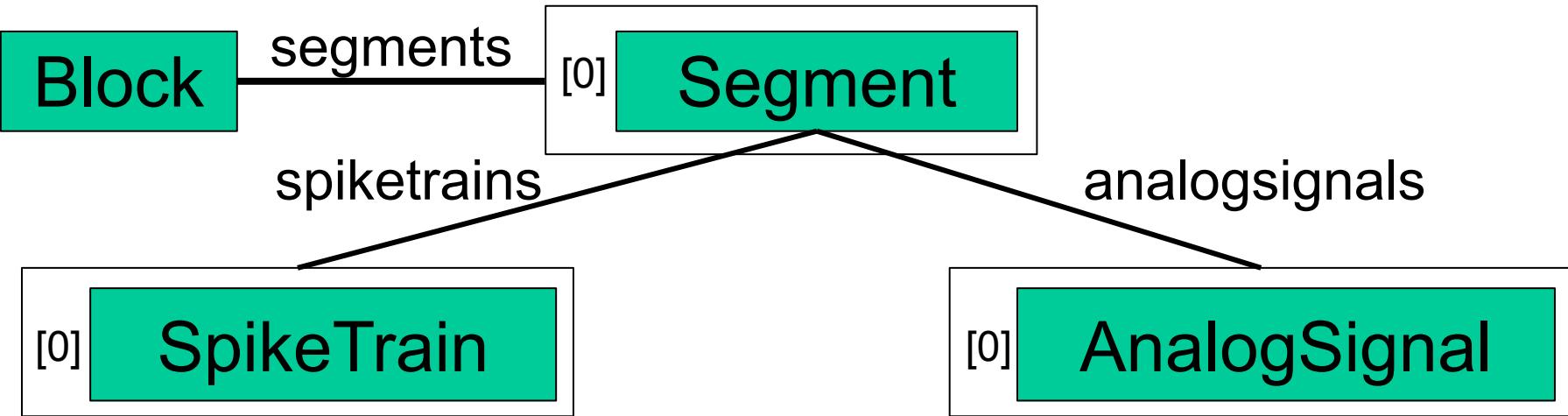


# Reading Results

# PyNN - Neo Data



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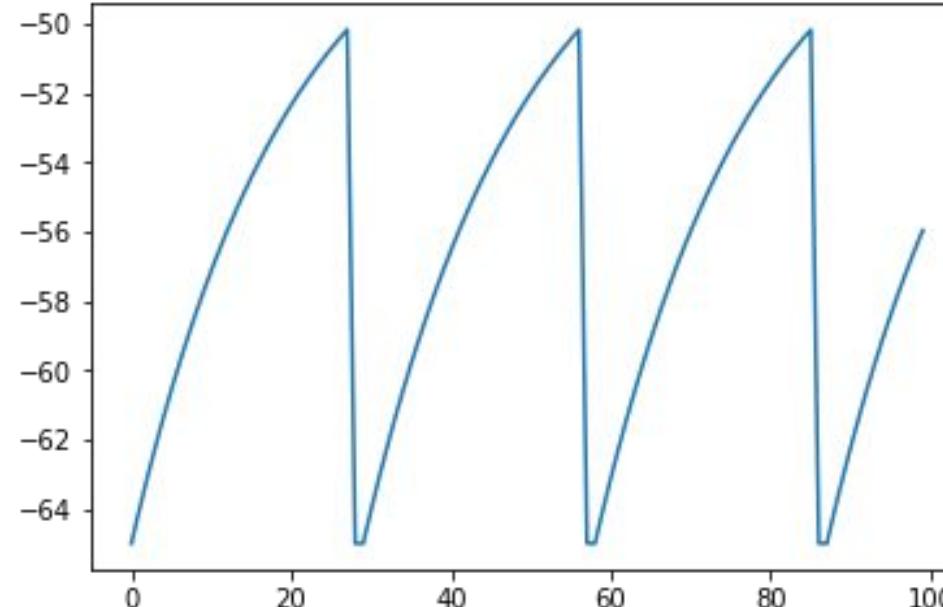


```
data = pop_1.get_data(["v", "spikes"])
v = data.segments[0].analogsignals
spikes = data.segments[0].spiketrains
```

