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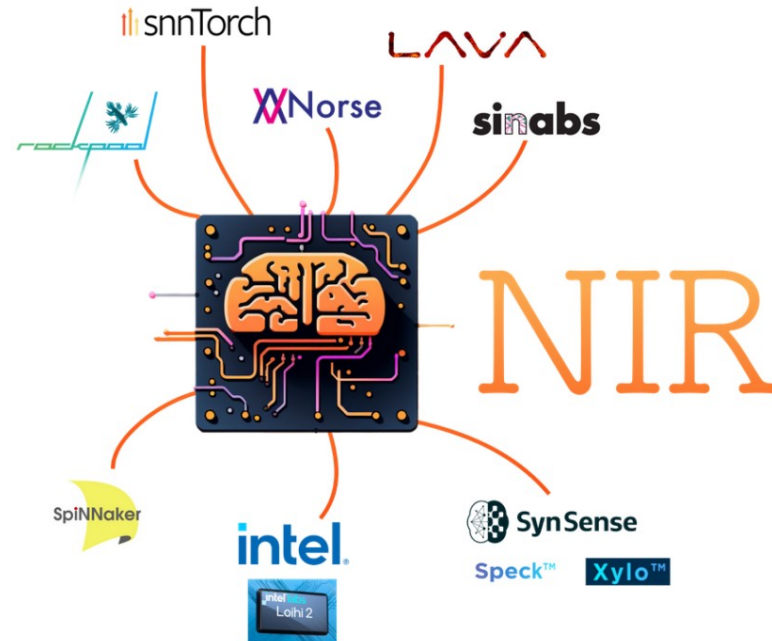
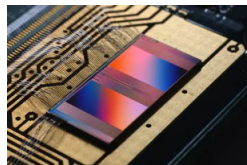
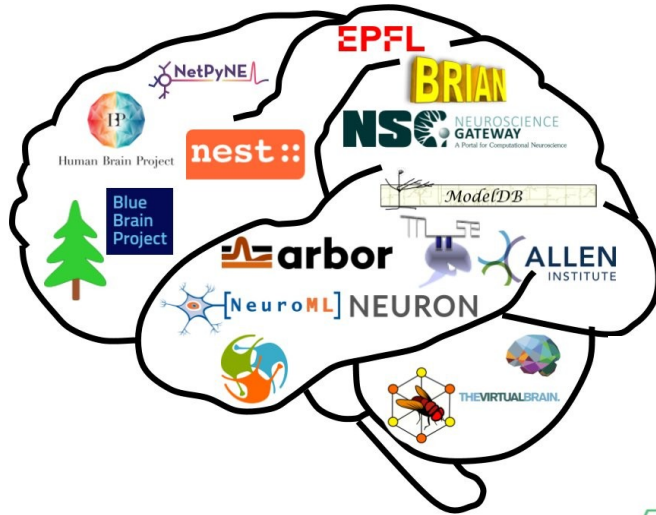
Visual coding of SNNs

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Sebastian Spreizer

Simulation tools

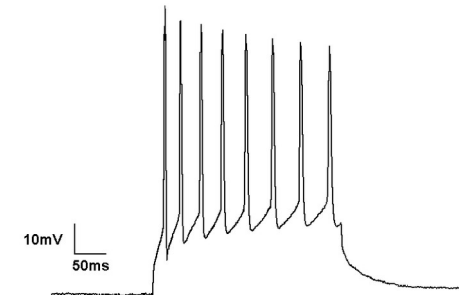
in computational neuroscience and neuromorphic computing



NEST Desktop - an educational application for neuroscience

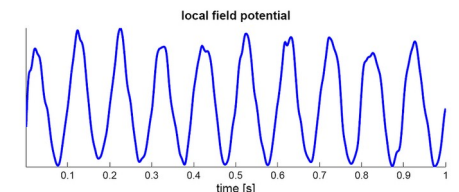
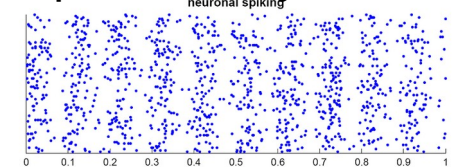


