

Outline (write this out)

1. Quantitative model of what happens when an action potential invades pre-synaptic bouton
2. AMPA
NMDA
GABA_A
GABA_B
2. what determines synaptic strength?
3. how do weights change
 - a) short term plasticity (STP, STD)
 - b) long term plasticity (LTP, LTD, STDP)

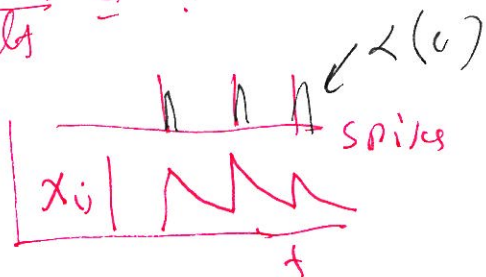
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Start by writing down eqns

$$C_i \frac{dv_i}{dt} = -g_{Li}(v_i - E_L) - \bar{g}_{wq_i} m_i^3 h_i (v_i - E_{Lq}) - \dots - \sum_j w_{ij} x_{ij} (v_i - E_i)$$

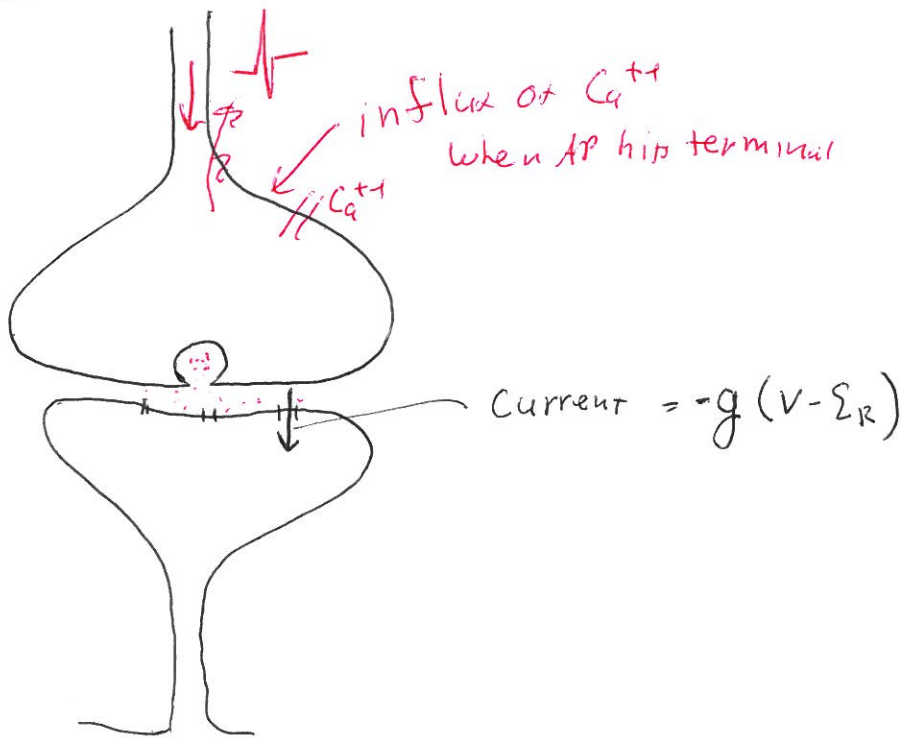
$$\frac{dx_{ij}}{dt} = \alpha_{ij}(c) (1 - x_{ij}) - \beta_{ij} x_{ij}$$

$$\frac{dw_{ij}}{dt} = ?$$



1. What determines time course of x_{ij} ? mention: failures, short + long term potentiation
2. how does w_{ij} evolve (LTP, LTD, STDP)

① Quantitative model of synapse ③



- g depends on concentration [and sometimes voltage]
- E_R depends on [presynaptic neuron type (E vs F) type of neurotransmitter released] ← approximately synaptotaxis

