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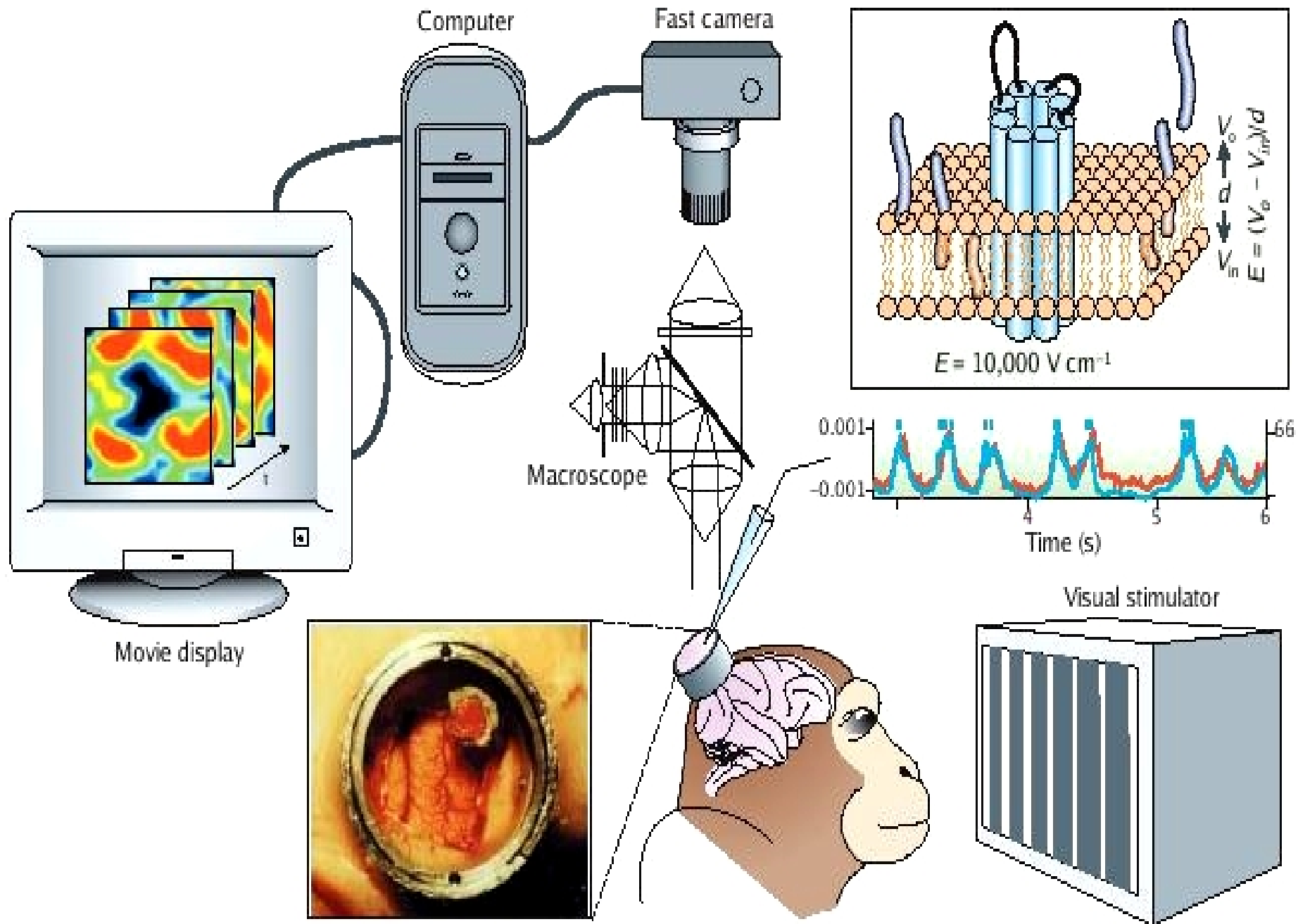
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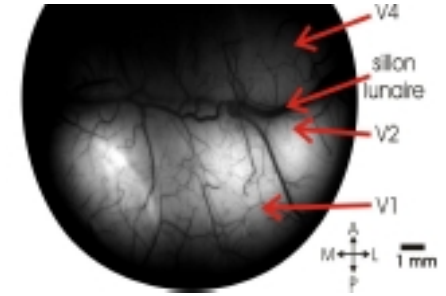
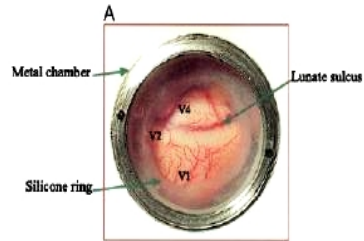
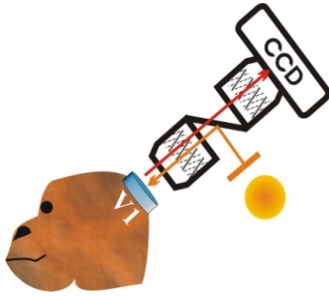
Proposer et analyser la **dynamique** d'un modèle **mesoscopique**, contraint par les **données expérimentales**, du **signal biologique** mesuré à l'échelle de la **colonne corticale** et comparer les prédictions théoriques à l'activité corticale du **système visuel** (aires V1-V2), mesurée par **imagerie optique** et **MEG-EEG**.

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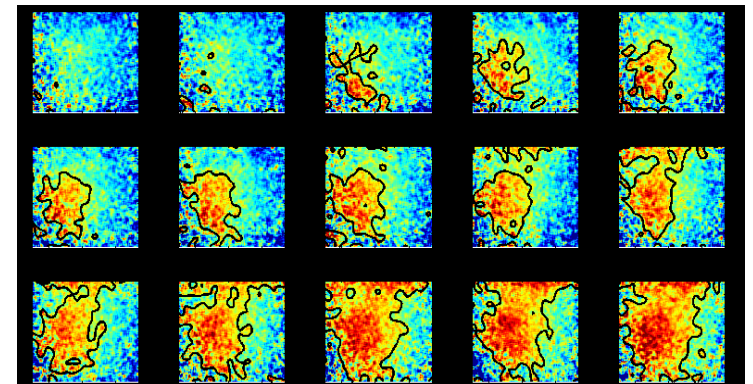
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- The membrane potential can be measured optically using Voltage-Sensitive Dyes (VSDs)
- The dye molecules act as molecular transducer that transform changes in membrane potential into optical signals
- High temporal resolution: < 1 ms
- High spatial resolution: ~ 50 μm



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DYE APPLICATION

FLUORESCENCE

500 μm

III/III

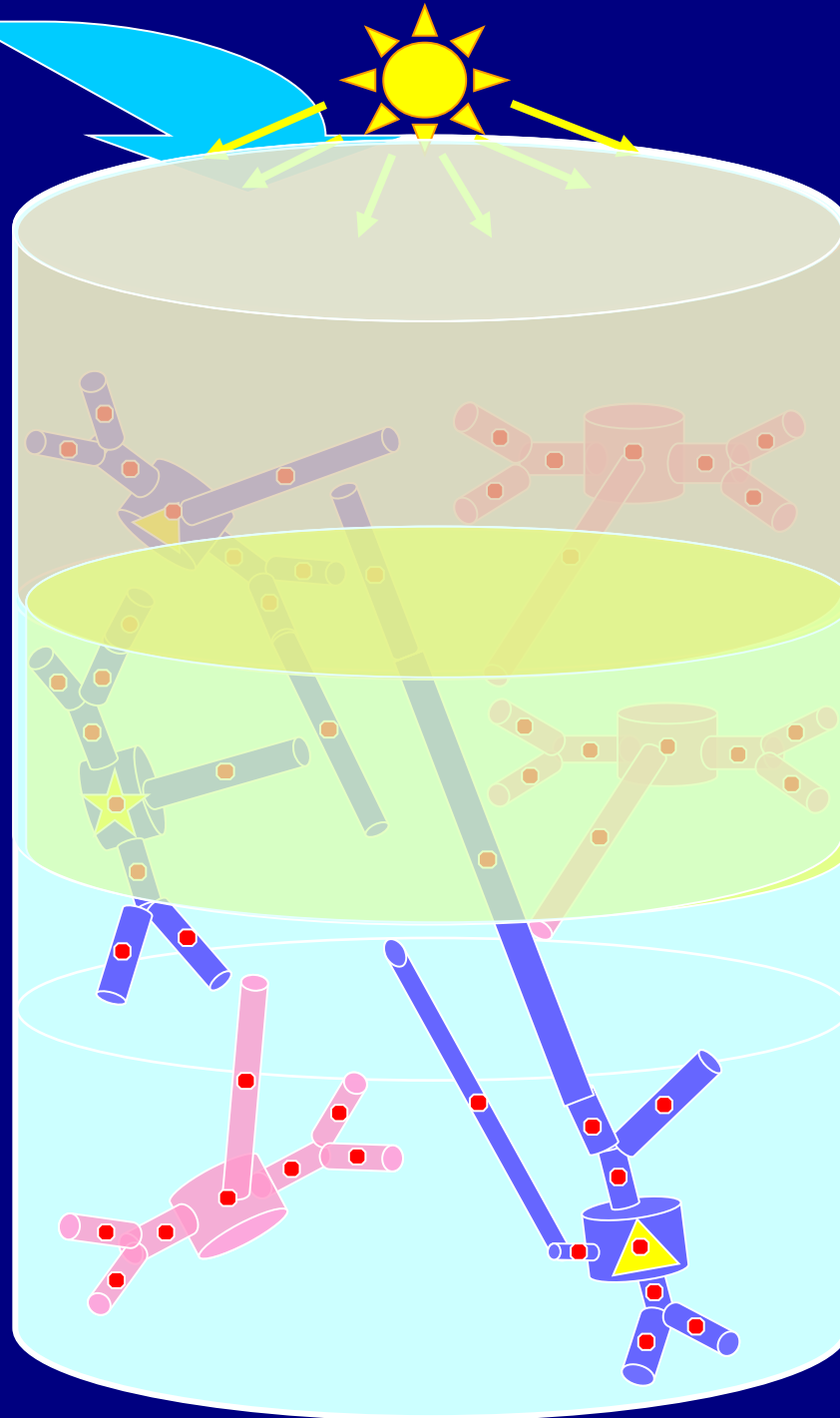
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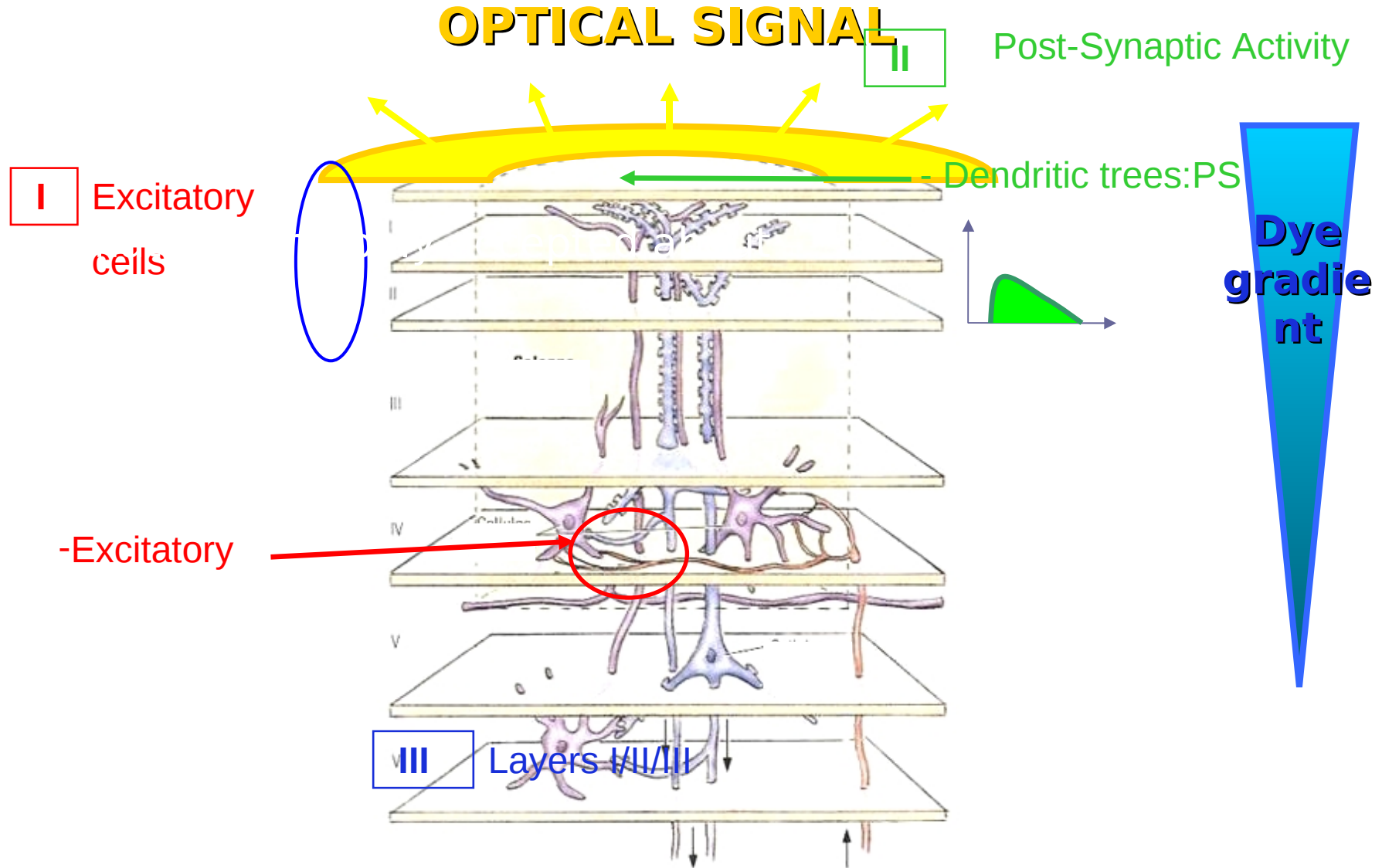
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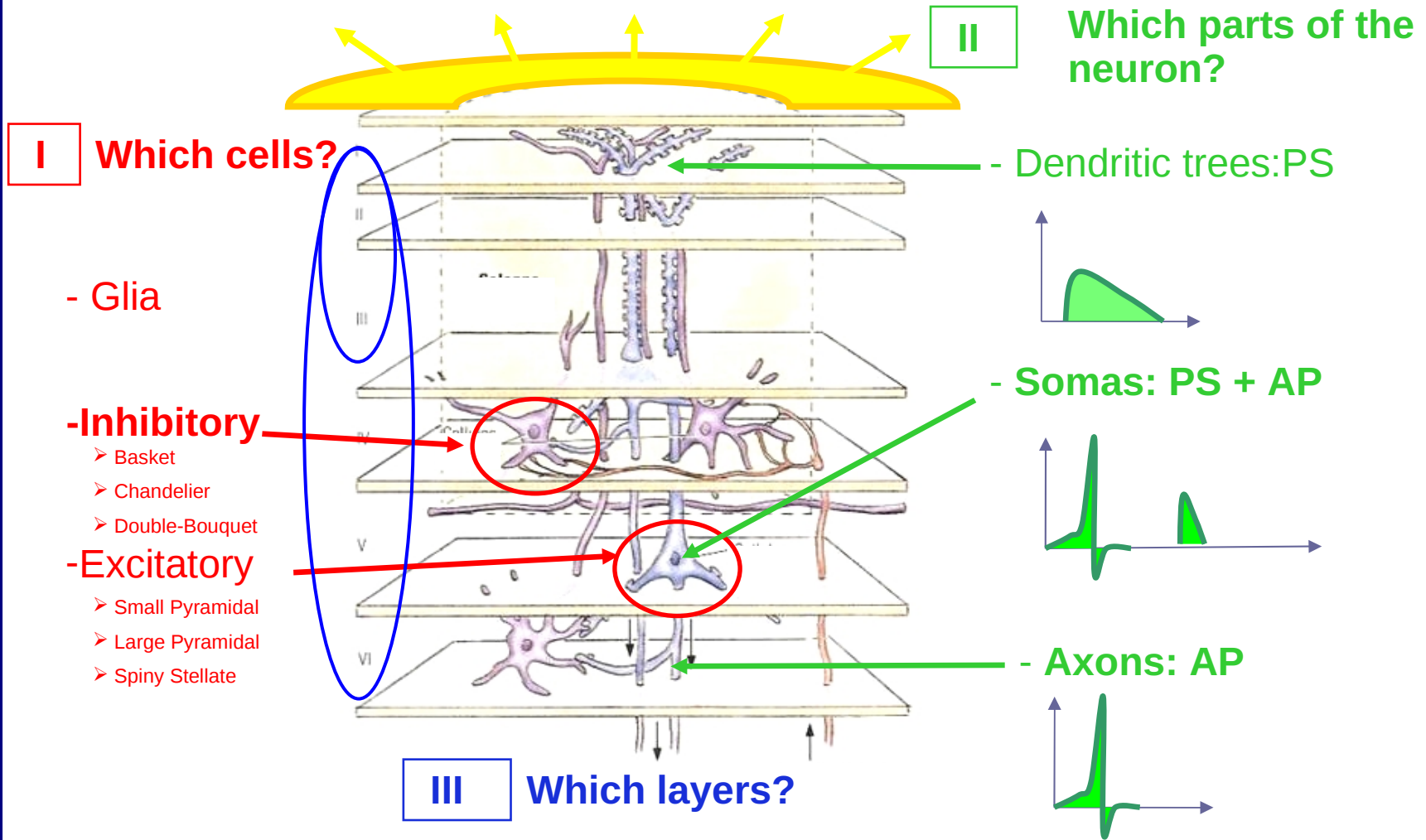
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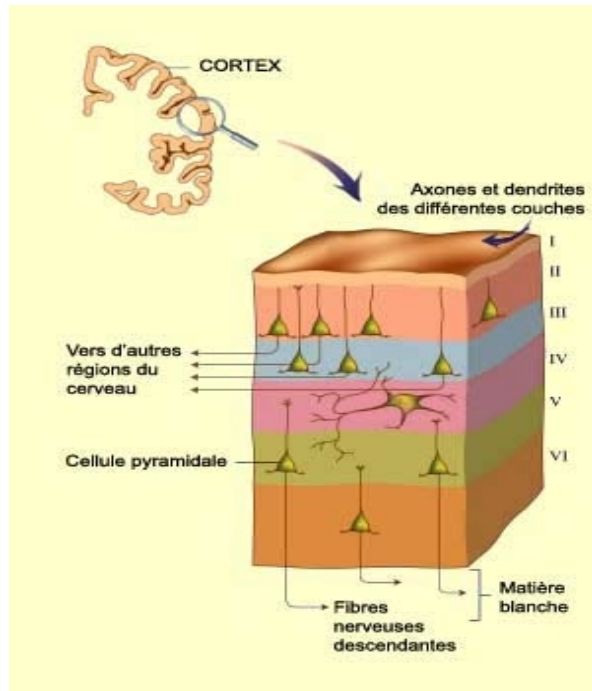
OPTICAL SIGNAL



