

# Microcircuit Flexibility: 35 Years Post-Connectome in the Crab STG

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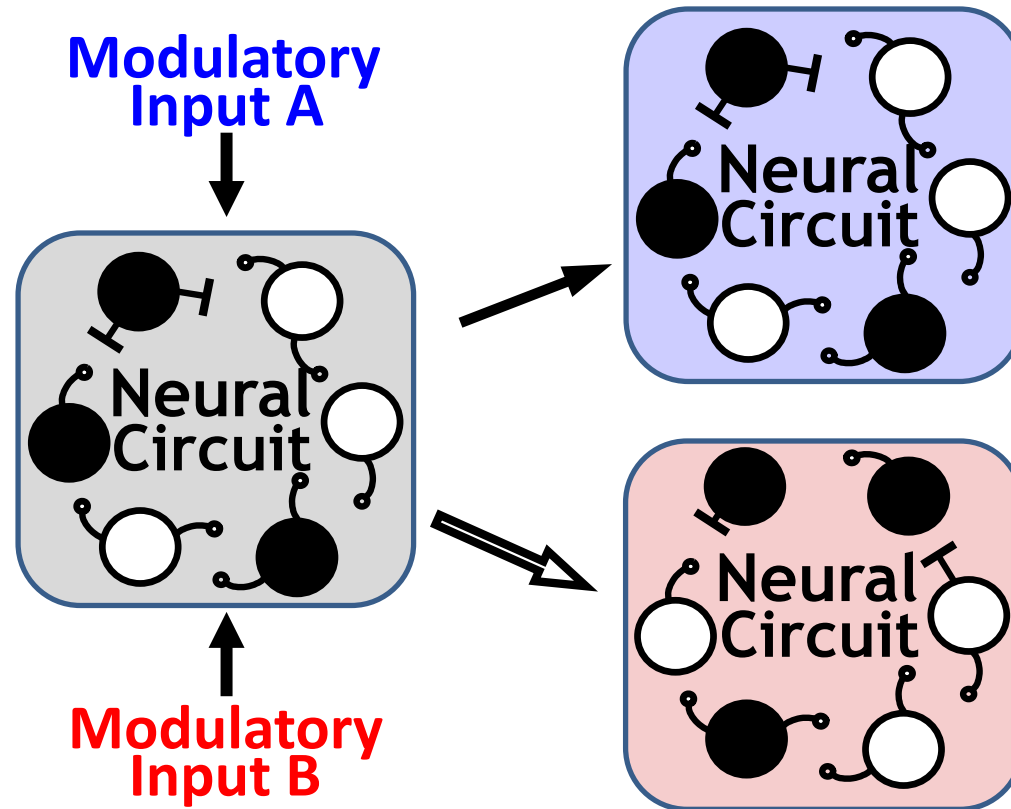
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