

A saturation model for impaired learning with enhanced plasticity

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└ Introduction

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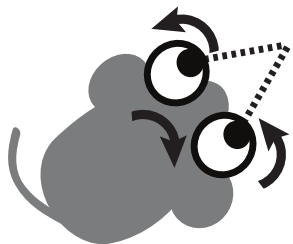
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1. It does help in some cases



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└ Vestibulo-Occular Reflex



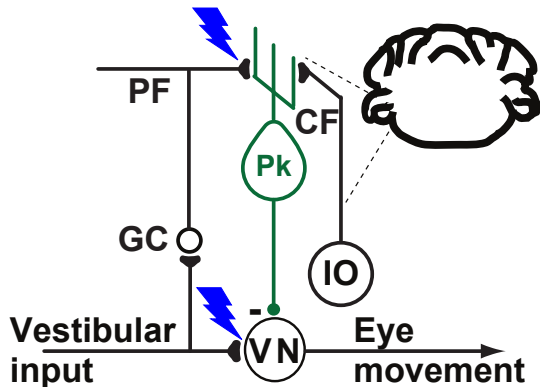
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VOR Decrease Training



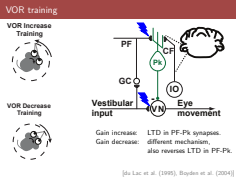
Gain increase: LTD in PF-Pk synapses.
Gain decrease: different mechanism, also reverses LTD in PF-Pk.

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

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└ VOR training



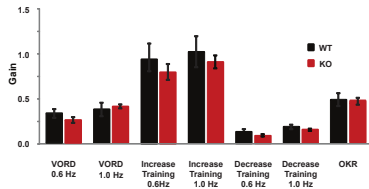
1. trick brain into thinking VOR gain needs adjusting my moving visual stimulus
2. anti-phase → increase gain
3. in phase → decrease gain
4. Gain change involves cerebellum
5. Marr-Albus-Ito: Pf-Pk synapses
6. Lisberger-Miles: Vestibular input-VN synapses
7. Different mechs for different freq, head angle, gain up/down.
8. Different Pk cells have different tunings.
9. PF-Pk: PF+CF → LTD, PF+CF → LTP.

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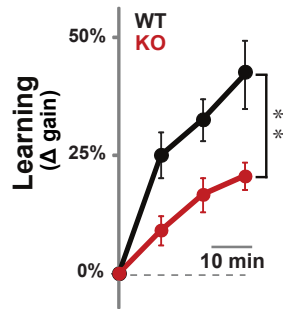
Knockout of molecules lowers threshold for LTD in PF-Pk synapses.

[McConnell et al. (2009)]

Baseline



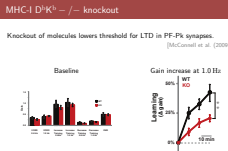
Gain increase at 1.0 Hz



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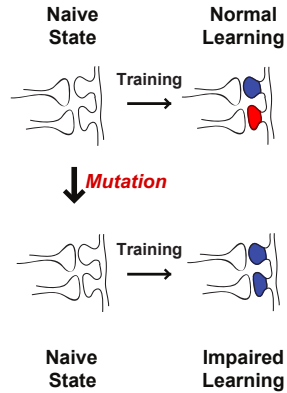
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1. Major Histocompatibility Complex - involved in synaptic plasticity (Carla Shatz lab)
2. Easier LTD → expect better learning
3. No difference in baseline oculomotor performance
4. Impairment of learning
5. Looking at change of VOR gain during gain-up training

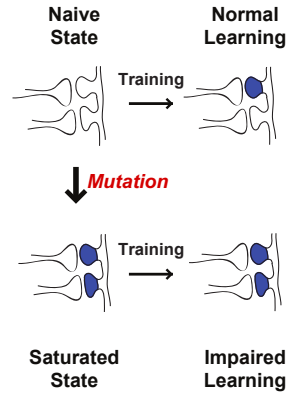


Saturation hypothesis

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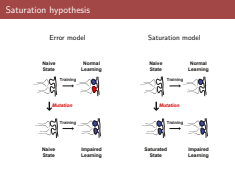


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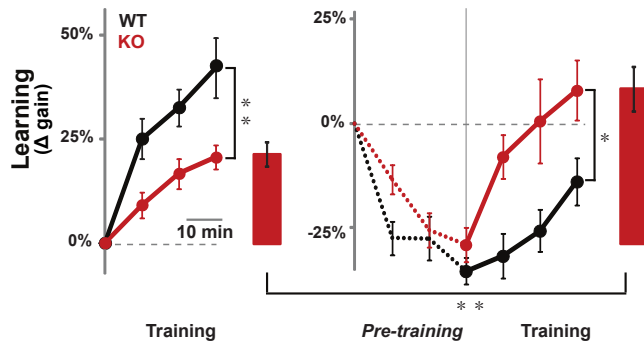
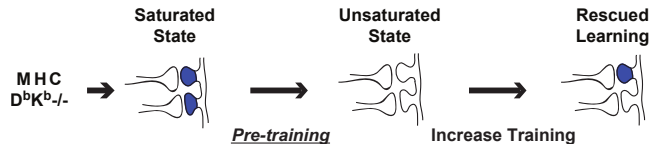
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└ Saturation hypothesis



1. Older explanation: error model
2. Our model: baseline activity \rightarrow saturation \rightarrow less depression possible
3. Saturation has to compete with enhanced plasticity. Which will win?
4. Many expt checks of this, but we'll focus on one...

