

# **Synaptic Plasticity**

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# Outline

Hebbian learning (LTP and LTD)

Homeostatic plasticity (metaplasticity, synaptic scaling, and intrinsic plasticity)

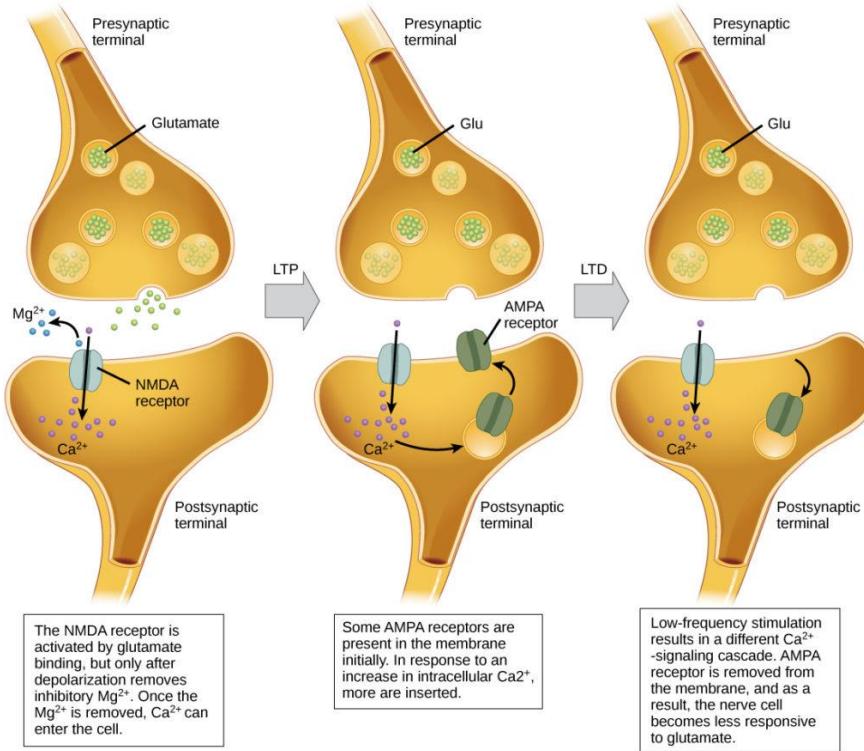
Spike timing dependent plasticity and calcium-based plasticity

Inhibitory plasticity and cell-type-specific plasticity

Modern approaches to study synaptic plasticity

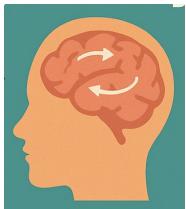
Other forms of plasticity mechanisms (short-term plasticity, etc.)

# Synaptic plasticity



# Importance of studying plasticity in the brain

Learning and memory



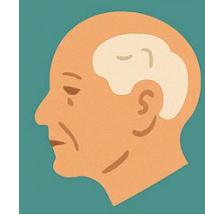
Neurological disorders



Development



Aging



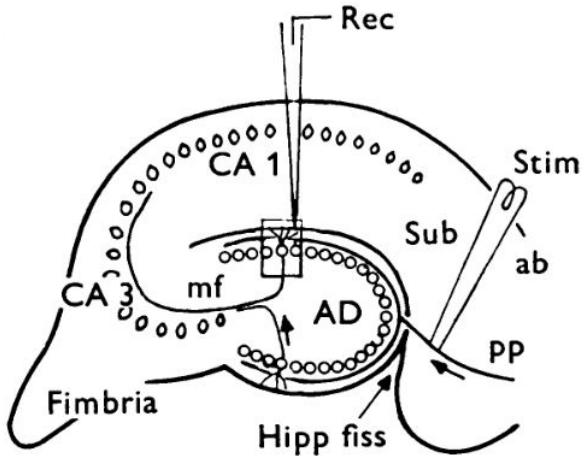
## Hebb's postulate of learning

### A NEUROPHYSIOLOGICAL POSTULATE

Let us assume then that the persistence or repetition of a reverberatory activity (or "trace") tends to induce lasting cellular changes that add to its stability. The assumption \* can be precisely stated as follows. *When an axon of cell A is near enough to excite a cell B and repeatedly or persistently takes part in firing it, some growth process or metabolic change takes place in one or both cells such that A's efficiency, as one of the cells firing B, is increased.*

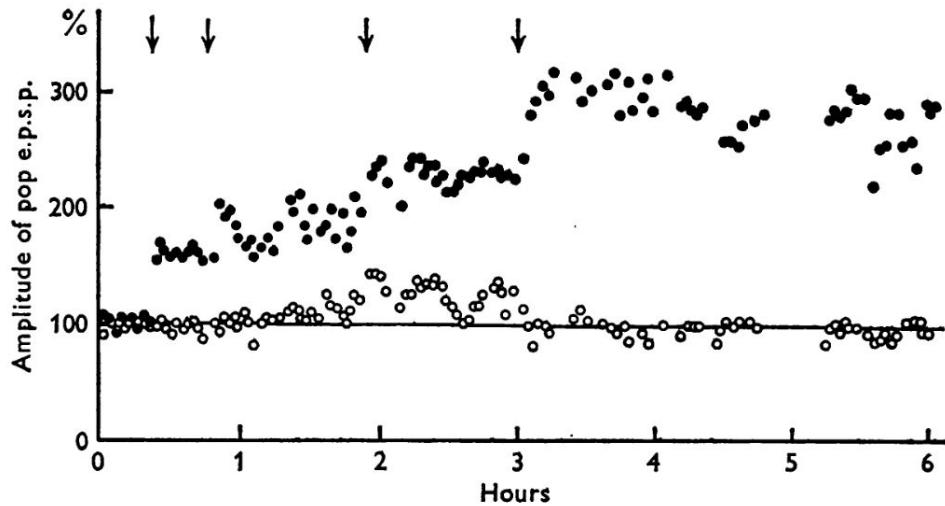
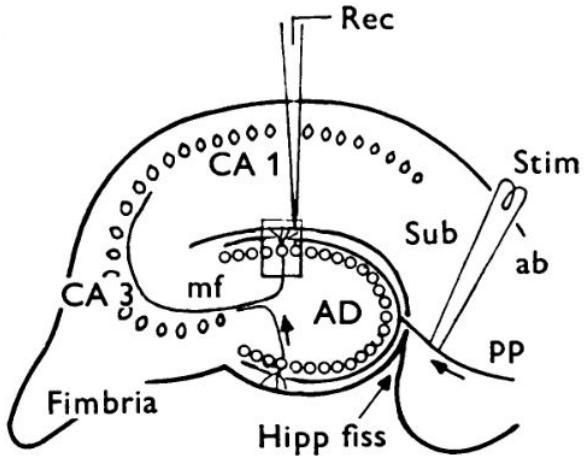
"cells that fire together, wire together"

# Long-term potentiation - experiments



Bliss & Lømo 1973, Journal of Physiology

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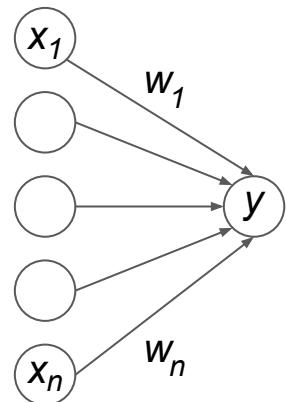


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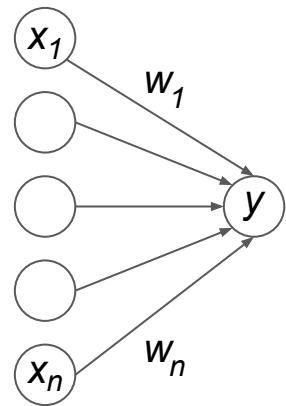
## Hebbian learning - models



We consider a single postsynaptic neuron receiving input from  $n$  presynaptic neurons. Let:

- $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ : input (presynaptic activity vector),
- $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ : synaptic weight vector,
- $y = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}$ : postsynaptic output (linear neuron).

## Hebbian learning - models



A classical rate-based Hebbian learning rule is defined as:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{w}}{dt} = \eta y \mathbf{x} = \eta (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{x}$$

Taking the average over the input distribution:

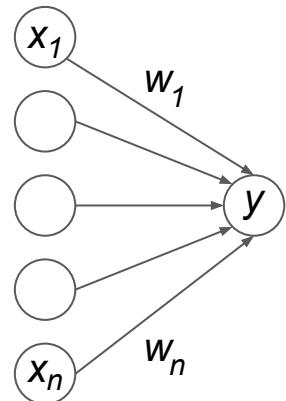
$$\left\langle \frac{d\mathbf{w}}{dt} \right\rangle = \eta \left\langle (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{x} \right\rangle = \eta \left\langle \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^\top \right\rangle \mathbf{w} = \eta \mathbf{C} \mathbf{w}$$

where  $\mathbf{C}$  is the input covariance matrix.

Then we obtain:

$$\mathbf{w}(t) = e^{\eta \mathbf{C} t} \mathbf{w}(0)$$

## Hebbian learning - models



Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  be the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{C}$ , and  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$  the corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors.

Any initial weight vector  $\mathbf{w}(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can be decomposed as:

$$\mathbf{w}(0) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{u}_i$$

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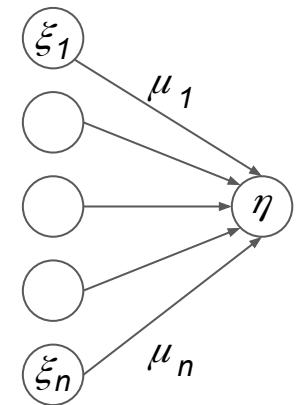
$$\mathbf{w}(t) = e^{\eta \mathbf{C} t} \mathbf{w}(0) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e^{\eta \lambda_i t} \mathbf{u}_i$$

Since  $\mathbf{C}$  is positive semi-definite, all  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ . If any  $\lambda_i > 0$ , the corresponding component of  $\mathbf{w}(t)$  grows exponentially as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Oja's learning rule - models

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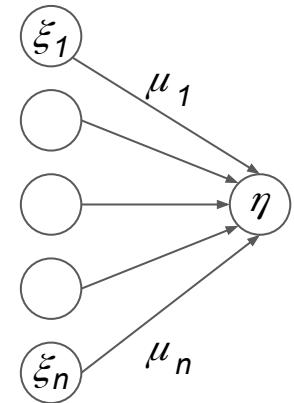
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$$\|w\| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2 \right)^{1/2} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n [\mu_i(t) + \gamma \eta(t) \xi_i(t)]^2 \right)^{1/2} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n [\mu_i^2(t) + 2\gamma \eta(t) \mu_i(t) \xi_i(t) + \gamma^2 \eta^2(t) \xi_i^2(t)] \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\|w\| = \left( \|\mu(t)\|^2 + 2\gamma \eta(t) \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(t) \xi_i(t) + \gamma^2 \eta^2(t) \|\xi(t)\|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

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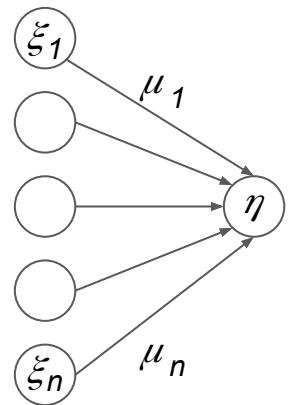


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Using the Taylor expansion  $(1 + \epsilon)^{1/2} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon$  for small  $\gamma$ , we get:

$$\|\mathbf{w}\| \approx 1 + \gamma\eta^2(t) + O(\gamma^2)$$

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Use the expansion  $\frac{1}{1+\epsilon} \approx 1 - \epsilon$  for small  $\epsilon$ :

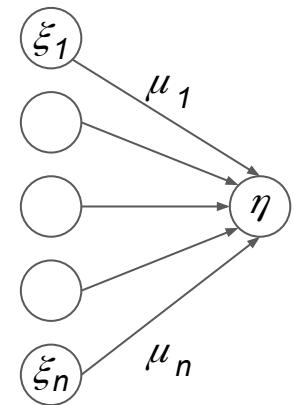
$$\mu_i(t+1) \approx [\mu_i(t) + \gamma \eta(t) \xi_i(t)] \left[ 1 - \gamma\eta^2(t) \right] = \mu_i(t)(1 - \gamma\eta^2(t)) + \gamma \eta(t) \xi_i(t)(1 - \gamma\eta^2(t))$$

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Oja's rule introduces a normalization term to the classic Hebbian learning rule:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{w}}{dt} = \eta y \mathbf{x} - \eta y^2 \mathbf{w} = \eta (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{x} - \eta (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x})^2 \mathbf{w}$$

Taking the expectation over the input distribution:

$$\left\langle \frac{d\mathbf{w}}{dt} \right\rangle = \eta \left\langle (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{x} \right\rangle - \eta \left\langle (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x})^2 \right\rangle \mathbf{w} = \eta \left( \mathbf{C}\mathbf{w} - (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{C}\mathbf{w})\mathbf{w} \right)$$

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w}$$

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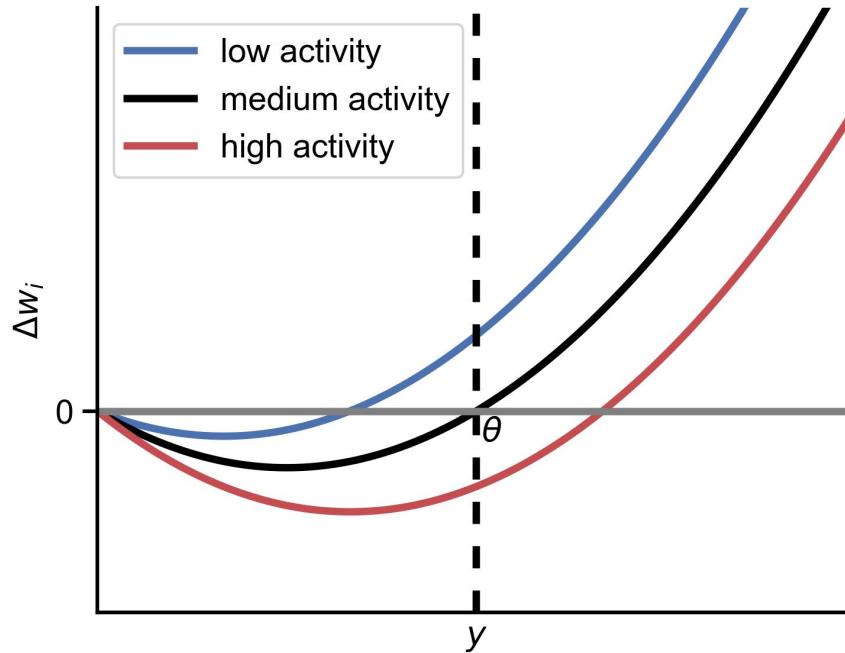
- If  $\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 < 1$ , the norm increases.
- If  $\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 > 1$ , the norm decreases.
- If  $\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 = 1$ , the norm remains constant.

This implies that  $\|\mathbf{w}\| \rightarrow 1$  over time, meaning the weight vector becomes norm-stable. Therefore, Oja's rule stabilizes Hebbian learning by preventing unbounded growth.