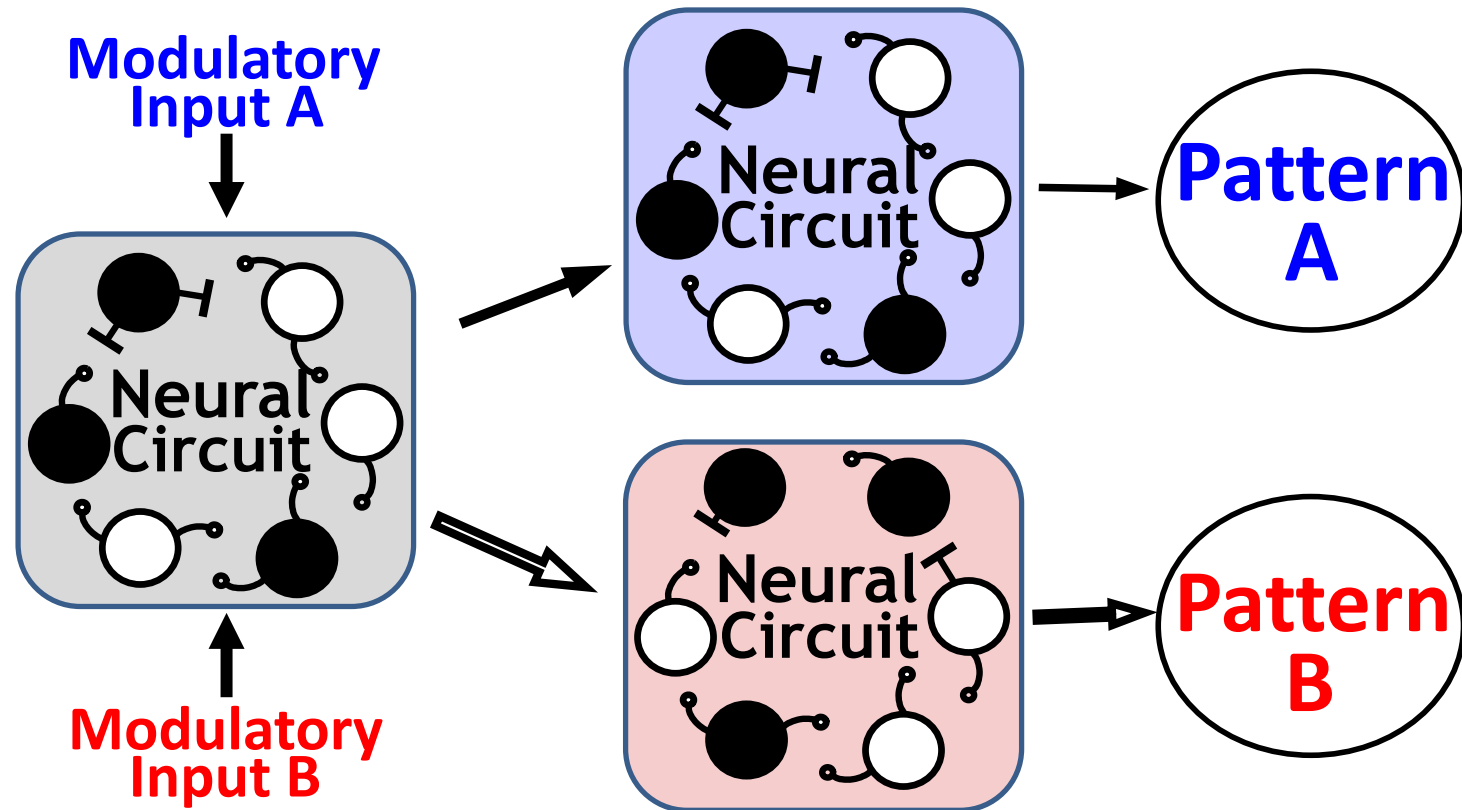
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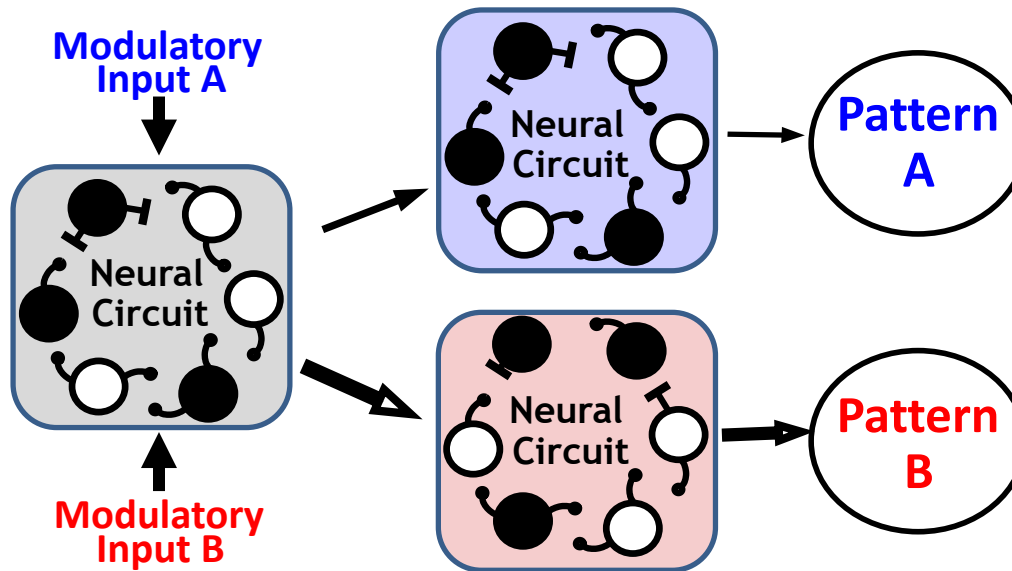
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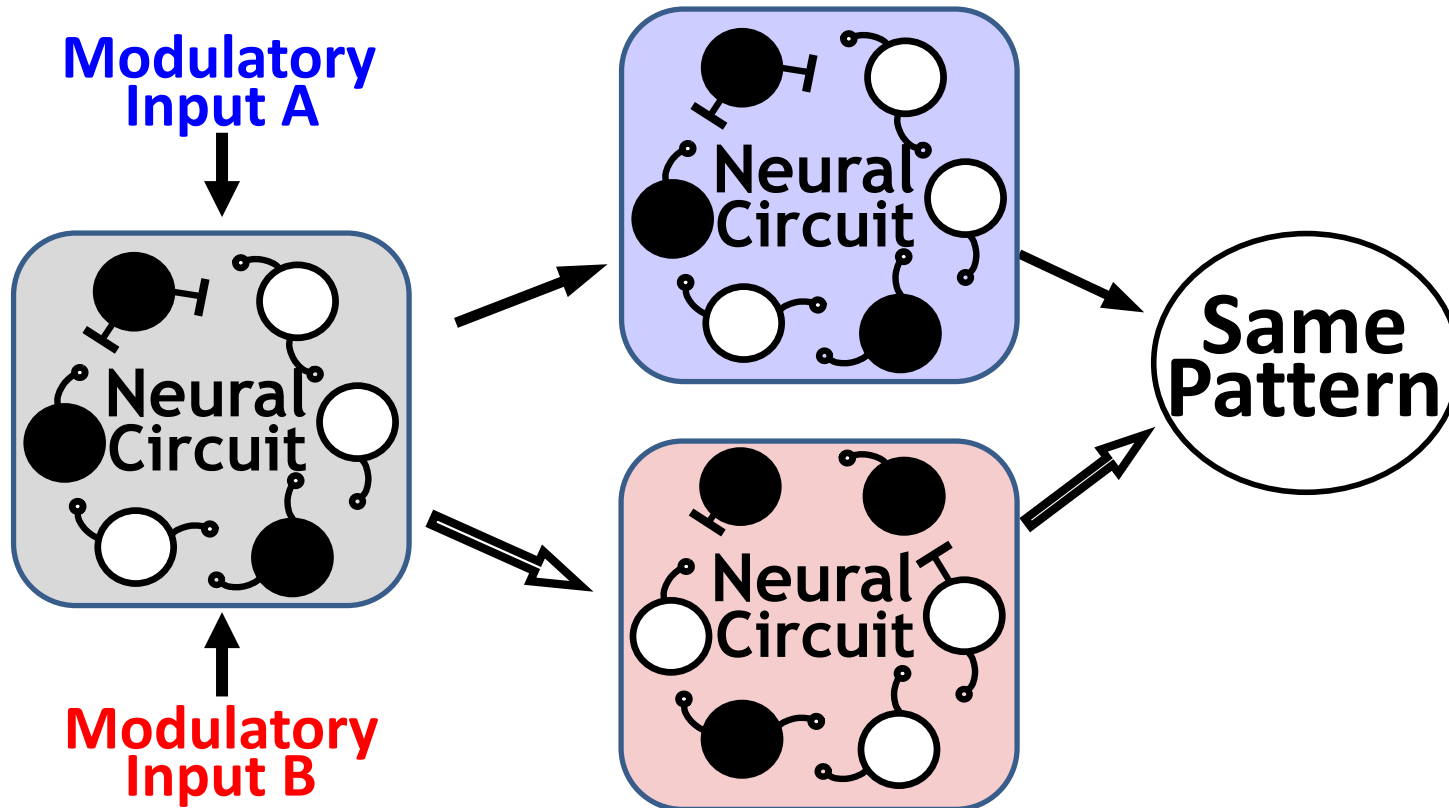


