

project proposal:

Effect of homeostatic regulation on dynamics of recurrent neuronal networks

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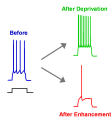
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 - (healthy) brains: **homeostatic regulation**

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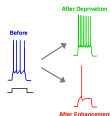
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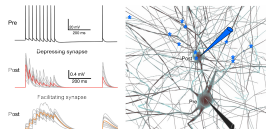
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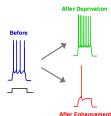
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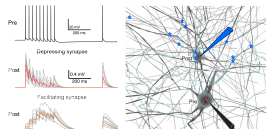
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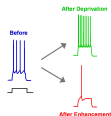
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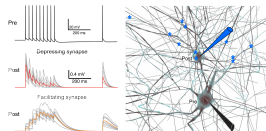
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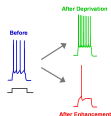
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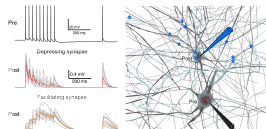
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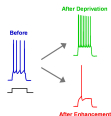
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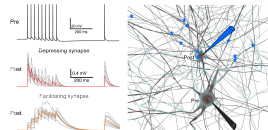
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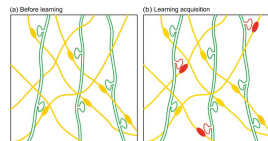
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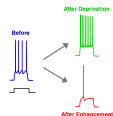
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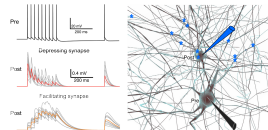
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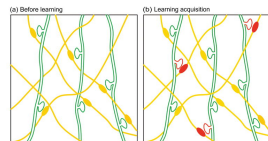
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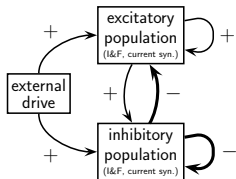
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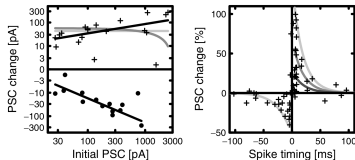
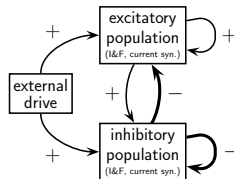
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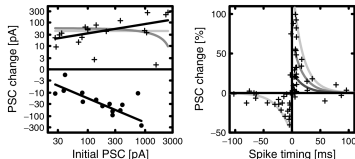
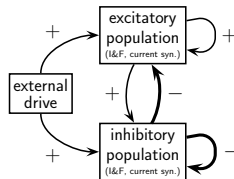
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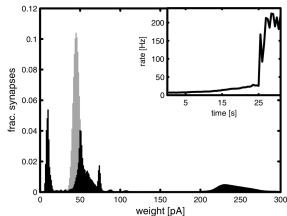
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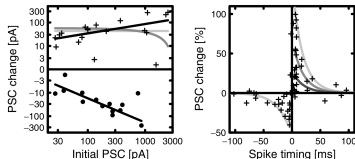
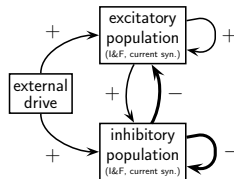
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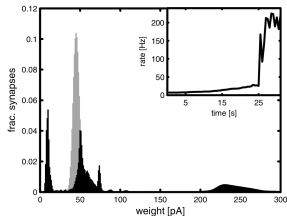
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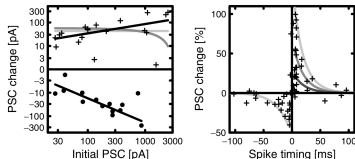
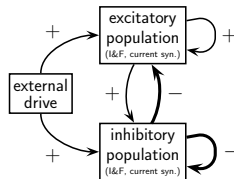
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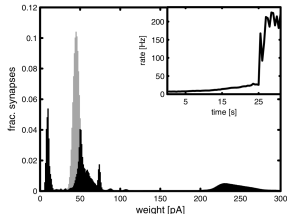
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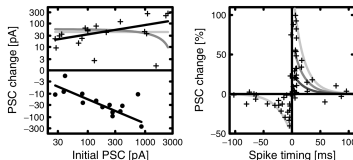
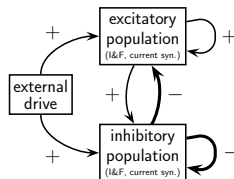
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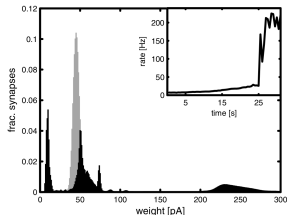
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