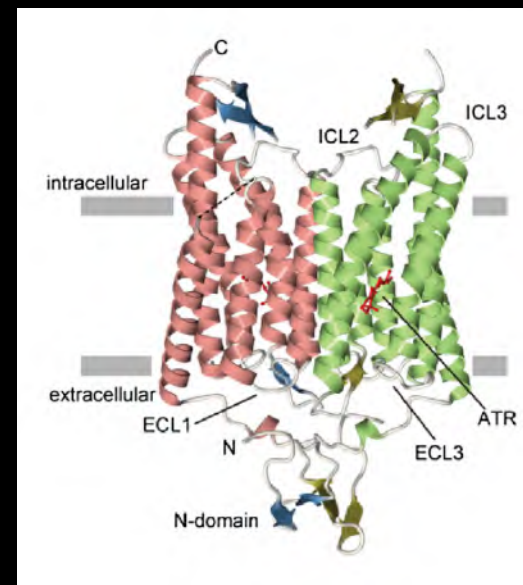


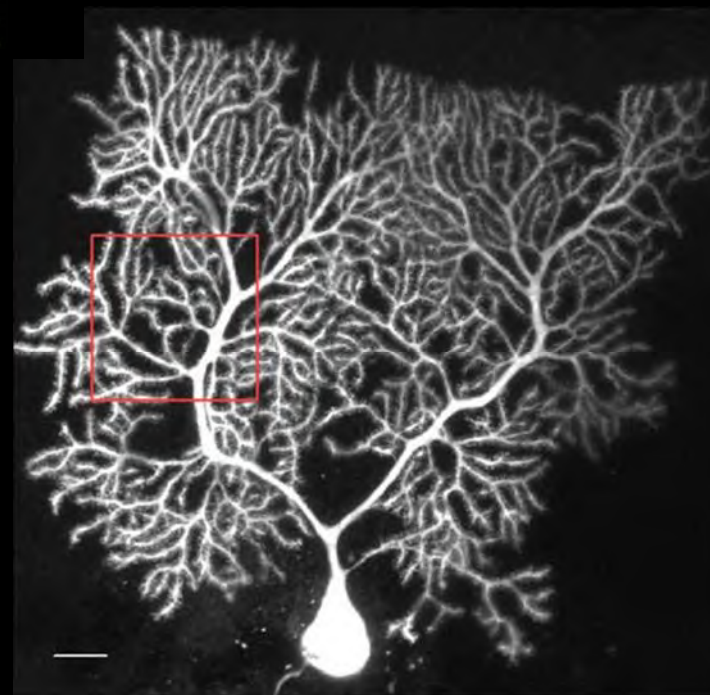
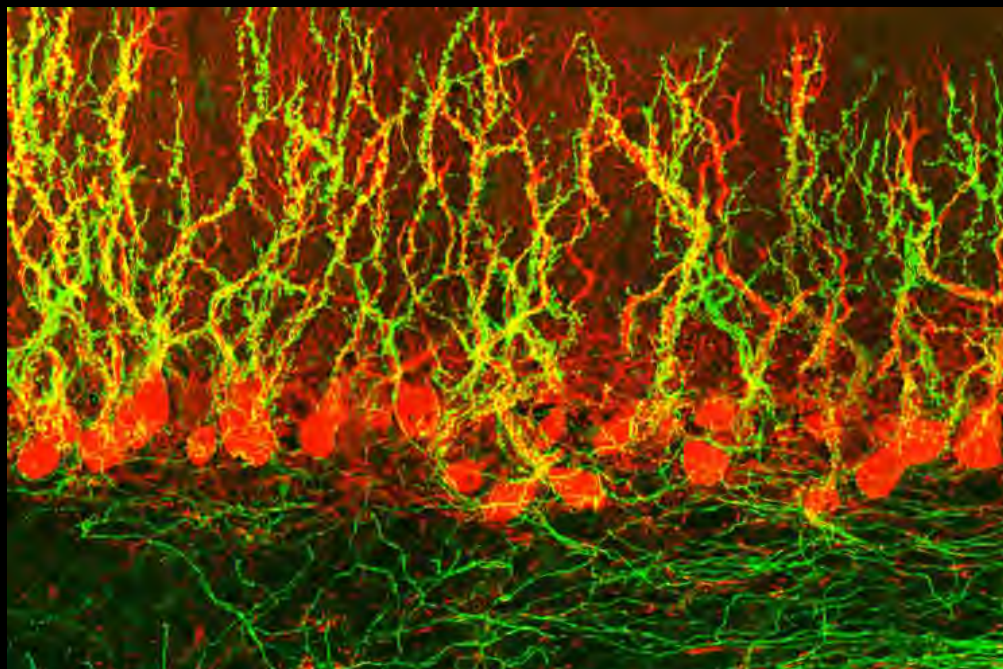
Principles of Neuroimaging, 2/11/15

Optogenetics

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from Deisseroth & Schnitzer, 2013





'their invention and refinement of optogenetics. This revolutionary technique allows genetically specified populations of neurons to be turned on or off with light, offering not only the ability to elucidate the characteristics of normal and abnormal neural circuitry but also new approaches to treatment of brain disorders.'

2013 winners for “optogenetics”, presented May 7, 2013 in Copenhagen
Bamberg, Boyden, Deisseroth, Hagemann, Meisenbock, Nagel

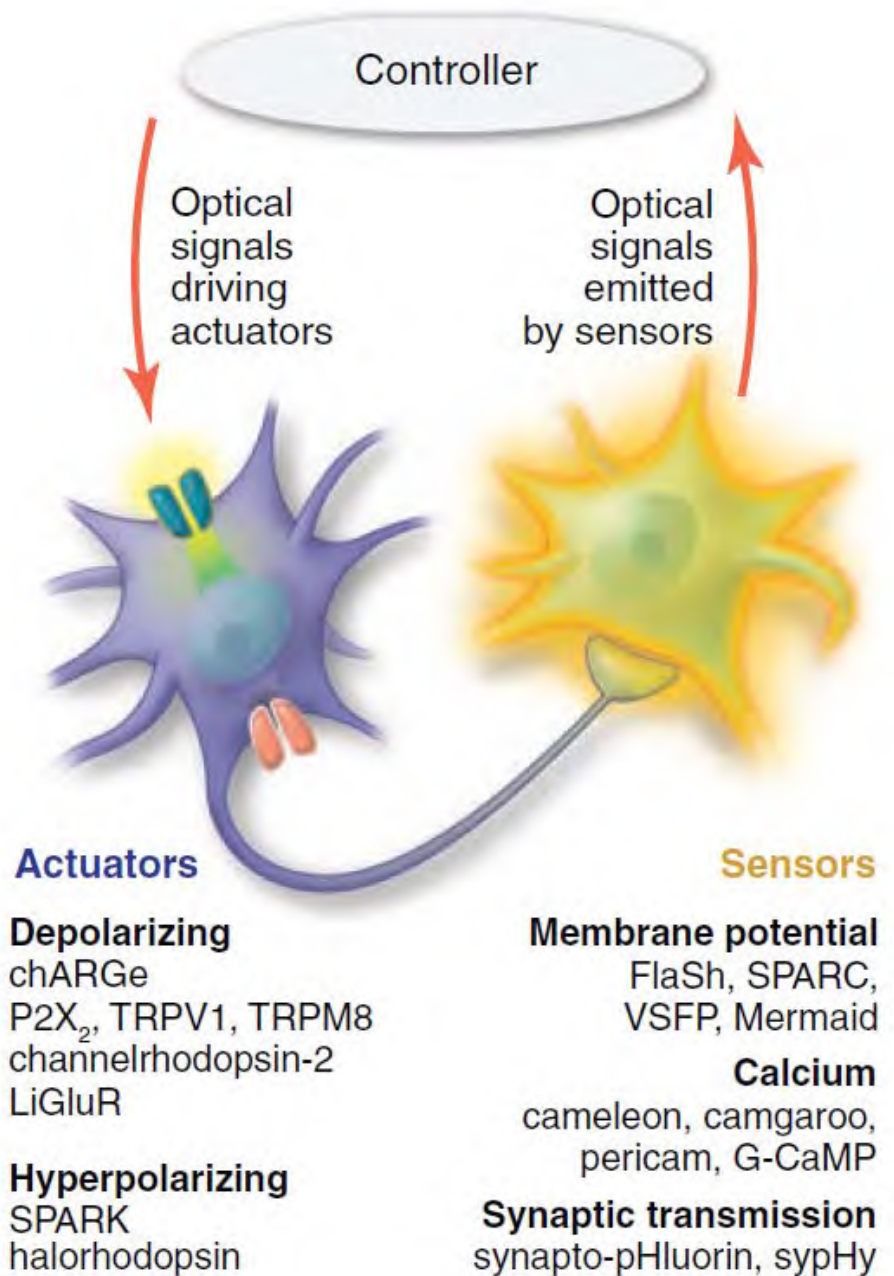


Optogenetic *sensors* and *actuators*

openoptogenetics.org

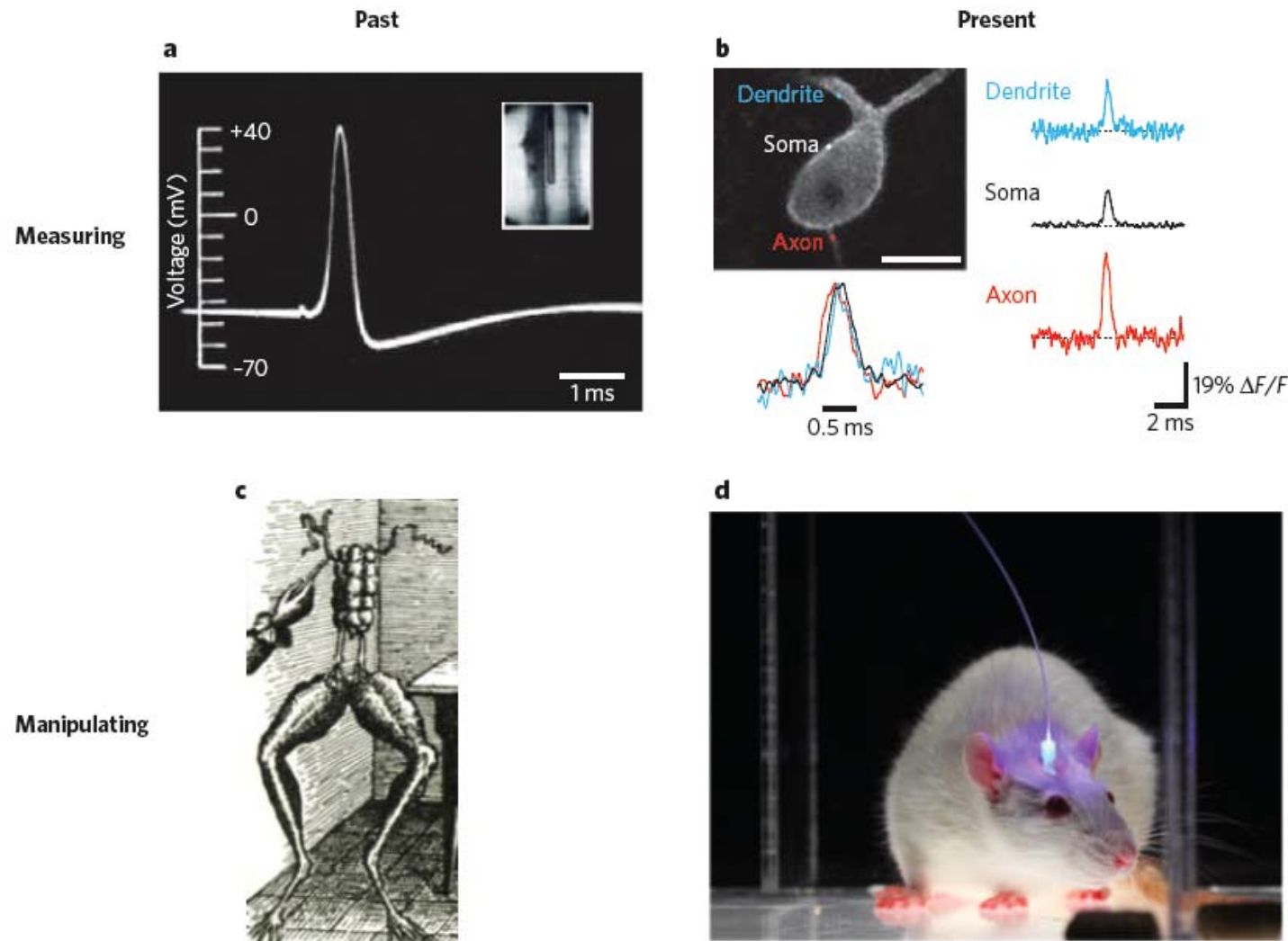
*a terrific, up to date blog on the
topics discussed today*

Miesenböck, 2009



Electrophysiology in the age of light

Massimo Scanziani¹ & Michael Häusser²



Brain circuits are enormously complex

there are many neurons

~100 x 10⁹ neurons in human brain

~80,000 neurons per mm³ of cortex

~10,000 synapses per neuron

neurons are small

~5-25 µm diameter cell bodies

and signaling is fast

~ 1 millisecond nerve impulse

@ frequencies up to ~500 Hz

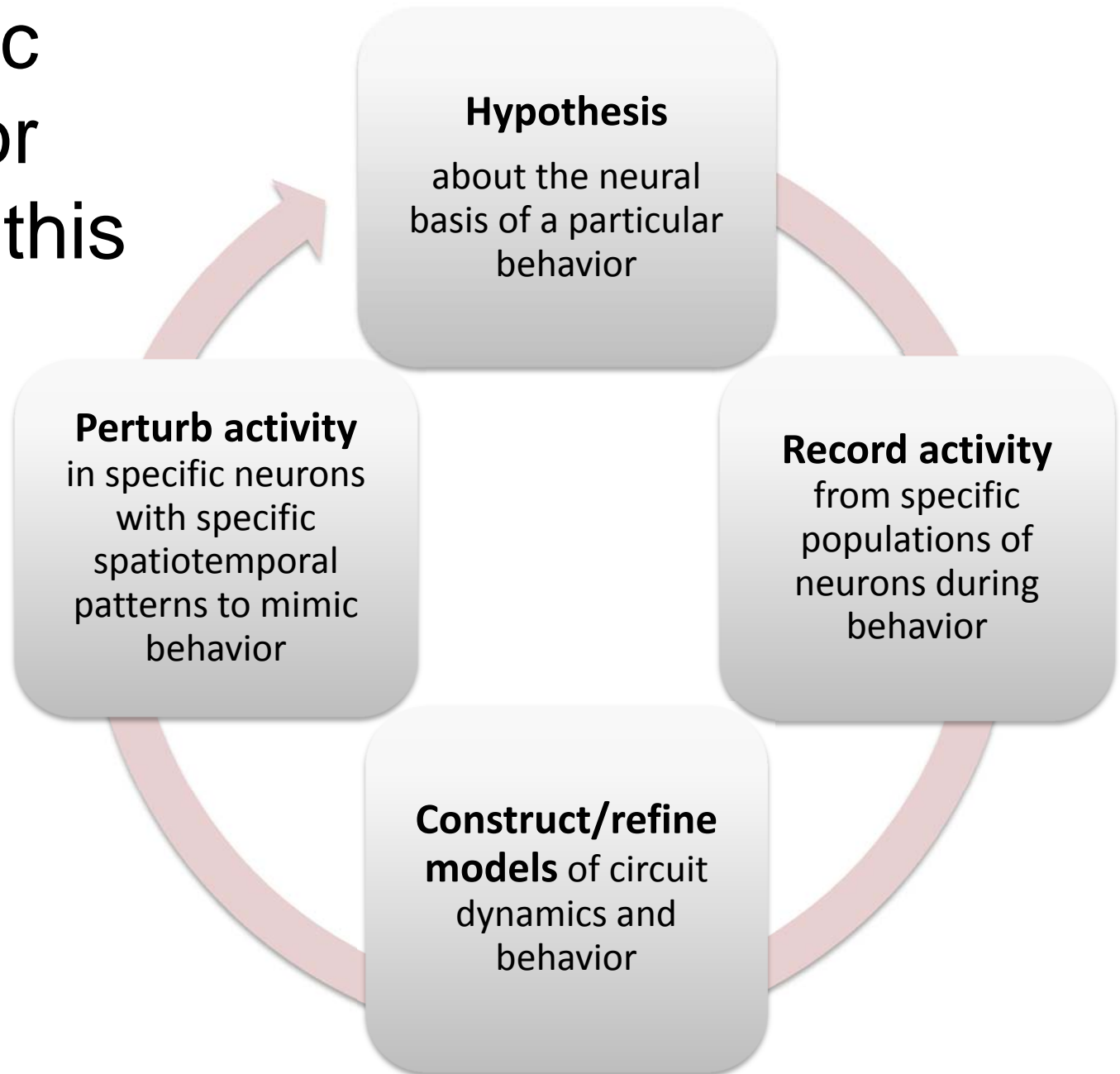


Tucker Nichols, *NY Times*, 6/24/13

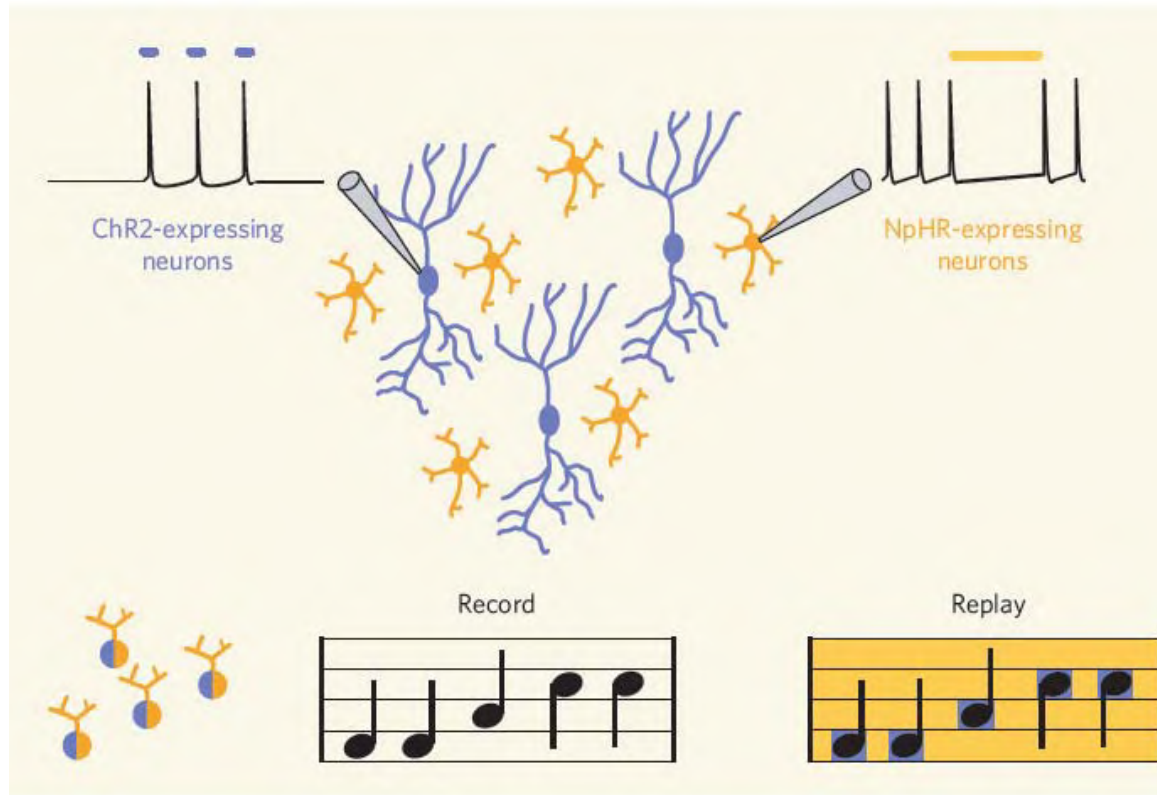
Why use light to probe neuronal function?

