Modelling impaired and enhanced learning with enhanced plasticity

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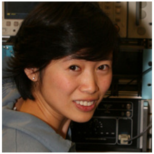

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Mice with enhanced cerebellar plasticity can show both impaired and enhanced learning.

Simple synapses cannot explain behaviour. Complex synapses are required.
→ predictions for synaptic physiology.

Vestibulo-Occular Reflex training

VOR Increase Training

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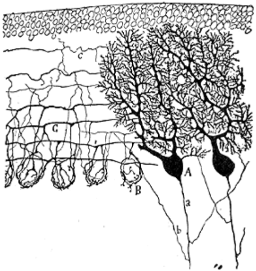

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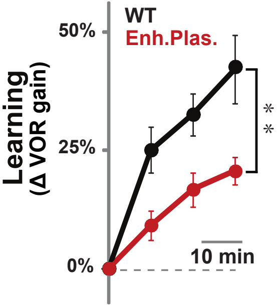
VOR increase: LTD in PF-Pk synapses.

[du Lac et al. (1995), Boyden et al. (2004)]

Enhanced plasticity impairs learning

Expectation: enhanced LTD → enhanced learning.

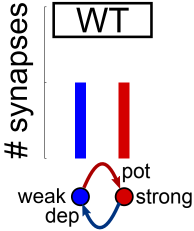


Experiment: enhanced plasticity → impaired learning.

Knockout of MHC-I D^bK^b molecules in PF-Pk synapses
→ lower threshold for LTD [McConnell et al. (2009)]

Depletion hypothesis

Learning rate $\sim$ intrinsic plasticity rate $\times$ # synapses available for LTD.



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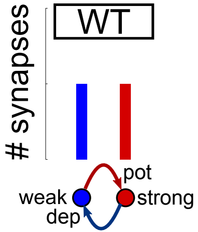

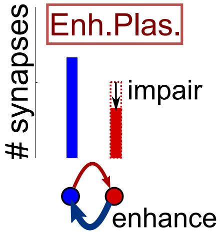

Question 1: depletion effect competes with enhanced intrinsic plasticity.
Which effect is stronger?

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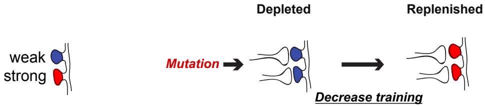

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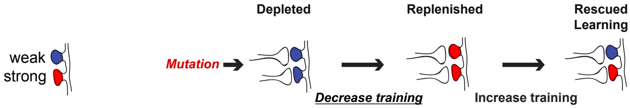

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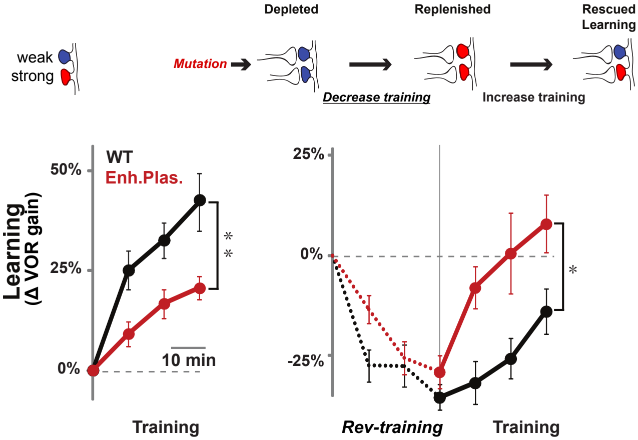

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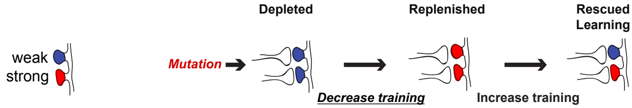

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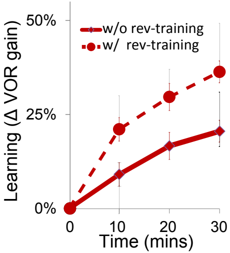

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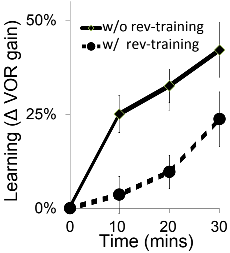
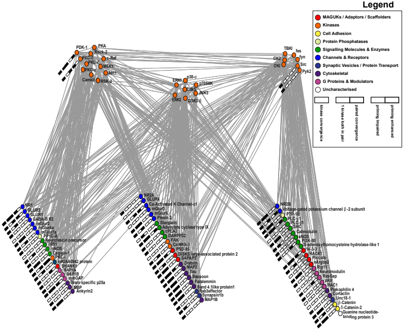


Question 2: How can *too much* replenishment impair learning?

