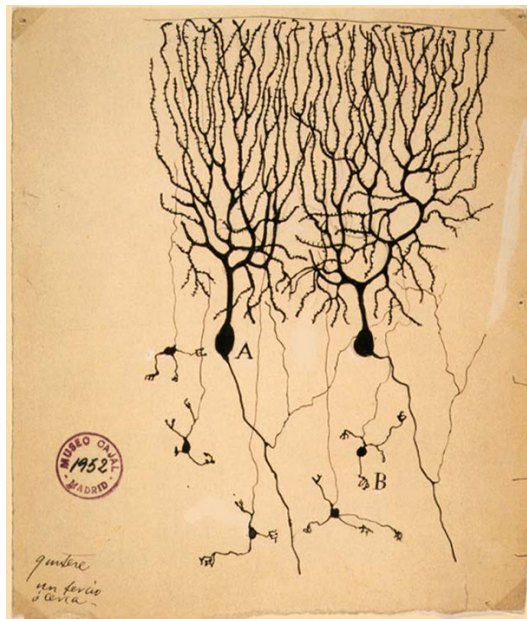


PLASTICITY OF PERFORMANCE

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Fixed.

Ended.

Immutable.

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The end of the central dogma of neurobiology: stem cells and neurogenesis in adult CNS

Is neuroplasticity in the central nervous system the missing link to our understanding of chronic musculoskeletal disorders?

René Pelletier^{1*}, Johanne Higgins^{1,2} and Daniel Bourbonnais^{1,2}

TOPICAL REVIEW

The olympic brain. Does corticospinal plasticity play a role in acquisition of skills required for high-performance sports?

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Neuroimmune Science

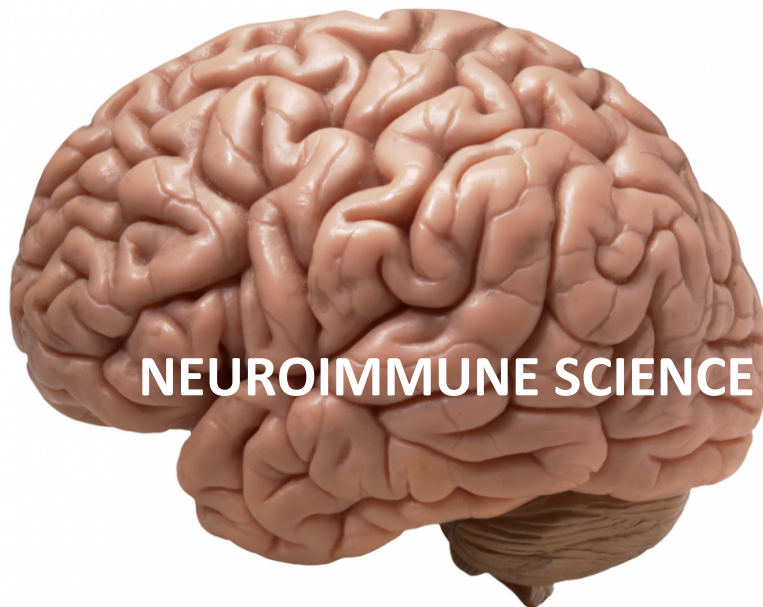
Neuroimmune Plasticity

#Priming

#Pruning

#Prefrontal

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HOW MIGHT THE NEUROIMMUNE SYSTEM WORK?

