

***Integration in Neuroscience
from a Cellular-based
Neuronal Network Perspective***

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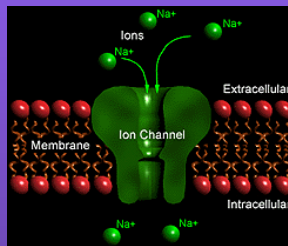
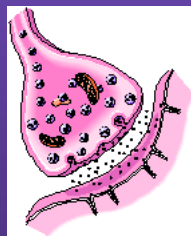
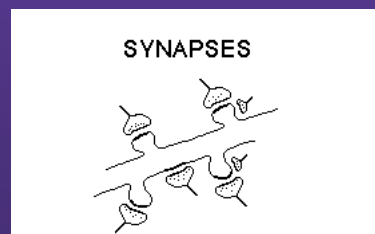
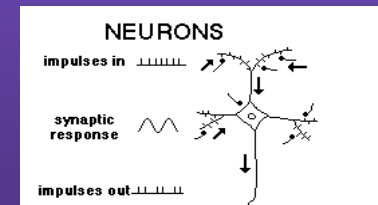
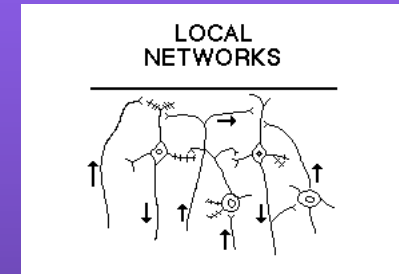
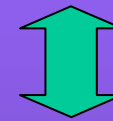
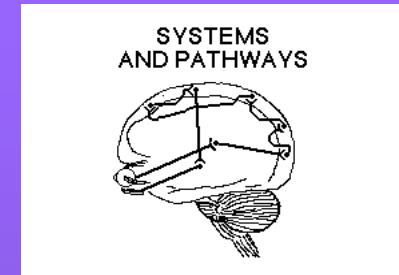
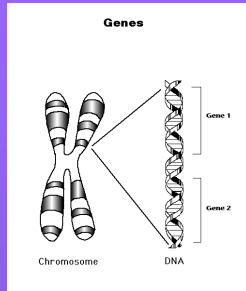
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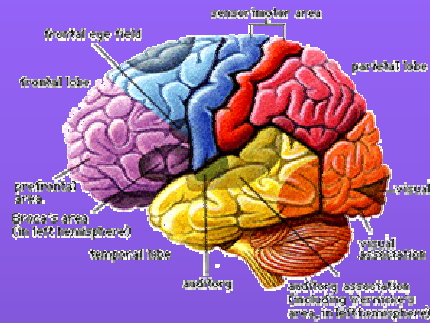
TALK OUTLINE

- *General introduction*
- *Hippocampus focus*
- *Experimental data focus*
- *Basket cell focus*
- *Modelling approach 1 – simulations and ad-hoc analyses (synaptic depression)*
- *Modelling approach 2 – simulations and linking to experimental data (gap junctions)*
- *Closing*

Behavioural State

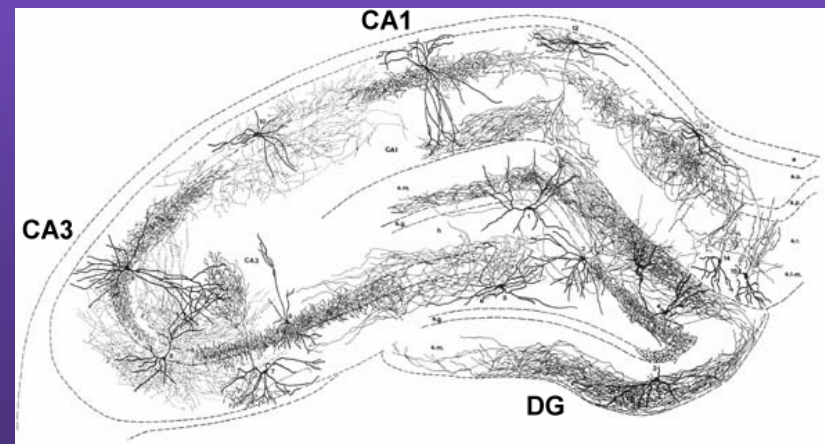
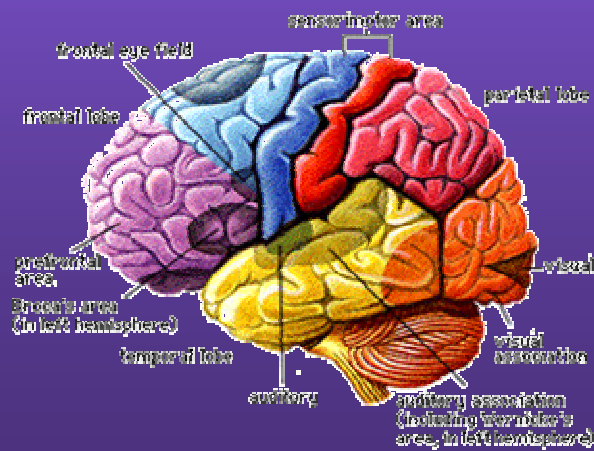
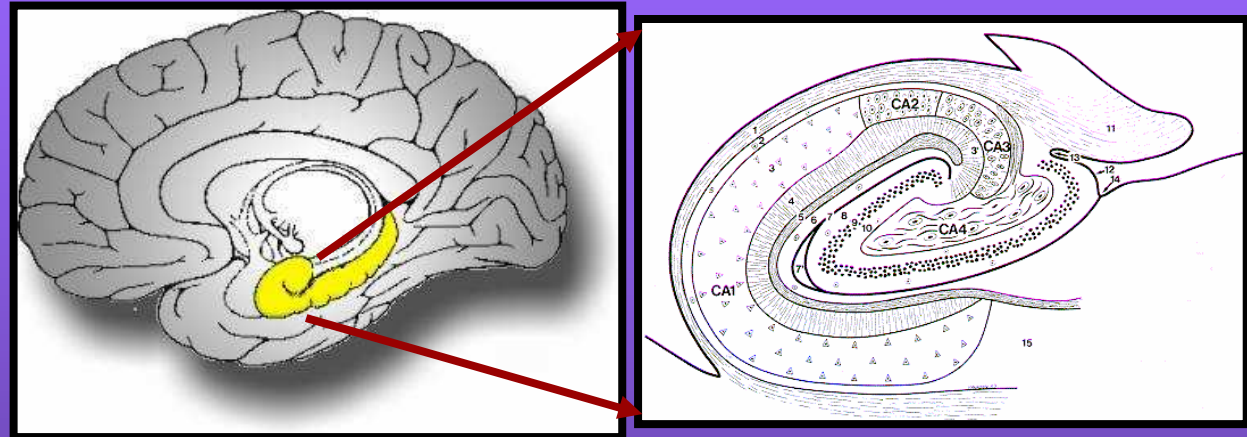


Interacting dynamics *Bidirectionality*



Focus and Context

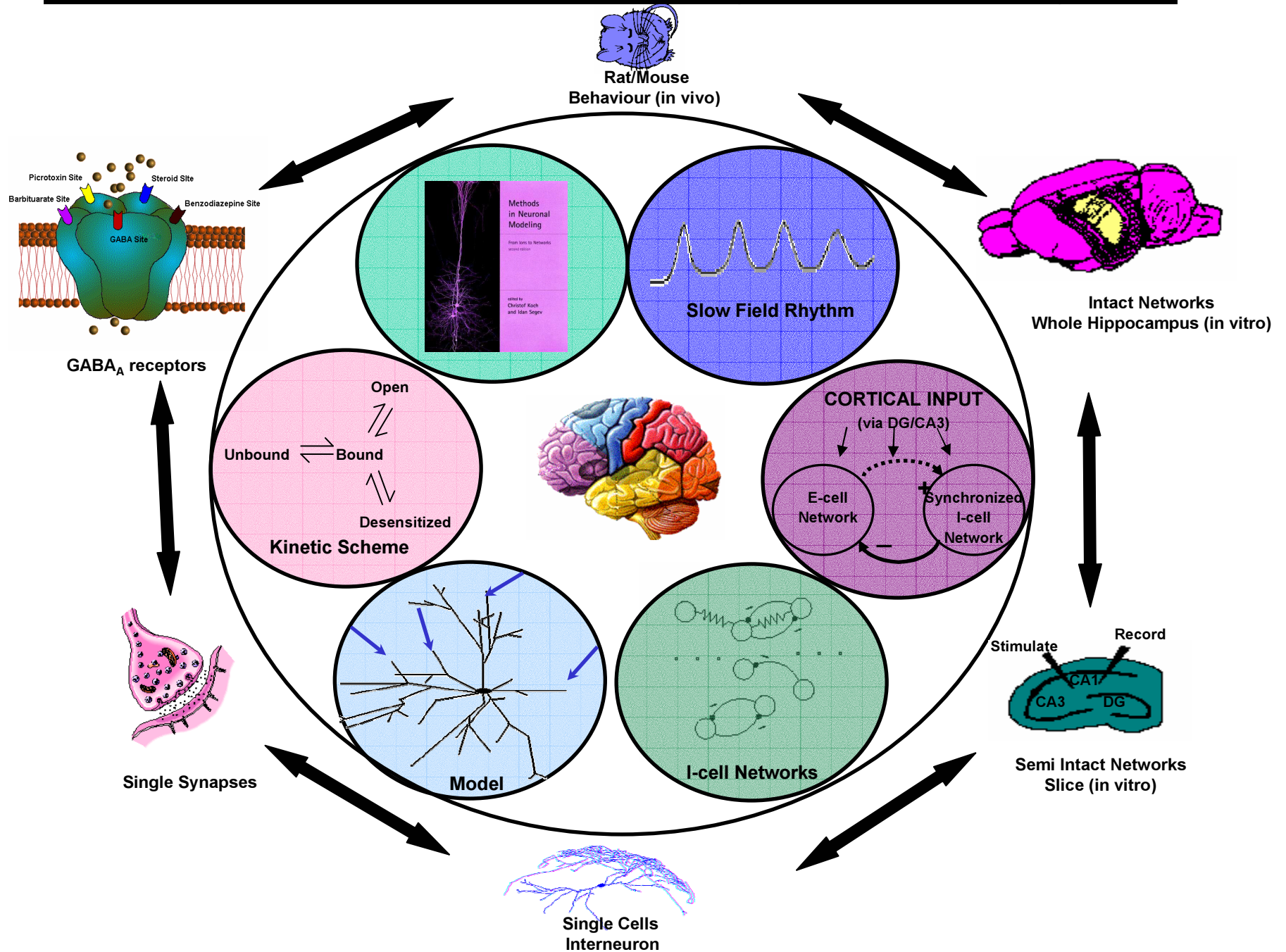
“Welcome to the hippocampal world!” ☺



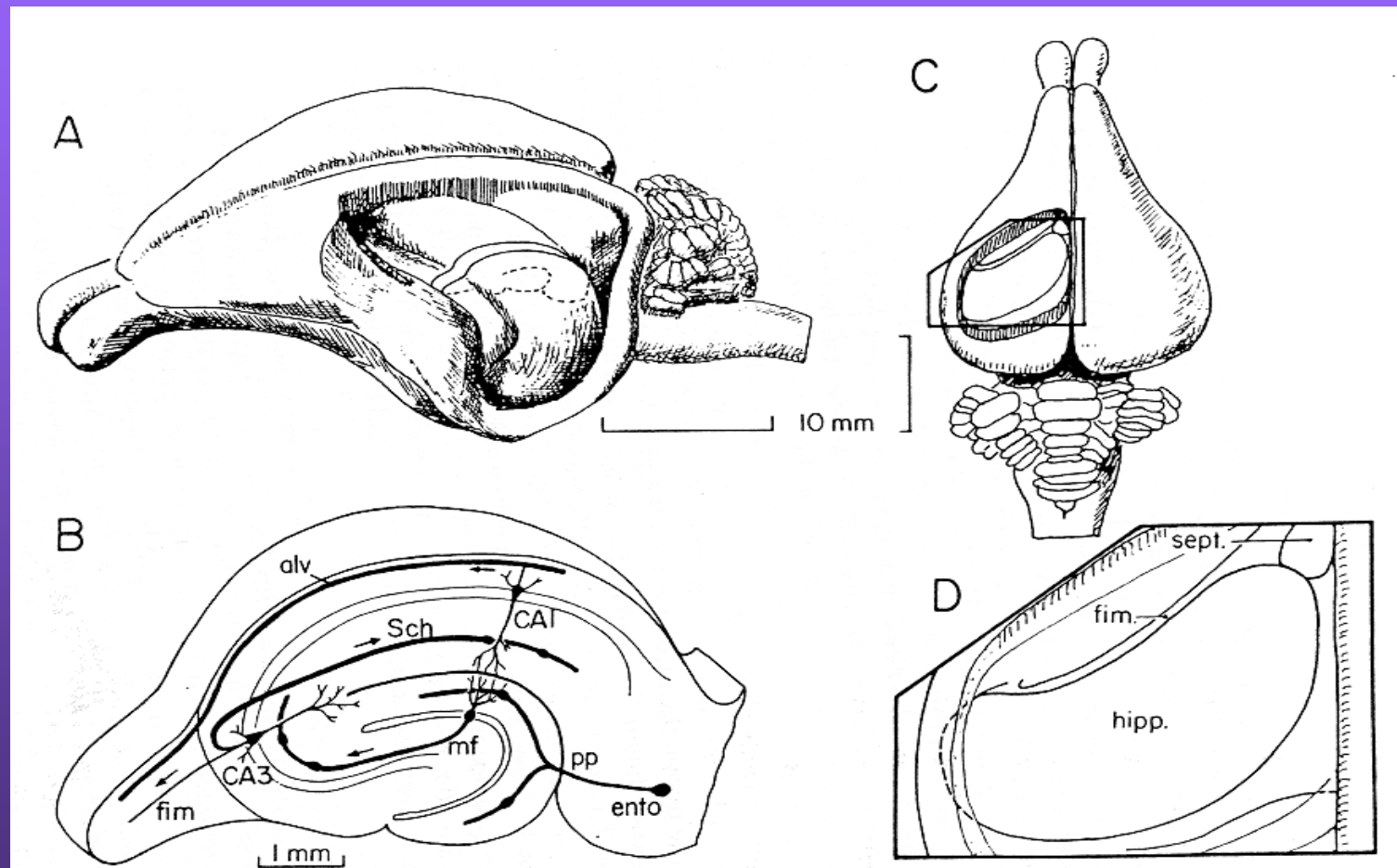
The hippocampal cortex is an intensely studied region of the brain because:

- *It is amenable to experiment, retaining its synaptic circuitry and thus population activities in the slice.*
- *It is associated with memory and learning (i.e., LTP, LTD), epileptic seizures, and neurogenesis.*
- *It exhibits a wide range of population activity patterns (<1 to >200 Hz) that are associated with various behavioural states.*