# Neural Circuit Flexibility

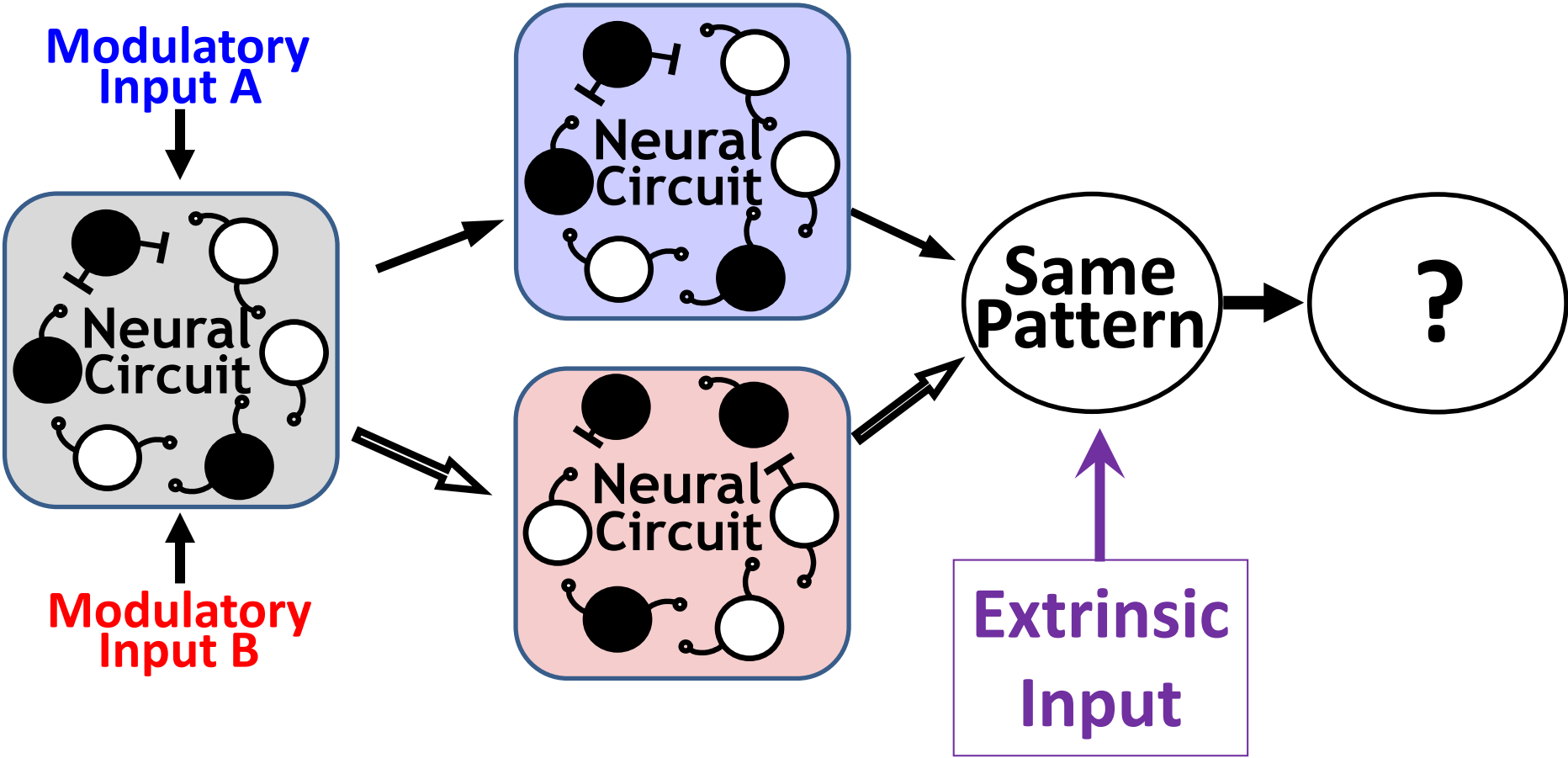


- **Establishing a connectome is necessary but not sufficient for understanding neural circuit operation.**

