Modelling impaired and enhanced learning with enhanced plasticity

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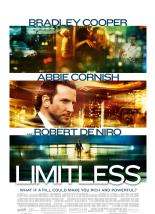


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Introduction

Learning requires synaptic plasticity.

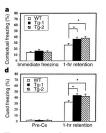
Expect: enhanced plasticity \rightarrow enhanced learning.





Enhanced plasticity can enhance learning

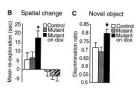
Overexpress NR2B



Fear conditioning

[Tang et al. (1999)]

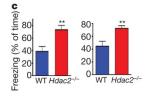
Inhibit CN



Novel object recog.

[Malleret et al. (2001)]

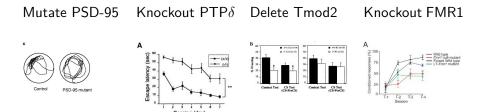
Knockout Hdac2



Fear conditioning

[Guan et al. (2009)]

Enhanced plasticity can impair learning



Fear cond.

[Migaud et al. (1998)][Uetani et al. (2000)] [Cox et al. (2003)]

Water maze

[Koekkoek et al. (2005)

also: [Hayashi et al. (2004), Rutten et al. (2008)]

Eyeblink

Water maze

Overview

Sometimes enhanced plasticity \to enhanced learning. Sometimes enhanced plasticity \to impaired learning.

Why? How? When?

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Why? How? When?

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.

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Vestibulo-Occular Reflex



Eye movements compensate for head movements ⇒ stabilise image on retina.

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

Needs to be adjusted as eye muscles age, etc.

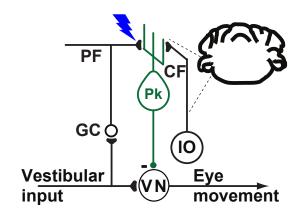
Vestibulo-Occular Reflex training

VOR Increase Training



VOR Decrease Training





VOR increase: VOR decrease:

LTD in PF-Pk synapses. different mechanism,

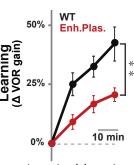
also reverses LTD in PF-Pk.

[Marr (1969), Albus (1971), Ito (1972)]

Enhanced plasticity impairs learning

Expectation: enhanced LTD \rightarrow enhanced learning.

VOR Increase Training



Experiment: enhanced plasticity \rightarrow impaired learning.

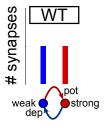
Knockout of MHC-I K^bD^b molecules in PF-Pk synapses

 \rightarrow lower threshold for LTD

[McConnell et al. (2009)]

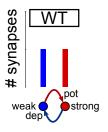
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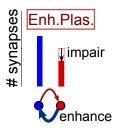
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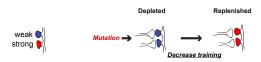


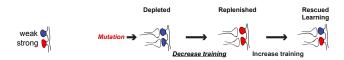


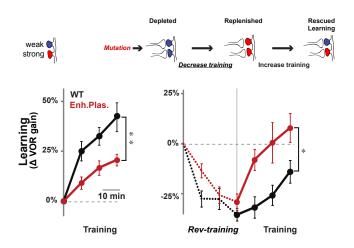
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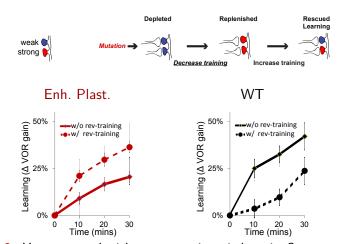
When is depletion effect stronger?





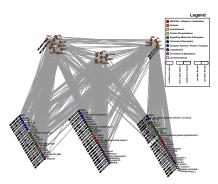




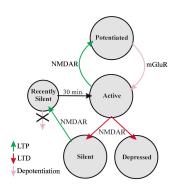


Question 2: How can replenishment ever impair learning?