- 1) Various optical methods allow for precise control of light.
- 2) Light can be relatively non-invasive.
- 3) Light can be used to visualize neuronal structure. It can also to record, to stimulate, or to suppress neural activity (electrical and biochemical).

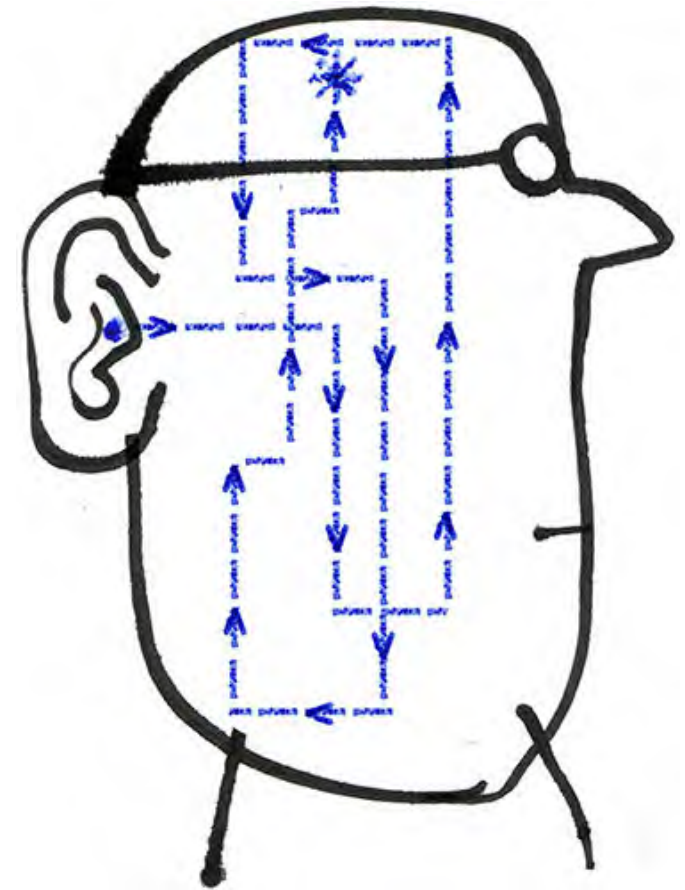
A systematic approach for addressing this problem



Some examples of what optogenetics can do...



Smith & Häusser, *Nature*, 2007



Serge Bloch, *NY Times*, 10/12/09

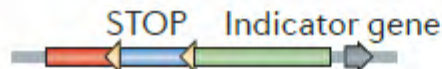
Conditional genetics and lab mice

Breeding strategy

Cre driver mouse



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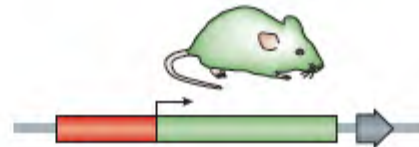
Indicator mouse carrying indicator gene in Cre-dependent configuration

CRE

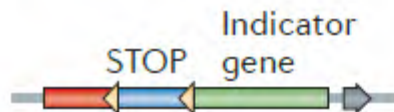
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Indicator gene



Viral strategy



Cre-dependent virus



Pressure injection



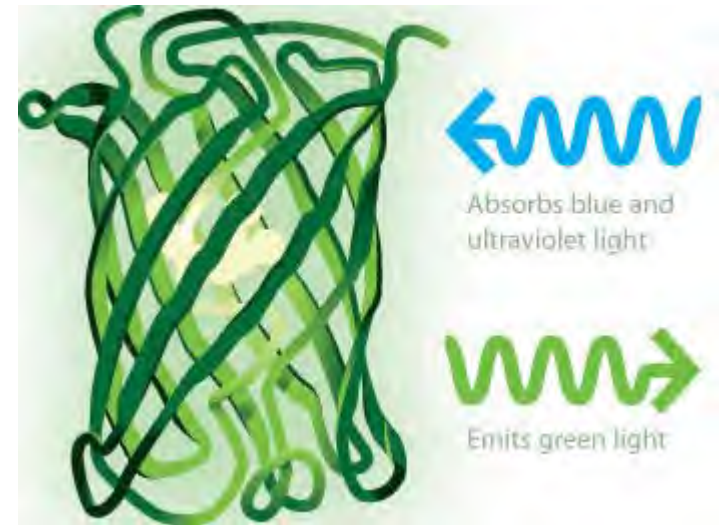
Cre driver mouse



from Knopfel,
Nat. Rev. Neurosci.
2012

A revolution in biotechnology caused by a protein from a jellyfish

Green fluorescent protein



2008 Nobel prize in Chemistry: Shimomura, Chalfie, & Tsien



Fundamentals of fluorescence

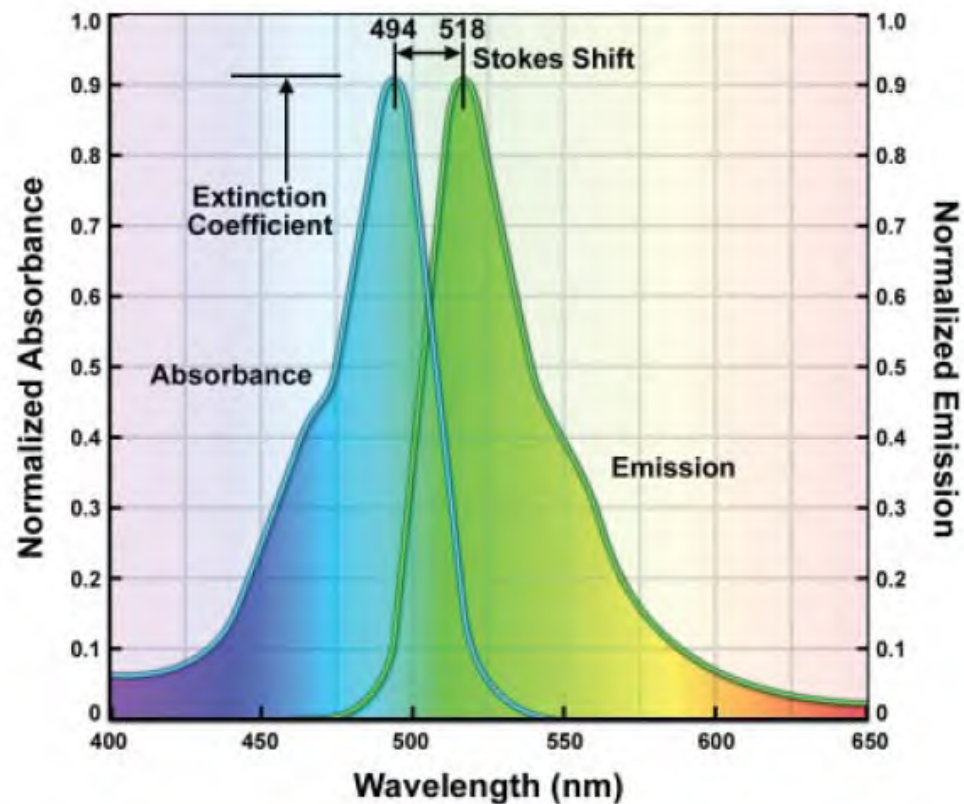


Figure 11.3

Normalized absorption and fluorescence emission spectra of fluorescein conjugated to IgG. Both spectra span a wide range of wavelengths. Fluorescein has an absorption/excitation peak at 494 nm and looks yellow-green to the eye, but actually fluoresces at wavelengths ranging from blue to red with a peak at 518 nm. The difference in nanometers between the excitation and emission maxima is called the Stokes shift. The molar extinction coefficient is measured at the peak of the absorbance spectrum as indicated in the figure.

Multicolored fluorescent proteins

TABLE 11.2 Physical Properties of Useful Fluorescent Proteins

Protein ^a	Color ^b	Excitation (nm)	Emission (nm)	Brightness ^c	Photostability ^d	Filter Set ^e
EBFP2	Blue	383	448	18	++	DAPI
mCerulean	Cyan	433	475	17	++	CFP
mTurquoise	Cyan	433	474	25	+++	CFP
mTFP1	Teal	462	492	54	+++	CFP
mEGFP	Green	488	507	34	++++	FITC/GFP
mEmerald	Green	487	509	39	++++	FITC/GFP
mVenus	Yellow	515	528	53	++	FITC/YFP
mCitrine	Yellow	516	529	59	++	FITC/YFP
mKO2	Orange	551	565	40	+++	TRITC
tdTomato	Orange	554	581	95	+++	TRITC
TagRFP	Orange	555	584	48	++	TRITC
mApple	Orange	568	592	37	+++	TRITC
mCherry	Red	587	610	17	+++	TxRed
mKate2	Far-Red	588	633	25	++	TxRed
mPlum	Far-Red	590	649	3.2	+++	TxRed
mNeptune	Far-Red	600	650	13	++++	Cy5

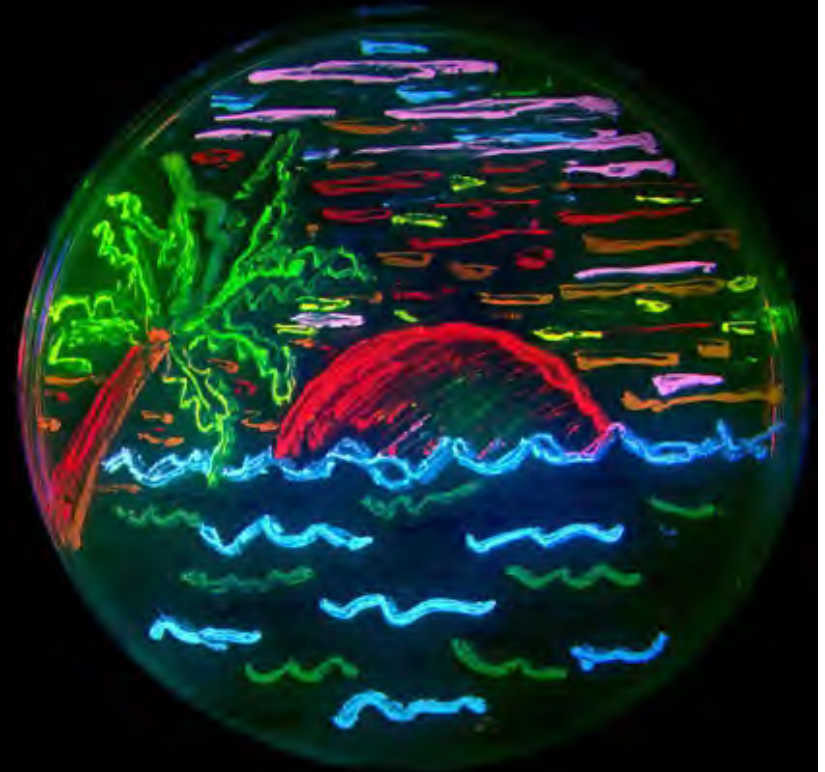
^a Common literature abbreviation.

^b Spectral class.

^c Product of the molar extinction coefficient and the quantum yield ($\text{mM} \times \text{cm}$)⁻³.

^d Relative to mEGFP (++++).

^e Recommended filter set.



From Murphy and Davidson, Ch 11

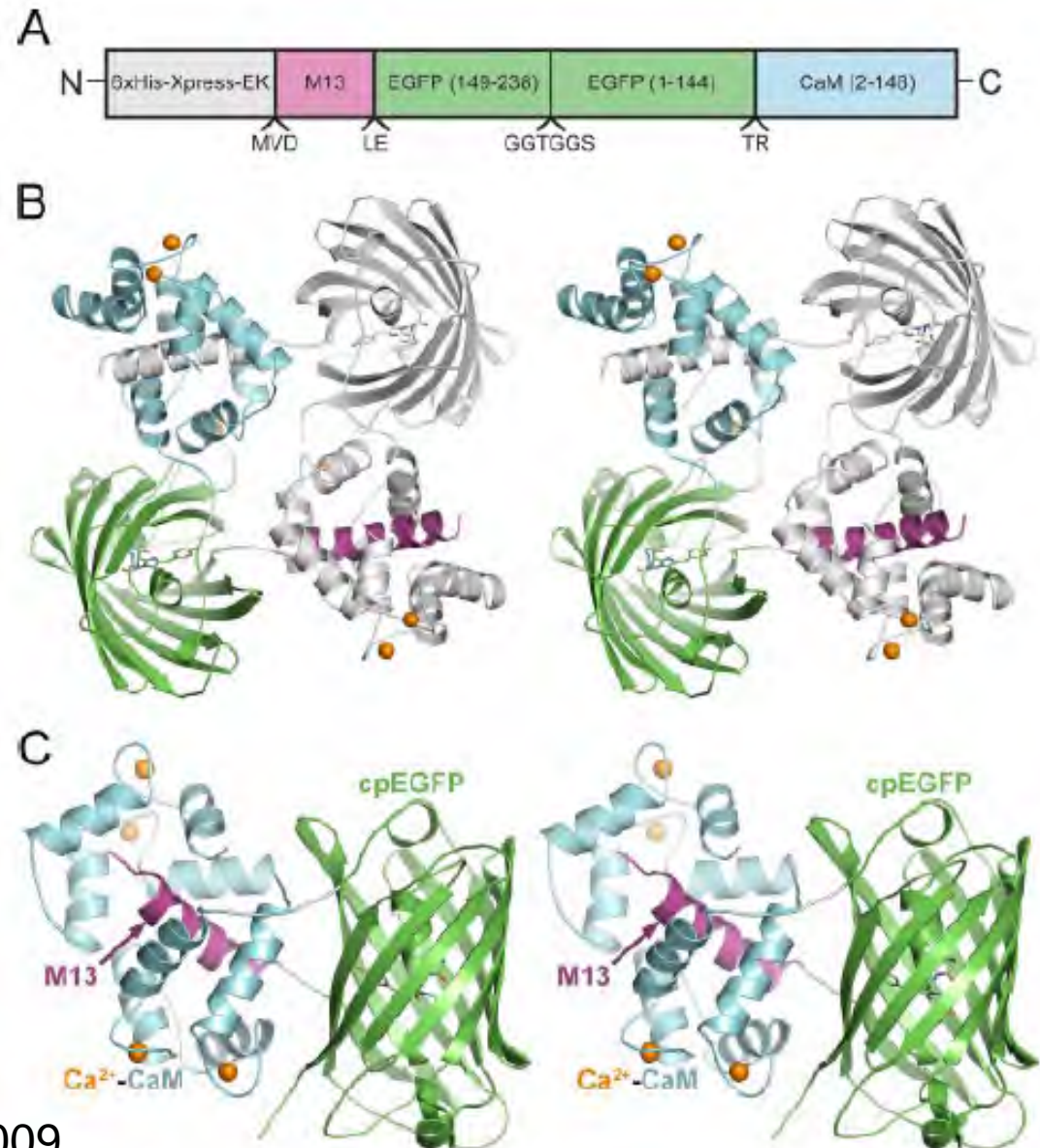
The GCaMP family of calcium sensors

GCaMP1 described in 2001:
Nakai et al., *Nat. Biotech.* 19:137

GCaMP6:
Chen et al., 2013
Nature, 499:295

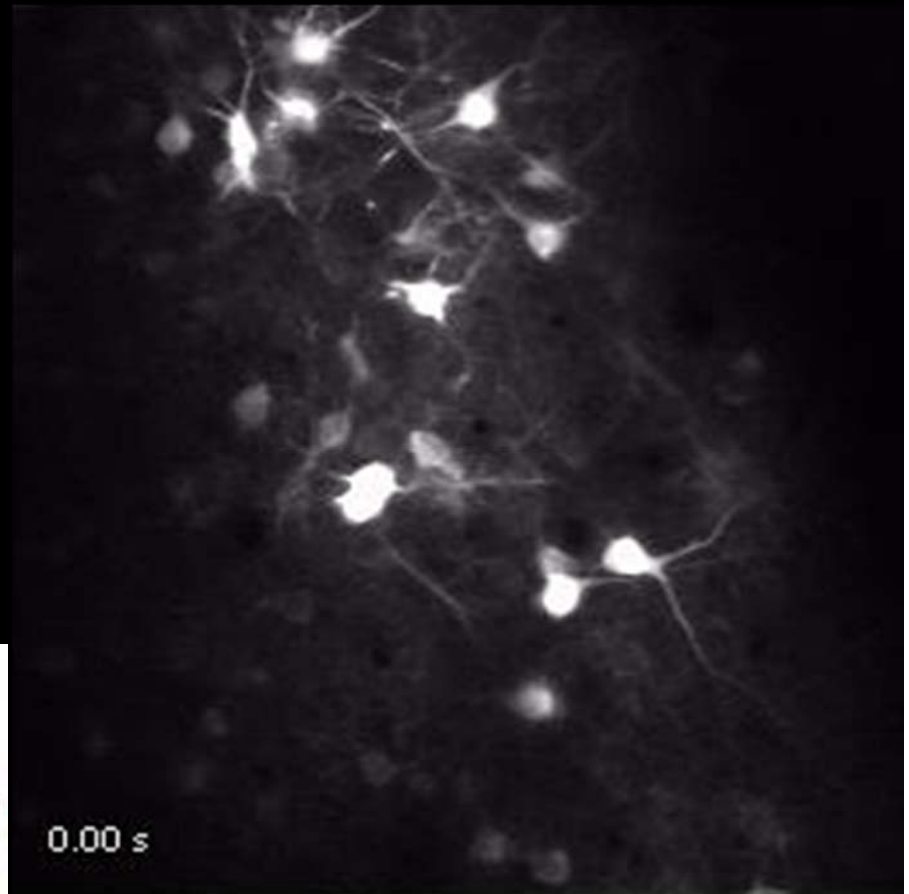
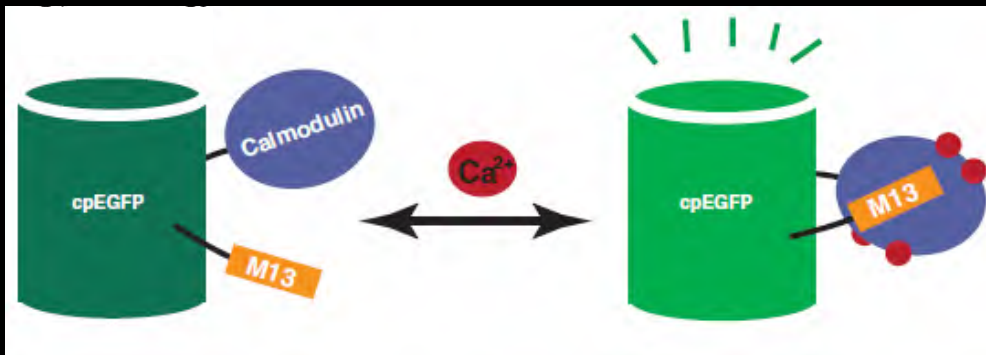
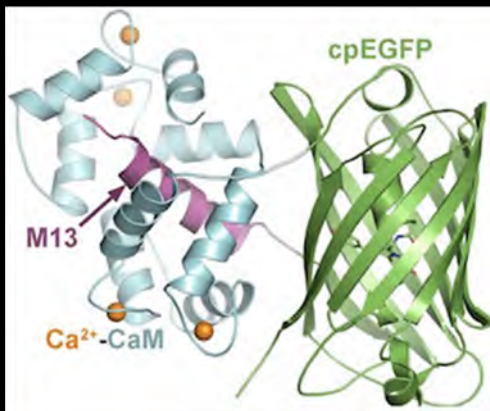
See also **B-GECO** and
R-GECO