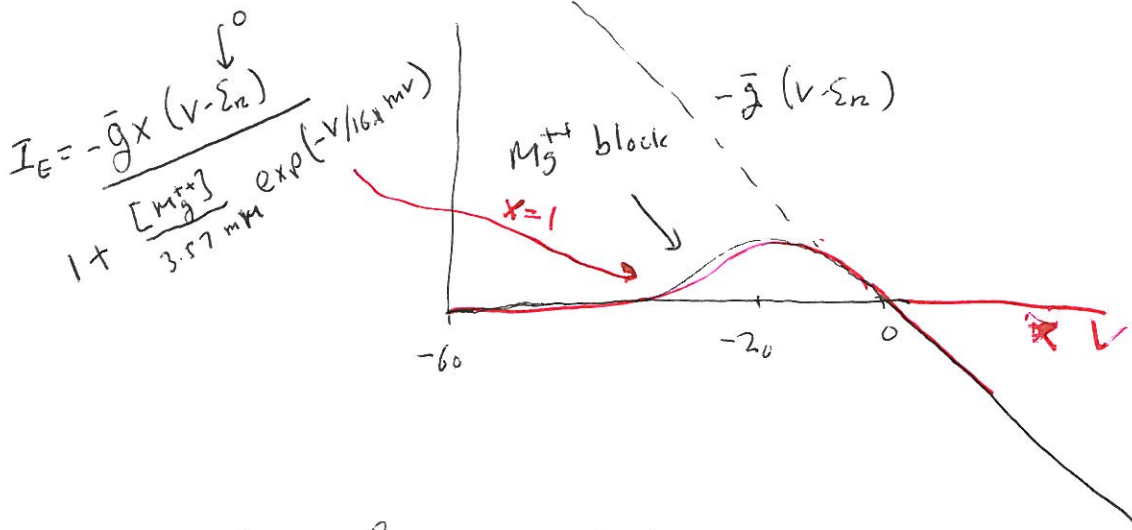
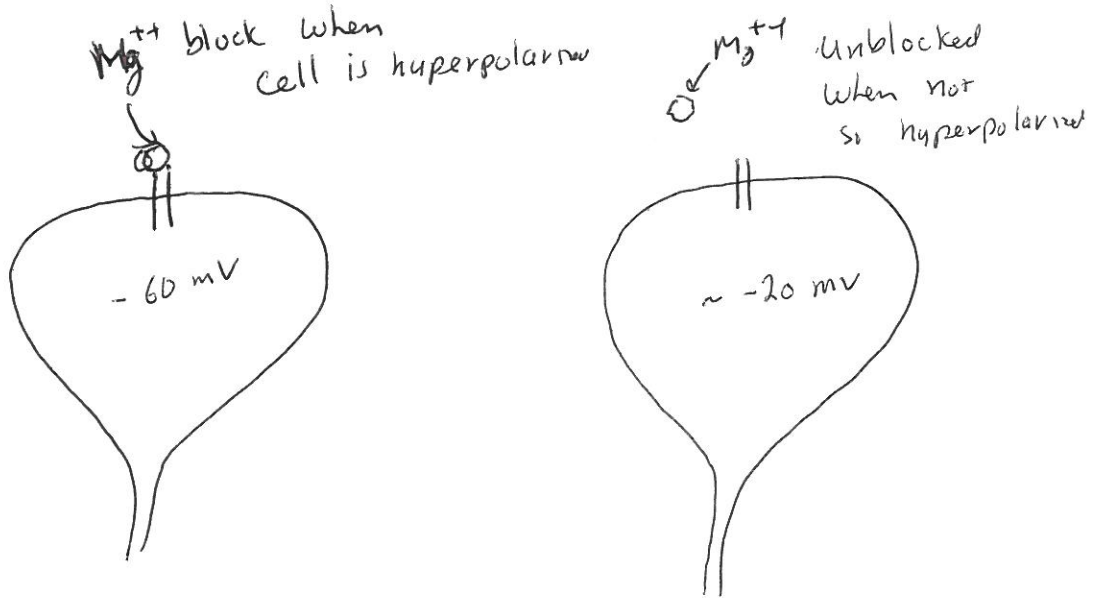
Reversal potentials