Synapses are complex



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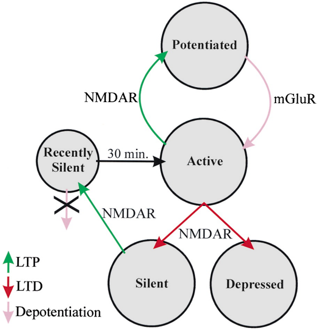

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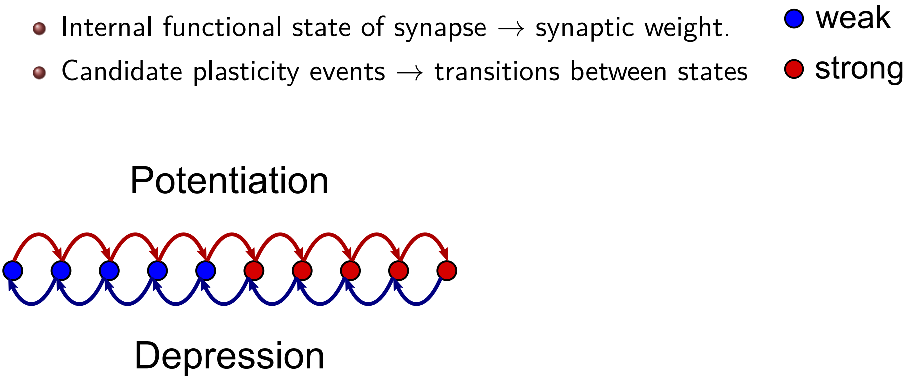
- Candidate plasticity events → transitions between states



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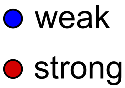

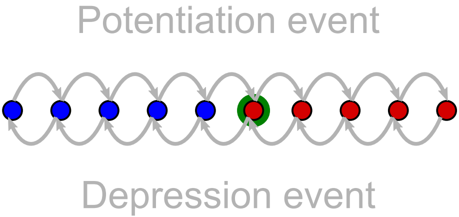

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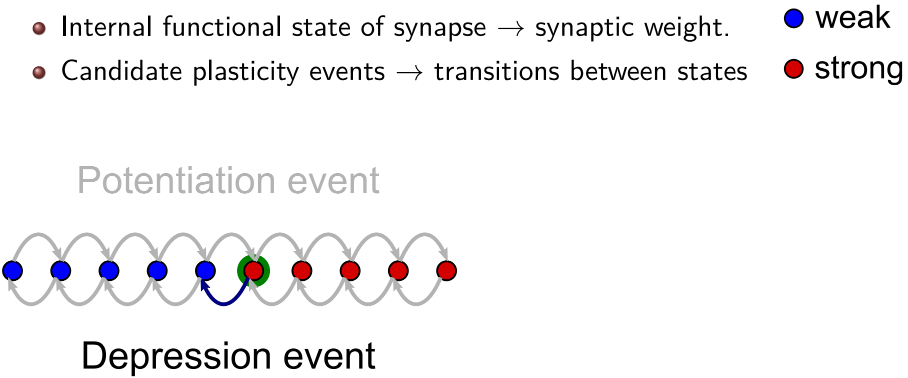

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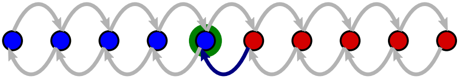

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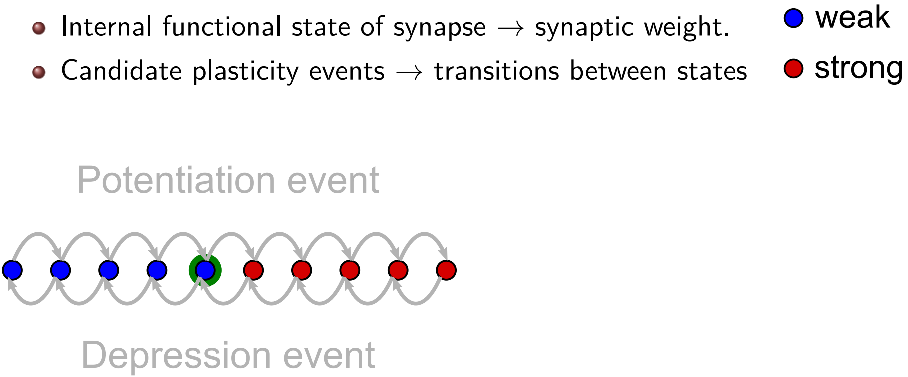

