



Noise-Enhanced Associative Memories

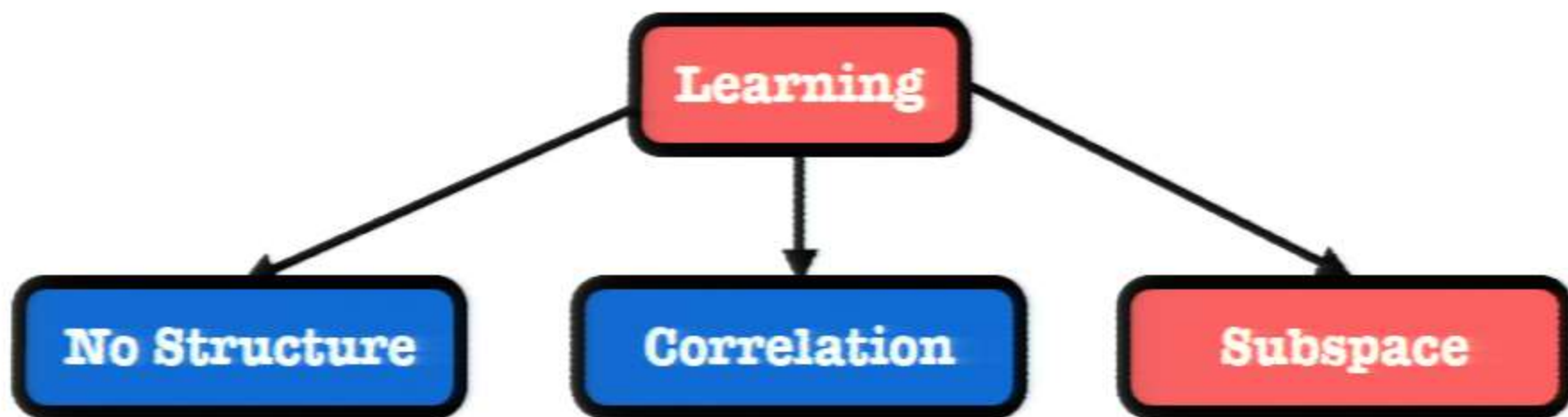
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Neural Associative Memory

