

Neuronal Competition Groups with Supervised STDP for Spike-Based Classification

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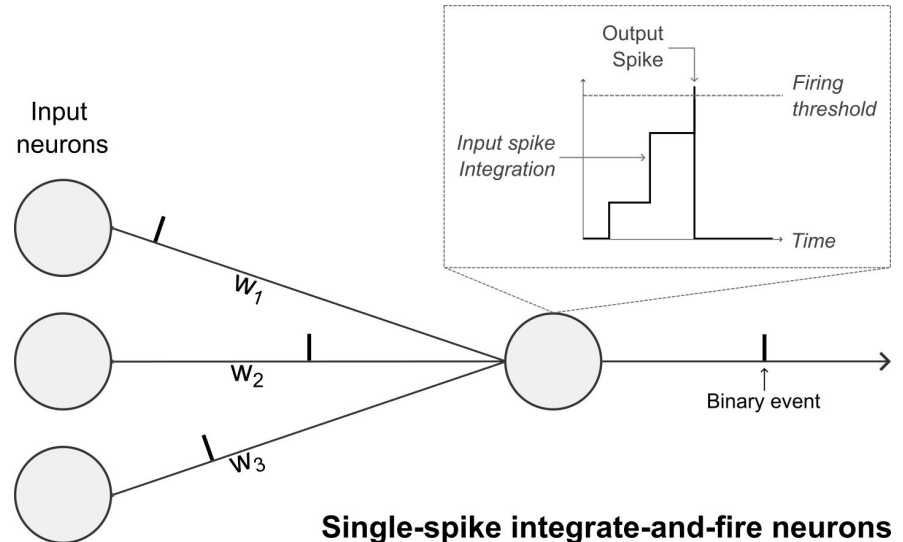
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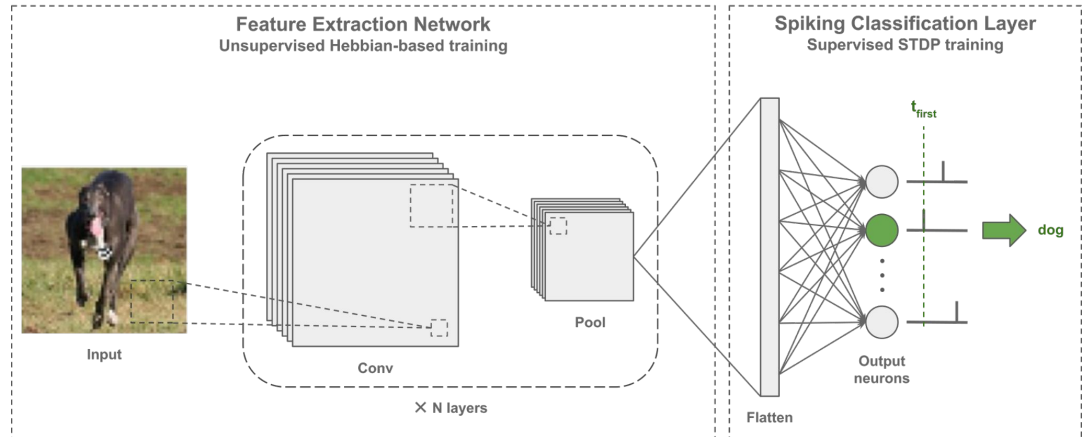


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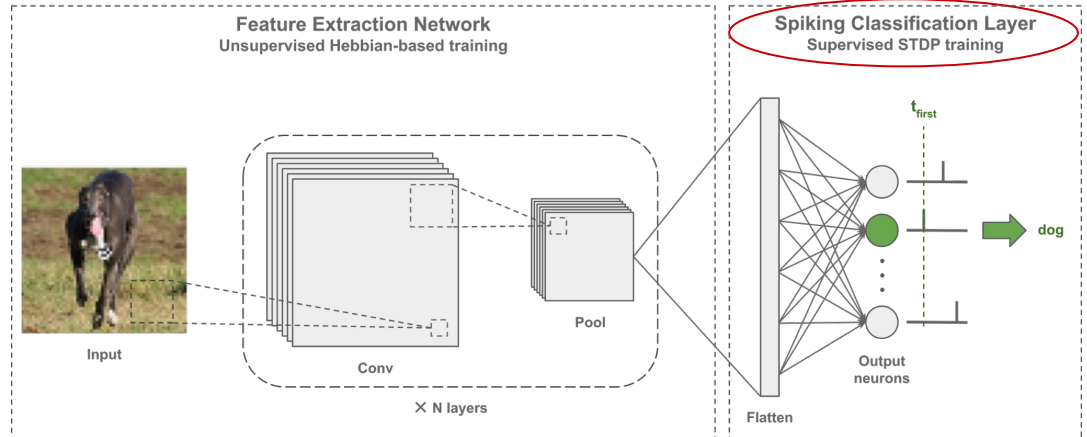