A suggestion is that it works by being ...

complex

self-constructing

distributed

representational

plastic

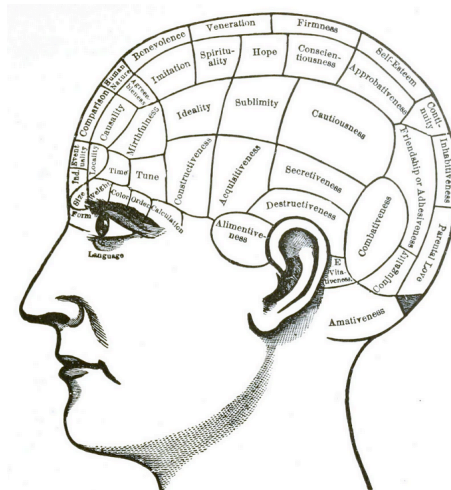
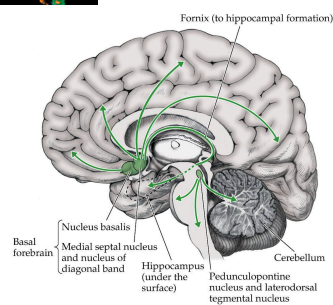
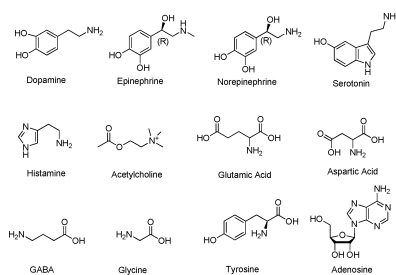
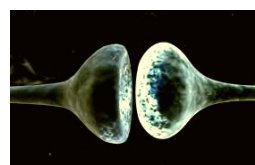
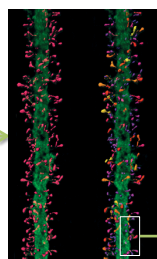
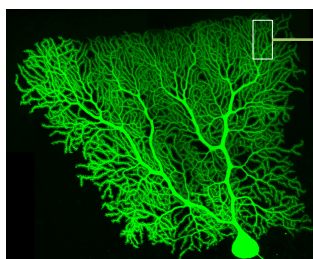


Fig. 264.—MODEL HEAD.

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COMPLEXITY – THE HARDWARE & THE WETWARE



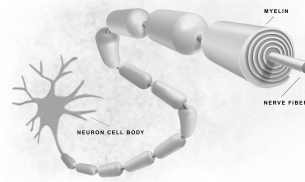
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COMPLEXITY – WHITE MATTER MATTERS



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White matter fills nearly half the brain.

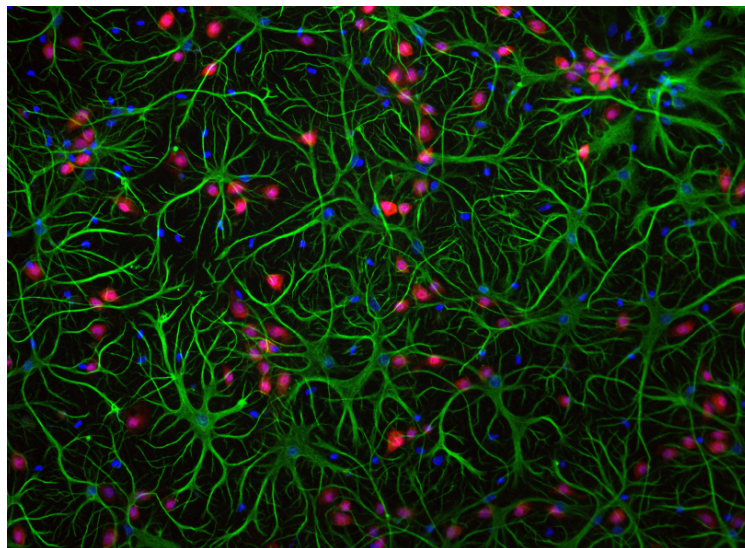
It consists of millions of cables that connect individual neurons from different brain regions.

More myelin = more speed & precision.

SCULPTURE depicts overhead view of brain's cortex (copper) and white matter core.