crystal structure of GCaMP2:
Akerboom et al., *JBC* 284:6455, 2009



Prefrontal cortical activity recorded in a living, behaving mouse

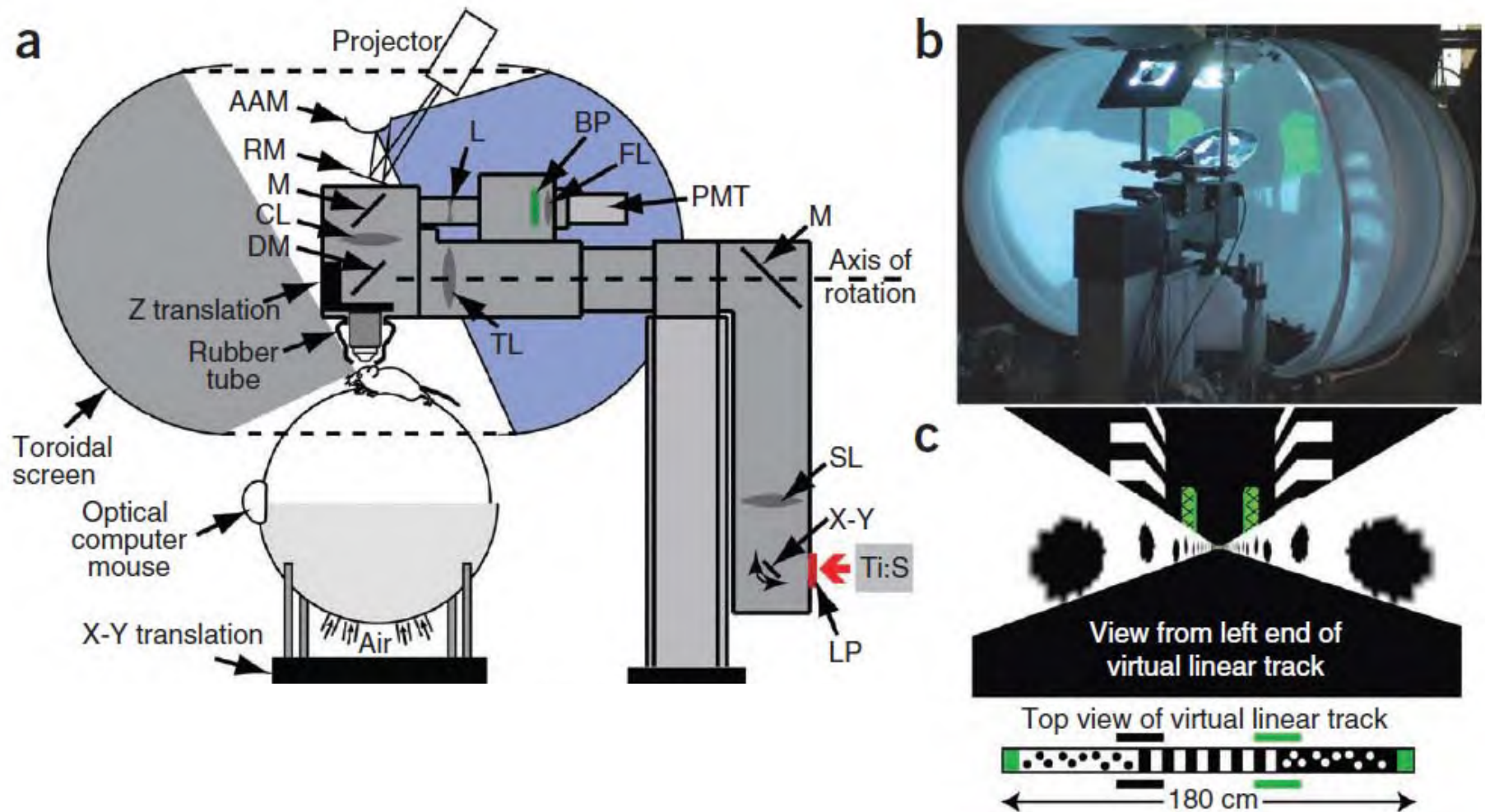
GCAMP6



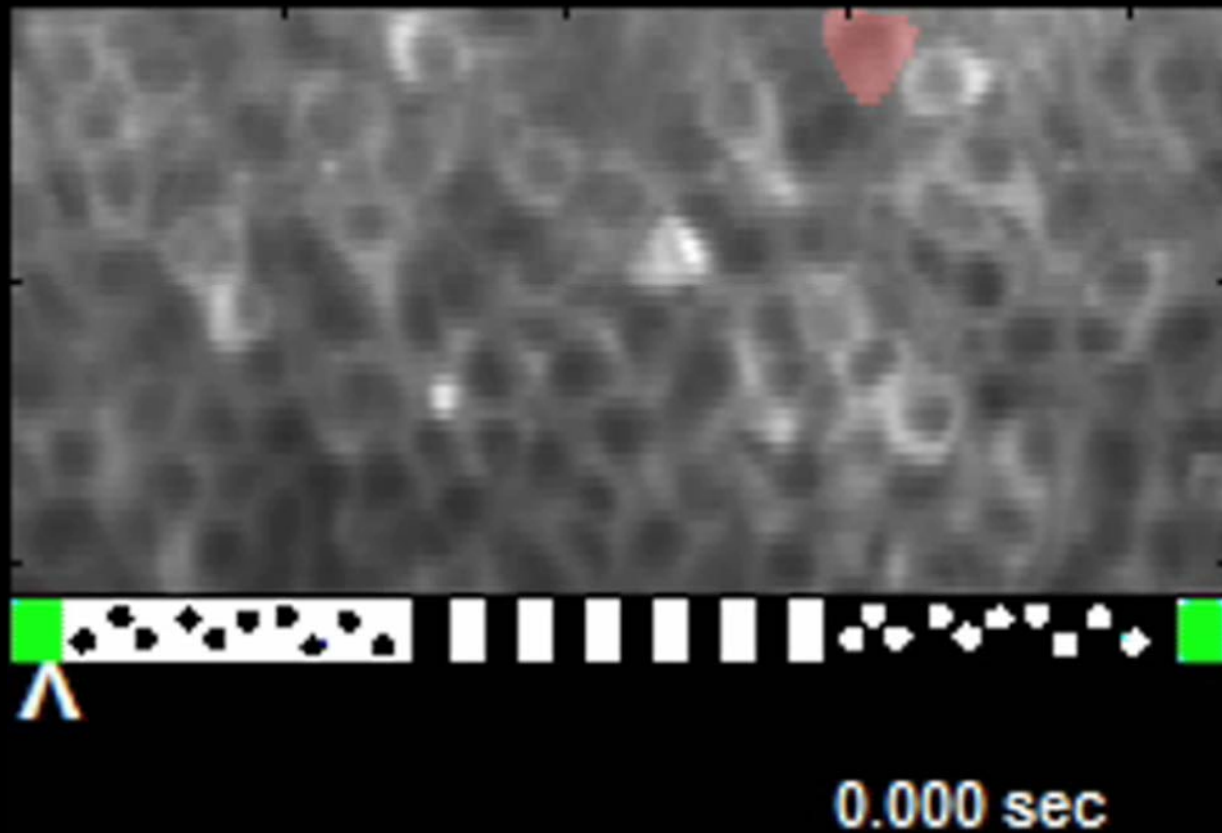
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A virtual reality environment

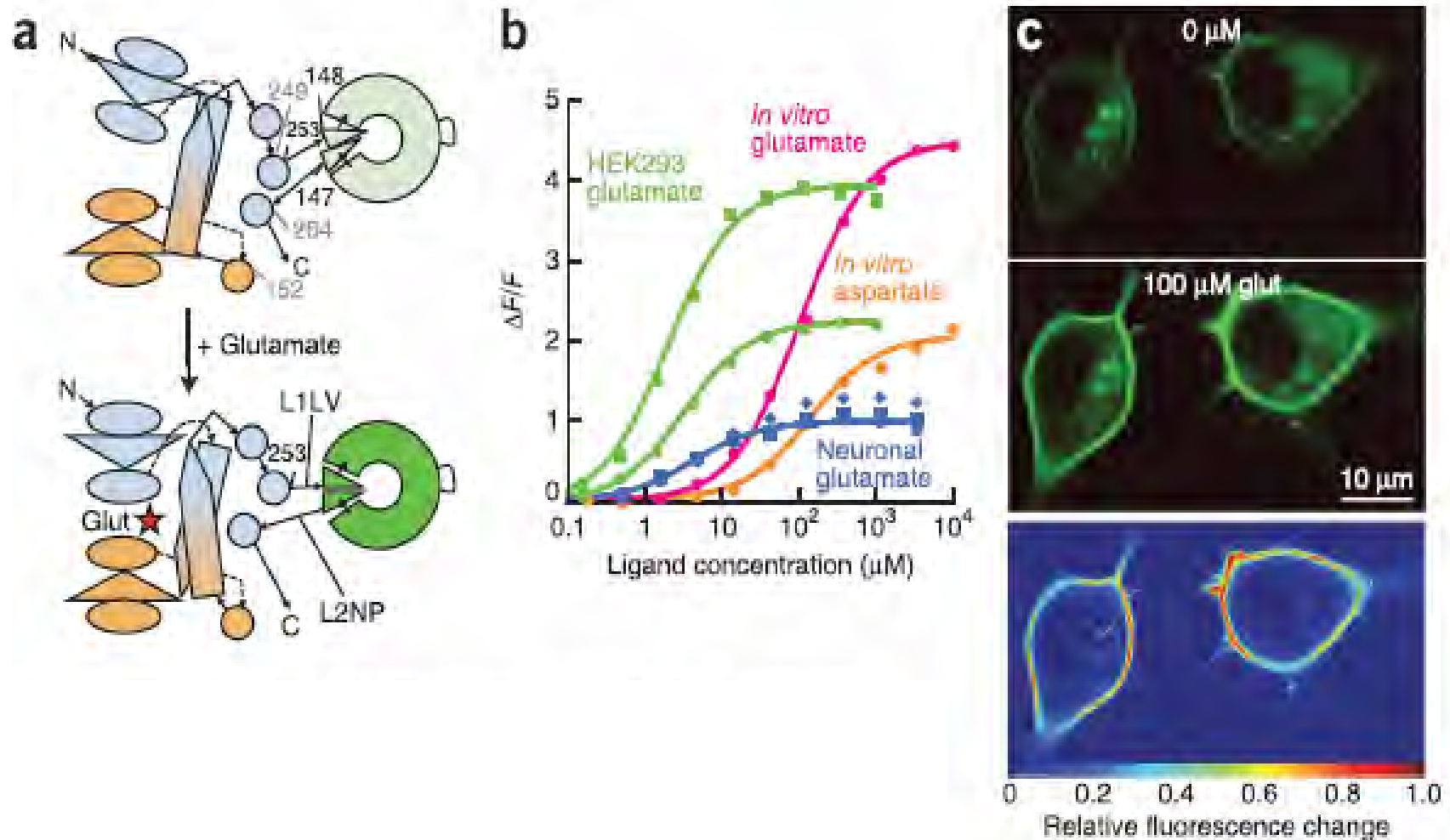


Imaging while the mouse navigates a virtual reality maze

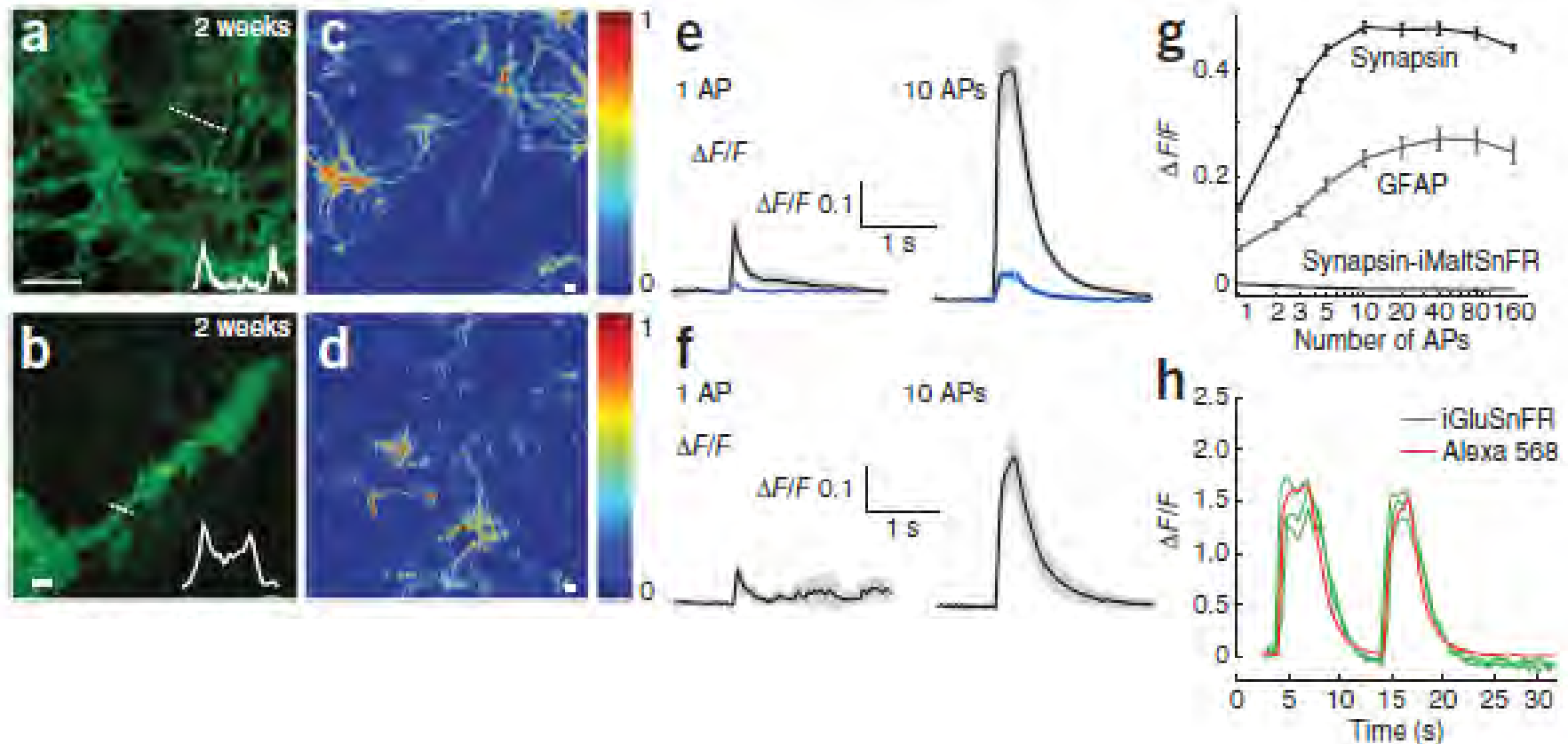


Dombeck et al., *Nature Neuroscience* 13:1433

iGluSnFR, a genetically encoded glutamate sensor



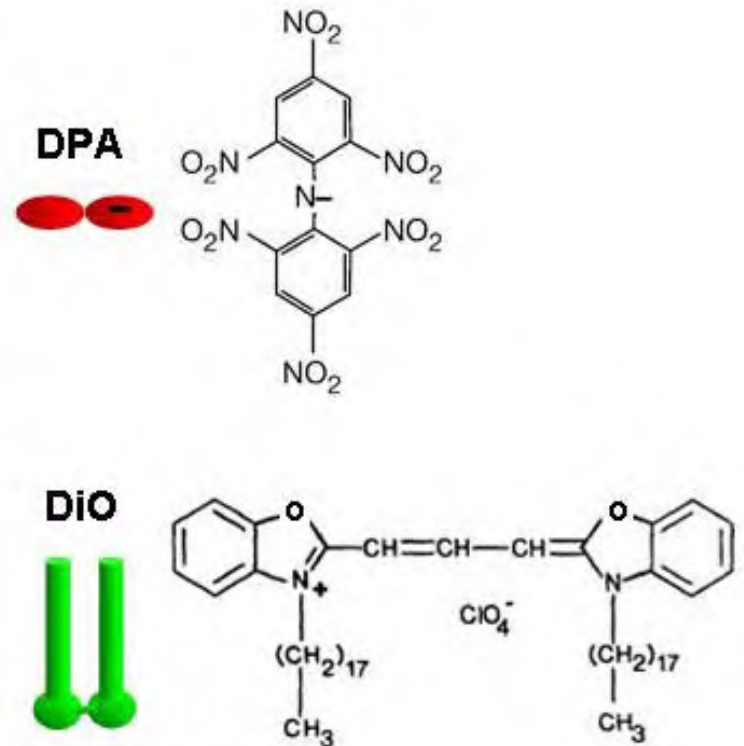
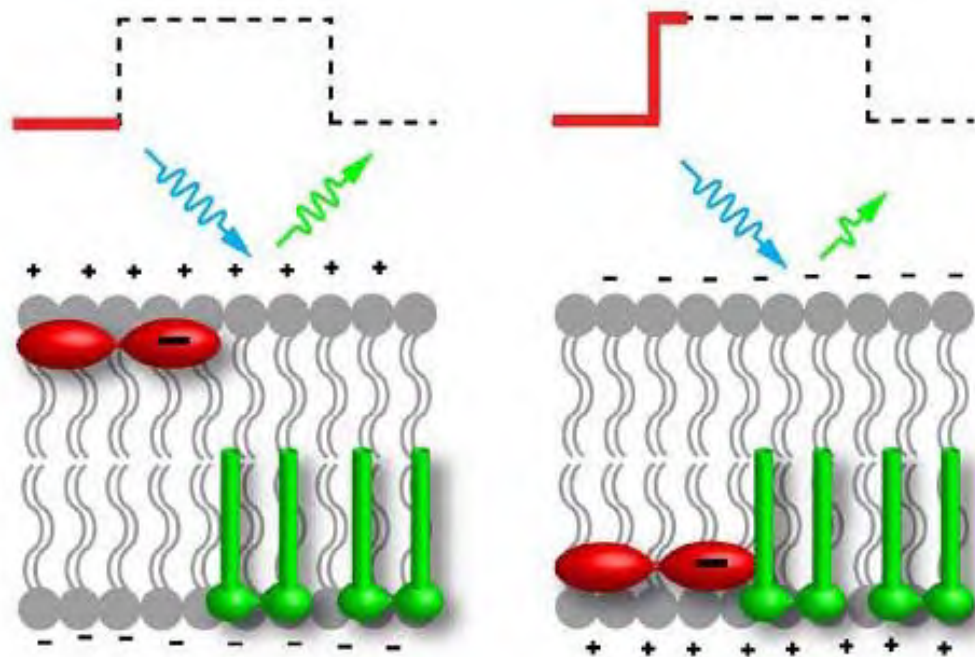
Signals from cultured neurons and astrocytes in response to neural activity