Excitatory: AMPA → glutamate receptors → channels are mix of Na^+ , K^+ , Ca^{++}
 NMDA
 ↑
 named after antagonist
 $E_R \approx 0 \text{ mV}$

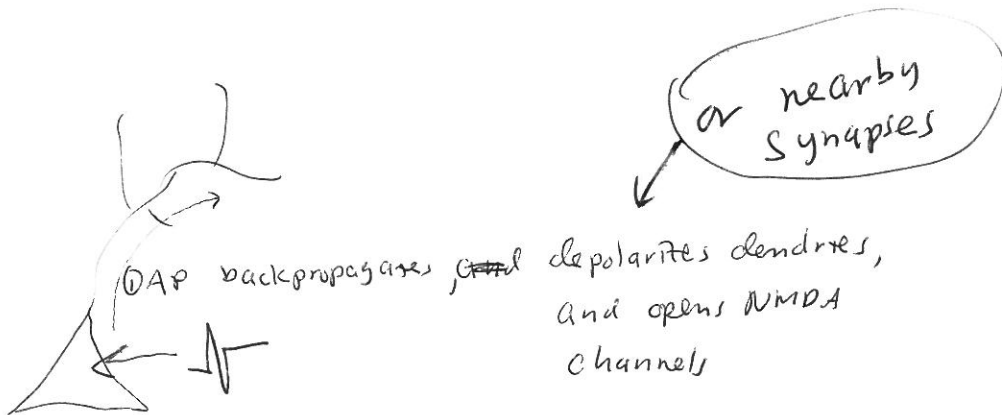
Inhibitory: $GABA_A$ → GABA receptors → Cl^- channels
 $GABA_B$
 $E_R \approx \begin{cases} -70 & GABA_A \\ -100 & GABA_B \end{cases}$

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NMDA is different



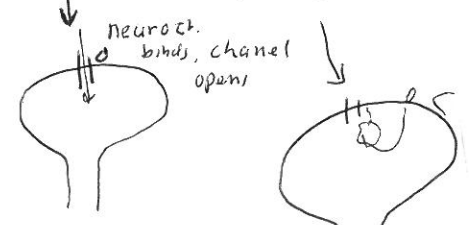
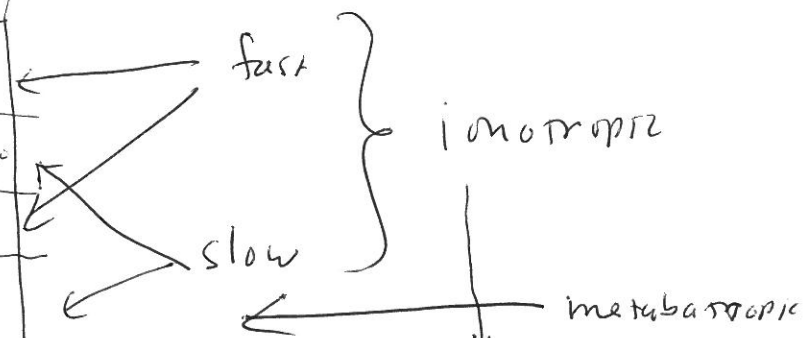
Coincidence detector. picture



- if another spike arrives near that time, there is Ca^{++} influx through NMDA channels, and that leads to long term plasticity.