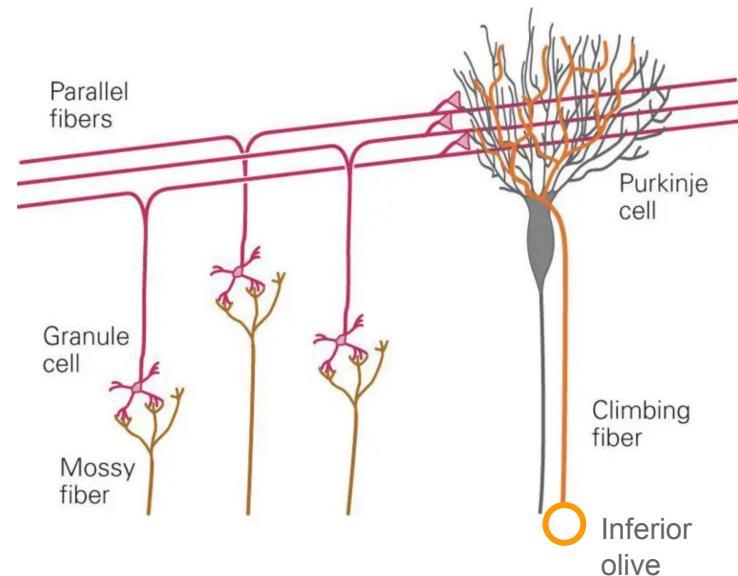
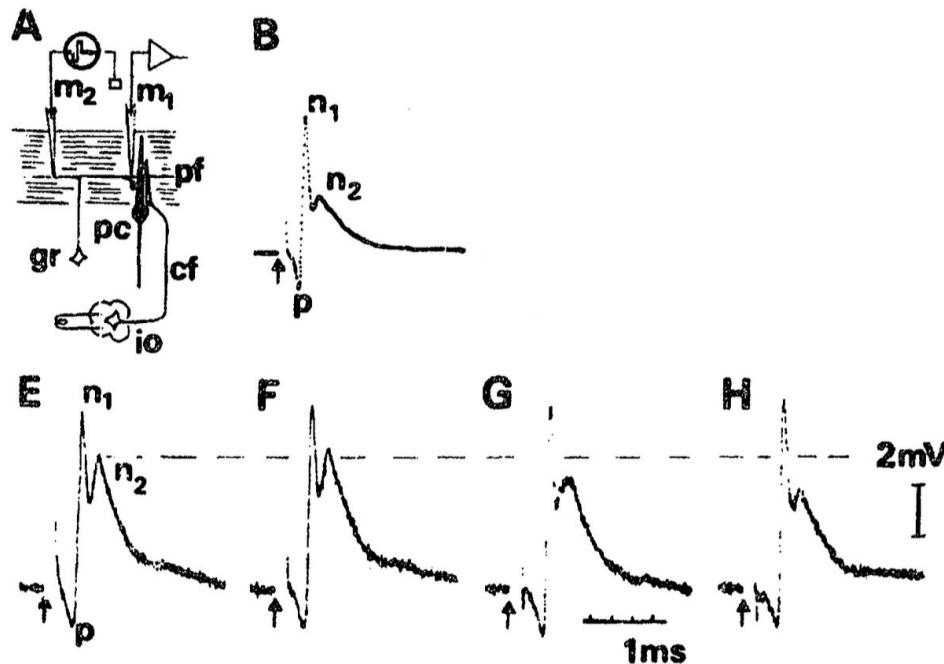
## BCM (Bienenstock, Cooper, and Munro) learning rule - models

$$\frac{d\mathbf{w}}{dt} = \eta y(y - \theta)\mathbf{x}$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau} (y^2 - \theta)$$

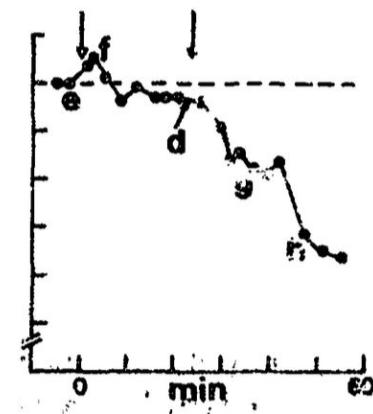
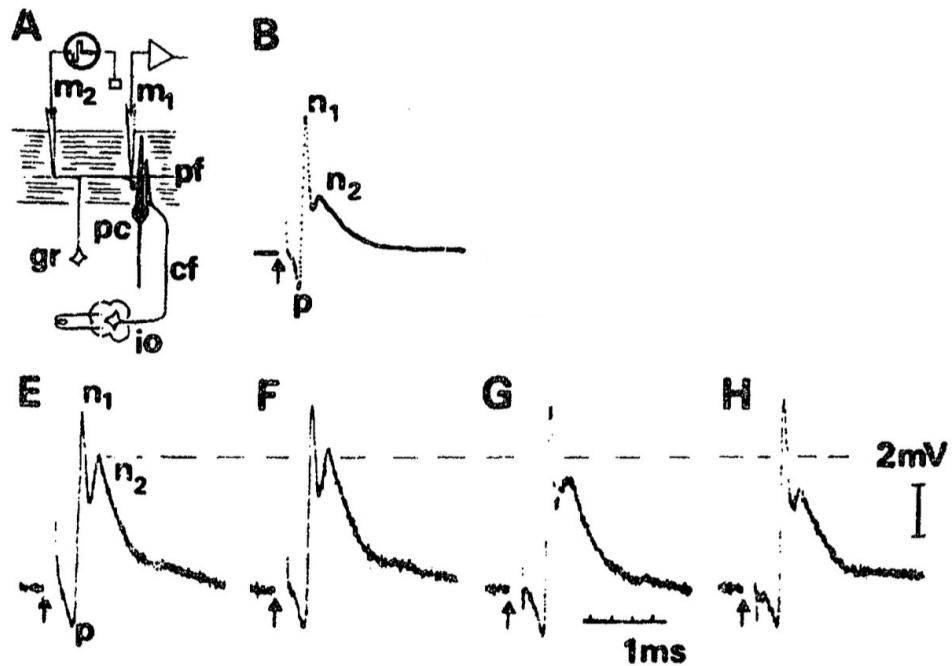


# Long-term depression - experiments



Ito and Kano 1982, Neuroscience Letters  
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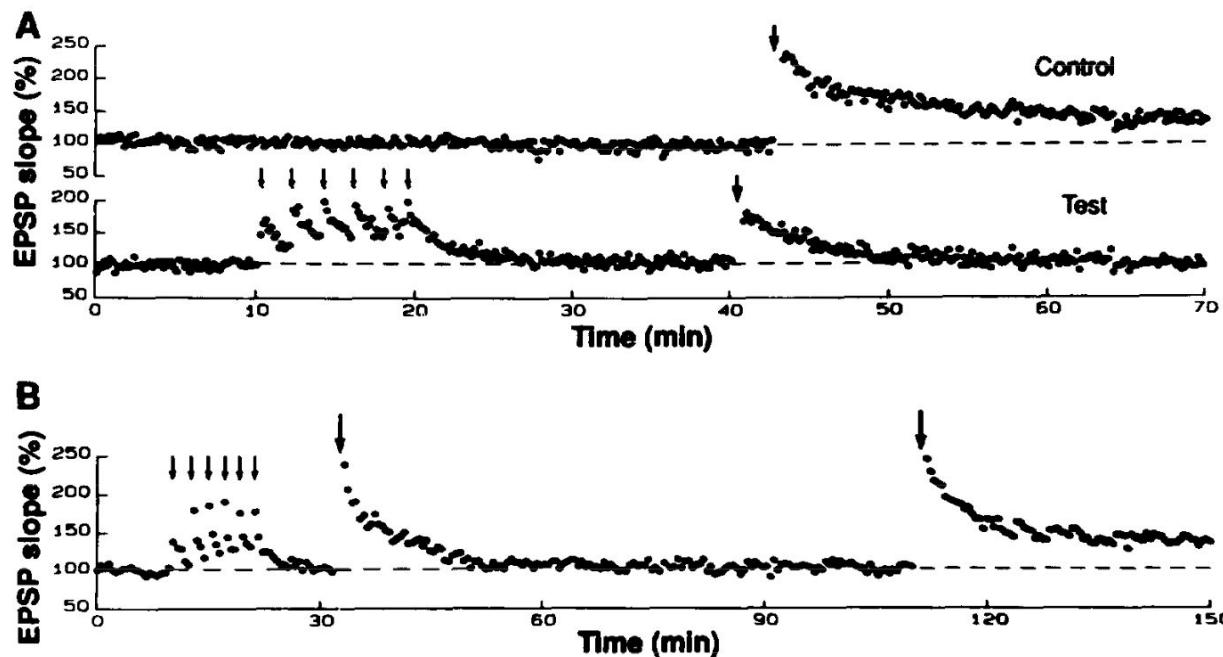
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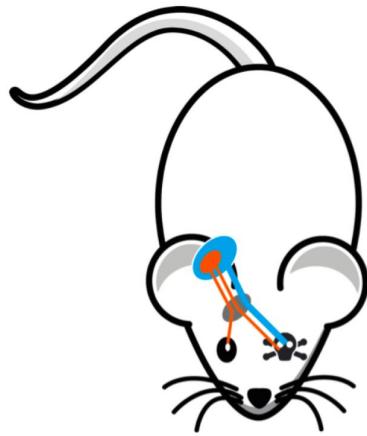
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## Metaplasticity - experiments

# Metaplasticity: the plasticity of synaptic plasticity



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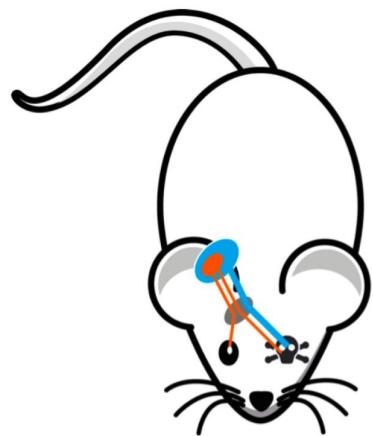


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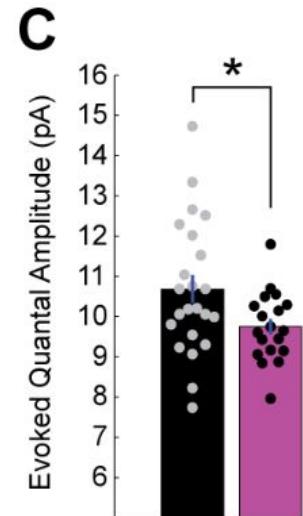
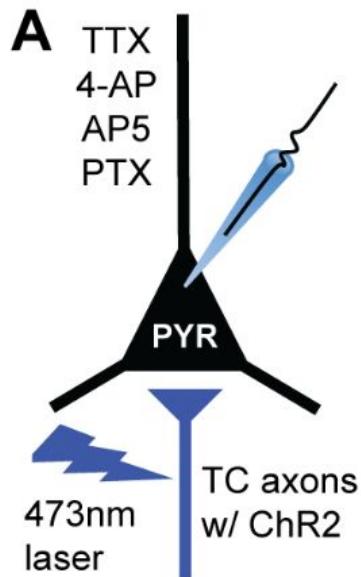
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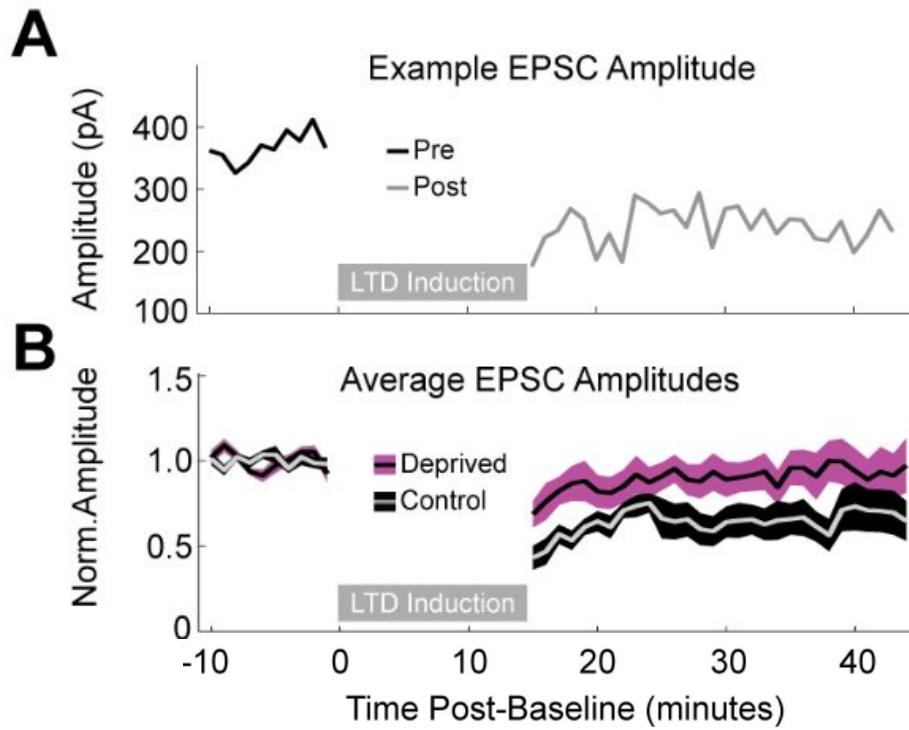
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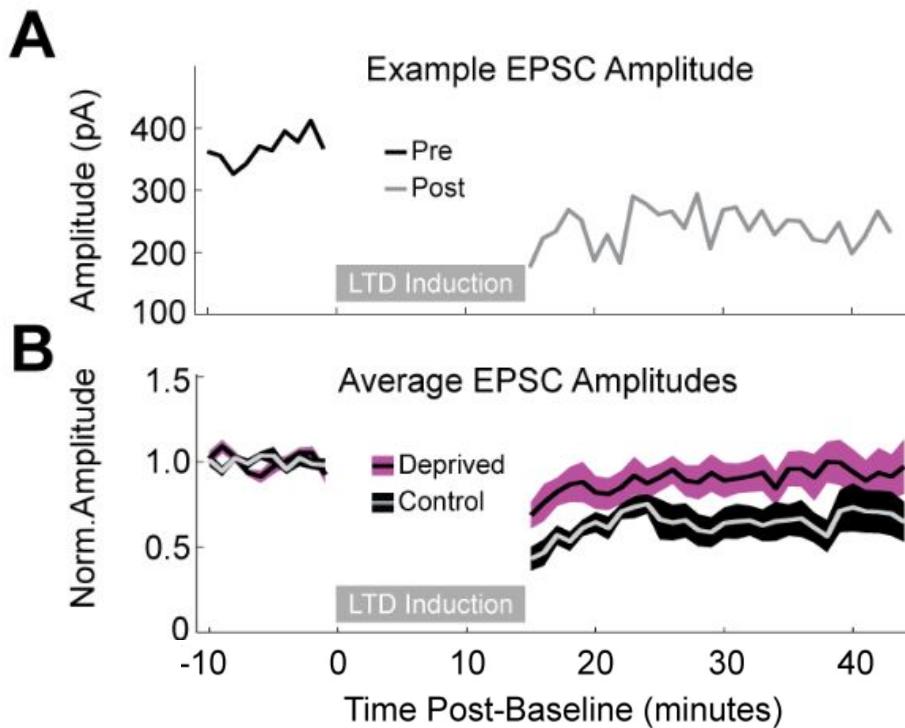
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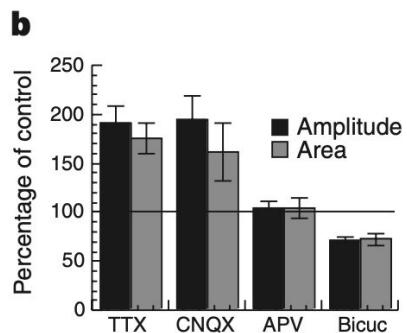
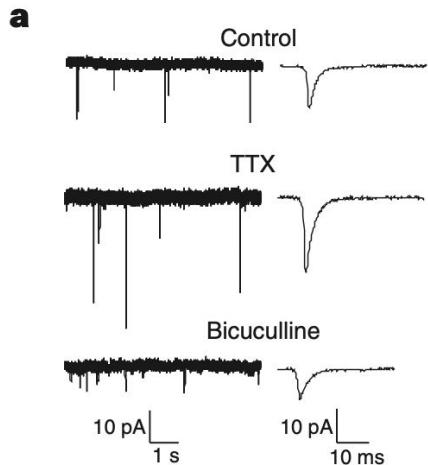
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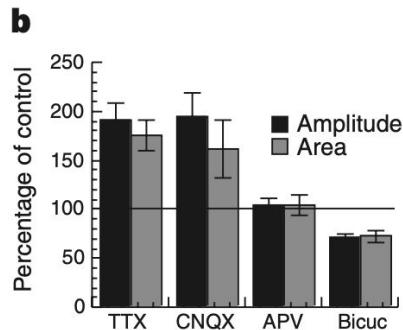
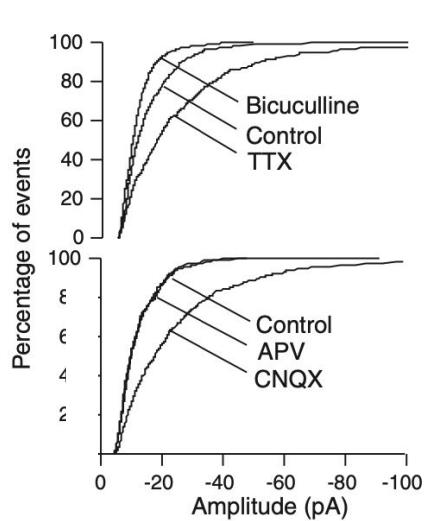
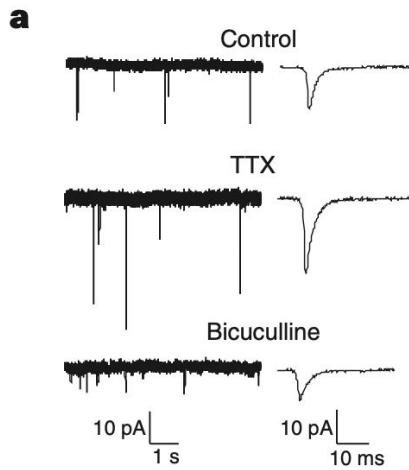
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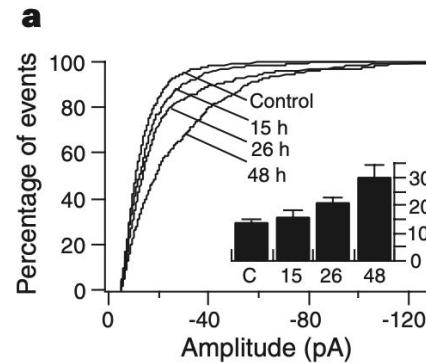
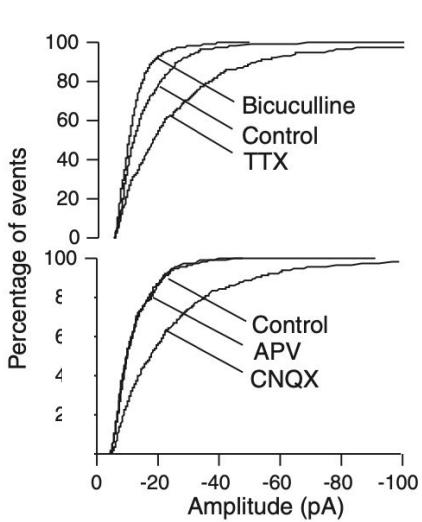
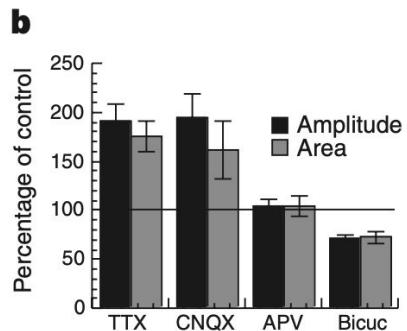
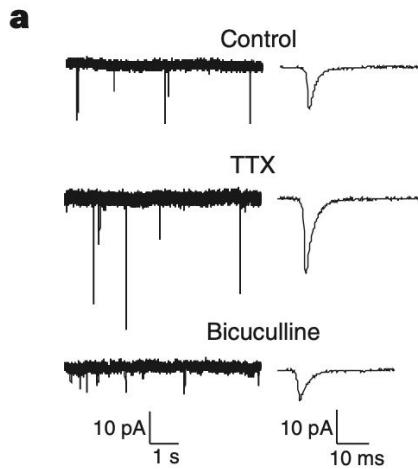