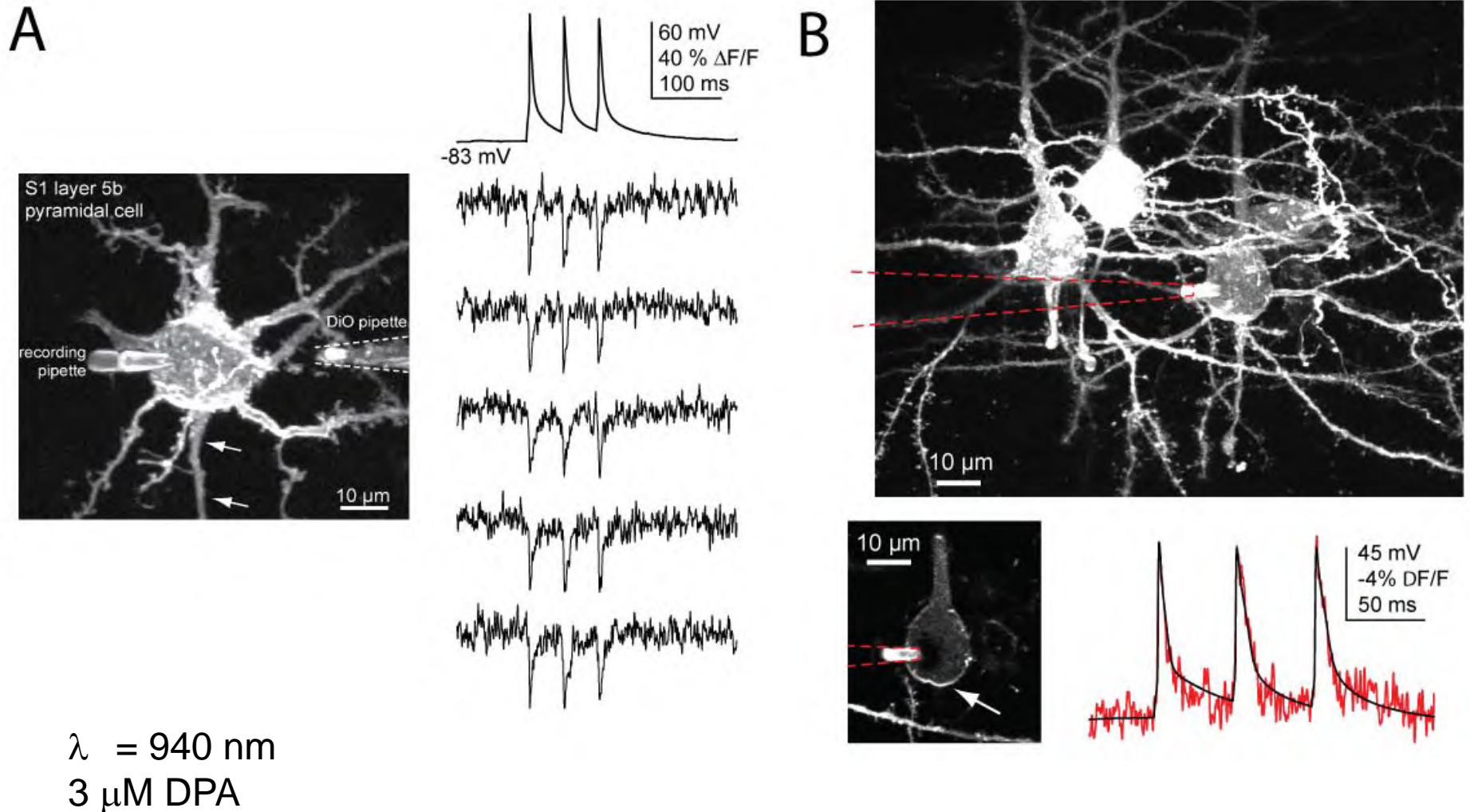
Marvin et al., 2013, *Nature Methods* 10: 162

Optical sensors of voltage

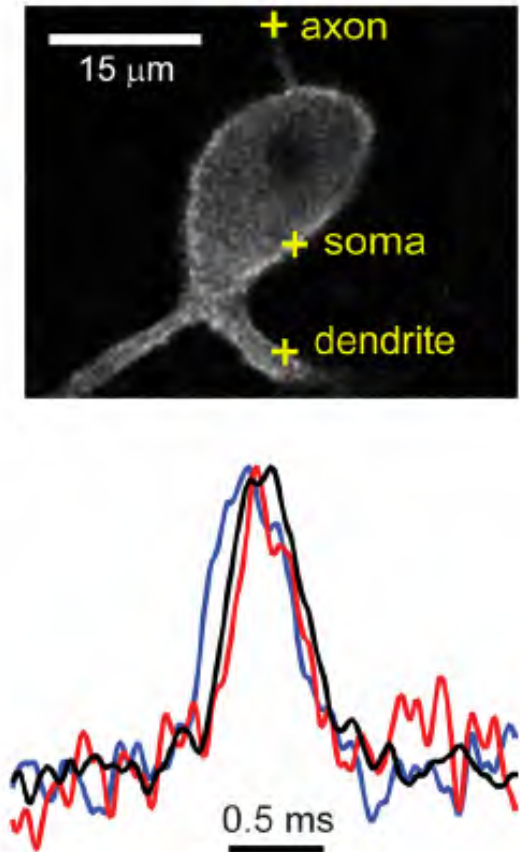
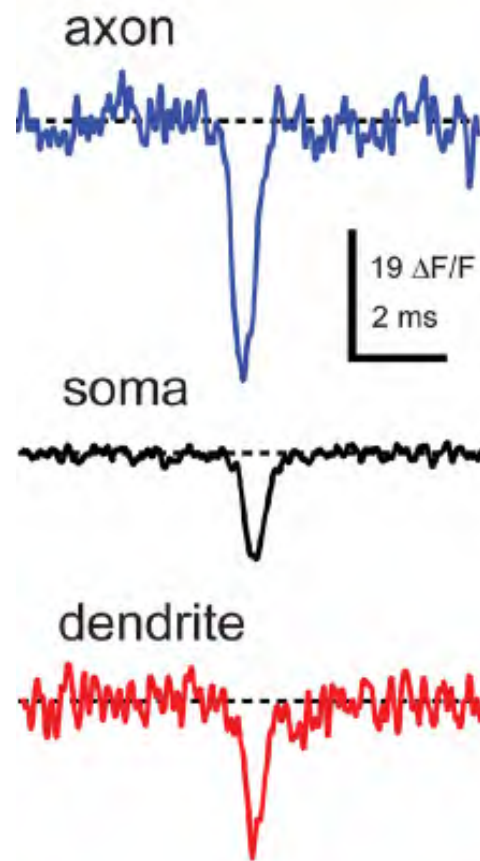
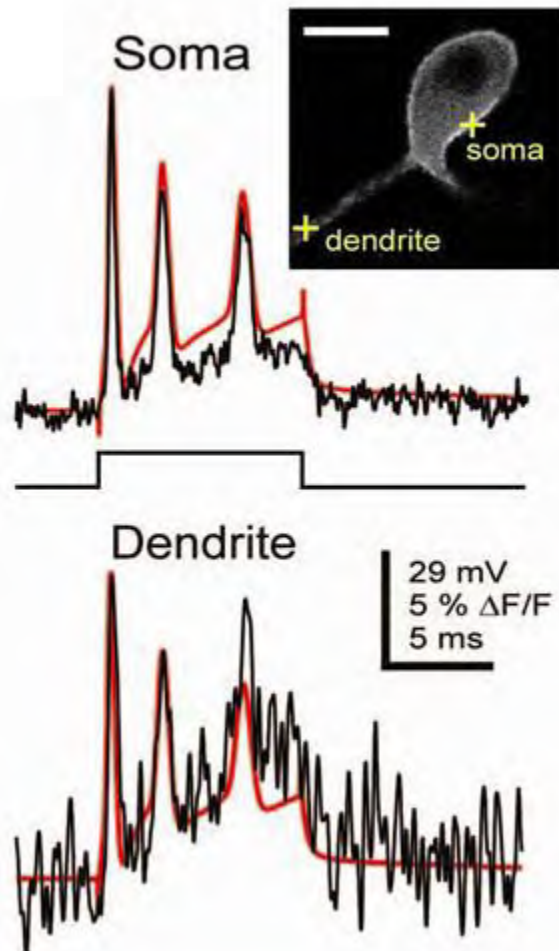
A non-genetic voltage sensor that relies on FRET-based quenching



Two photon compatibility, high SNR



Laser spot photometry from different regions of the same neuron



A comparison of genetic and non-genetic optical voltage sensors

Molecule	Approx $\Delta F/F$ per 100 mV	Approx response time	Comments
VSFP 2.3 ¹	9.5%	78 ms	Ratiometric ($\Delta R/R$)
VSFP 2.4 ¹	8.9%	72 ms	Ratiometric ($\Delta R/R$)
VSFP 3.1 ²	3%	1-20 ms	Protein
Mermaid ³	9.2%	76	Ratiometric ($\Delta R/R$)
SPARC ⁴	0.5%	0.8 ms	Protein
FlaSh ⁵	5.1%	2.8 – 85 ms	Protein
Flare ⁶	0.5%	10 – 100 ms	Protein
PROPS ⁷	150%	5 ms	Protein
di-4-ANEPPS ⁸	8%	< 1 ms	Dye
di-8-ANEPPS ⁹	10%	< 1 ms	Dye
RH237 ¹⁰	11%	< 1 ms	Dye
RH421 ¹¹	21%	< 1 ms	Dye
ANNINE-6plus ¹²	30%	< 1 ms	Dye
hVOS ¹³	34%	< 1 ms	hybrid
DiO/DPA ¹⁴	56%	< 1 ms	hybrid

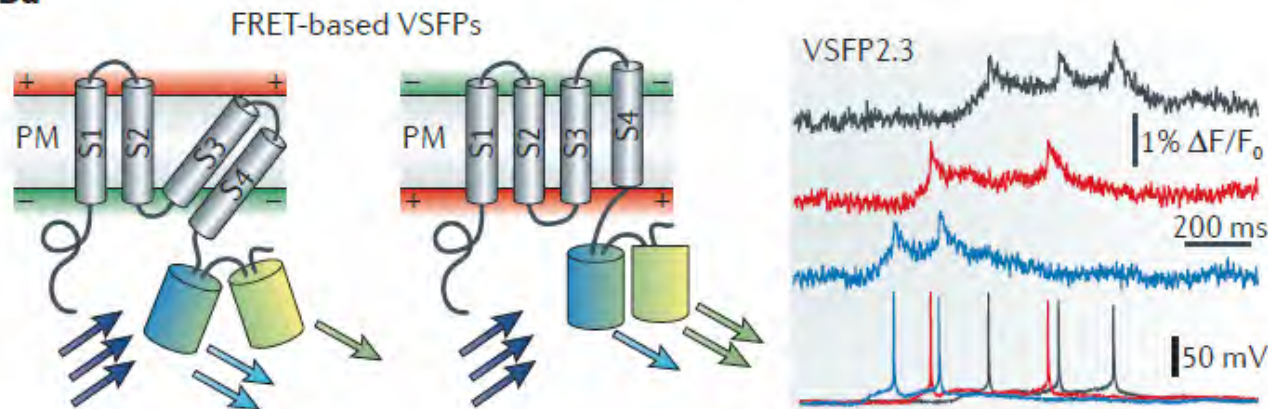
Supplementary Table 1 Approximate characteristics of fluorescent voltage indicating proteins. In some cases numbers were estimated from published plots. The table contains representative members of all families of fluorescent indicators but omits many.

from Supplementary Material Kralj et al., *Nat. Methods*, 2011

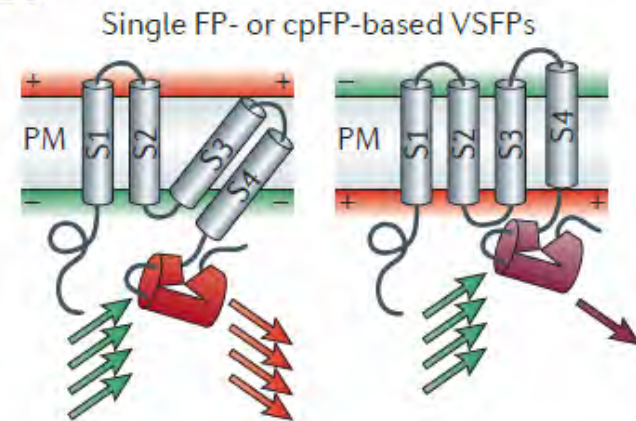
Genetically encoded voltage sensing strategies

Genetically encoded voltage indicators (GEVIs)

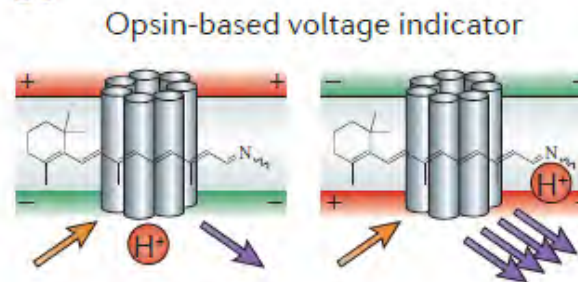
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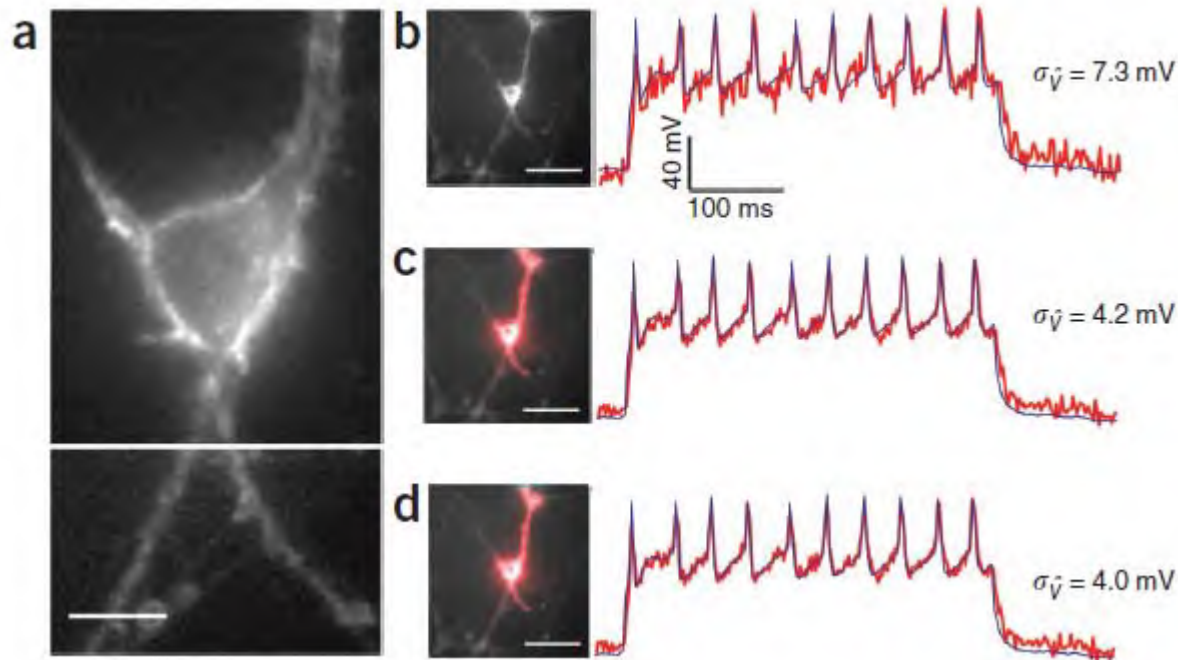
Bb



Bc



Arch, the best genetically encoded voltage indicator (so far)

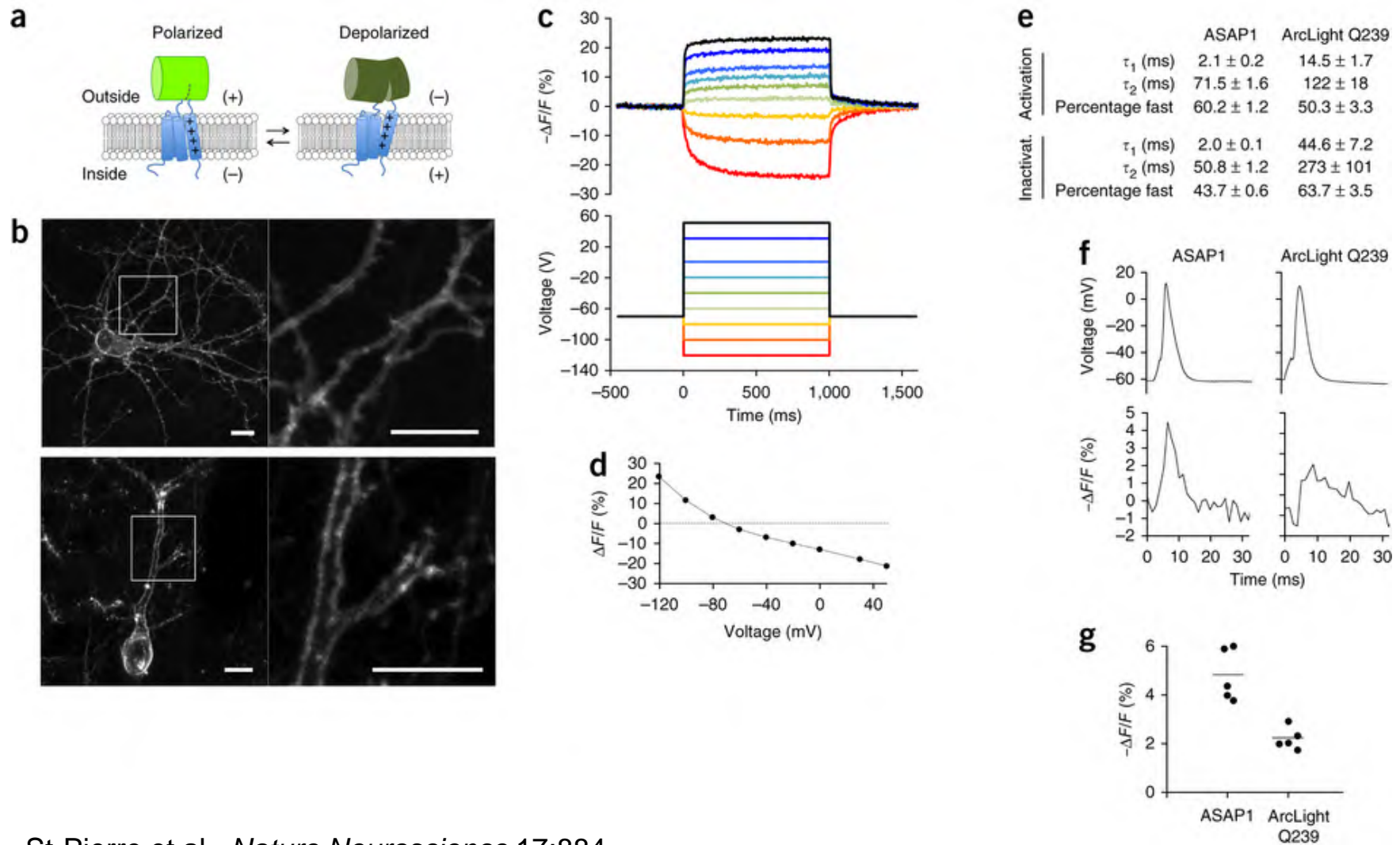


Kralj et al.,
Nat. Methods, 2011

Table 1 | Optical and electrical response of Arch and Arch(D95N)

	λ_{\max} absorbance (nm)	λ_{\max} emission (nm) ^a	ϵ_{633} ($M^{-1} cm^{-1}$) ^b	QY ^c	Photostability relative to eGFP ^d	pK _a of Schiff base ^e	τ_{response} (ms) ^f	Noise in \hat{V}_{FL} ($\mu V Hz^{-0.5}$) ^g	Photo-current
Arch	558	687	6,300	9×10^{-4}	0.25	10.1	<0.5	625	Yes
Arch(D95N)	585	687	37,500	4×10^{-4}	0.1	8.9	41	260	No

The newest FRET-based VSP



St-Pierre et al., *Nature Neuroscience* 17:884-89 (2014) doi:10.1038/nn.3709

Optogenetic actuators

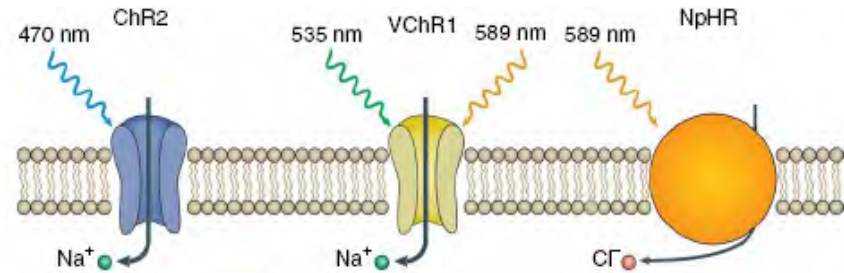


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Controlling the Brain with Light