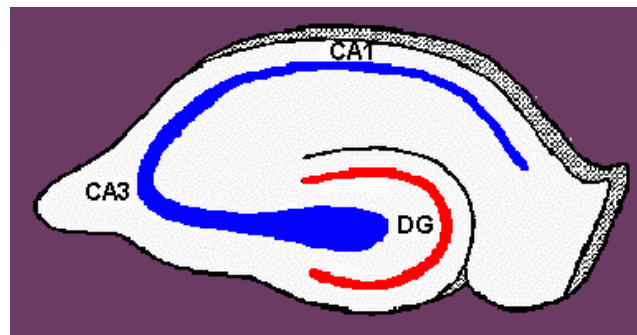
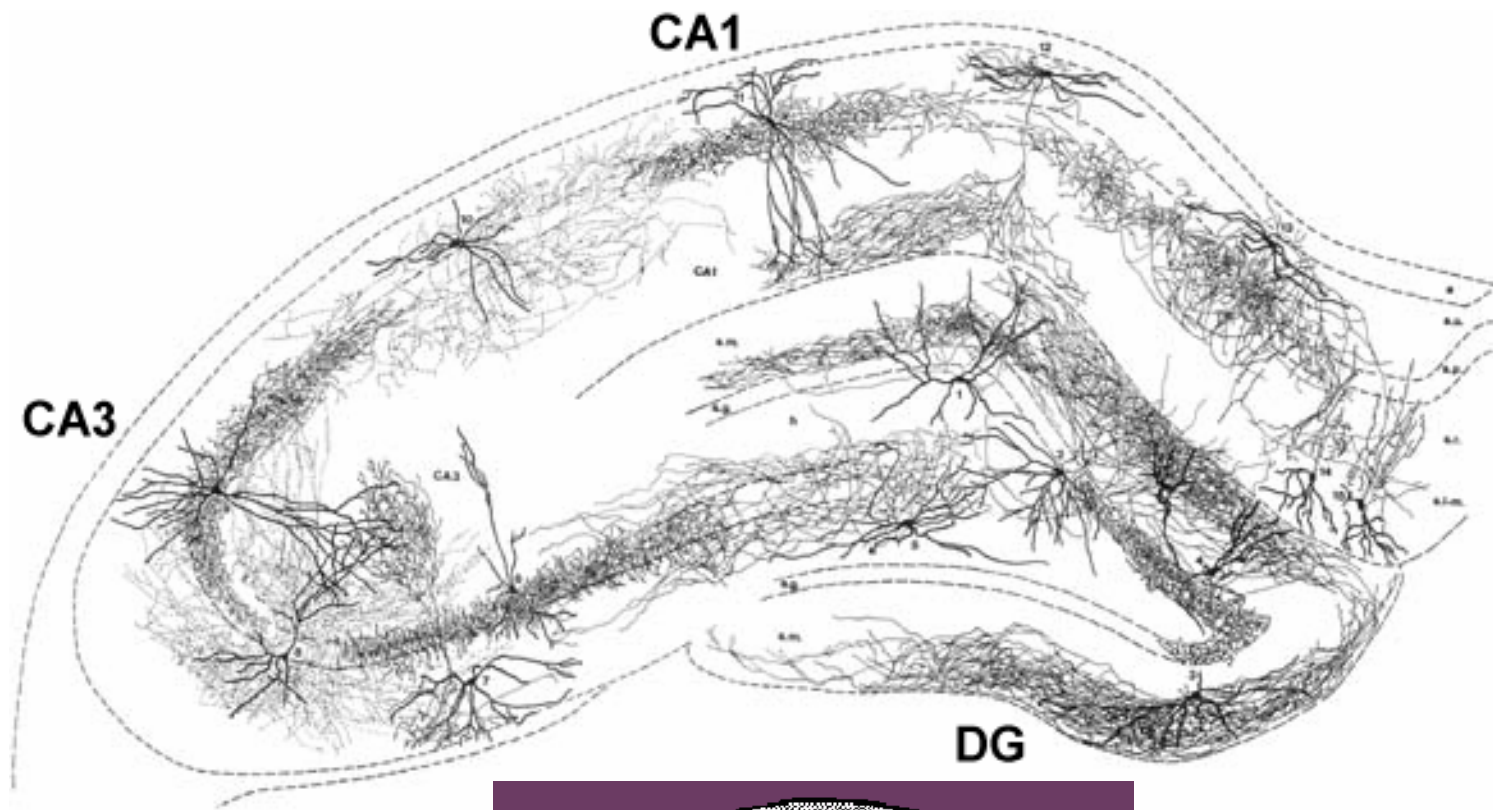
"Computational Road Maps to Dynamic Phenotypes"



Hippocampus and conventional slice preparation



Layers, signal flow, cell types



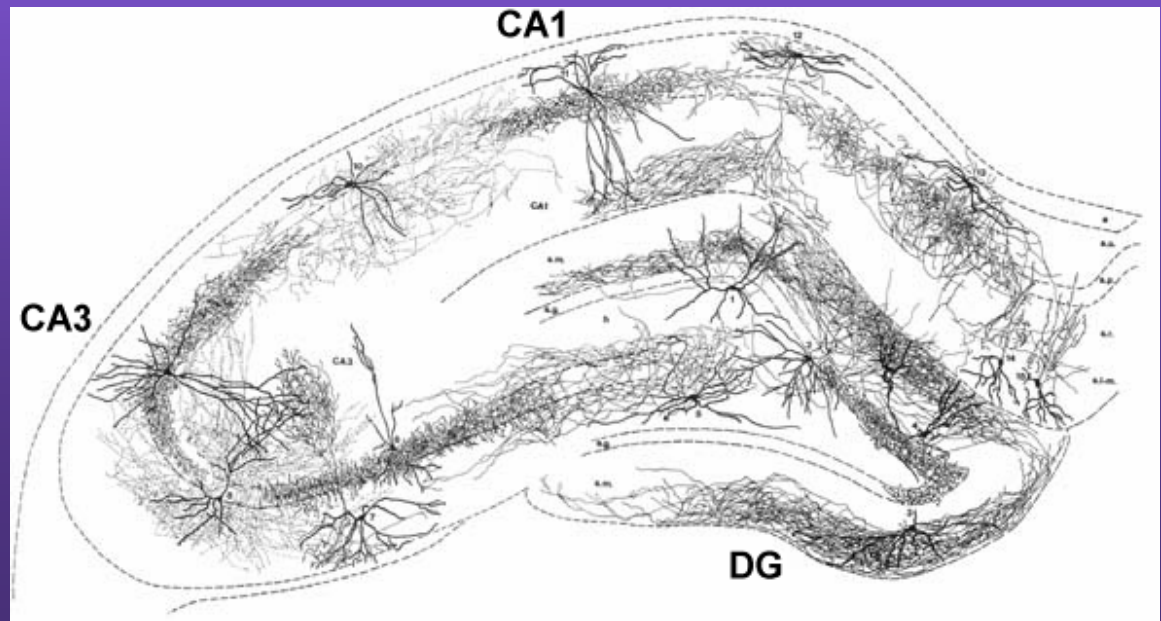
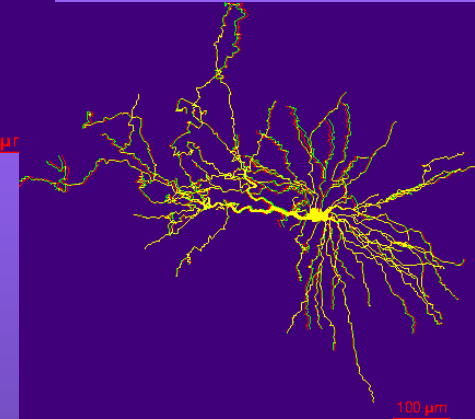
Interneurons

(GABAergic nonprincipal cells or Inhibitory neurons)

“Interneurons are part of an extensive inhibitory network which play an essential role in molding the synchronous rhythmic output of principal cells.”

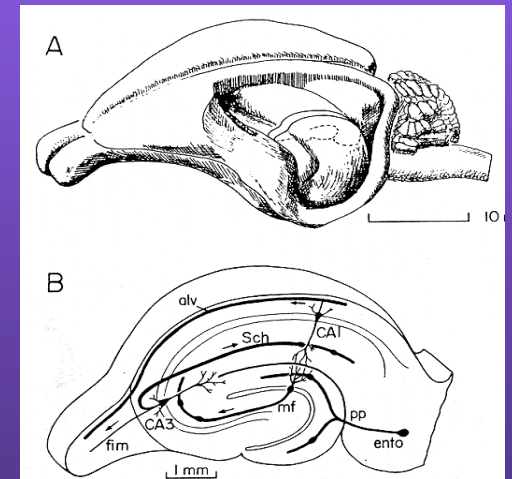
Freund and Buzsáki, Hippocampus 6:347-470, 1996

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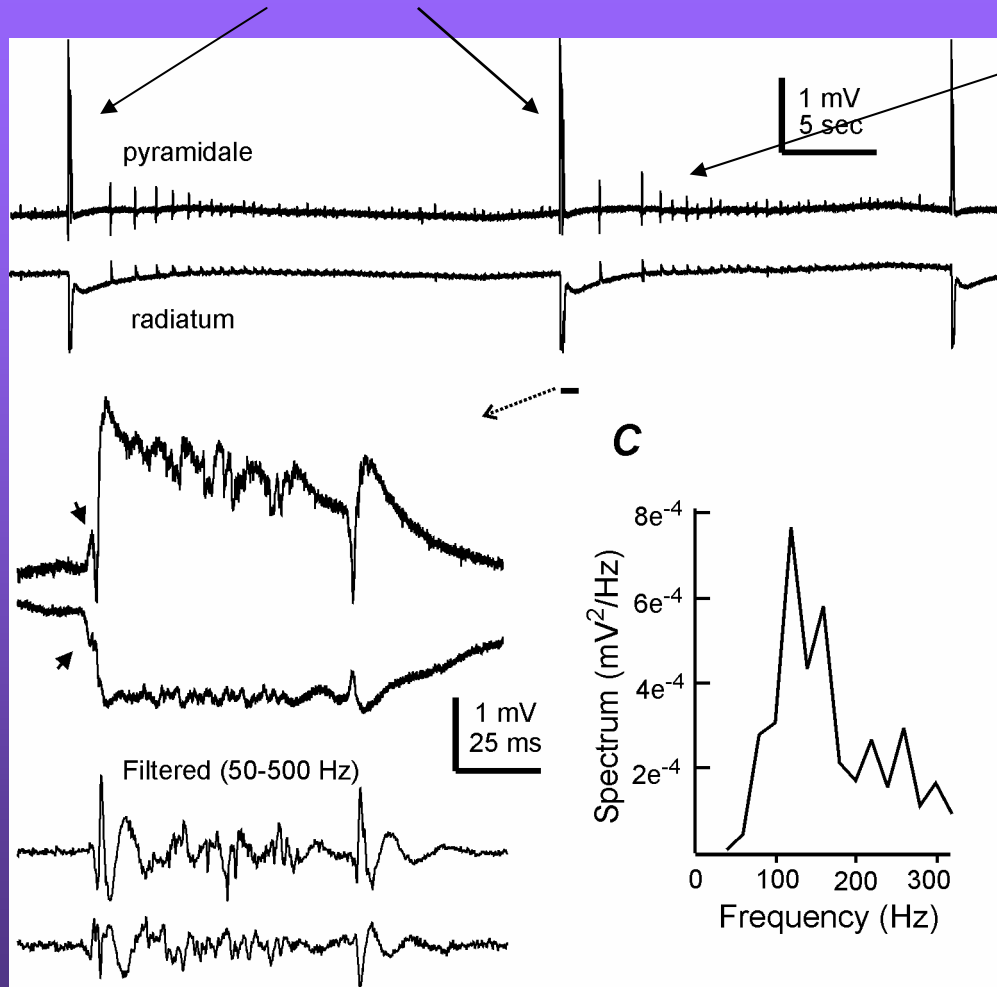


*Two types of population activities
obtained in whole hippocampus and
thick slice preparations (...that
critically depend on inhibitory cell
participation)*

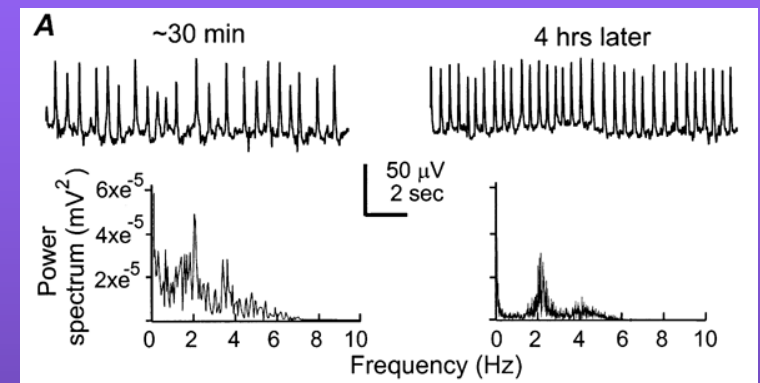
- Spontaneous rhythmic field potentials (SRFPs)
- Sharp wave-ripples (SPW- ripples)



SPW-ripple



SRFP

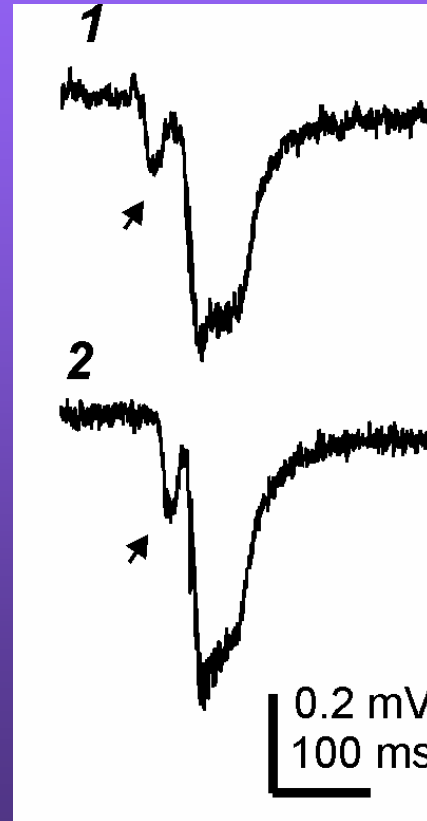


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Stable population activities and relationship between SRFPs and SPWs