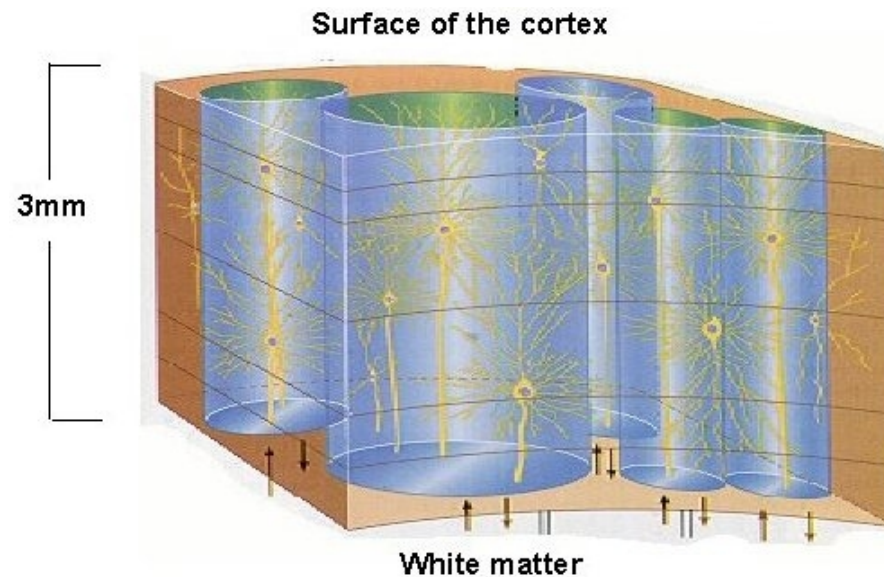
Nature of the signal

- Locally proportional to the membrane potential of all neuronal components
- Proportional to the excited membrane surface of all neuronal components
- A simple gradient of VSD fluorescence depending on depth

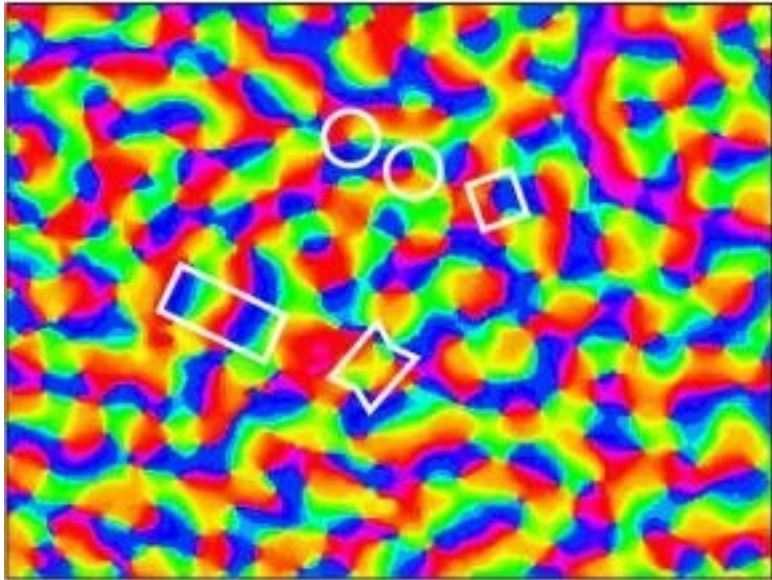
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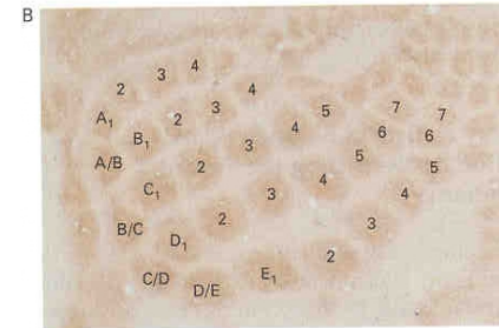
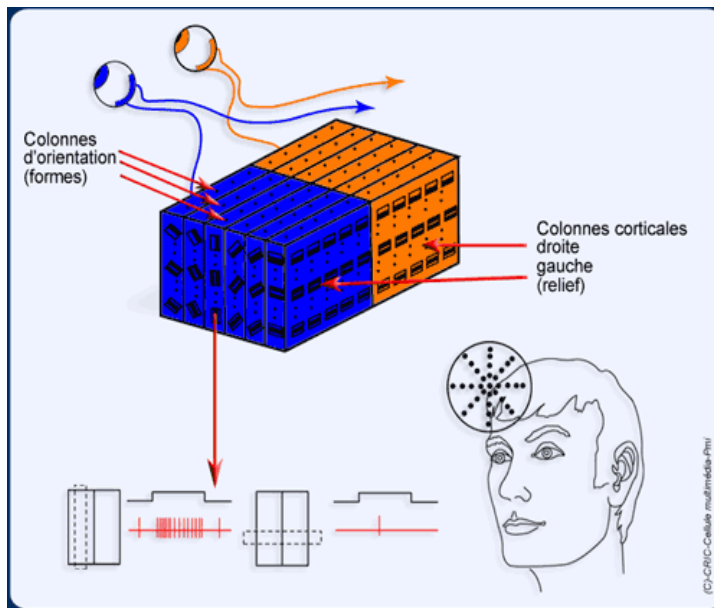
Petits cylindres, de diamètre 0.1~1mm, traversant les couches du cortex, contenant entre 10^3 - 10^4 neurones, de différents types, fortement connectés.



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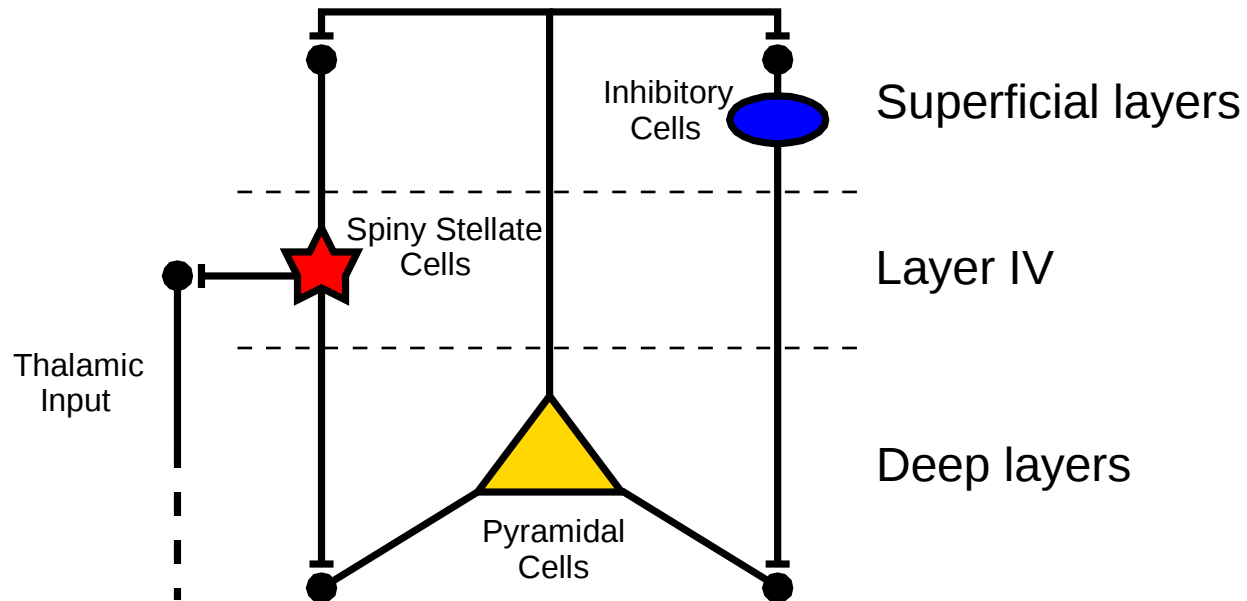


Les colonnes corticales sont impliquées dans des fonctions sensori-motrices élémentaires telles que la vision.



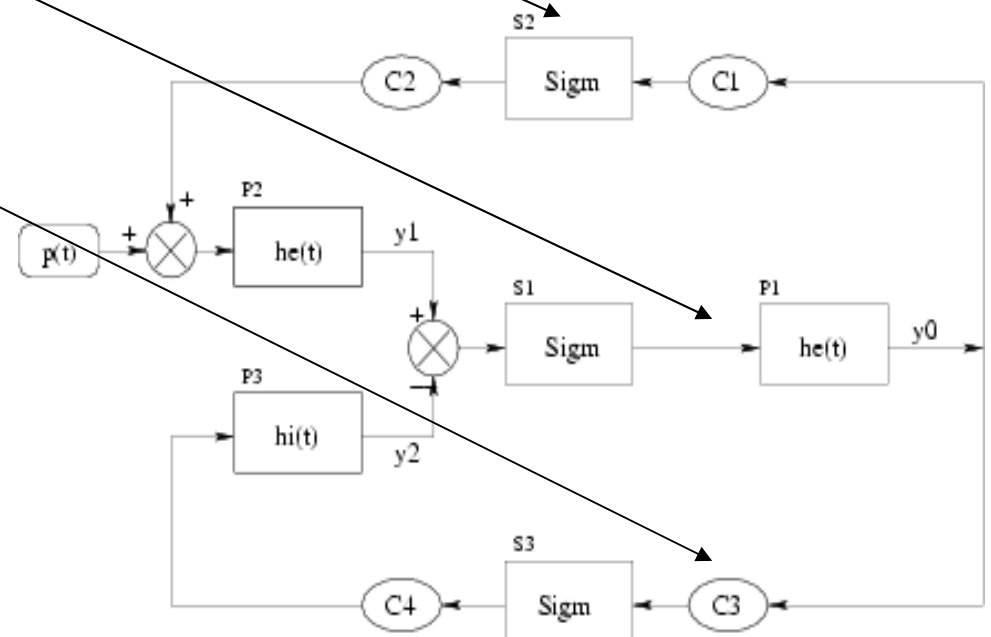
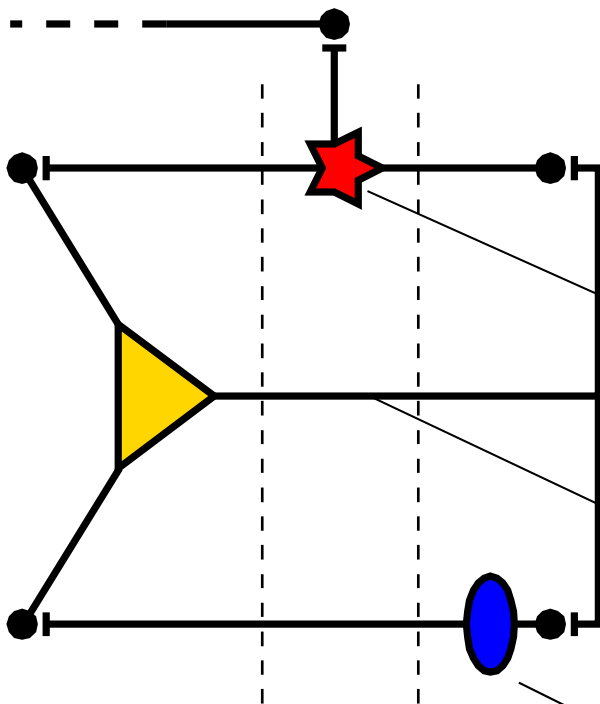
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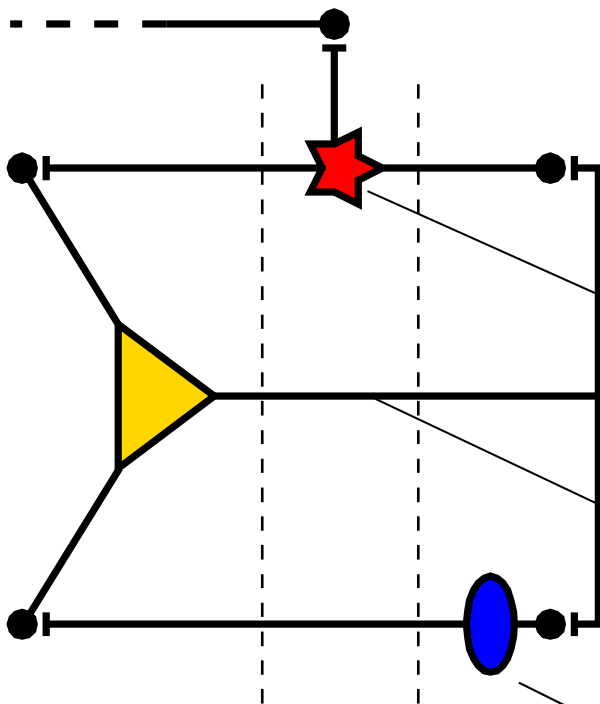


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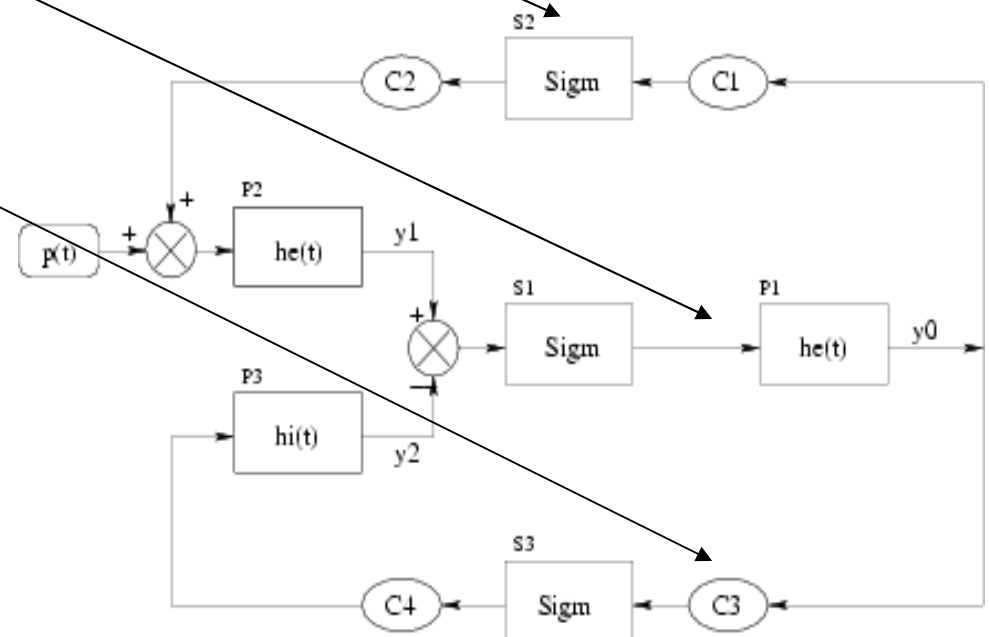


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Ces modèles, tel le modèle de Jansen-Rit (*Biological Cybernetics*, 73, 1995) sont obtenus à partir d'**hypothèses ad hoc**.

