

Understanding impaired learning with enhanced plasticity

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

Analysis of models of complex synapses:

Find necessary and sufficient conditions to reproduce behaviour.

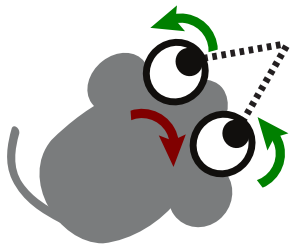
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Eye movements compensate for head movements to maintain fixation.

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

Needs to be adjusted as eye muscles age, etc.

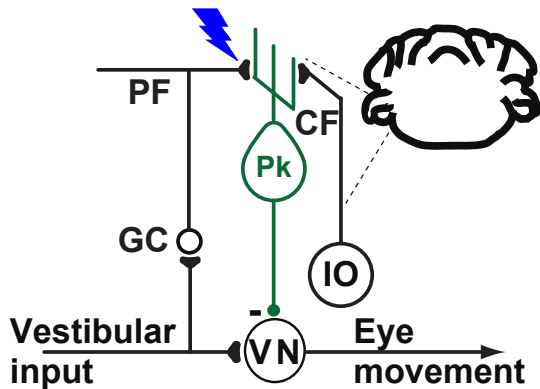


VOR training

VOR Increase Training



VOR Decrease Training



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

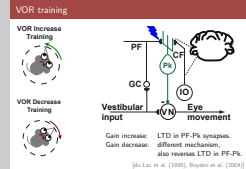
[du Lac et al. (1995), Boyden et al. (2004)]

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└ 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. If we enhanced plasticity here: expect enhanced learning

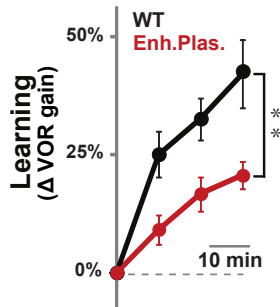


Enhanced plasticity impairs learning

Knockout of MHC-I D^bK^b molecules in PF-Pk synapses
→ lower threshold for LTD → enhanced plasticity.

[McConnell et al. (2009)]

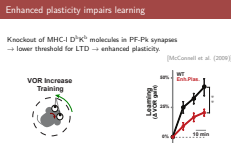
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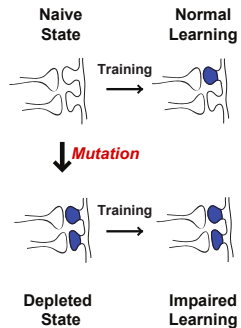
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└ Enhanced plasticity impairs learning

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



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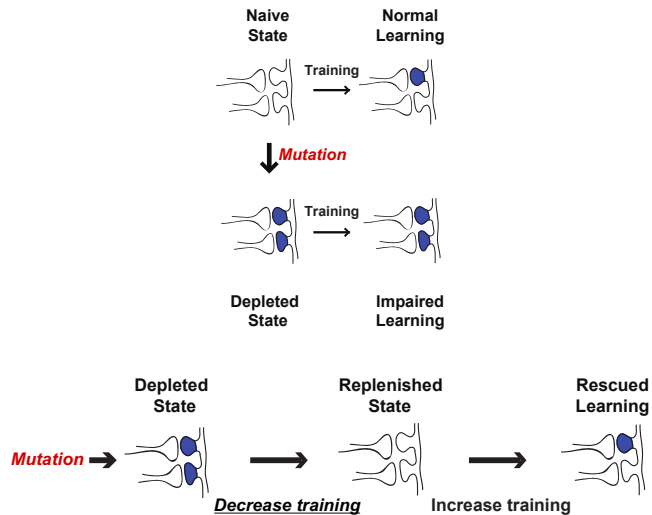
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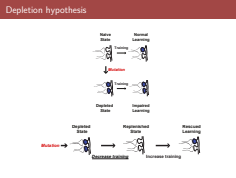
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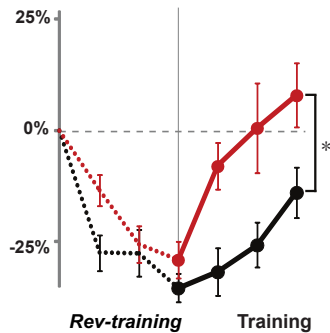
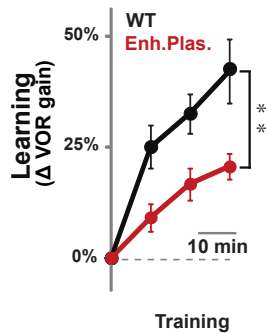
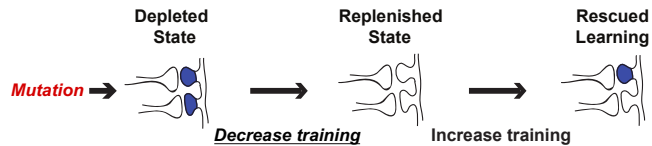
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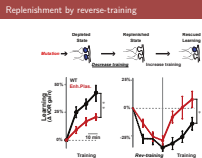
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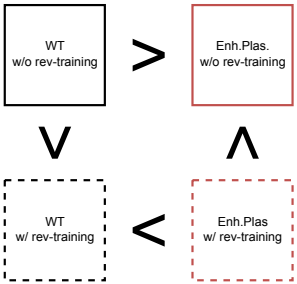
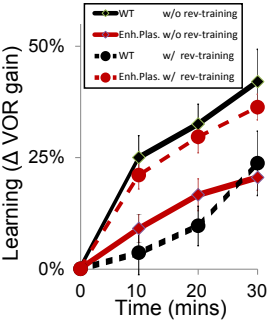
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1. precede gain inc training w/ gain dec rev-training: reverses LTD
2. but behaviour from elsewhere → not modelled
3. Focus on gain inc part