Synapses are complex



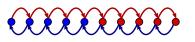
[Coba et al. (2009)]



[Montgomery and Madison (2002)]

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- weakstrong
- $\bullet \ \, \text{Candidate plasticity events} \to \text{transitions between states} \\$

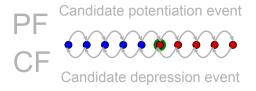
Potentiation



Depression

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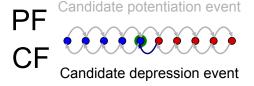
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Candidate potentiation event

Candidate depression event

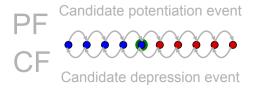
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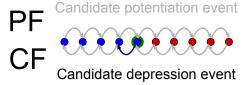


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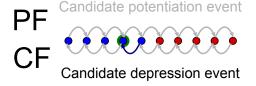


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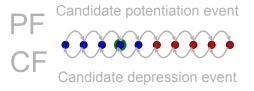


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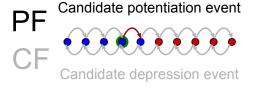
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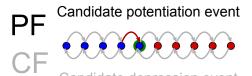
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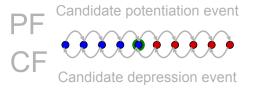
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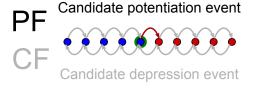


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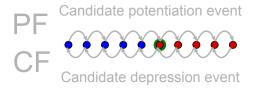


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PF Candidate potentiation event

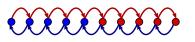
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→ transitions between states • strong

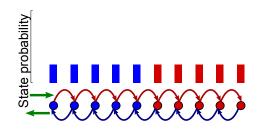


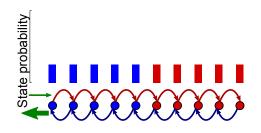
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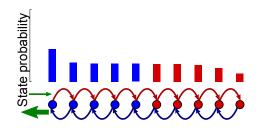


Depression

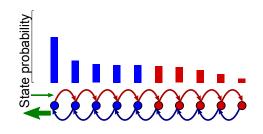




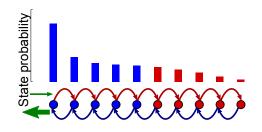
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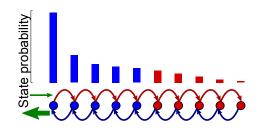
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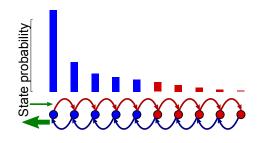
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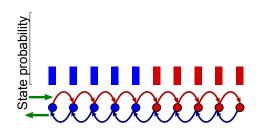


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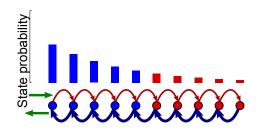
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Questions

Depletion effect competes with enhanced intrinsic plasticity.

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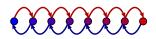
Reverse training impairs learning in wild-type.

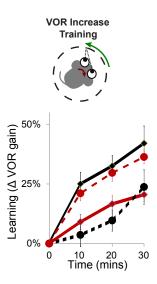
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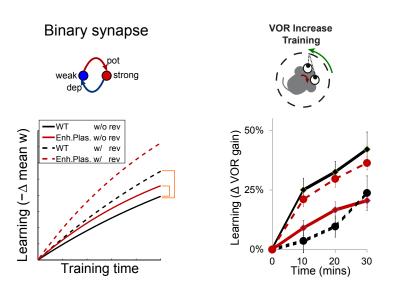
Enhanced plasticity \rightarrow enhanced/impaired learning

Big question: Why?

Multistate synapse

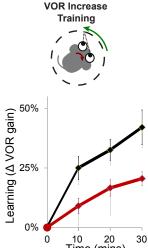


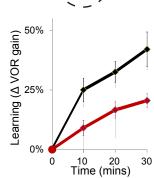




Binary synapse strong weak -WT w/o rev Enh.Plas. w/o rev -WT - Enh.Plas. w/ rev

Training time



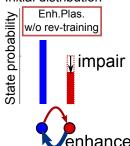


-earning (−∆ mean w)

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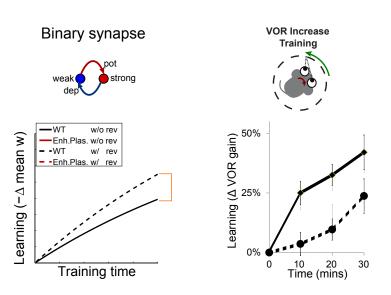


Initial distribution



depletion effect < enhanced plasticity

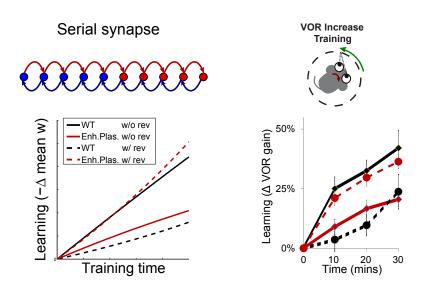
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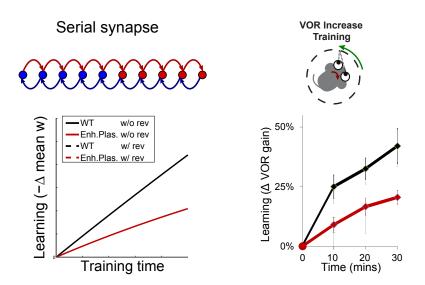