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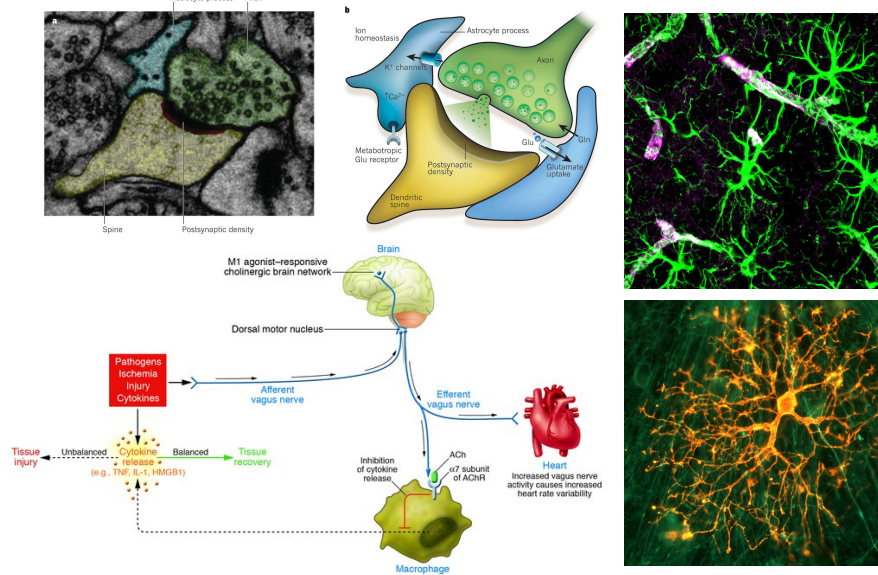
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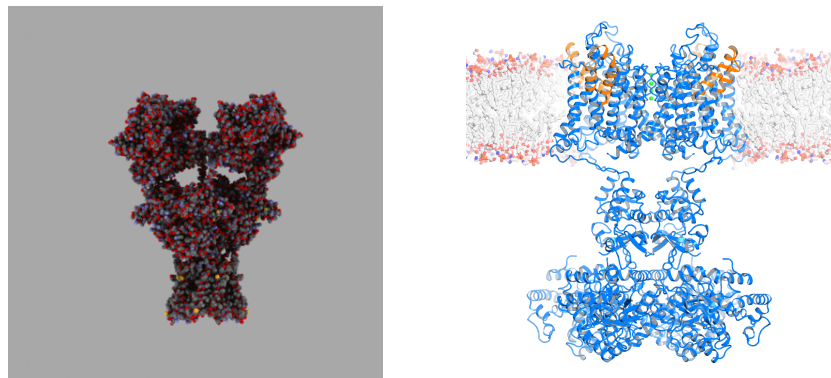
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ION CHANNELS – THE HARDWARE/WETWARE INTERFACE

The molecular substrate for a *self-constructing* distributed representational system.

