Understanding impaired learning with enhanced plasticity

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

Simple synapses cannot explain behaviour.

ightarrow Necessary & sufficient conditions on complex synapses to replicate this.

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- Motor learning
 - Cerebellar learning of mice with enhanced plasticity
 - Complex synaptic models
- (Memory capacity of complex synapses)

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Motor learning
 Consider learning of mice with enhanced planticity
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Vestibulo-Occular Reflex



Eye movements compensate for head movements to maintain fixation.

Requires control of VOR gain = $\frac{\text{eye velocity}}{\text{head velocity}}$.

Needs to be adjusted as eye muscles age, etc.

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└─Vestibulo-Occular Reflex

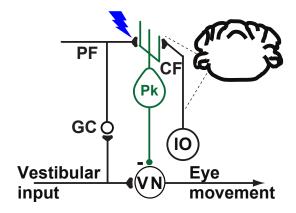
VOR training

VOR Increase Training



VOR Decrease Training





Gain increase: LTD in PF-Pk synapses. Gain decrease: different mechanism,

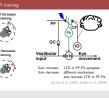
also reverses LTD in PF-Pk.

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

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- 1. trick brain into thinking VOR gain needs adjusting my moving visual stimulu
- 2. $anti-phase \rightarrow increase gain$
- 3. in phase \rightarrow decrease gain
- 4. Gain change involves cerebellum
- 5. If we enhanced plasticity here: expect enhanced learning

Enhanced plasticity impairs learning

Knockout of MHC-I D^bK^b molecules in PF-Pk synapses

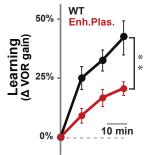
[McConnell et al. (2009)]

 \rightarrow lower threshold for LTD \rightarrow enhanced plasticity

Hypothesis: enhanced learning.

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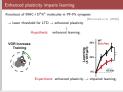




Experiment: enhanced plasticity \rightarrow impaired learning.

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Enhanced plasticity impairs learning



- 1. Major Histocompatibility Complex involved in synaptic plasticity (Carla Shatz lab)
- 2. Easier LTD \rightarrow expect better learning
- 3. Impairment of learning
- 4. Looking at change of VOR gain during gain-up training

Depletion hypothesis

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Naive State	Normal Learning
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Mutation	
Train	ning
Depleted State	Impaired Learning



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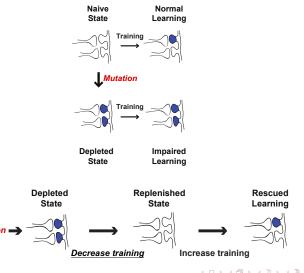
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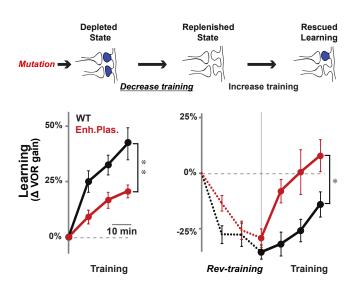
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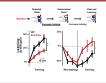
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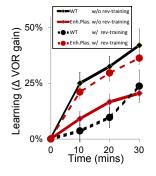


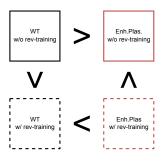
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Replenishment by reverse-training



- 1. precede gain inc training w/ gain dec rev-training: reverses LTD
- 2. but behaviour from elsewhere \rightarrow not modelled
- 3. Focus on gain inc part





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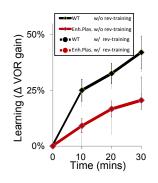
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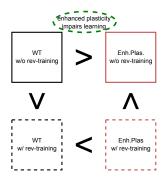


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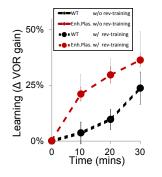
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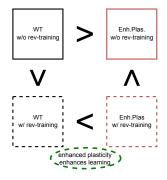
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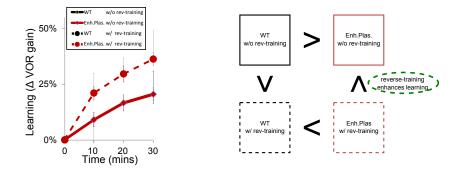
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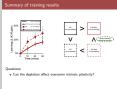


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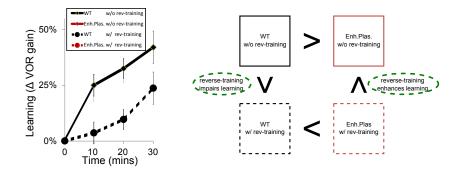
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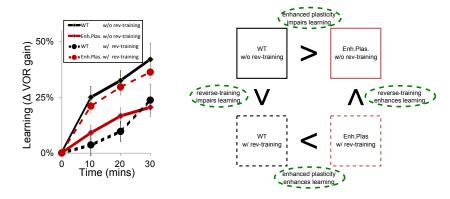
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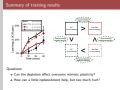


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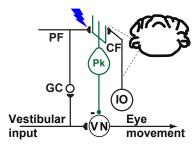


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- 9. Summarize: Enh.Plas. can impair/enhance. Rev can impair/enhance
- 10. Diagonal comparisons: parameter fitting. Depend on size of mut vs. rev

Behaviour to synapses

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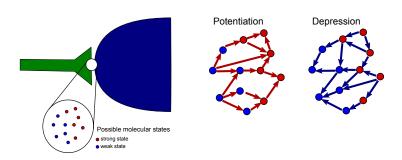




Behaviour to synapses

1. Focus on synapses. See if we can understand this behaviour.

Complex synapses



Simplifying assumptions:

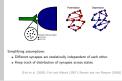
- Different synapses are statistically independent of each other.
- Keep track of distribution of synapses across states.