Evidence: desaturation by gain-decrease pretraining

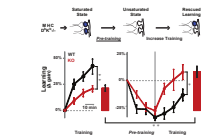


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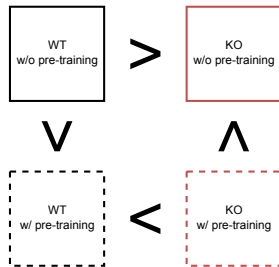
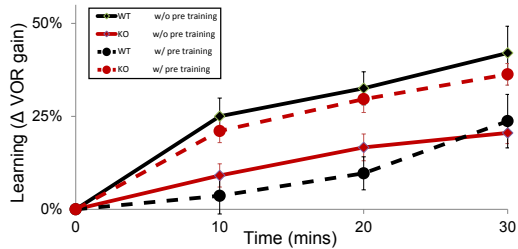
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1. gain dec reverses LTD
2. but behaviour from elsewhere



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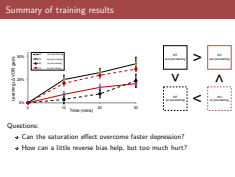
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- Can the saturation effect overcome faster depression?
- How can a little reverse bias help, but too much hurt?

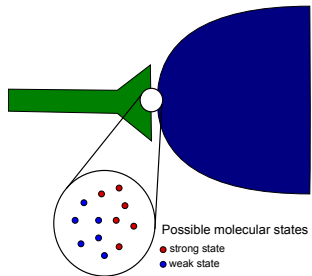
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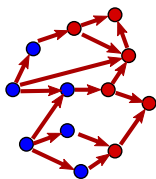
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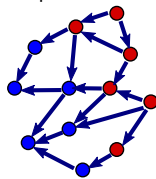
1. Restricted to gain inc for comparison
2. Black: WT. Red: KO
3. Solid: no pre. Dashed: with pre
4. Horz and vert comparisons: conceptual
5. Diagonal comparisons: paramter fitting. Depend on size of KO vs. pretraining
6. KO hurts w/o, but helps w/
7. pre helps KO but hurts WT
8. top and left most restrictive
9. Pay attention to solid: black above red
10. Pay attention to black: solid above dashed
11. Concentrate on initial slope
12. in competition
13. first makes sense, but second?
14. This is a question about synaptic populations after all.



Potentiation



Depression



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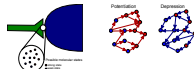
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Complex synapses

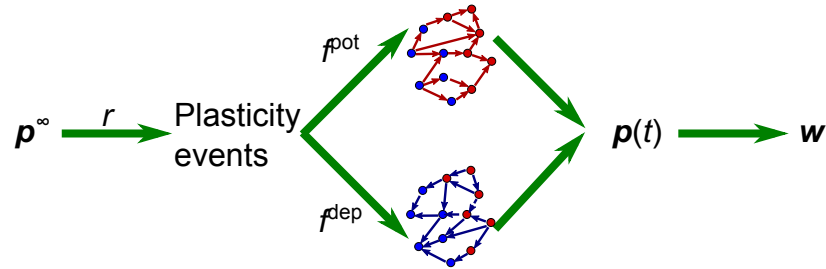
1. functional states, not molecules
2. synaptic weight depends on state
3. many states can have same weight
4. stochastic transitions
5. allows us to concentrate on synapse, not neuron/network