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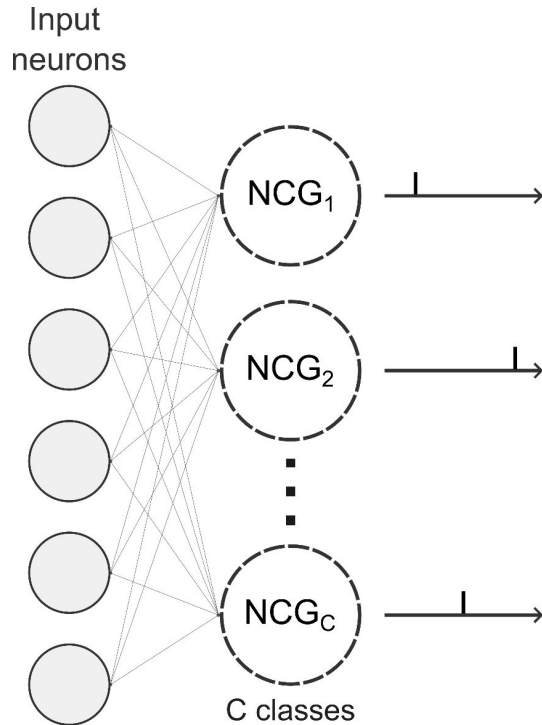
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Let's learn various patterns per class!

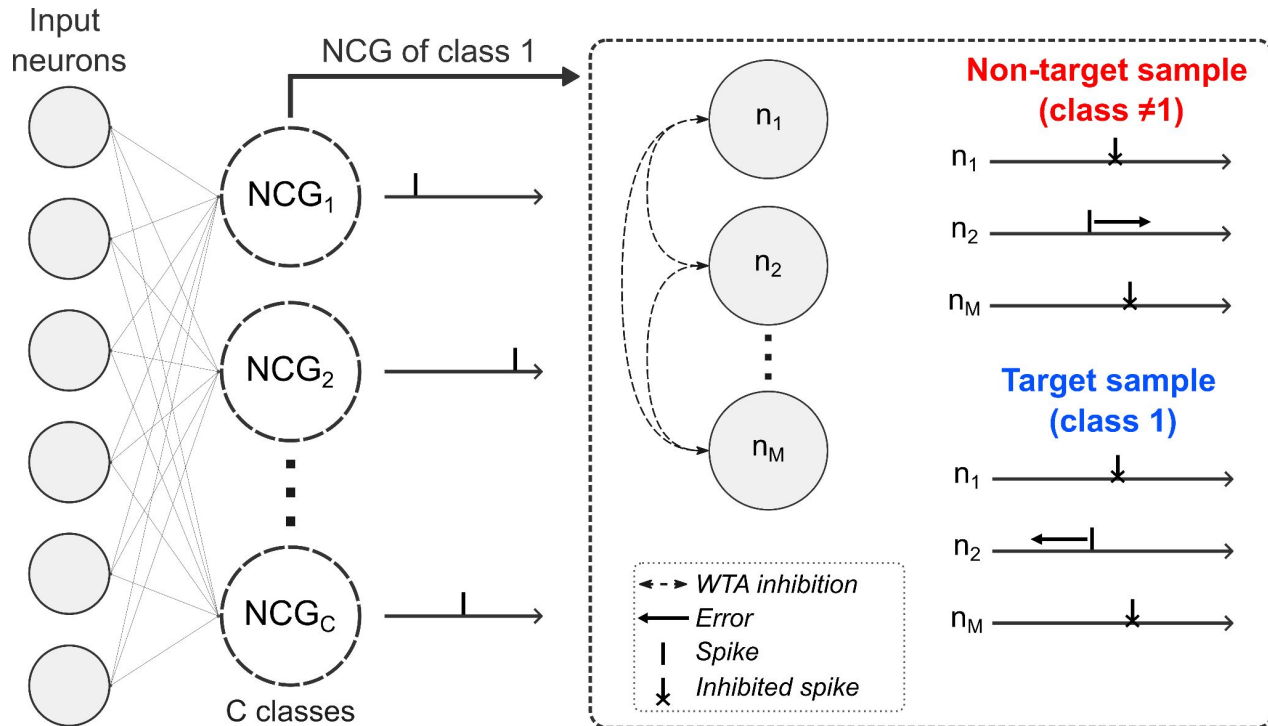
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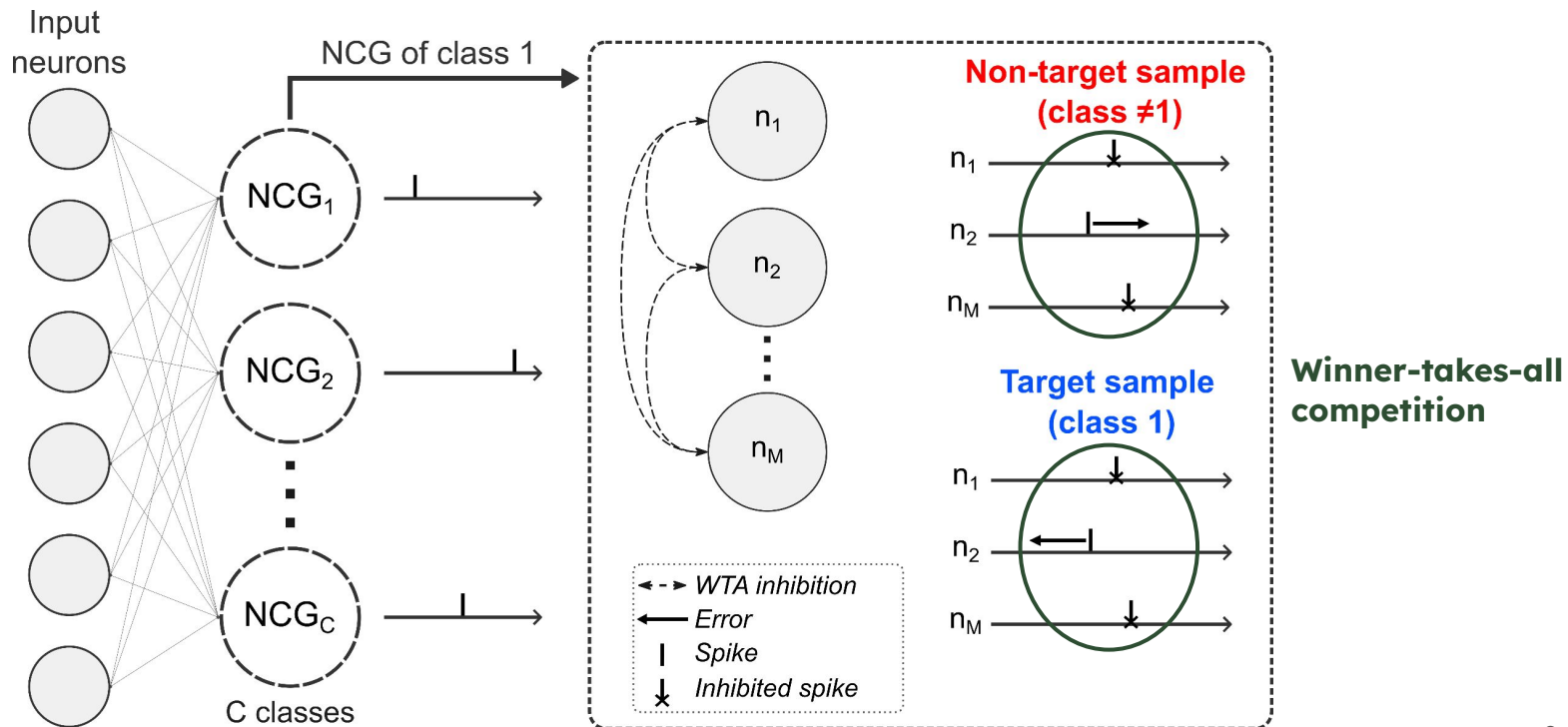