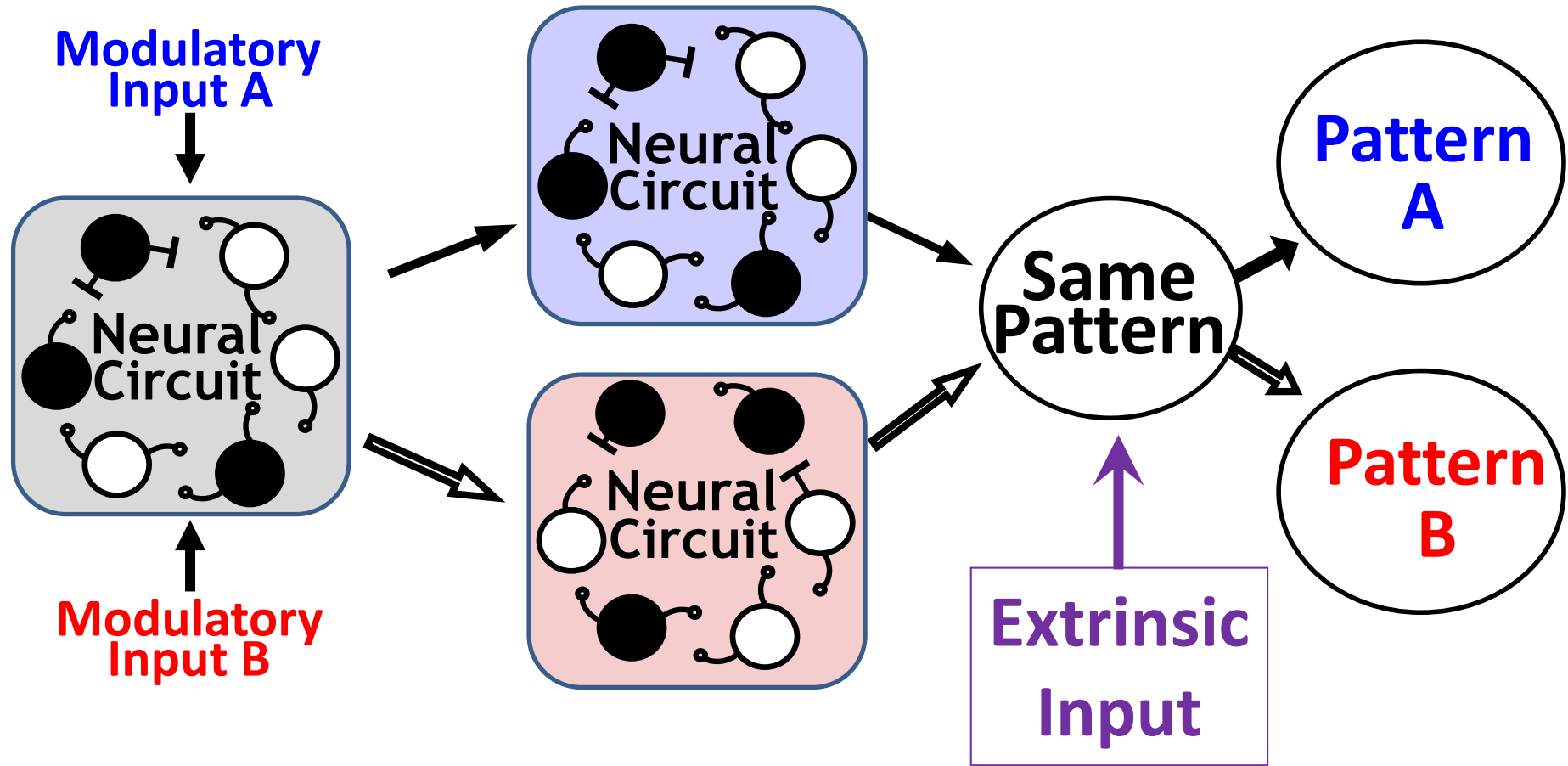
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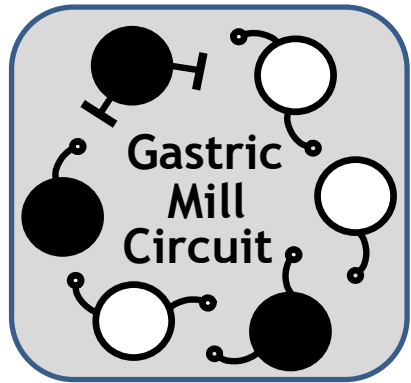
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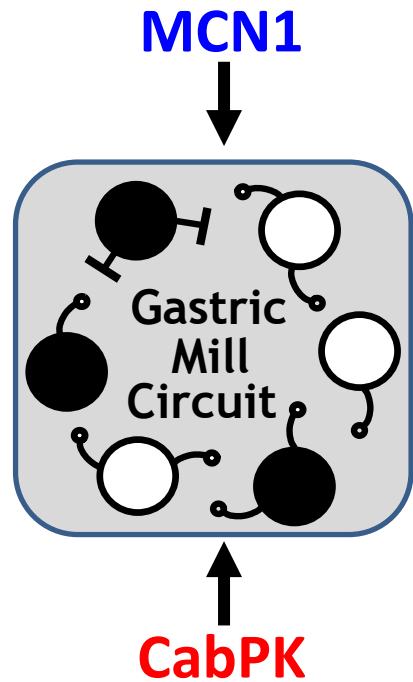


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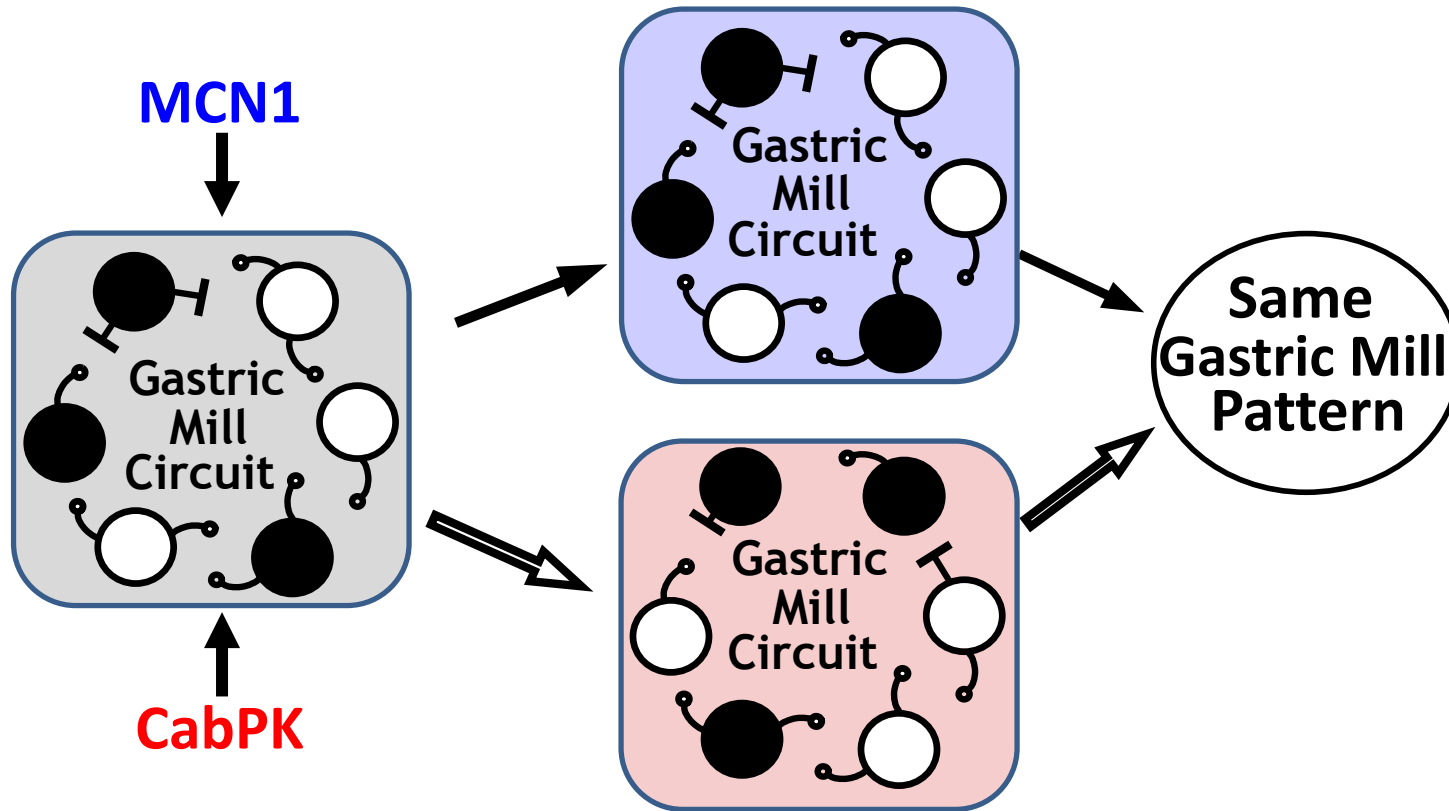