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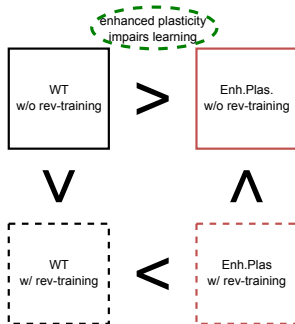
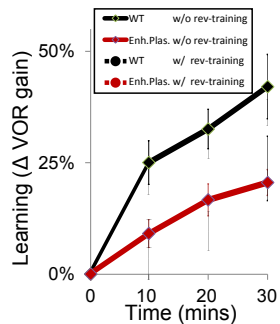
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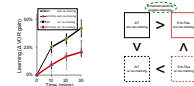
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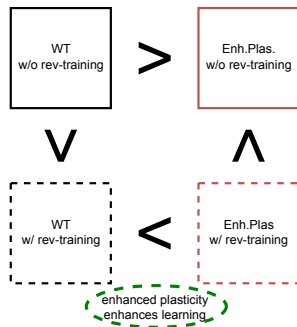
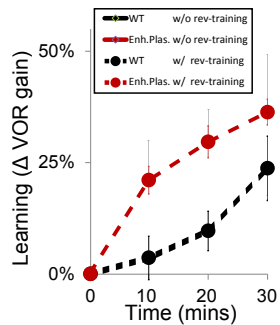
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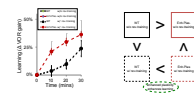
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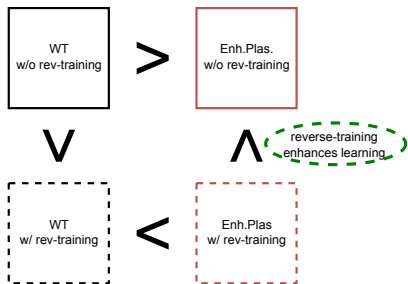
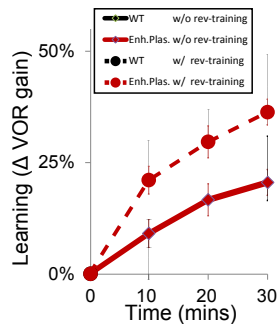
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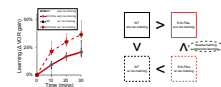
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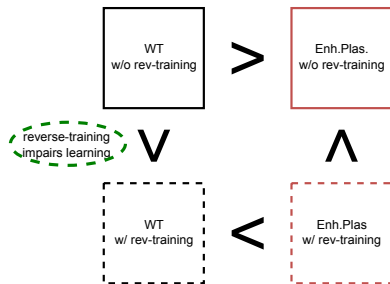
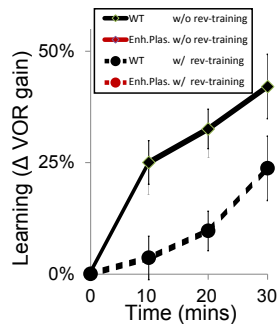
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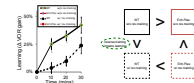
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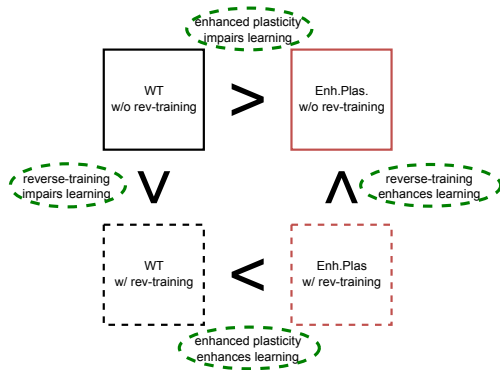
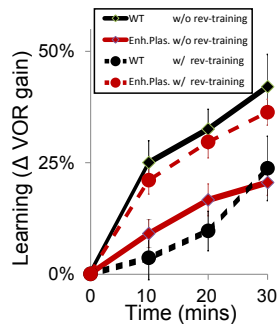
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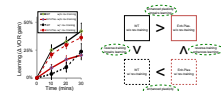
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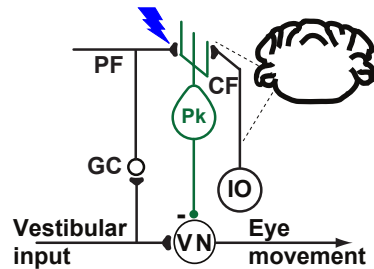