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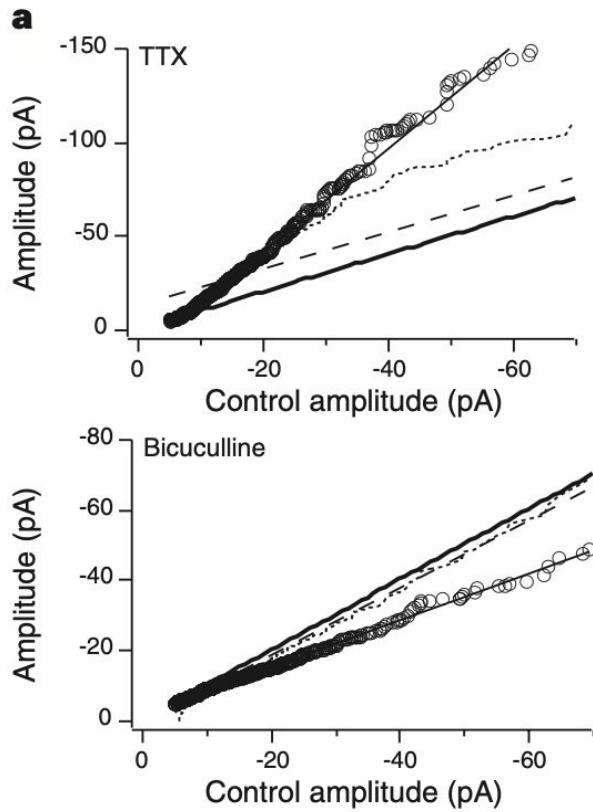


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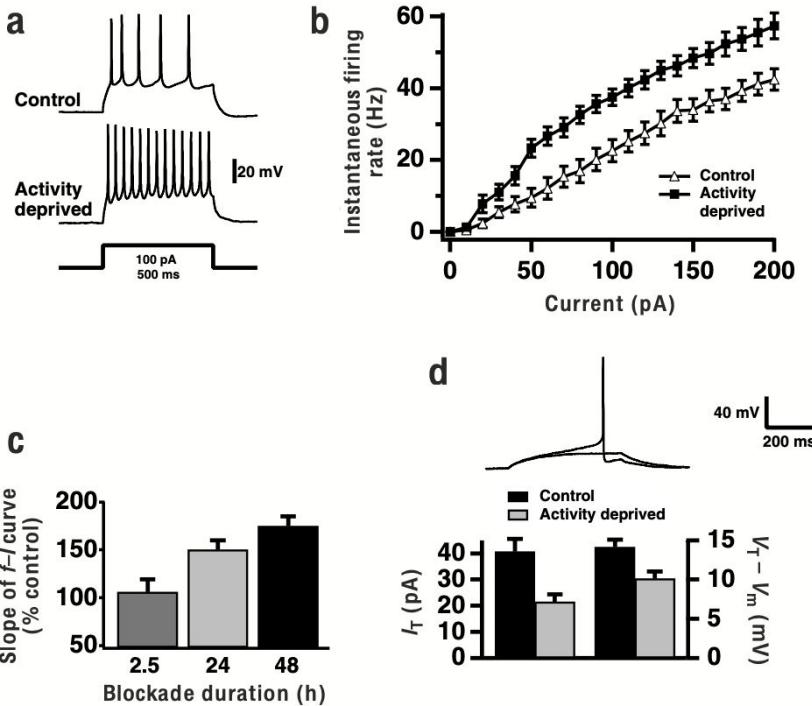
## Synaptic scaling - models

Activity-dependent scaling scales the weights to prevent too low or too high activity levels. The scaling is thought to be multiplicative and independent of presynaptic activity (Turriano et al., 1998; Turriano, 1999). A simple implementation would be to update the weights every time step according to:

$$\frac{dw(t)}{dt} = \beta w(t)[a_{goal} - a(t)],$$

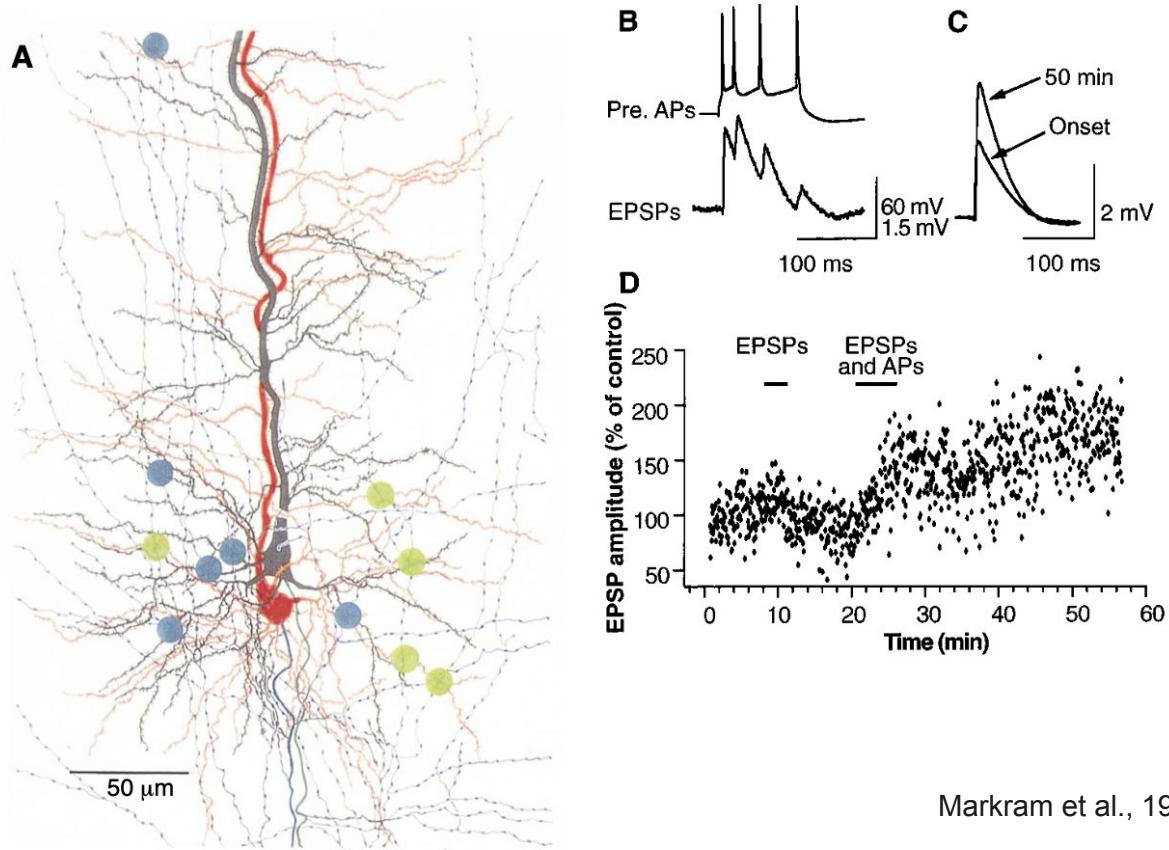
where  $a_{goal}$  is the desired postsynaptic activity, set to 20 Hz, and  $\beta$  is a constant determining the strength of the scaling.