Patterns of length N



$O(N)$



Hopfield' 82
McEliece' 87

$\text{Poly}(N)$

Berrou' 11

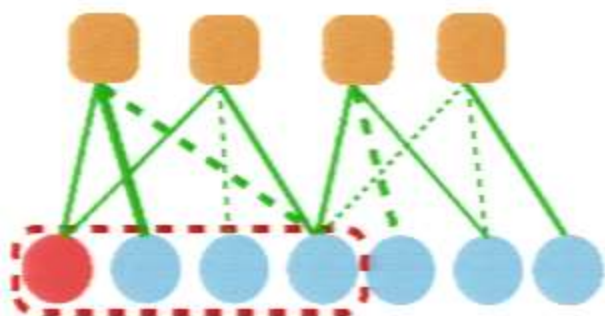
$\text{Exp}(N)$



Salavati' 12

Noise Tolerance

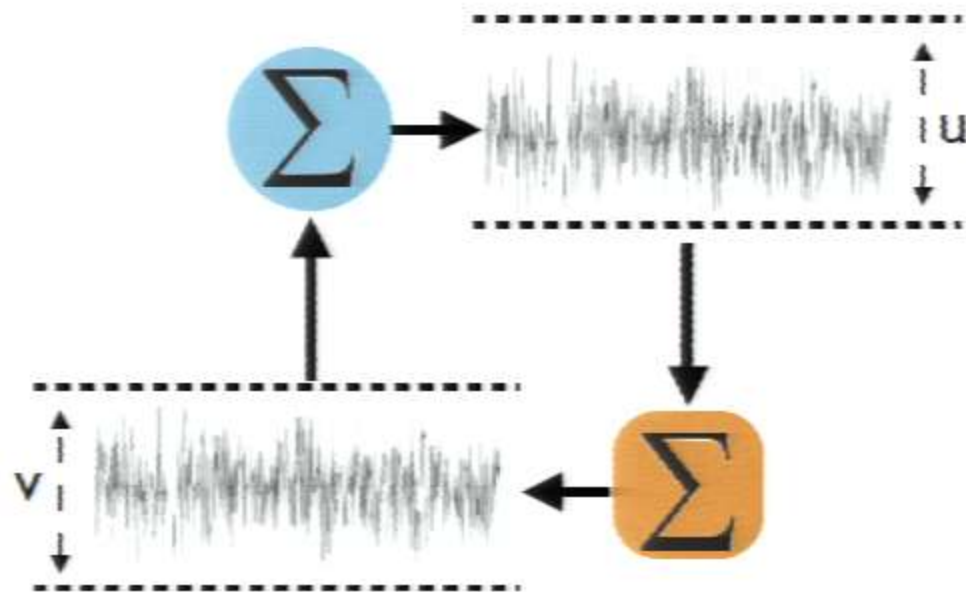
External Noise



Linear fraction of corrupted elements can be corrected

Karbasi' 13

Internal Noise

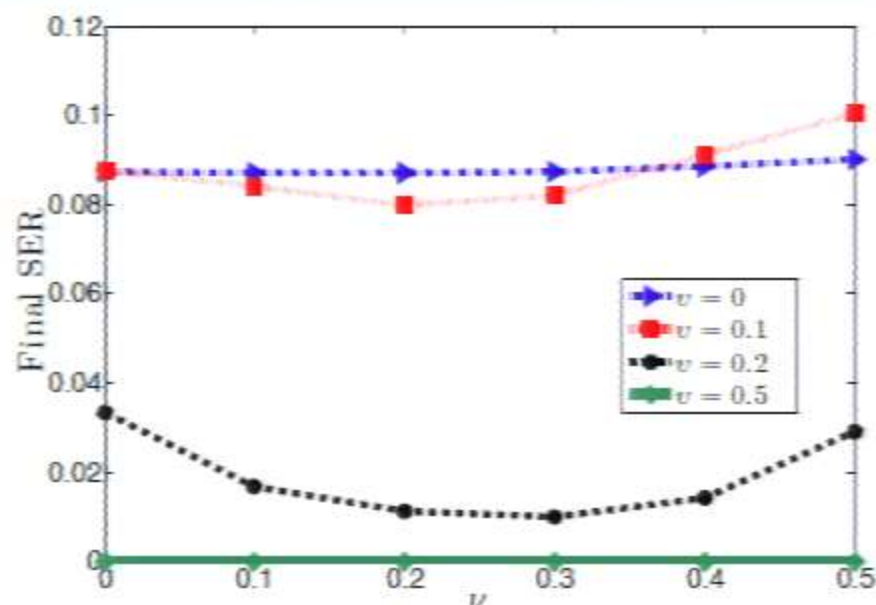
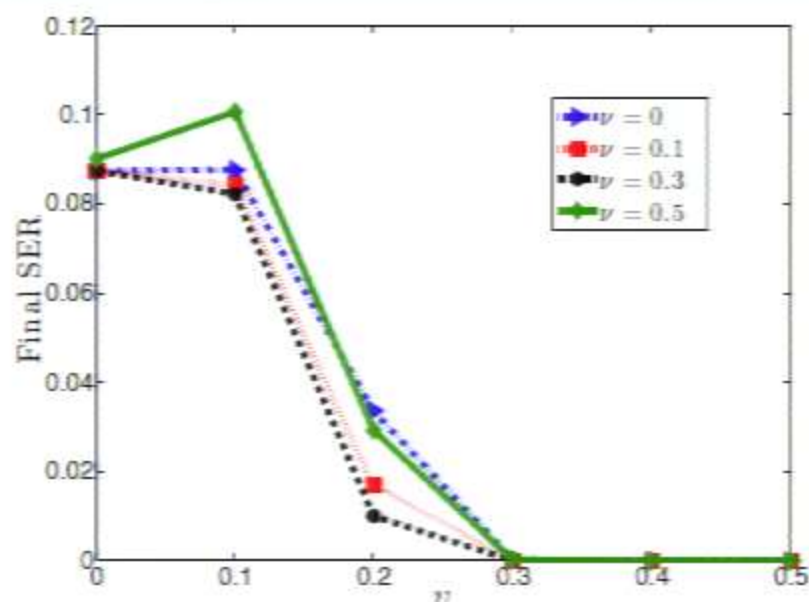


What Happens?

Amit' 94

Surprising Effect

There are positive error levels (u^*, v^*) below which noise **improves** the recall performance.



(u^*, v^*) : fixed points of a density evolution recursion

Internal noise below (u^*, v^*) does not degrade retrieval capacity