By Karl Deisseroth

Scientific American, Nov. 2010



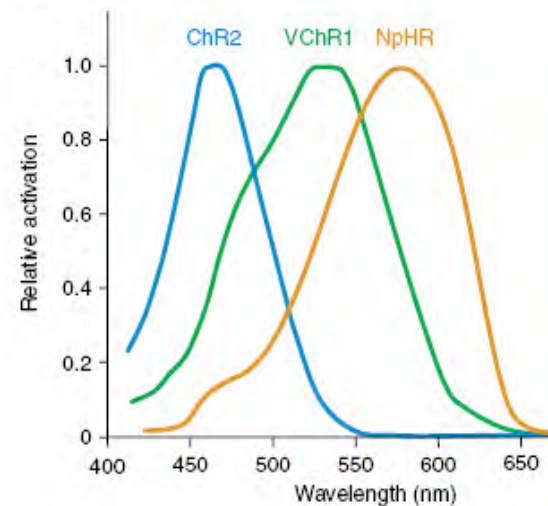
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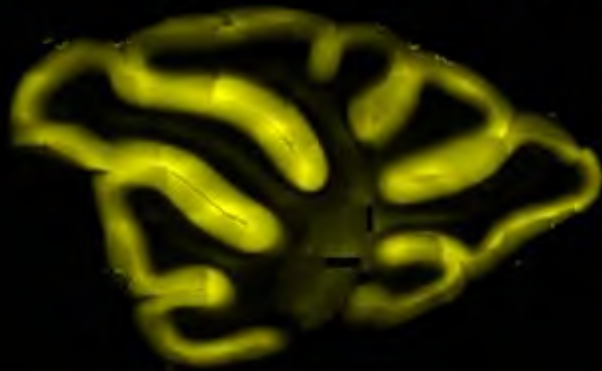
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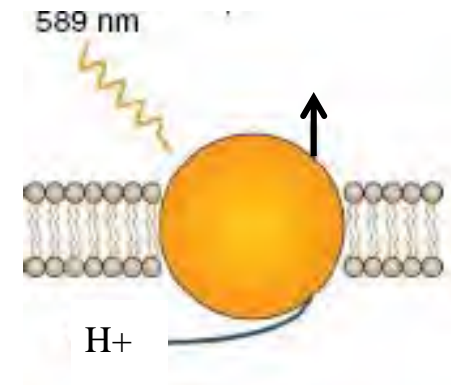
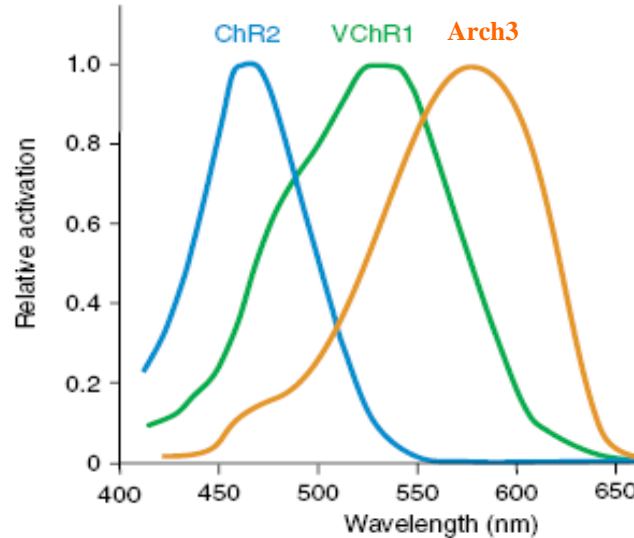
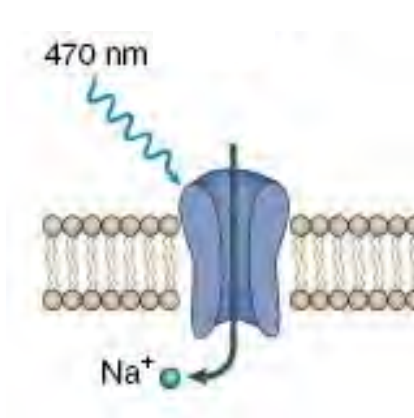
Zhang et al., *Nature Protocols*, 5:449 (2010)

Optogenetic control of Purkinje cell excitability

ChR2-eYFP (pcp2-cre x Ai32)



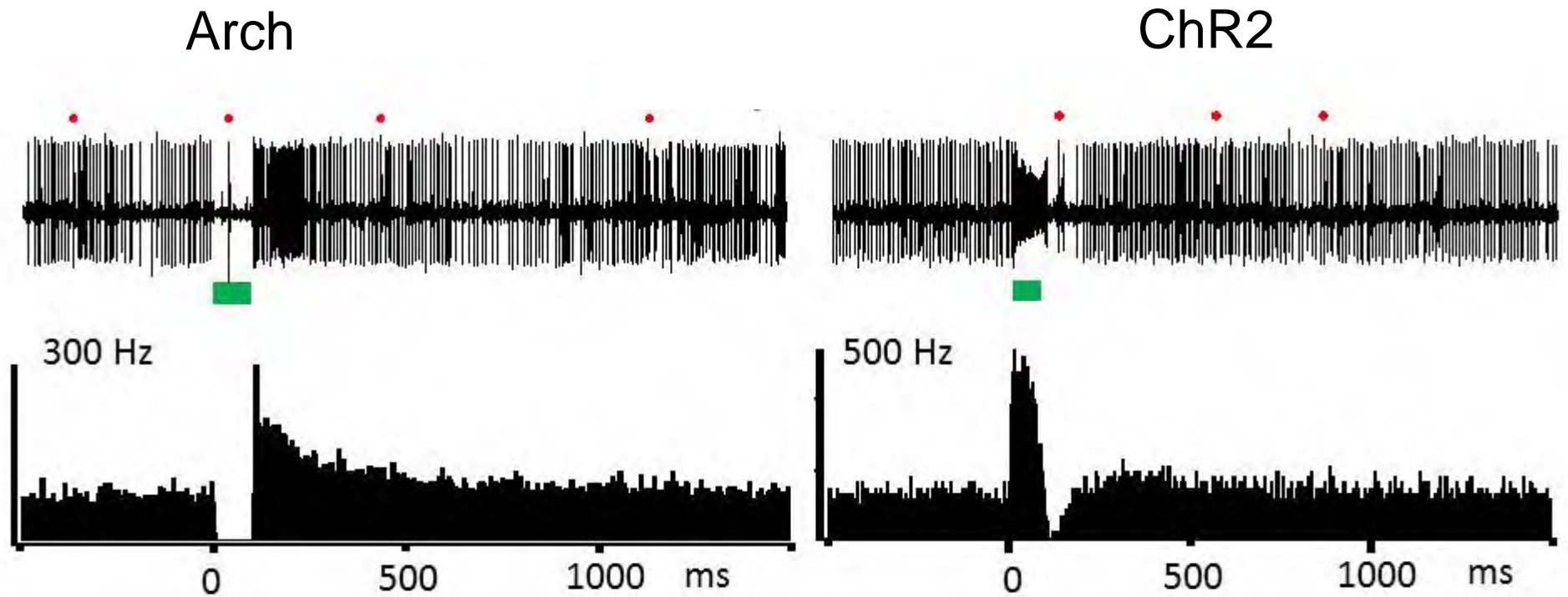
Arch-GFP (pcp2-cre x Ai35)



Lee, Mathews, Reeves, Jamil, Serrano,
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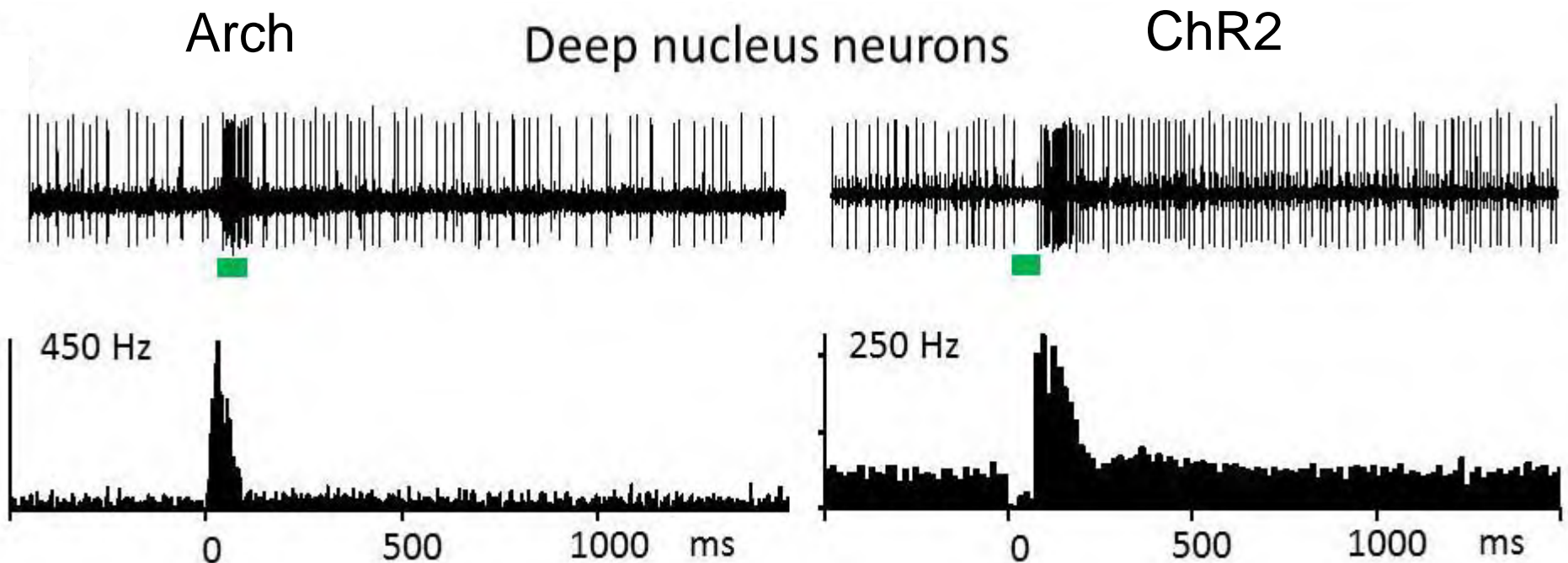
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In vivo recordings from PNs in awake mice



Lee, Mathews, Reeves, Jamil, Serrano,
and Otis unpublished

In vivo recordings from deep nucleus neurons



Maximal burst frequency during 100 ms Arch pulse illumination was 291 ± 34 Hz (n=6), representing a 1700 ± 330 % increase above baseline

Lee, Mathews, Reeves, Jamil, Serrano,
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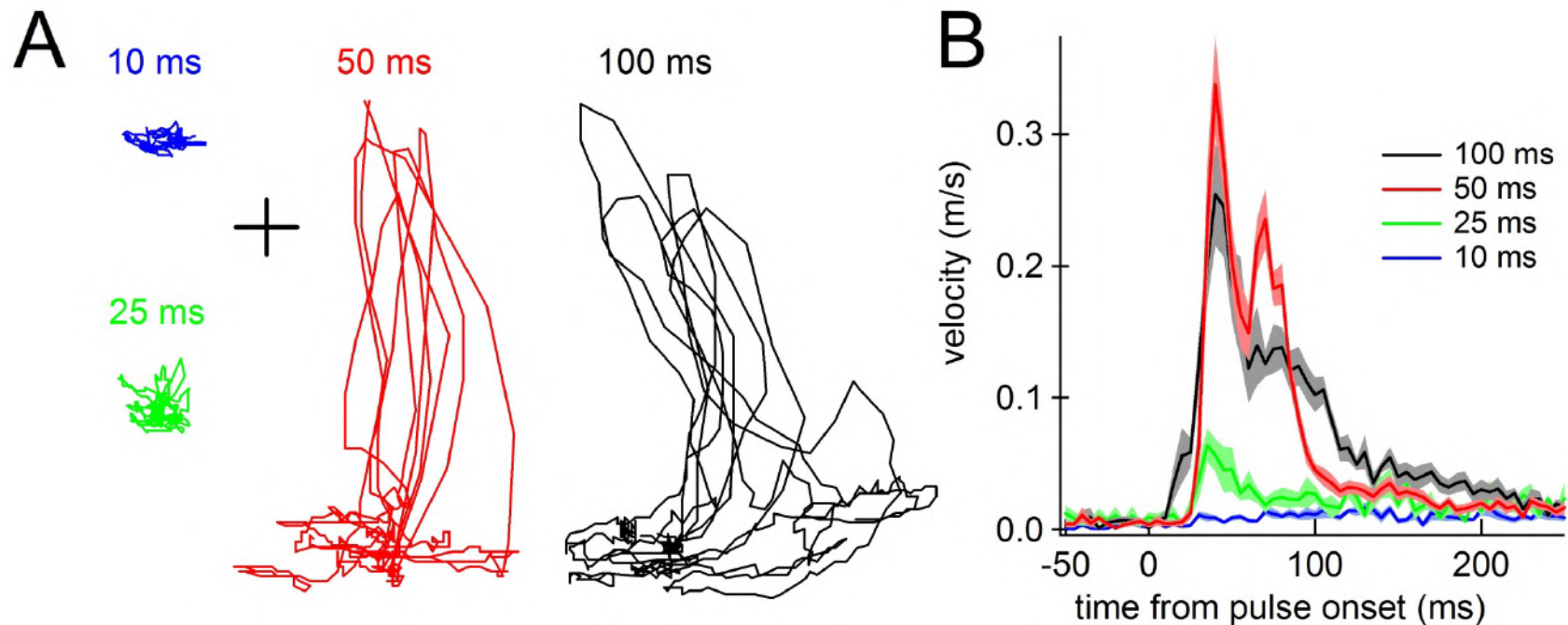
Movement triggered by **inhibiting** PNs

Laser



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Kinematics of Arch-induced movement as a function of pulse duration



Delayed movement triggered by **exciting** PNs

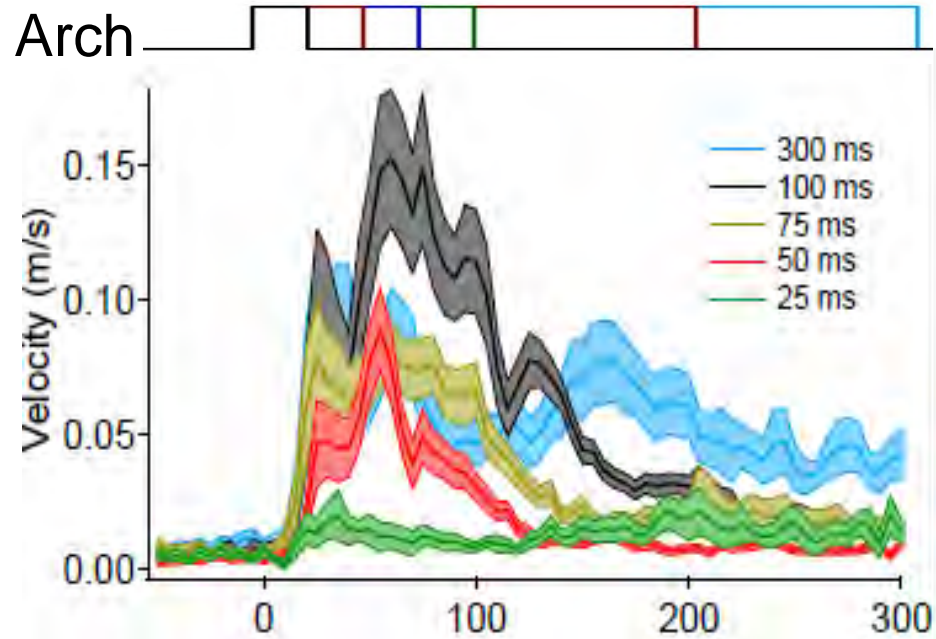
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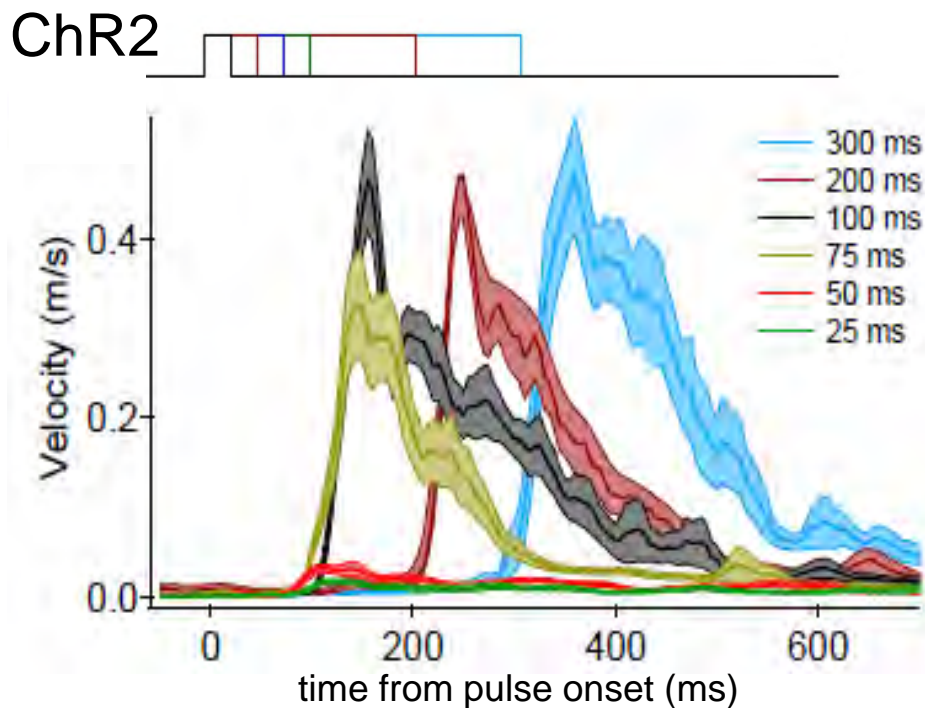
Arch