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	$T_{rise}(ms)$	$T_{decay}(ms)$
AMPA	~0	~5
NMDA	1-5	~150-1000
GABA _A	~0.3	~5
GABA _B	~10	~200



Full model (single compartment)

$$C \frac{dv_i}{dt} = -g_L(v_i - E_L) - [\text{other } ^{\text{active}} \text{ currents}]_{\text{inward}}$$

$$- \sum_j \bar{g}_{ij} X_{ij} (v_i - E_j)$$

neurot. binds, stuff happens inside cell, channel opens. usually slower.

range divided by Mg^{++} term for NMDA

$$\dot{X}_{ij} = \alpha_x (1 - X_{ij}) \sum_e \delta(t - t_e^e) - \beta_v X_{ij}$$

instantaneous rise; could replace by square pulse

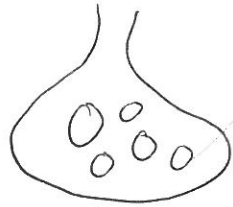
do a little math - pg. 11

- if we had a rule for how the \bar{g}_{ij} evolves ^{w/ learning,} we would have a complete model of the brain (sort of)

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② What determines synaptic strength?

- quantal release (key concept)



- n vesicles total

- each released independently w/ prob. p

- amount released = q_0 (same for all)

new concept:
probabilistic release.

binomial

$$P(k) = p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

[motivate this]

Average release: $q_0 \langle k \rangle$

~~Standard dev~~ variance: $q_0^2 [\langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle^2]$

$$\langle k^r \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{nB} k^r p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \quad (8)$$

$$= \sum_k k^r p^k q^{n-k} \Big|_{q=1-p} \binom{n}{k}$$

$$= \left(p \frac{d}{dp} \right)^r \sum_k p^k q^{n-k} \Big|_{q=1-p} \binom{n}{k} \quad [\text{take deriv first!}]$$

$$= \left(p \frac{d}{dp} \right)^r (p+q)^n \Big|_{\text{constraint } p+q=1}$$

$$\langle k \rangle = p \frac{d}{dp} (p+q)^n \Big|_{p+q=1} = np$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle k^2 \rangle &= \left(p \frac{d}{dp} \right) \left(p \frac{d}{dp} \right) (p+q)^n \\ &= p \left[\frac{dp}{dp} \frac{d}{dp} + p \frac{d^2}{dp^2} \right] (p+q)^n \\ &= \left(p \frac{d}{dp} + p^2 \frac{d^2}{dp^2} \right) (p+q)^n \\ &= np + p^2 n(n-1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle k^2 \rangle - \langle k \rangle^2 &= np + p^2 n(n-1) - p^2 n^2 - p^2 n \\ &= np(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle q \rangle = q_0 np$$

$$\langle dq^2 \rangle = q_0^2 np(1-p)$$

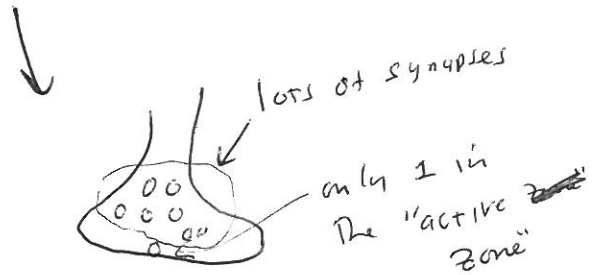
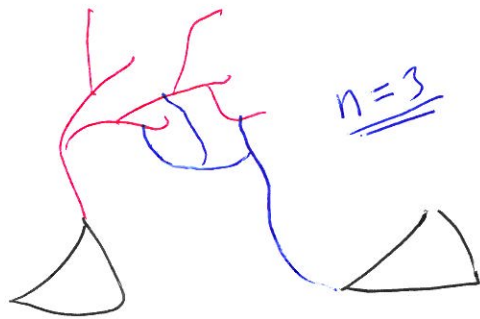
$q_0, n + p$ determine strength

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NMJ (neuromuscular junction) , Katz

$n = 100 - 1000$

Central synapses: $n = 1$ per synapse but



$p = 0.1 - 0.9$

Why is a total mystery

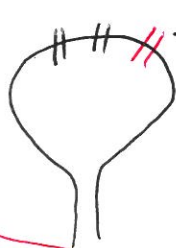
at central synapses,
brain can adjust:

n (add or subtract synapses) ←

p (probability of release)

• [q_0 is typically fixed]