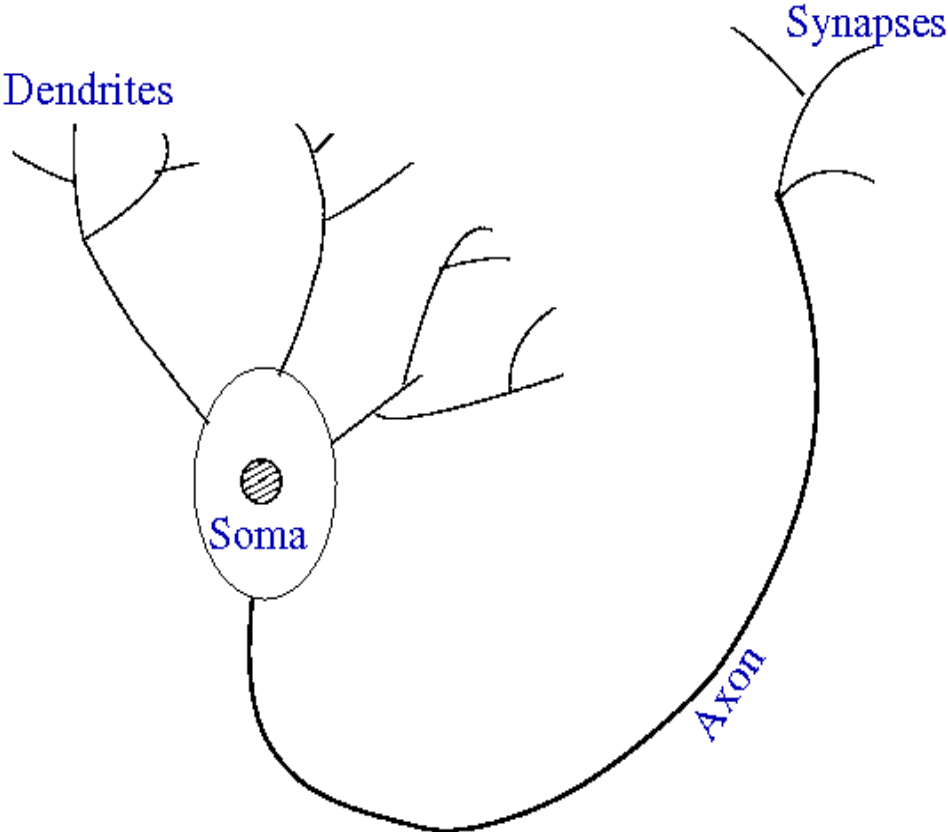


Tâche n° 1.
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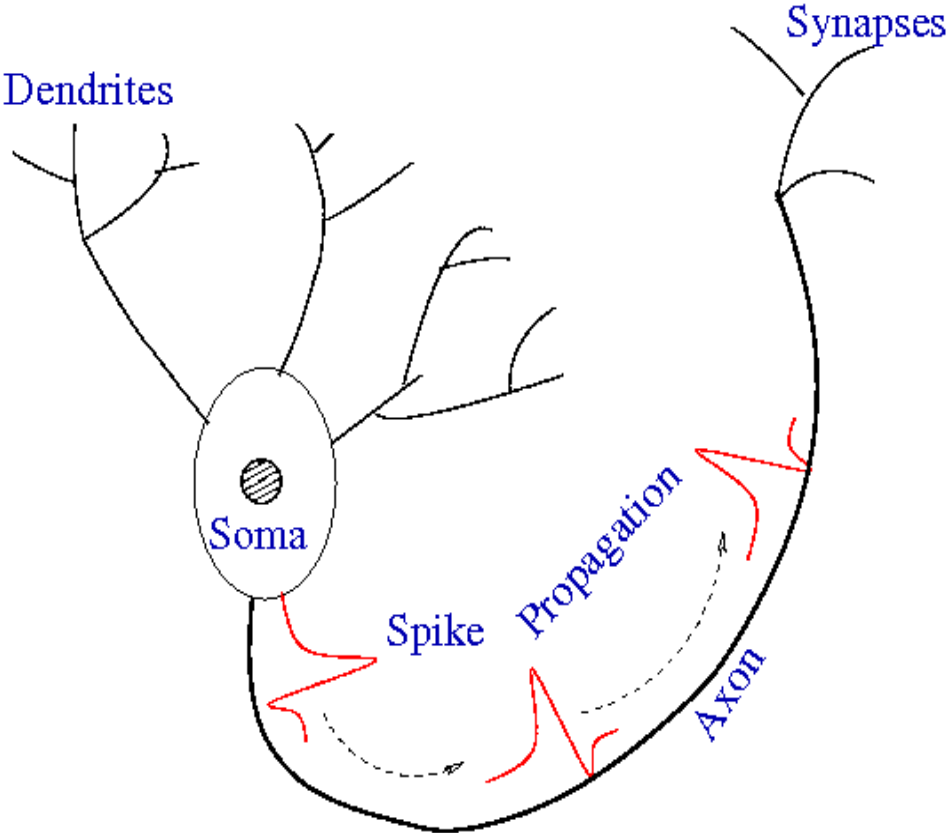
**Obtenir les équations caractérisant la dynamique l'activité
mésoscopique de plusieurs populations neuronales, à partir
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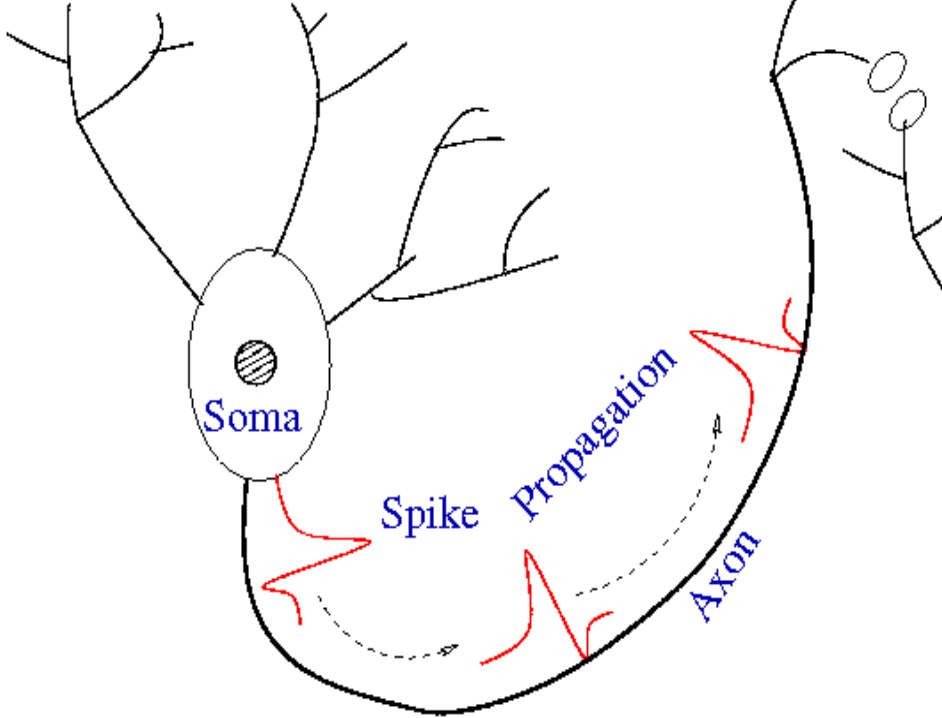
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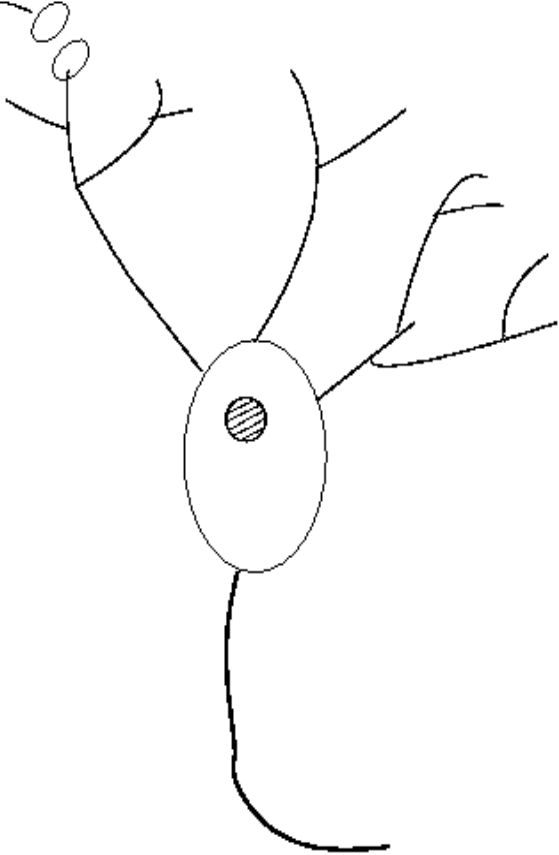
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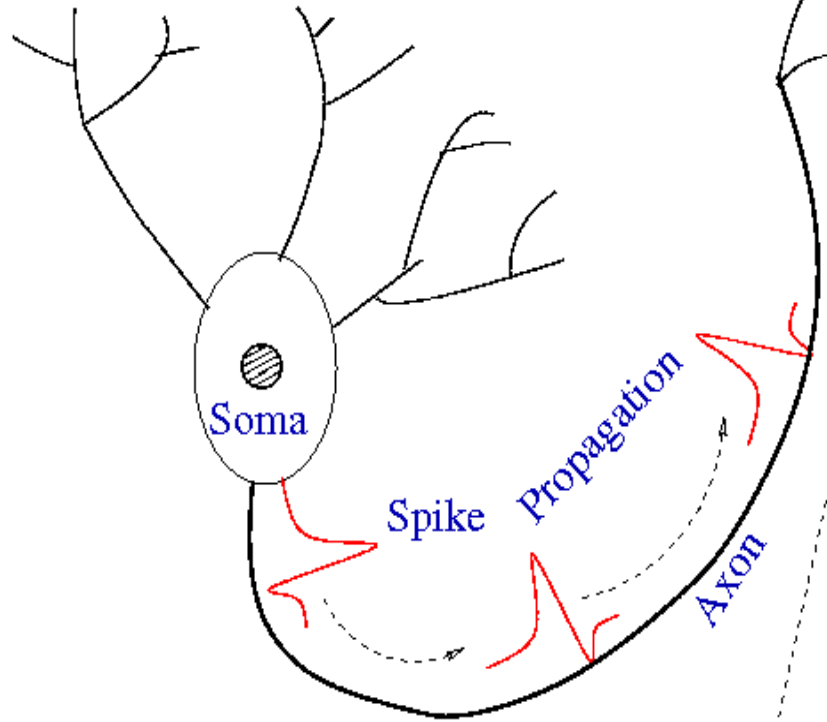
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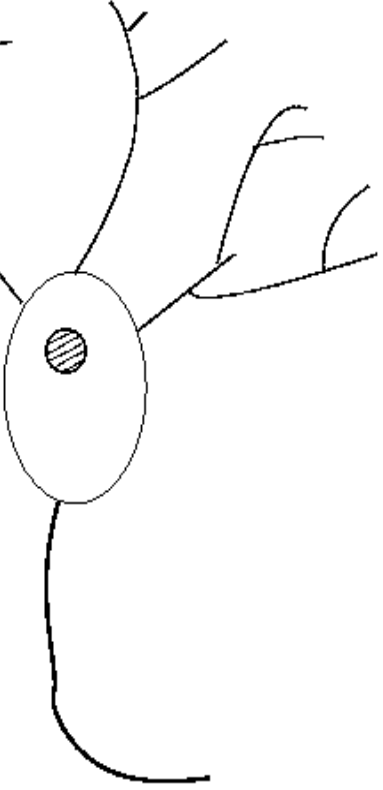
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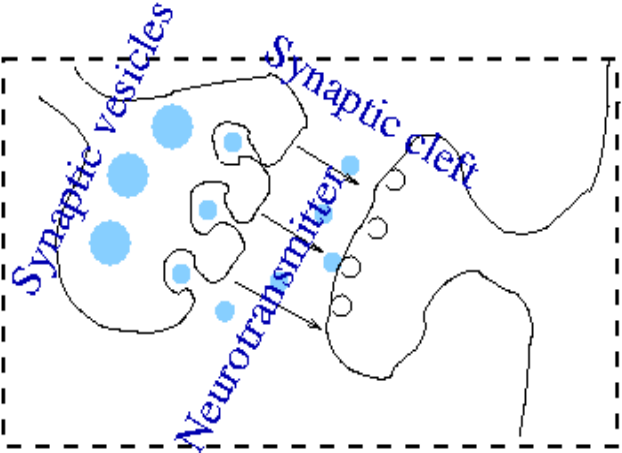
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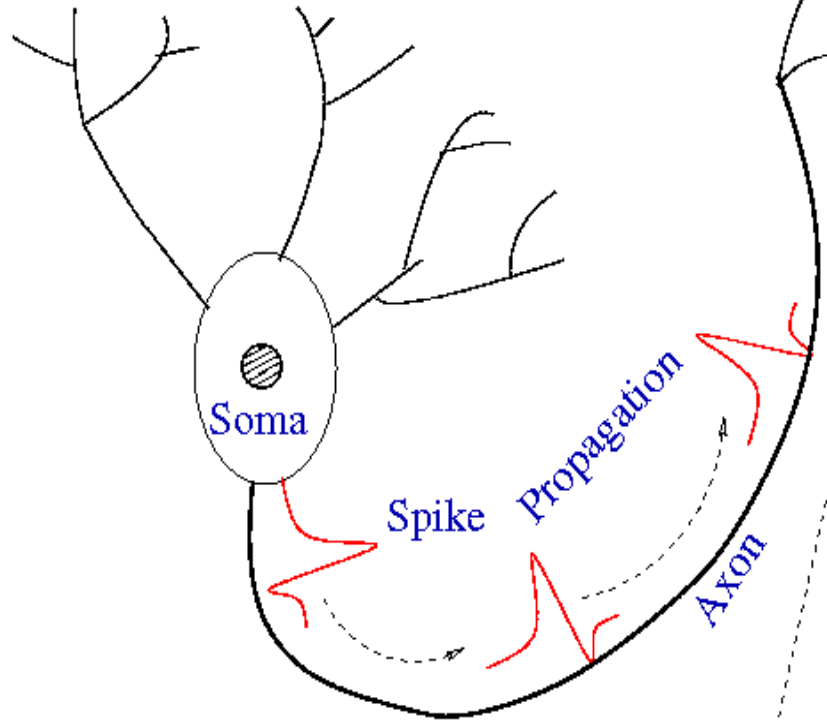
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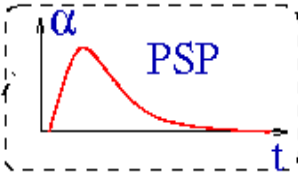
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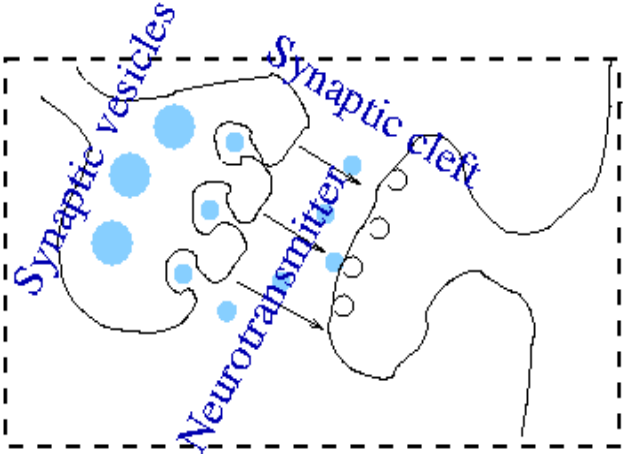
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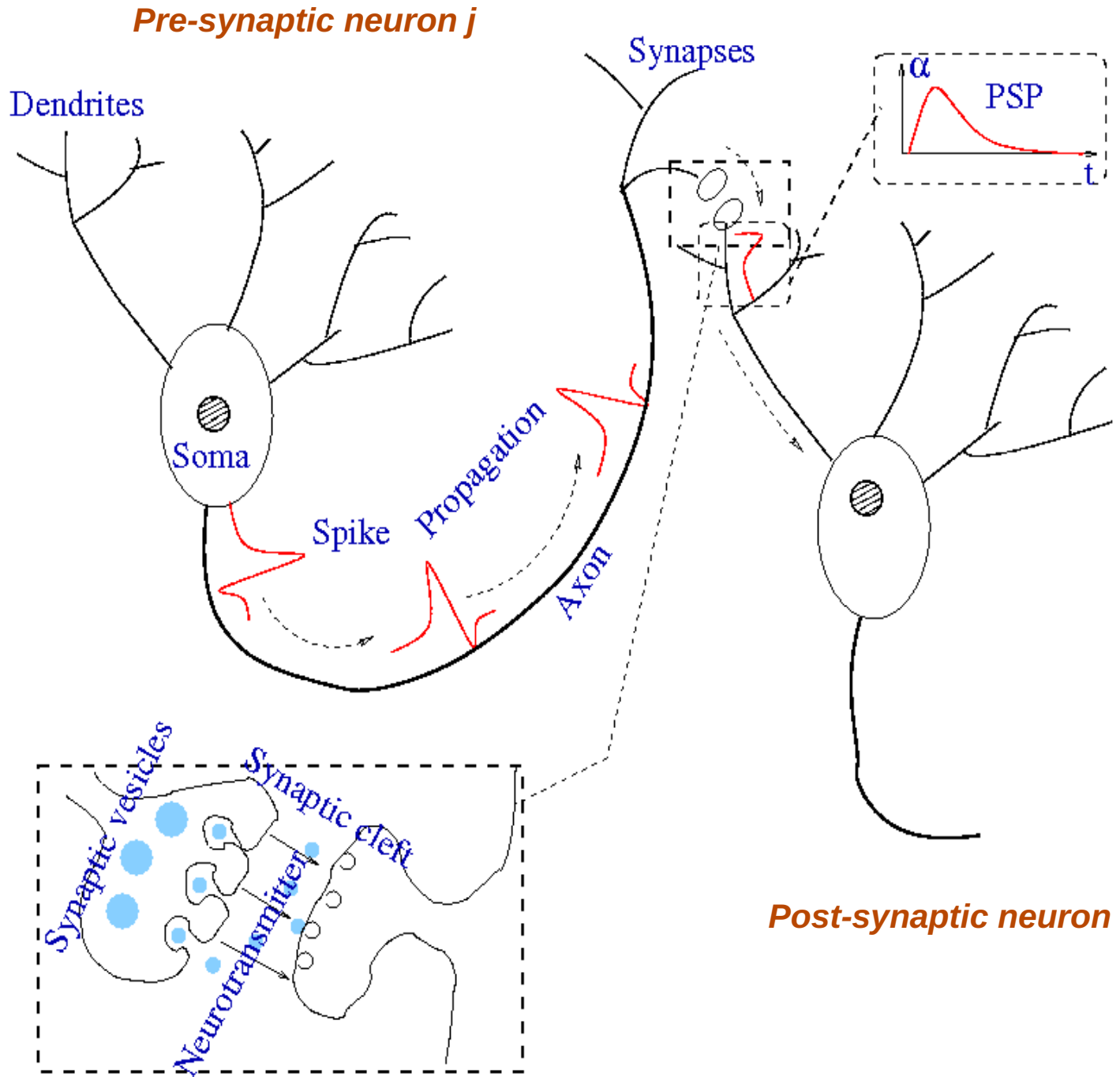
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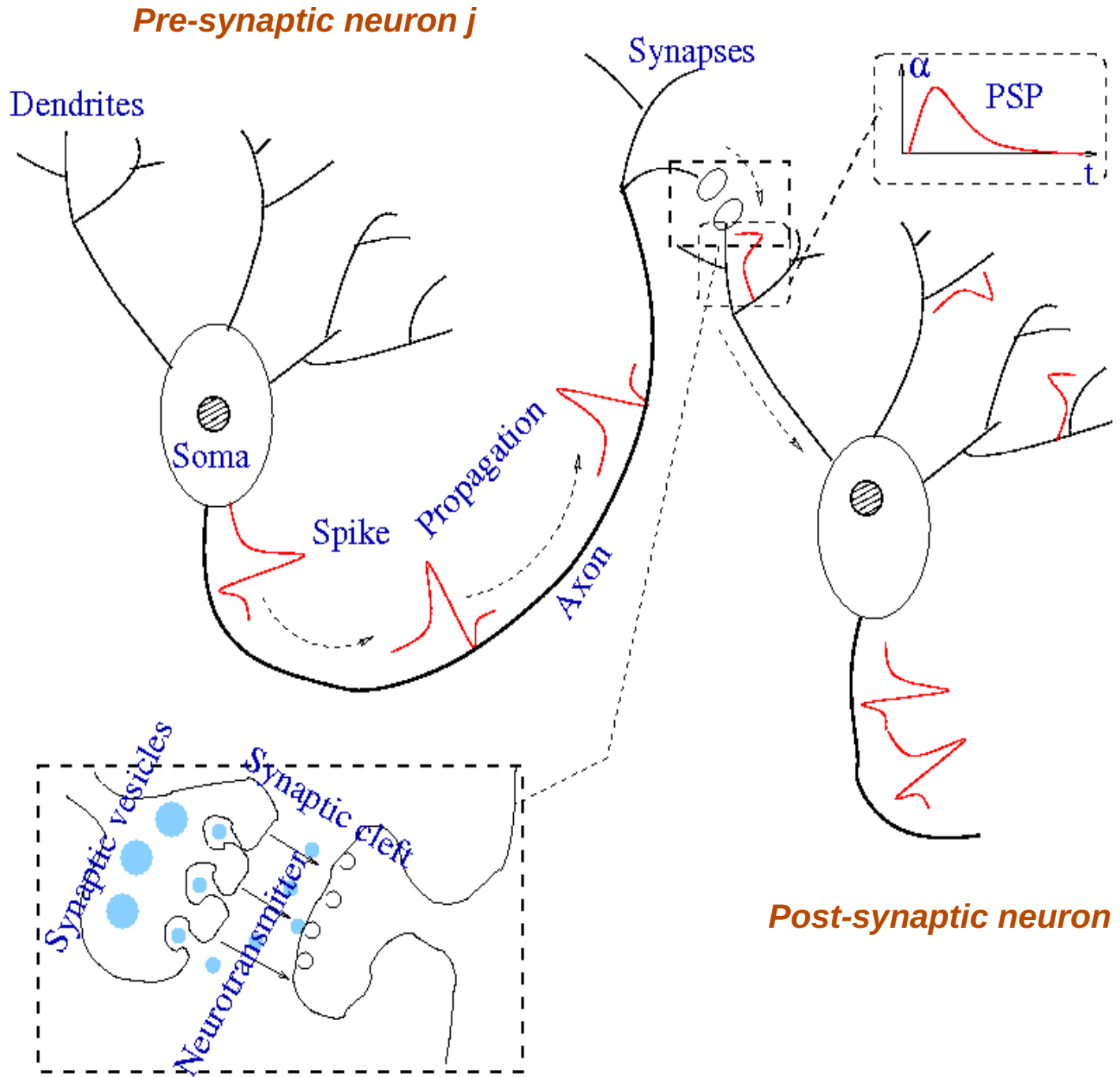