# PyNN - Plotting

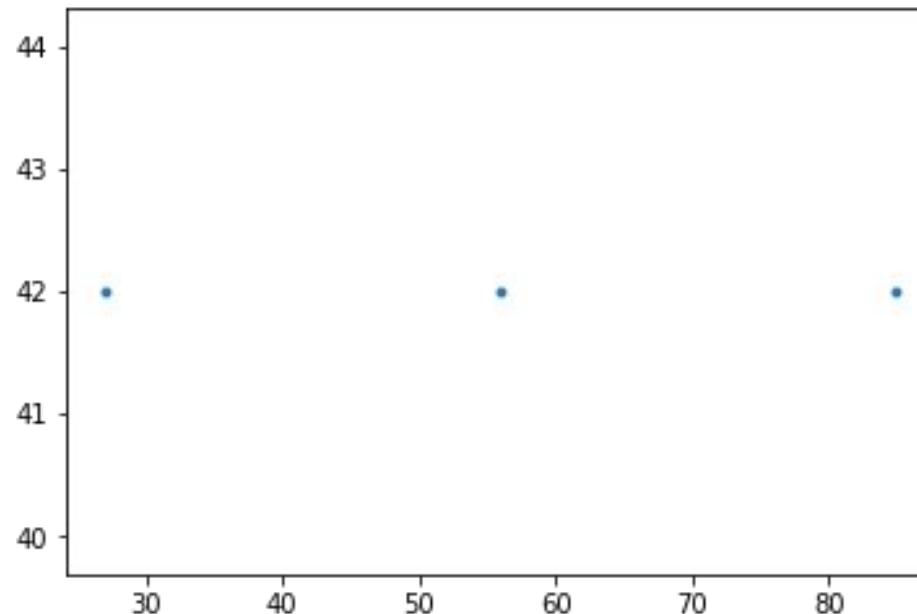
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
plt.figure()  
plt.plot(v[0].times, v[0])  
plt.show()
```



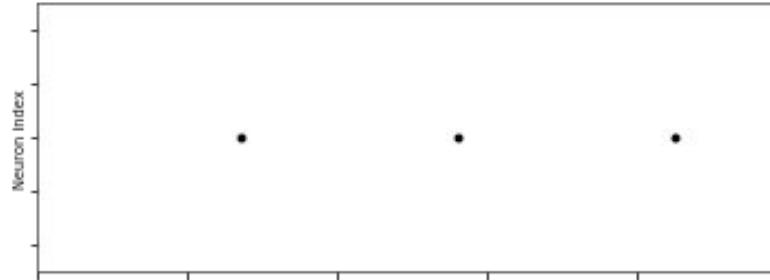
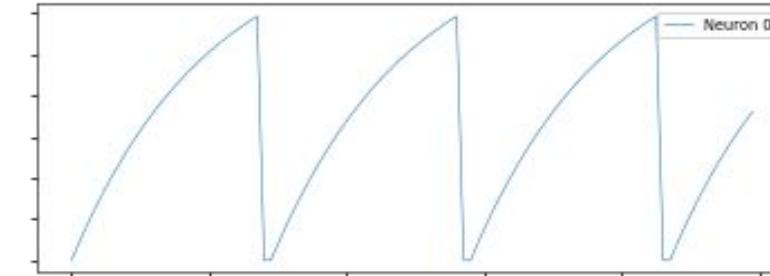
# PyNN - Plotting

```
plt.figure()  
y = [1 for i in range(len(spikes[0]))]  
plt.plot(spikes[0], y, ".")  
plt.show()
```



# PyNN - Plotting Neo Directly

```
from pyNN.utility.plotting import Figure, Panel
Figure(
    Panel(*data.segments[0].analogsignals),
    Panel(data.segments[0].spiketrains)
)
```



# PyNN - Get Weights and Delays