It can also adjust \bar{g} , typically by
"inserting" channels,



AMPA channel added due to plasticity. "silent synapse" hypothesis

-but typically $n=1$

③ How do weights change.

a) Short term

- affect only probability of release. two kinds:

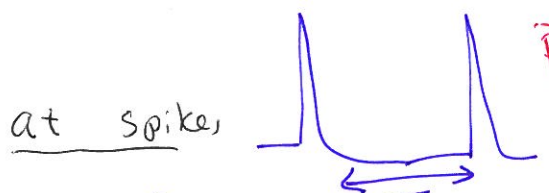
1. Facilitation (AKA augmentation or potentiation) probably results from buildup of Ca^{++} (remember, Ca^{++} triggers release)
 - slowly ↑ phase*
2. Depression probably results from a depletion of vesicles in the active zone.

eqns for P_{rel}

$$\tau \frac{dP_{rel}}{dt} = P_0 - P_{rel} + \left[\sum_i \delta(t-t_i) \right] \begin{cases} -\tau(1-f_0)P_{rel} & \text{depression} \\ +\tau f_f(1-P_{rel}) & \text{facilitation} \end{cases}$$

↑ spikes

between spikes: $P_{rel}(t) = P_0 + [P_{rel}(0) - P_0] e^{-t/\tau}$



$\bar{P} = \frac{P_0 + \tau f_f}{1 + \tau f_f}$ (Pot)
 $\frac{P_0}{1 + \tau(1-f_0)}$ (dep)

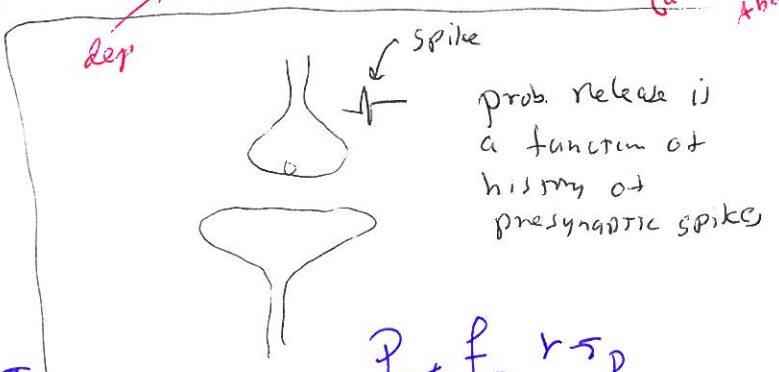
do both average - change electrical (a la Larry Abbott)

$\langle P_{rel} \rangle \rightarrow f_f (1 - \langle P_{rel} \rangle) \tau$

second spike $P_0 + (\langle P_{rel} \rangle + f_f(1 - \langle P_{rel} \rangle) - P_0) e^{-\tau/\tau_p}$

average over $\int_0^\infty e^{-r\tau}$

$\langle P_{rel} \rangle = P_0 + (\langle P_{rel} \rangle + f_f(1 - \langle P_{rel} \rangle) - P_0) \frac{\tau \tau_p}{1 + \tau/\tau_p} \rightarrow P_{rel} = \frac{P_0 + f_f \tau \tau_p}{\tau + \tau_p}$



prob. release is a function of history of presynaptic spikes

Math

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) + g(x) \delta(t - t_0)$$

$$x(t+dt) = x(t) + f(x)dt + \int_t^{t+dt} g(x) \delta(t-t_0) dt$$

$t < t_0 < t+dt \Rightarrow$ jump

$$x(t+dt) \rightarrow x(t) + g(x) \underbrace{\int \delta(t-t_0) dt}_1$$

Ambiguous whether to use $g(x)$ before or after jump. for spikes, before jump.

at spike

Facilitation:

$$P_{nee} \rightarrow P_{nel} + f_F (1 - P_{nee})$$

evaluated right before spike

Depression:

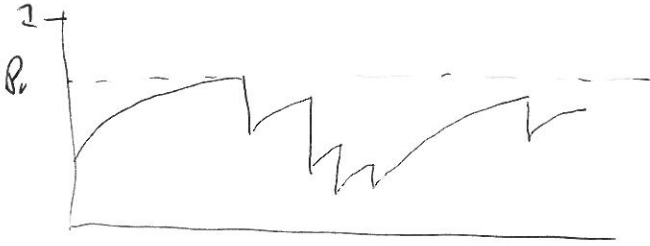
$$P_{nee} \rightarrow P_{nee} - (1 - f_D) P_{nel} = f_D P_{nel}$$

[in principle there should be ^{depression} ~~release~~ only, if ~~spike~~ is released, but we'll ignore this]
transmitter

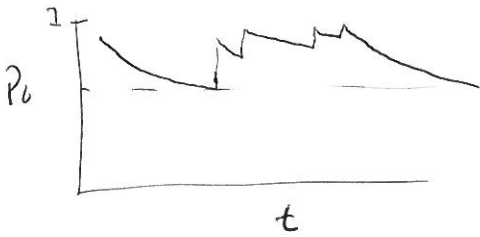
↑
not appropriate to ignore this

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Depression



Facilitation



Fitting parameters

$$\tau \frac{dP_{rel}}{dt} = P_0 - P_{rel} + \tau f_F (1 - P_{rel}) \sum_i \delta(t - t_i)$$

you ~~observe~~ know $P_0 + \tau$

you observe $\{t_i\}, \{z_i\}$

↑ spike times

↑ whether or not there was a release.

What is ~~the~~ f_F ?

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$$P(f_F | \{x_i, z_i\}) \propto P(\{t_i, z_i\} | f_F) P(f_F)$$

↑
ignore
do not

$$P(\{t_i, z_i\} | f_F) = \prod_i P_{\text{ree}}(t_i)^{z_i}$$

$$\prod_i P_{\text{ree}}(t_i; f_F)^{z_i} (1 - P_{\text{ree}}(t_i; f_F))^{1-z_i}$$

↑
prob.
↑
prob. of
release
↑
prob. of no
release

$P_{\text{ree}}(t_i; f_F)$ can be found by solving ODE.

typically, maximize $L = \log P(\{t_i, z_i\} | f_F)$

$$= \sum_i z_i \log P_{\text{ree}}(t_i; f_F) + (1-z_i) \log (1 - P_{\text{ree}}(t_i; f_F))$$

↙
compute
numerically

3b Long term plasticity

LTP Potentiation
LTD Depression

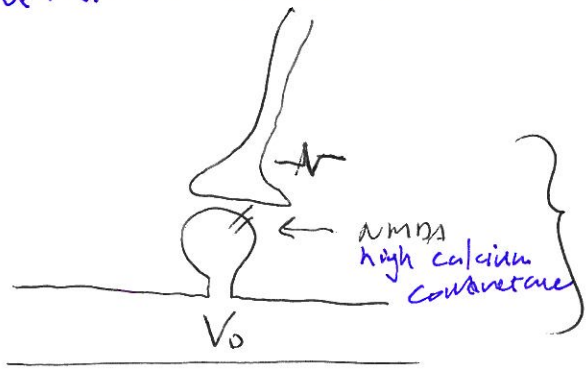
\bar{g} - P can change
 \bar{g} - n can change (new/eliminated synapses, remember, 1 release/synapse)
 \bar{g} - \bar{g} can change

pre - post } long argument over which it was
 answer: both

Change typically caused by Ca^{++} influx through NMDA channel

why → 1) increase in $[Ca^{++}]$ intracellular ~~too~~ during stimulation injecting Ca buffer prevents
 2) ~~to~~ increasing $[Ca^{++}]$ by other means

(Most glutamate-sensitive cells express both NMDA & non-NMDA.)



if spike arrives when $V_0 > \sim -20$ mV, (so that Mg^{++} block is gone), synaptic strength changes (either P or \bar{g})