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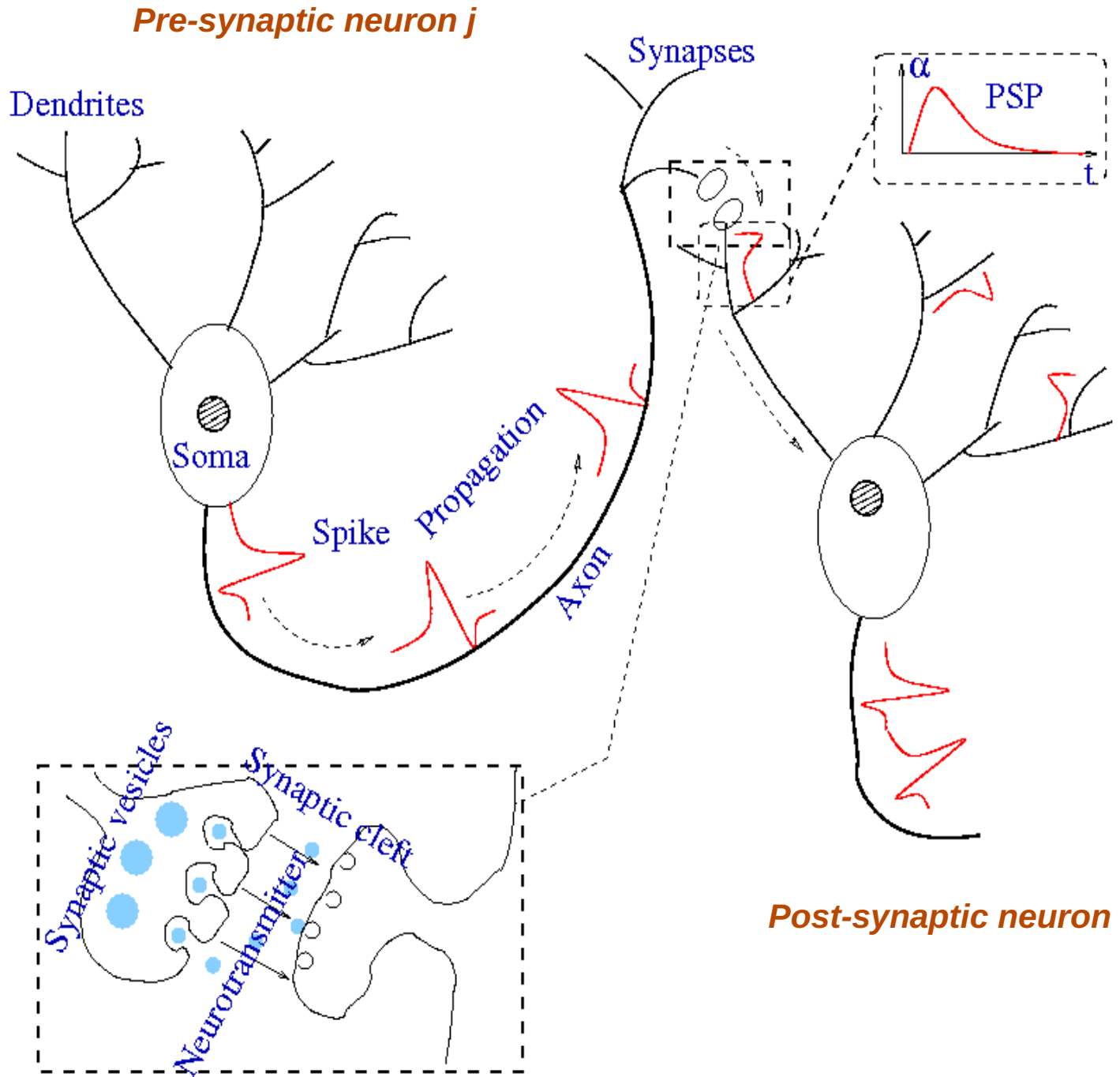
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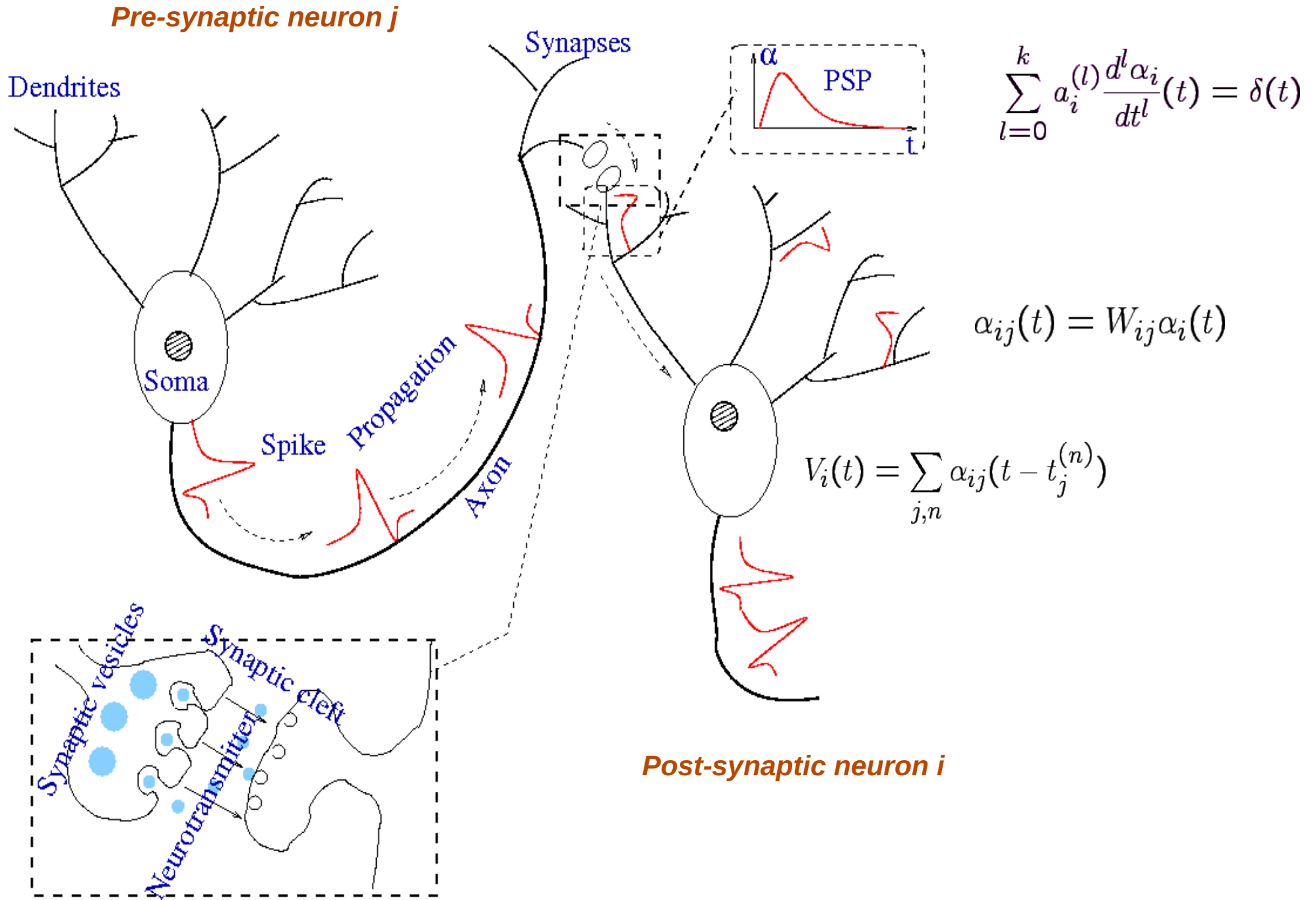
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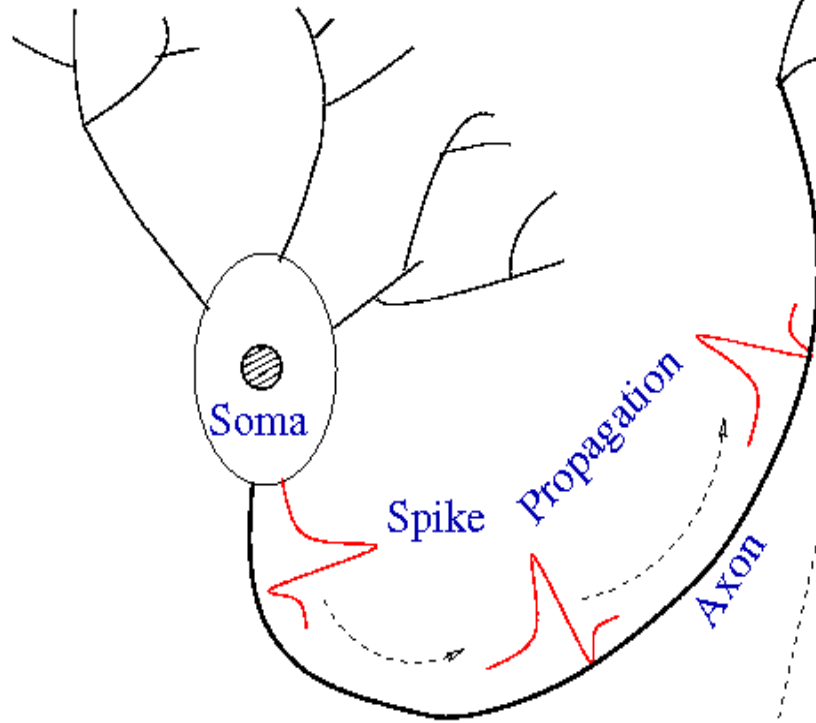
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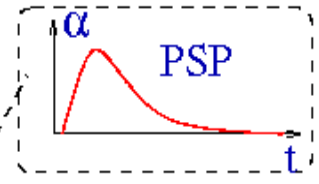
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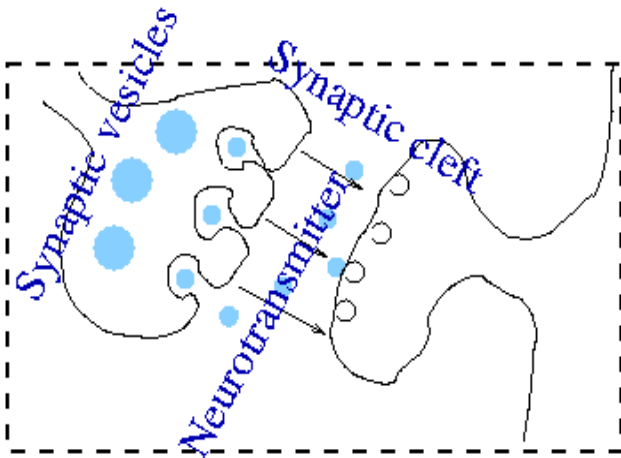
Soma

Axon

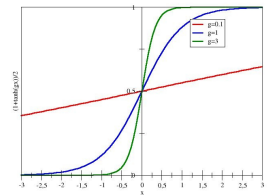
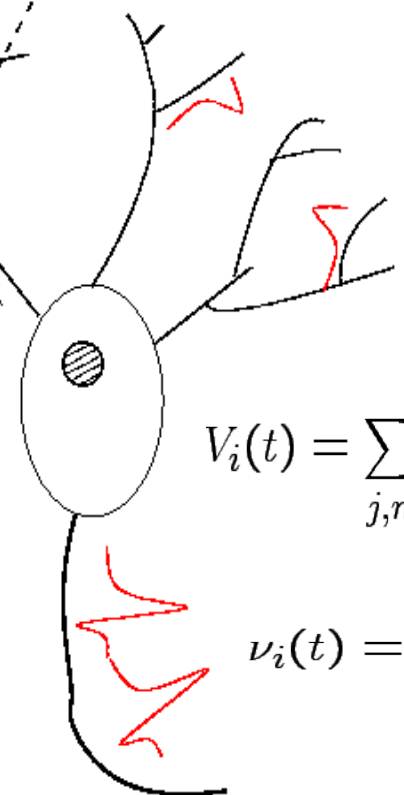
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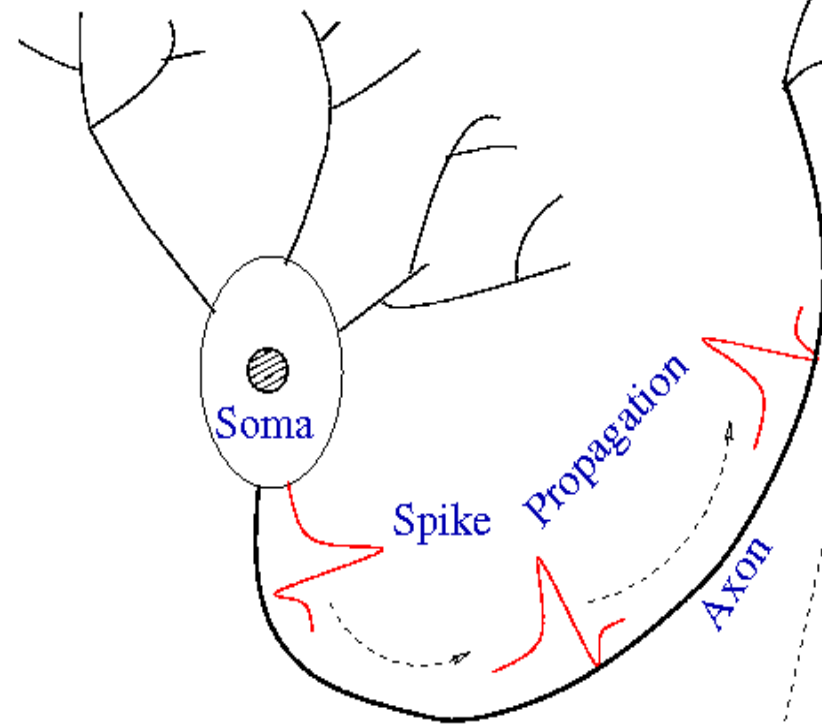
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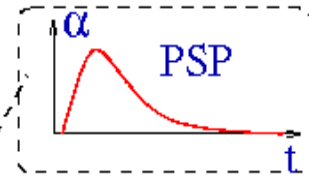
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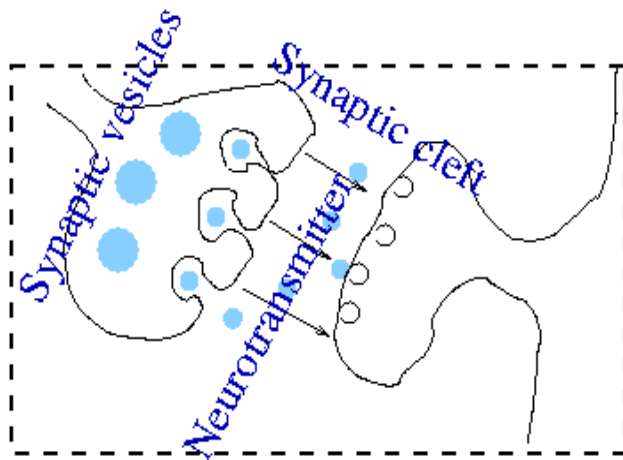
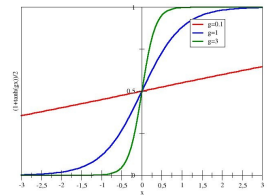


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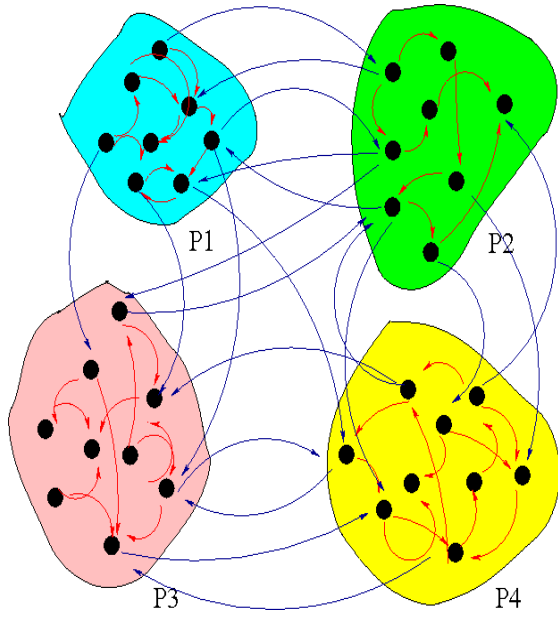


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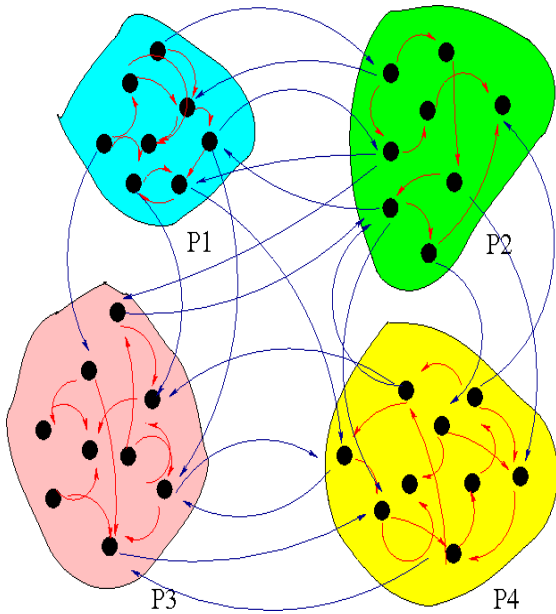
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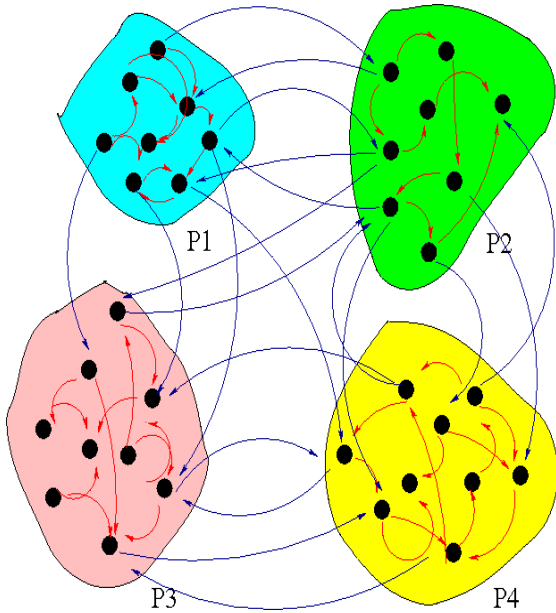


