

## Spatiotemporal Models of Brain Sensemaking

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### **Areas of Research Interest**

- Grown from brain inspired artificial intelligence:
  - ~20 years of cross-disciplinary research
  - Cresceptron, SHOSLIF, HDR, SASE, MILN, WWN
- Brain-like sensemaking and reasoning:
  - It is well known that
    - symbolic brain-like models are brittle when they do not fit the complex dynamic world
    - numeric connectionist models lack capabilities to reason well
  - We recently discovered mechanisms based on which brain as numeric networks make sense and reason
    - applicable to a wide variety of information types, sensory to text
    - both spatial and temporal

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# **Unique Capabilities**

- An integrated brain model
- Cortex inspired enabling technology:
  - Dually optimal neuronal layers:
    - Spatial optimality: minimum representation error given limited number of computing elements
    - Temporal optimality: best update scheme at every time t, given limited training experience
  - Spatial mechanisms:
    - Most available information are irrelevant
    - Top-down attention: automatically pick up relevant information
  - Temporal mechanisms:
    - Detecting and recognizing spatiotemporal events
    - Automatically handle a series of temporal problems, such as explosion of temporal memory, time warping, temporal attention, temporal abstraction, and temporal action sequences.





## **Seeking Specific Capabilities**

- A system integrator
- A variety of domain data
- Other machine processing techniques

