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A Hardware Implementation of the Wake-Sleep Algorithm

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The Biological Neuron/Synapse

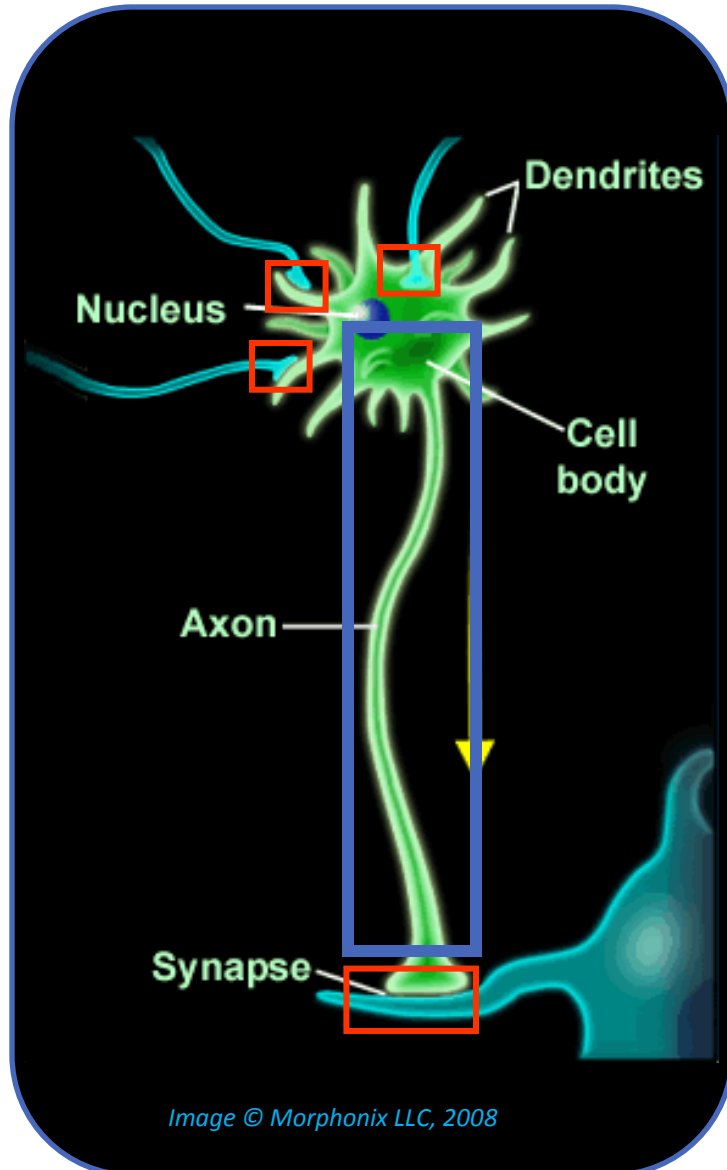
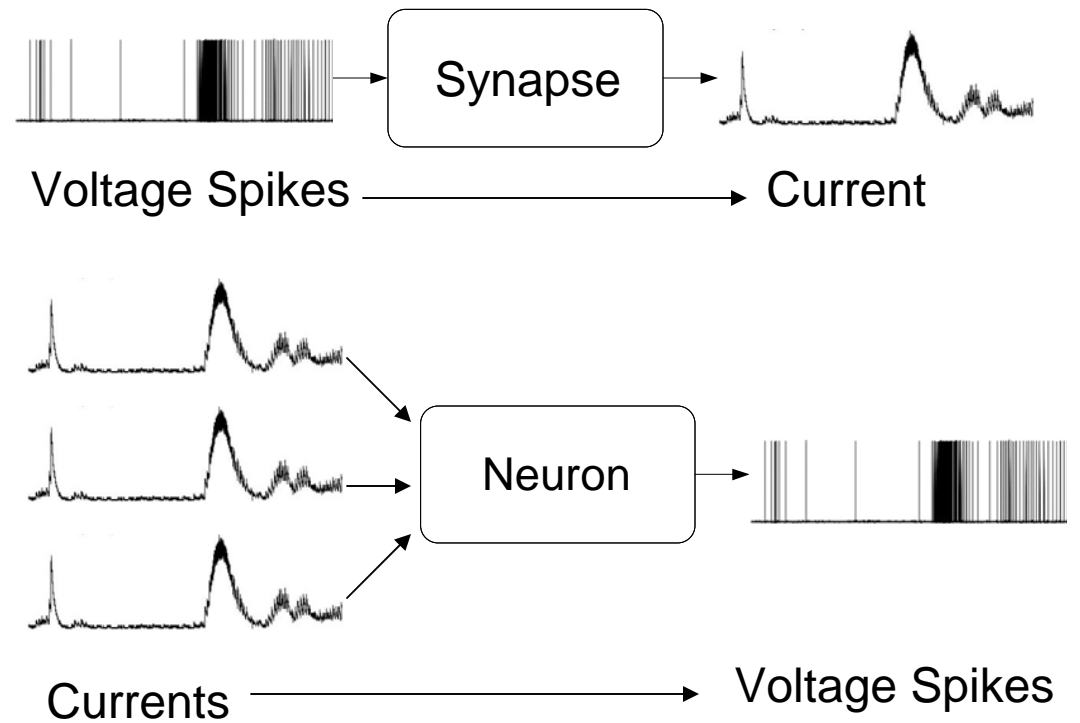