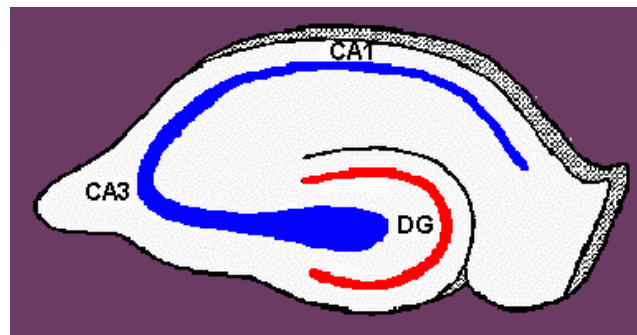
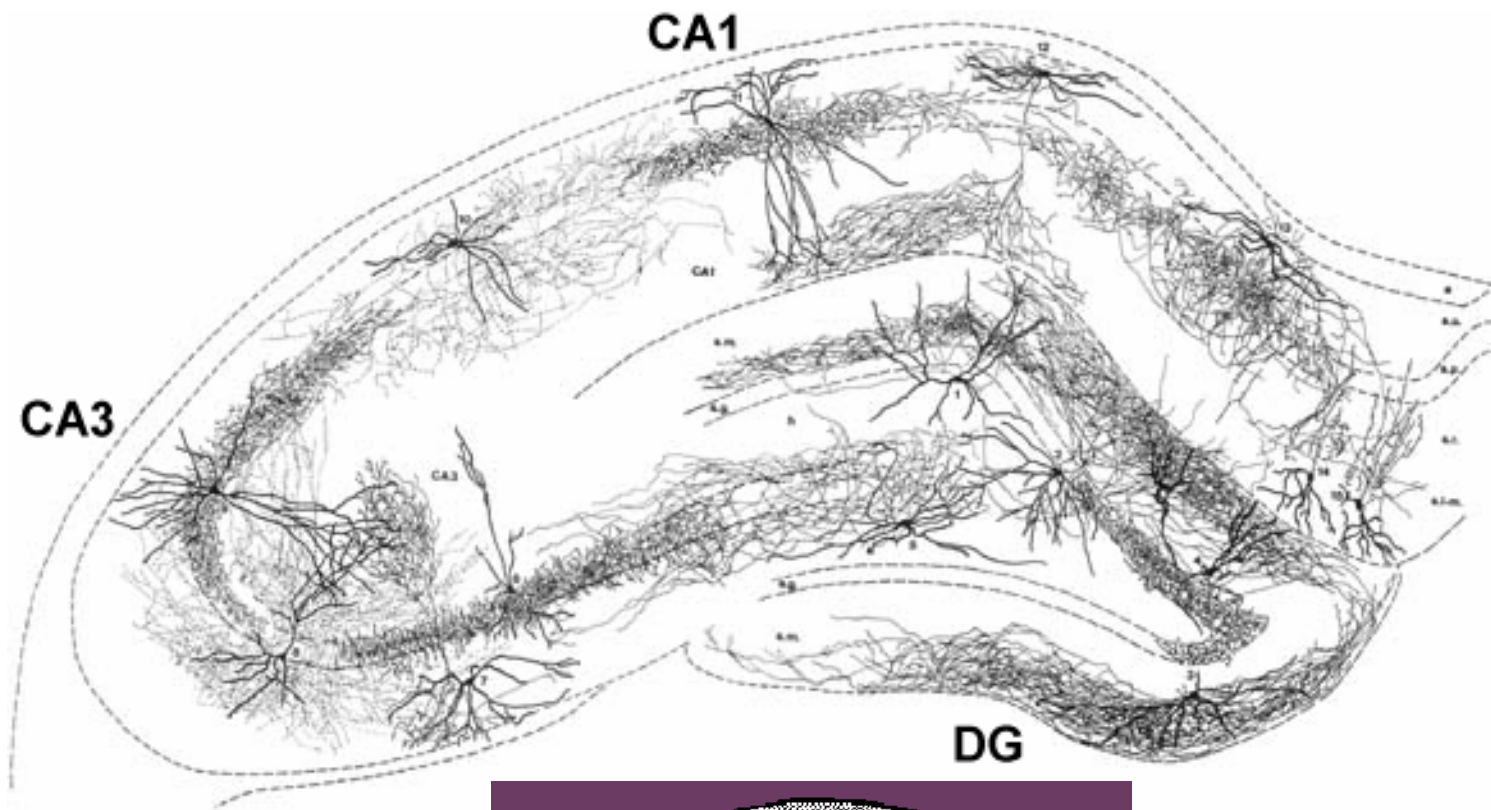
Initial time →

An hour and a half later →

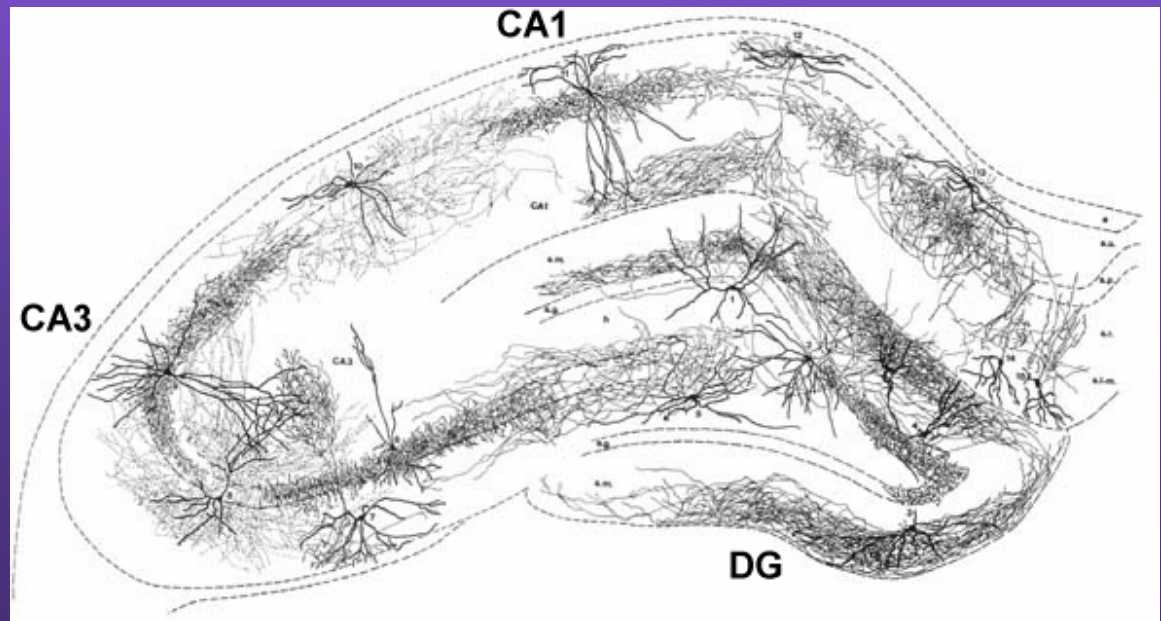
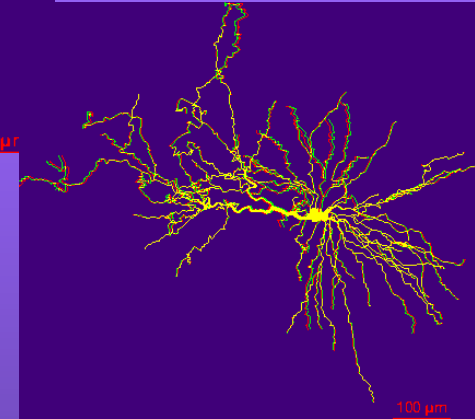


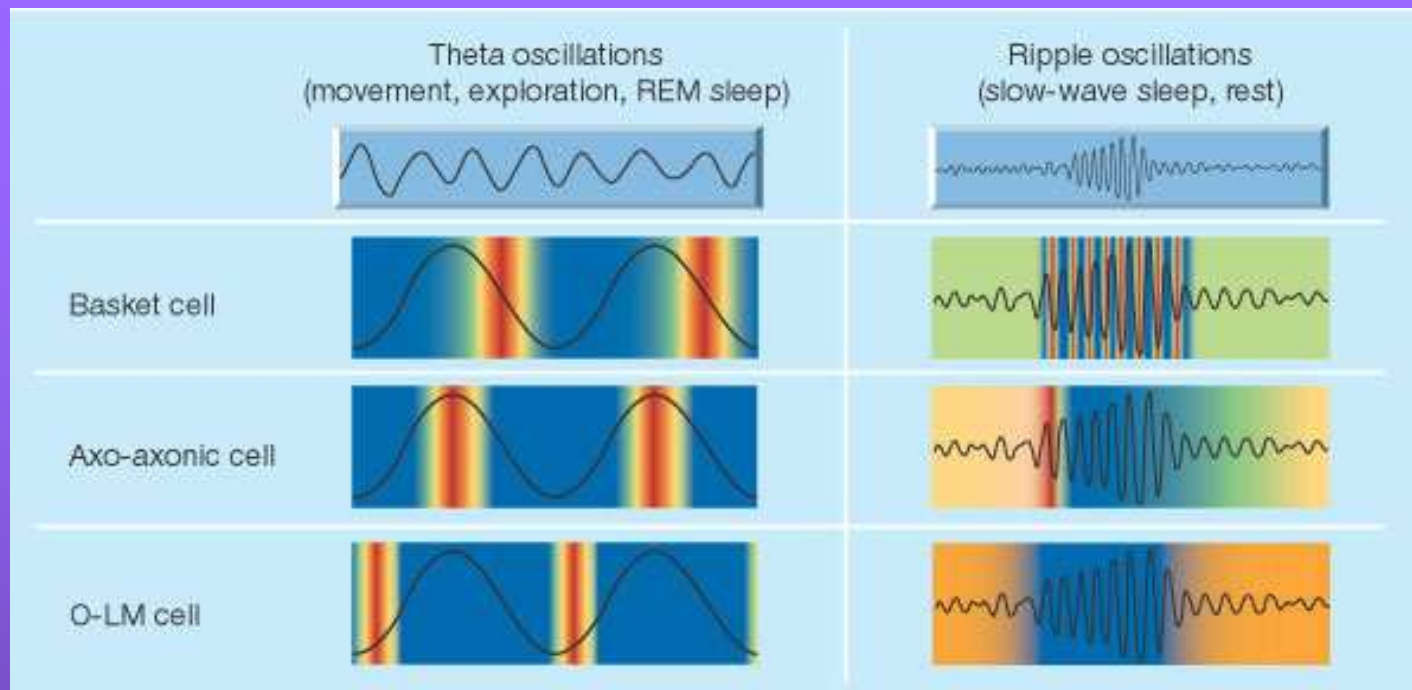
*What are the cellular and network mechanisms
underlying these population activities?
(i.e., interactions between intrinsic and synaptic
dynamics need to be understood.)*

What model(s) to build?



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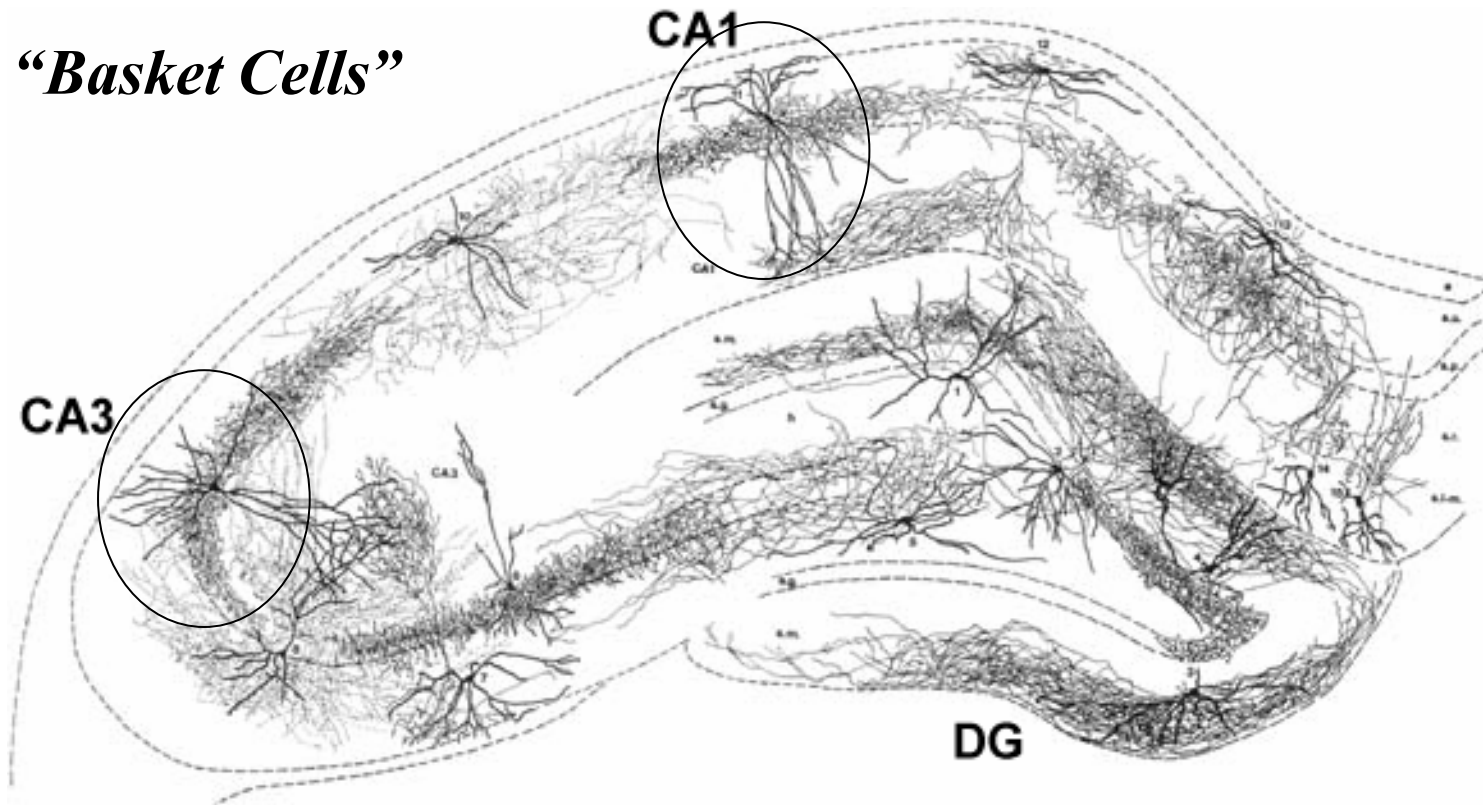




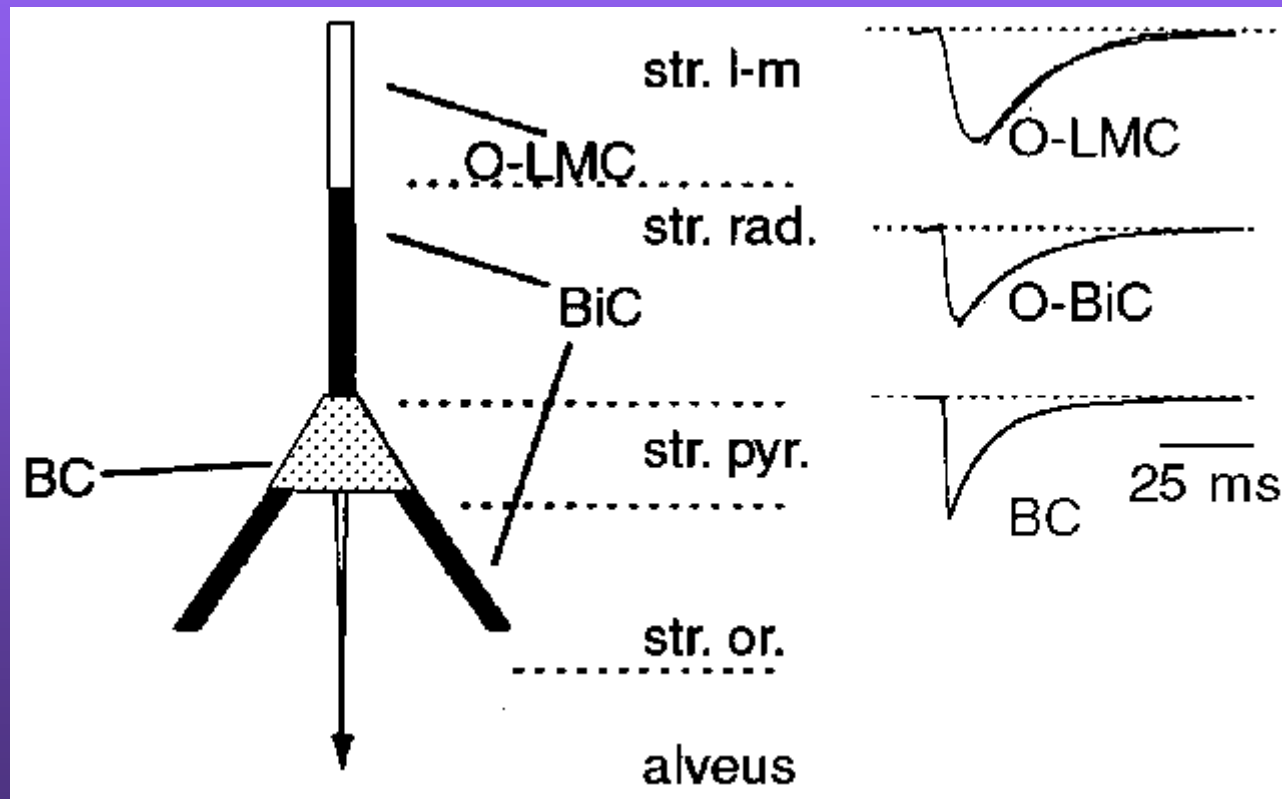
Interneurons and electrical oscillations.