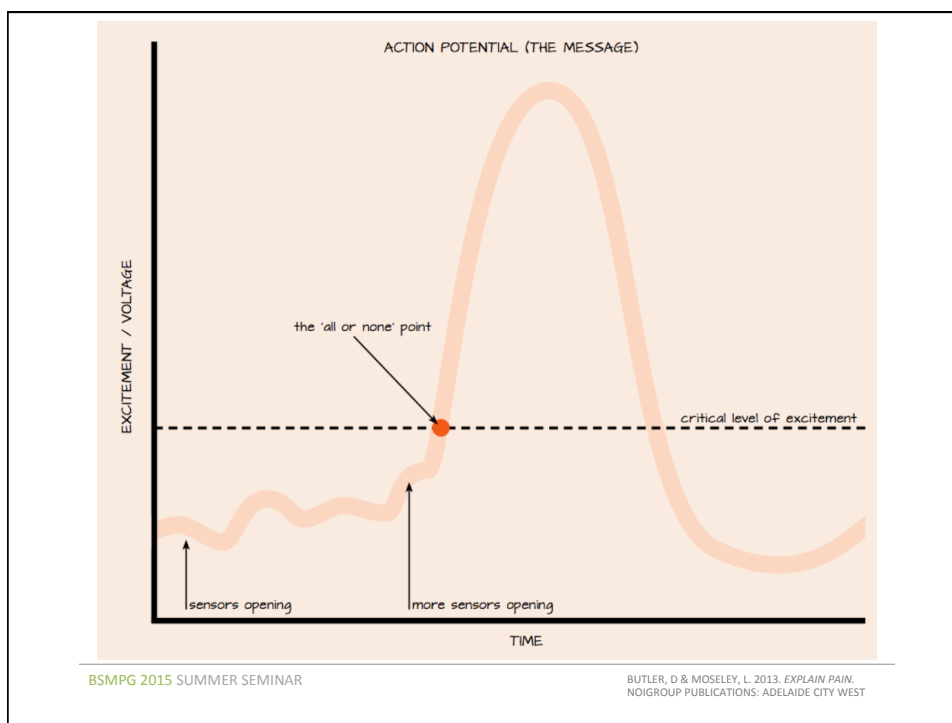


Signal → DNA → Transcription → mRNA → Translation → Protein “workhorses”

Ion channels are the molecular targets of manual and movement therapies. Said simply, they reflect the “need” of the individual.

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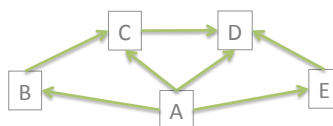
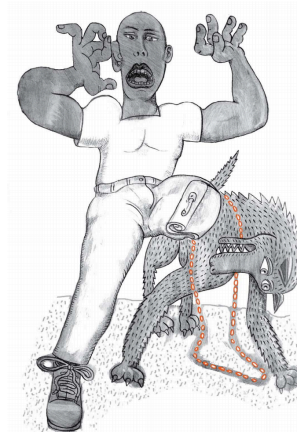
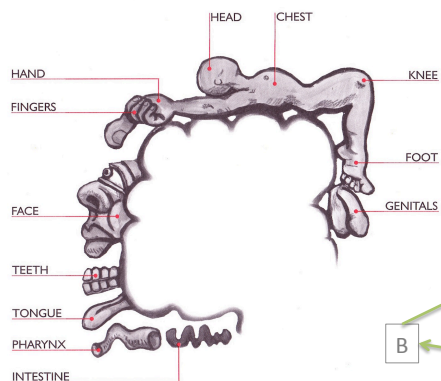
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THE NEUROMATRIX PARADIGM

What are all these neurons and glial cells for?

Representation within the “coding space” of the brain.

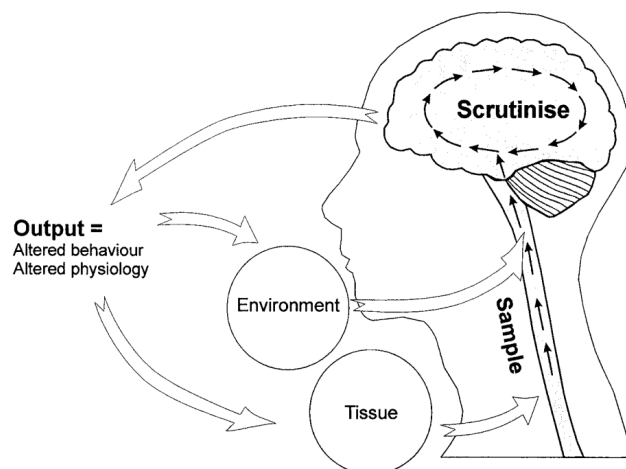


These neuro-representations (or “neurotags”) are *distributed*, parallel and bilateral.

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THE NEUROMATRIX PARADIGM



Outputs depend on the *value* the CNS gives the input. The brain *weighs* the world and decides whether a response (e.g. pain, motor, sweat) should be constructed.