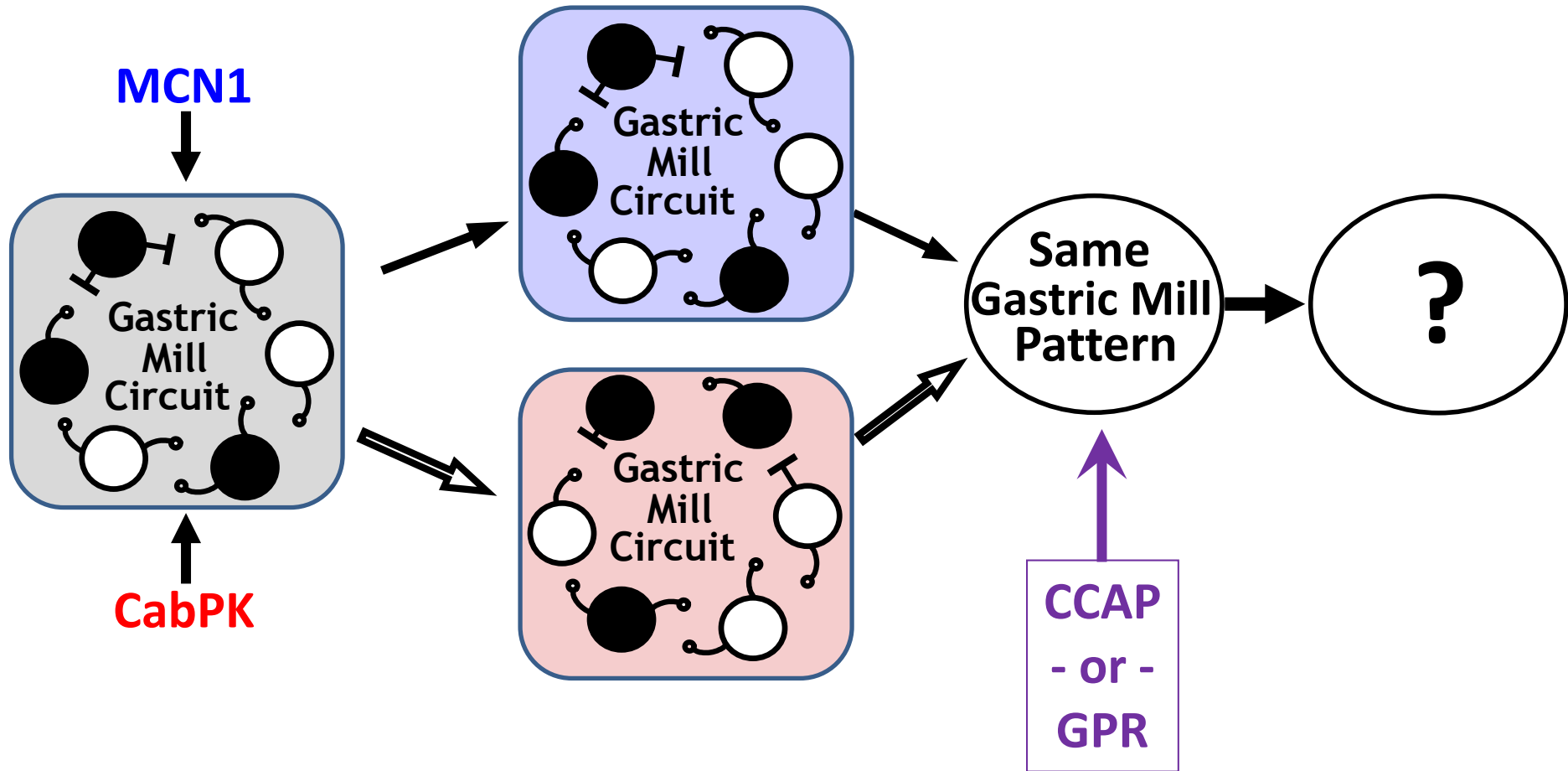
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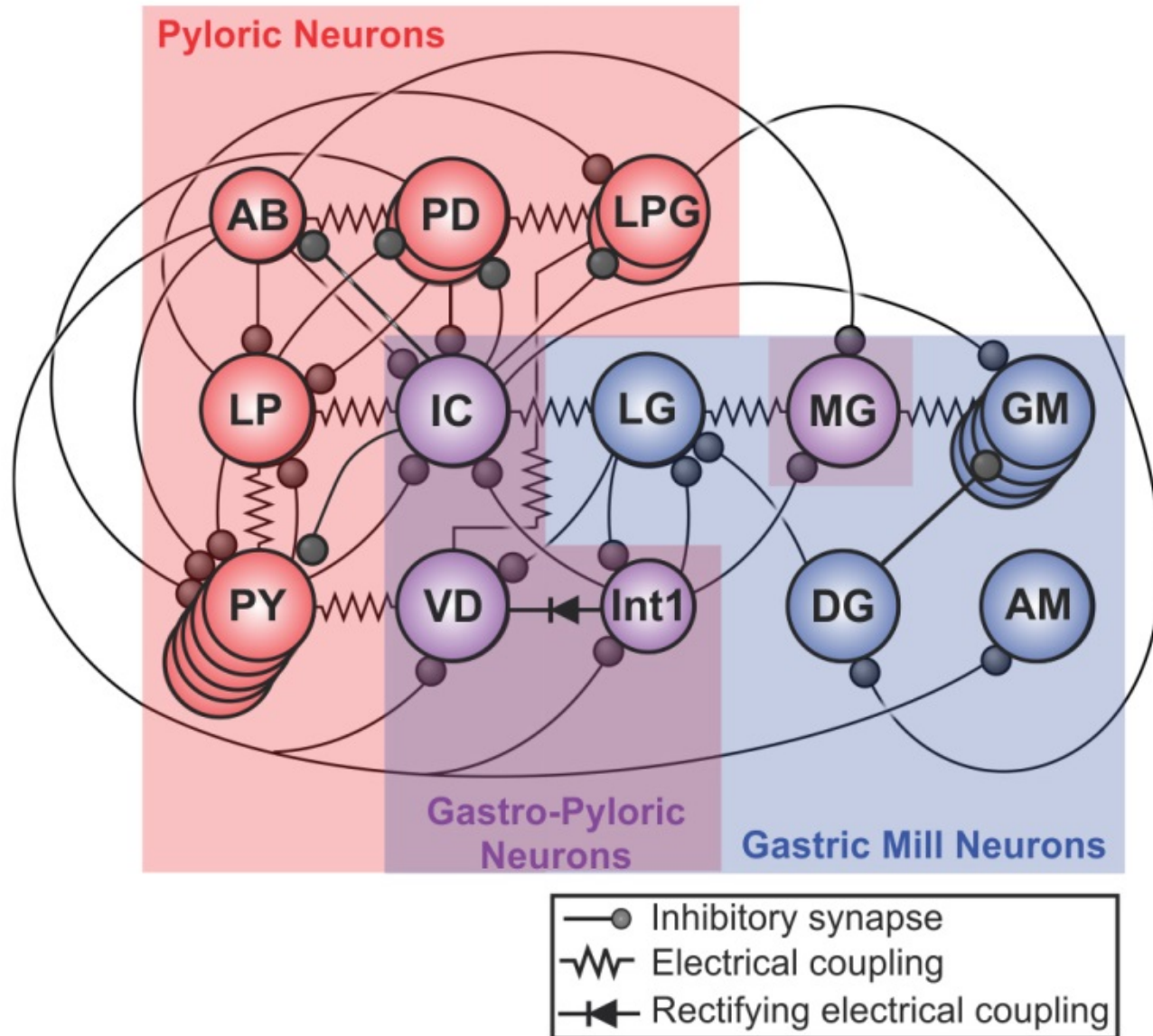
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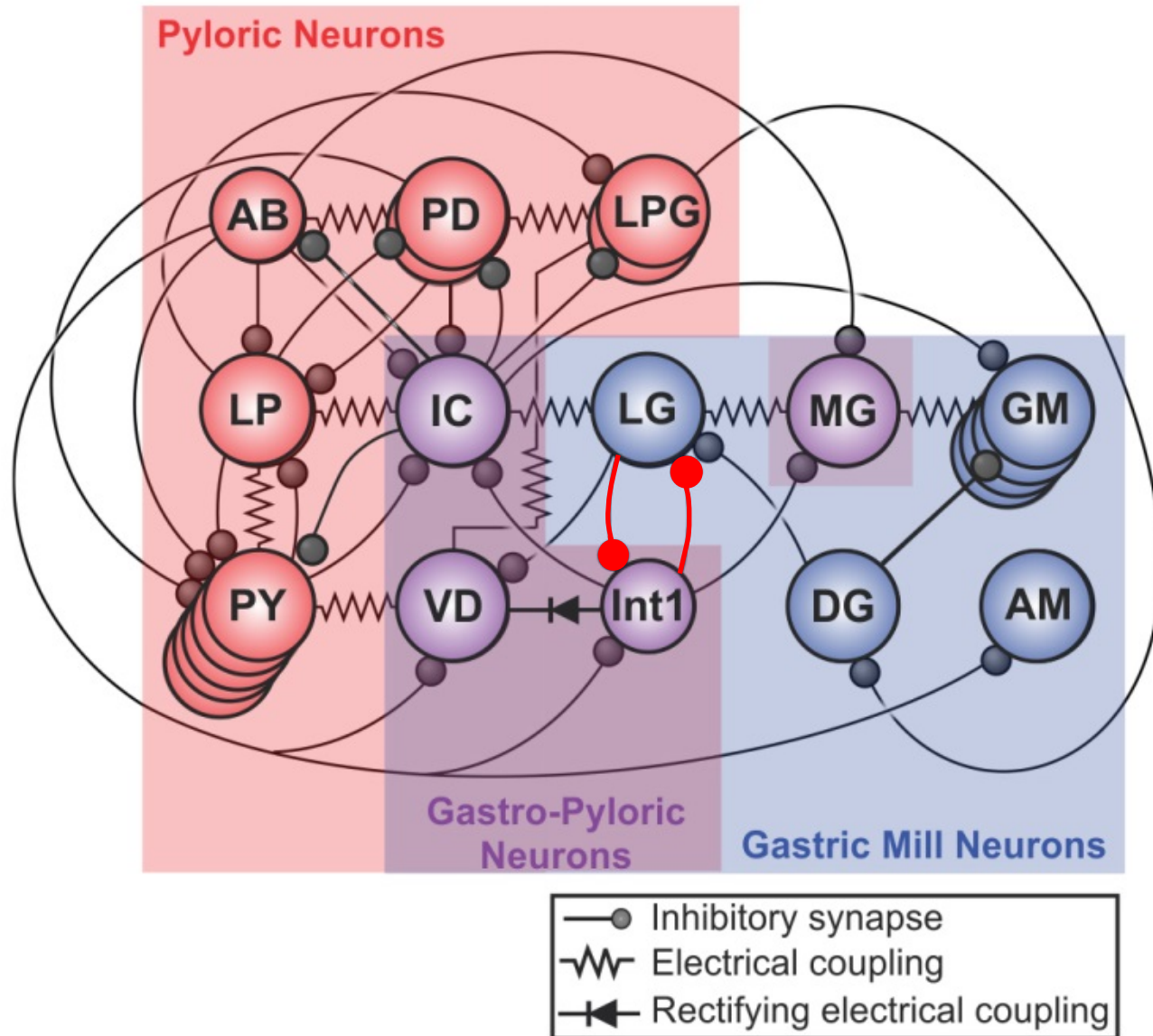