# Intrinsic plasticity - experiments



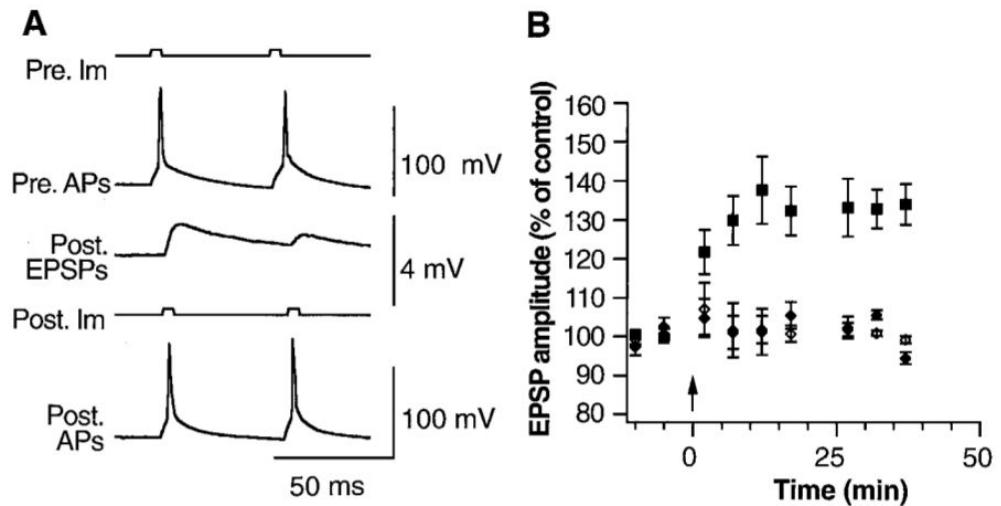
Desai et al., 1999 Nature Neuroscience

# Spike-timing-dependent plasticity - experiments



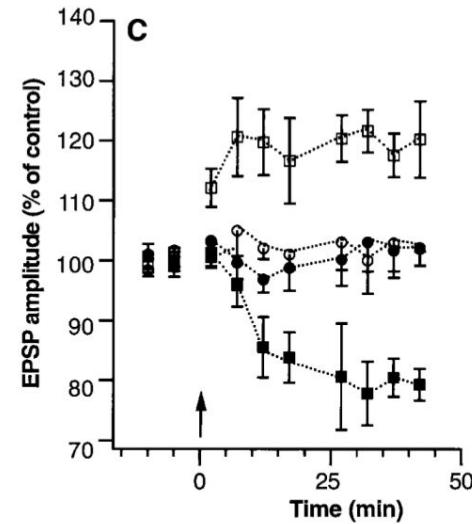
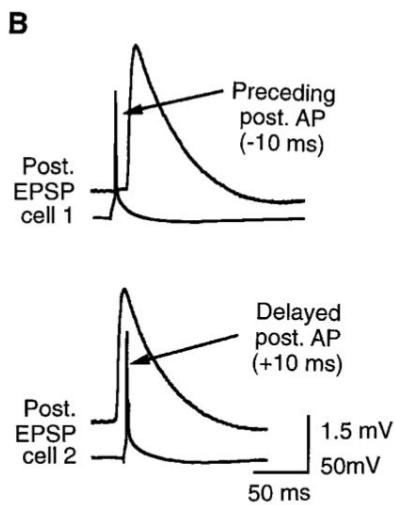
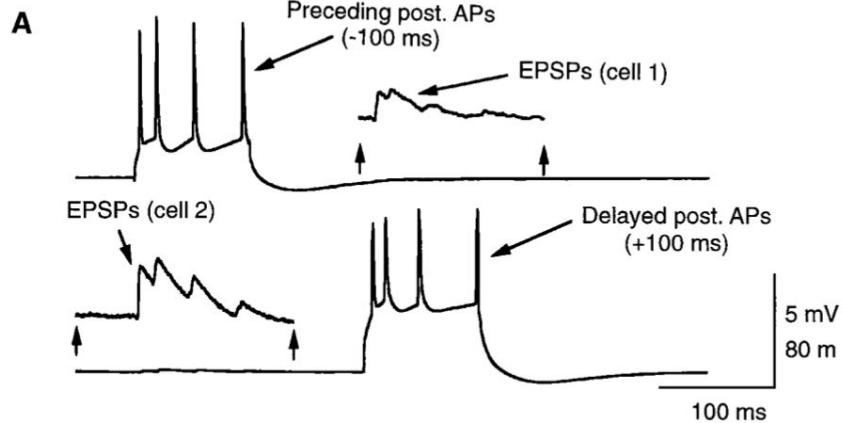
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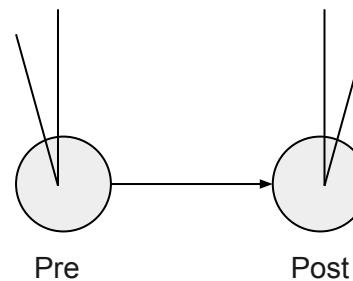
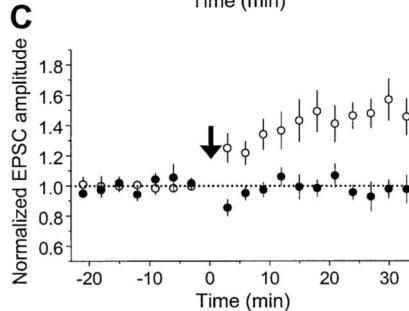
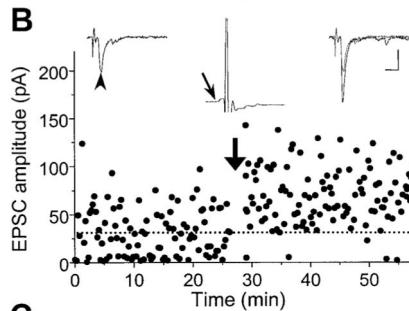
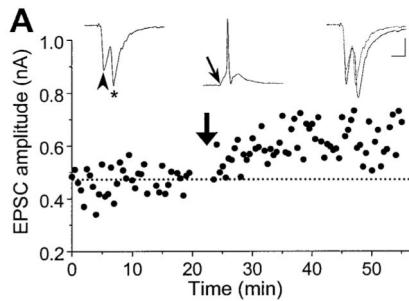
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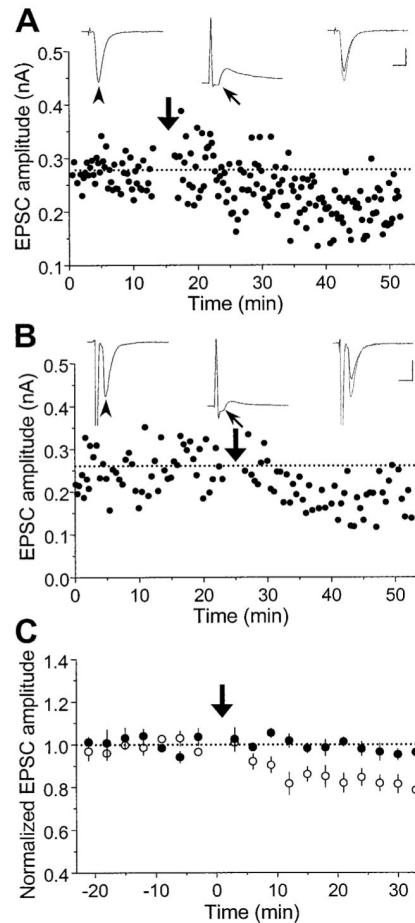
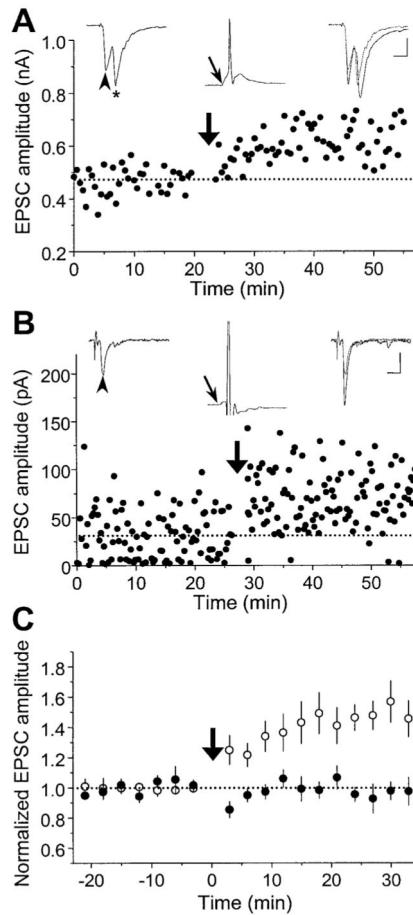
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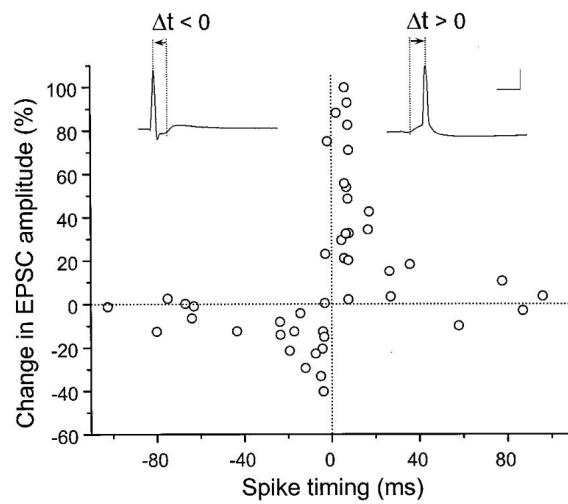
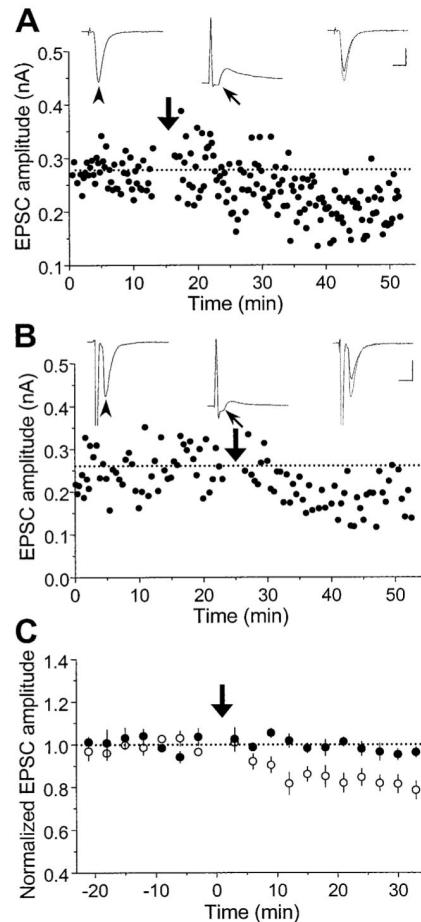
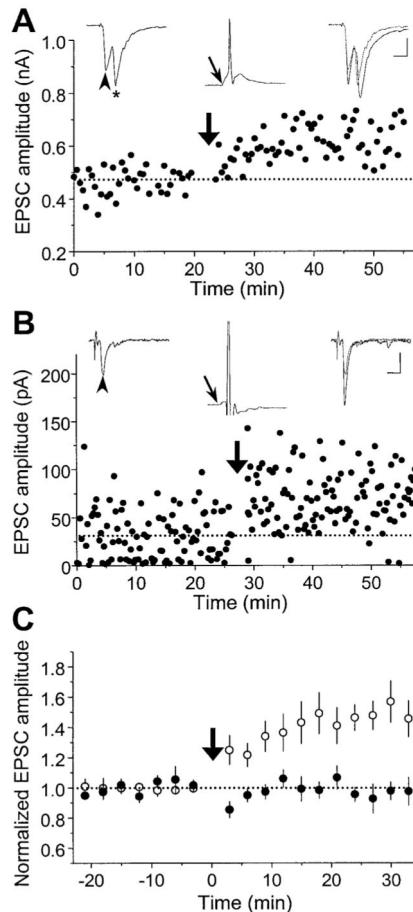
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# Spike-timing-dependent plasticity - pairwise STDP model

Let

$$\Delta t = t_{\text{post}} - t_{\text{pre}}$$

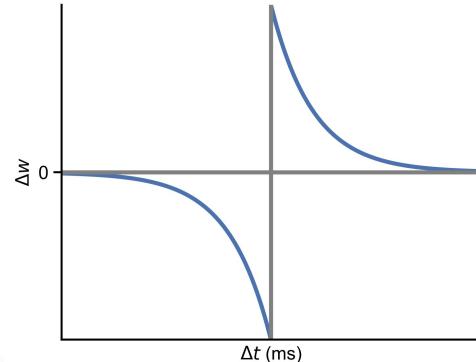
where  $t_{\text{pre}}$  is the time of a presynaptic spike, and  $t_{\text{post}}$  is the time of a postsynaptic spike.

The synaptic weight change  $\Delta w$  is given by:

$$\Delta w = \begin{cases} A_+ \cdot e^{-\Delta t/\tau_+}, & \text{if } \Delta t > 0 \quad (\text{LTP}) \\ -A_- \cdot e^{\Delta t/\tau_-}, & \text{if } \Delta t < 0 \quad (\text{LTD}) \end{cases}$$

where:

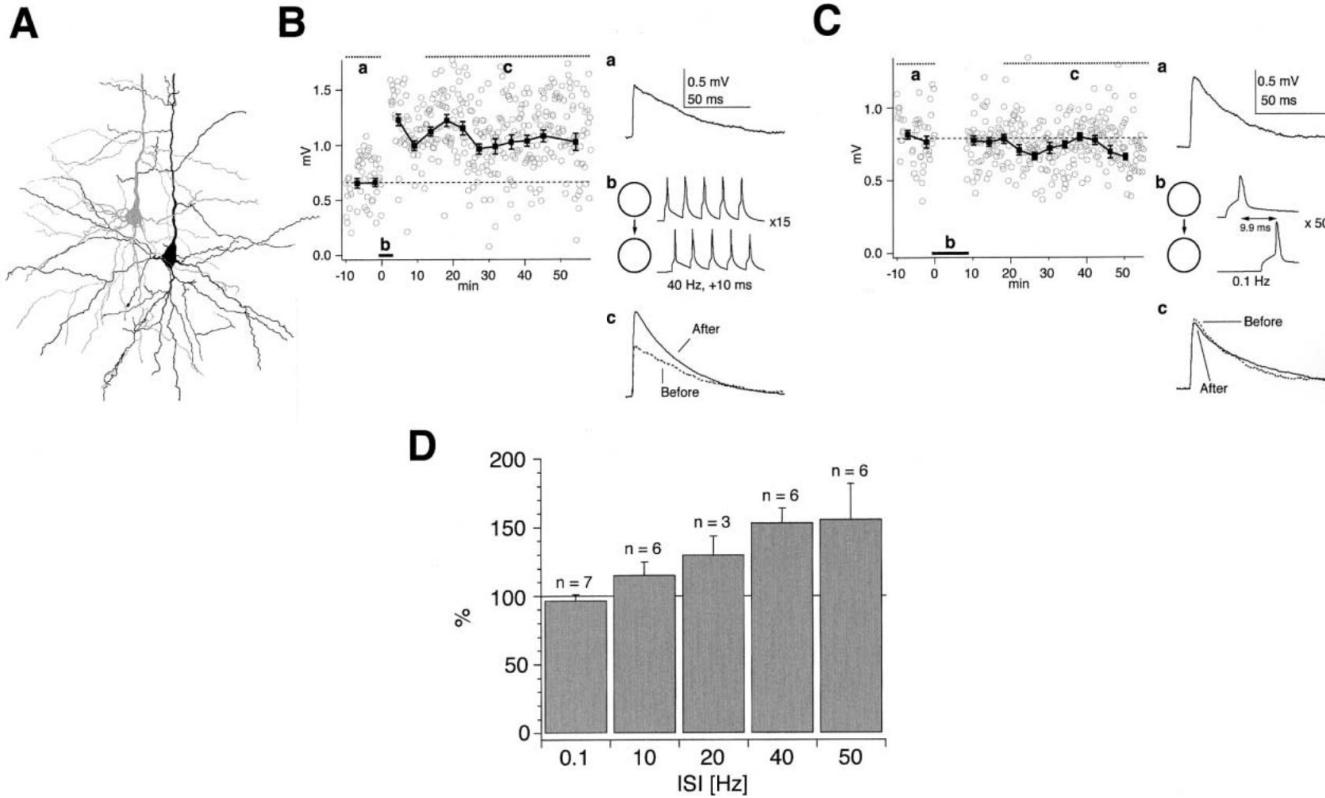
- $A_+, A_-$  are the amplitude of the weight change whenever there is a pre-post pair or a post-pre pair,
- $\tau_+, \tau_-$  are the corresponding time constants.



Gerstner et al., 1996 Nature  
Kempter et al., 1999 PRE  
Song et al., 2000 Nature Neuroscience

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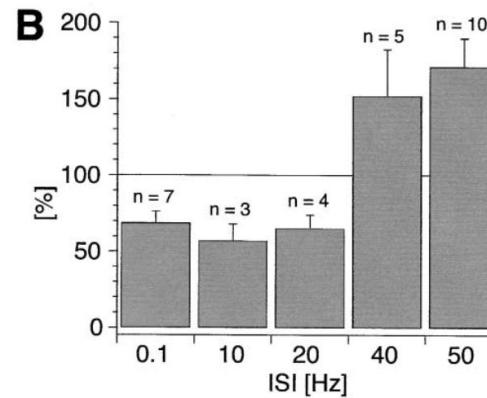
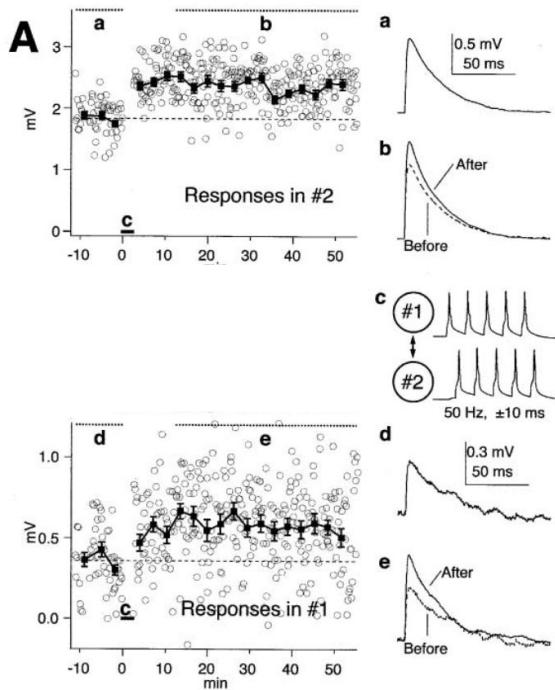
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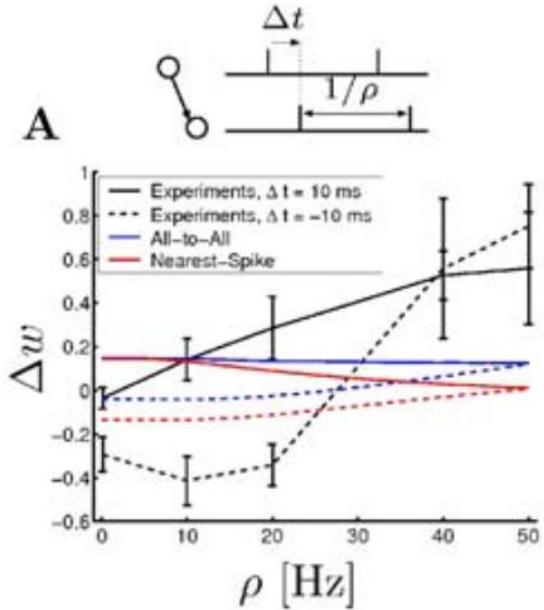
Sjöström et al., 2001 Neuron