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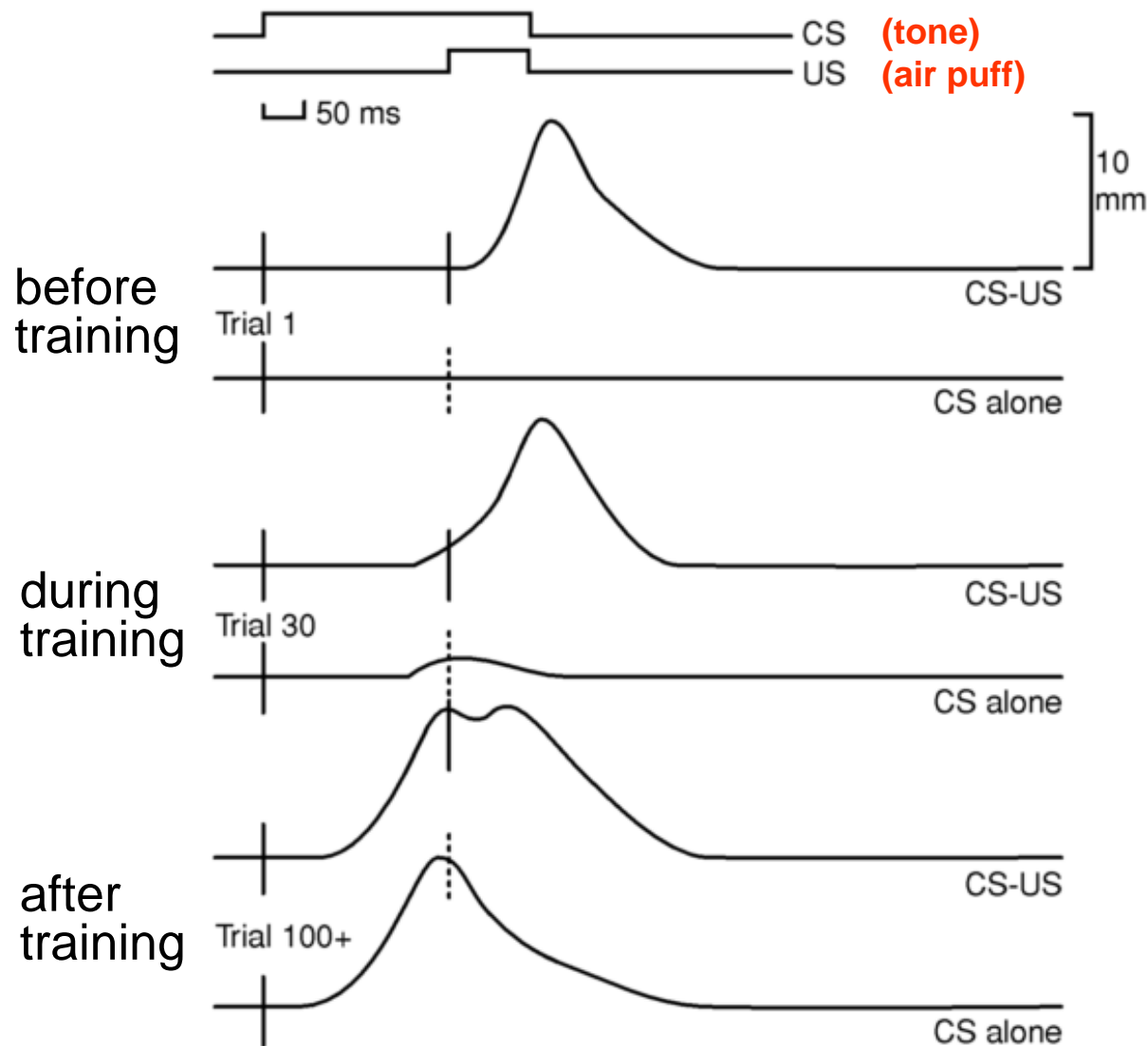
Inhibiting PNs
causes movement
during laser pulse



Exciting PNs
causes movement
following a short
delay at end of
laser pulse

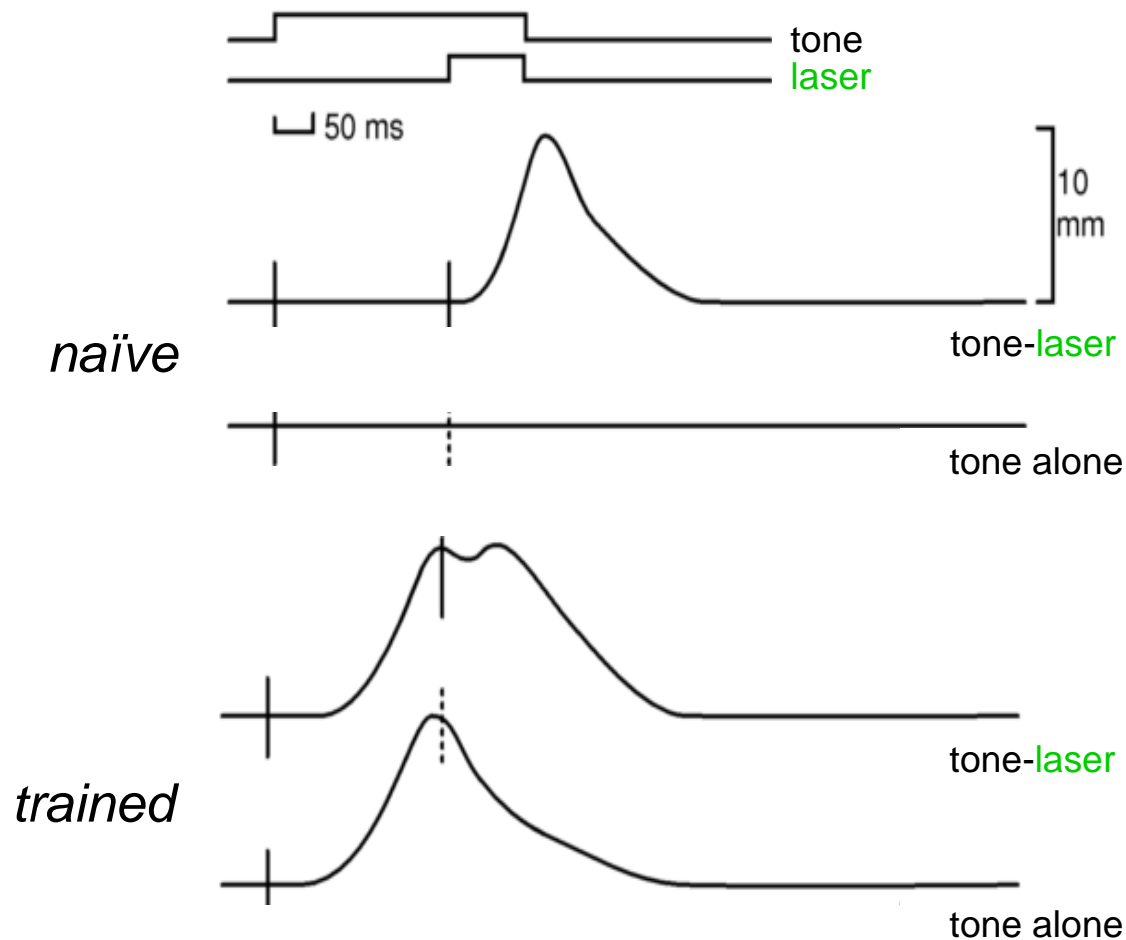
Motor learning is *associative* and *predictive*

eye blink conditioning



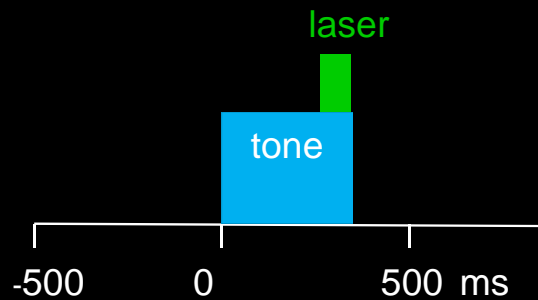
Zigmond et al.,
1999

An associative conditioning experiment to test whether pauses are instructive

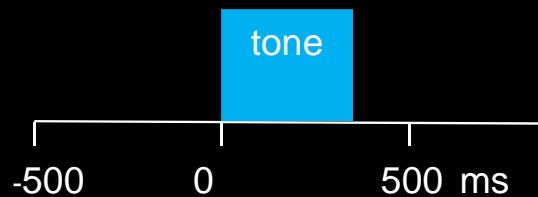


Pairing PC excitation with a tone leads to robust learned movements

Training: 90 trials/day

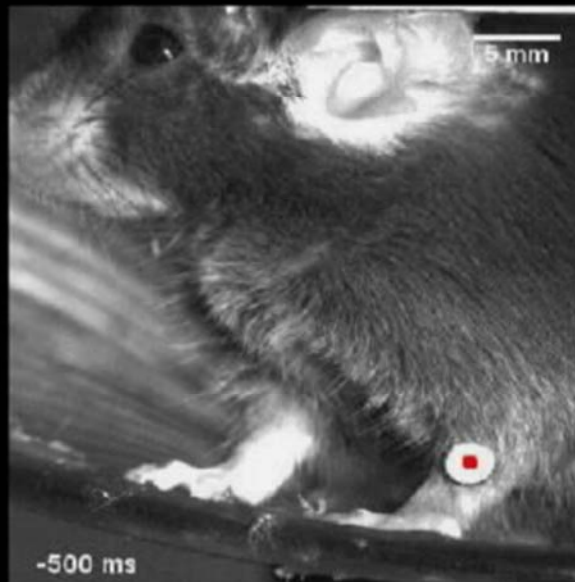


Testing:



ChR2-induced learning

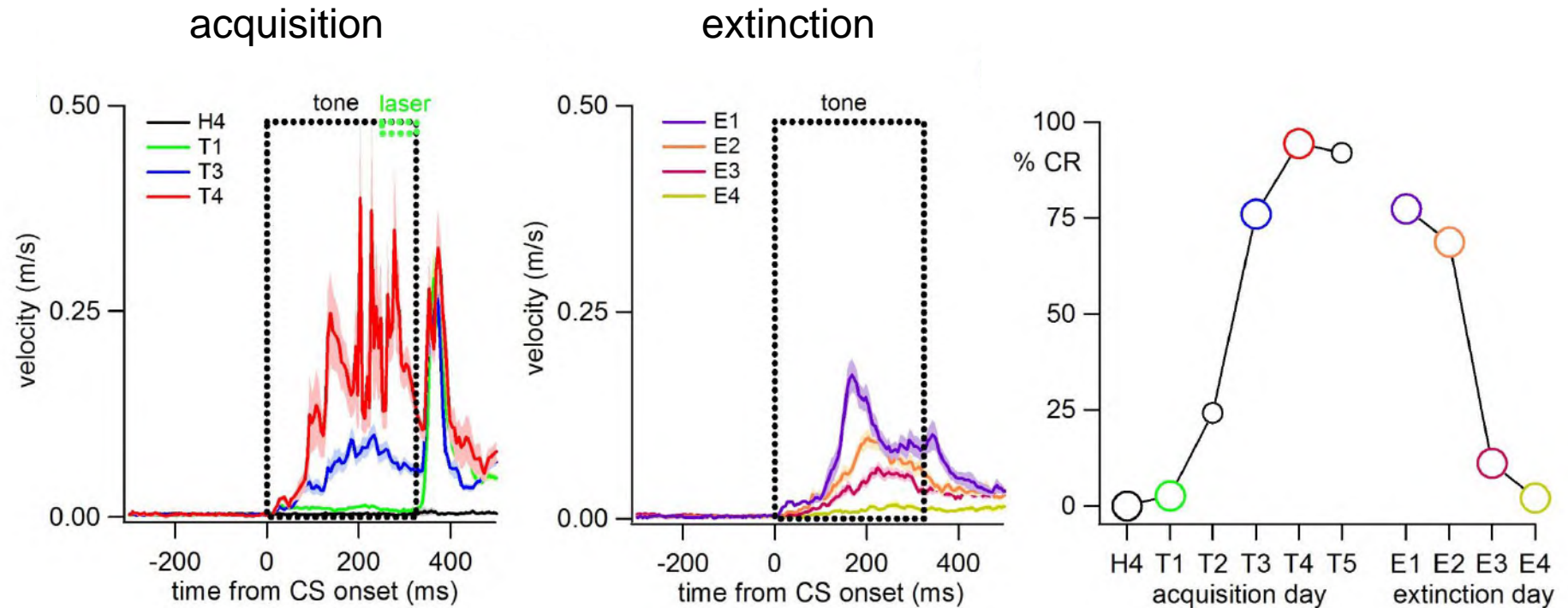
before training



after training



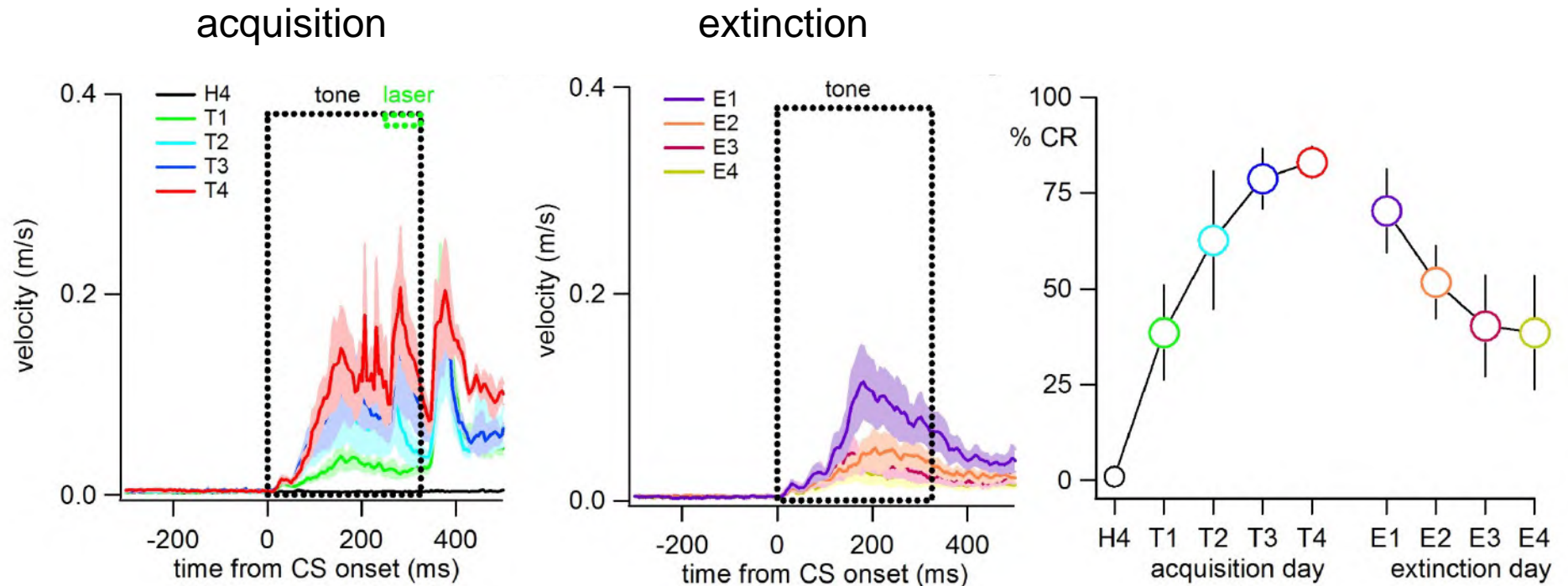
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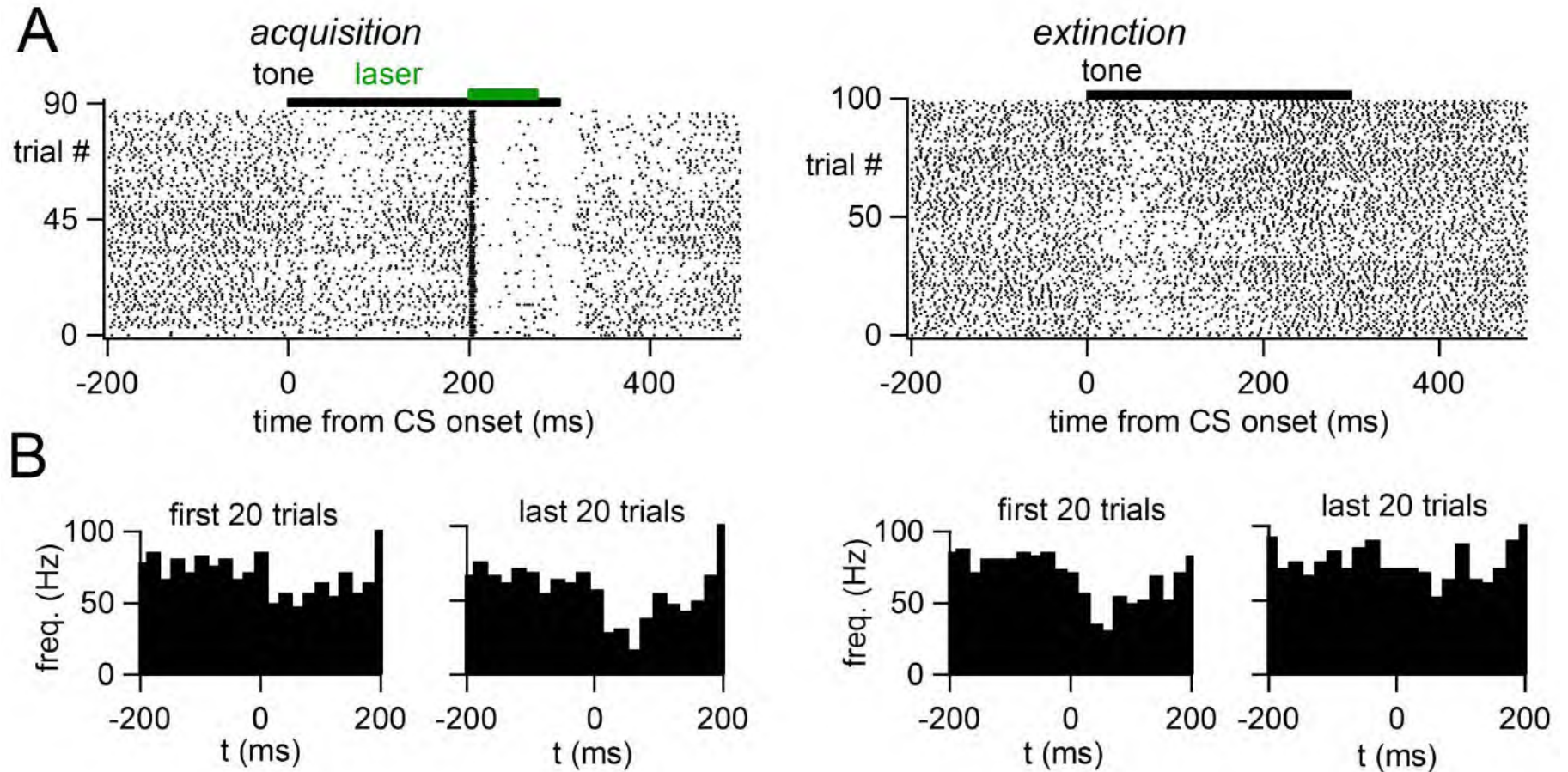
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group average, n=4 mice

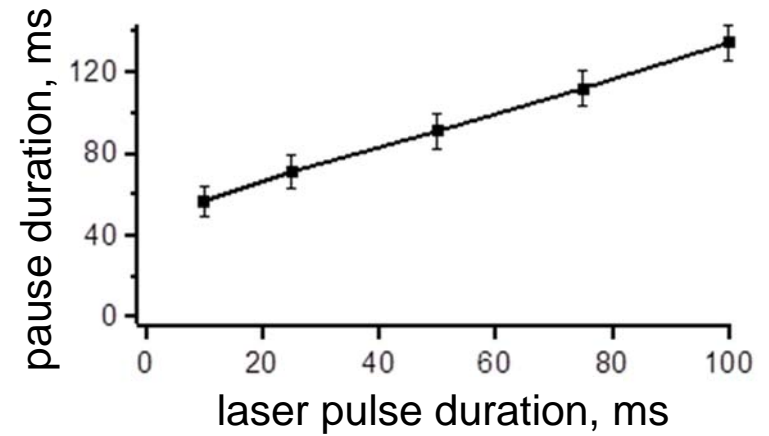
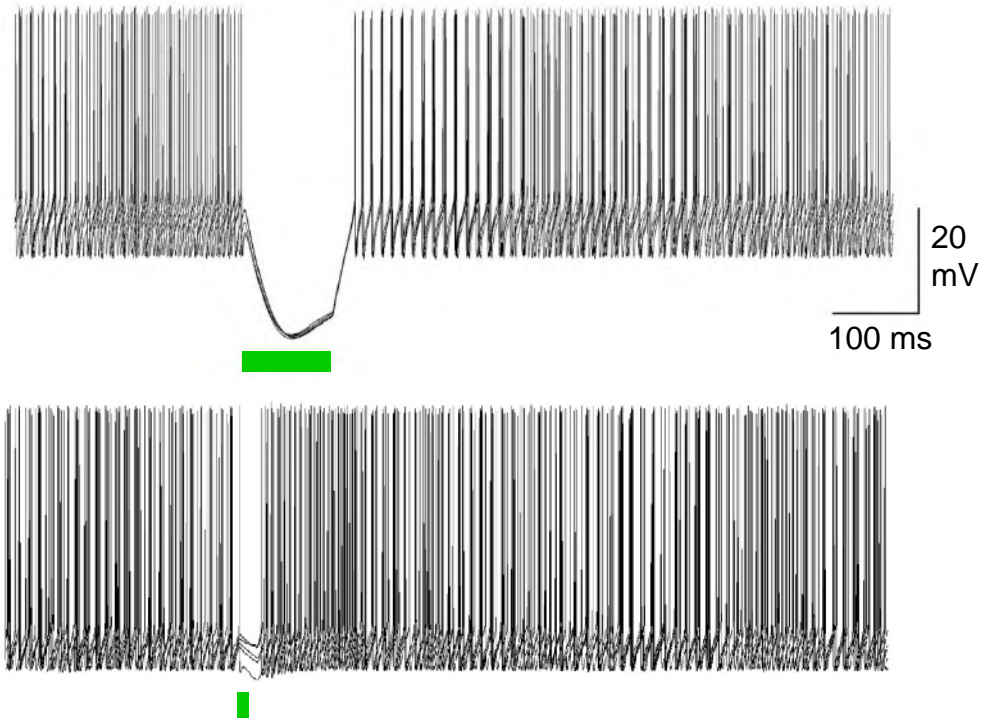