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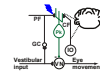
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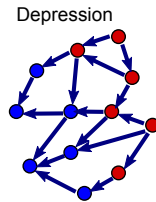
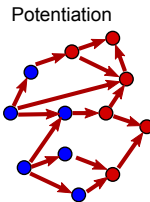
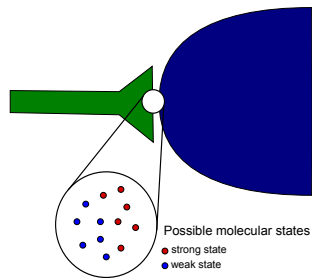
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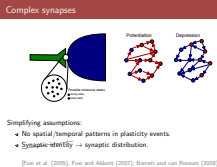


Simplifying assumptions:

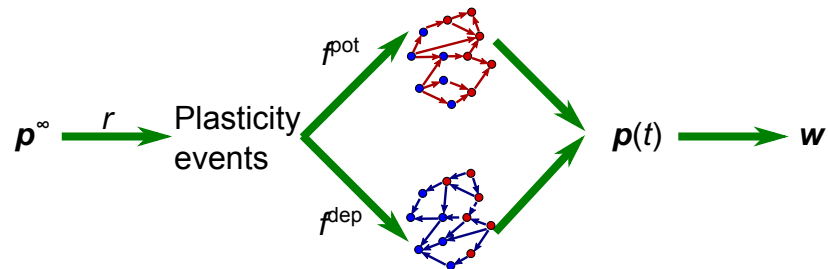
- No spatial/temporal patterns in plasticity events.
- ~~Synaptic identity~~ → synaptic distribution.

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

Complex synapses



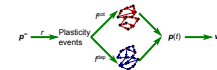
1. Not just synaptic weight, internal dynamical system
2. Important for memory: simple synapses – terrible storage, rescued by complexity
3. Multiple functional states w/ different weights
4. Stochastic transitions between states
5. pot/dep occur randomly
6. allows us to concentrate on synapse, not neuron/network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