[Fusi et al. (2005), Fusi and Abbott (2007), Barrett and van Rossum (2008)]



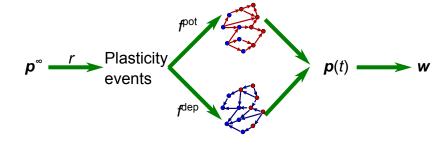
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Complex synapses



- 1. Not just synaptic weight, internal dynamical system
- 2. Important for memory: simple synapses terrible storage, rescued by complexity
- 3. Multiple functional states w/ different weights
- 4. Stochastic transitions between states
- 5. pot/dep occur randomly
- 6. allows us to concentrate on synapse, not neuron/network
- 7. This is a question about synaptic populations after all.

Synaptic dynamics



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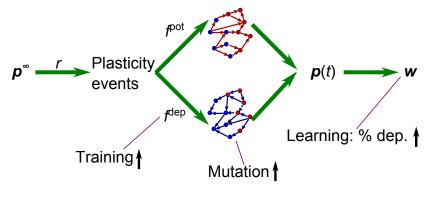
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Synaptic dynamics



 $PF+\mathcal{L}F \rightarrow LTP$, $PF+CF \rightarrow LTD$.

Lower threshold for LTD

VOR gain increase

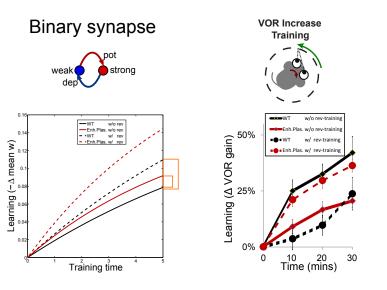
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- 7. Mutation: lower threshold \rightarrow increase transition probs
- 8. Training: Changes statistics of LTP/LTD. Only parameters we have. Don't care about *r*.
- 9. Learning: Only output we have. Don't keep track of synaptic identity.

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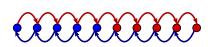
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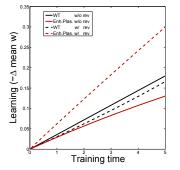


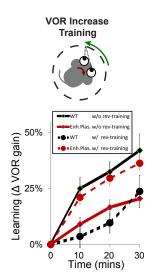
- 1. Binary fails mathematical proof for any params
- 2. Enh.Plas: faster depression wins over bias
- 3. pre: reduces/reverses bias. always helps.

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Serial synapse







[Leibold and Kempter (2008)]

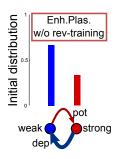
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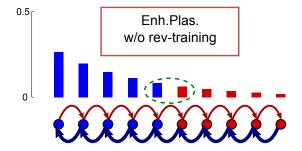
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- 1. Serial: still only two weights. Works.
- 2. Understand by looking at distributions before training

Enhanced plasticity can enhance or impair learning





Intrinsic plasticity dominates depletion

the enhanced plasticity enhances learning

Depletion dominates intrinsic plasticity

enhanced plasticity impairs learning

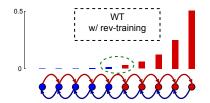
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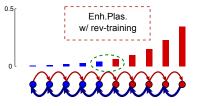


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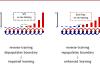
- 1. Binary: enhanced plasticity \rightarrow bias
- 2. Not enough to overcome faster depression
- 3. Serial: Only get signal from boundary
- 4. Exponential decay depopulates boundary, enhances effect of bias

Reverse-training can impair or enhance learning





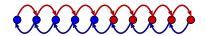
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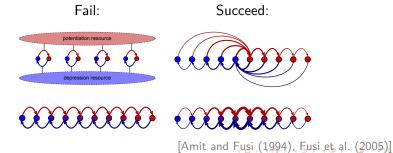
- 1. rev-training: little repopulates boundary
- 2. Too much pushes to other side, depopulates boundary

Essential features



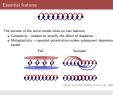
The success of the serial model relies on two features:

- Complexity needed to amplify the effect of depletion,
- Metaplasticity repeated potentiation makes subsequent depression harder.



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Essential features



- 1. due to exponential decay
- 2. push away from boundary where signal generated
- 3. borne out by other models that fail/succeed

Conclusions and further questions

- We find diverse behavioural patterns:
 - Enhanced plasticity \rightarrow enhance/impair learning depending on prior experience.
 - Reverse-training \rightarrow enhance/impair learning depending on plasticity rates.
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What about memory?

- Simple synapses have poor memory storage capacity. Synaptic complexity is needed for rescue.
- Trade-off between learning and remembering:
 Too rigid → difficult to learn new memories.
 Too plastic → new memories quickly overwrite old.
- Exploring the *entire* space of complex synaptic models

 → upper bounds on their storage ability

 & the models that saturate them.

[Lahiri and Ganguli (submitted)]

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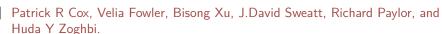
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