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Single PNs can be trained with ChR2



Arch activation silences PNs

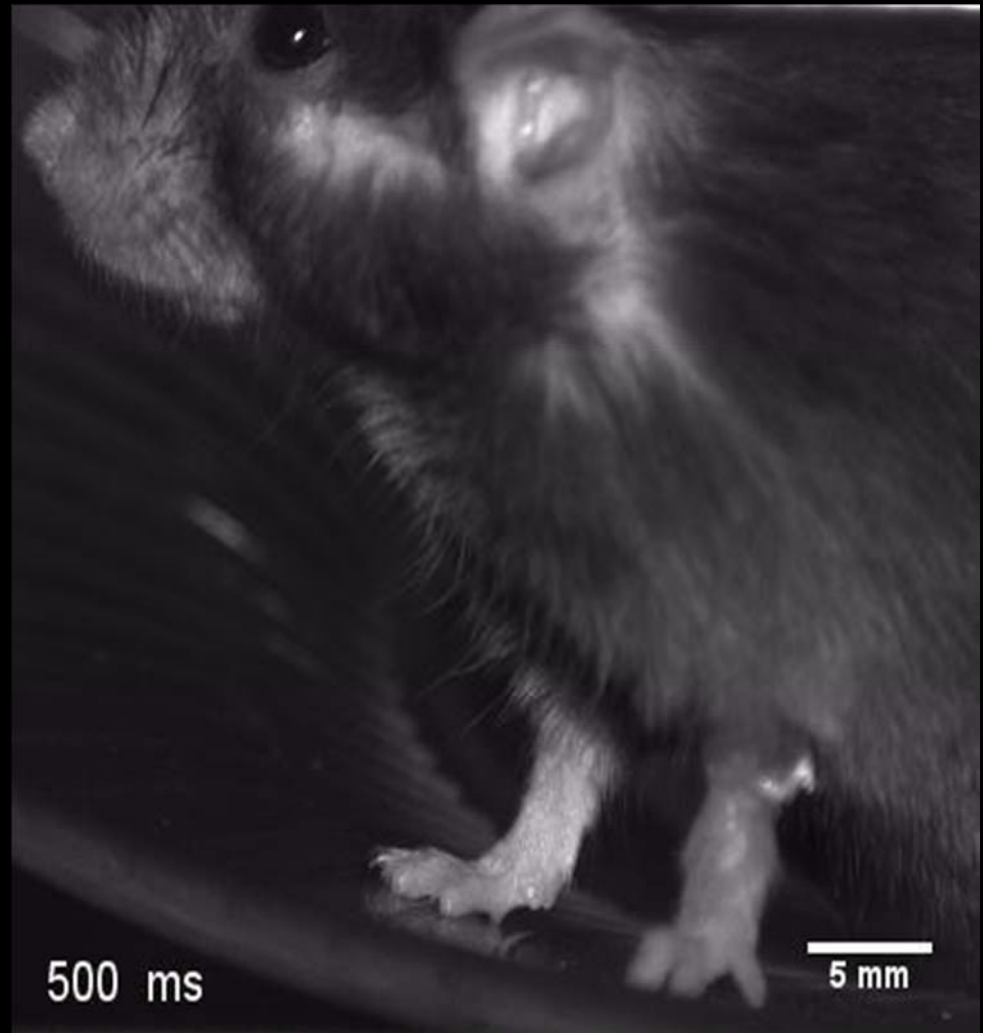
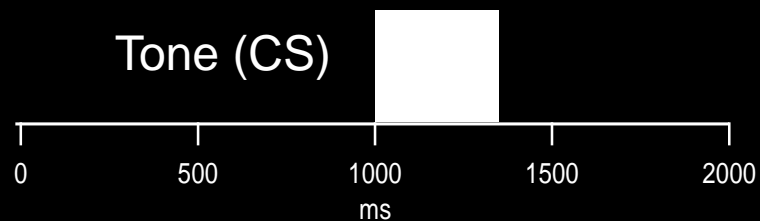


Tone alone, same mouse

mouse 2, training day 4, trial 20, 9/14/12

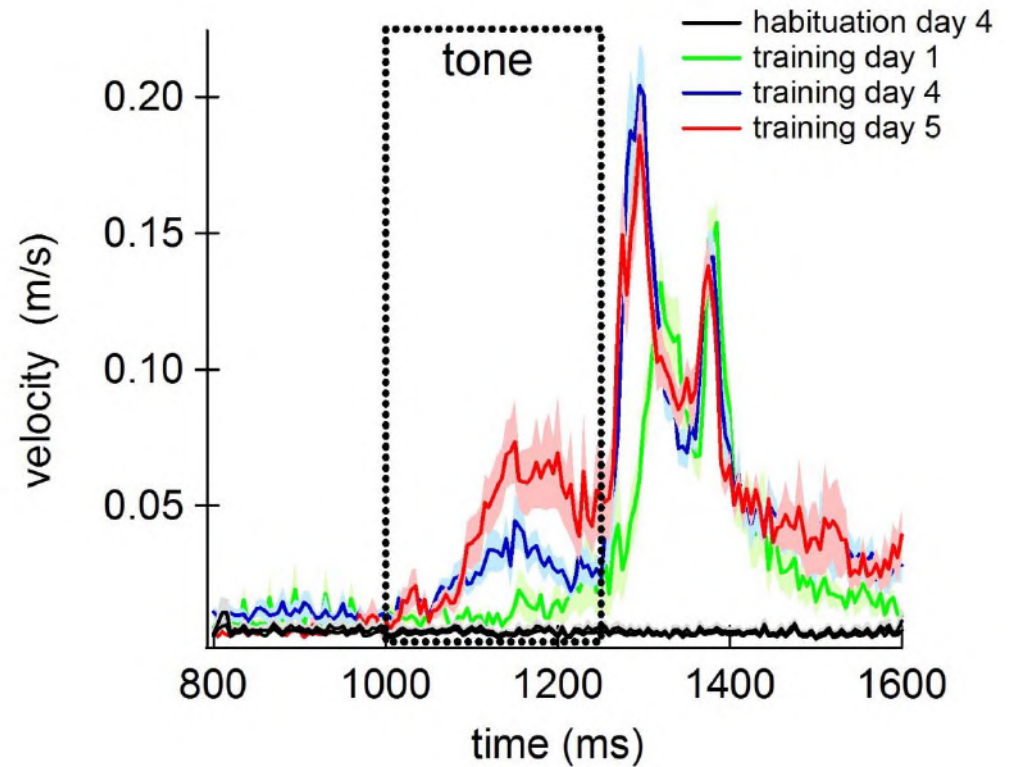
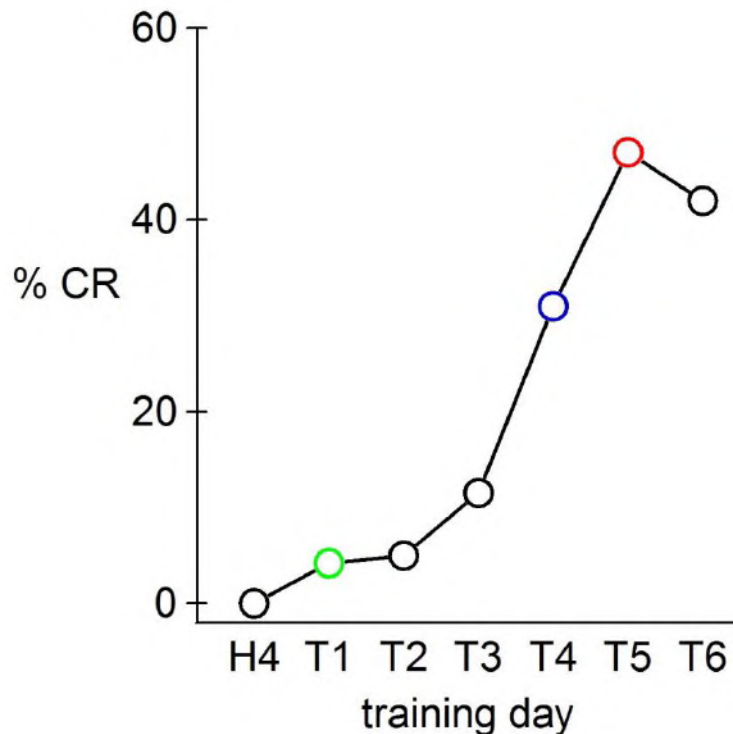
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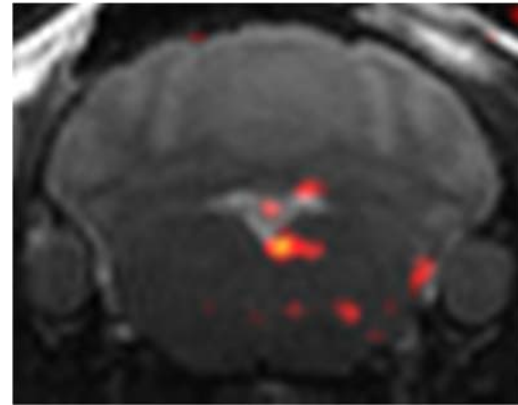
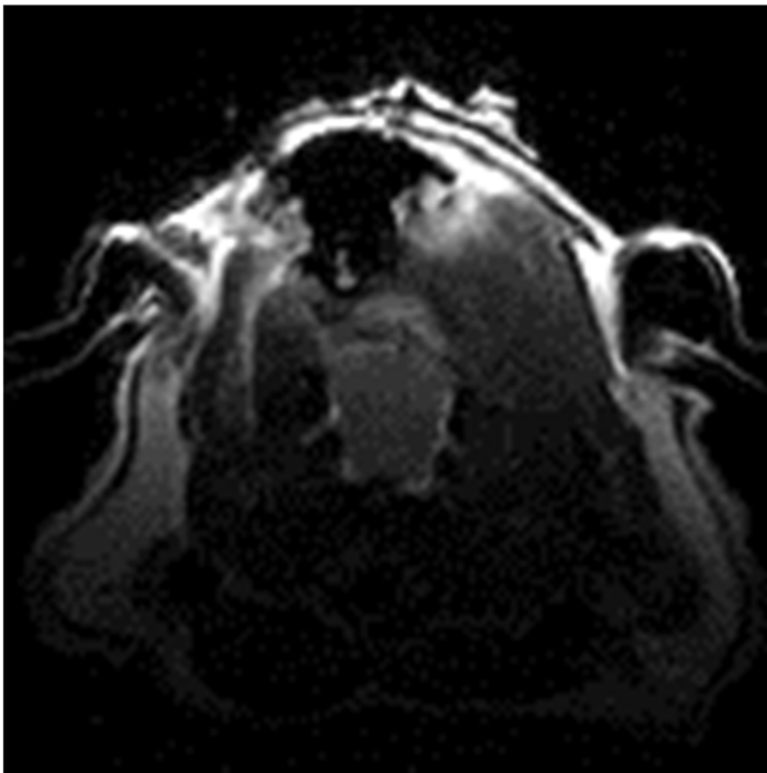


Lee, Mathews and Otis unpublished

Arch-induced pauses in PN firing also drive associative learning



Scan Nov. 12, 2014
Mouse no. 2



Pseudocolor indicates negative BOLD signal
(5 cycles, 30s ON/OFF)
Laser ON = 100 ms pulses at 5 Hz

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Repeated Cortico-Striatal Stimulation Generates Persistent OCD-Like Behavior

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Optogenetic Stimulation of Lateral Orbitofronto-Striatal Pathway Suppresses Compulsive Behaviors

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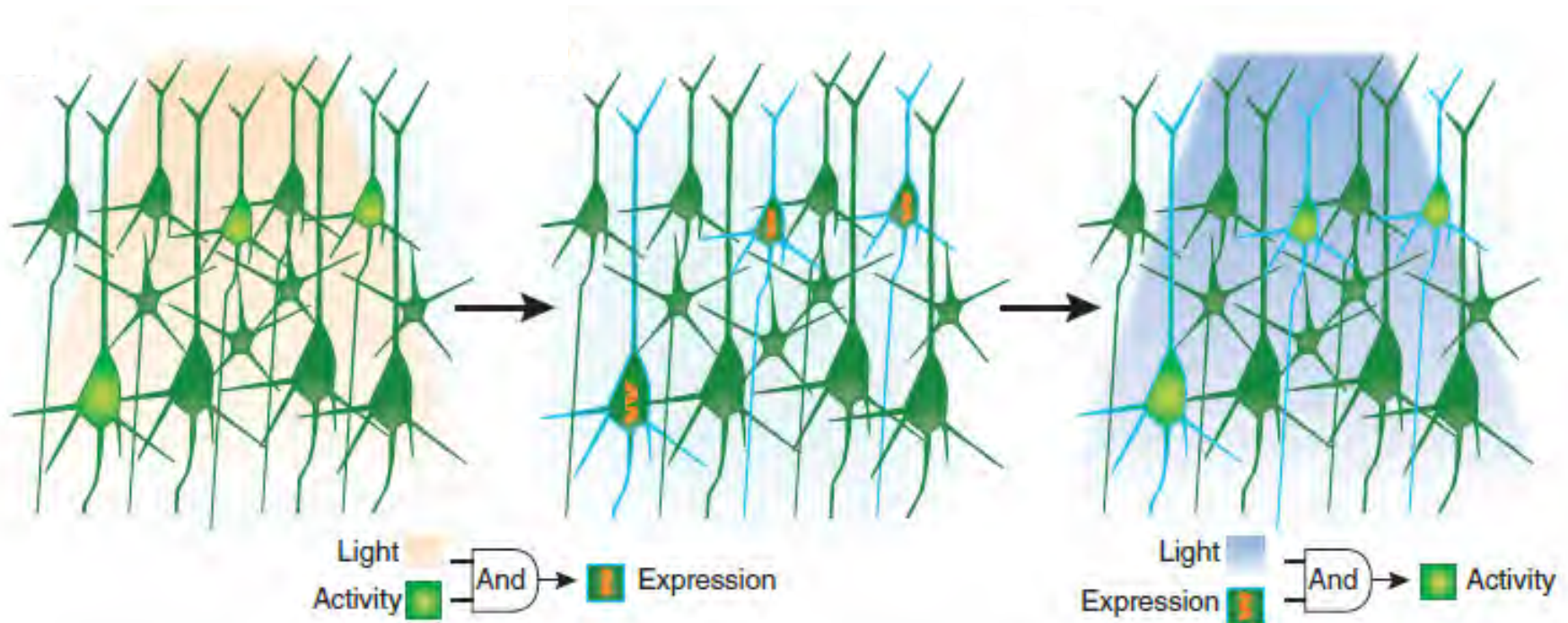
Obsessive-compulsive behavior



Future tools that combine light and neuronal activity

red light enables gene expression but only in active neurons

if ChR2 is expressed, those neurons can be activated later by blue light



Perturb activity in specific neurons with specific spatiotemporal patterns to mimic behavior

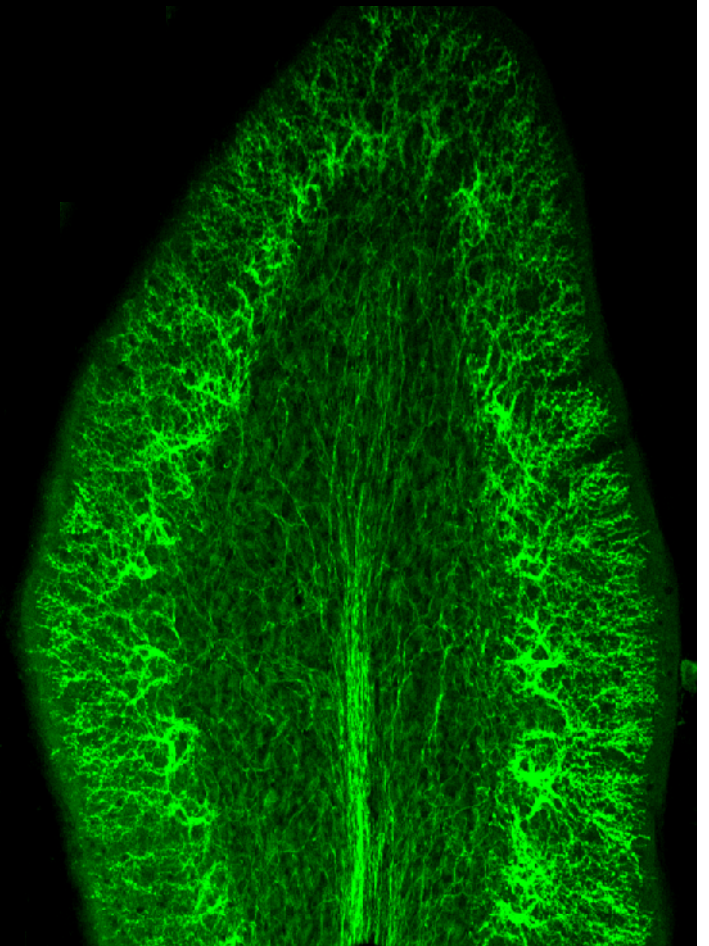
1. What is “optogenetics”?
2. *Create* activity in circuits to study normal brain processes: movement, motivation, memory formation
3. *Impose* aberrant activity to mimic neurological or psychiatric disease
4. *Restore* normal activity patterns to treat disease

Summary

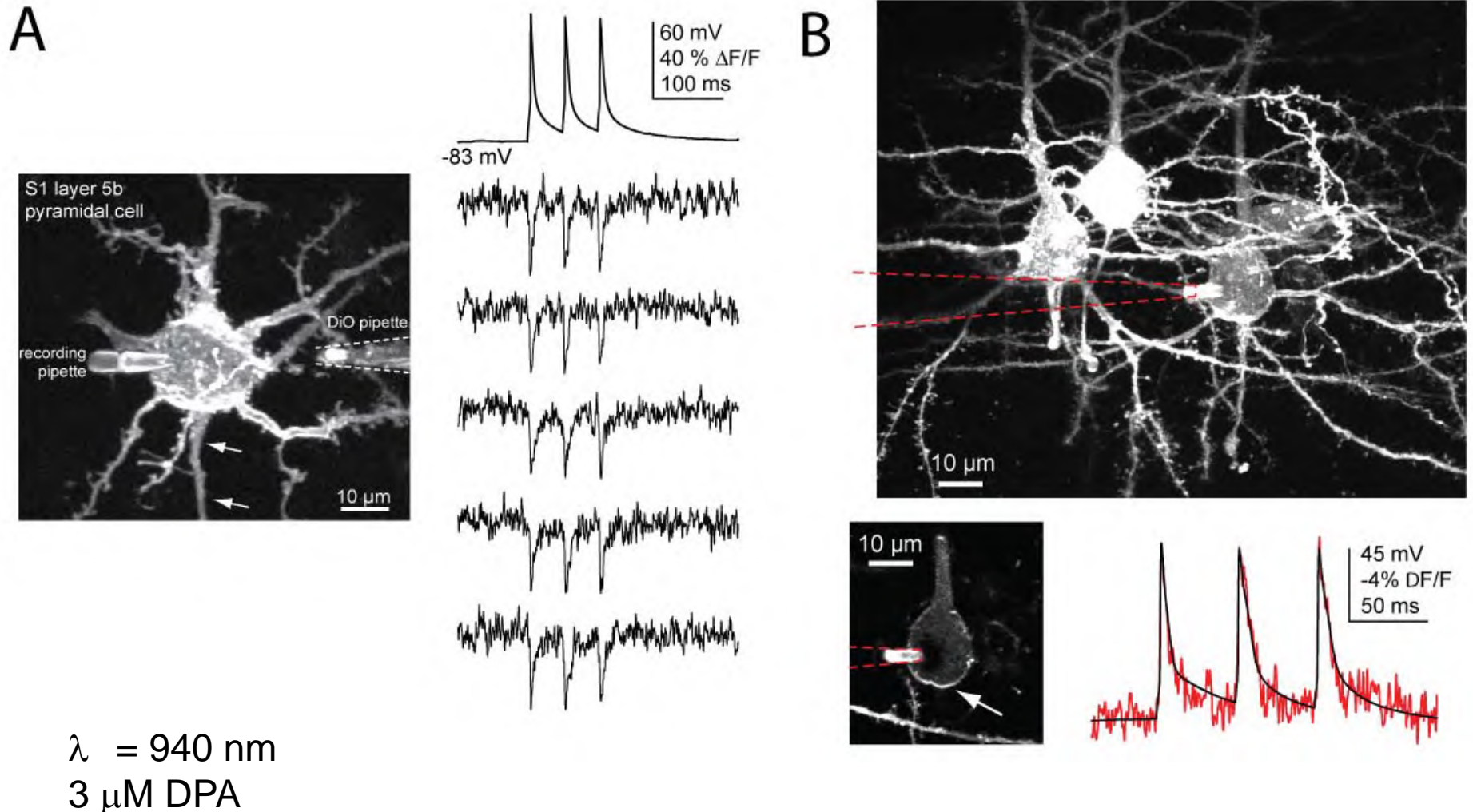
The BRAIN initiative will likely focus on three essential areas for understanding how the brain works at a circuit level: recording neuronal activity, data analysis/circuit modeling, and manipulating neuronal activity.