Analog signals, e.g. membrane potentials



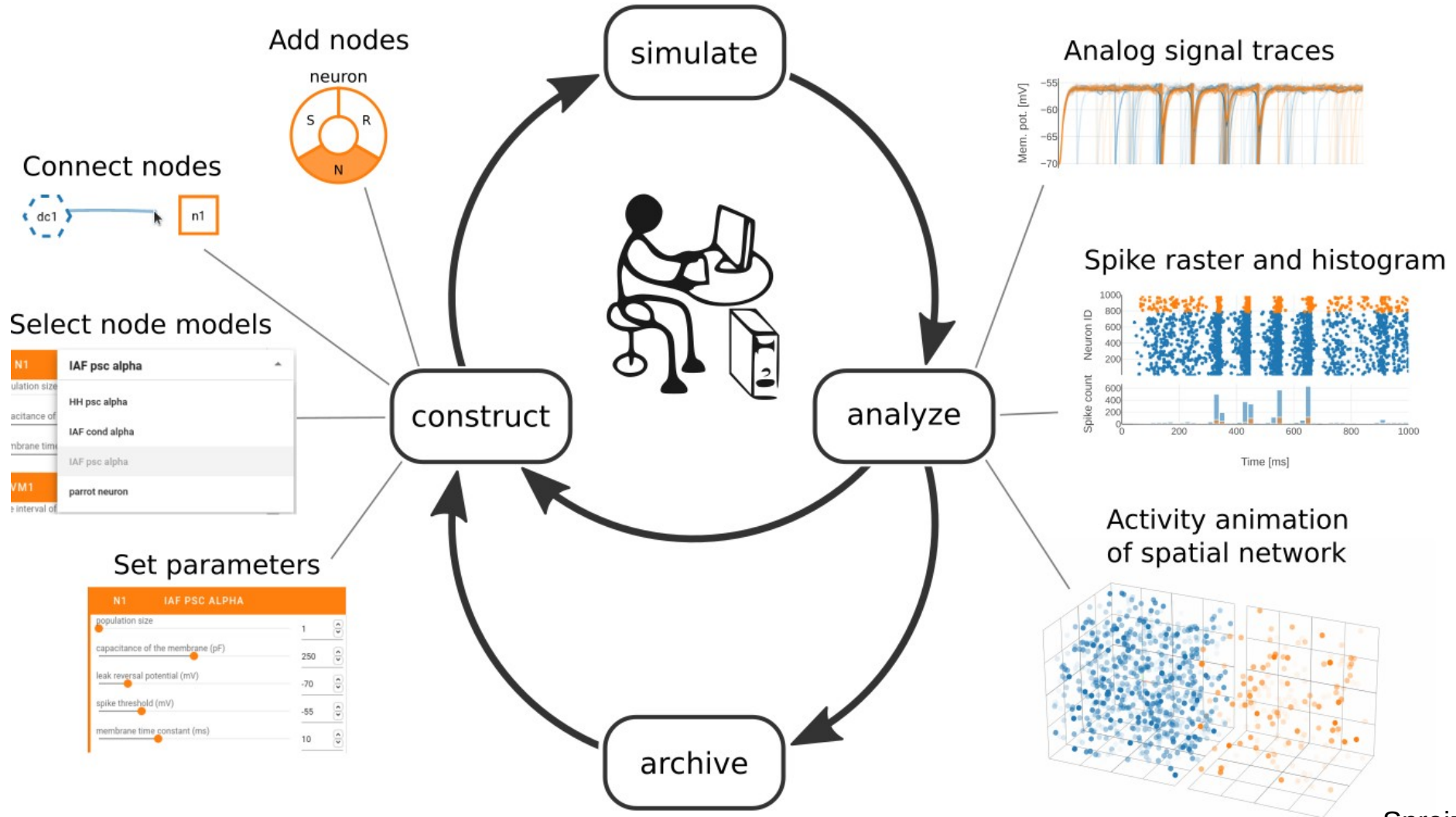
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electrophysiology>