```
synapses = proj.get(  
    ["weight", "delay"], "list")  
  
array([(0, 5, 0.756, 1.), (0, 6, 0.316, 1.), (0, 7, 0.885, 2.),  
       (0, 8, 0.421, 1.), (1, 4, 0.618, 1.), (1, 7, 0.438, 1.),  
       (1, 9, 1.607, 1.), (2, 0, 0.129, 1.), (2, 2, 1.055, 1.),  
       (2, 3, 1.319, 1.), (2, 9, 0.422, 1.), (3, 1, 0.328, 1.),  
       (3, 3, 0.456, 1.), (3, 6, 0.566, 1.), (4, 0, 1.046, 1.),  
       (4, 1, 1.199, 1.), (4, 2, 0.831, 1.), (5, 0, 1.643, 1.),  
       (5, 2, 1.165, 1.), (5, 3, 0.902, 1.), (5, 5, 1.627, 1.),  
       (6, 0, 2.143, 1.), (6, 5, 0.635, 1.), (6, 7, 0.704, 1.),  
       (7, 0, 1.914, 1.), (7, 4, 0.289, 1.), (7, 5, 2.058, 1.),  
       (7, 6, 0.428, 2.), (7, 7, 0.639, 1.), (7, 9, 0.616, 2.),  
       (8, 0, 1.039, 1.), (8, 1, 0.576, 1.), (8, 4, 1.563, 2.),  
       (8, 8, 0.995, 1.), (9, 0, 1.686, 1.), (9, 9, 0.631, 2.)])
```

# PyNN - Get Weights and Delays