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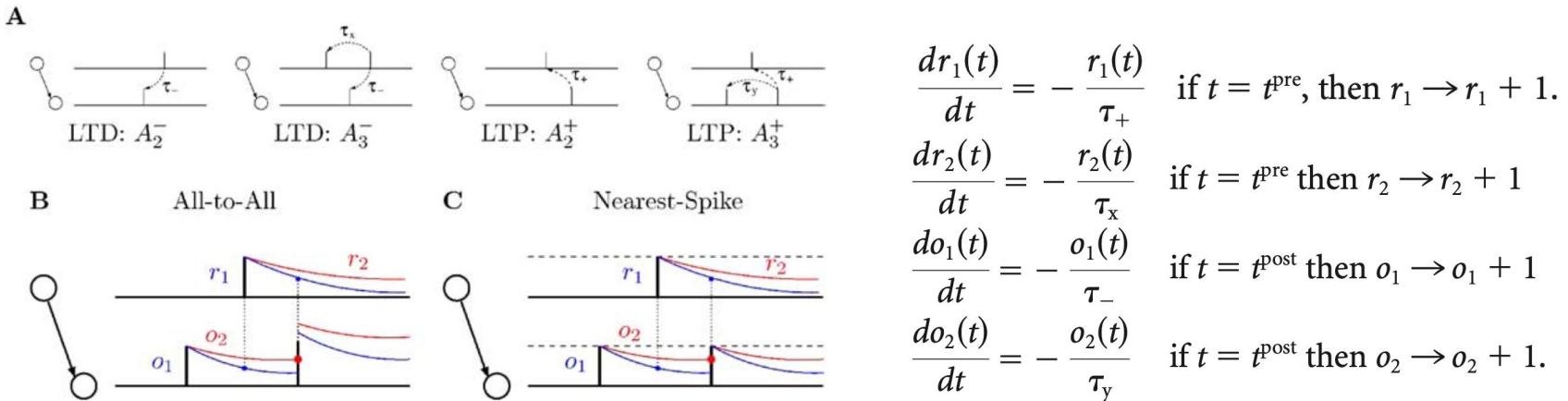
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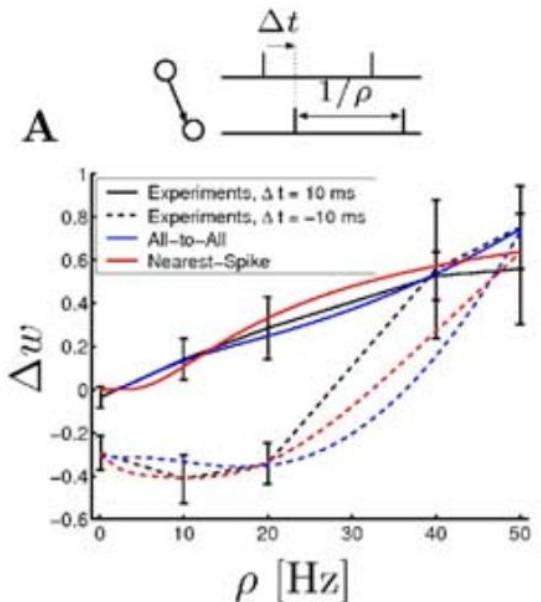
# Spike-timing-dependent plasticity - triplet STDP model



$$w(t) \rightarrow w(t) - o_1(t)[A_2^- + A_3^- r_2(t - \epsilon)] \text{ if } t = t^{\text{pre}}.$$

$$w(t) \rightarrow w(t) + r_1(t)[A_2^+ + A_3^+ o_2(t - \epsilon)] \text{ if } t = t^{\text{post}}.$$

## Spike-timing-dependent plasticity - triplet STDP model



# Relate STDP to structural motifs

$$\Delta_{ij}^{\text{STDP}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_{ij}(\tau) F(\tau) d\tau. \quad C_{ij}(\tau) \equiv \langle S_i(t + \tau) S_j(t) \rangle$$

$$\tilde{C}(\omega) = 2\pi\delta(\omega)rr^T + [I - \tilde{a}(\omega)W]^{-1}D[I - \tilde{a}(-\omega)W^T]^{-1},$$

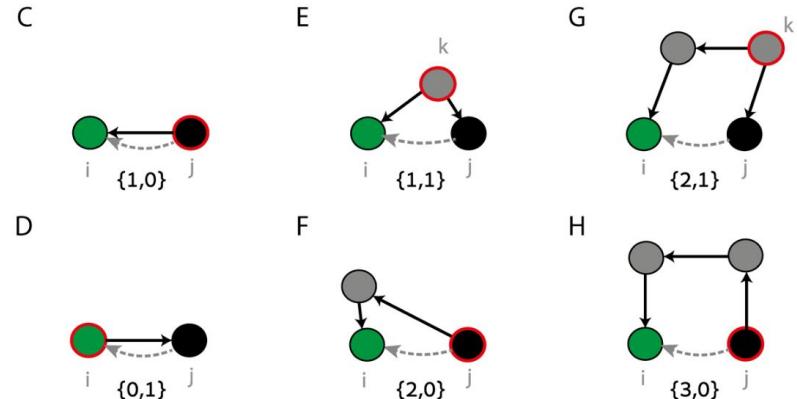
$$[I - A]^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} A^i.$$

$$\Delta^{\text{STDP}} = f_0 rr^T + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \tilde{F}(-\omega) [I - \tilde{a}(\omega)W]^{-1} D [I - \tilde{a}(-\omega)W^T]^{-1}.$$

$$\Delta_{ij}^{\text{STDP}} = f_0 r_i r_j + \sum_{\alpha\beta} f_{\alpha,\beta} \cdot \sum_k r_k (W^\alpha)_{ik} (W^\beta)_{jk},$$

$$f_{\alpha,\beta} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \tilde{F}(-\omega) \tilde{a}(\omega)^\alpha \tilde{a}(-\omega)^\beta$$

$$\Delta_{ij}^{\text{STDP}} = f_0 r_i r_j + f_{1,0} r_j W_{ij} + f_{0,1} r_i W_{ji} + \dots .$$



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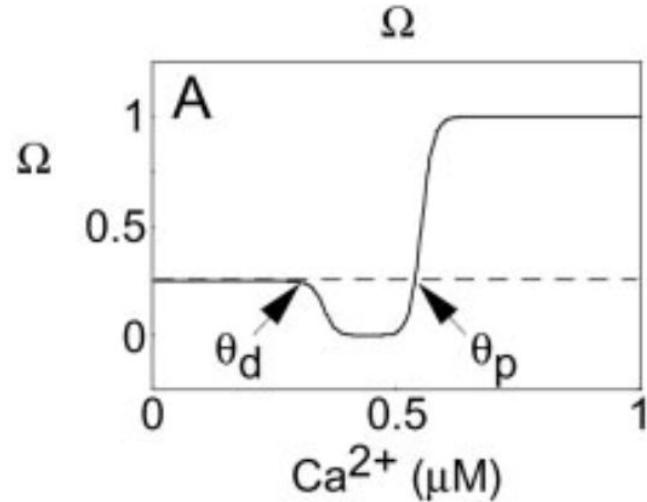
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**Assumption 1: The Calcium Control Hypothesis.** The hypothesis that different calcium levels trigger different forms of synaptic plasticity (12, 13, 18) can be formulated mathematically as:

$$\dot{W}_j = \eta \Omega([Ca]_j), \quad [1]$$

where  $W_j$  represents the synaptic strength of synapse  $j$ ,  $\eta$  is the learning rate, and the calcium level at synapse  $j$  is denoted by  $[Ca]_j$ . When the calcium level is below a lower threshold  $\theta_d$ , no modification occurs. If  $\theta_d < [Ca]_j < \theta_p$ ,  $W_j$  is depressed, and for  $[Ca]_j > \theta_p$ , the synaptic strength is potentiated (Fig. 1A).



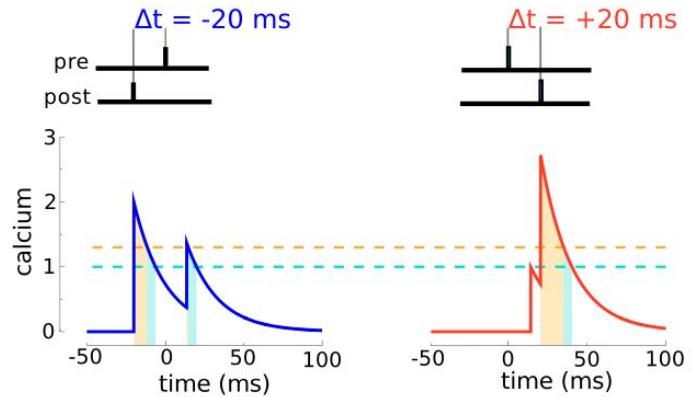
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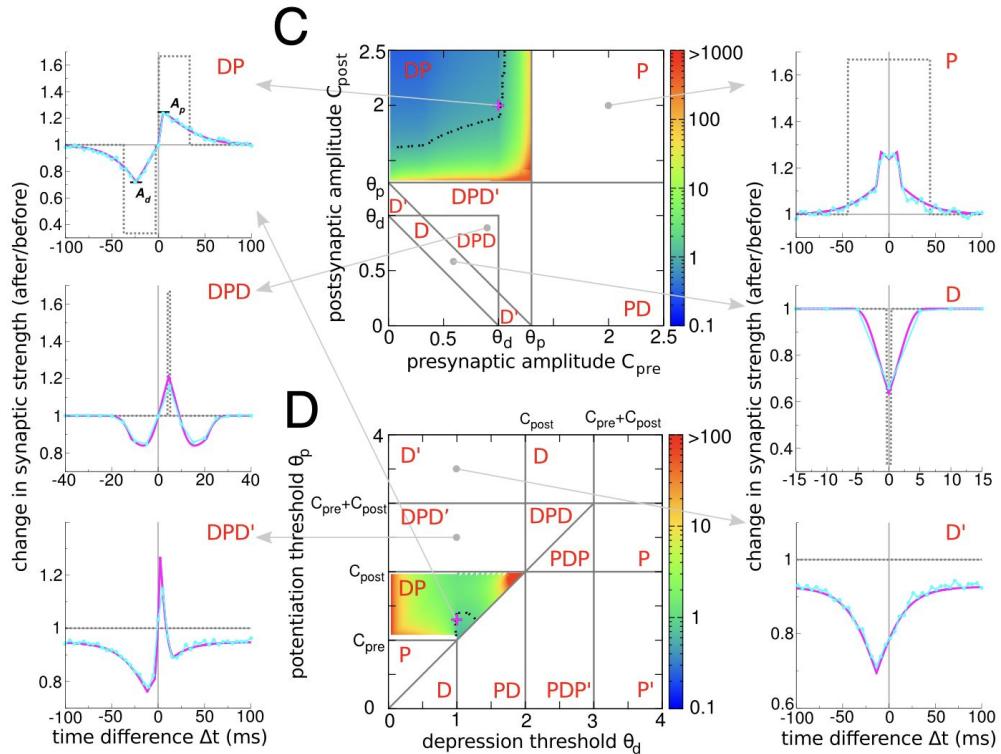
## Calcium-based plasticity model explains sensitivity of synaptic changes to spike pattern, rate, and dendritic location

Michael Graupner<sup>a,b,1</sup> and Nicolas Brunel<sup>a</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \tau \frac{d\rho}{dt} = & -\rho(1-\rho)(\rho_\star - \rho) + \gamma_p(1-\rho)\Theta[c(t) - \theta_p] \\ & - \gamma_d \rho \Theta[c(t) - \theta_d] + \text{Noise}(t). \end{aligned}$$

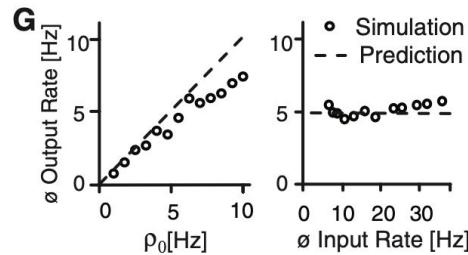
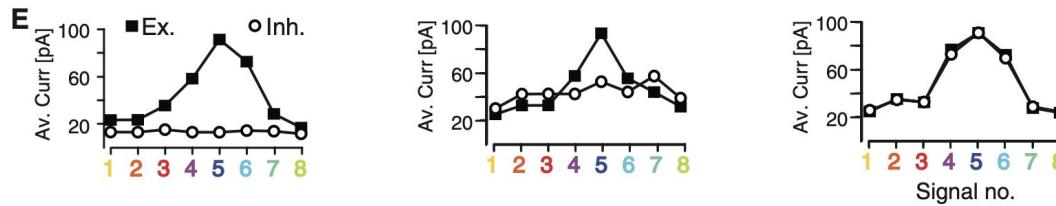
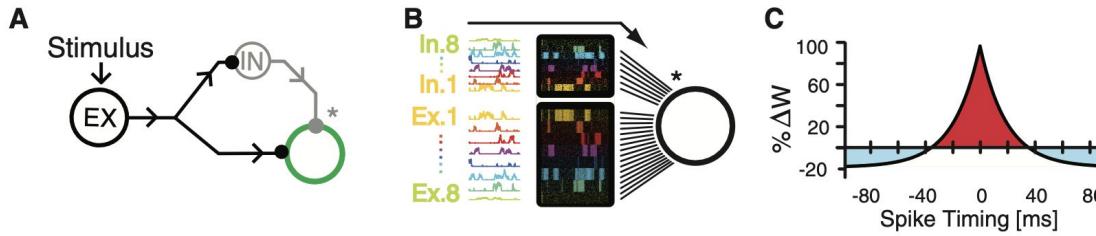


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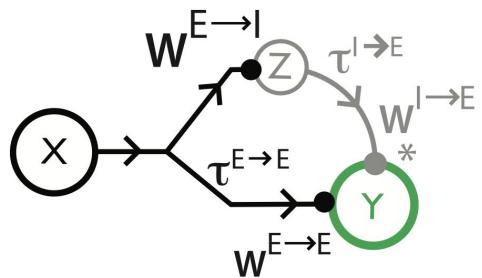
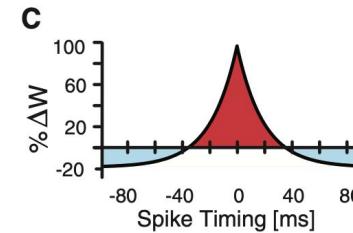
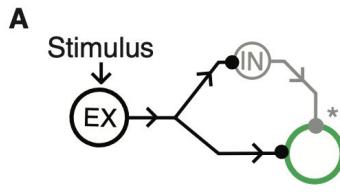
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# Inhibitory plasticity - models



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# Inhibitory plasticity - models



$$\Delta W_j^{I \rightarrow E} = \eta \int_0^T \int_0^T L(t - t') Y(t') Z_j(t) dt dt' - \eta \rho_0 \int_0^T Z_j(t) dt,$$

where  $L(t) = [2\tau_{\text{STDP}}]^{-1} e^{-|t|/\tau_{\text{STDP}}}$  denotes a symmetric learning window with a coincidence time  $\tau_{\text{STDP}}$ ,  $\eta$  is a learning rate and  $\rho_0$  is a constant that controls the relative strength of the non-Hebbian weight decrease in relation to the Hebbian weight increase.