Spike activity



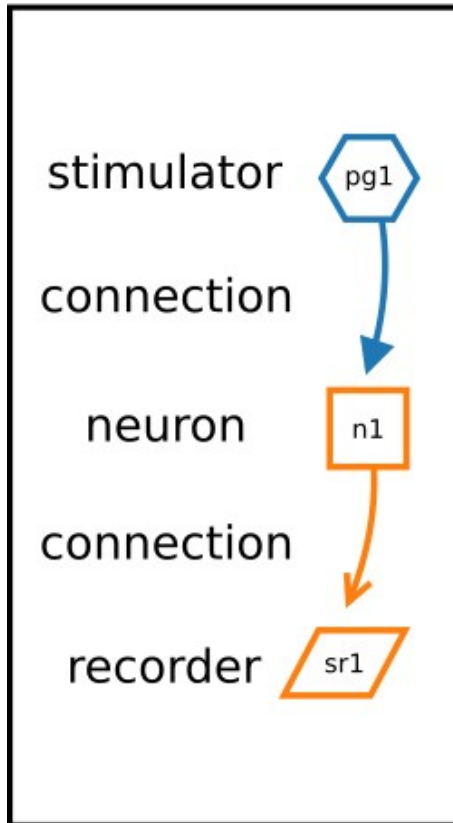
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Virtual experiment of SNNs