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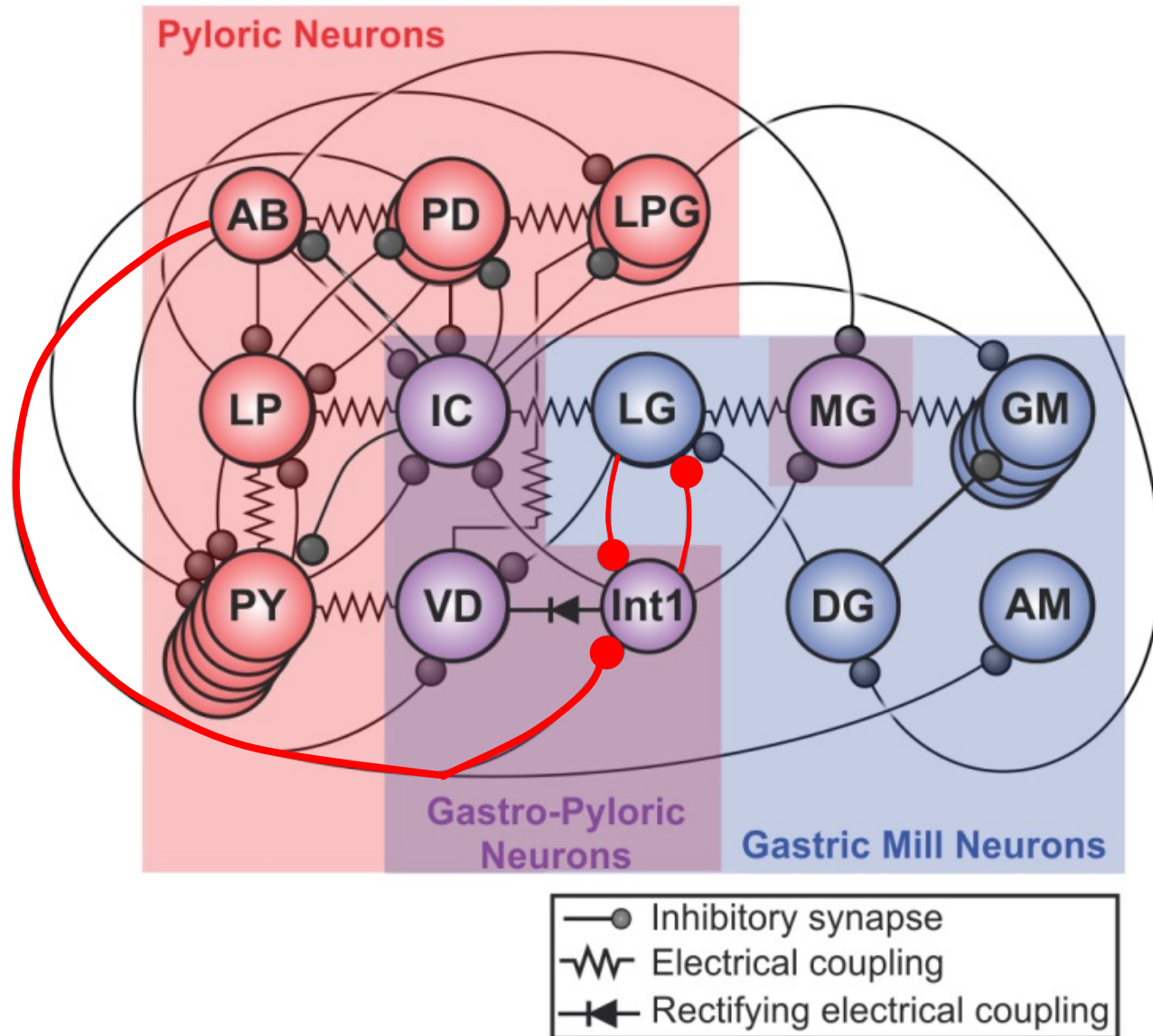
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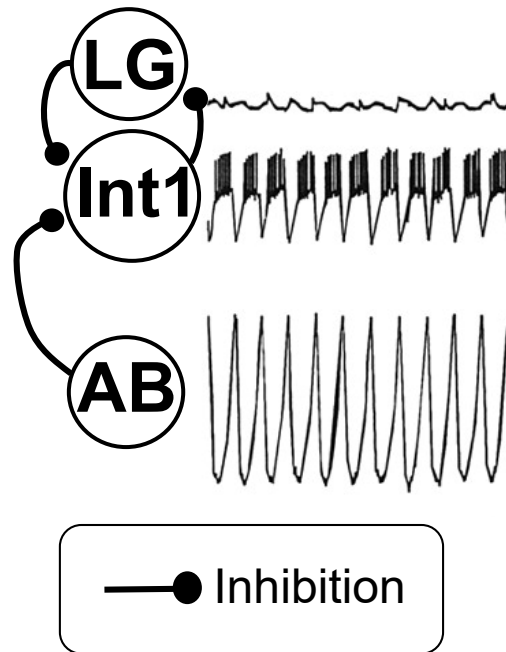
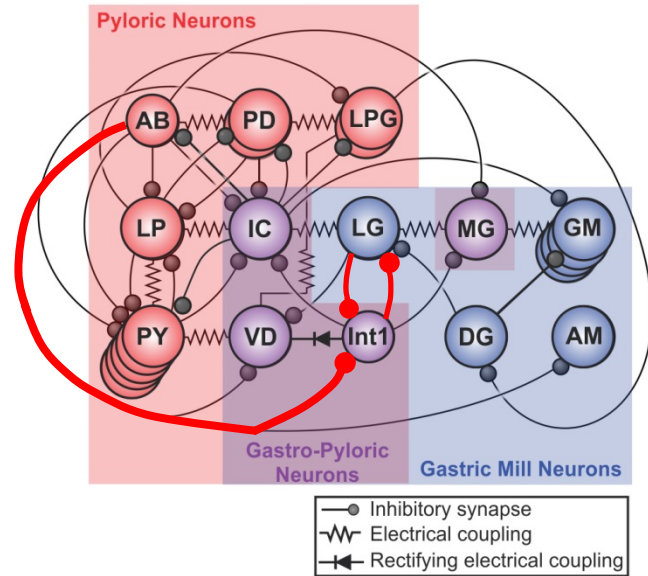
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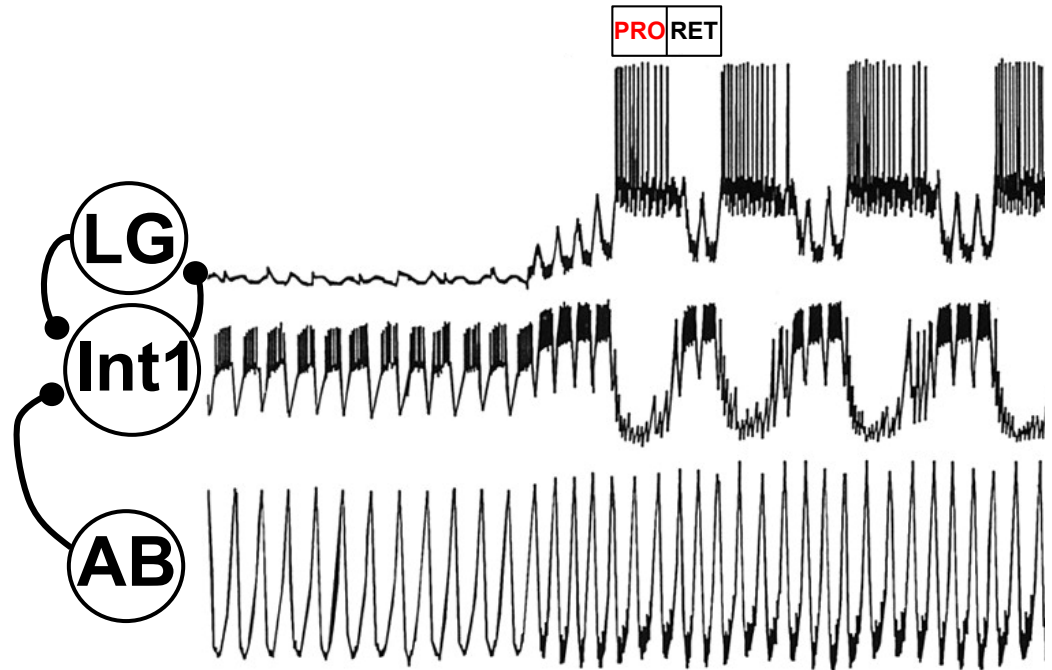
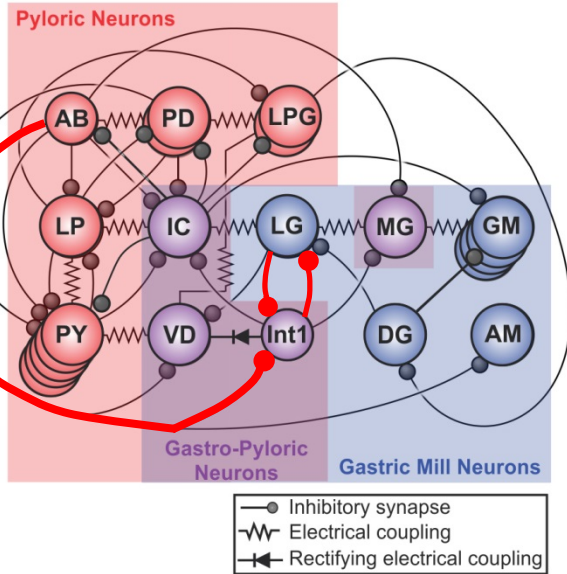