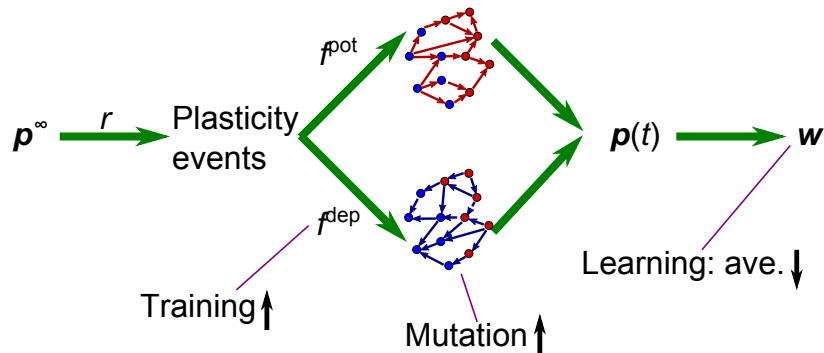
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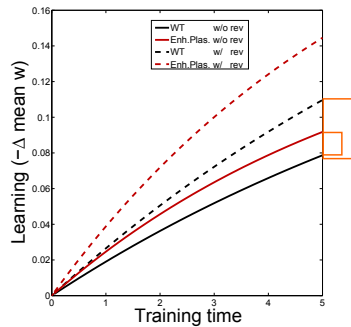
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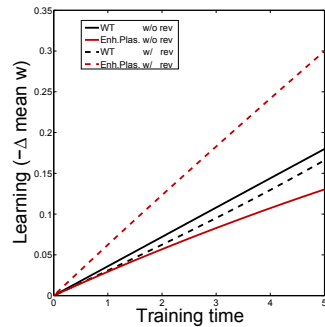
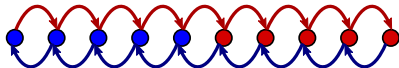


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7. Mutation: lower threshold \rightarrow increase transition probs
8. Training: Changes statistics of LTP/LTD. Only parameters we have. Don't care about r .
9. Learning: Only output we have. Don't keep track of synaptic identity.
10. Same PF+CF input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

Binary model



Serial Model

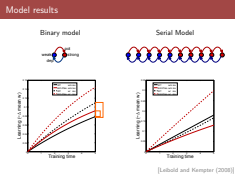


[Leibold and Kempner (2008)]

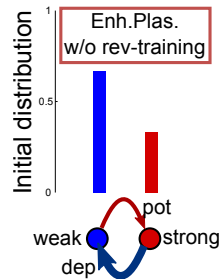
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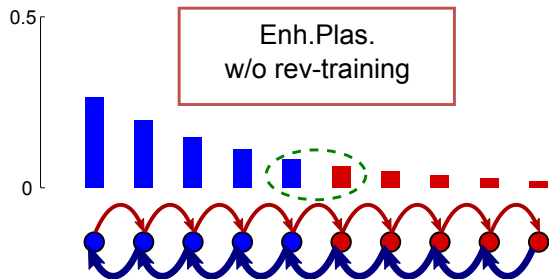
1. Binary fails – mathematical proof for any params
2. Enh.Plas: faster depression wins over bias
3. pre: reduces/reverses bias. always helps.
4. Serial: still only two weights. Works.
5. Understand by looking at distributions before training



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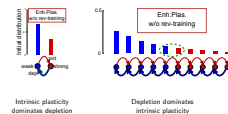


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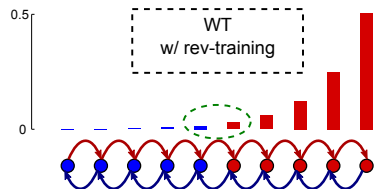
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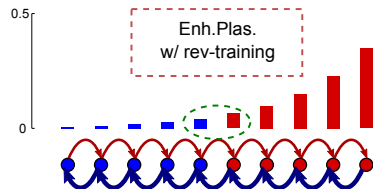


1. Binary: enhanced plasticity \rightarrow bias
2. Not enough to overcome faster depression
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4. Exponential decay depopulates boundary, enhances effect of bias

Reverse-training can impair or enhance learning



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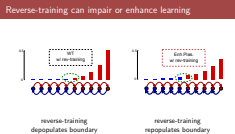


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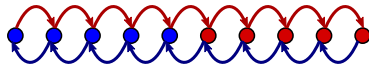
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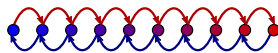
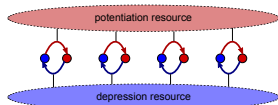
1. rev-training: little repopulates boundary
2. Too much pushes to other side, depopulates boundary



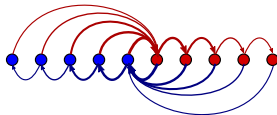
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3. borne out by other models that fail/succeed

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