Schematic from E.I. Moser, Nature, 2003, showing the activity profiles of three types of hippocampal interneurons during two brain states (based on the findings of Klausberger et al., 2003). Colours indicate the probability that a given interneuron will fire (maximum red, minimum blue). The variation within each group is small, suggesting that classes of interneurons exert precise control over distinct aspects of hippocampal network dynamics

Parvalbumin-containing GABAergic interneuronal networks may be a fundamental structure of the cerebral cortex (Fukuda and Kosaka, 2000)

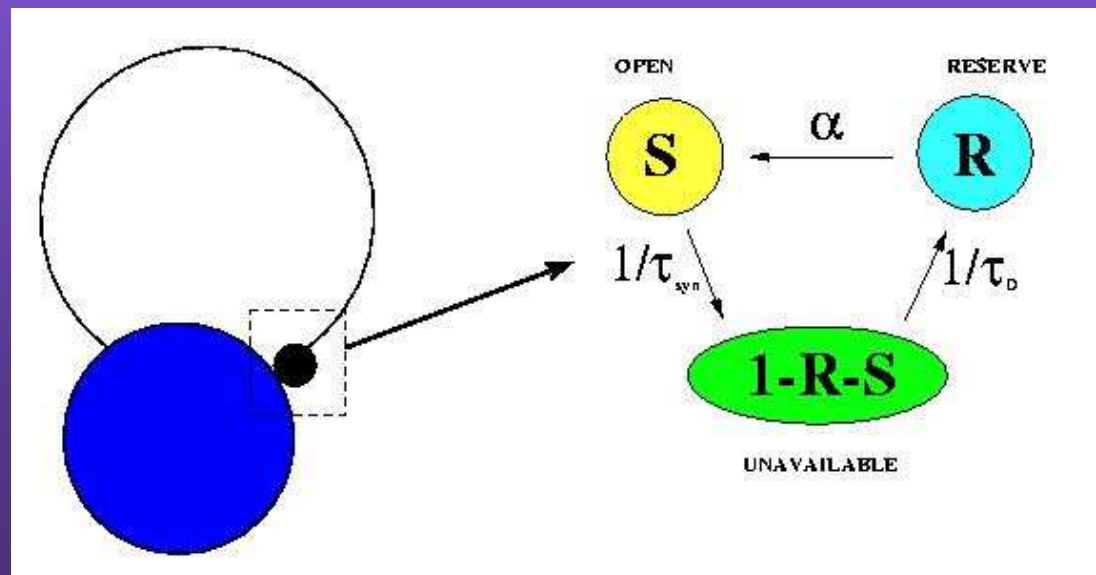
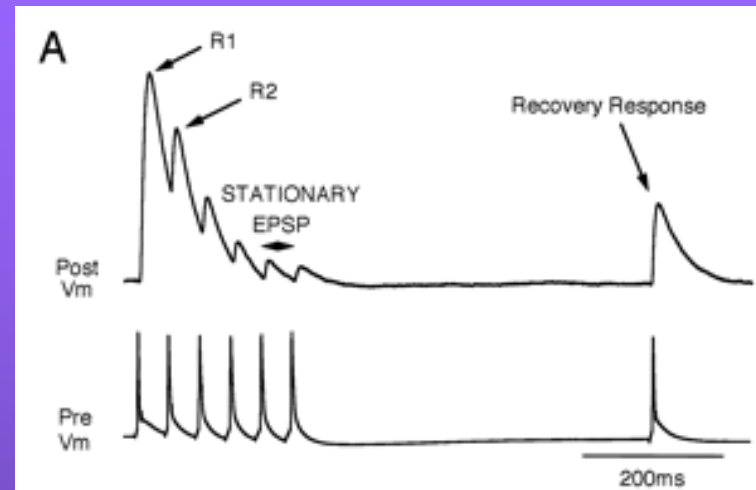


Basket cells (BCs) exhibit synaptic depression (Maccaferri et al., 2000)

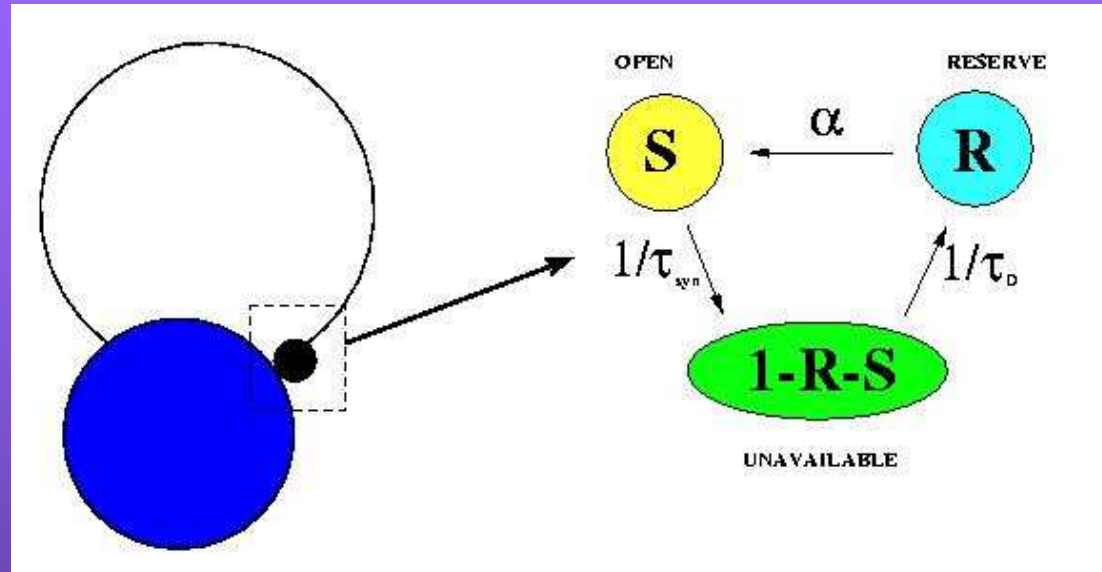


McBain Perspective

Short-term Plasticity: phenomenological model (Tsodyks and Markram, 1997)



Synaptic Depression (short-term plasticity) model



$$I_{syn} = \bar{g}_{syn} S (V - V_{syn})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS}{dt} &= U_{SE} F(V_{pre}) R - \frac{S}{\tau_S} \\ \frac{dR}{dt} &= \frac{1 - S - R}{\tau_D} - U_{SE} F(V_{pre}) R \end{aligned}$$

and

$$F(V_{pre}) = 1/(1 + \exp(-(V_{pre})))$$

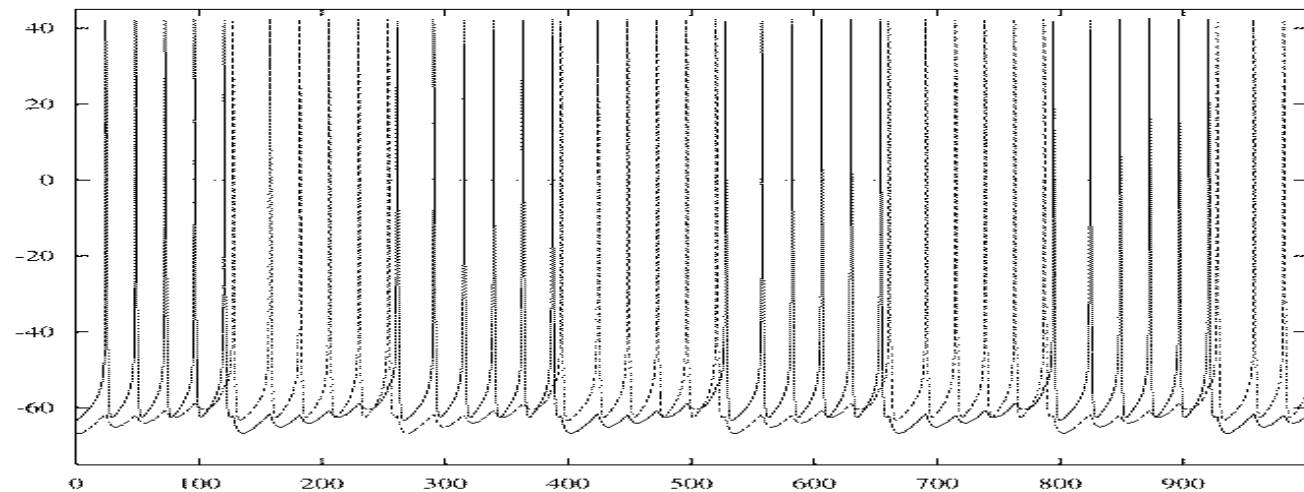
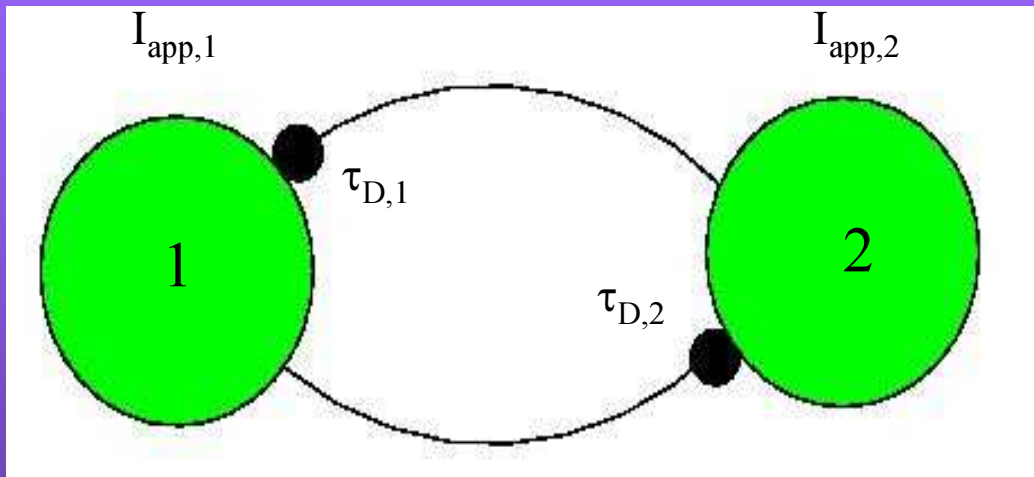
R is the synaptic resource in its recovered state

S is the active or effective synaptic resource

U_{SE} is the utilization of synaptic efficacy

“Novel Bursting Patterns Emerging from Model Inhibitory Networks with Synaptic Depression”

Jalil, Grigull and Skinner, submitted



Intrinsic Properties

$$C \frac{dV}{dt} = I_{app} - [\bar{g}_{Na} m_{\infty}^3 h (V - V_{Na}) + \bar{g}_K n^4 + \bar{g}_L (V - V_L) + I_{syn}]$$

*Full two-cell system would
be a 10-dimensional
Nonlinear system of ODEs*

Synaptic Properties

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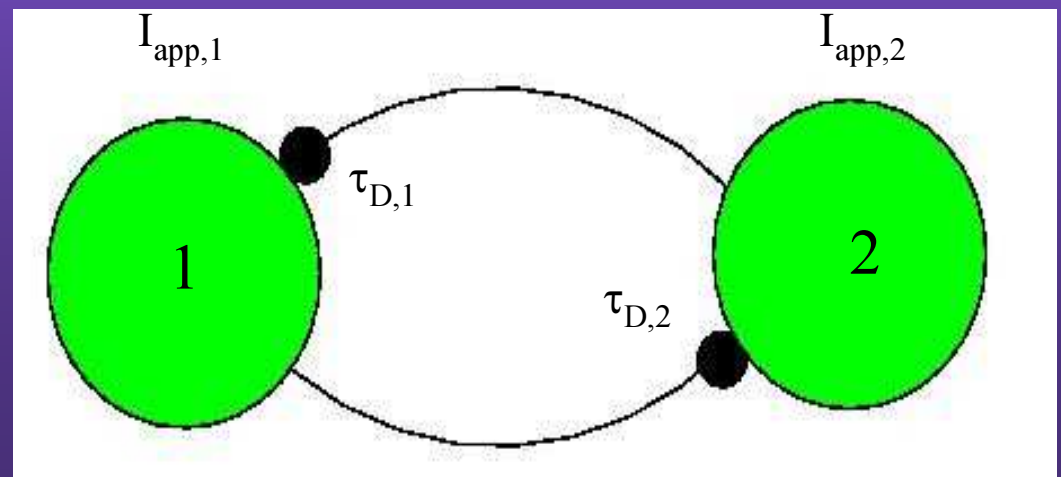
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Use a strategy of embedding and extrapolation....