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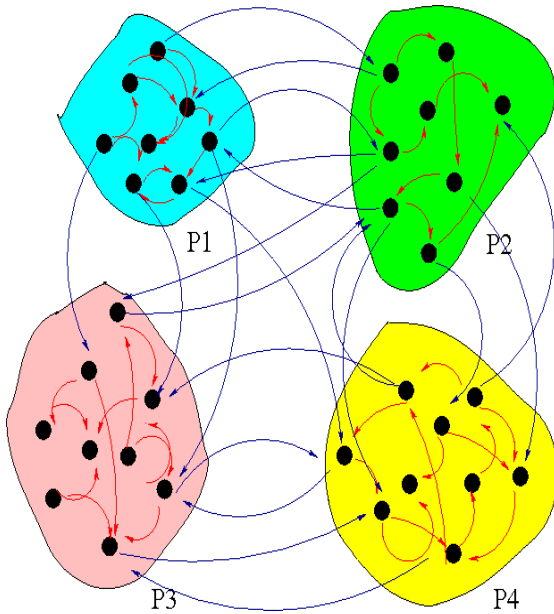
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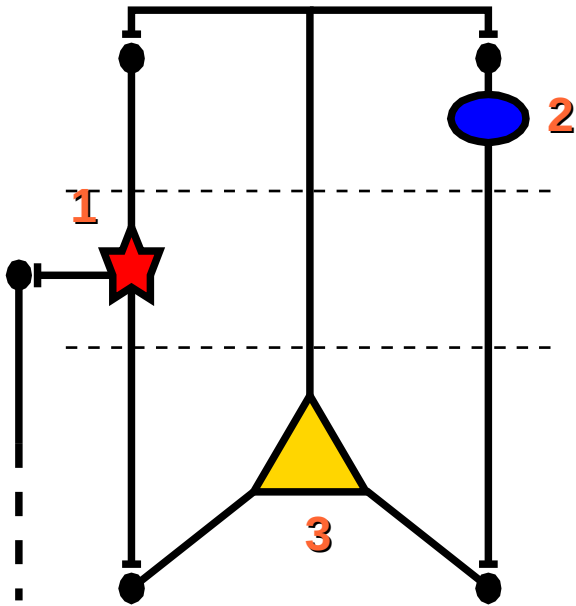
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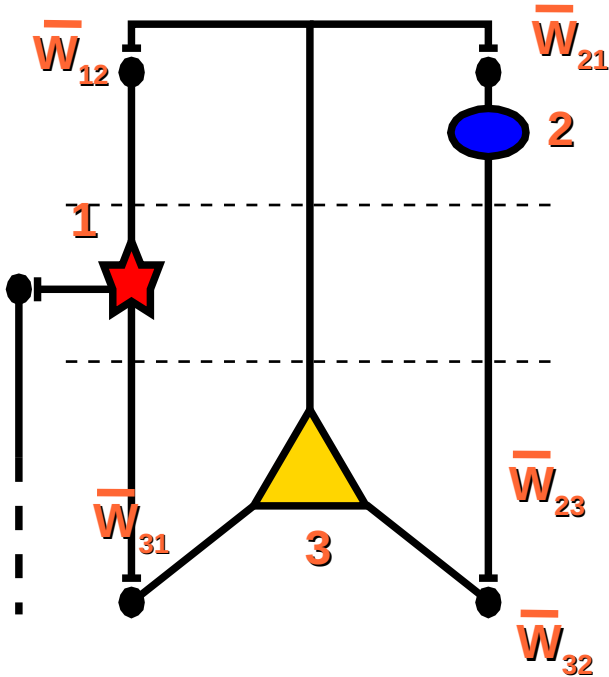
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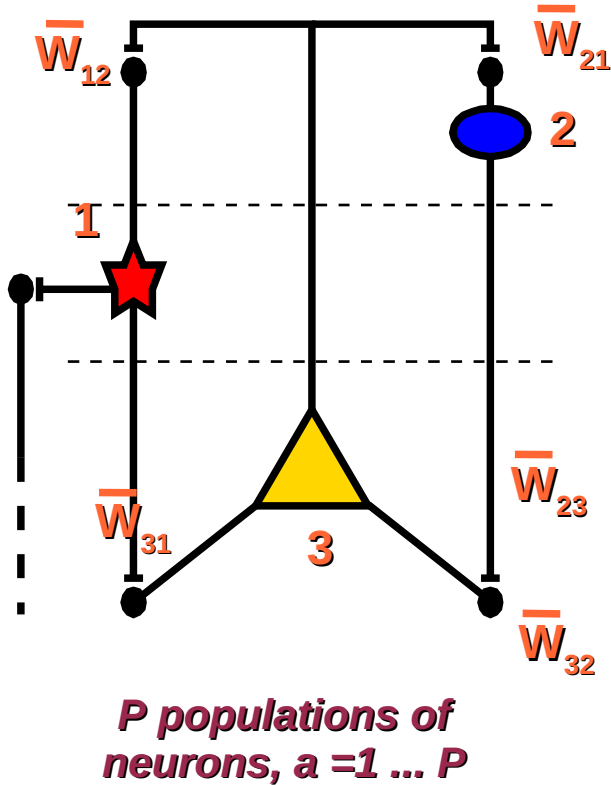
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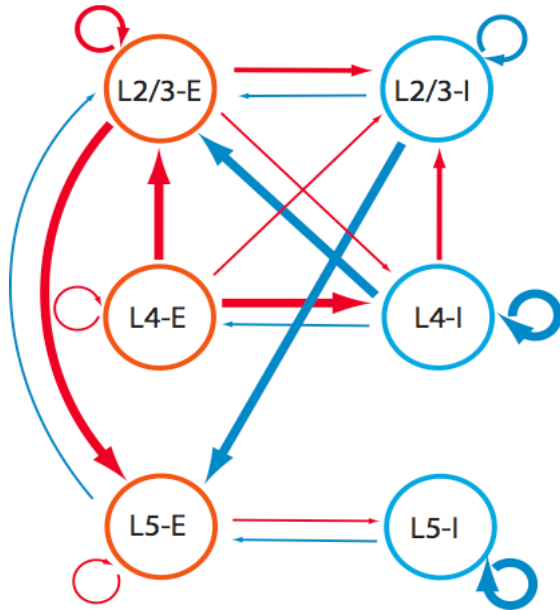
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Random
(quenched)



Nonlinear

Stochastic
(annealed)

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Local interaction field.

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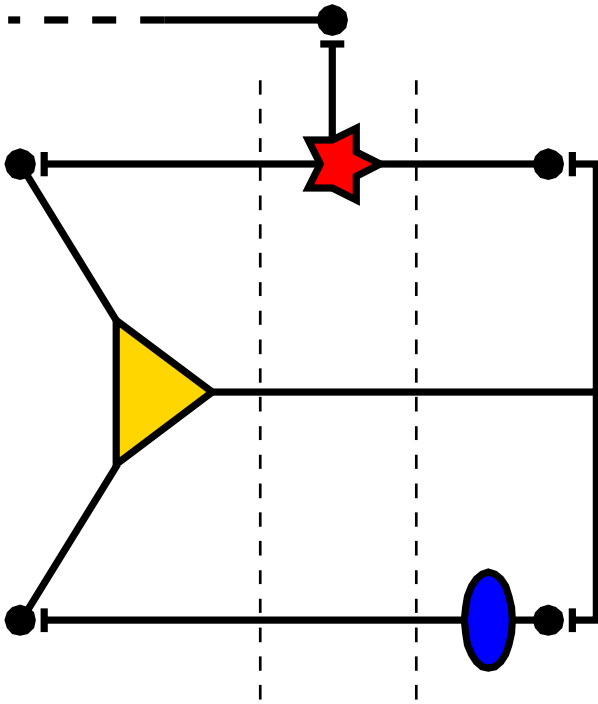
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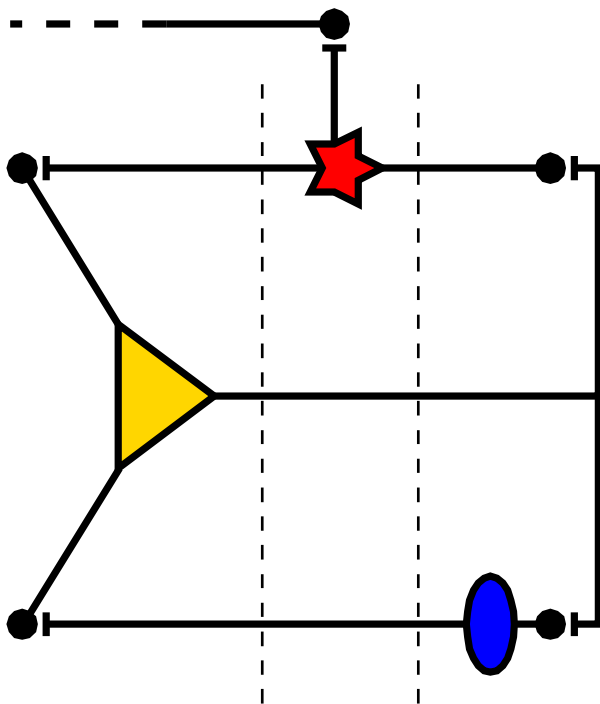
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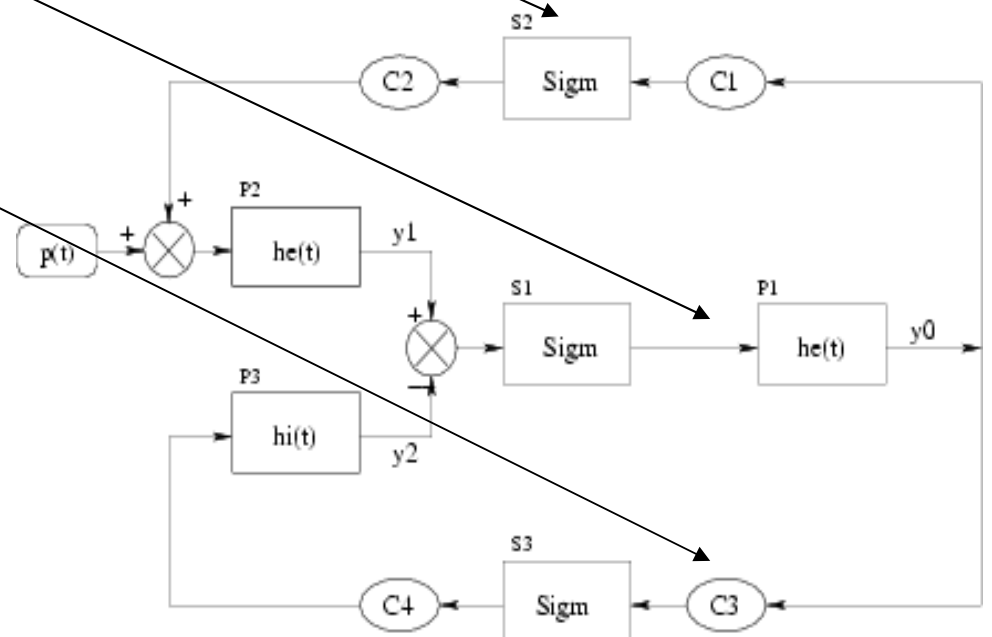
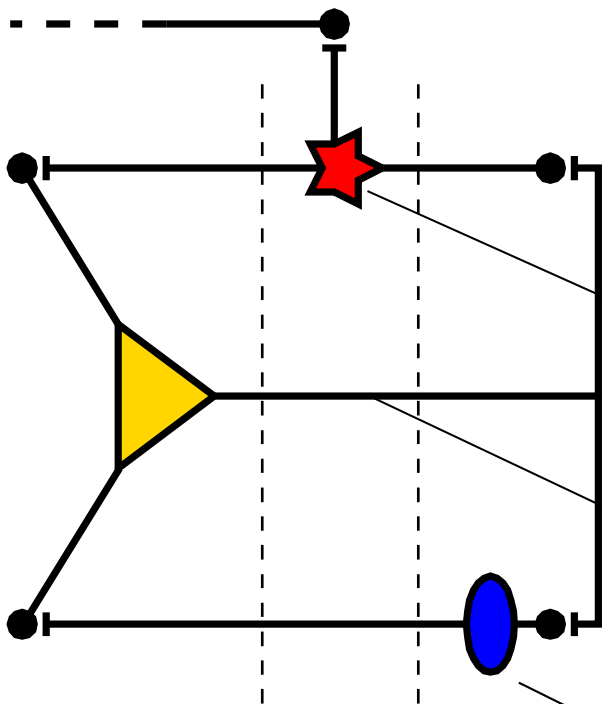
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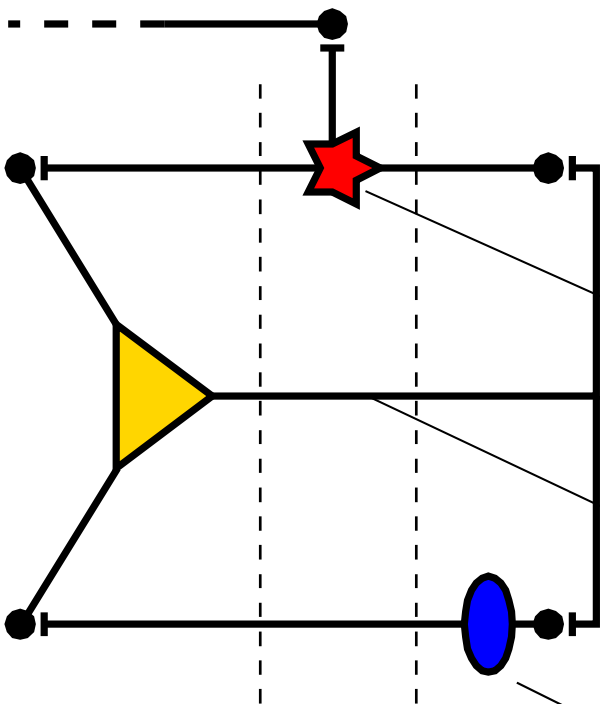
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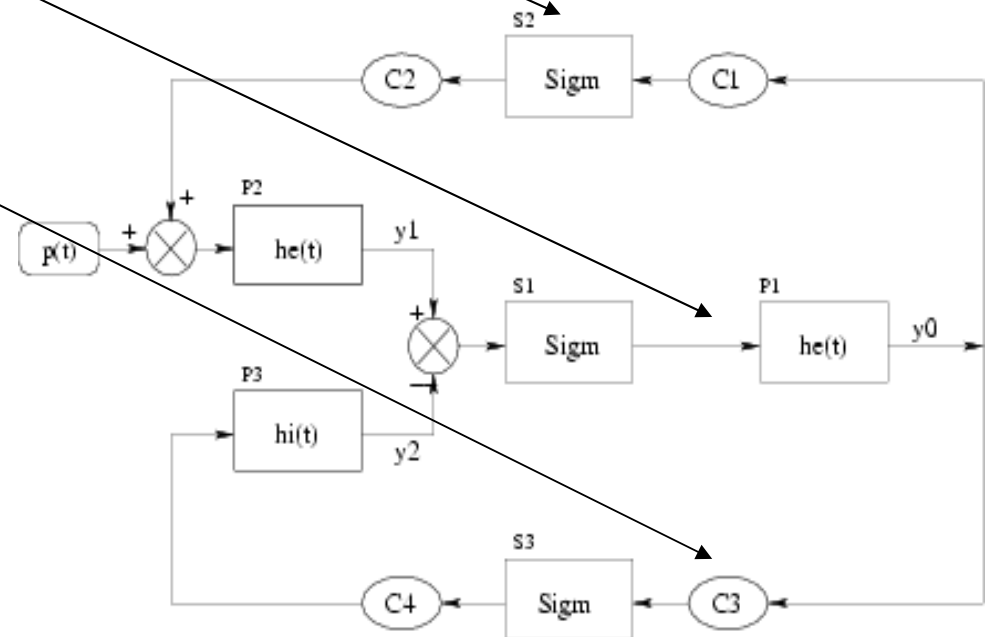
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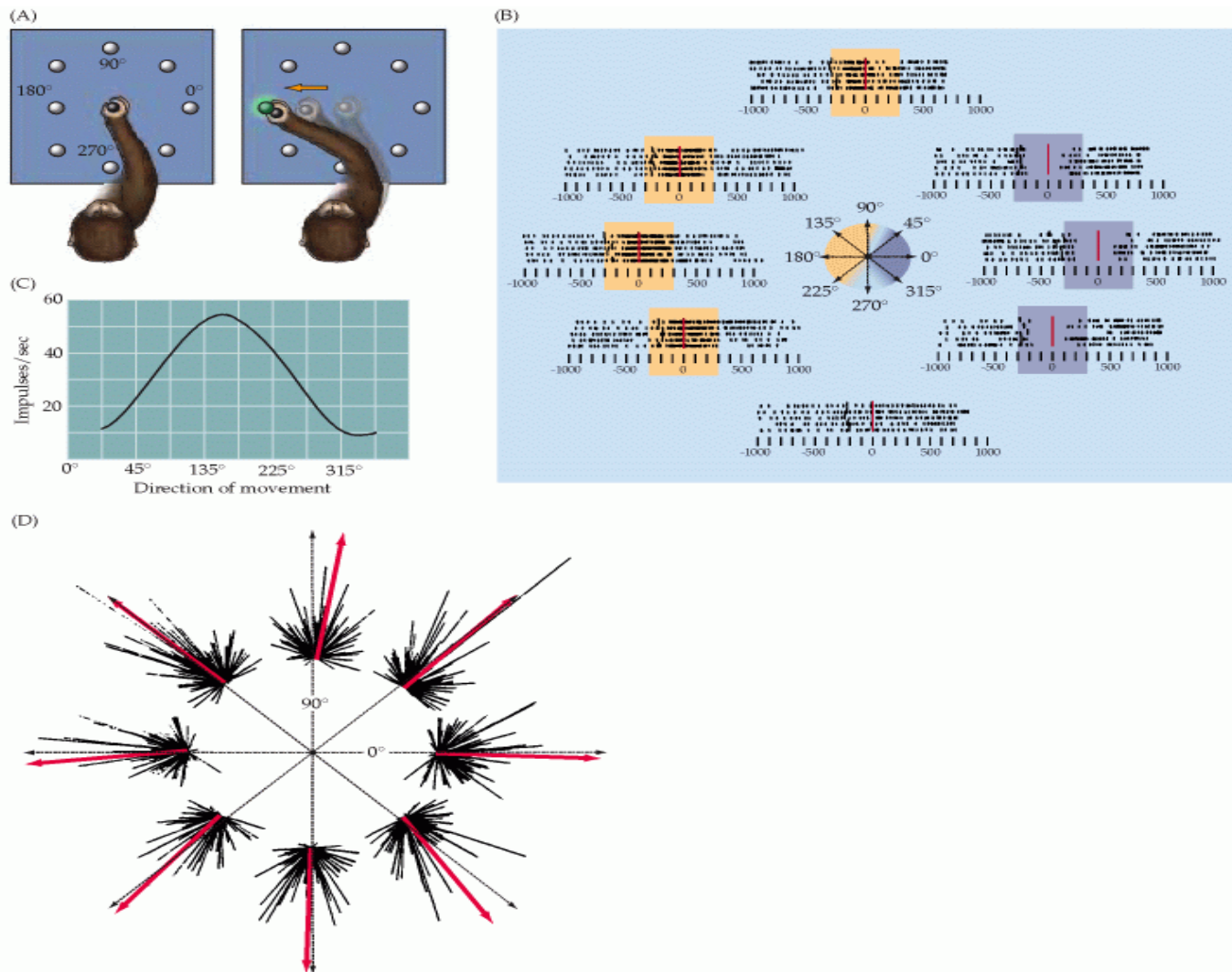
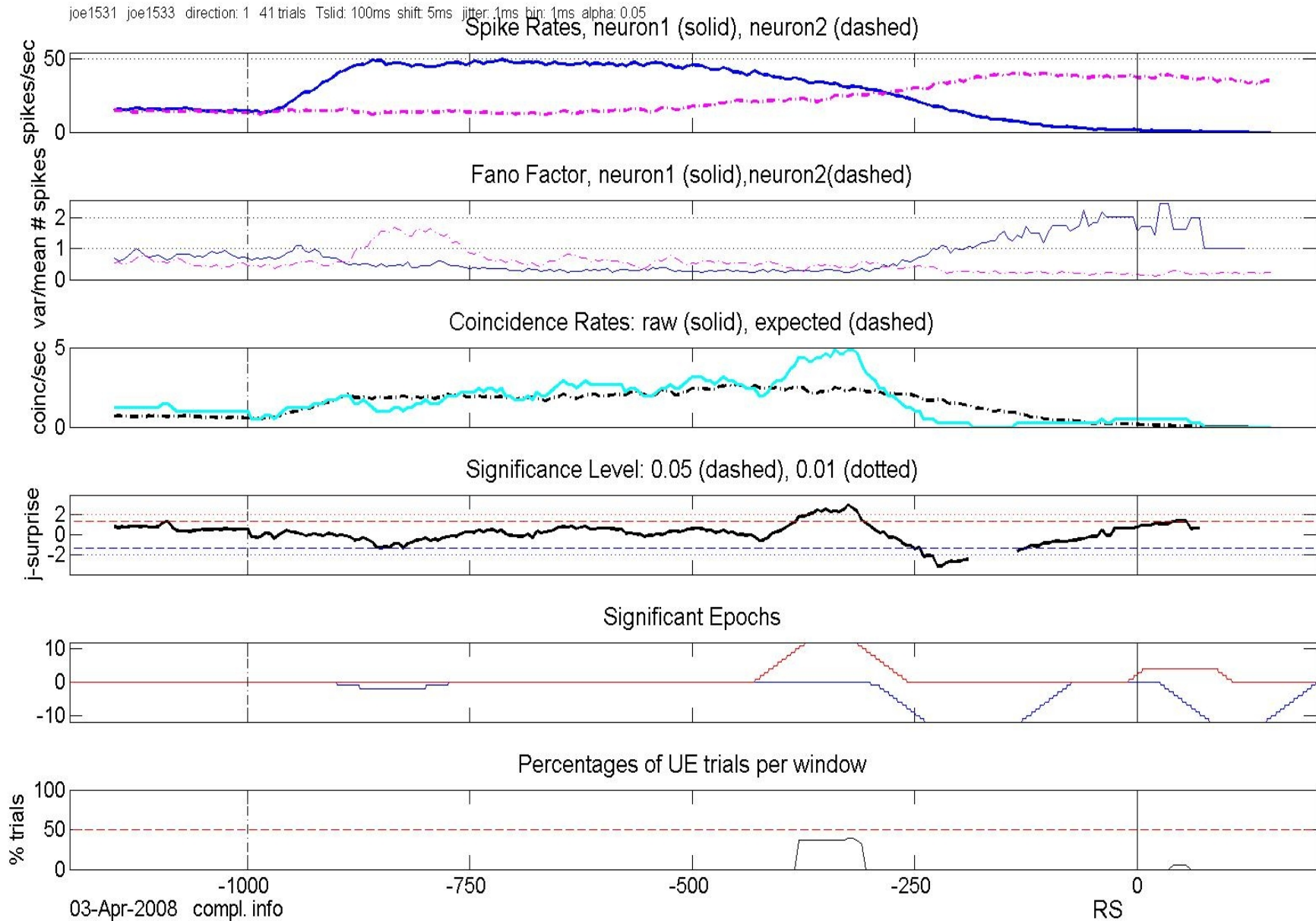
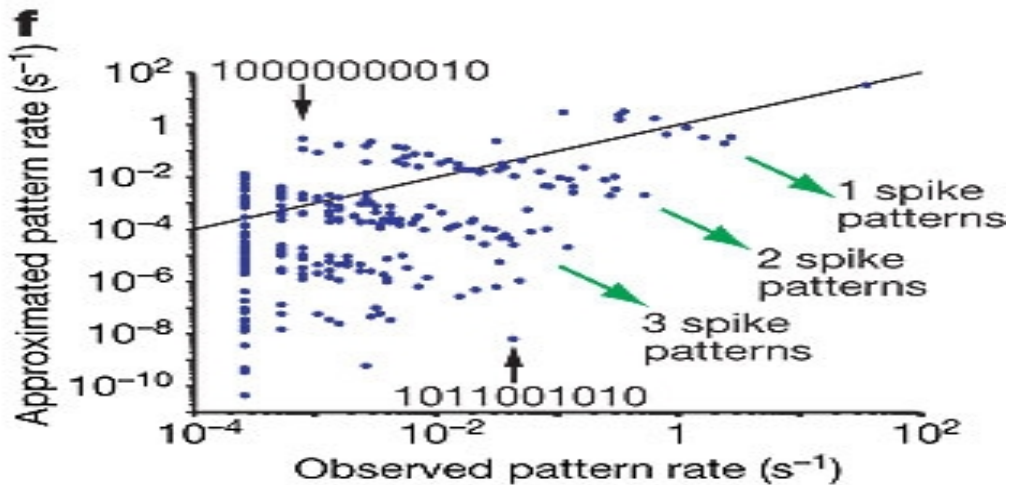
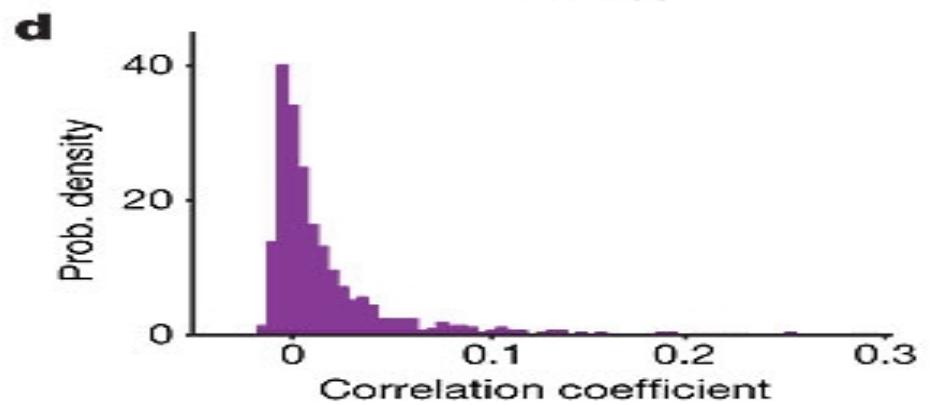
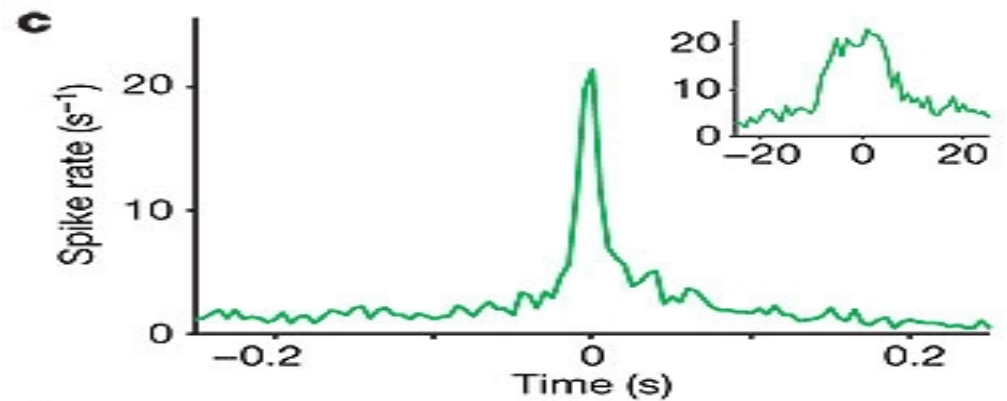
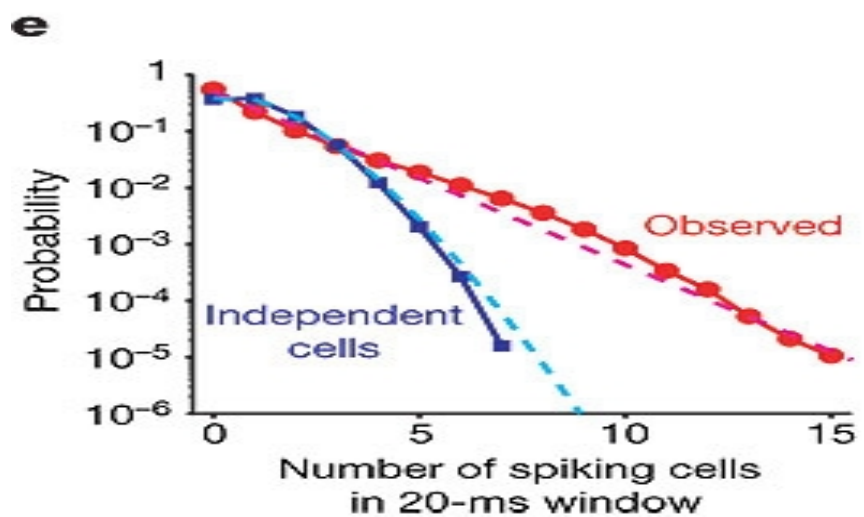
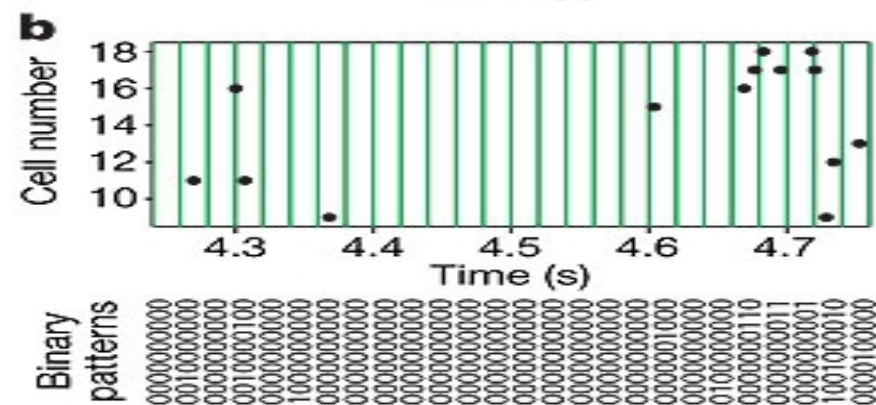
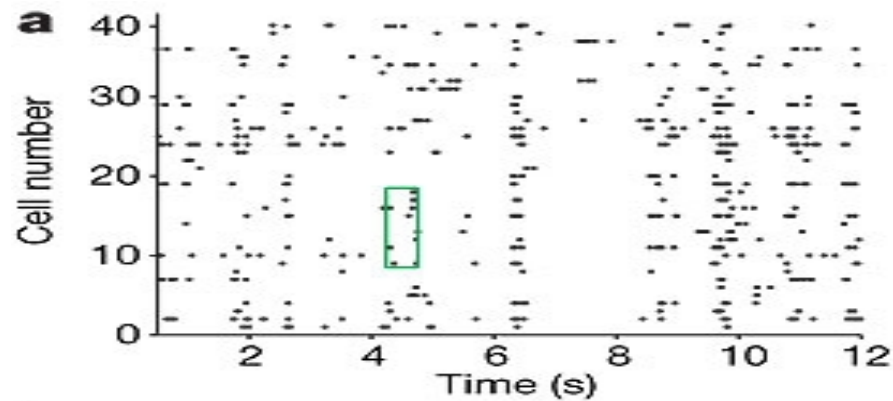