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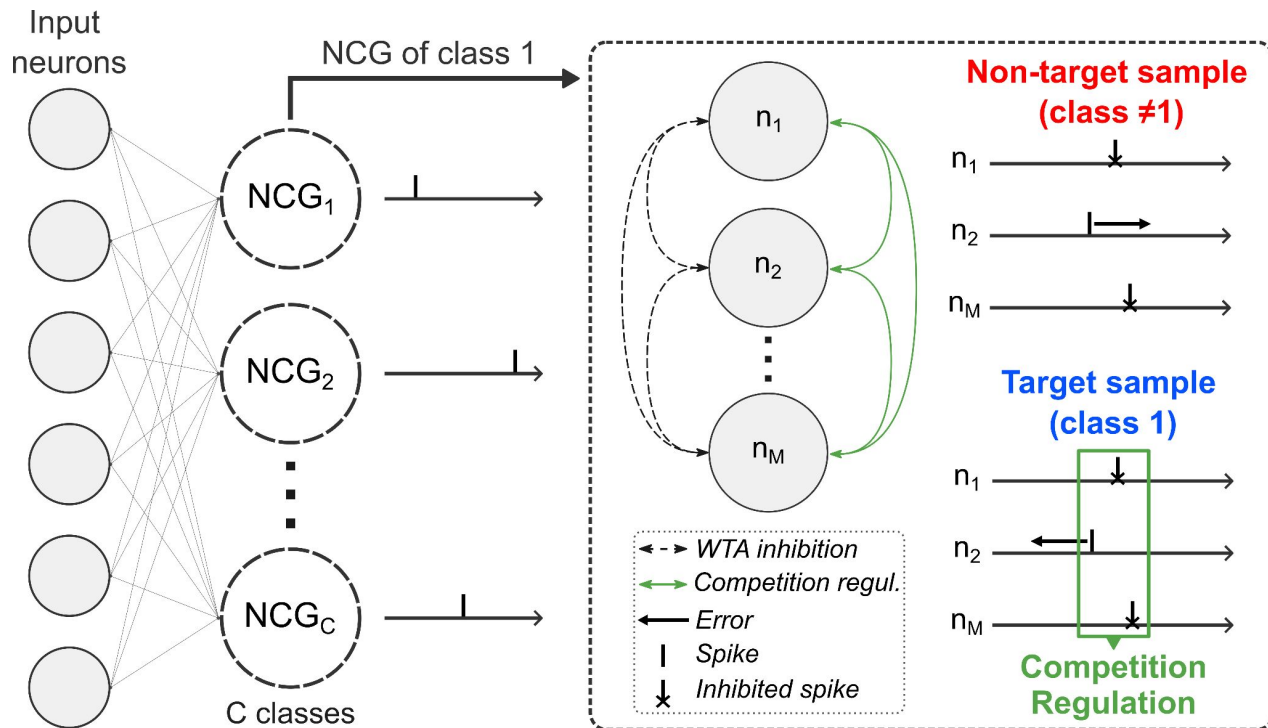
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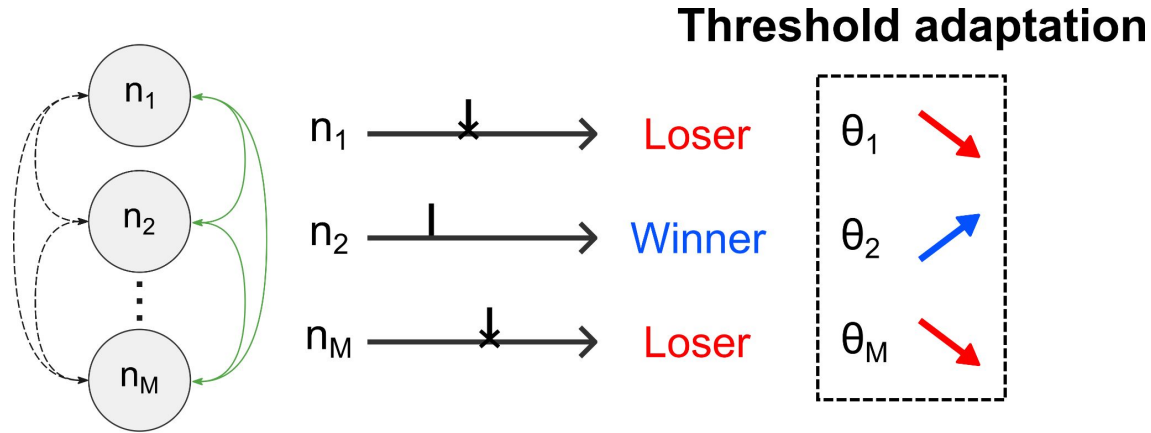
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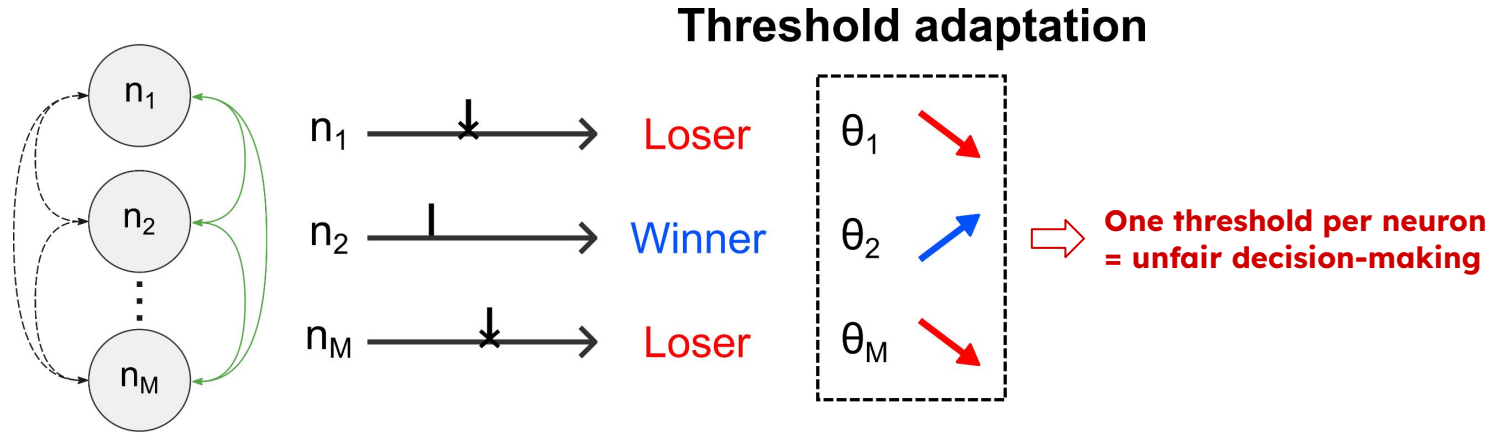