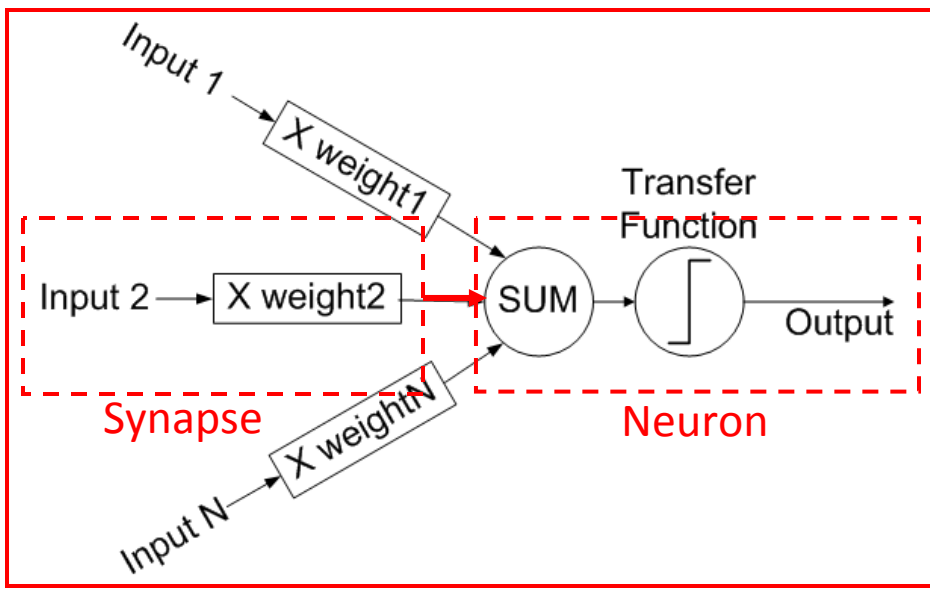
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- Synapses connect neurons and allow them to signal each other
- Electrical Engineers treat the synapse and the neuron as two separate devices





Perceptrons and Neural Networks

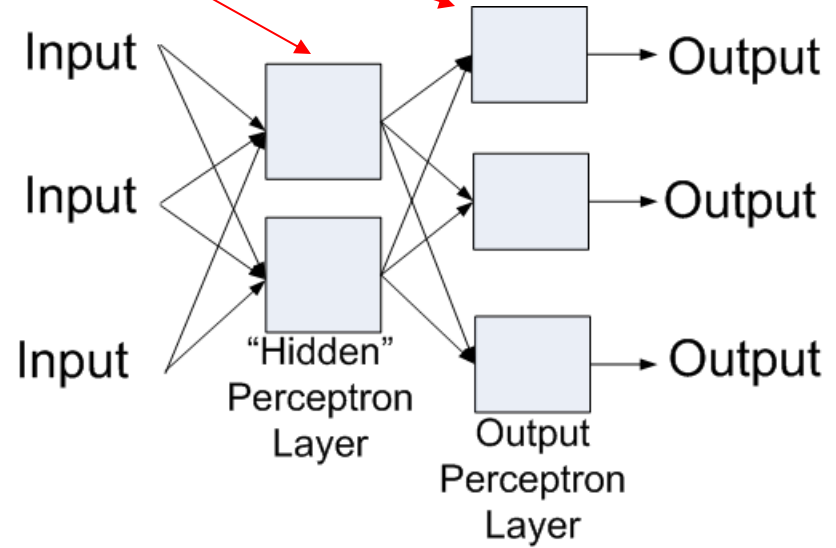


Weights:

- Each input has a weight
- Weight Tells us “how important” the input is
- Weights are of Analog Value
- Goal is to binarize the weights
 - long term storage in hardware

Neural Networks:

- Create networks by using output of one perceptron as inputs of others
- An Auto-Encoder network trains its weights until the network outputs are identical to its inputs