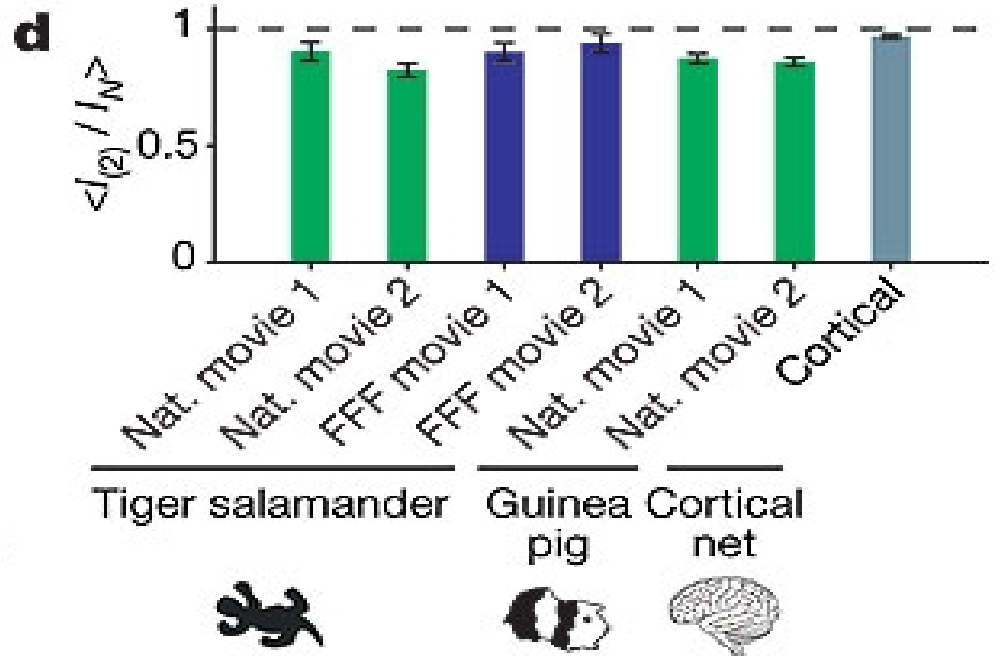
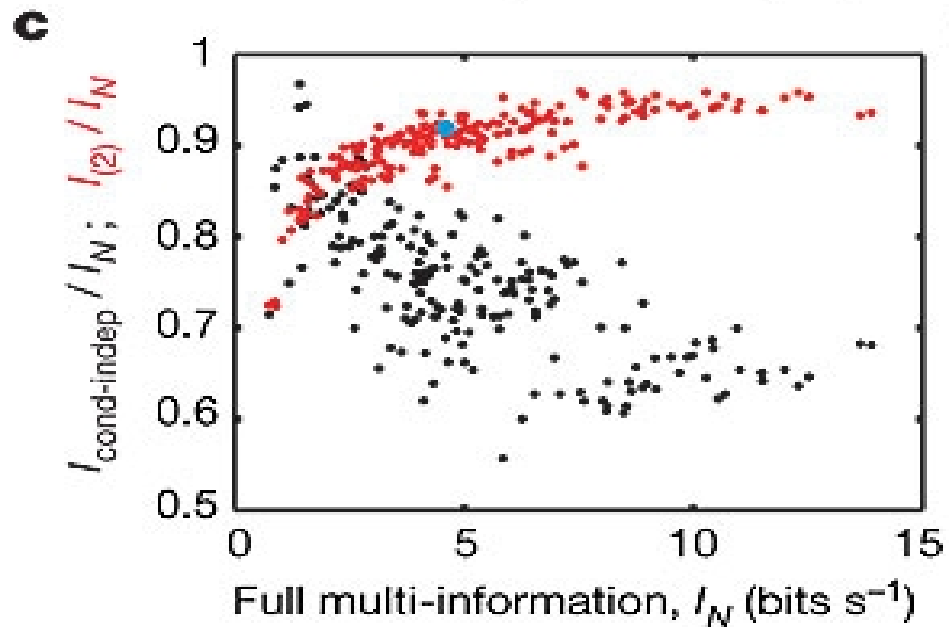
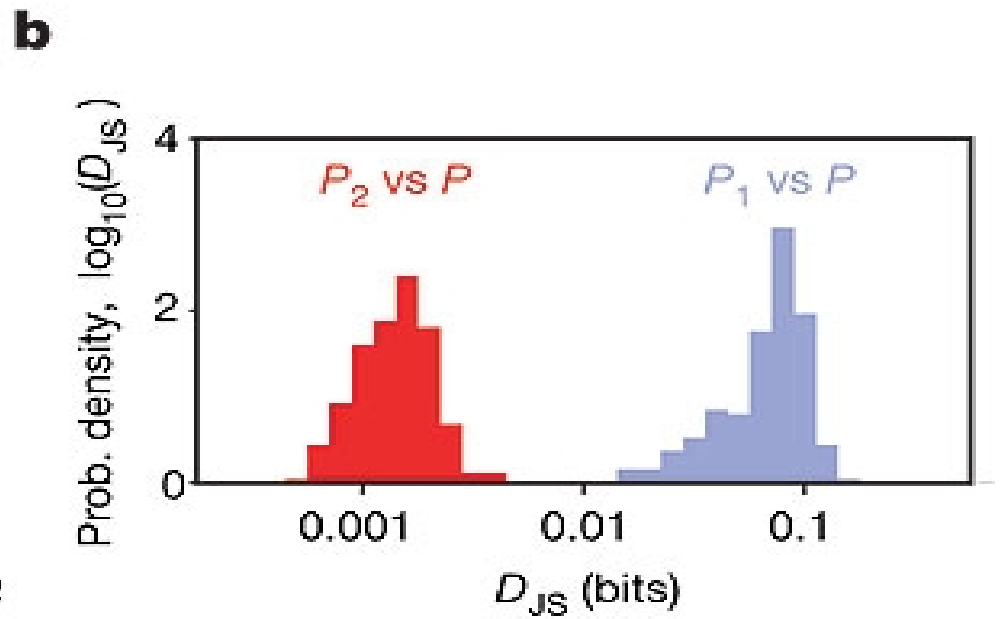
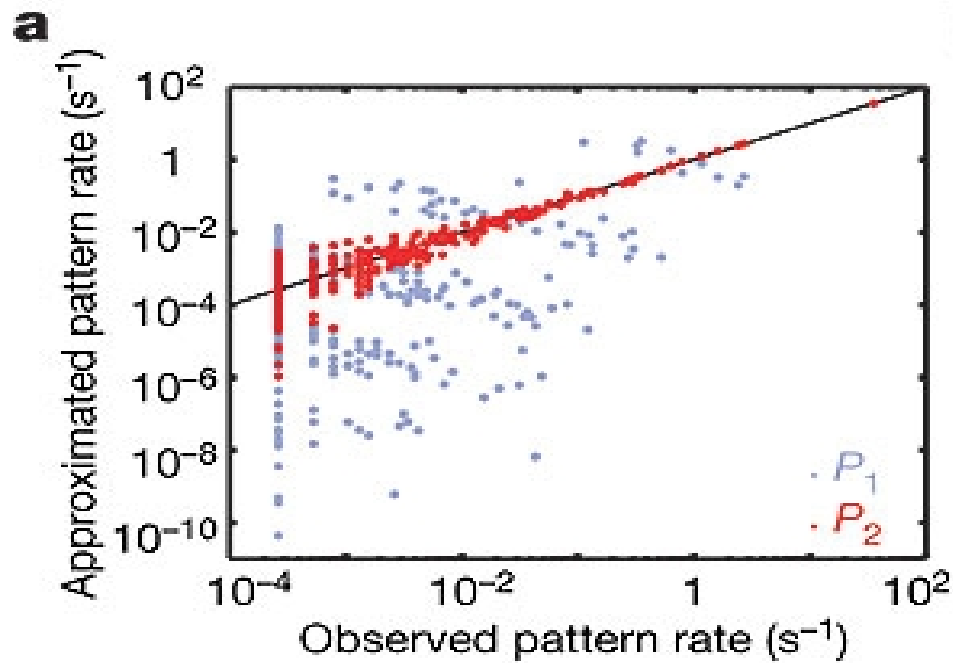
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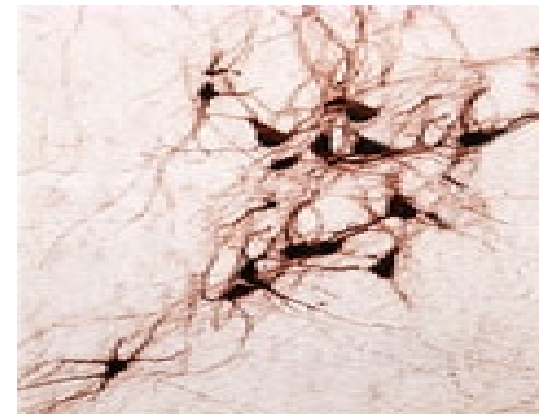
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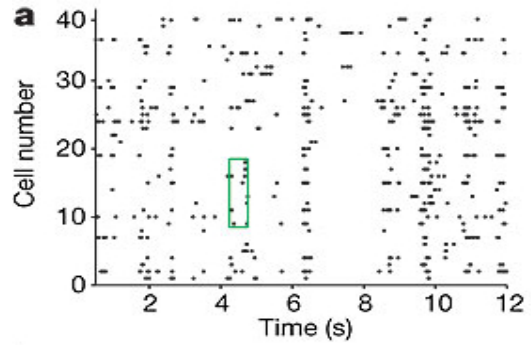
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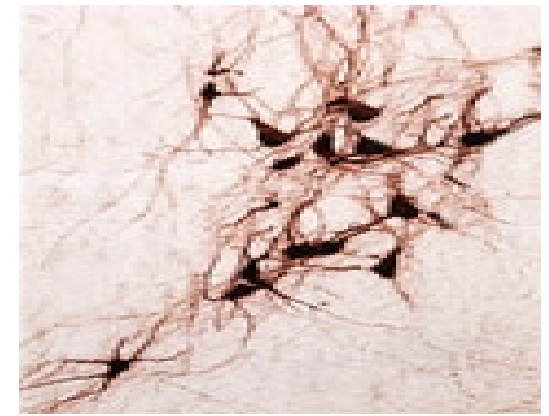