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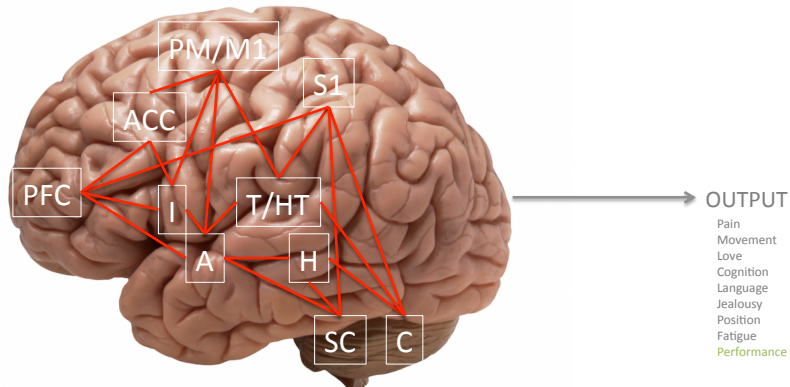
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NEUROTAGS – THE EVENT SPACE

A *neurotag* is a pattern of activity within the neuromatrix.

When a *neurotag* is activated, it produces an output (an experience or action).

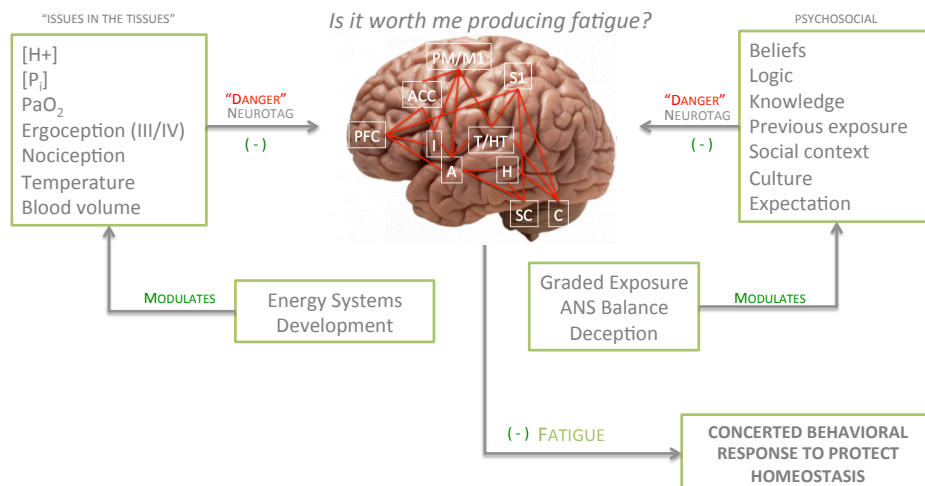
The output defines the *neurotag*.



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DECONSTRUCTING THE FATIGUE NEURTAG



What matters to the brain is context.

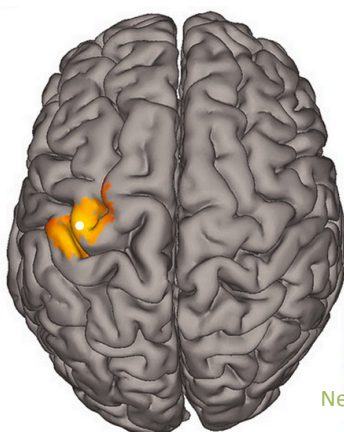
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NEUROTAGS – THE EVENT SPACE

Two critically important criteria ...