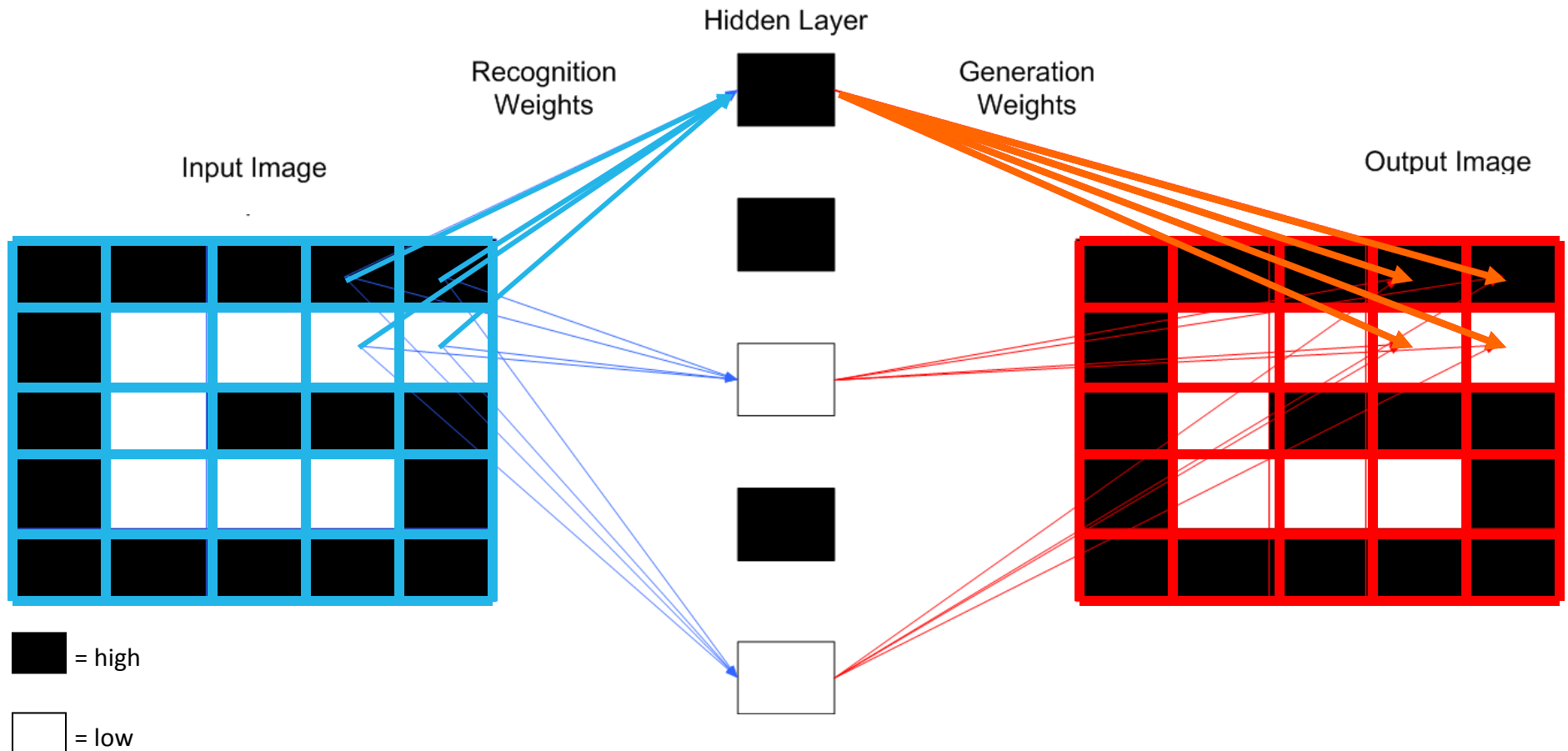




Wake Sleep Algorithm

Wake Cycle:

1. Display Input Image
2. Pixels go through Recognition Weights to Hidden layer
3. Through Generation Weights to produce Output
4. Calculate error and train **Generation Weights**