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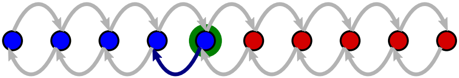

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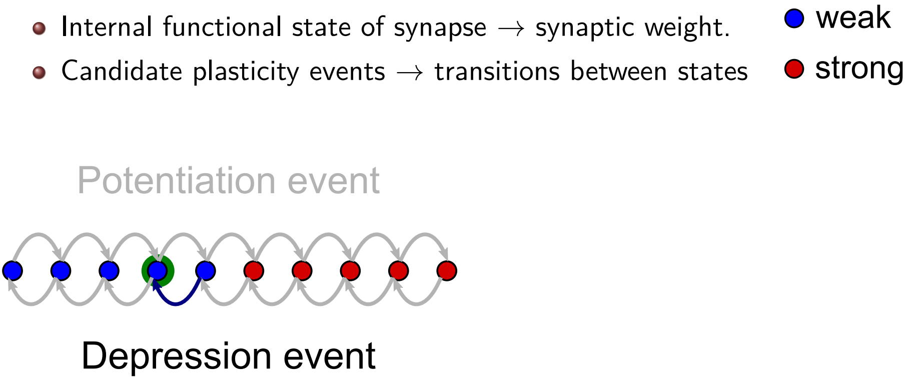

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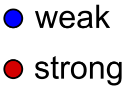

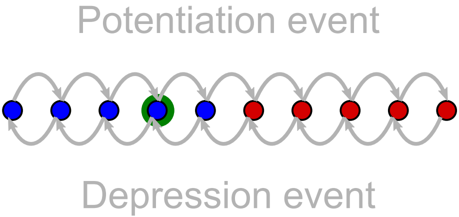

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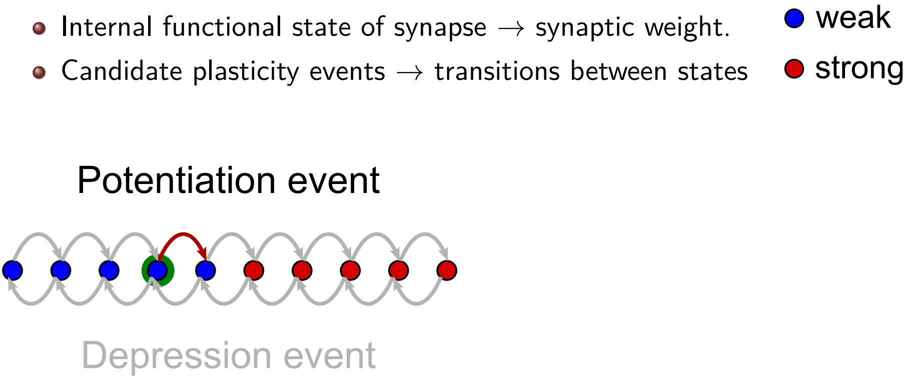

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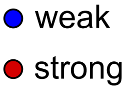

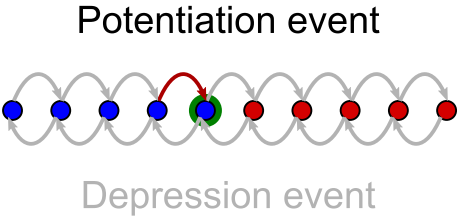

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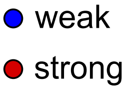

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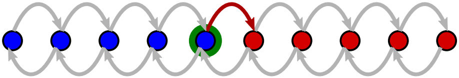