LG: 15mV  
Int1: 18mV  
AB: 10mV

6 sec

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—● Inhibition

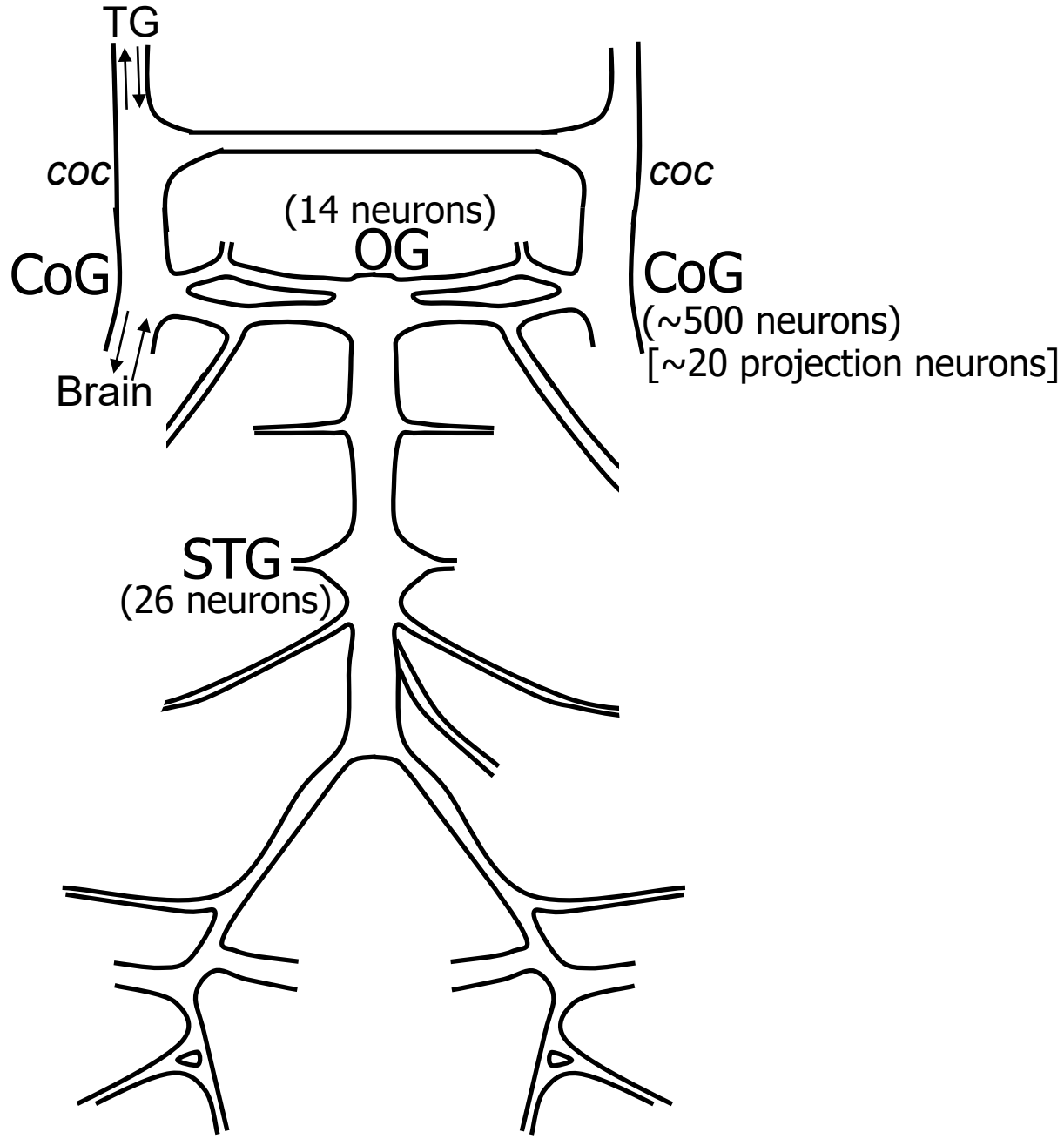
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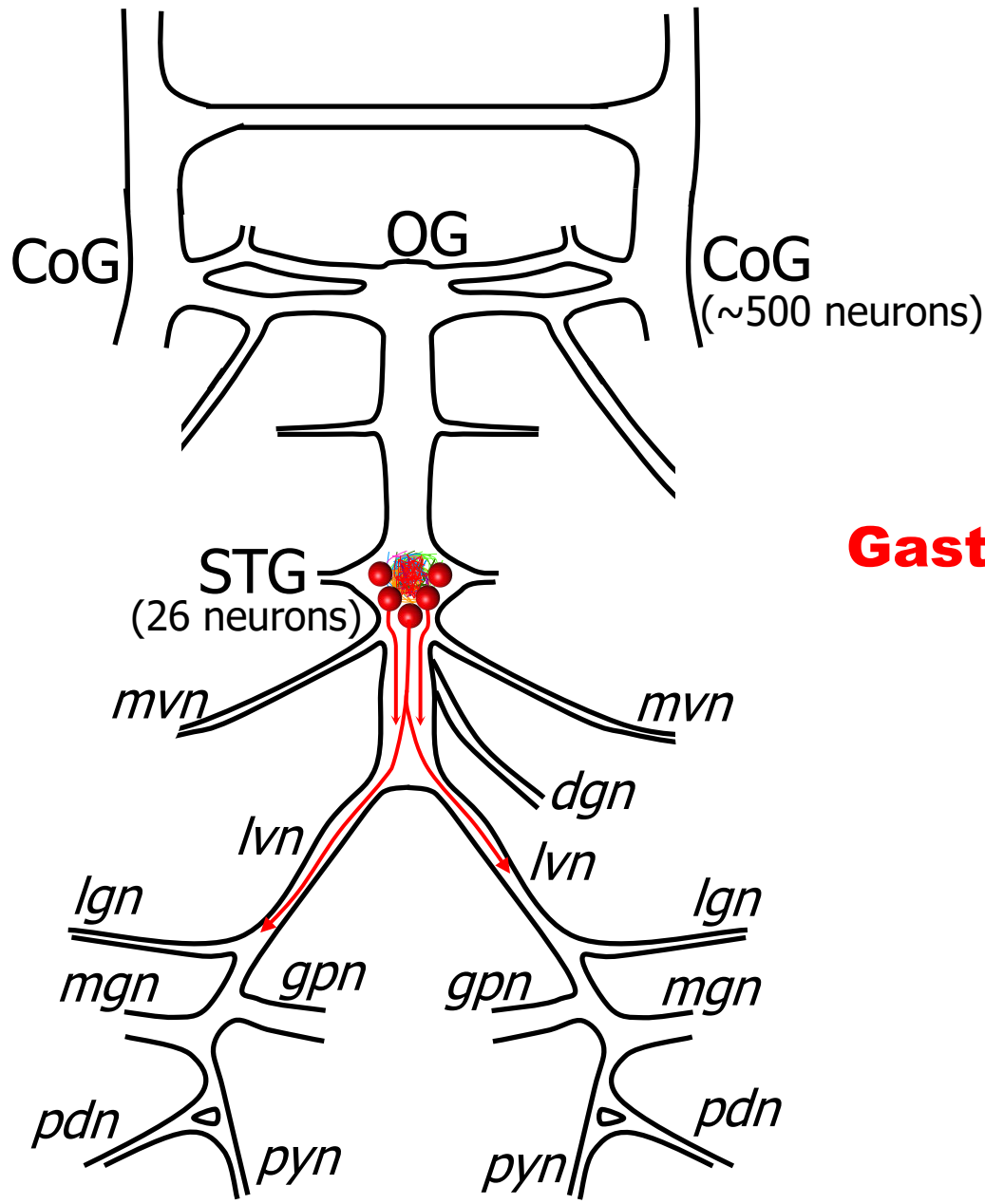
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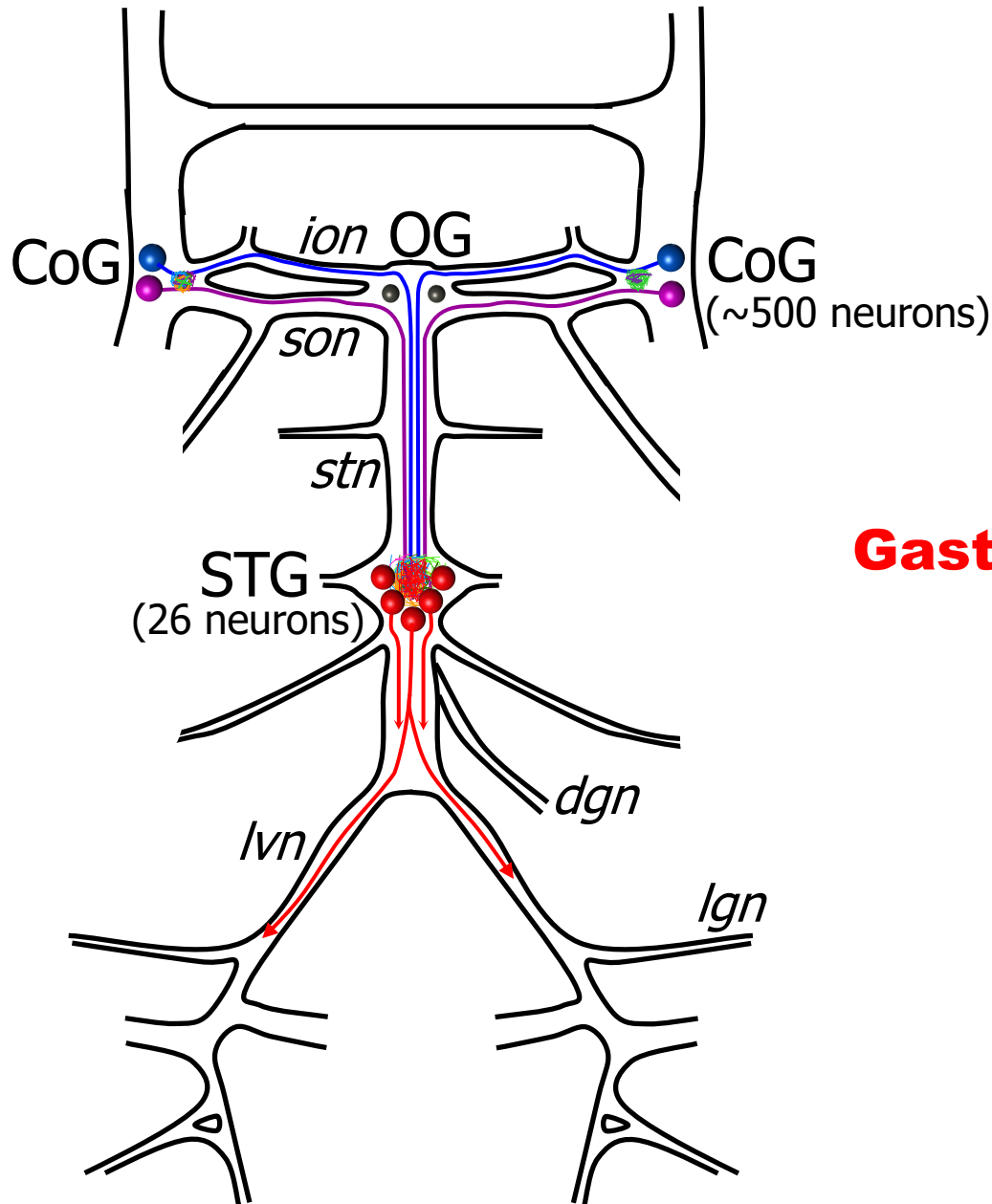