UP-Regulation of AMPA
 GluR1 tagged with GFP
 Before stimulation w/ spines

NMDA → Ca^{++} influx → CaMKII → AMPA inserted

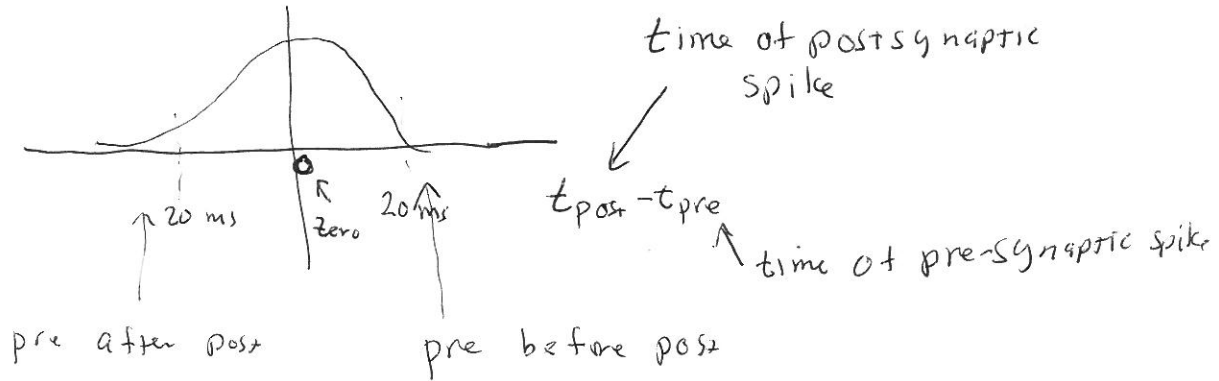
Current picture !!!

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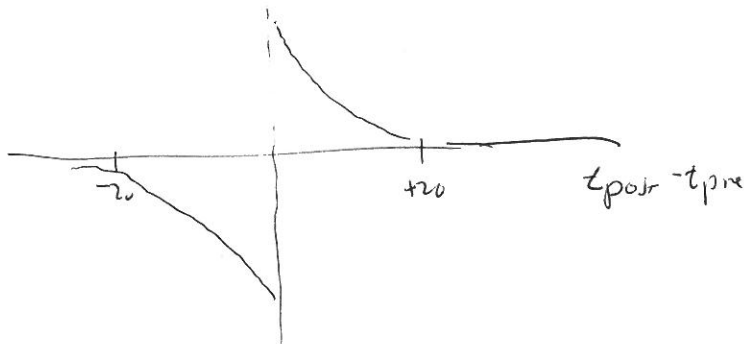
Mossy fibers of Dentate
→ CA3
Presynaptic LTP