Technological revolutions in genetics and neuroscience allow us to record from specific circuits of neurons, stimulate them, or prevent their activity during behavior.

New approaches such as these will be critical for elucidating the inner workings of brain and mind. They should also prove useful in defining how circuits fail in a range of neurological and psychiatric diseases.

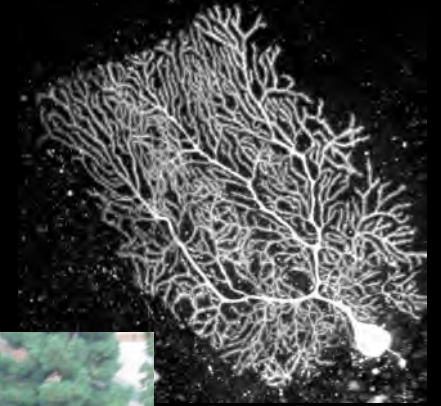


Labeling neurons so that electrical signals can be converted into light



Fink, Bender, Trussell, Otis, & DiGregorio, PLOS One, 2012

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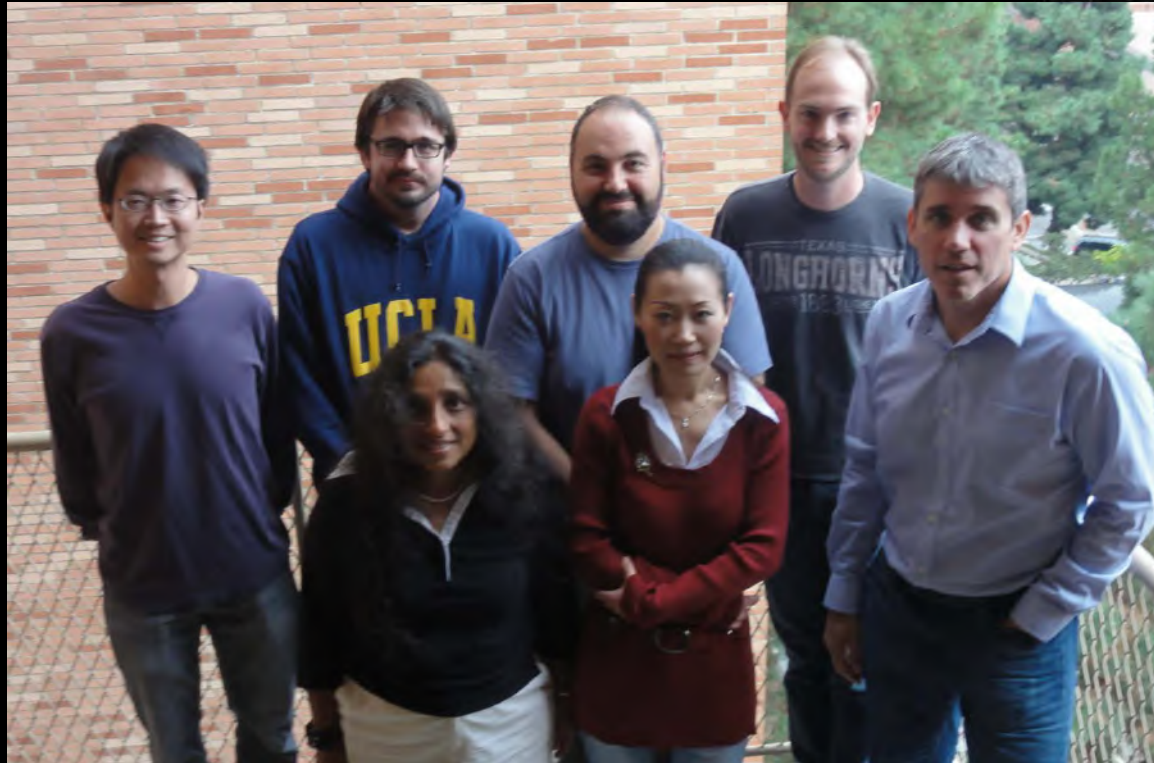
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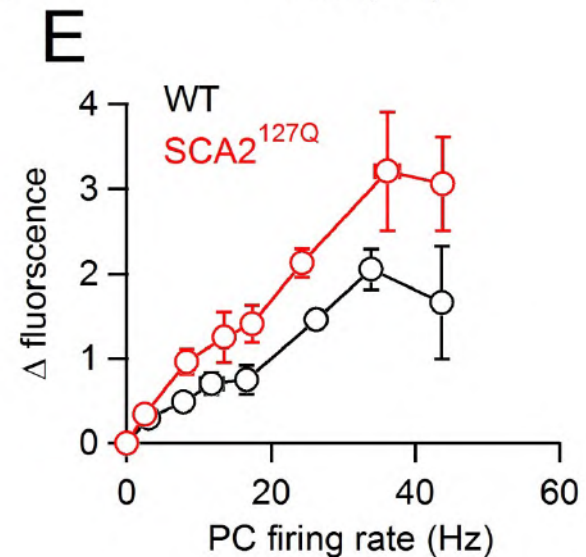
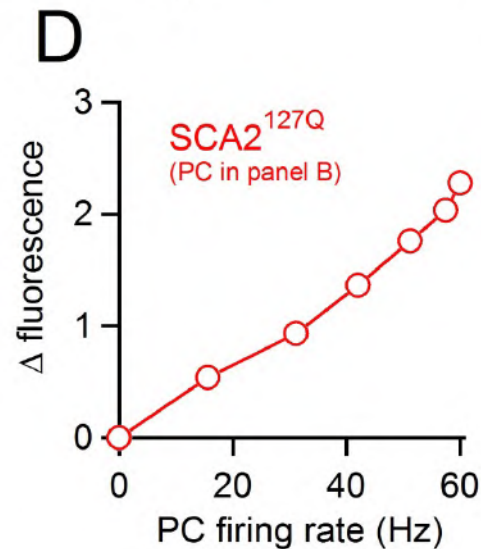
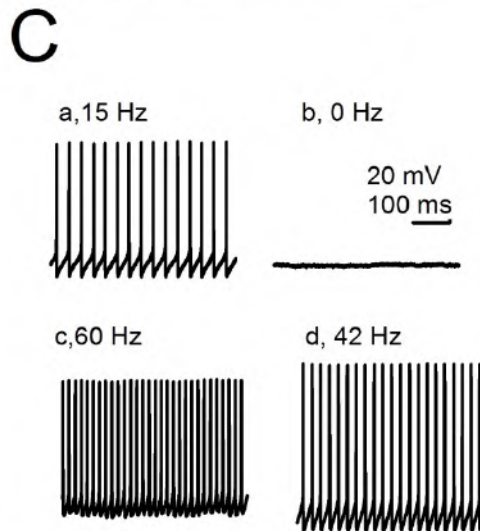
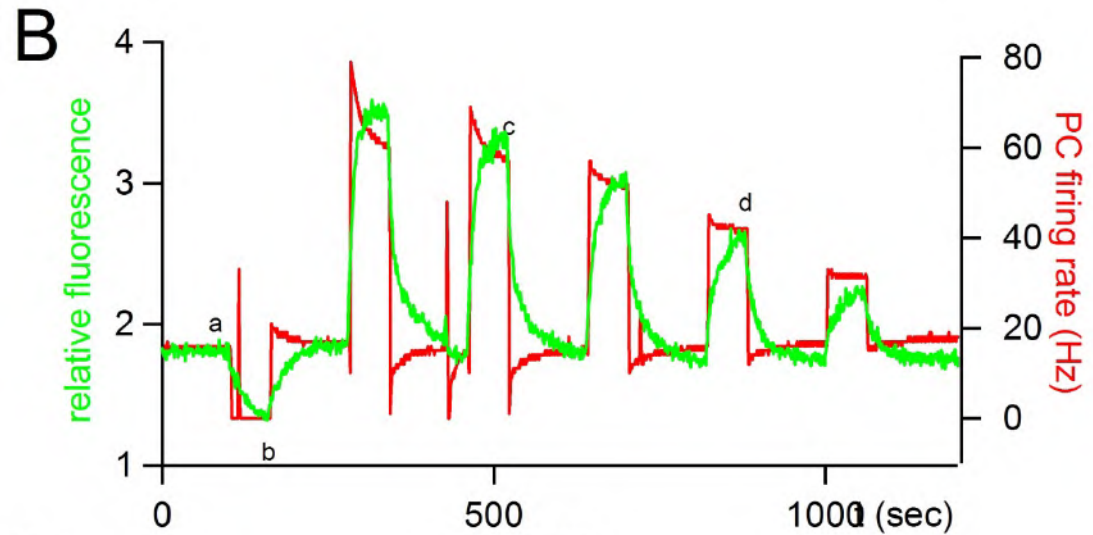
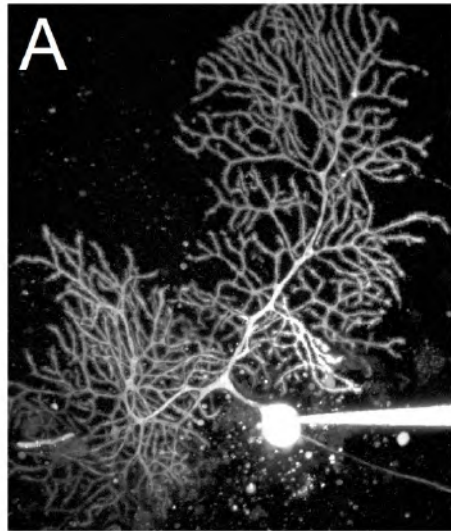
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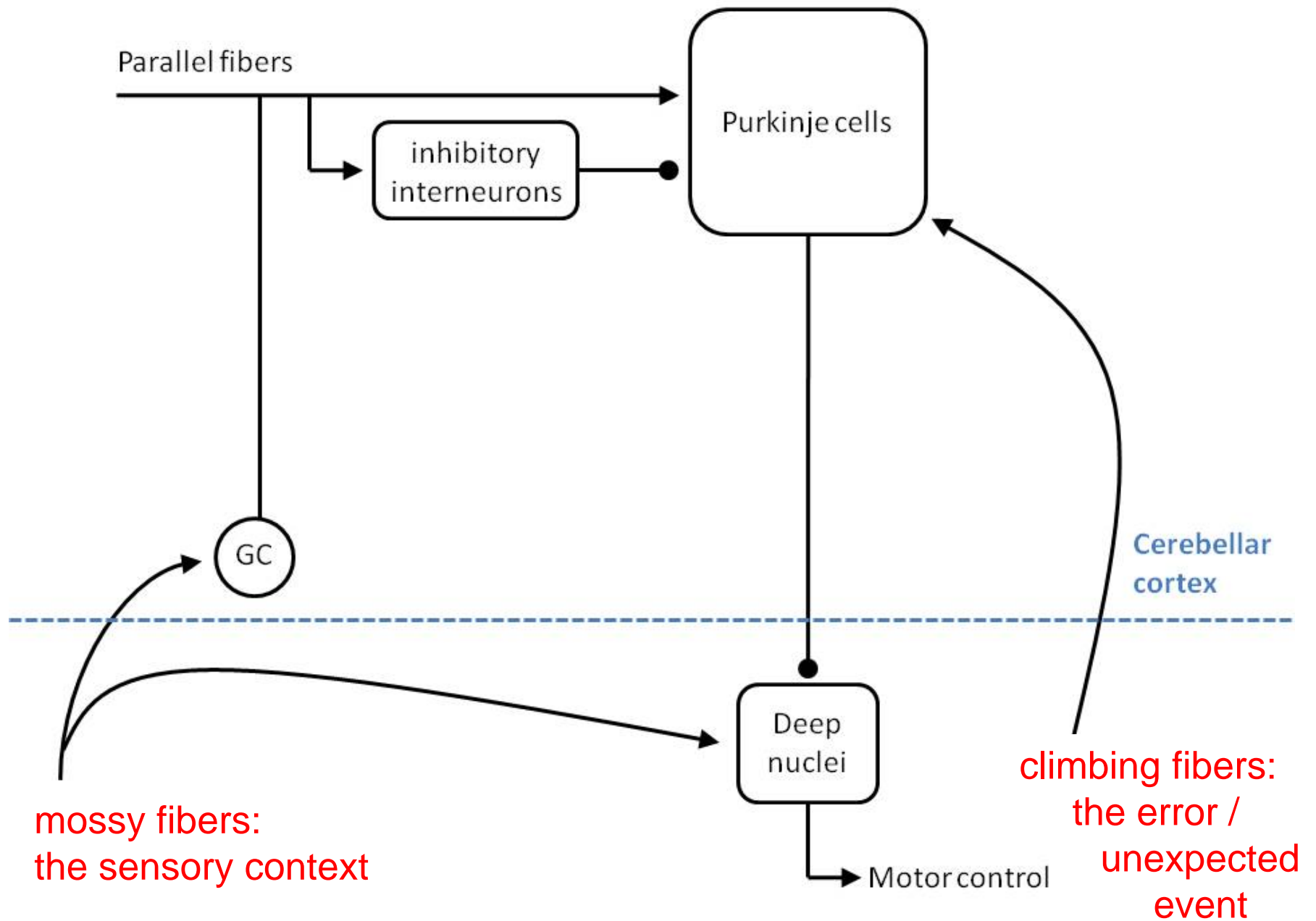
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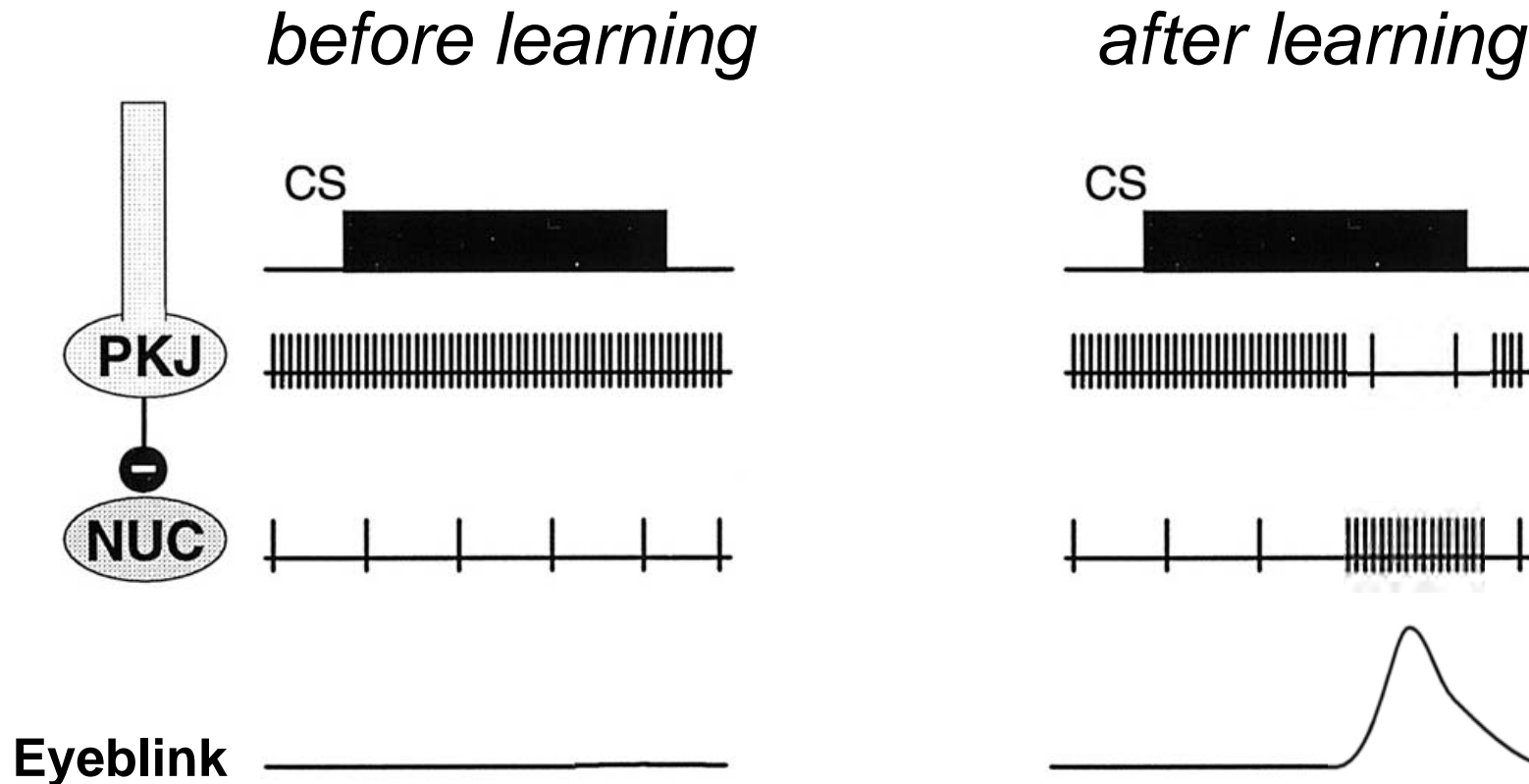


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The essential circuit:



How does learning change neuronal firing?



Purkinje cells “learn” when to pause and deep nuclear cells “learn” when to burst

Hypothesized sites of plasticity supporting associative learning