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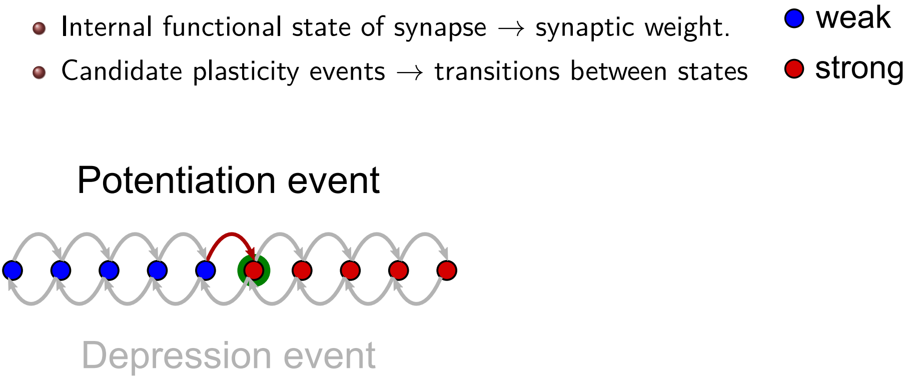

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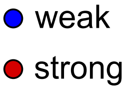

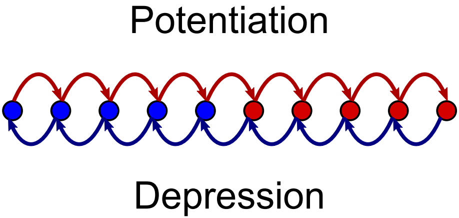

Mutation: trans. probs.

Training: freq. of pot/dep events

Learning: synaptic weight

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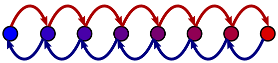
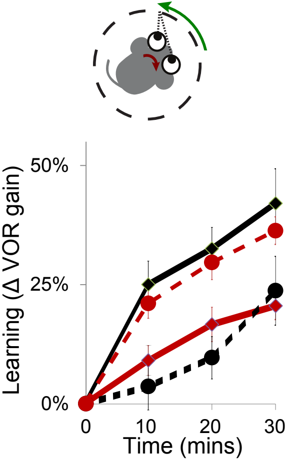
Multistate synapse





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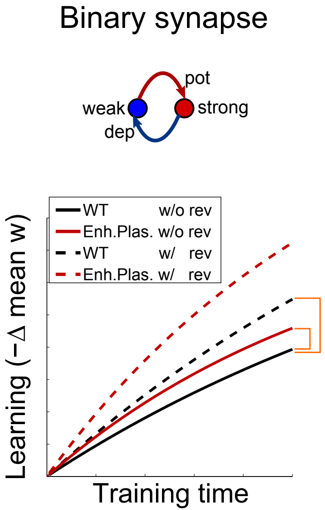

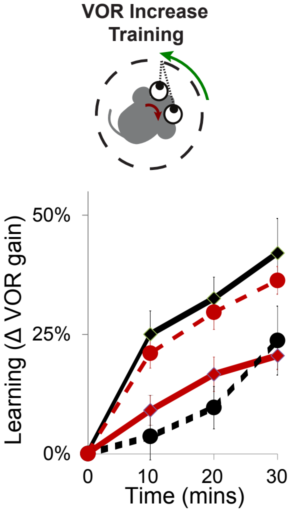

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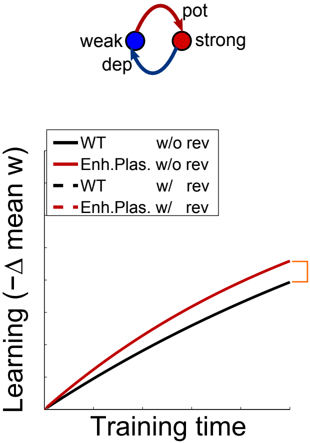

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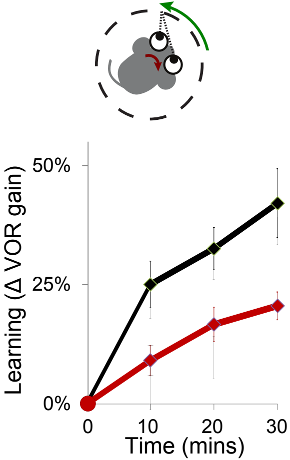

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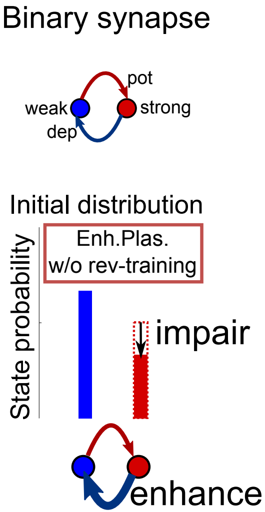

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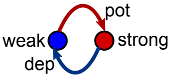