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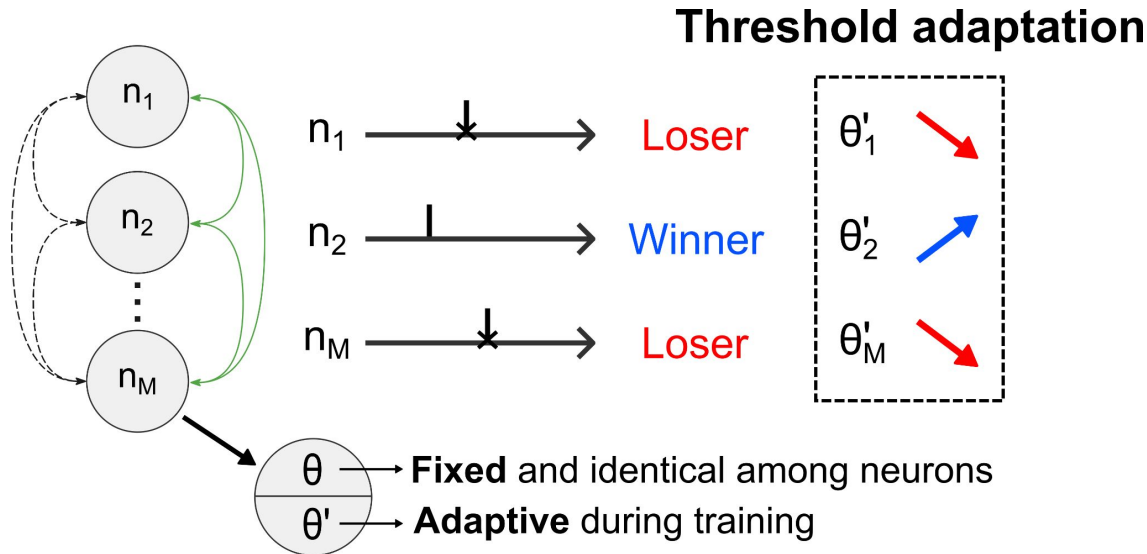
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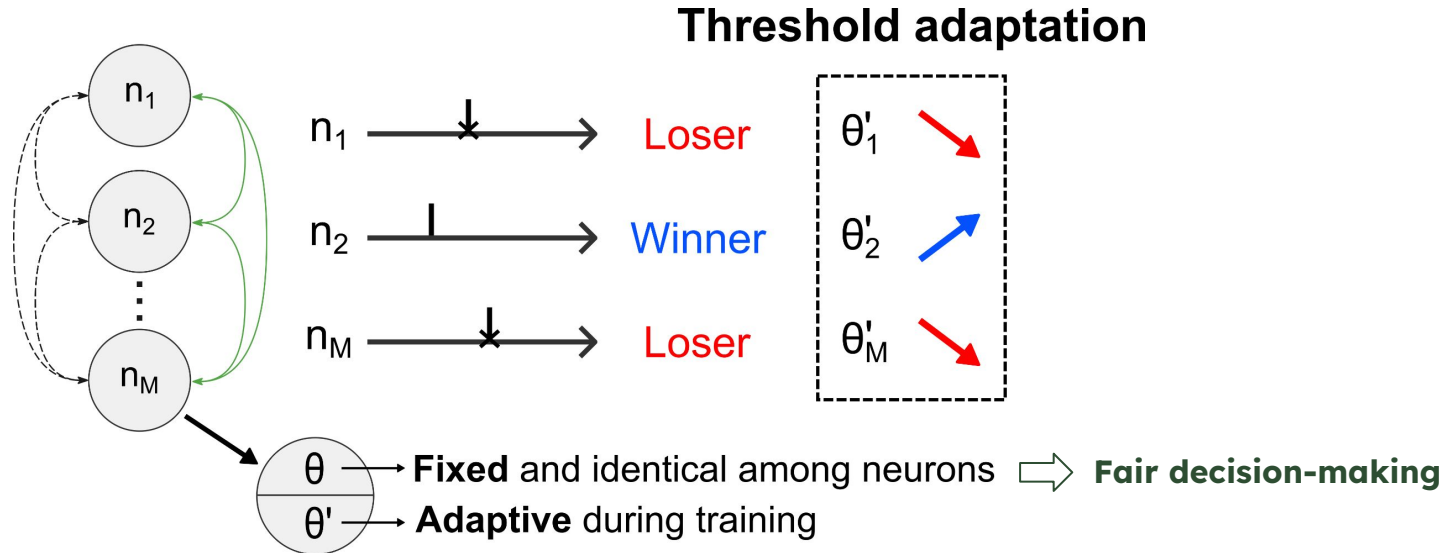
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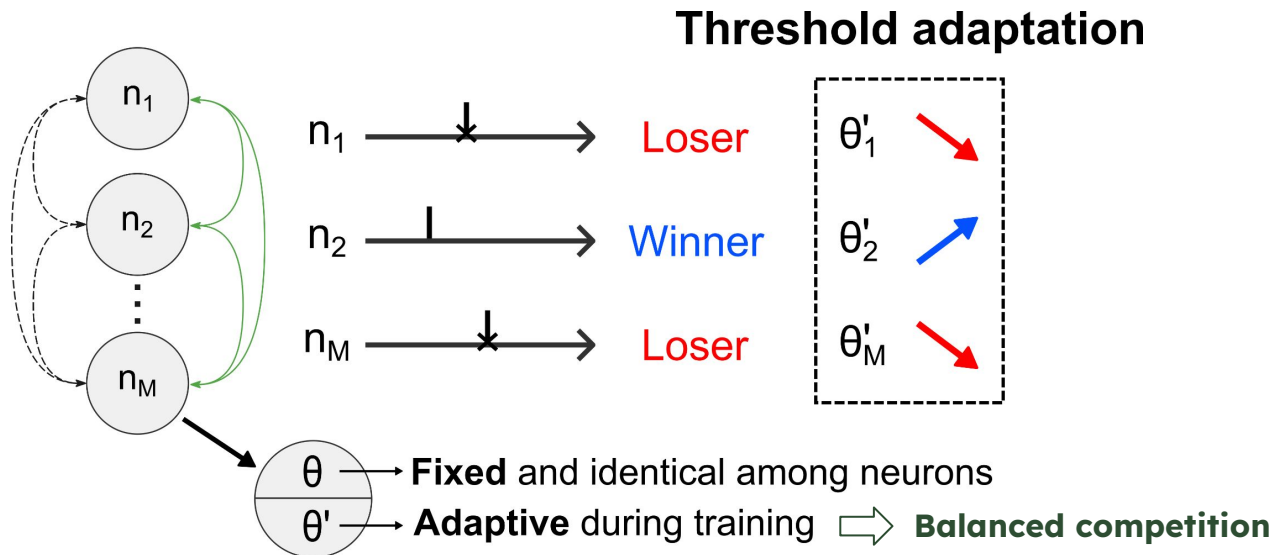
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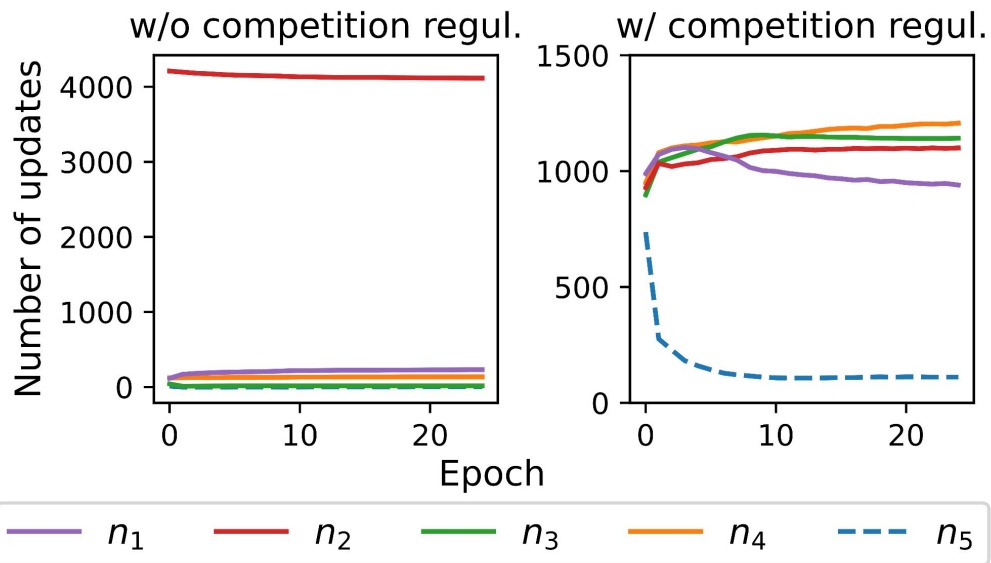