## Inhibitory plasticity - models

$$\langle \Delta W_j^{I \rightarrow E} \rangle_{Z,Y|X} = \eta \int (y(t)z_j(t) - (\rho_0 + \rho_s W_j^{I \rightarrow E})z_j(t)) dt .$$

with  $\rho_s := \int L(\tau)\epsilon(\tau)d\tau$ .

$$\Psi(\mathbf{W}^{I \rightarrow E}) = \frac{1}{2} \langle (y(t) - \rho_0)^2 \rangle_t + \frac{1}{2} \rho_s \sum_j \bar{z}_j(t) (W_j^{I \rightarrow E})^2$$

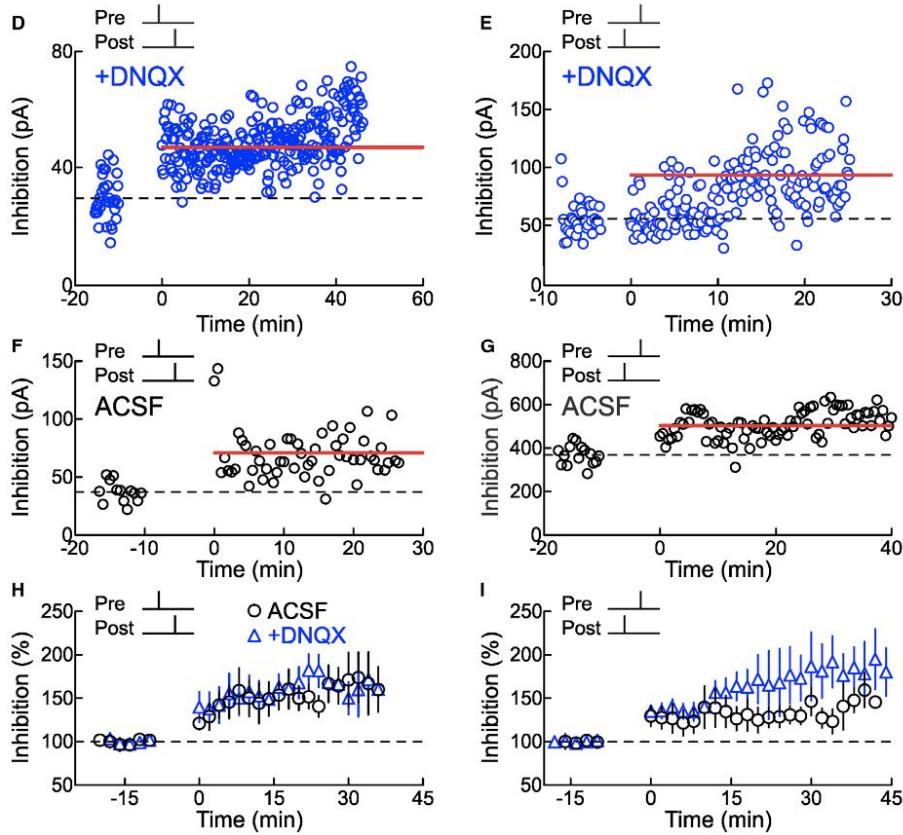
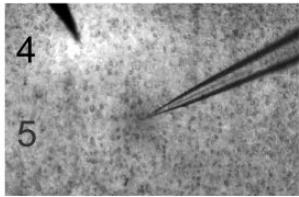
## Inhibitory plasticity - models

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial W_j^{I \rightarrow E}} \Psi &= \langle (y(t) - \rho_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial W_j^{I \rightarrow E}} y(t) \rangle_t + \rho_s \langle z_j(t) \rangle_t W_j^{I \rightarrow E} \\ &= - \langle y(t) z_j(t) - (\rho_0 + \rho_s W_j^{I \rightarrow E}) z_j(t) \rangle_t \\ &= - \frac{1}{T} \int y(t) z_j(t) - (\rho_0 + \rho_s W_j^{I \rightarrow E}) z_j(t) dt\end{aligned}$$

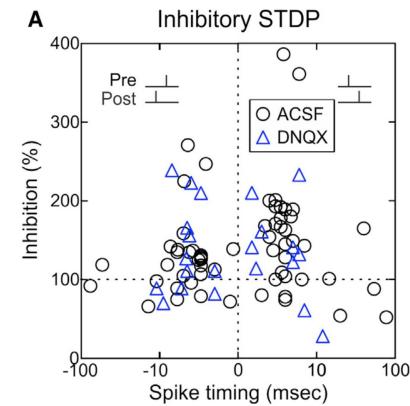
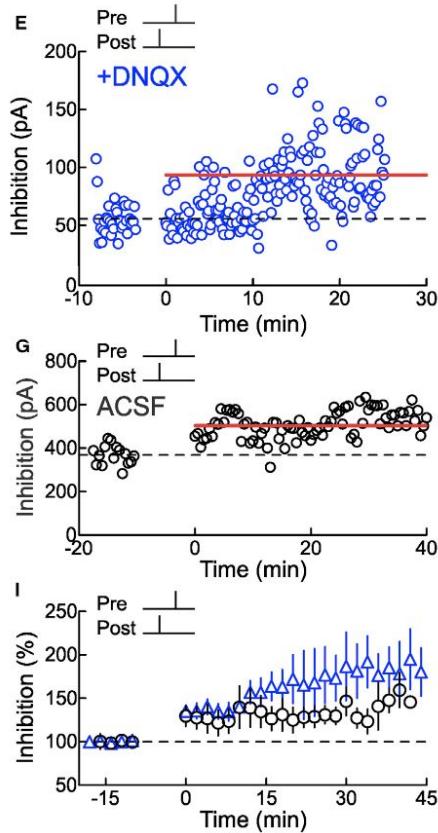
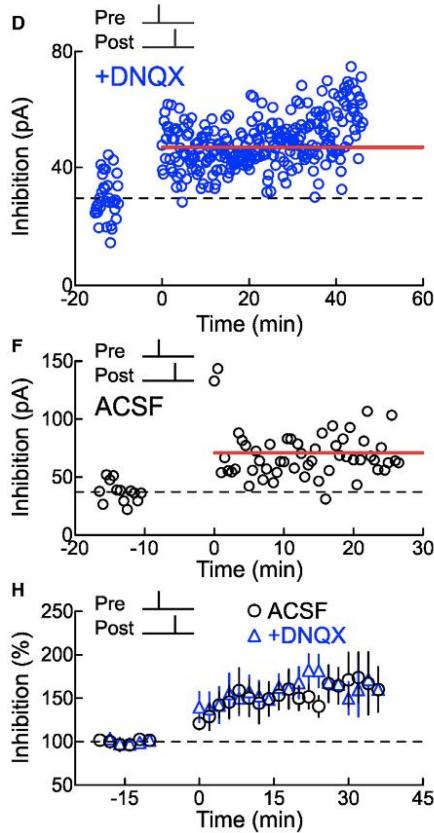
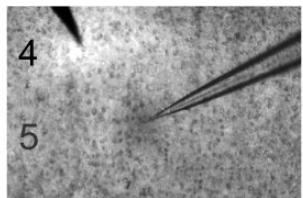
A comparison with Eq. 23 shows that the inhibitory plasticity rule is indeed a gradient descent on the energy function  $\Psi$ :

$$\langle \Delta W_j^{I \rightarrow E} \rangle_{Z,Y|X} = - \eta T \frac{\partial}{\partial W_j^{I \rightarrow E}} \Psi.$$

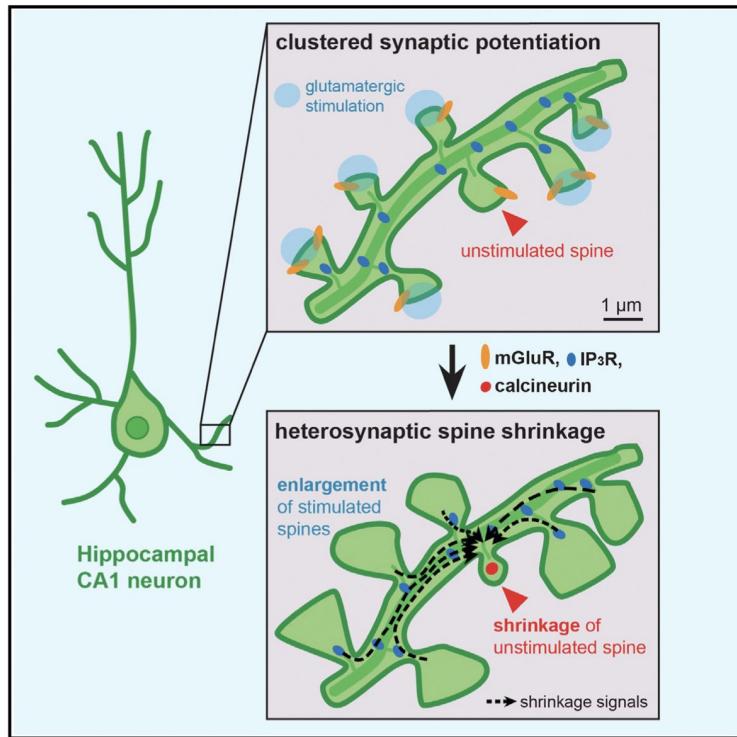
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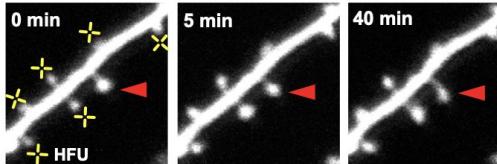
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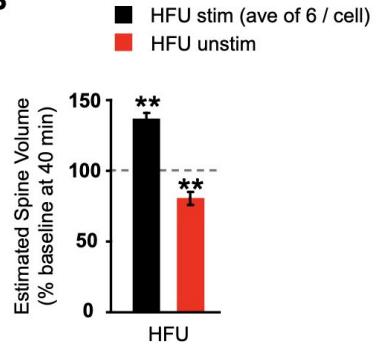
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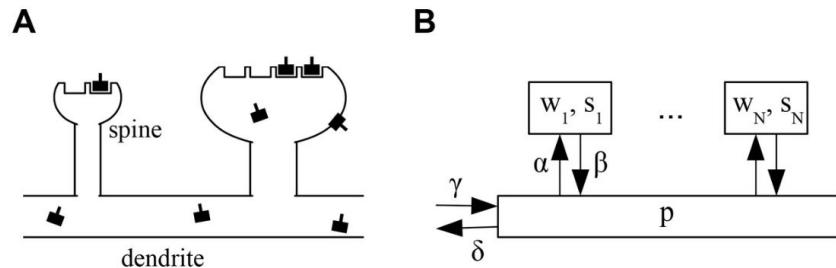
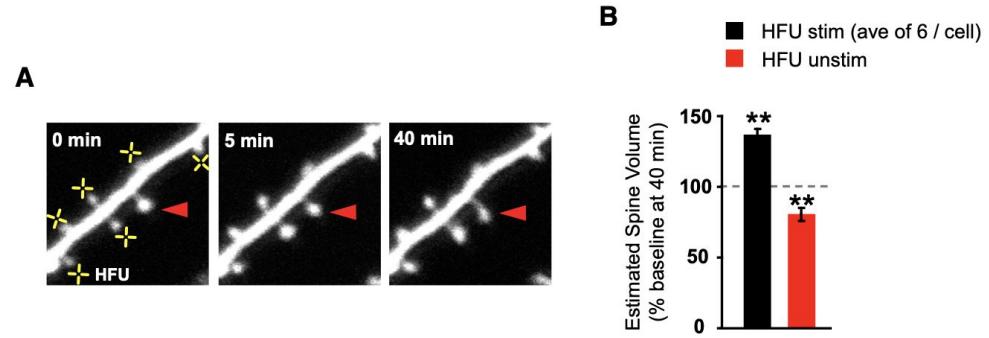
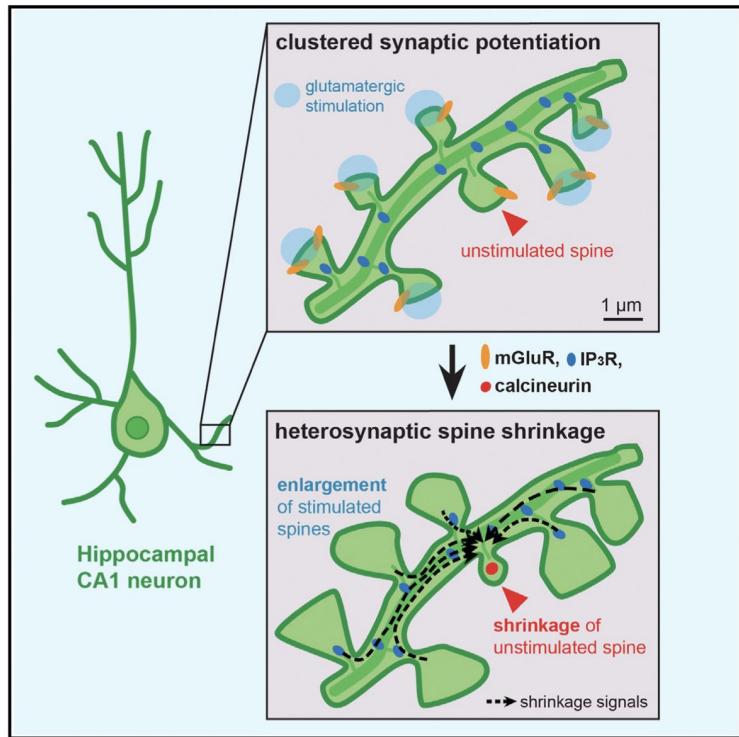


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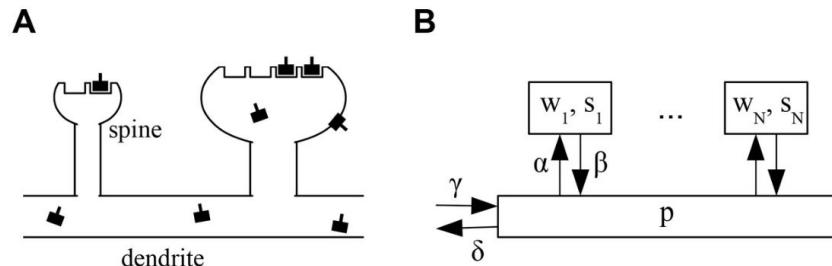
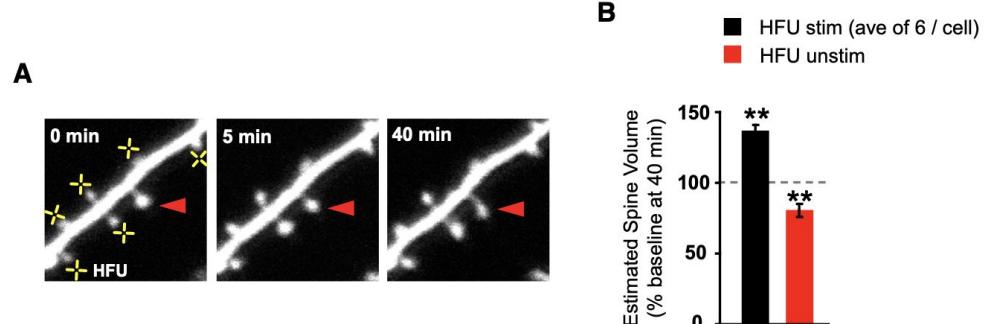
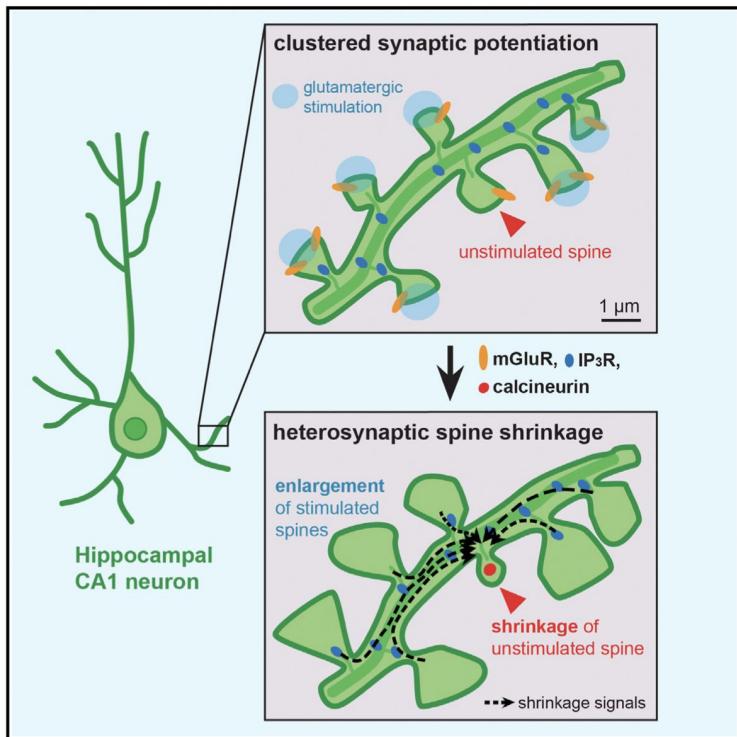
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# Heterosynaptic plasticity

$$\frac{d\mathbf{w}}{dt} = \eta(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x})\mathbf{x} - \eta(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x})^2\mathbf{w}$$