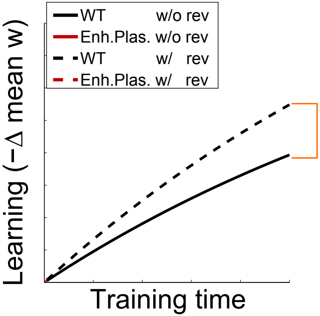

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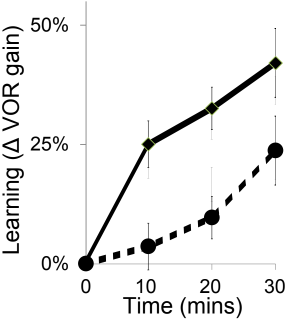

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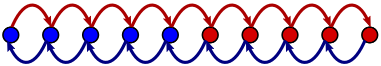

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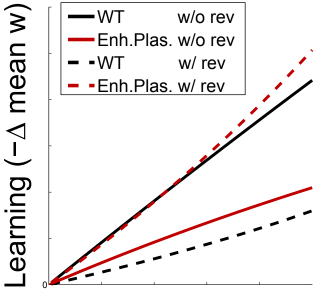

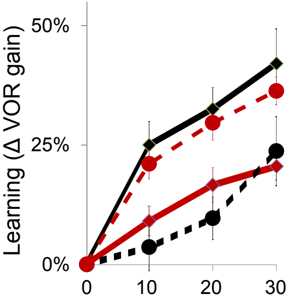

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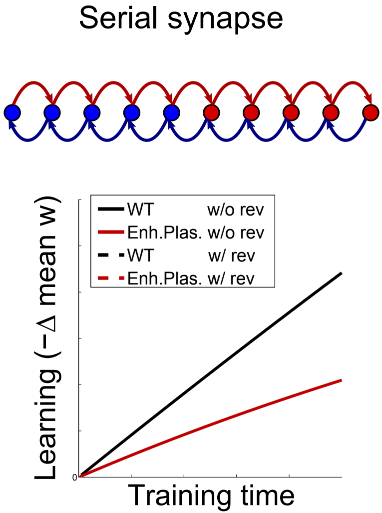

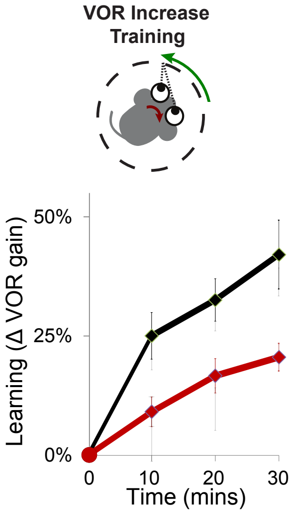

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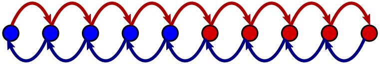

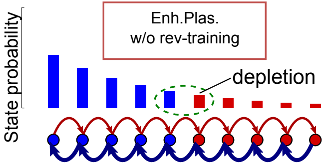

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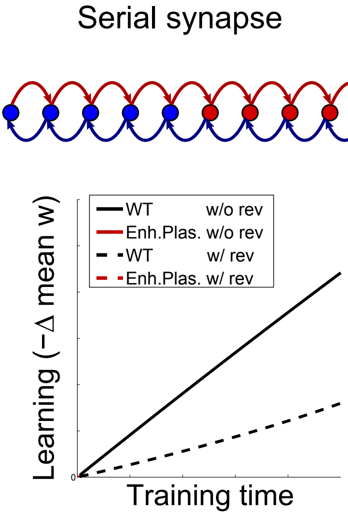

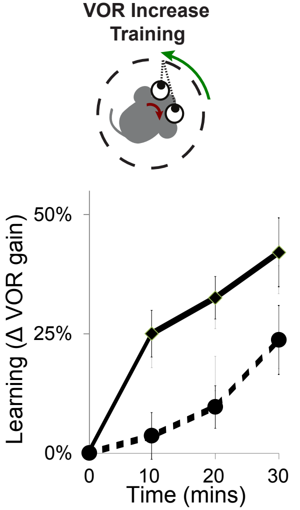

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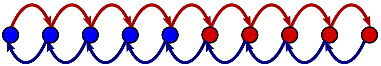

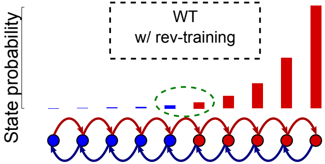

reverse training

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"stubborn" metaplasticity

$\implies$ impaired learning

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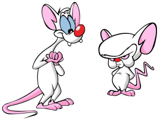
Conclusions

- Diverse behavioural patterns:
  Enhanced plasticity → enhance/impair learning (prior experience).
  Reverse-training → enhance/impair learning (plasticity rates).