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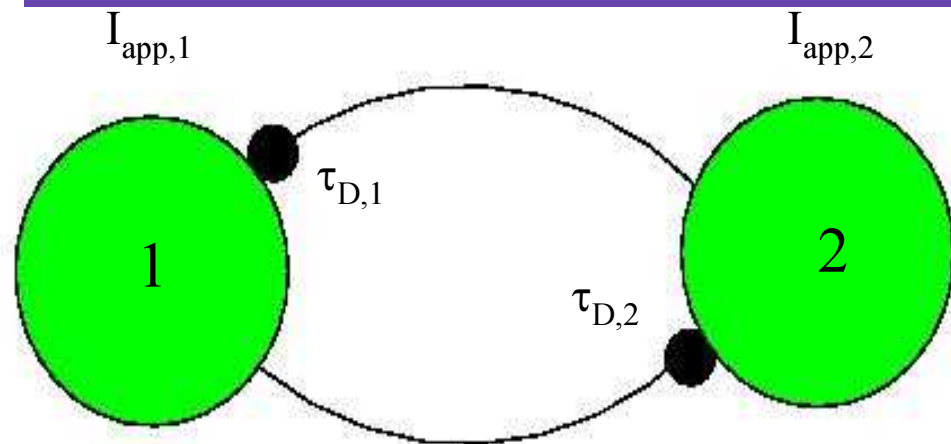
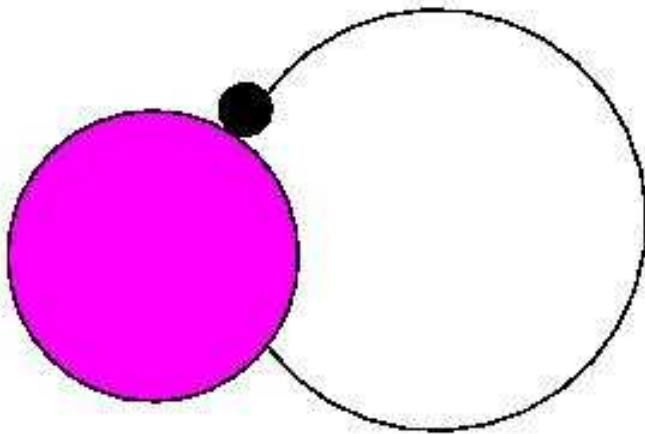
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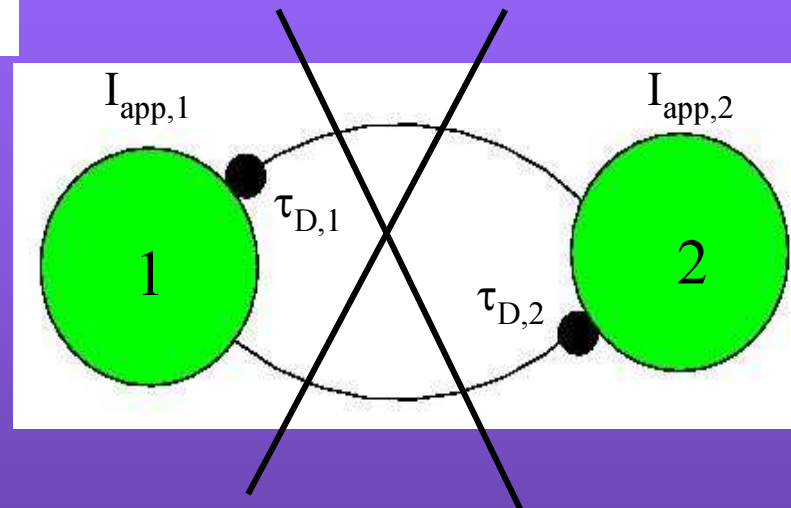
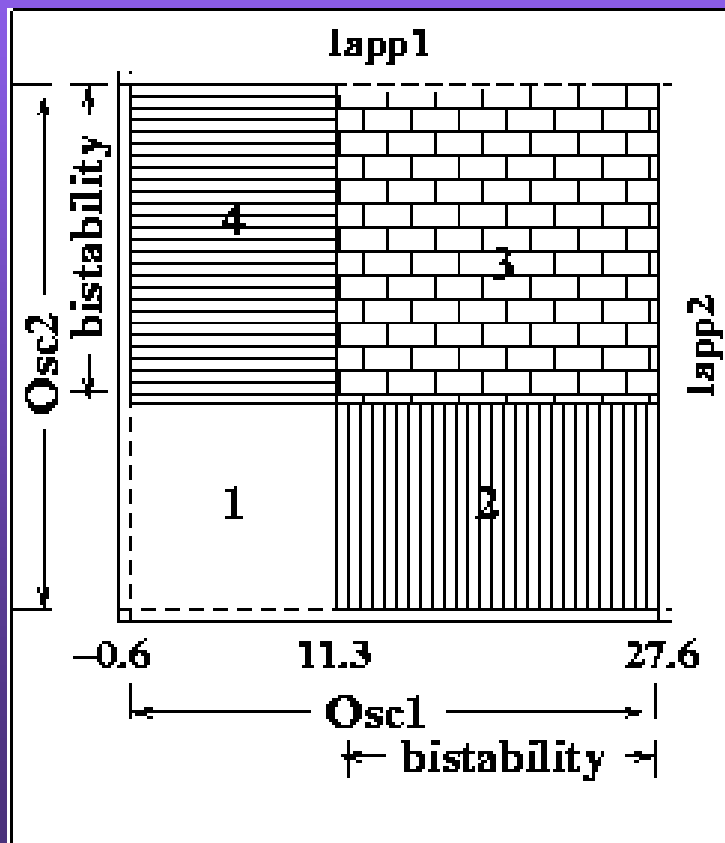
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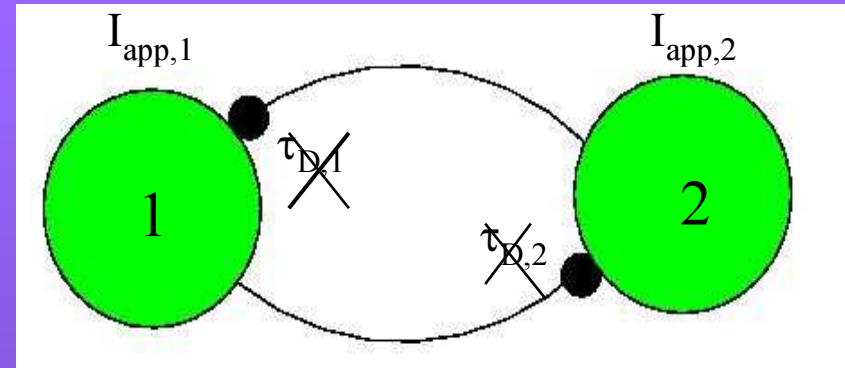
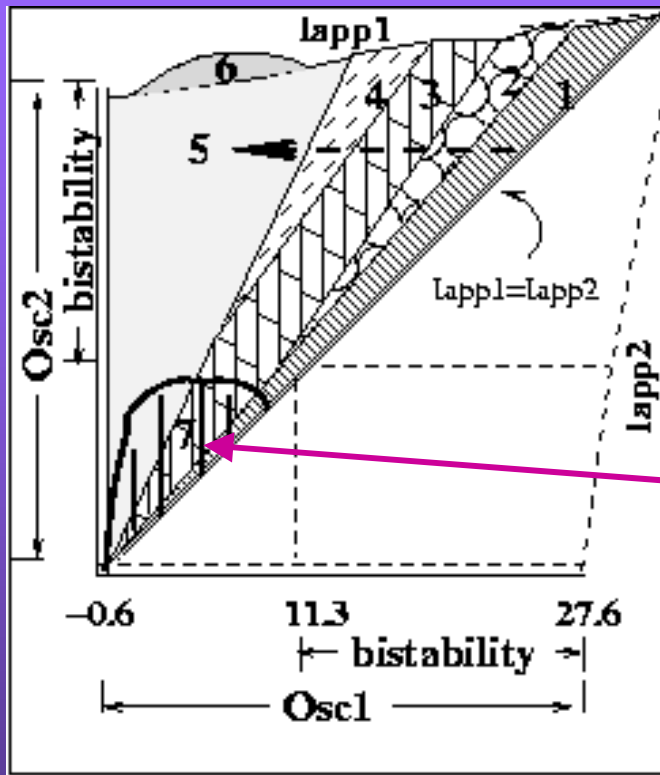
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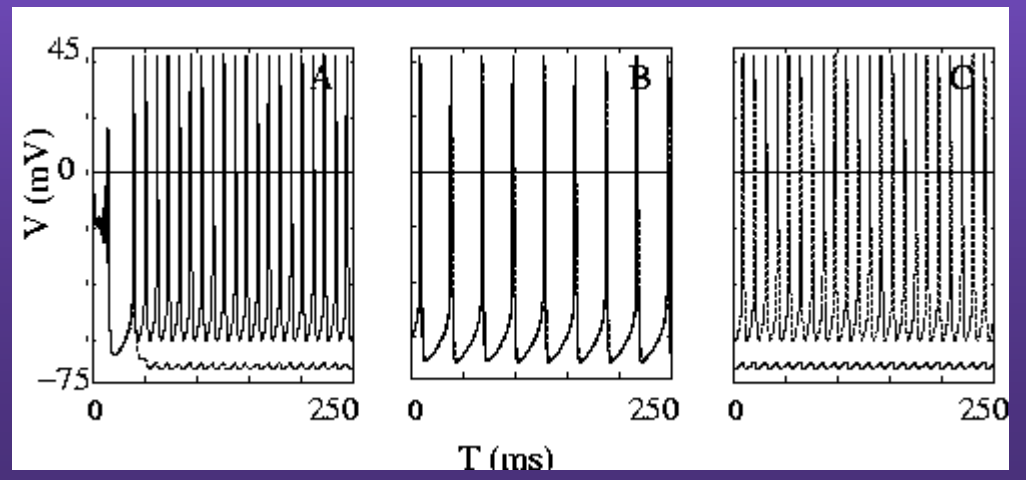


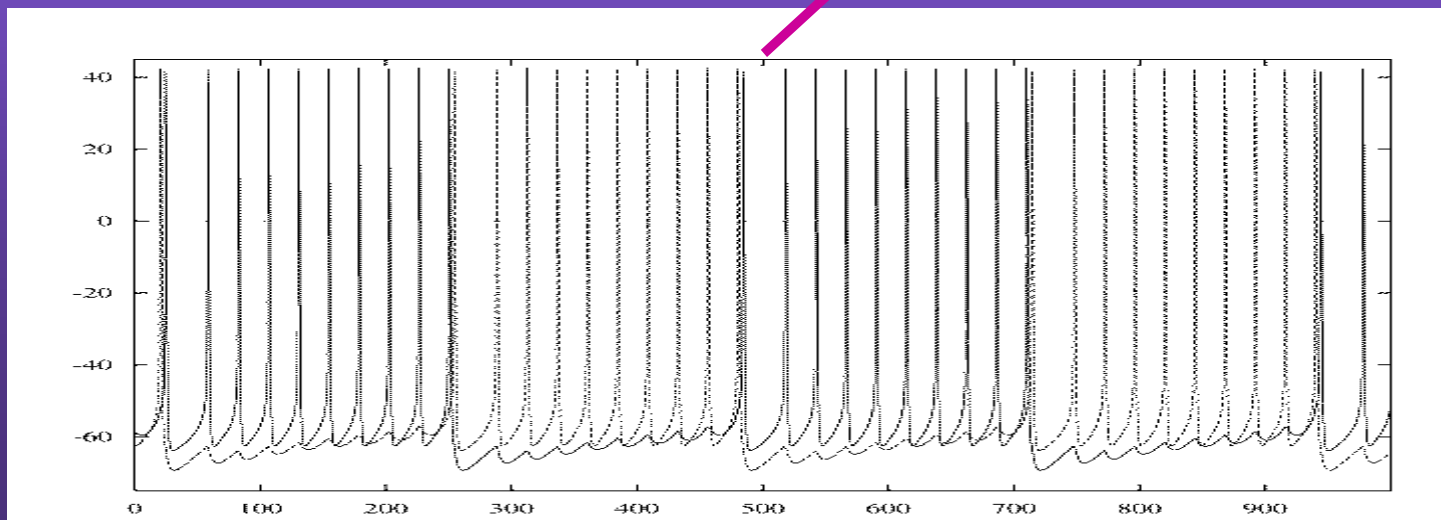
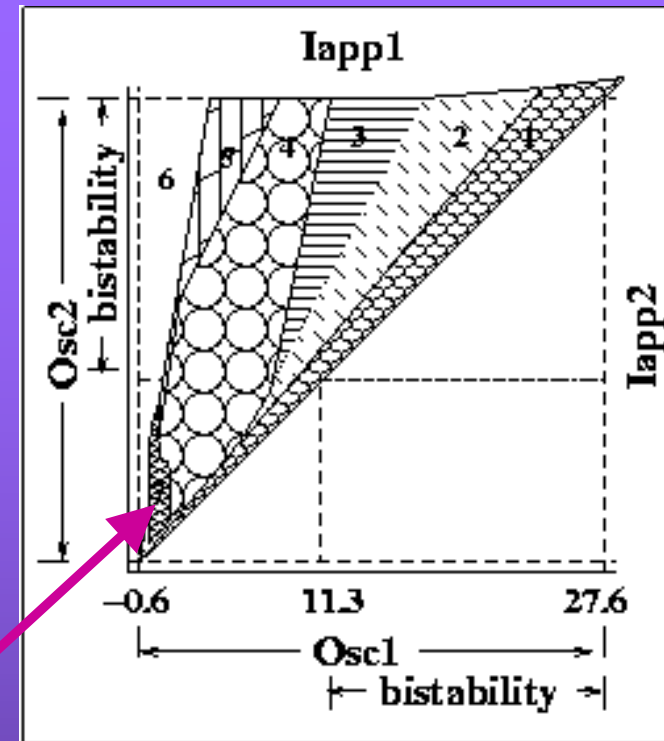
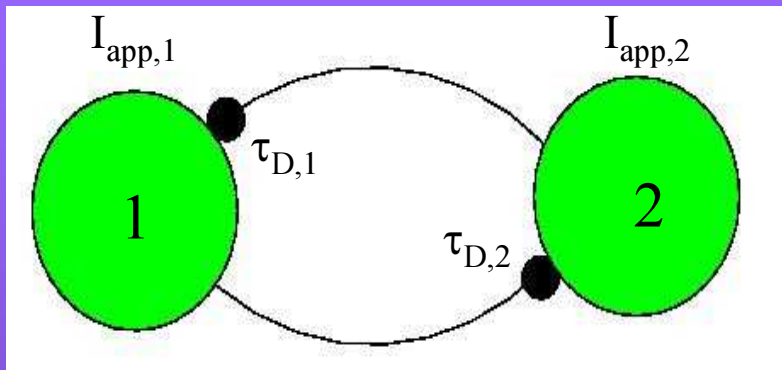
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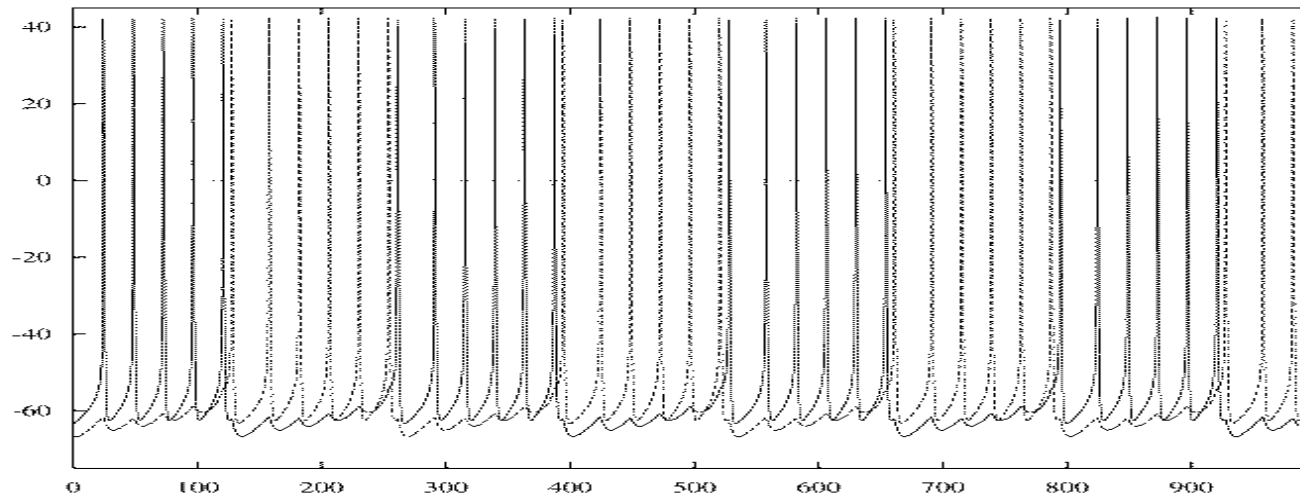
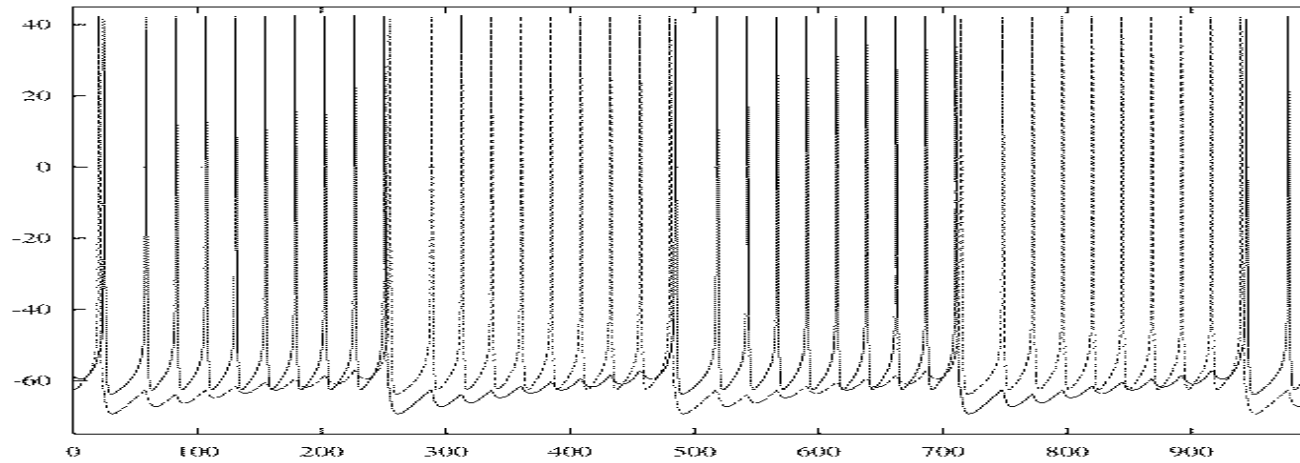
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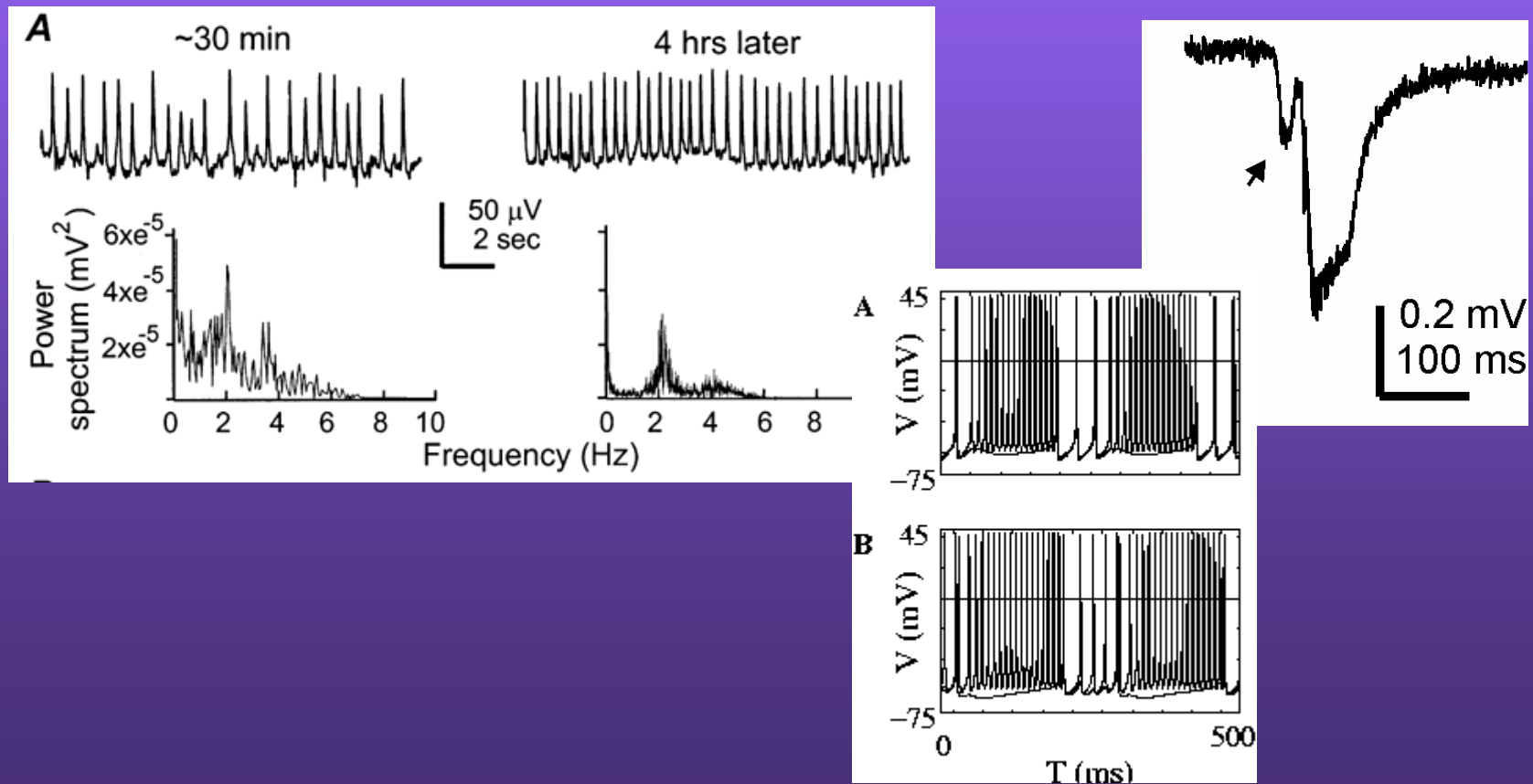
“Alternating Bursting Pattern”