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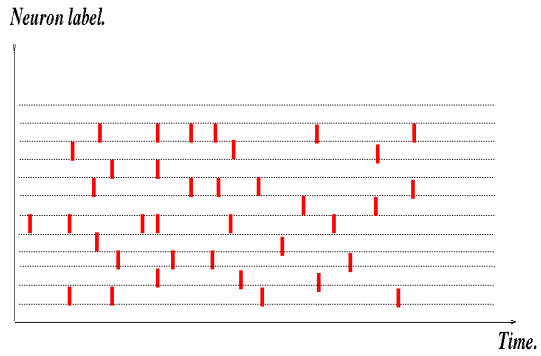


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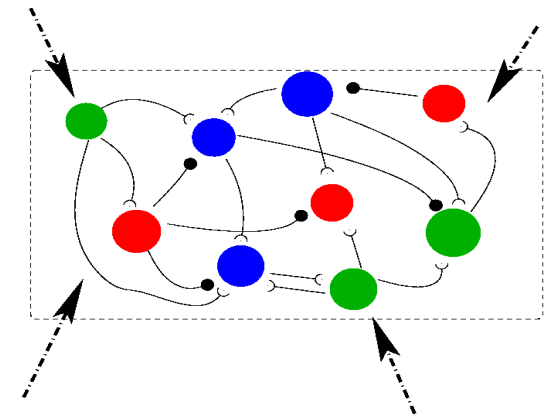


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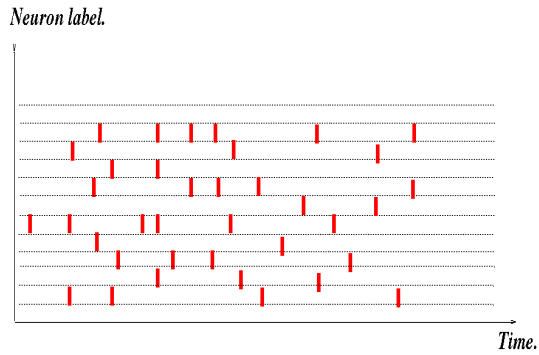


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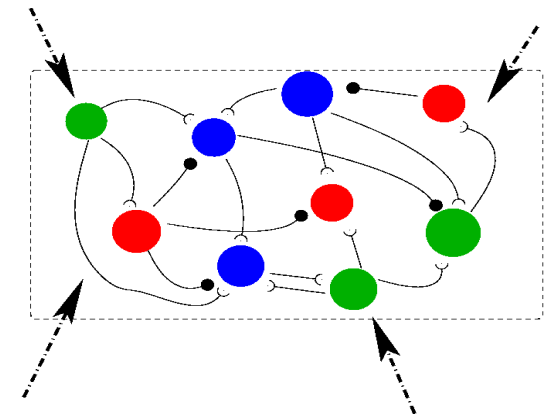


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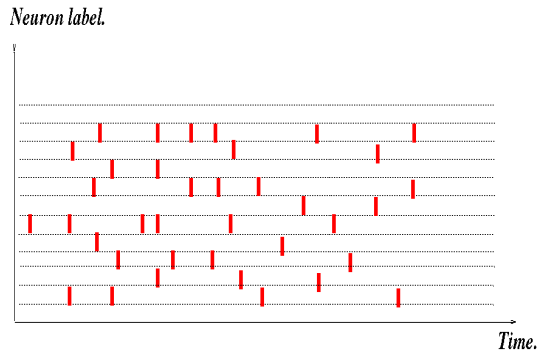
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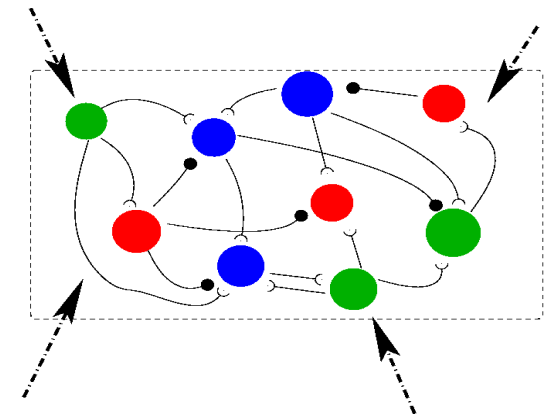


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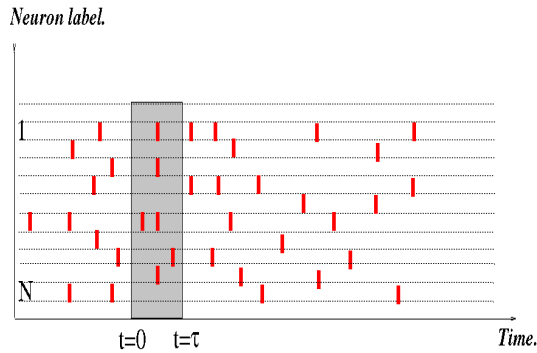
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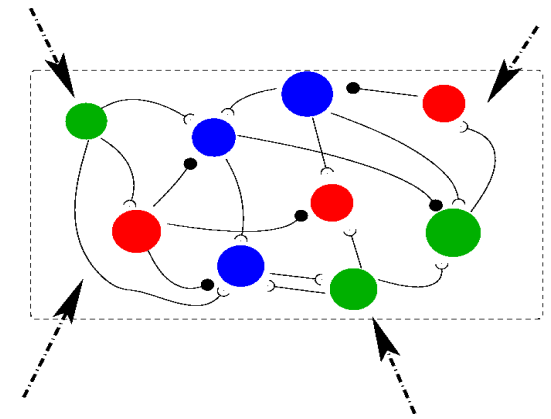


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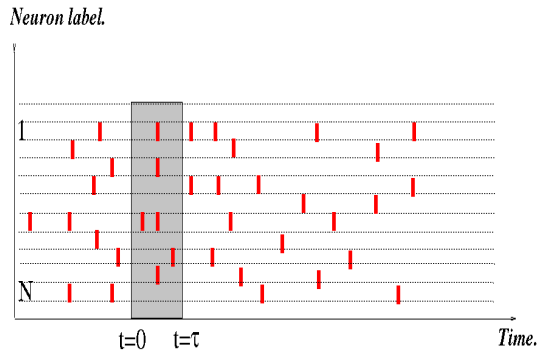
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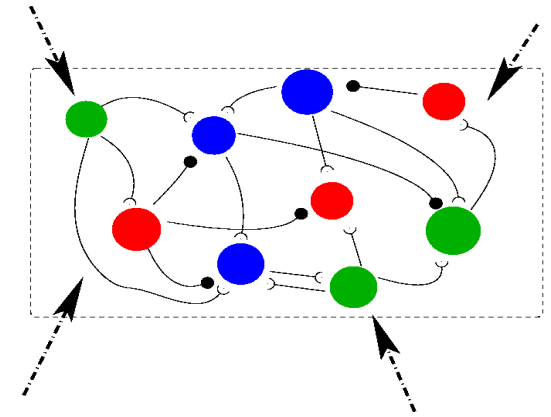


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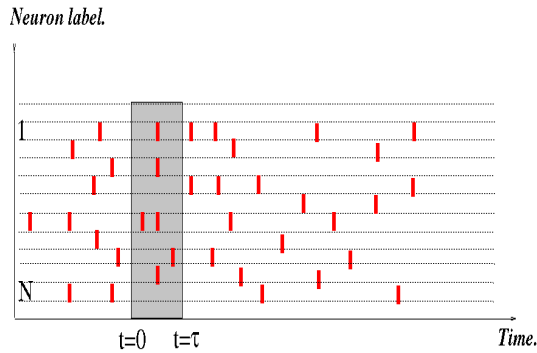
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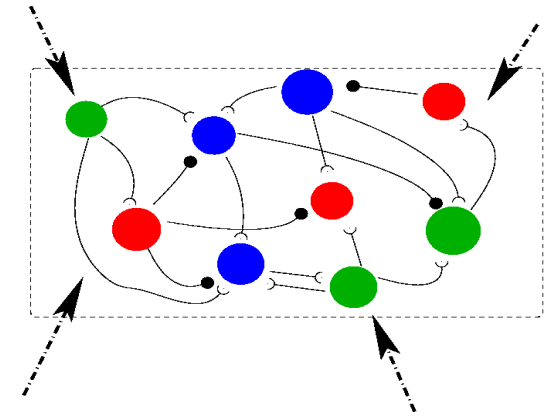


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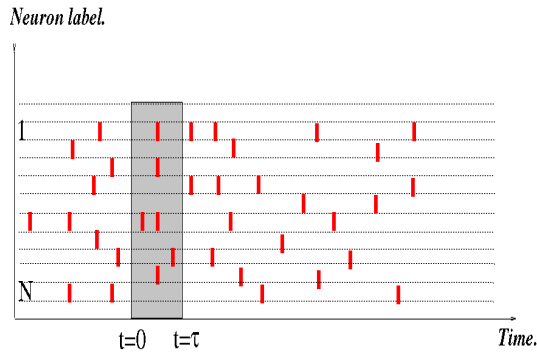
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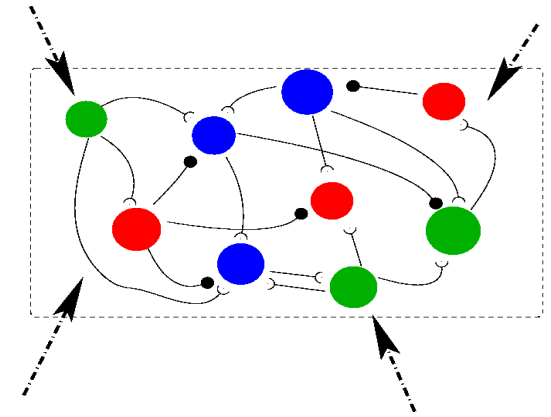


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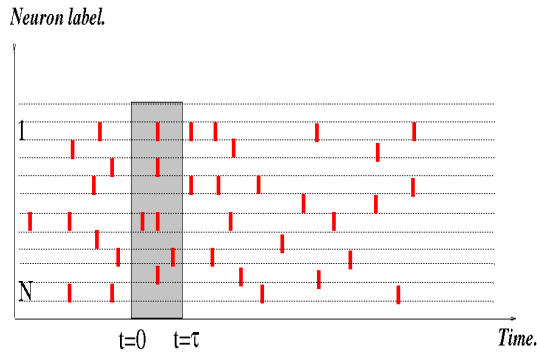
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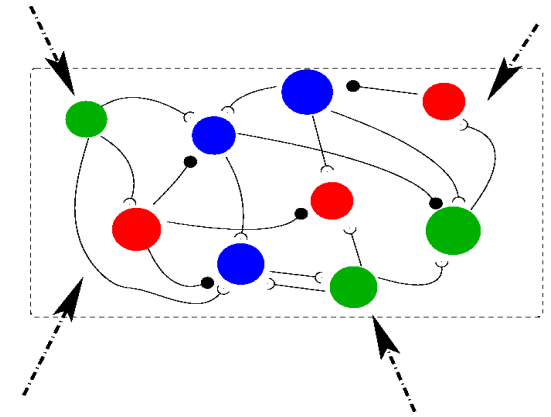


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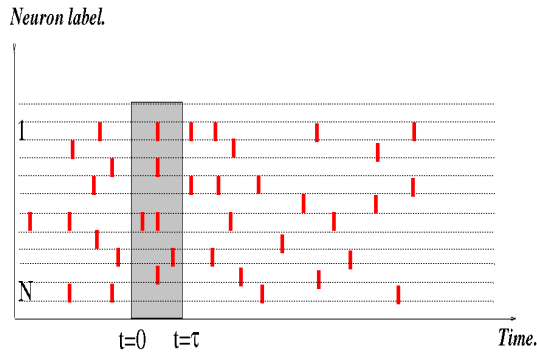
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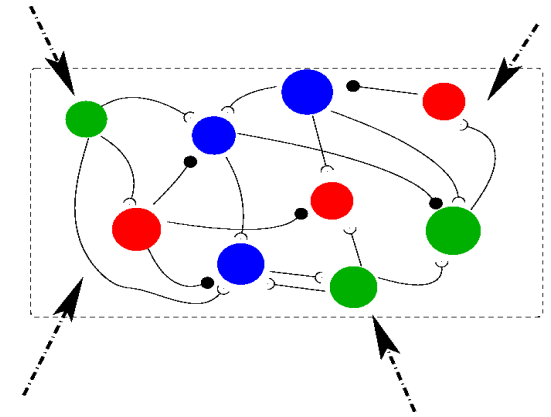


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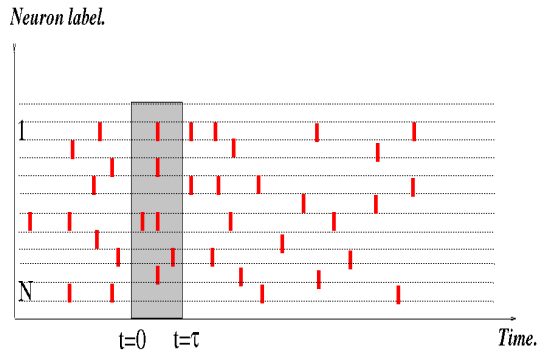
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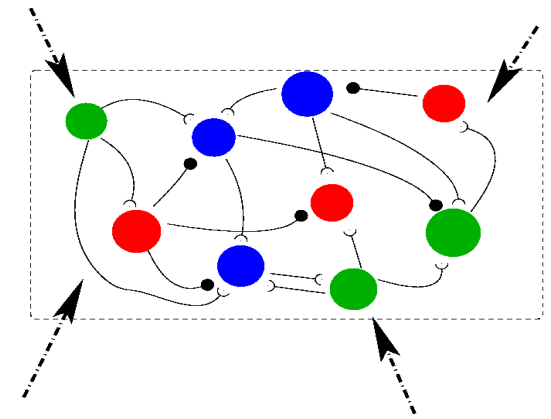
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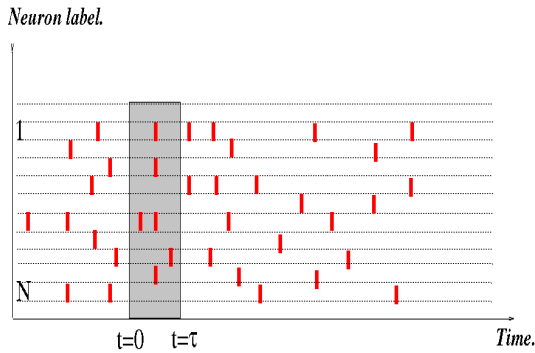
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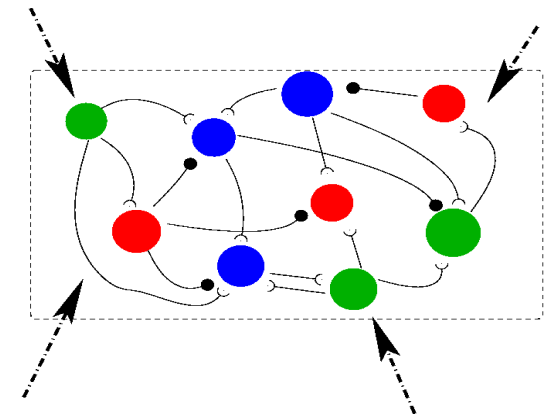


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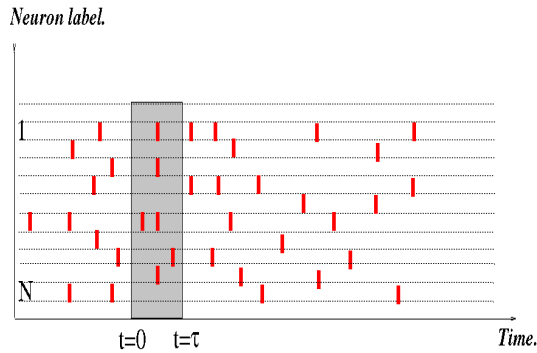
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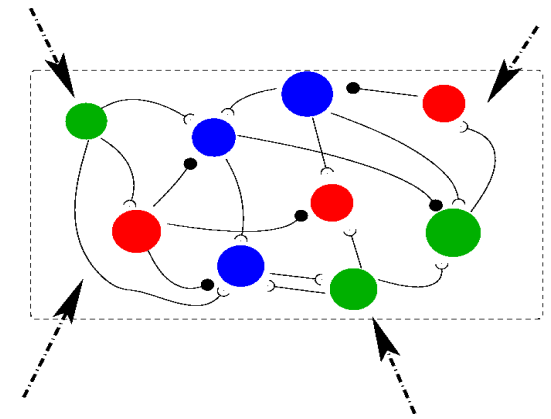


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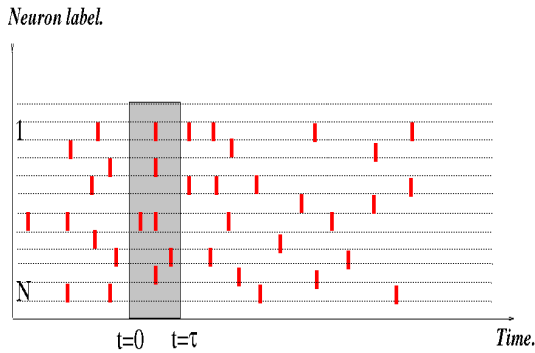
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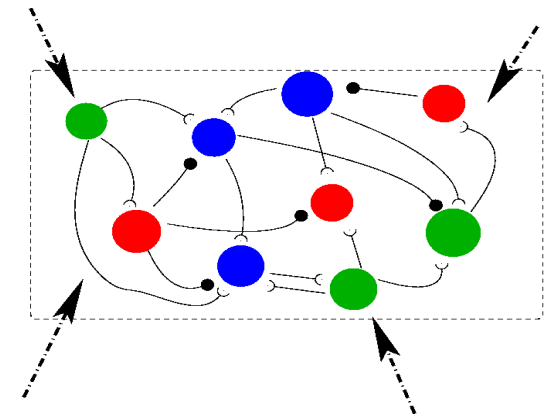