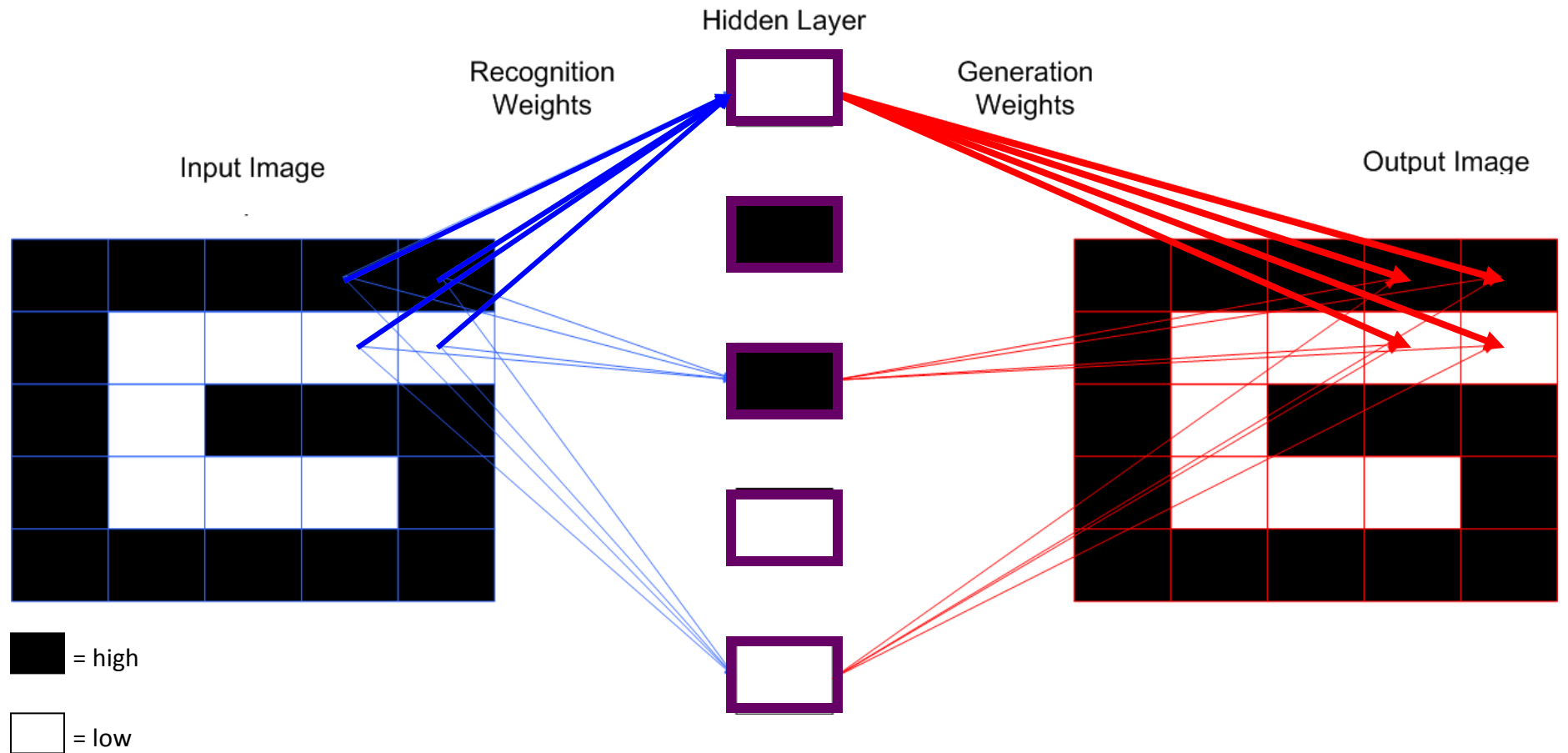




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