(increasing depression time constant, 300 to 400 msec)



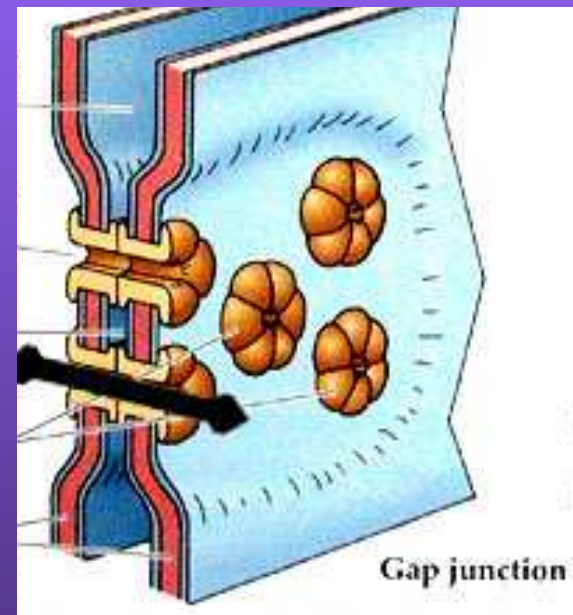
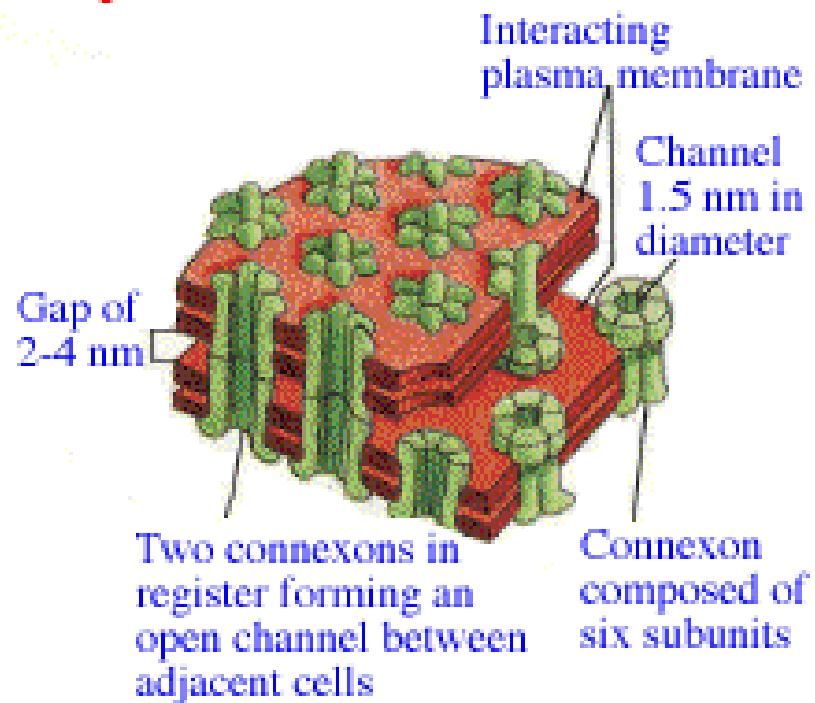
SRFP and relationship between SRFPs/SPWs :

Speculation and Suggestions from Modelling Work



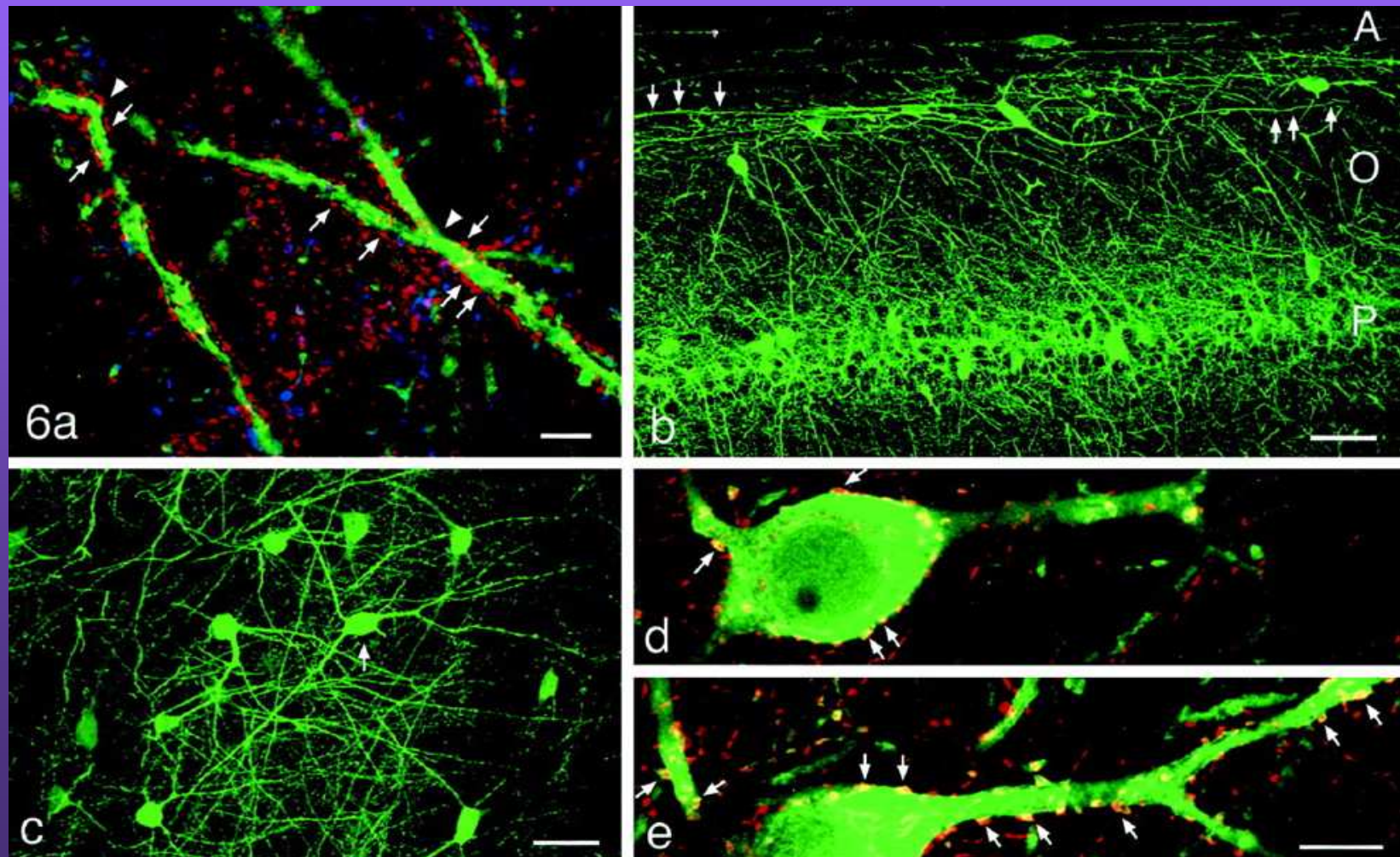
In addition to chemical inhibitory synapses, electrical connections or gap junctions (GJs) are also present between basket cell inhibitory networks

Gap Junction In Animals Cells

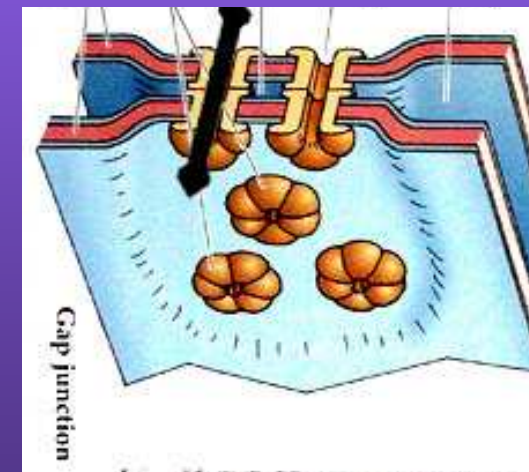
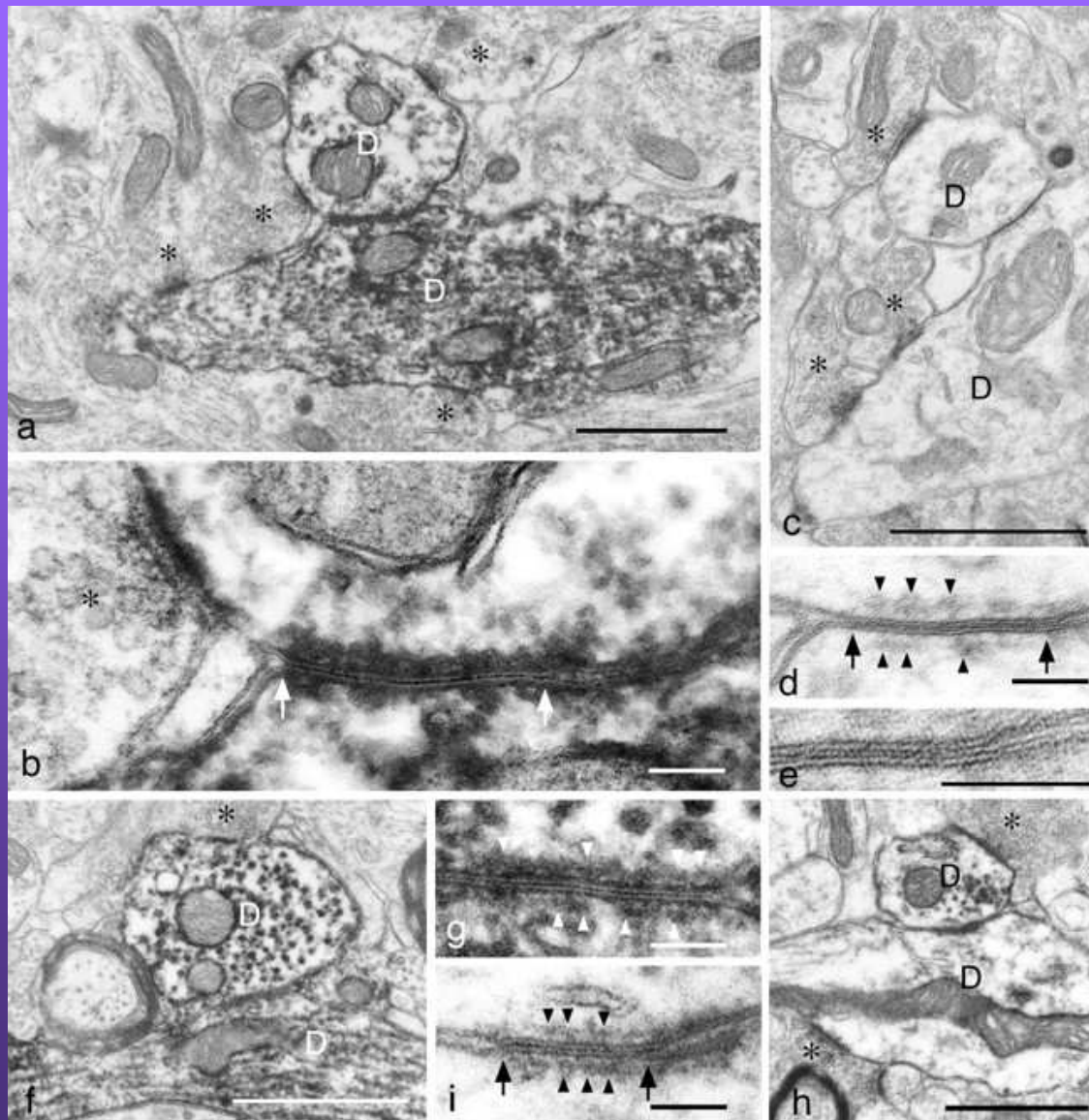