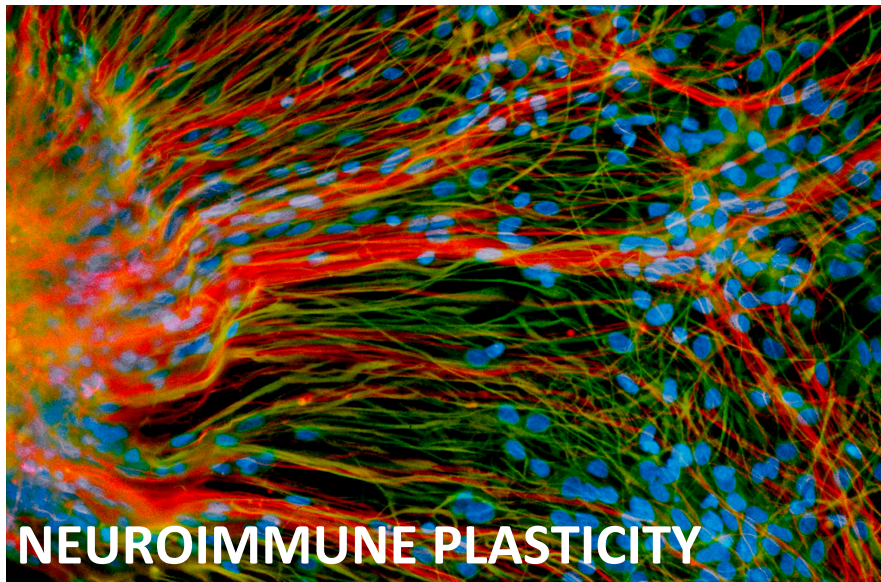
1. The member brain cells have to fire.
2. Nearby brain cells have to **NOT** fire.



Neurotags will alter their landscape to look after you.

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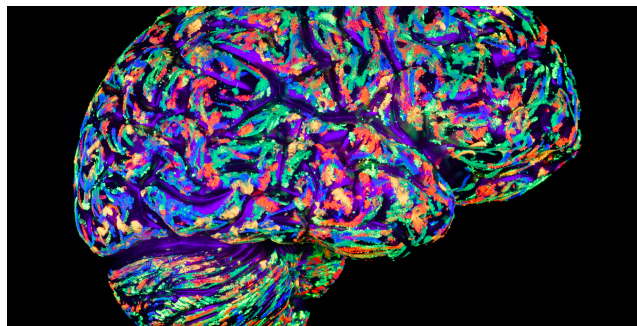
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PLASTICITY IN THE CNS

Neuroplasticity means a change in function of a neuron or group of neurons.
These changes are use-dependent.



[plas-tik]

All learning is represented by structural and functional changes to all levels of the neuroimmune system.

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NEUROTAGS ARE DYNAMICALLY MAINTAINED

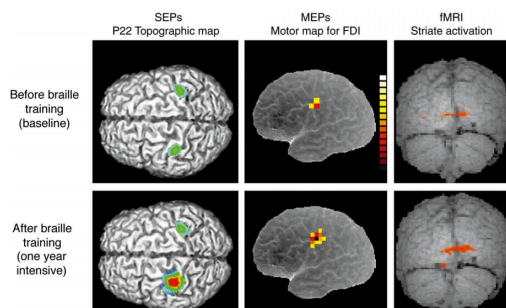
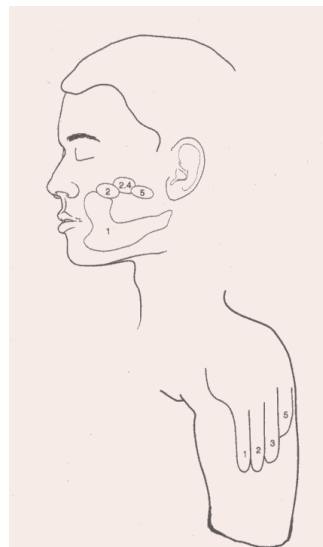


Fig. 1 Evidence of plasticity in sensory, motor and occipital cortex in early-blind subjects after learning Braille. Representative examples are shown from the studies performed before (top) and at the end of one year of learning Braille (bottom). The different studies were conducted on different subjects using somatosensory evoked potentials (SEP) to mechanical stimuli to the index finger pad, motor mapping with TMS of the potentials evoked in the first dorsal interosseus (FDI) muscle (the side-to-side mover of the index finger), and functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) while reading Braille characters. (Adapted from Refs 13,18.)