```
synapses = proj.get(  
    "weight", "array")
```

```
array([[  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan,  0.756,  0.316,  0.885,  0.421,  nan],  
       [  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan,  0.618,  nan,  nan,  0.438,  nan,  1.607],  
       [0.129,  nan,  1.055,  1.319,  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan,  0.422],  
       [  nan,  0.328,  nan,  0.456,  nan,  nan,  0.566,  nan,  nan,  nan],  
       [1.046,  1.199,  0.831,  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan],  
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       [1.686,  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan,  nan,  0.631]])
```

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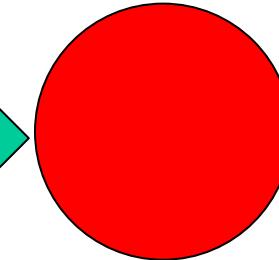
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# Live Input and Output

# Input from Environment: Spikes

send\_spikes

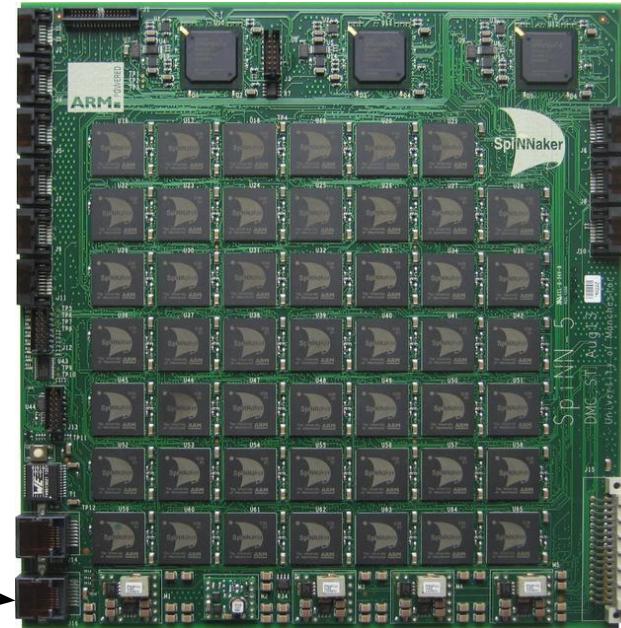