- enhanced LTD vs. depletion → learning outcome.

- Predictions for synaptic physiology:
  Synaptic complexity: necessary to amplify depletion.
  Synaptic stubbornness: repeated potentiation makes subsequent depression harder.

- We used behaviour to constrain the dynamics of synaptic plasticity

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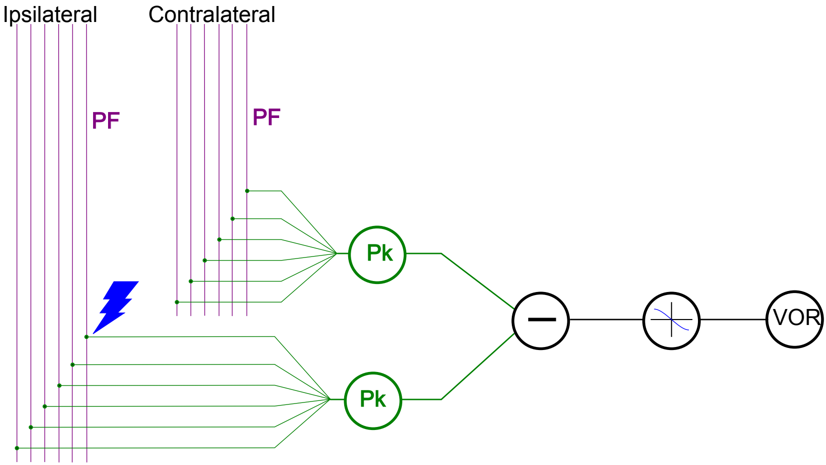
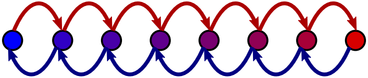


Other models that fail

Multistate synapse



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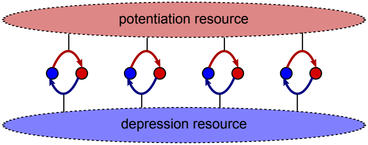

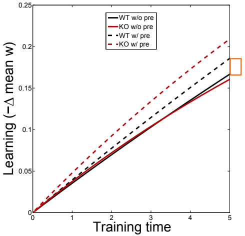

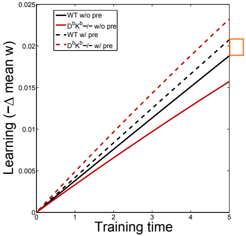

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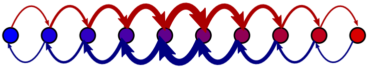
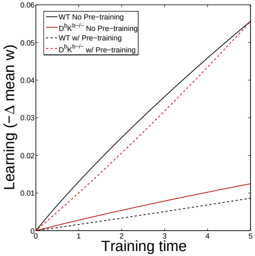
Other models that work

Non-uniform multistate model





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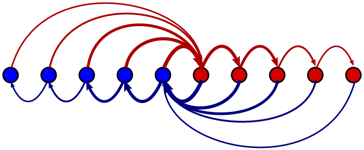

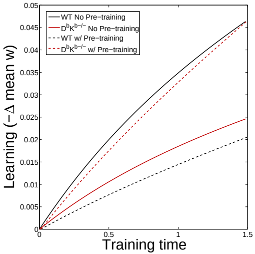

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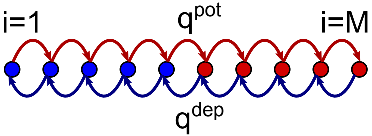

Serial synapse: $\mathbf{p}_i^\infty \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{q^{\text{pot}}}{q^{\text{dep}}}\right)^i$.

Learning rate $\sim \mathbf{p}_{M/2}^\infty \left(\frac{q^{\text{dep}}}{q^{\text{pot}}}\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{q^{\text{pot}}}{q^{\text{dep}}}\right)^{\frac{M}{2}-1}$.

For $M > 2$: larger $q^{\text{dep}} \implies$ slower learning.

For $M = 2$: larger $q^{\text{dep}} \implies$ larger $\mathcal{N} \implies$ faster learning.