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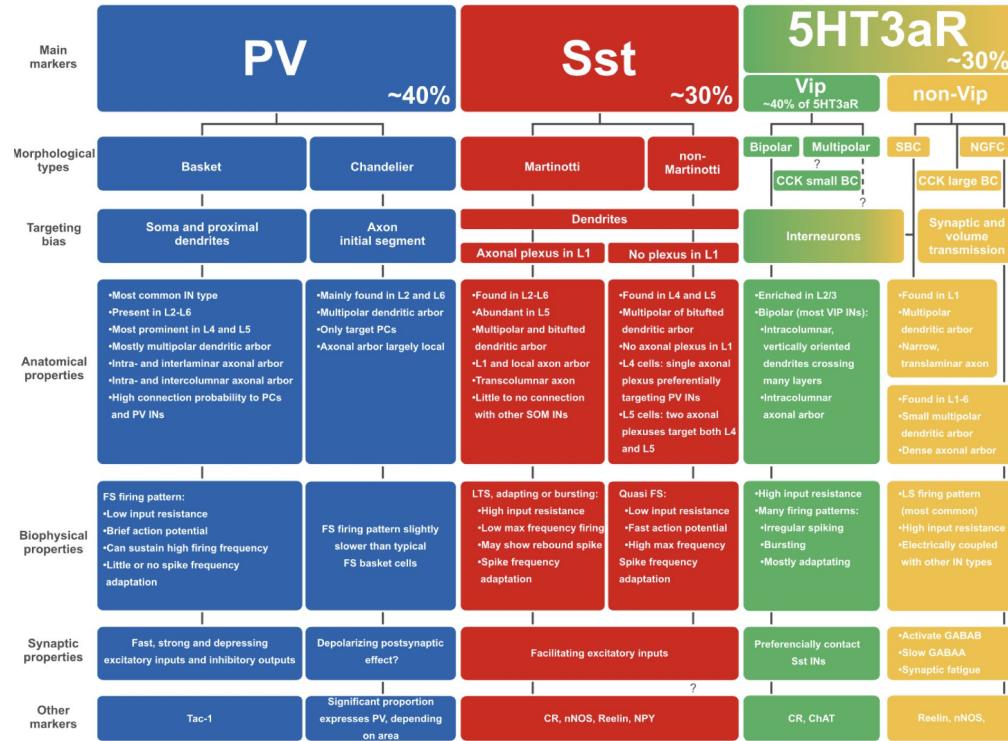
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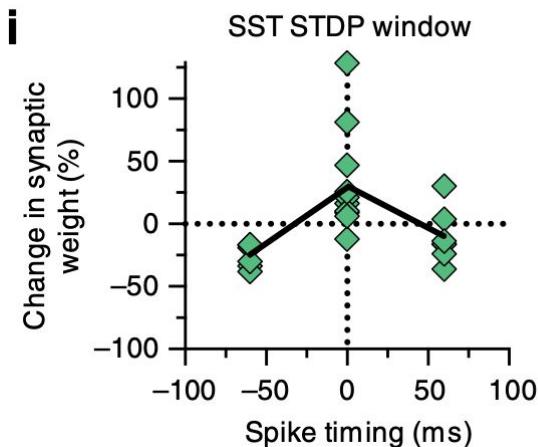
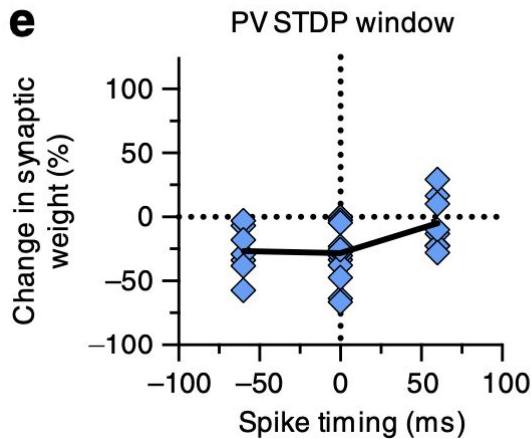
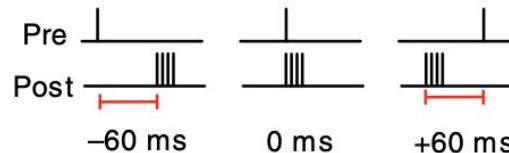
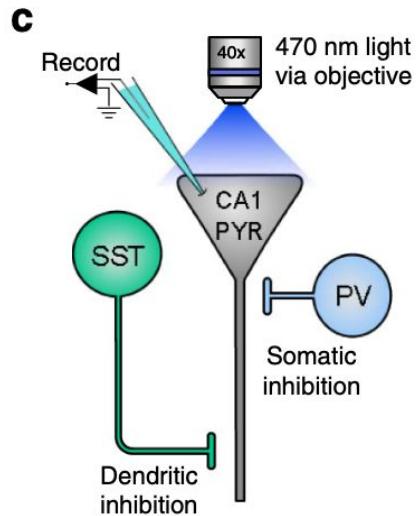