Hippocampal GABAergic neurons form dual networks connected by chemical (axosomatic) and electrical (dendrodendritic) synapses

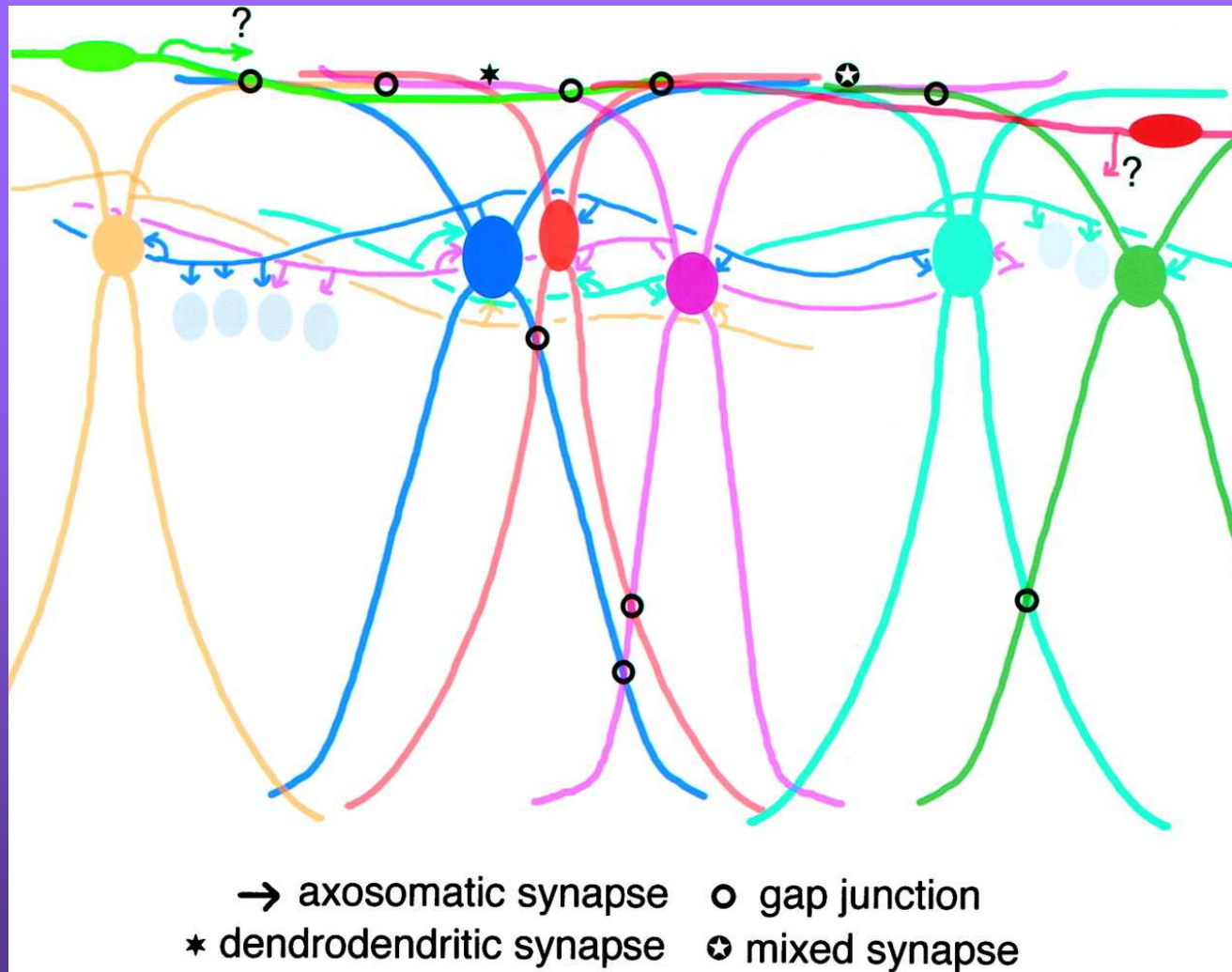
Fukuda and Kosaka, J.Neurosci. 20:1519-1528, 2000



Dendrodendritic Gap Junctions



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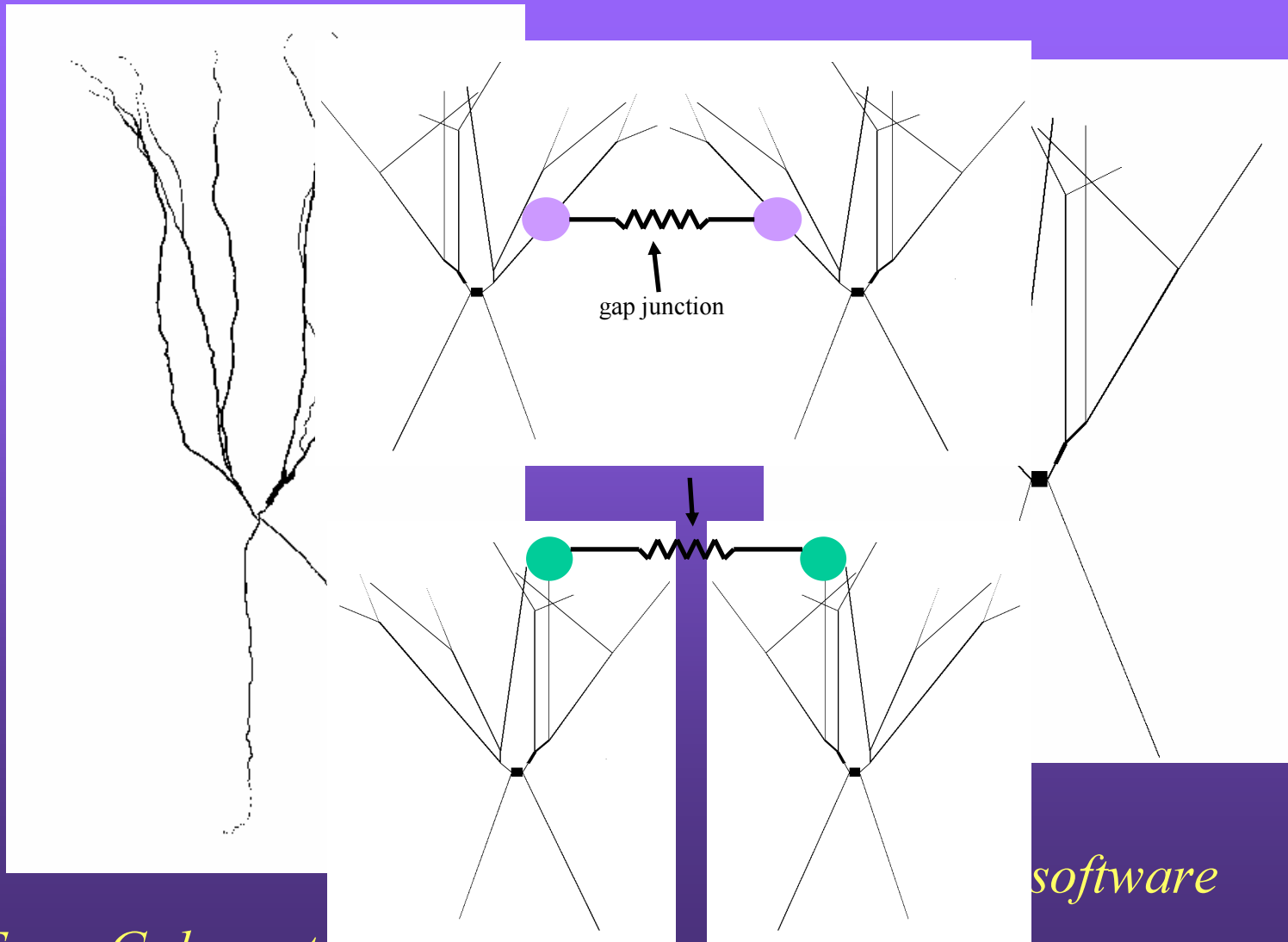
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Theoretical and modeling studies using simple neuronal caricatures clearly show that the effects of gap-junctional coupling are not straightforward.

Synchronous, anti-synchronous, phase-locked and bistable patterns can be produced in GJ-coupled networks depending not only on GJ strength, but also on details of the spike shape and frequency.

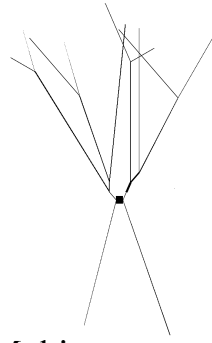
*What parameter regimes are
physiologically relevant?*

Multi-compartment representation of interneurons (basket cells)

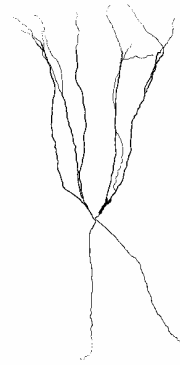


From Gulyas et al. 1999

Ad-hoc Reduced Two-compartment Models



Multi-compartment
Model Cell



CA1 Basket Cell



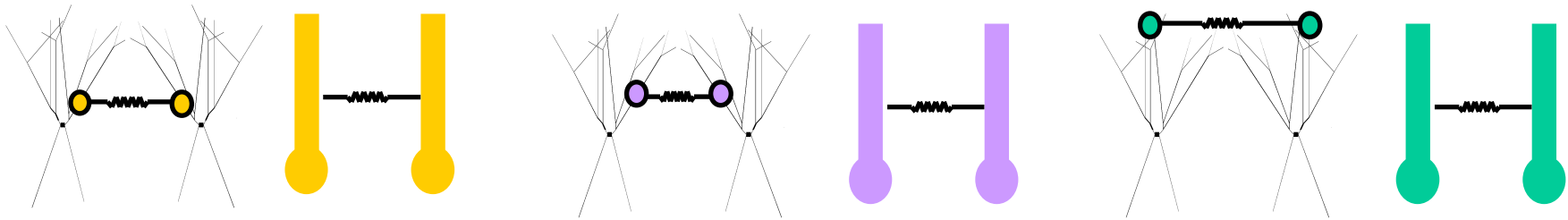
Reduced Two-compartment
Model Cell

- A two-compartment model was constructed using the following equations:

$$C \frac{dV_S}{dt} = I_{app} - I_{Na} - I_K - I_L - g_{coupD-S}(V_S - V_D)$$

$$C \frac{dV_D}{dt} = -I_L - g_{coupS-D}(V_D - V_S) - I_{gap}$$

Two-cell Network Models



• Proximal Location

($\sim 100 \mu m$ from soma)

• Middle Location

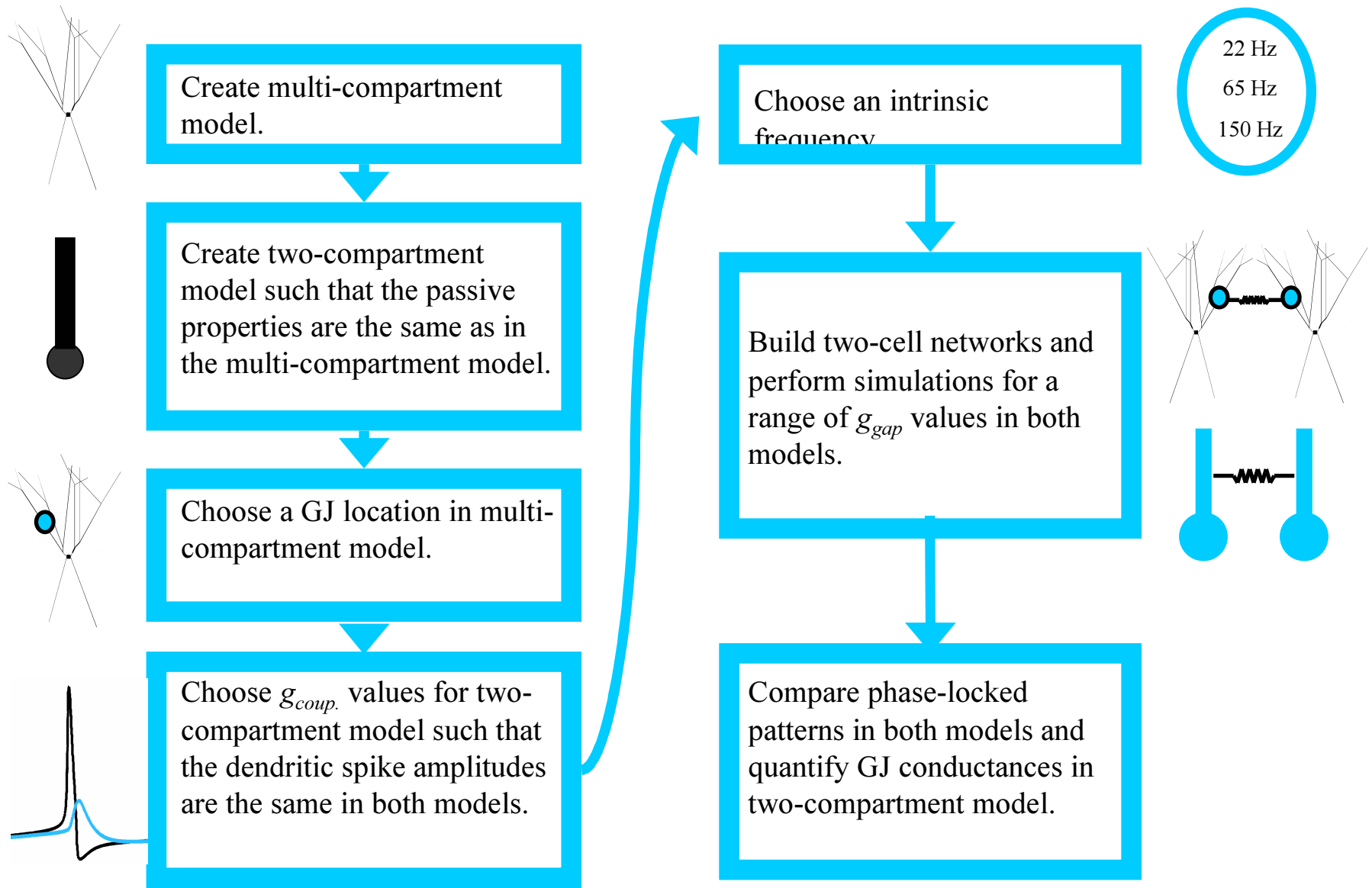
($\sim 200 \mu m$ from soma)