Weight change, Δw , depends on timing
of pre and post-synaptic spikes

Hebb

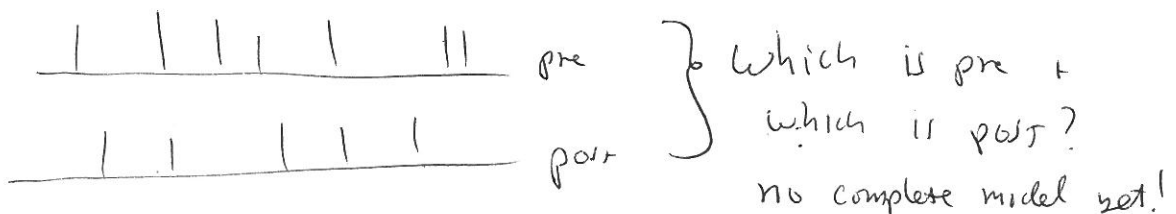


STDP



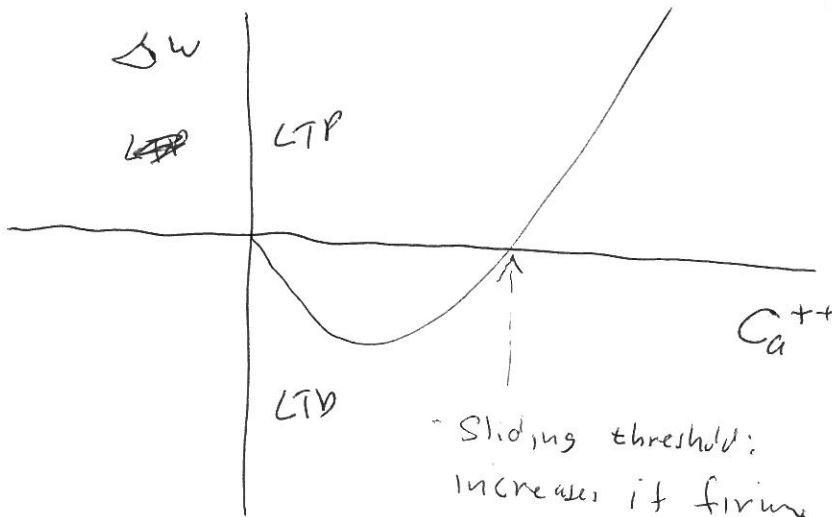
- both are unstable unless a normalization rule
is applied.

Situation is more complicated

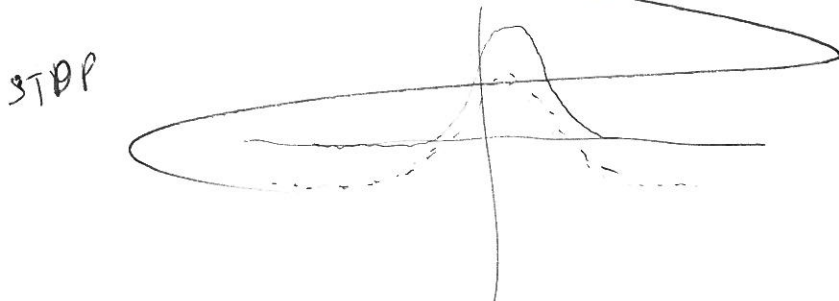
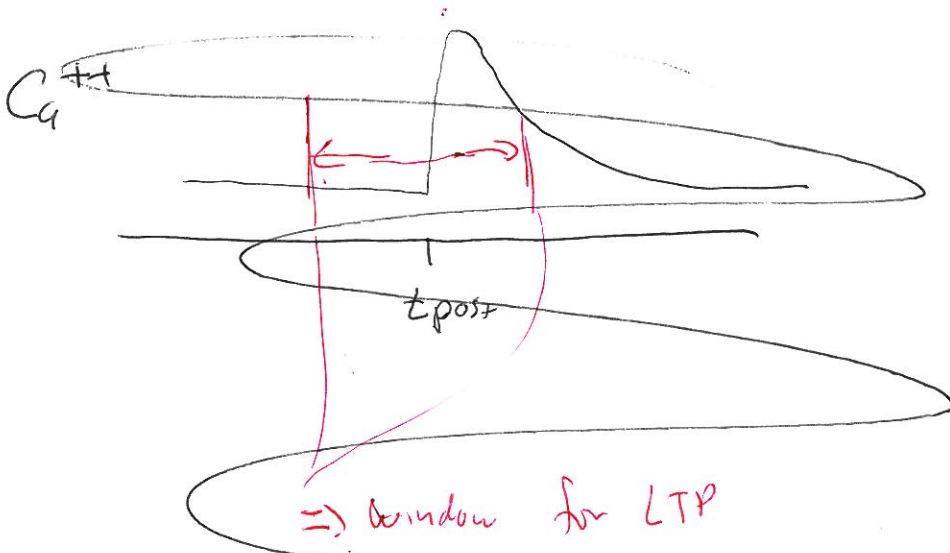


Normalizität: BCM

BCS: Bardeen - nobel prize
Cuper - nobel prize
~~Schrieffer~~ Schrieffer
look up!



- Sliding threshold: increases if firing rate of cell is too high
- some experimental evidence
- doesn't account for STDP



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draw pic!!!