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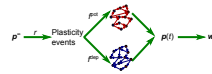
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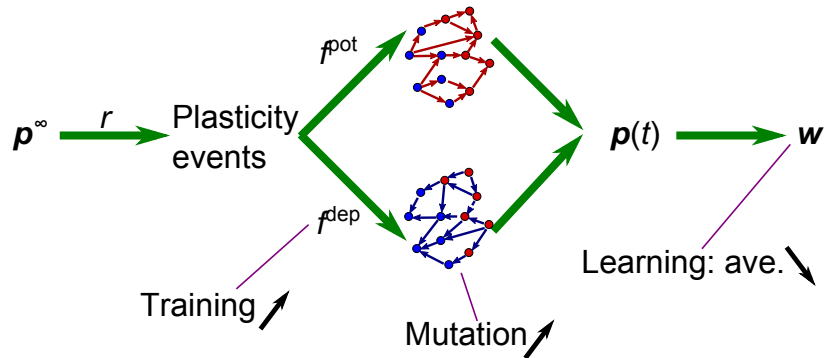
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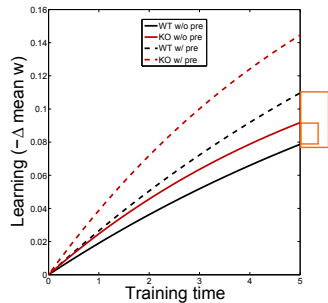
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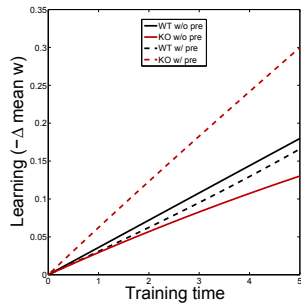
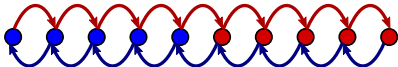


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7. Mutation: lower threshold \rightarrow increase transition probs
8. Training: Changes statistics of LTP/LTD. Only parameters we have. Don't care about r .
9. Learning: Only output we have. Don't keep track of synaptic identity.
10. Same PF+CF input \rightarrow same r, f^{pot}, f^{dep} in each case.
11. Input to P_k , some linear combination of w 's.

Binary model

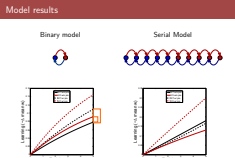


Serial Model



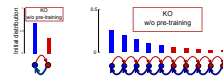
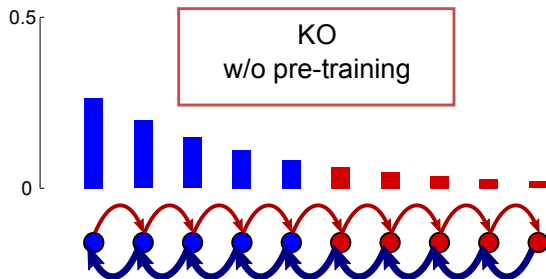
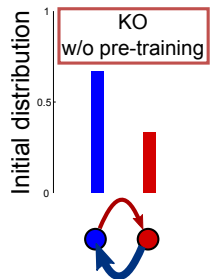
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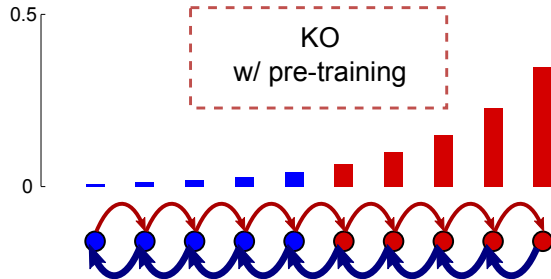
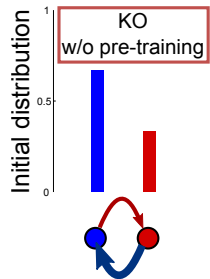


1. Binary fails
2. KO: faster depression wins over bias
3. pre: reduces/reverses bias. always helps.
4. Serial: still only two weights. Works.
5. Understand by looking at distributions before training

└ Initial distributions



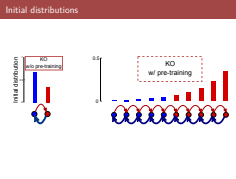
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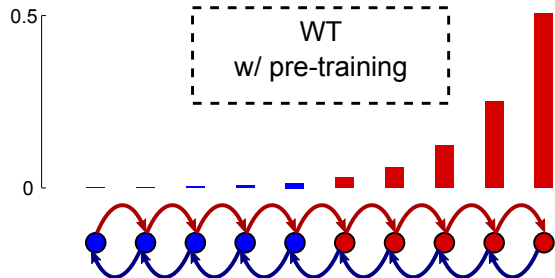
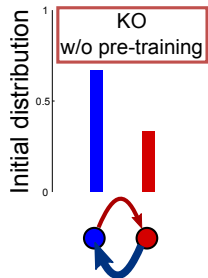
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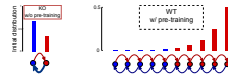
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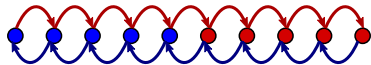


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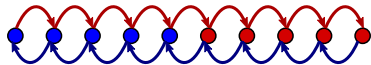
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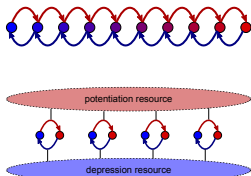
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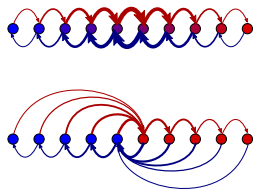
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2. e.g. moving away from weight boundary, or weaker transitions.
3. Other explanations? Non-linearity in PK cell?

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