Spikelnjector  
label="injector"



send\_spikes("injector", [0])

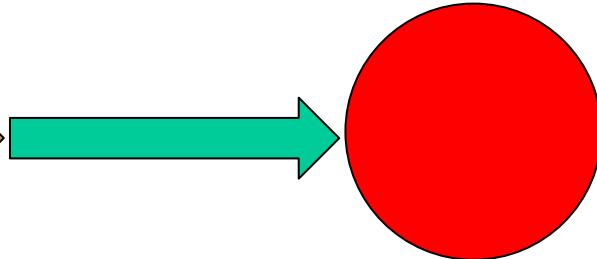
```
SpynnakerLiveSpikesConnection(  
    send_labels=[“injector”])
```

Multicast Key(s)  
(Spike)



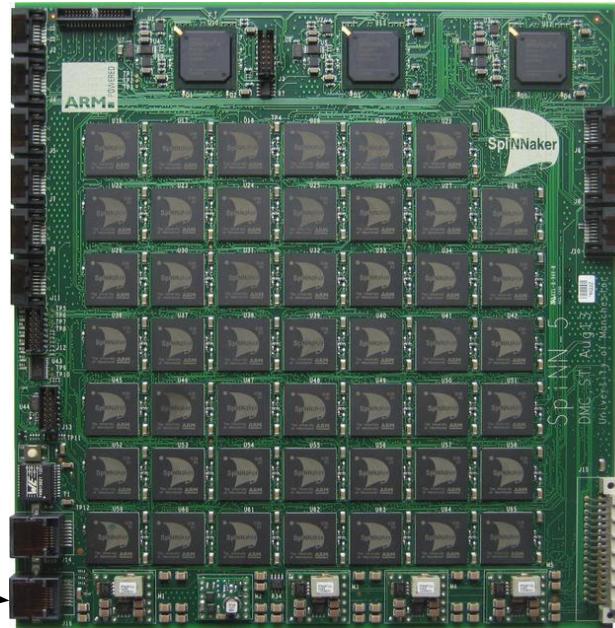
# Input from Environment: Rates

add\_poisson\_live\_rate\_control  
set\_rates



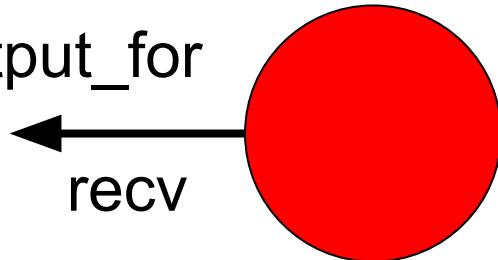
```
SpynnakerPoissonControlConnection(  
    poisson_labels=[“input”])
```

Multicast Key(s)  
and Payload(s)



# Output to Environment: Spikes

activate\_live\_output\_for

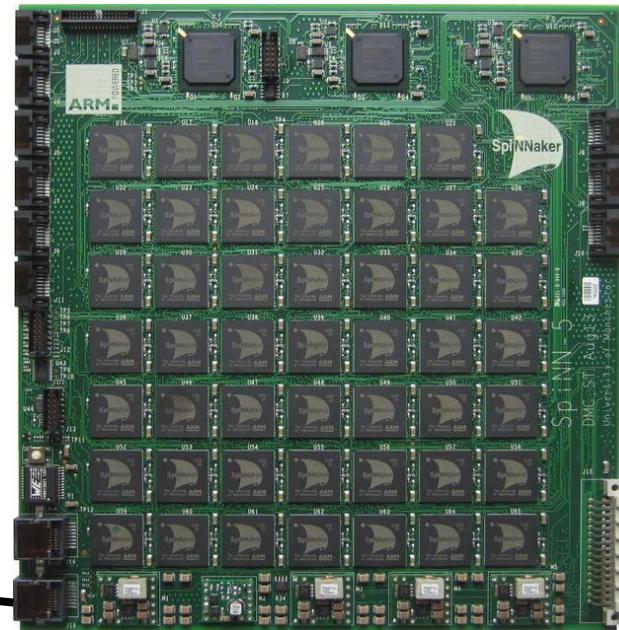


recv

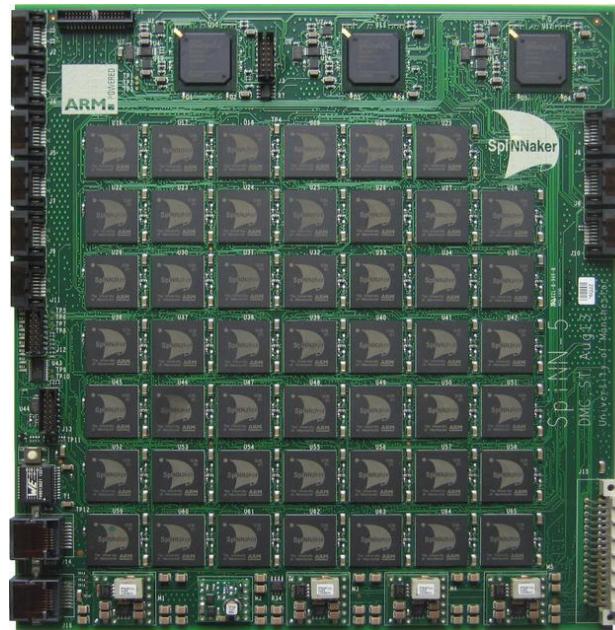
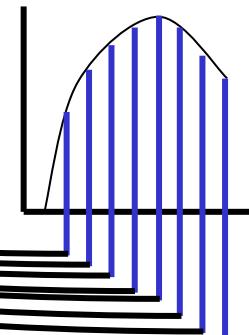
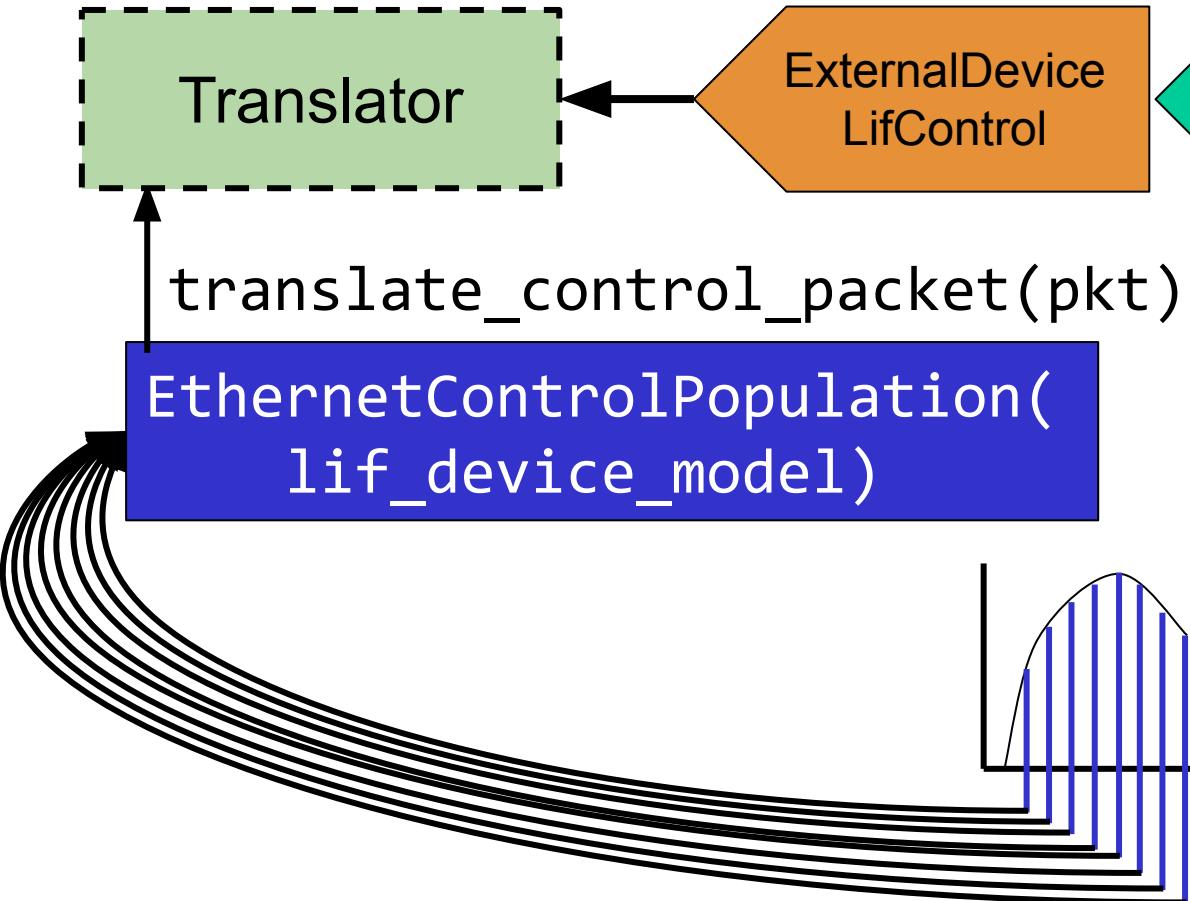
recv("pop", time, neuron\_ids)

```
SpynnakerLiveSpikesConnection(  
    receive_labels=["pop"])
```

Multicast Key(s)  
(Spike)



# Output to Environment: Voltage



# SpiNNaker Tutorials on Jupyter

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