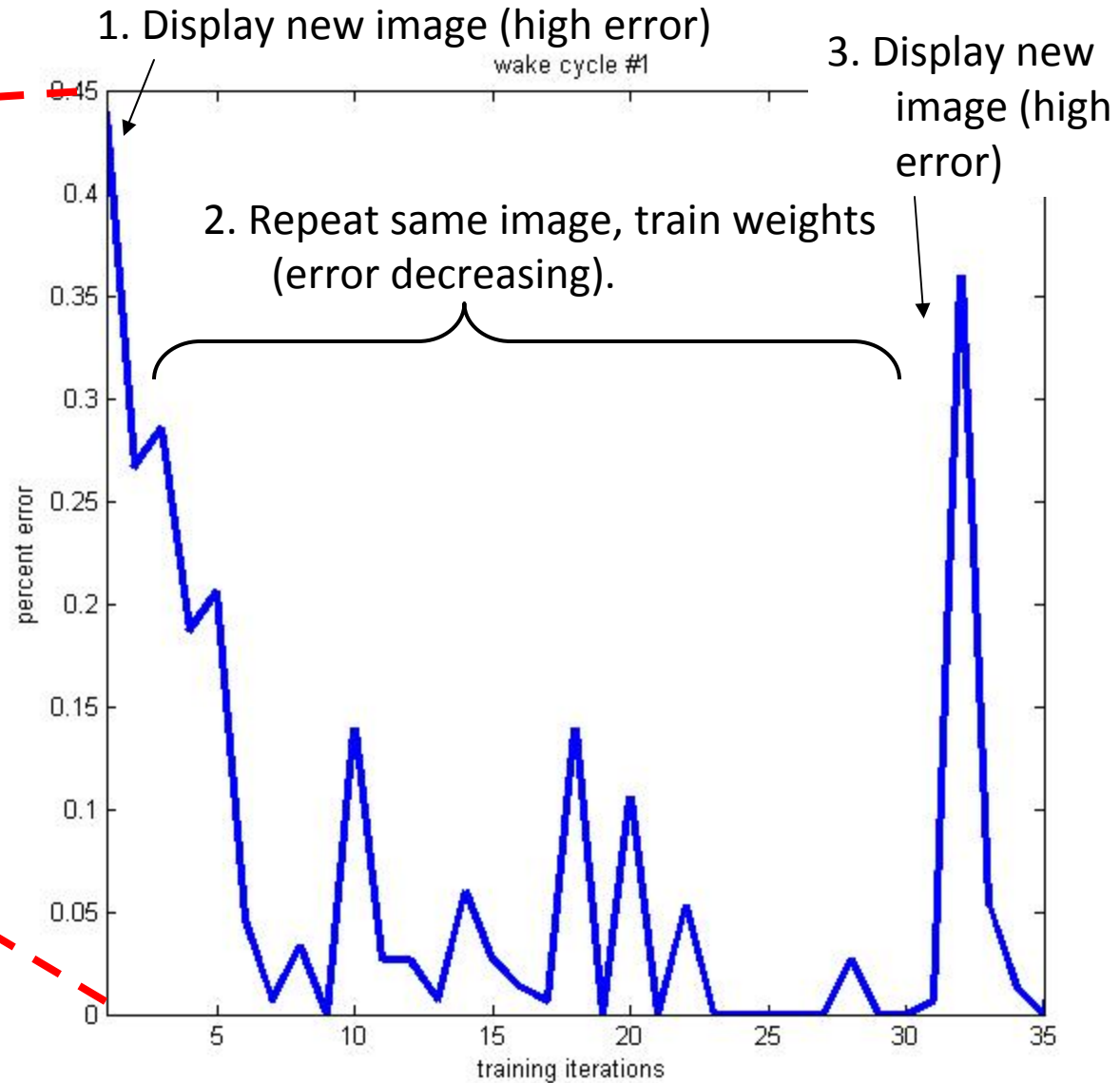
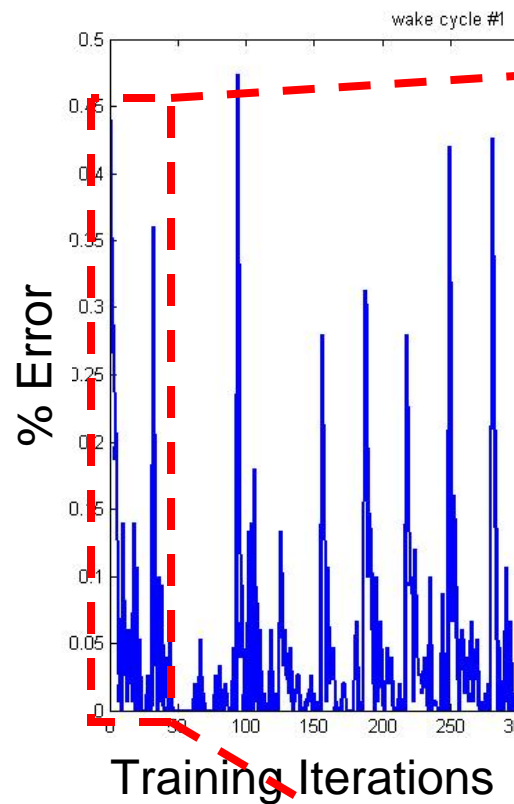
Sleep Cycle:

1. Randomly Excite Hidden Layer
2. Hidden states go through Generation Weights
3. Then through Recognition Weights
4. Calculate error and train Recognition Weights



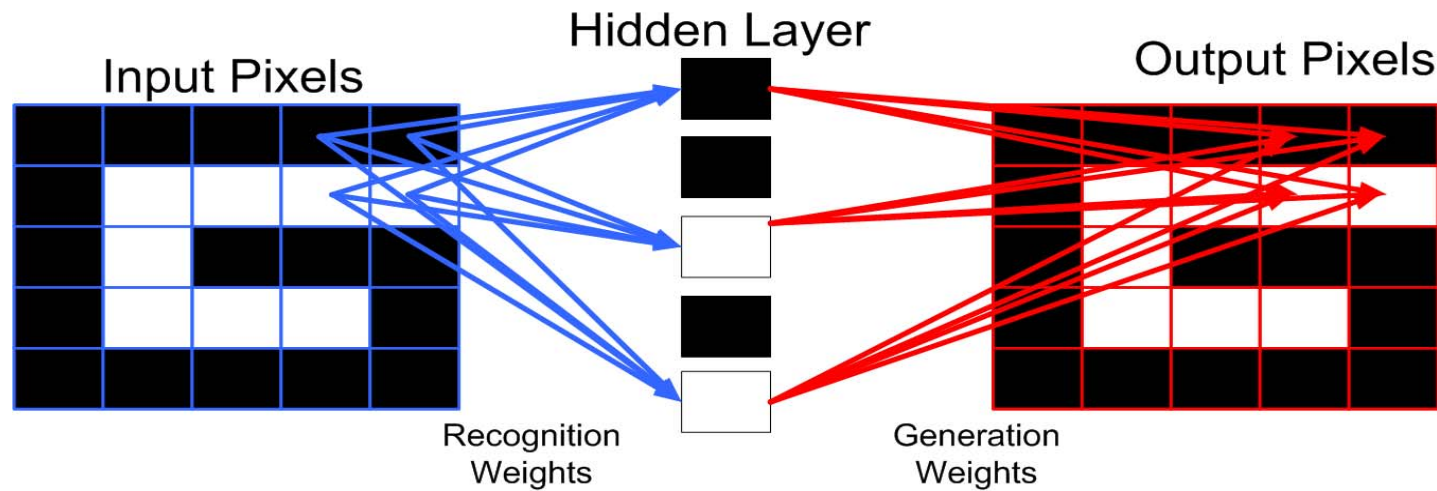
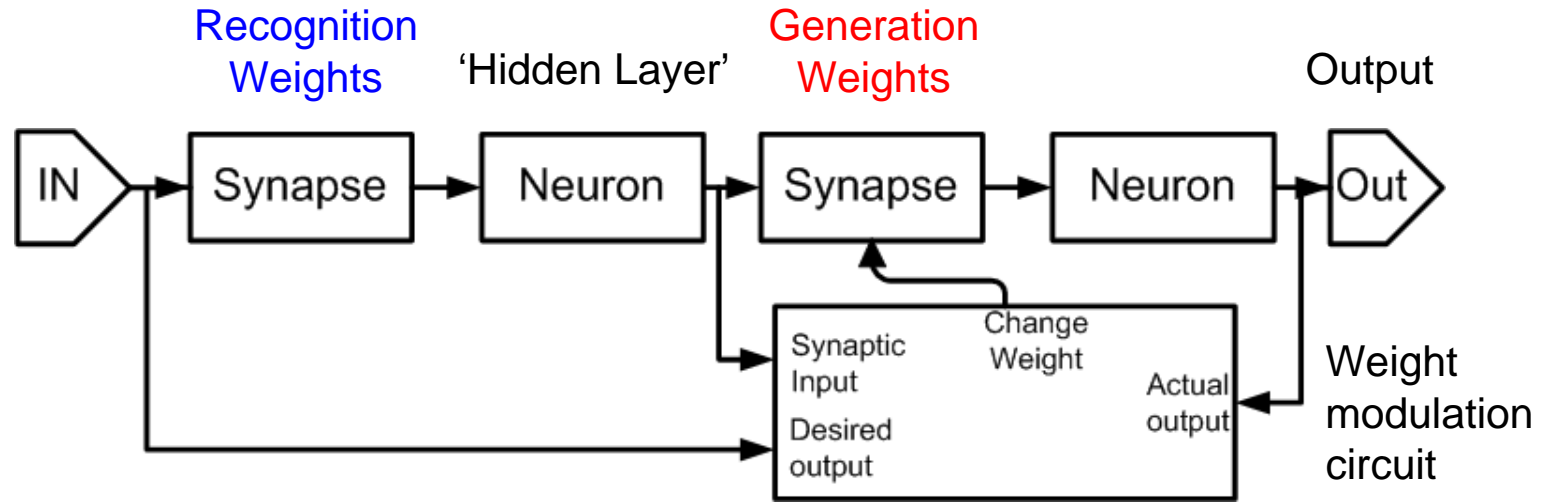