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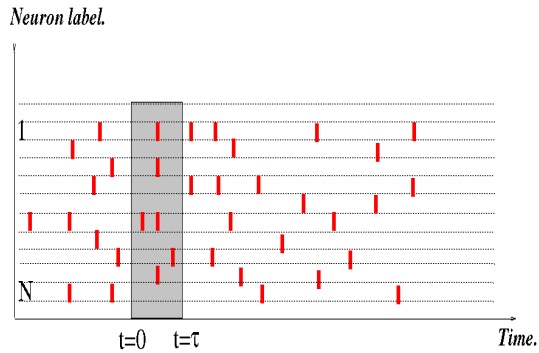
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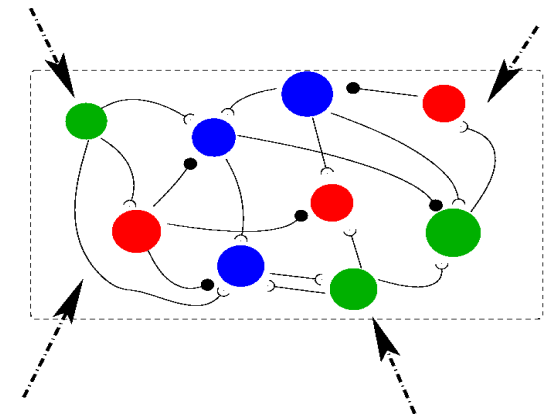


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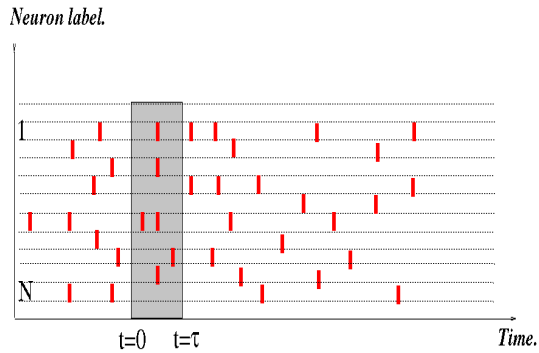
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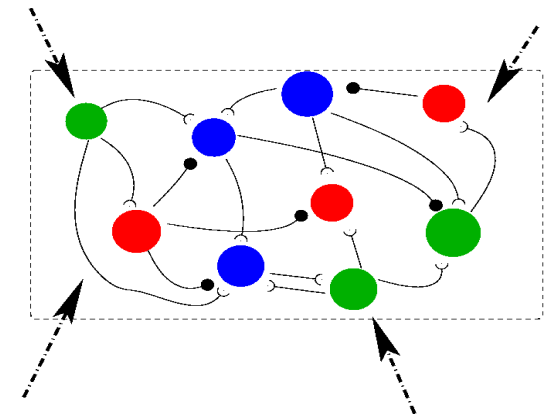


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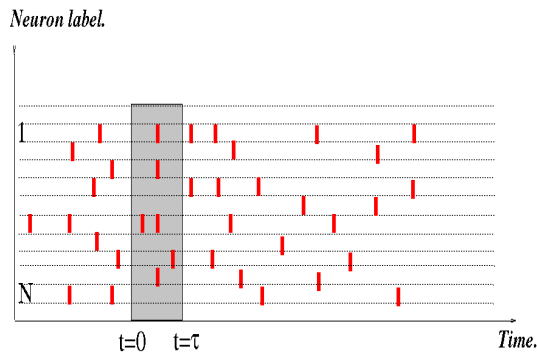
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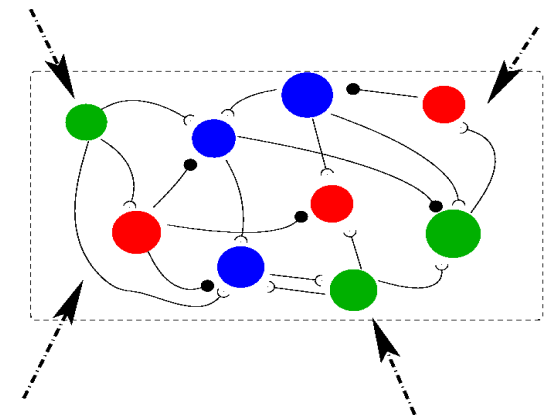
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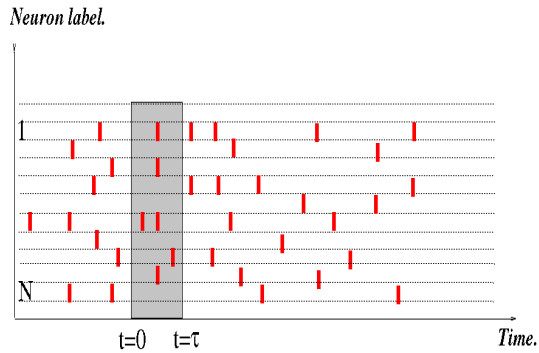
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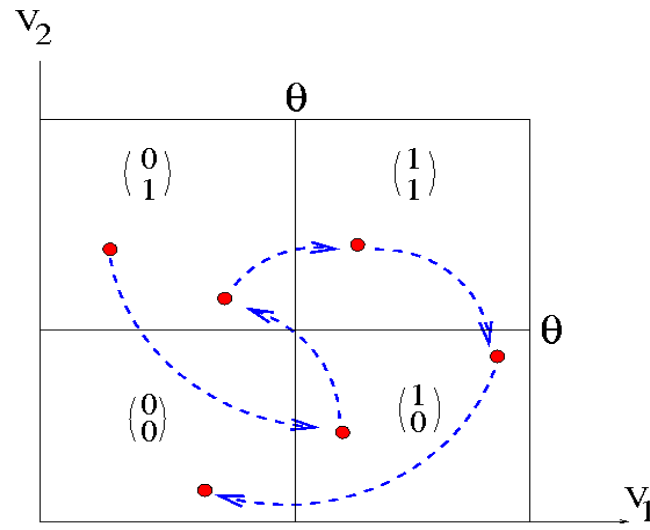
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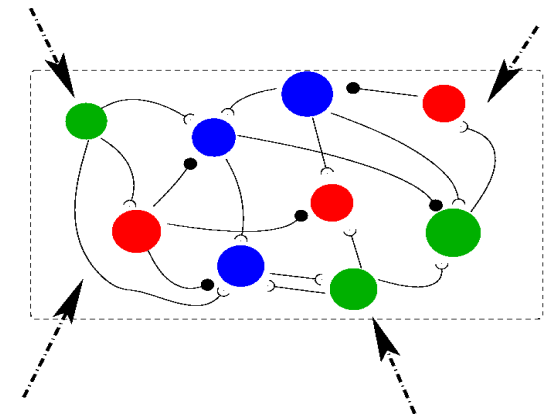


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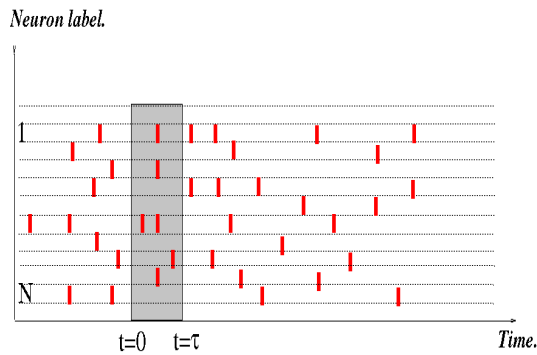
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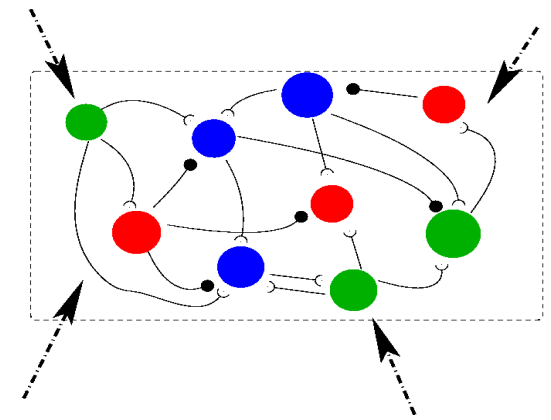
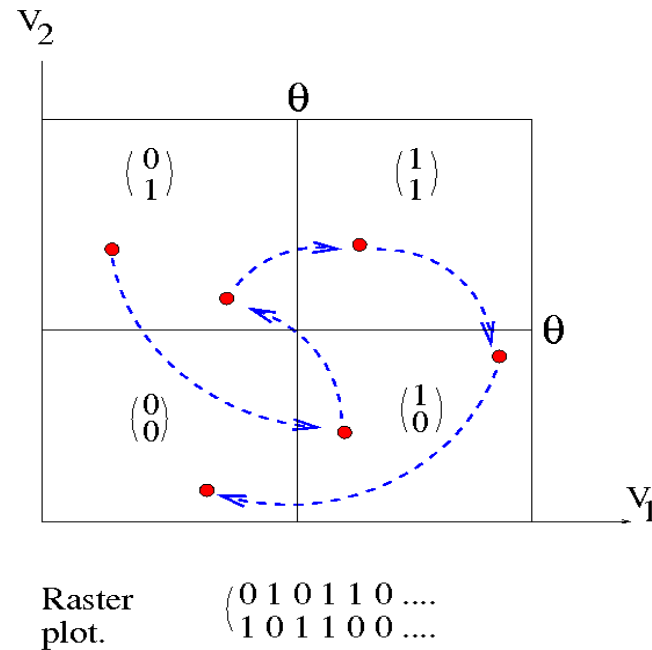
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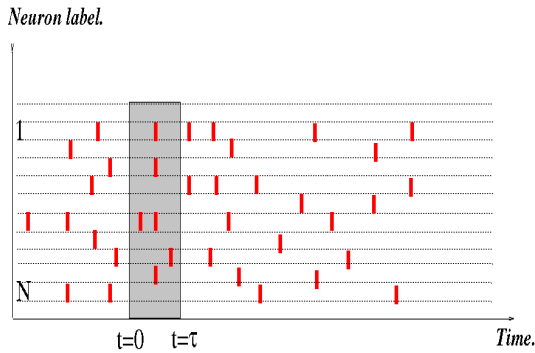
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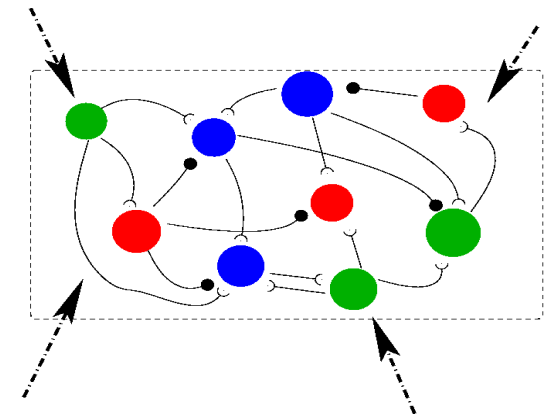
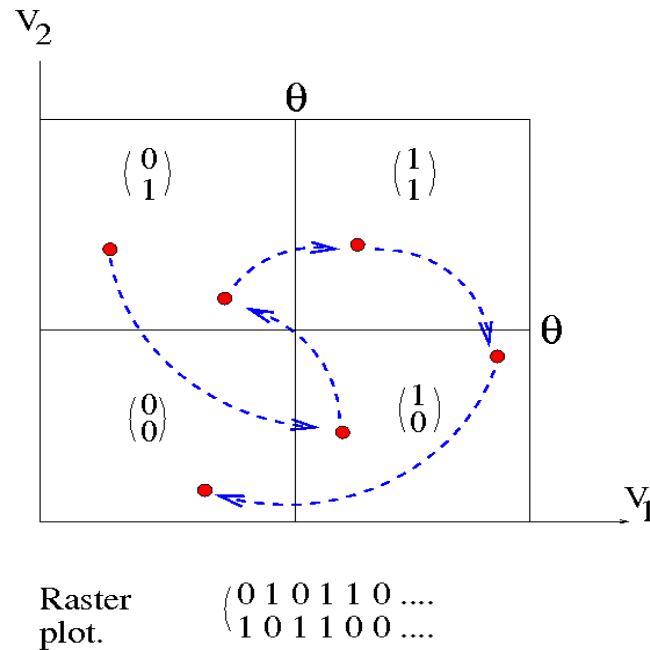
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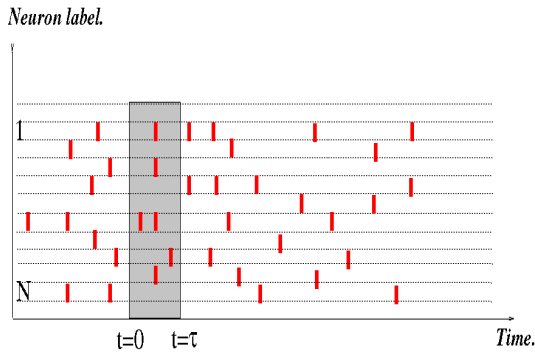
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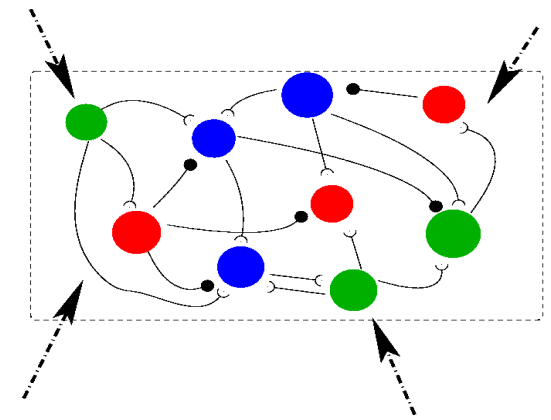
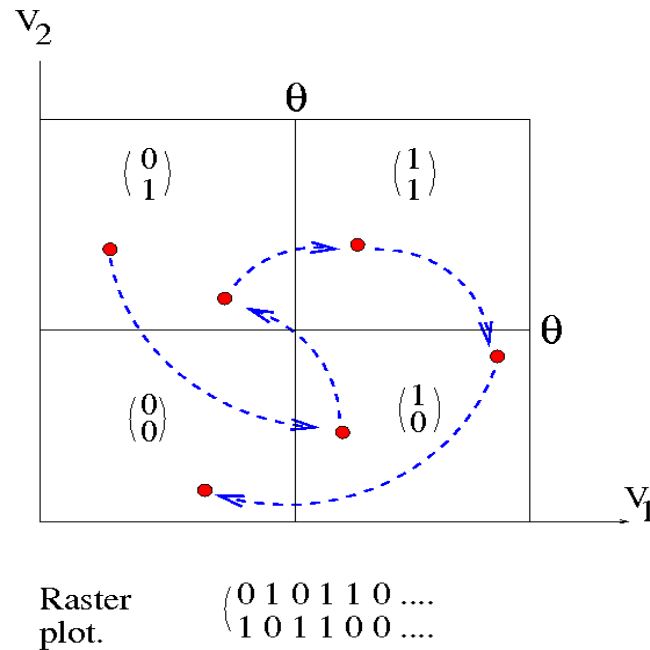
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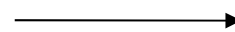
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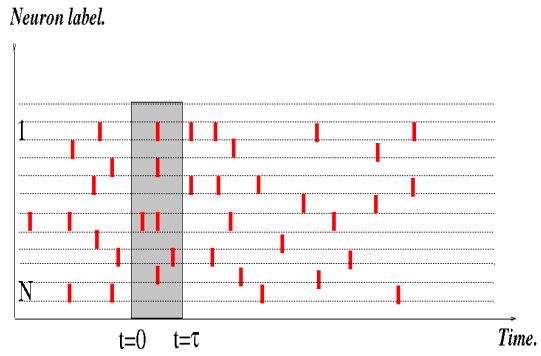
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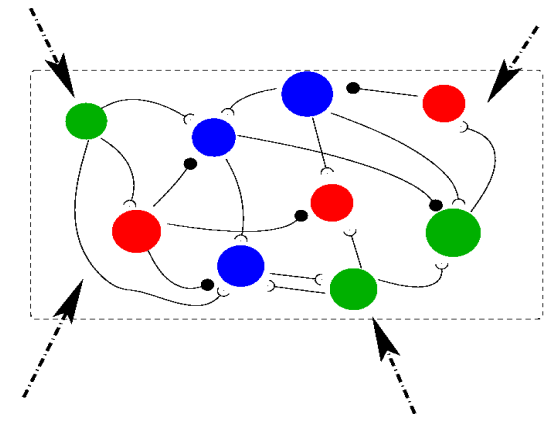
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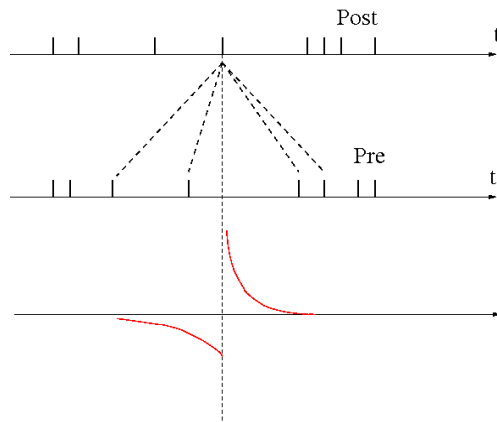
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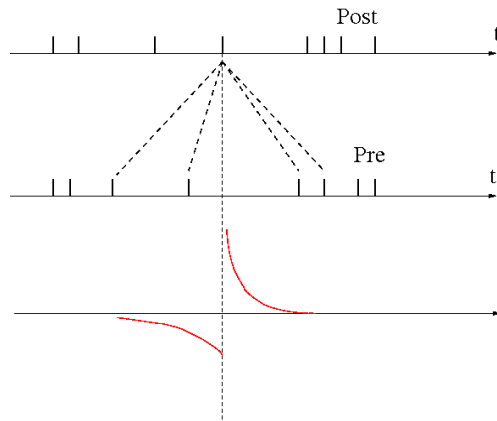
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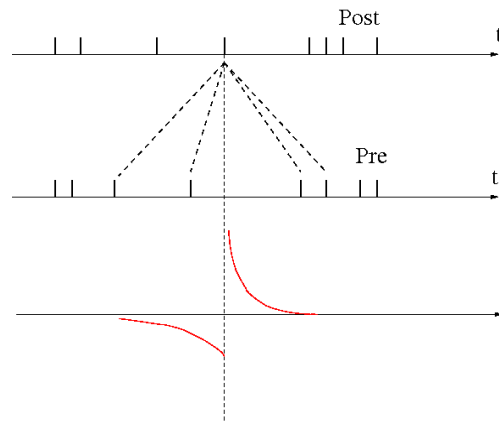


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