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	S2-STDP	1	85.89 \pm 0.27	90.61 \pm 0.19
	S2-STDP+NCG (ours)	5	88.72 \pm 0.23	91.86 \pm 0.14
CIFAR-10	SSTDP	1	60.87 \pm 0.53	76.57 \pm 0.58
	SSTDP+NCG (ours)	5	64.05 \pm 0.48	78.53 \pm 0.32
	S2-STDP	1	61.08 \pm 0.17	76.90 \pm 0.27
	S2-STDP+NCG (ours)	5	66.41 \pm 0.17	79.55 \pm 0.23
CIFAR-100	SSTDP	1	28.49 \pm 0.49	48.73 \pm 0.39
	SSTDP+NCG (ours)	5	31.19 \pm 0.27	49.81 \pm 0.23
	S2-STDP	1	29.39 \pm 0.19	49.17 \pm 0.29
	S2-STDP+NCG (ours)	5	35.90 \pm 0.42	53.49 \pm 0.18

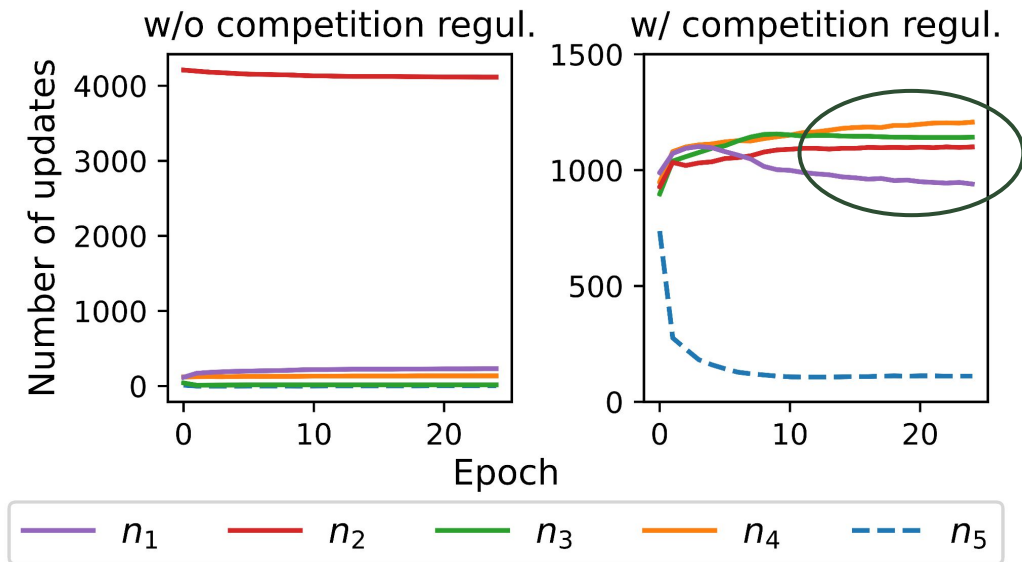
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➔ **Competition