Training Iterations



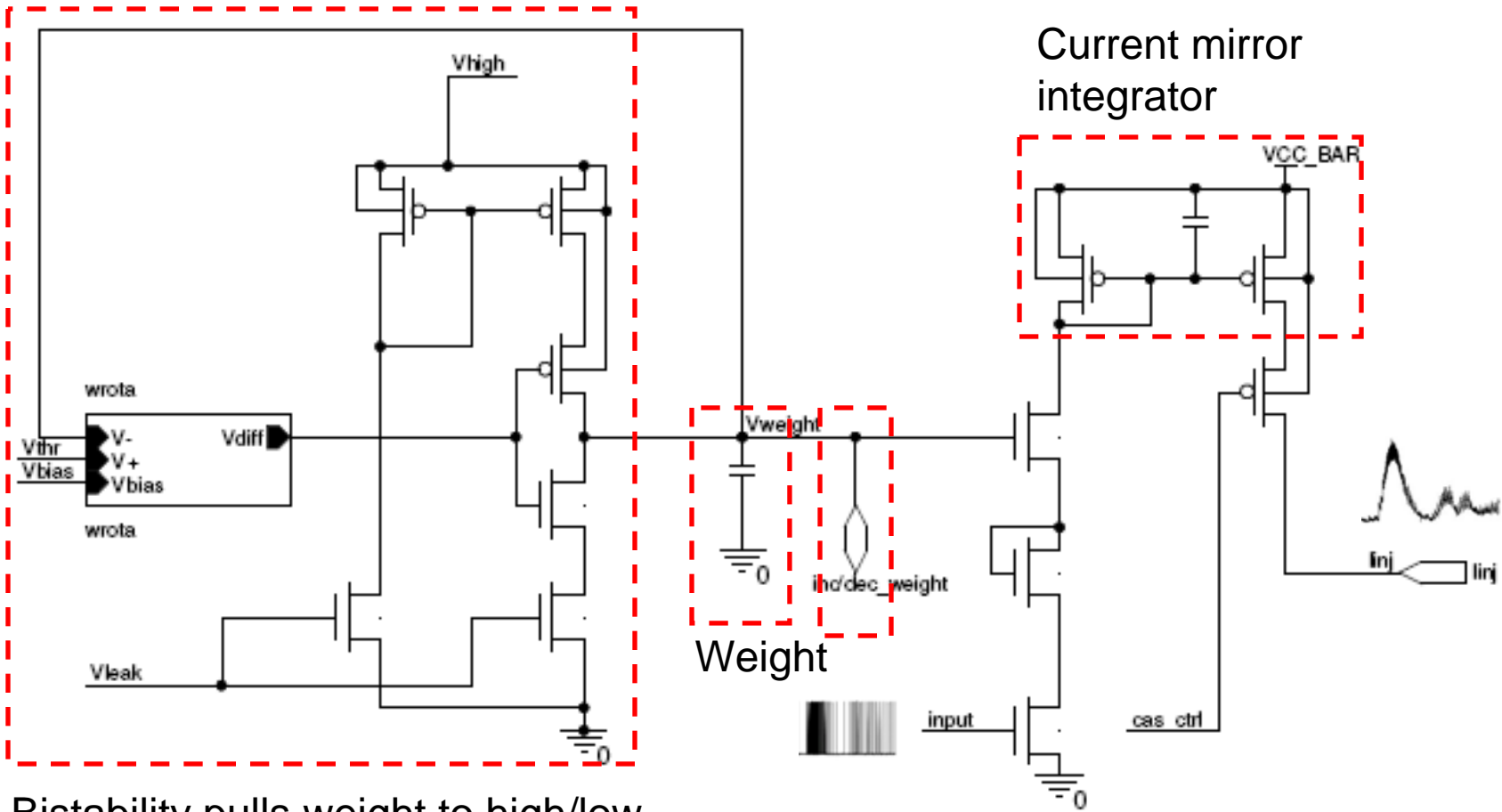


System Architecture





Synapse Circuit

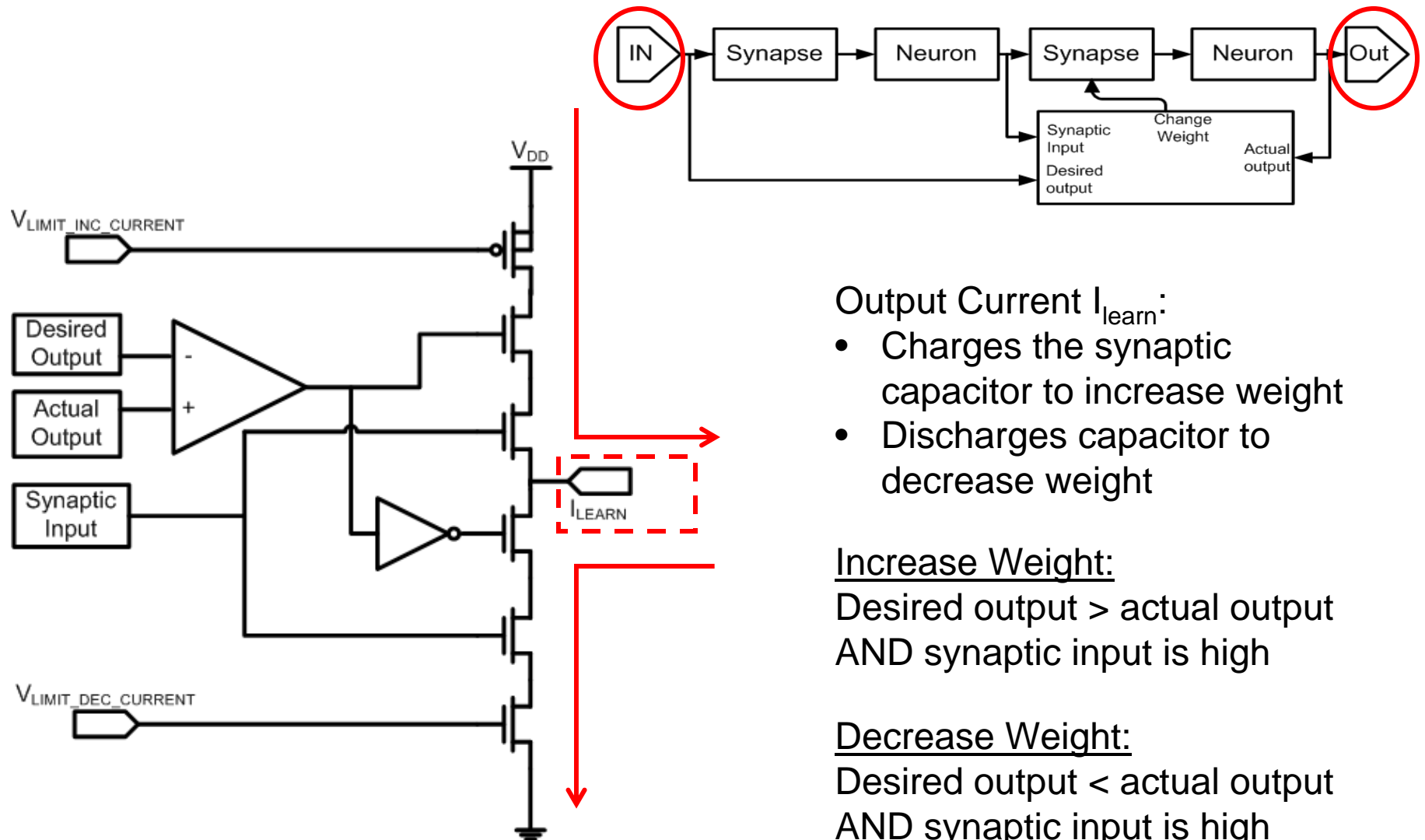


Bistability pulls weight to high/low value over long periods

Current to increase/decrease weight



Weight Modification Circuit



Output Current I_{learn} :