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Input-increase and input-decrease types of cortical reorganization after upper extremity amputation in humans



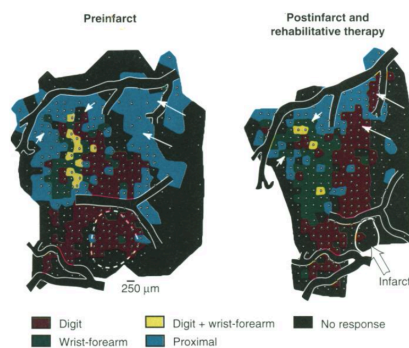
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A VARIETY OF INPUTS CAN ALTER NEUROTAGS

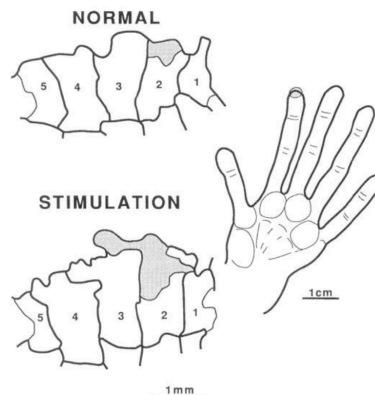
Activation of the primary visual cortex by Braille reading in blind subjects

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Jordan Grafman[‡], Vicente Ibañez^{*},
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Increased Cortical Representation of the Fingers of the Left Hand in String Players

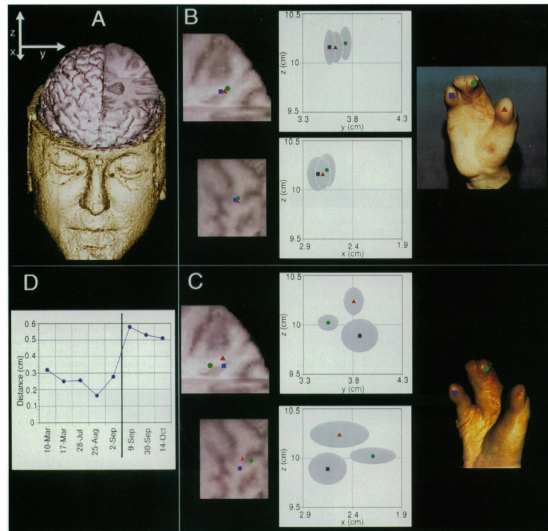
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NEUROTAG REORGANIZATION HAPPENS QUICKLY



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Temporal Dynamics of Plastic Changes in Human Primary Somatosensory Cortex after Finger Webbing

The primary somatosensory cortex (SI) exhibits a detailed topographic organization of the hand and fingers, which has been found to undergo plastic changes following modifications of the sensory input. Although the spatial properties of these changes have been extensively investigated, little is known about their temporal dynamics. In this study, we adapted the paradigm of finger webbing, in which 4 fingers are temporarily webbed together, hence modifying their sensory feedback. We used magnetoencephalography, to measure changes in the hand representation in SI, before, during, and after finger webbing for about 5 h. Our results showed a decrease in the Euclidean distance (ED) between cortical sources activated by electrical stimuli to the index and small finger 30 min after webbing, followed by an increase lasting for about 2 h after webbing, which was followed by a return toward baseline values. These results provide a unique frame in which the different representational changes occur, merging previous findings that were only apparently controversial, in which either increases or decreases in ED were reported after sensory manipulation for relatively long or short duration, respectively. Moreover, these observations further confirm that the mechanisms that underlie cortical reorganization are extremely rapid in their expression and, for the first time, show how brain reorganization occurs over time.

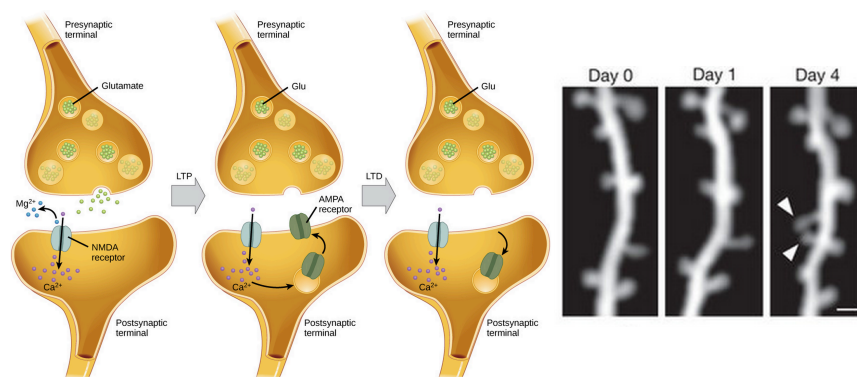
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GREY MATTER PLASTICITY

"Neurons that fire together, wire together."