• Distal Location

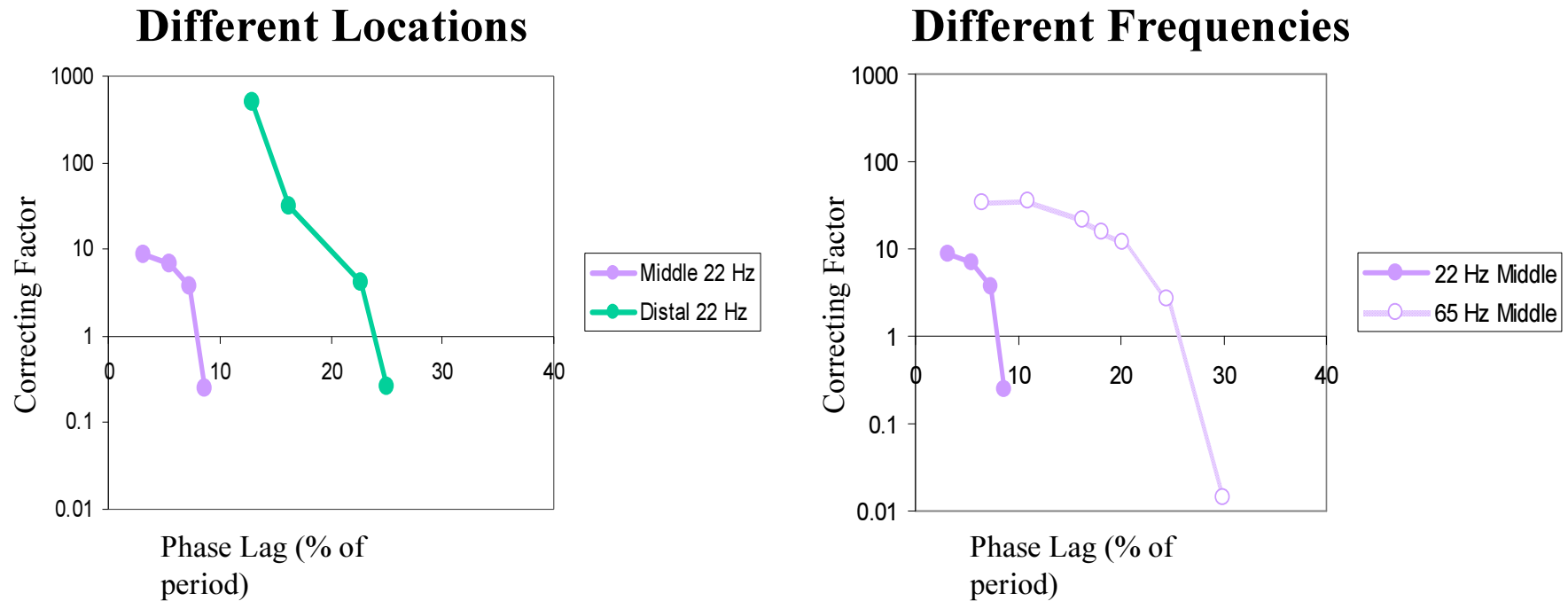
($\sim 400 \mu m$ from soma)

- Two-cell (homogeneous) networks of model cells coupled by GJs were constructed where the GJ current for cell i , I_{gap}^i , is given by $I_{gap}^i = g_{gap}(V_D^i - V_D^j)$ where $i \neq j$.
- Two-cell networks of the reduced model cells correspond to GJs being located at the selected sites in the full multi-compartment model.

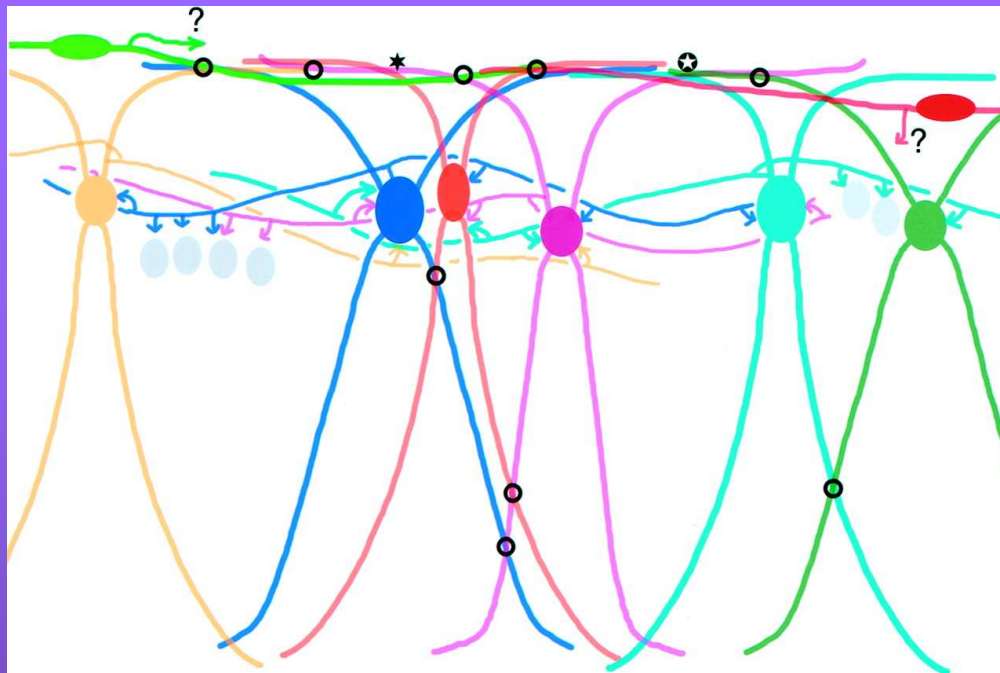
Protocol



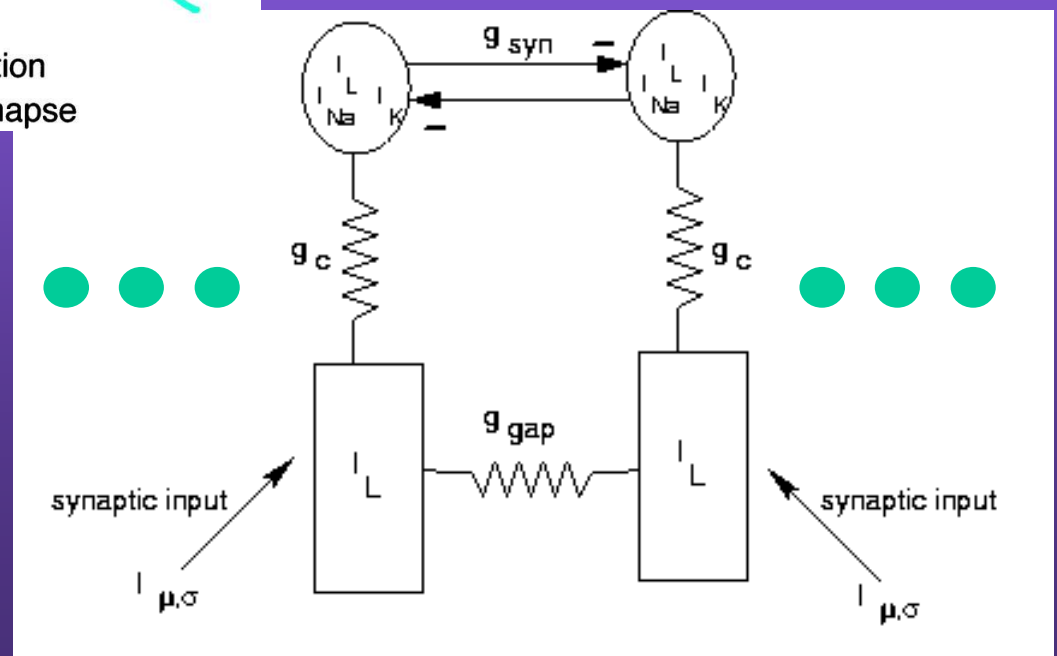
Quantifying GJ Conductances



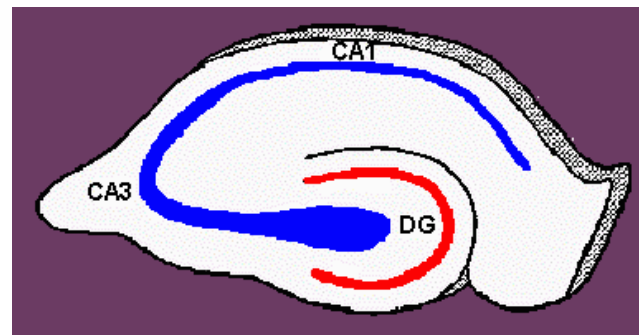
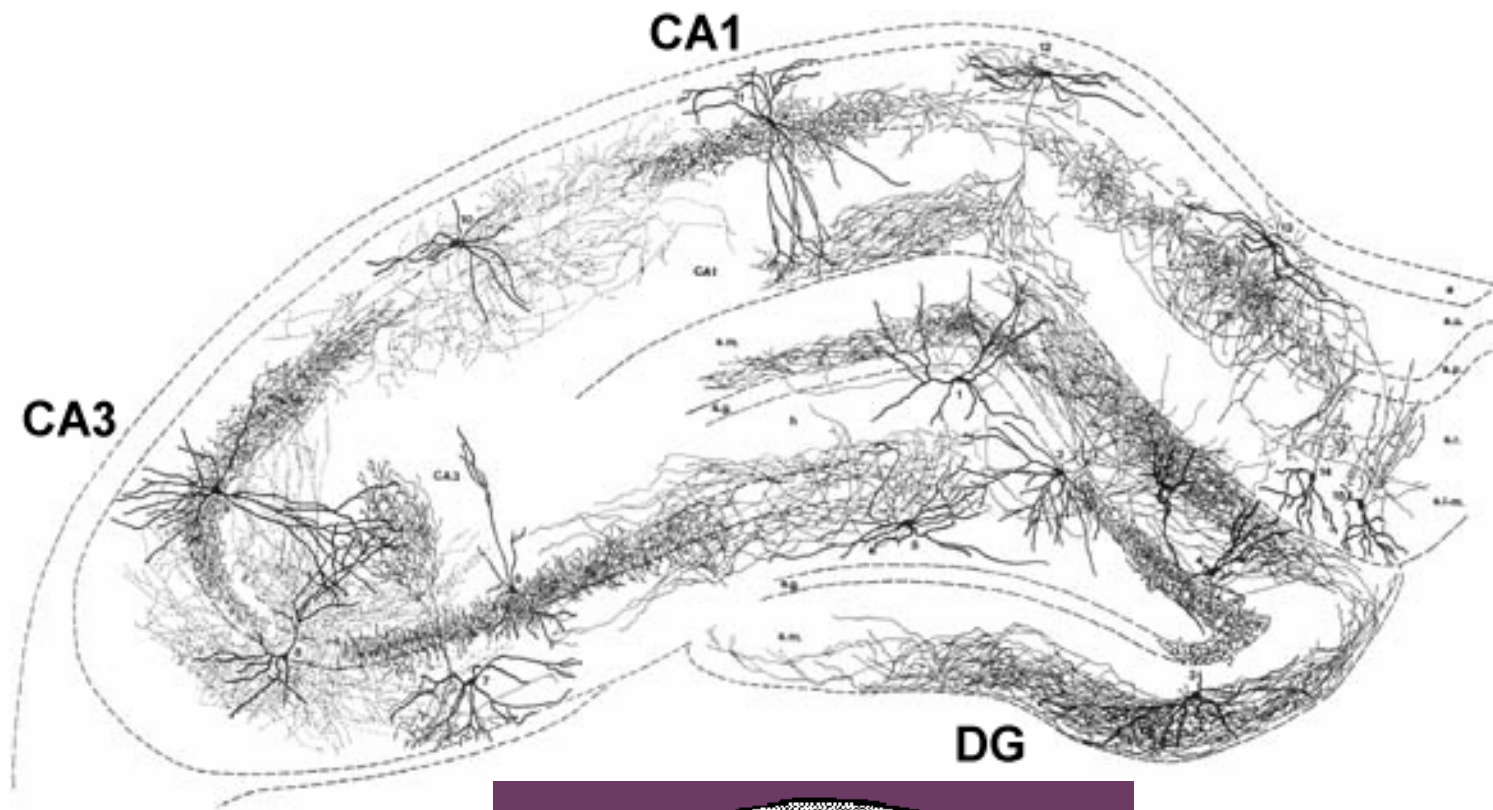
- For lower intrinsic frequencies and more proximal locations, GJ conductance values in the two-compartment models more closely approximate those in the multi-compartment model. The above plots indicate the appropriate correcting factor that needs to be applied.
- In general, when physiological GJ conductances are in the 10 – 100 pS range, GJ conductances in the two-compartment models are appropriate.



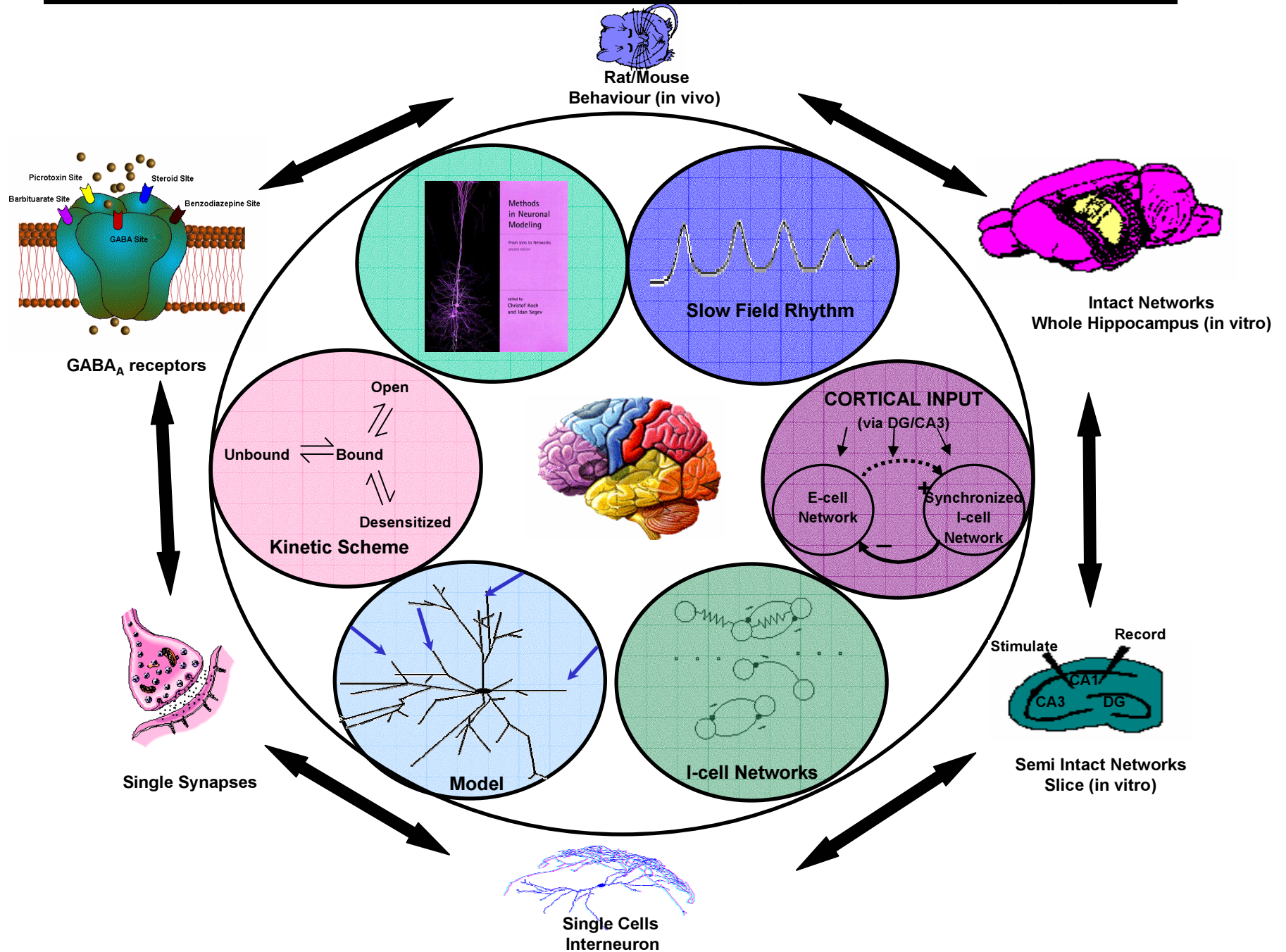
→ axosomatic synapse ○ gap junction
 * dendrodendritic synapse ⊕ mixed synapse



“Cellular-based network models”



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