- Charges the synaptic capacitor to increase weight
- Discharges capacitor to decrease weight

Increase Weight:

Desired output > actual output
AND synaptic input is high

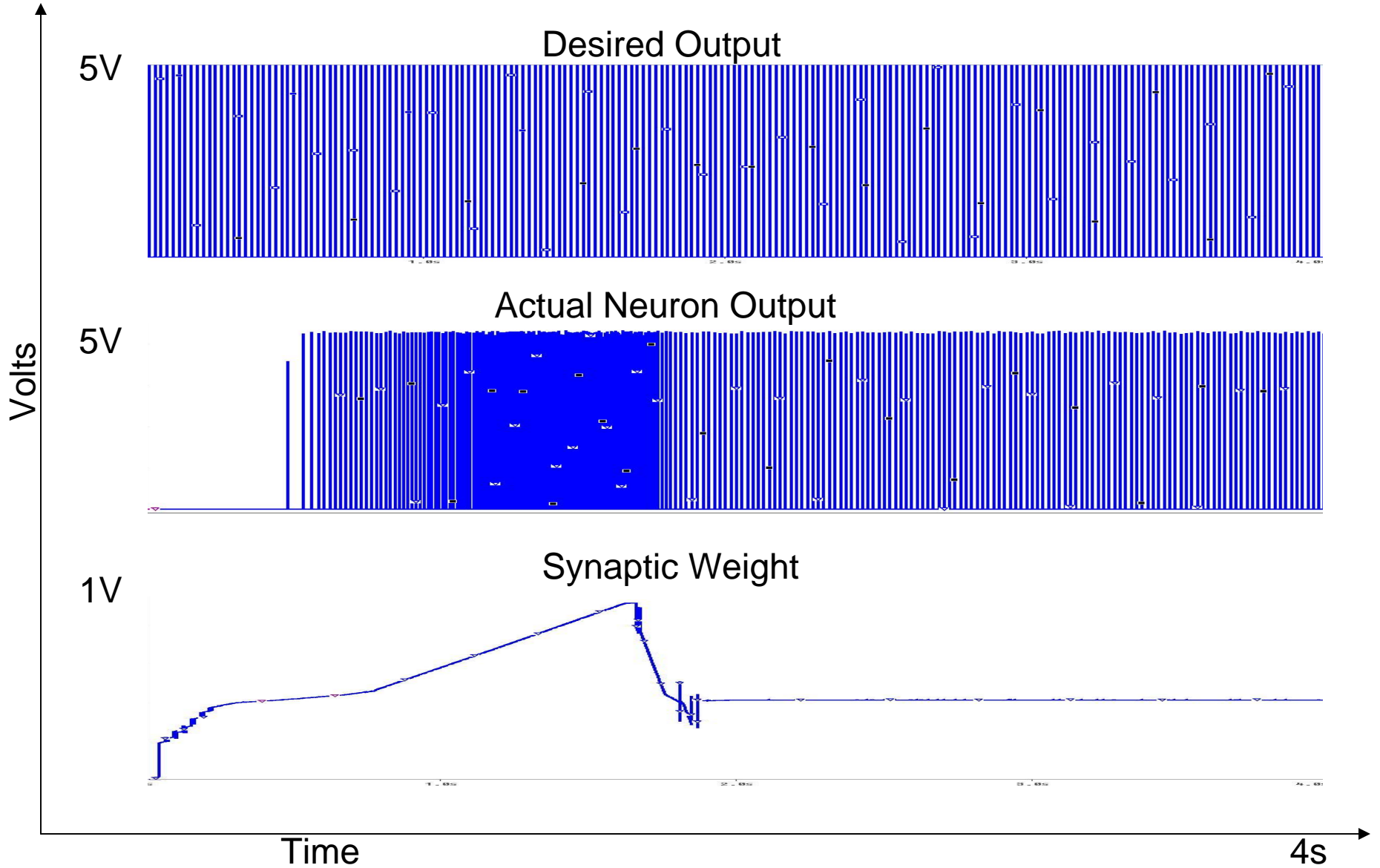
Decrease Weight:

Desired output < actual output
AND synaptic input is high



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Circuit Simulation





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Conclusions and Future Work

- Simulations in MATLAB[®] show that binary weights work on the auto-encoder neural network trained with the Wake-Sleep Algorithm.
- In simulations, the circuits successfully trained the synaptic weights in an analog manner.

Future Work:

- Implement networks with many more synapses to see if their weights will tend to become binary over the long term.



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