Long-term potentiation requires cooperativity, associativity, and specificity.



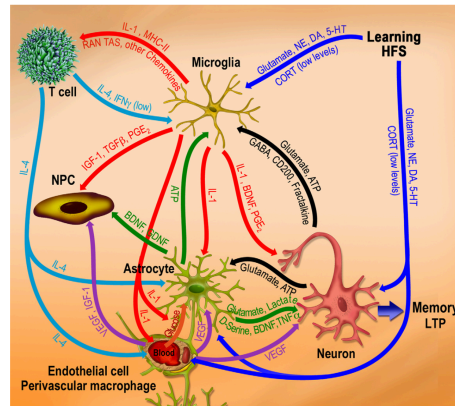
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Immune modulation of learning, memory, neural plasticity and neurogenesis

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ABSTRACT

Over the past two decades it became evident that the immune system plays a central role in modulating learning, memory and neural plasticity. Under normal quiescent conditions, immune mechanisms are activated by environmental/psychological stimuli and positively regulate the remodeling of neural circuits, promoting memory consolidation, hippocampal long-term potentiation (LTP) and neurogenesis. These beneficial effects of the immune system are mediated by complex interactions among brain cells with immune functions (particularly microglia and astrocytes), peripheral immune cells (particularly T cells and macrophages), neurons, and neural precursor cells. These interactions involve the responsiveness of non-neuronal cells to classical neurotransmitters (e.g., glutamate and monoamines) and hormones (e.g., glucocorticoids), as well as the secretion and responsiveness of neurons and glia to low levels of inflammatory cytokines, such as interleukin (IL)-1, IL-6, and TNF α , as well as other mediators, such as prostaglandins and neurotrophins. In conditions under which the immune system is strongly activated by infection or injury, as well as by severe or chronic stressful conditions, glia and other brain immune cells change their morphology and functioning and secrete high levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines and prostaglandins. The production of these inflammatory mediators disrupts the delicate balance needed for the neurophysiological actions of immune processes and produces direct detrimental effects on memory, neural plasticity and neurogenesis. These effects are mediated by inflammation-induced neuronal hyper-excitability and adrenocortical stimulation, followed by reduced production of neurotrophins and other plasticity-related molecules, facilitating many forms of neuropathology associated with normal aging as well as neurodegenerative and neuropsychiatric diseases.

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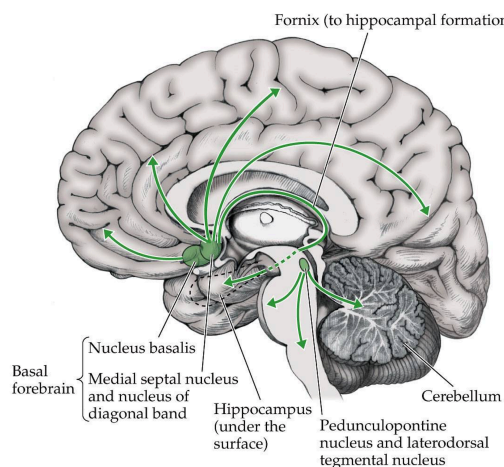
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PRINCIPLES OF NEUROIMMUNE PLASTICITY



Principles of Experience-Dependent Neural Plasticity: Implications for Rehabilitation After Brain Damage

SUPPLEMENT

Use it or lose it.
Use it and improve it.
Specificity.
Repetition.
Intensity.
Time.
Salience.
Age.
Transference.
Interference.

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