regulation is crucial for ensuring balanced competition**

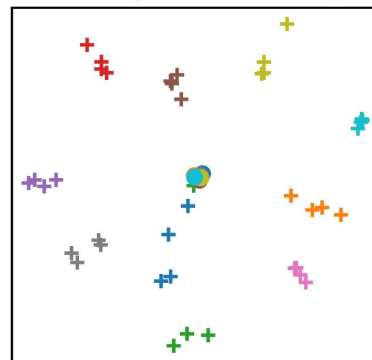
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t-SNE plots of the learned weights

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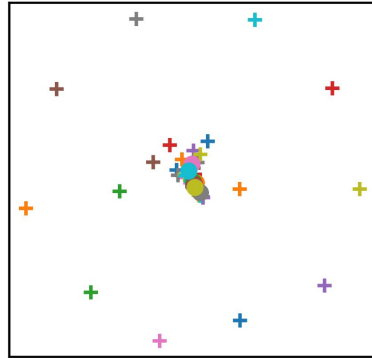


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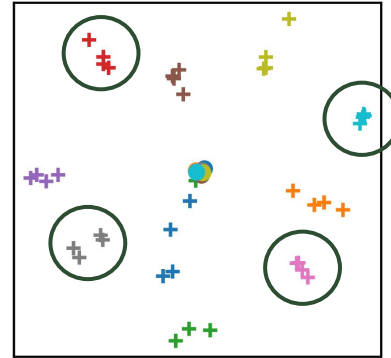
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➔ **Competition regulation enables the learning of various class-specific patterns**

Thank you for watching!

Check out the paper for more results and cool stuff

Paper



Code



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