





Rapid Inference of Geographical Location with an Event-based Electronic Nose

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# **Artificial Olfaction using Metal-Oxide Gas Sensors**



Figaro Inc.

 Sensor resistance drop when reducing gases react with TiO<sub>2</sub>



Sciosense B.V.1

- Sensitive, but not very specific
- Conventionally, heated to constant ~300°C
- Heater modulation increases specificity and decreases integration time



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#### **4-Chn Heater Modulated (H-M) Electronic Nose**



#### **4-Chn H-M Electronic Nose: Field Recordings**





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## **4-Chn H-M Electronic Nose: Features**



### **4-Chn H-M Electronic Nose: Events**

- Change-event generation via send-on-delta sampling
- Comparing classification performance for different event encoding schemes (reconstruction, rate code, latency code, rank code)





### **Key Takeaways**

- Novel electronic nose design using heater modulated MOx gas sensors
- Heater cycles lend themselves for fast and robust odour classification features
- When considering events, the full temporal dynamics of event trains yield much better results than rate code, latency code and rank code







# Work in Progress and Next Steps

- Verify results in controlled environment
- Explore analogies to biological olfactory system (oscillations in activity of tufted & mitral cells)
- Implement spike-based processing (SNNs)
- Consider full hardware implementation of neuromorphic olfactory sensor front-end



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