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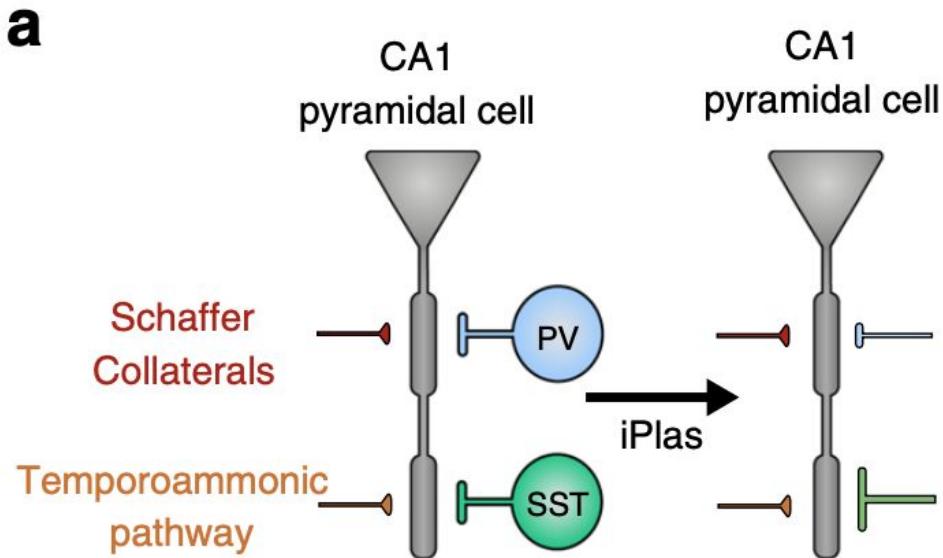
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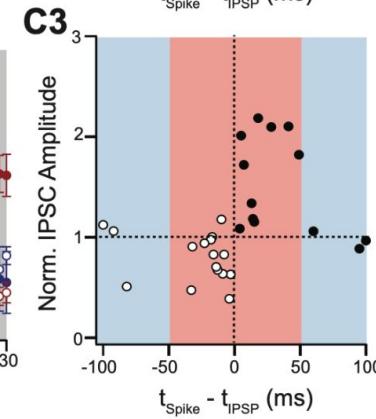
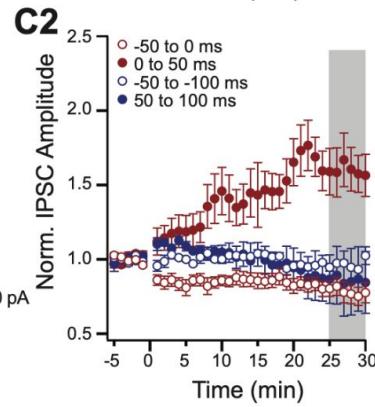
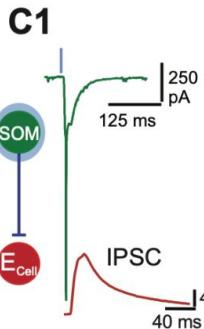
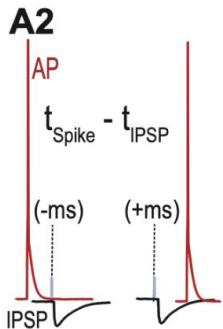
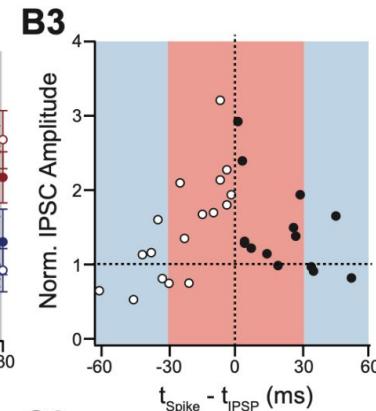
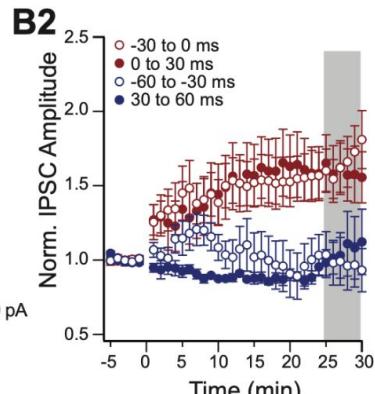
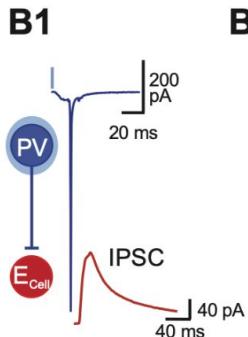
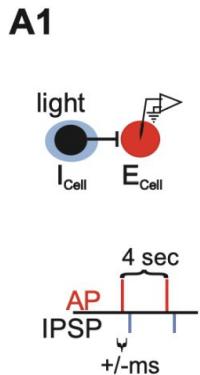
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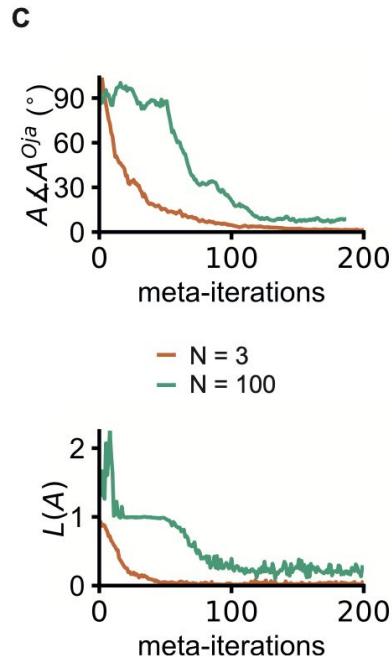
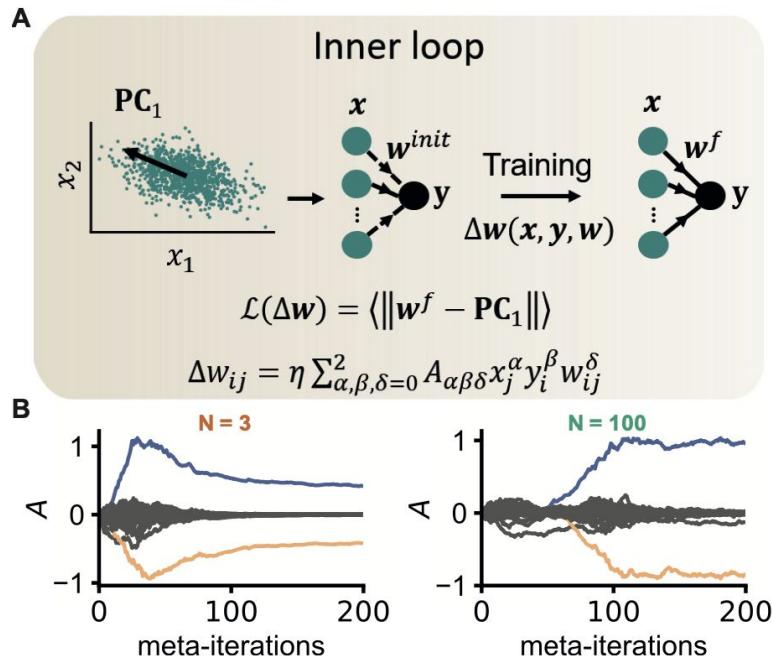
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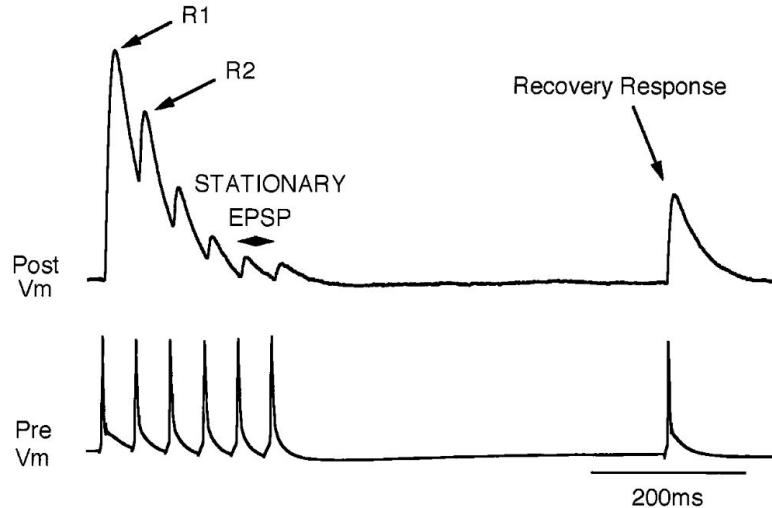
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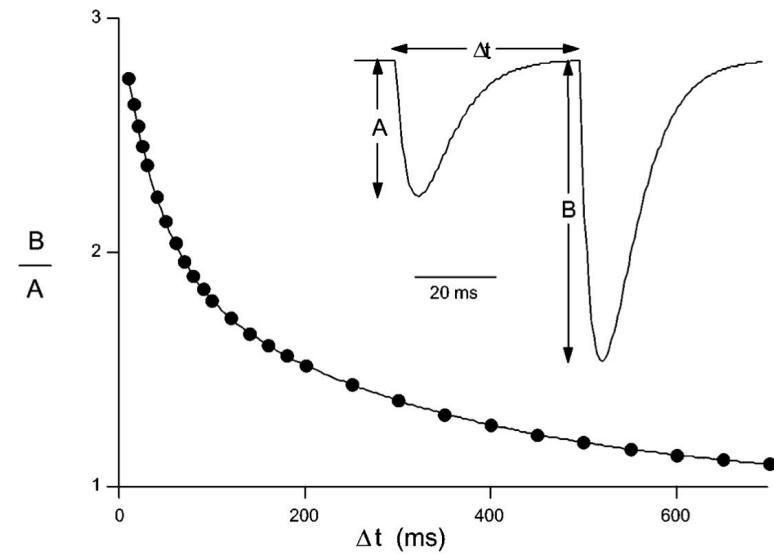
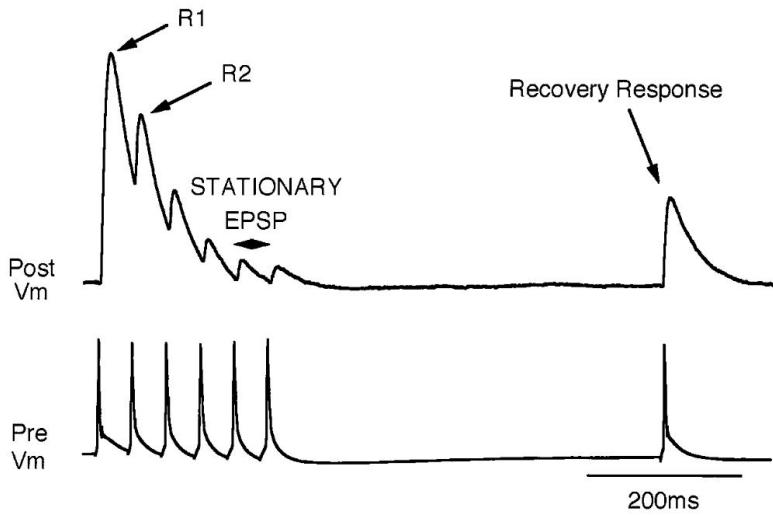
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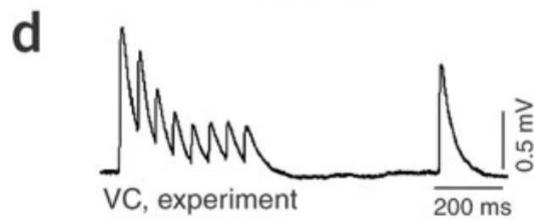
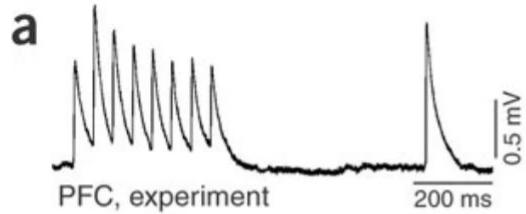
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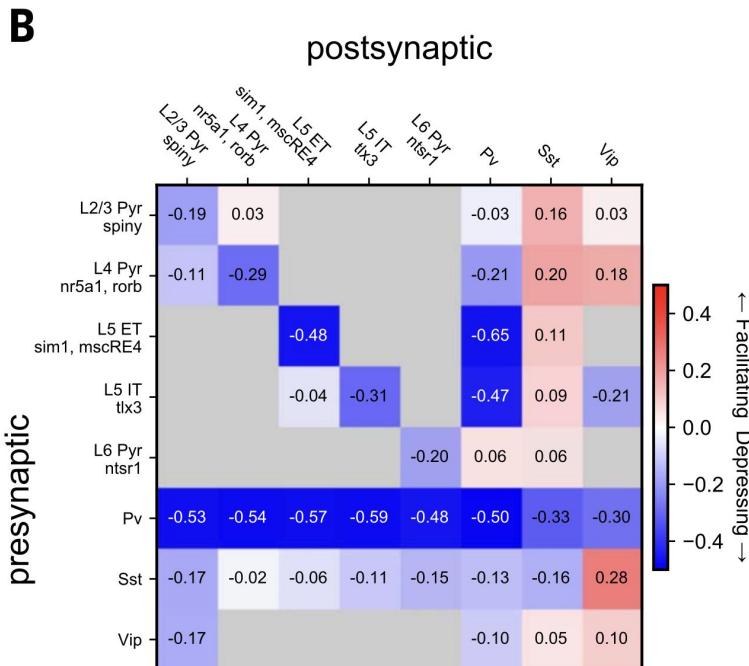
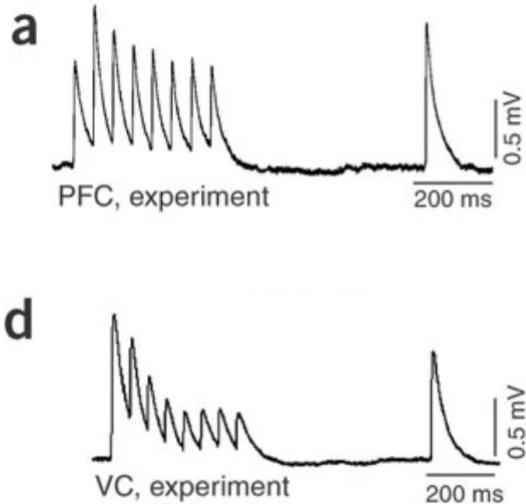
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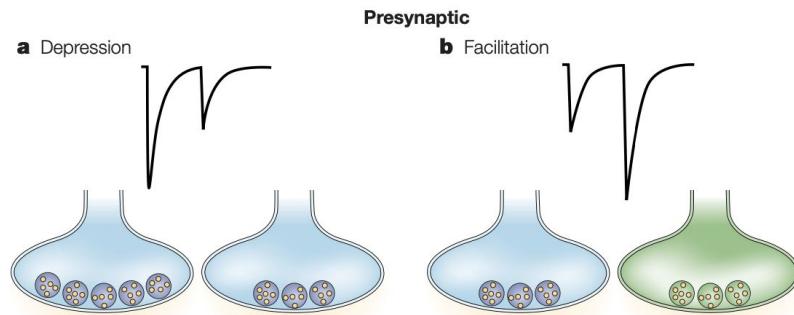
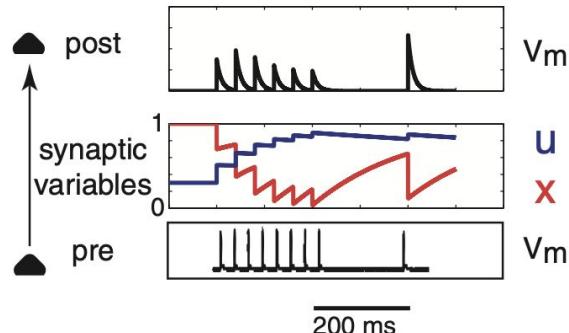
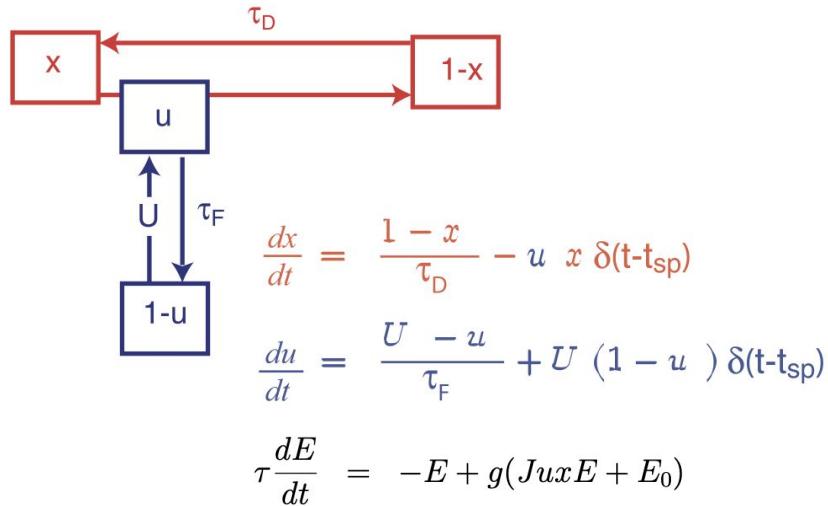
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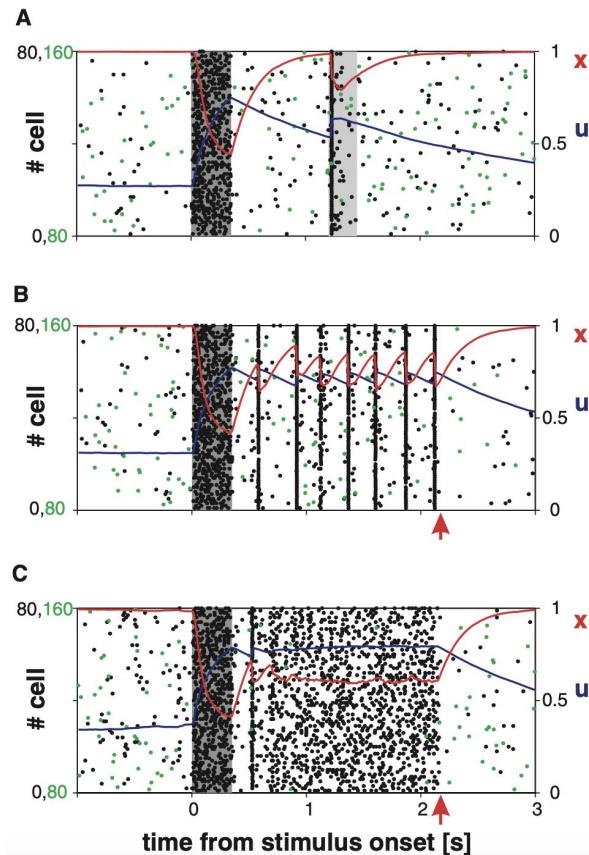


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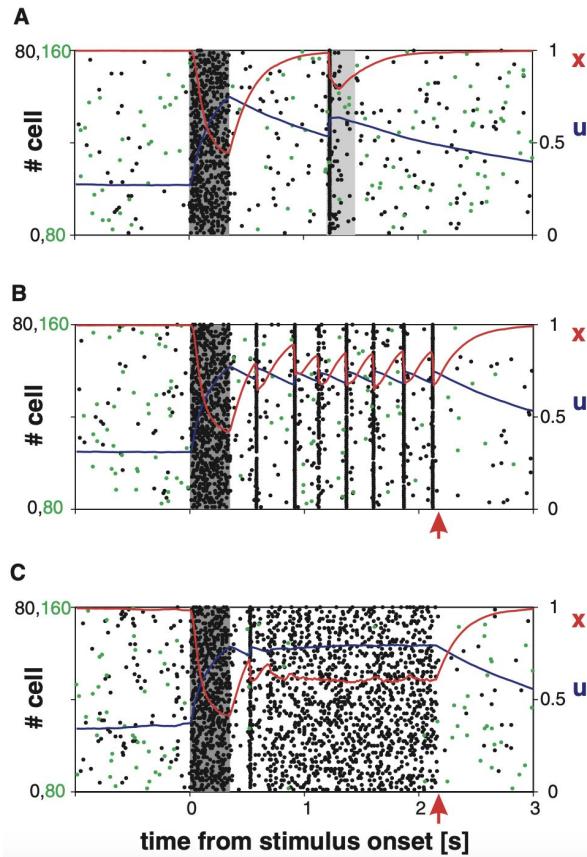
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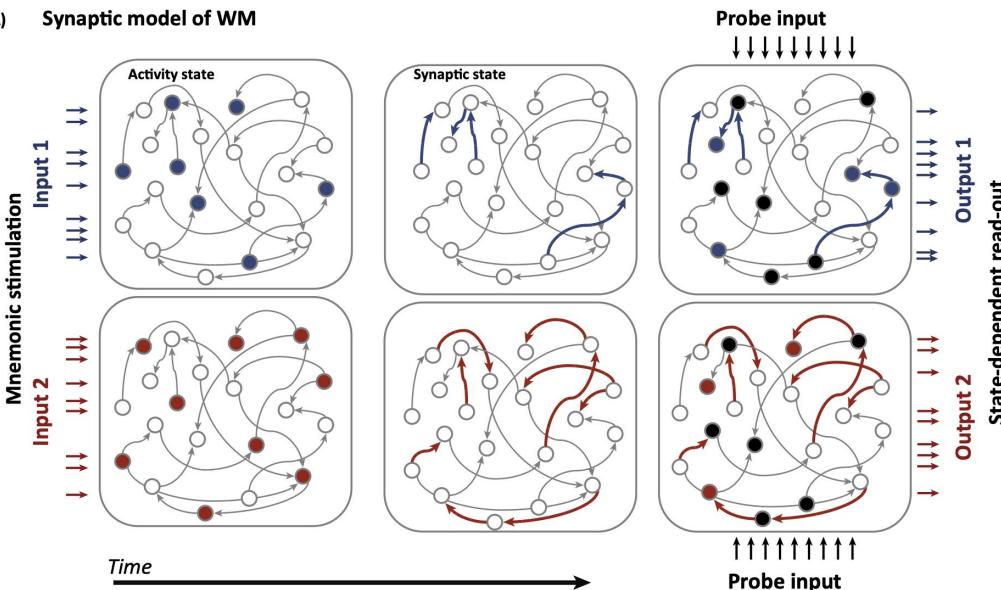


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(A) Synaptic model of WM

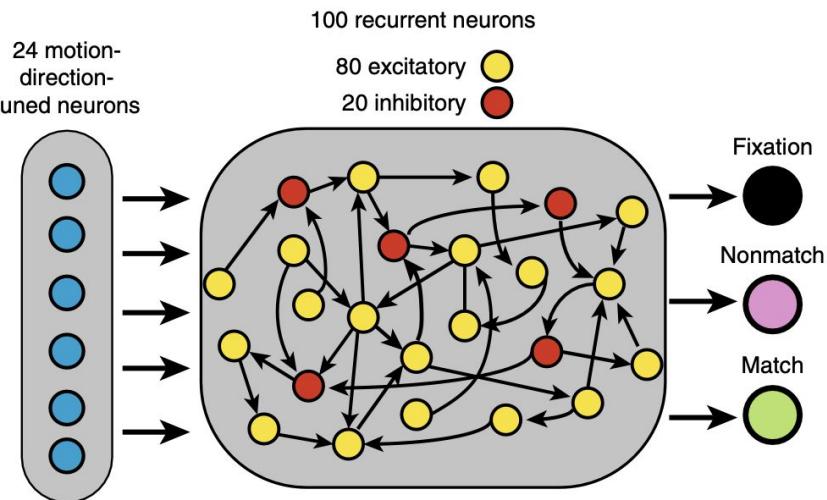


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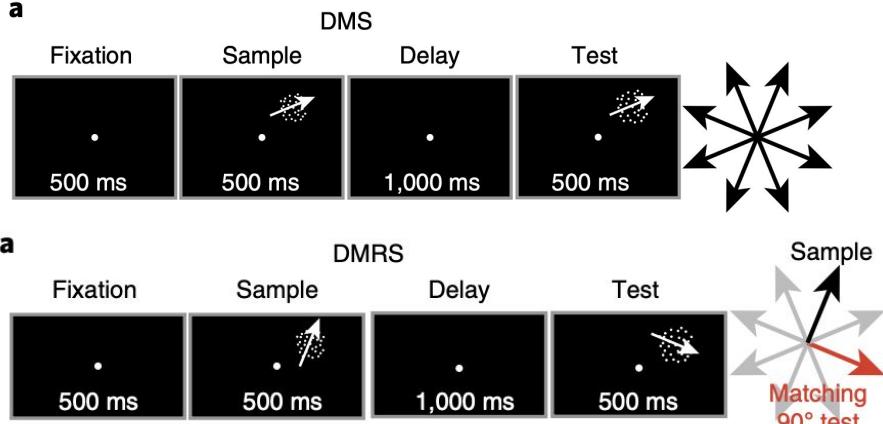
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