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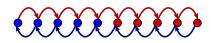


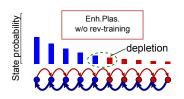
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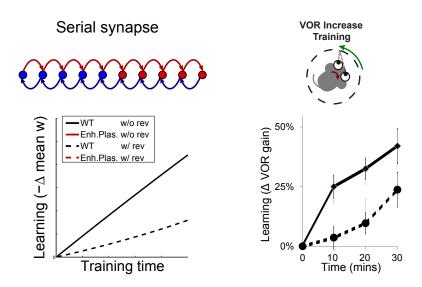
Serial synapse



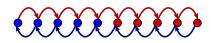


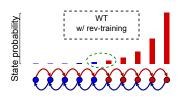
amplified depletion > enhanced plasticity

 \implies impaired learning



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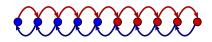


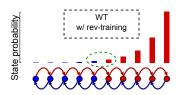


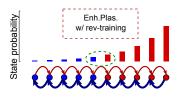
 ${\it reverse training}\\ +\\ {\it "stubborn" metaplasticity}$

 \implies impaired learning

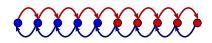
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labile states

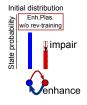
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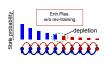
impaired learning

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⇒ enhanced learning

Enhanced plasticity can enhance or impair learning





Intrinsic plasticity dominates depletion

the enhanced plasticity enhances learning

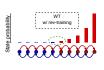
Depletion dominates intrinsic plasticity

enhanced plasticity impairs learning

Key feature 1: Synaptic complexity that amplifies depletion effect.

Reverse-training can impair or enhance learning





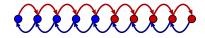
reverse-training repopulates boundary enhanced learning

reverse-training depopulates boundary impaired learning

Key feature 2: Synaptic stubbornness – metaplasticity where repeated potentiation impairs subsequent depression.

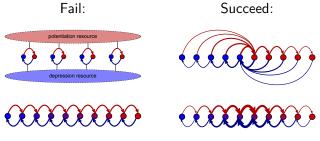
Impaired/enhanced learning w/ enhanced plasticity

Essential features



The success of the serial model relies on two features:

- Complexity needed to for depletion to dominate enhanced plasticity,
- Stubbornness repeated potentiation impairs subsequent depression.



Conclusions

- Diverse behavioural patterns:
 Enhanced plasticity → enhance/impair learning (prior experience).
 Reverse-training → enhance/impair learning (plasticity rates).
- ullet enhanced LTD vs. depletion o learning outcome.



- Predictions for synaptic physiology:
 Complexity: necessary to amplify depletion.
 Stubbornness: repeated potentiation impairs subsequent depression.
- We used behaviour to constrain the dynamics of synaptic plasticity.

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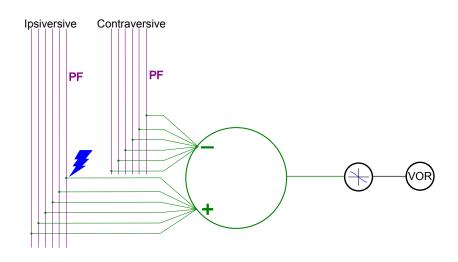
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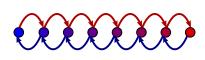
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Model of circuit

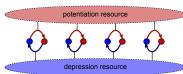


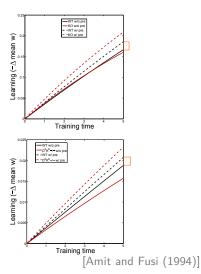
Other models that fail

Multistate synapse



Pooled resource model



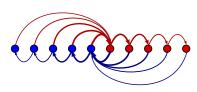


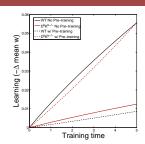
Other models that work

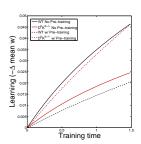
Non-uniform multistate model



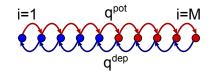
Cascade model







Mathematical explanation



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

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

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

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



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