Generative simulation code

 graph



code
generation

 code

```
import nest

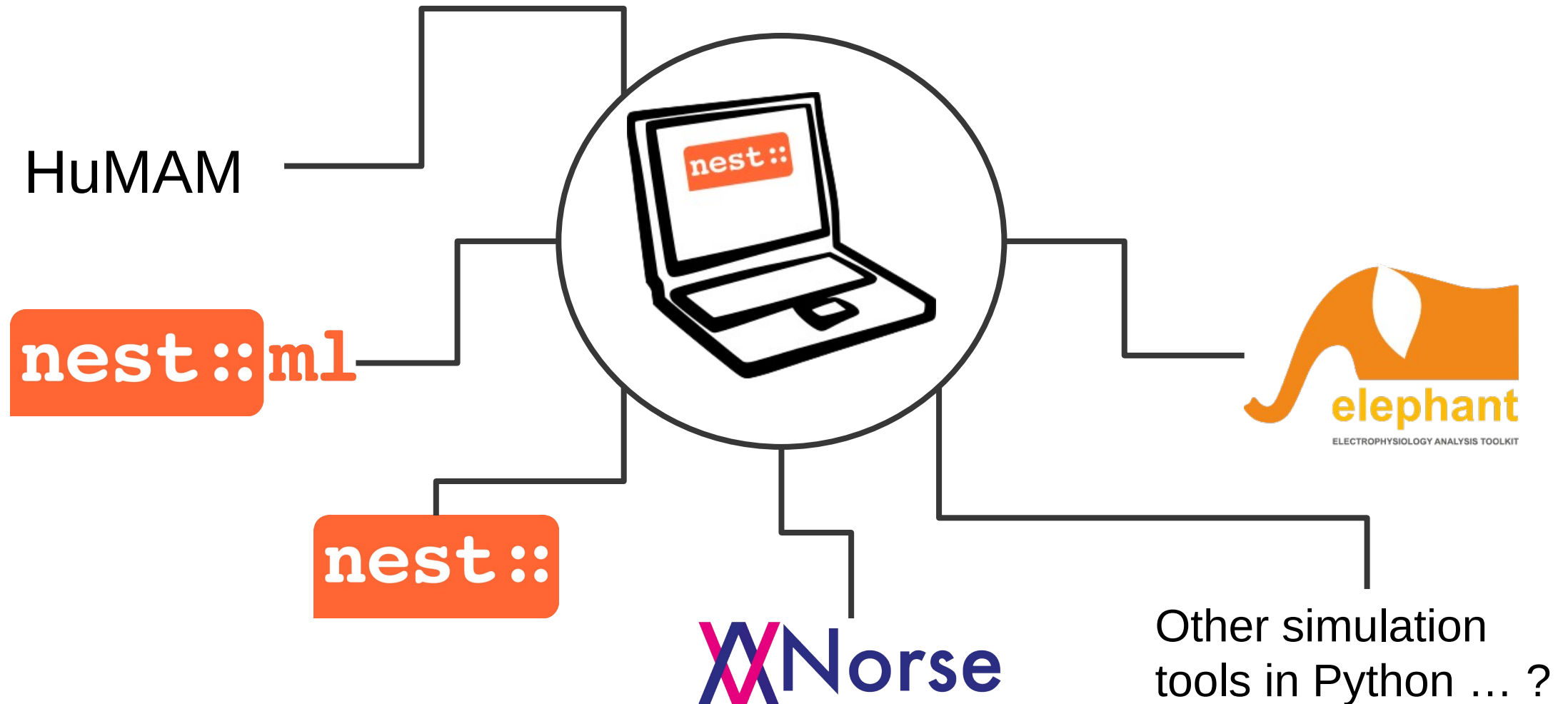
# Create nodes
pg1 = nest.Create('poisson_generator')
n1 = nest.Create('iaf_psc_alpha')
sr1 = nest.Create('spike_recorder')

# Connect nodes
nest.Connect(pg1, n1)
nest.Connect(n1, sr1)

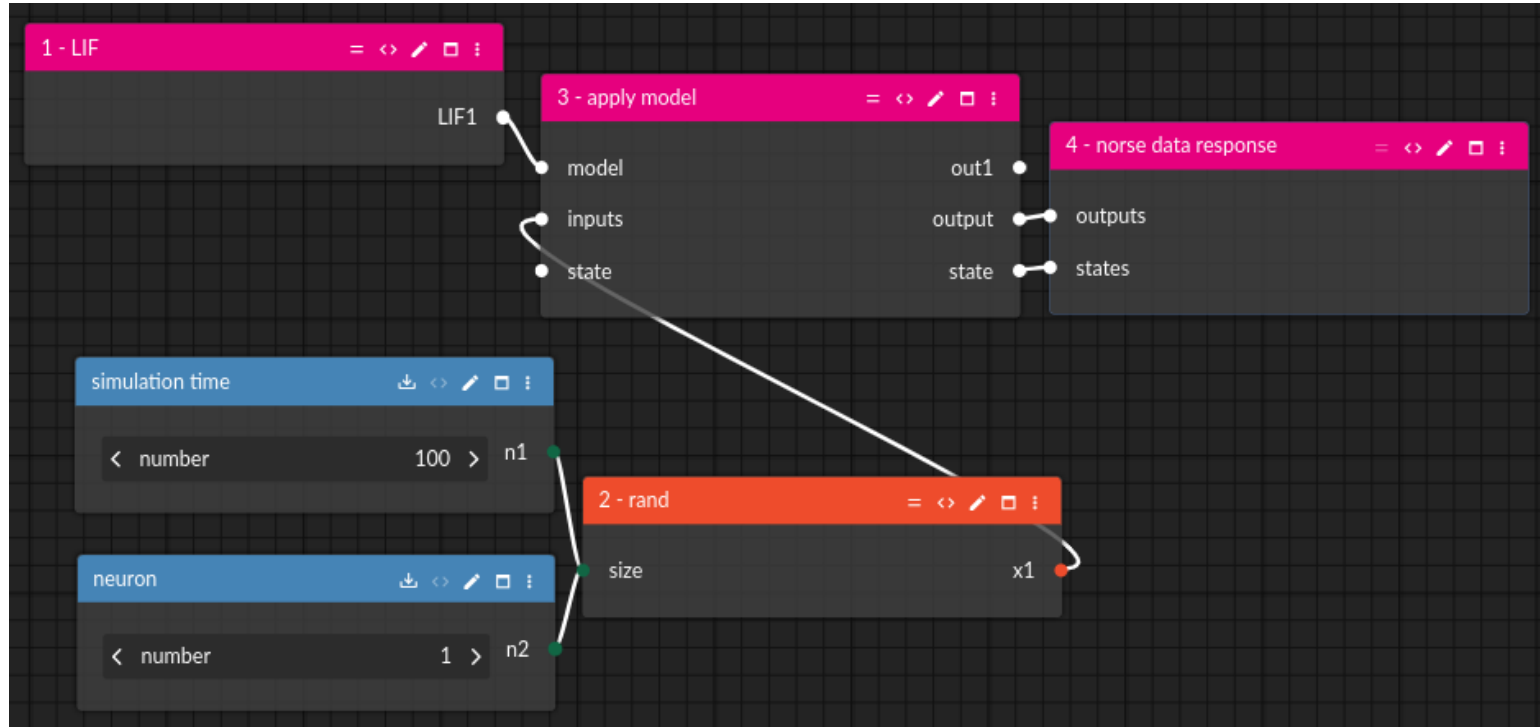
# Start simulation
nest.Simulate(1000)

# Get activity
sr1.get('events')
```

Plugin based architecture



Visual coding



```
1 import norse
2 import torch
3
4 LIF1 = norse.torch.LIF(record_states=True)
5 x1 = torch.rand(100, 1)
6 out1 = LIF1(x1) * 0.4
7 response = {
8     "outputs": [out1[0]],
9     "states": [out1[1]]
10 }
11
```

Goal: lower entry barrier for newcomers to learn topics in neuromorphic computing



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Thank you!

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