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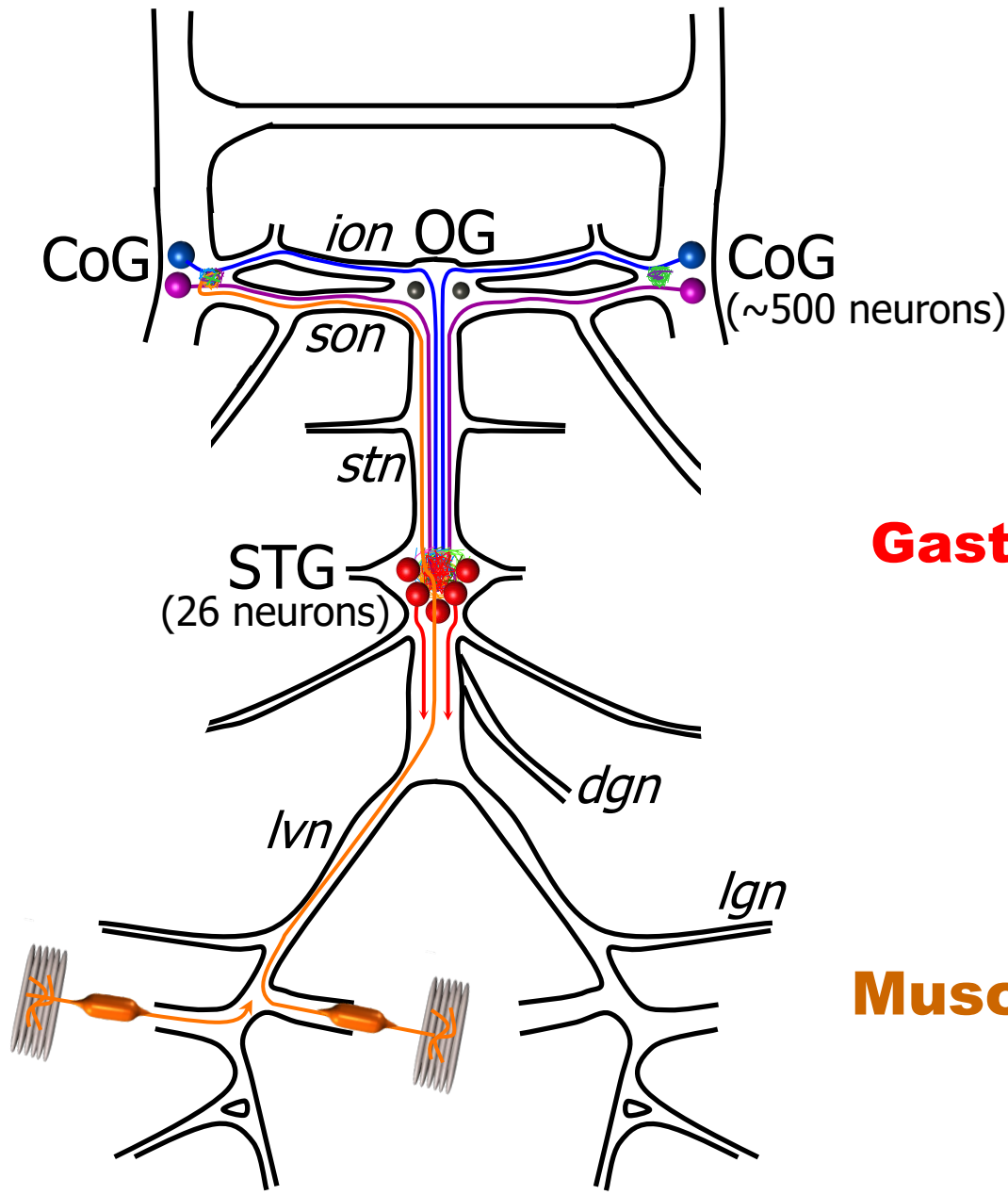
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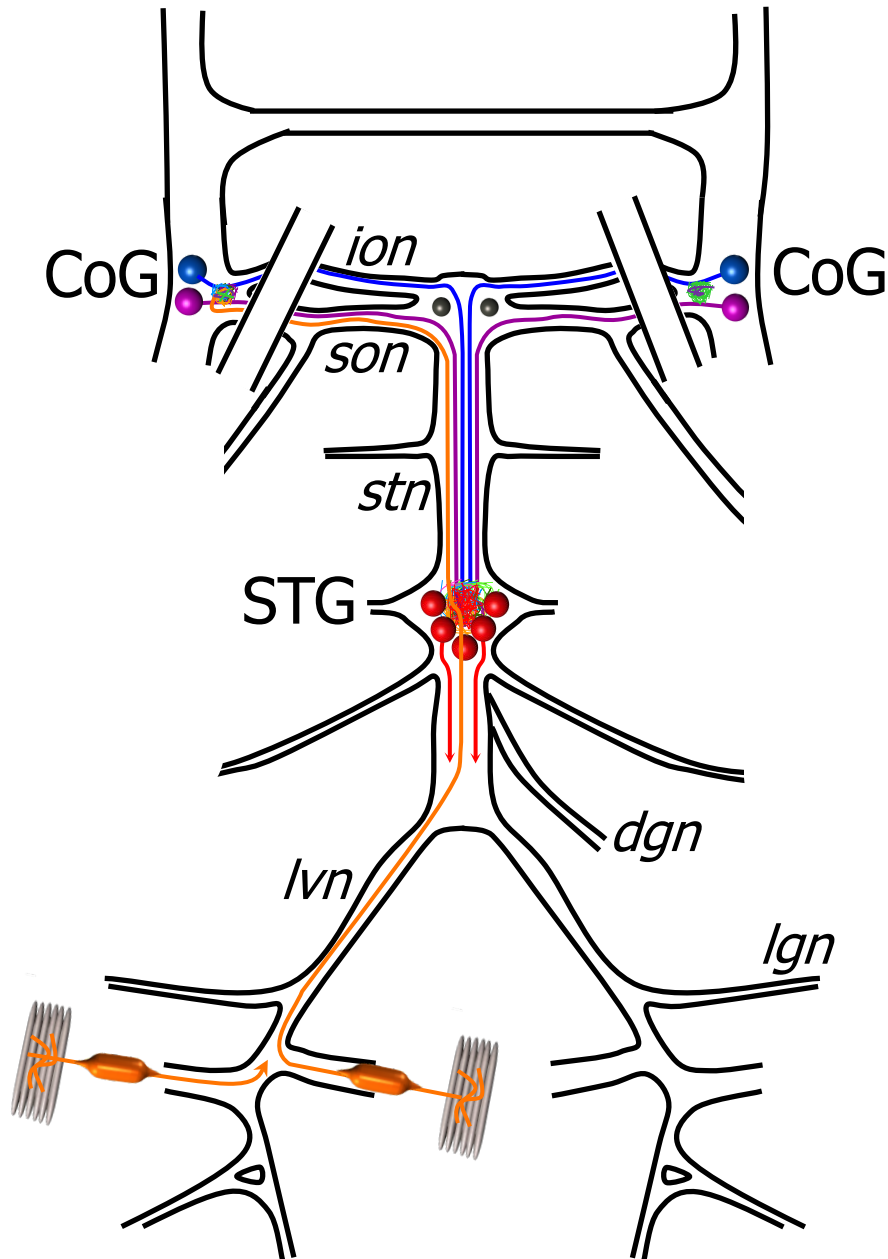


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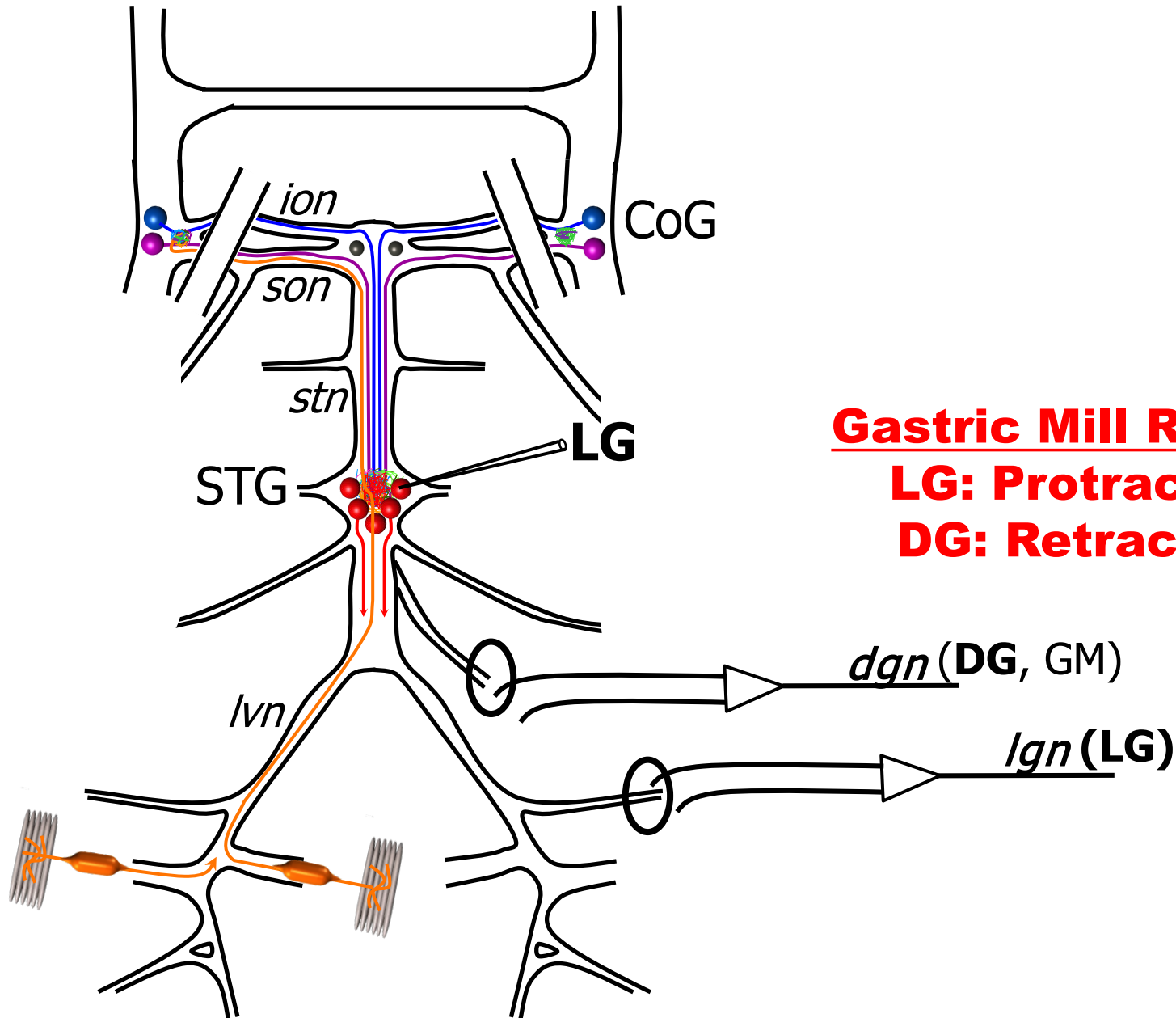
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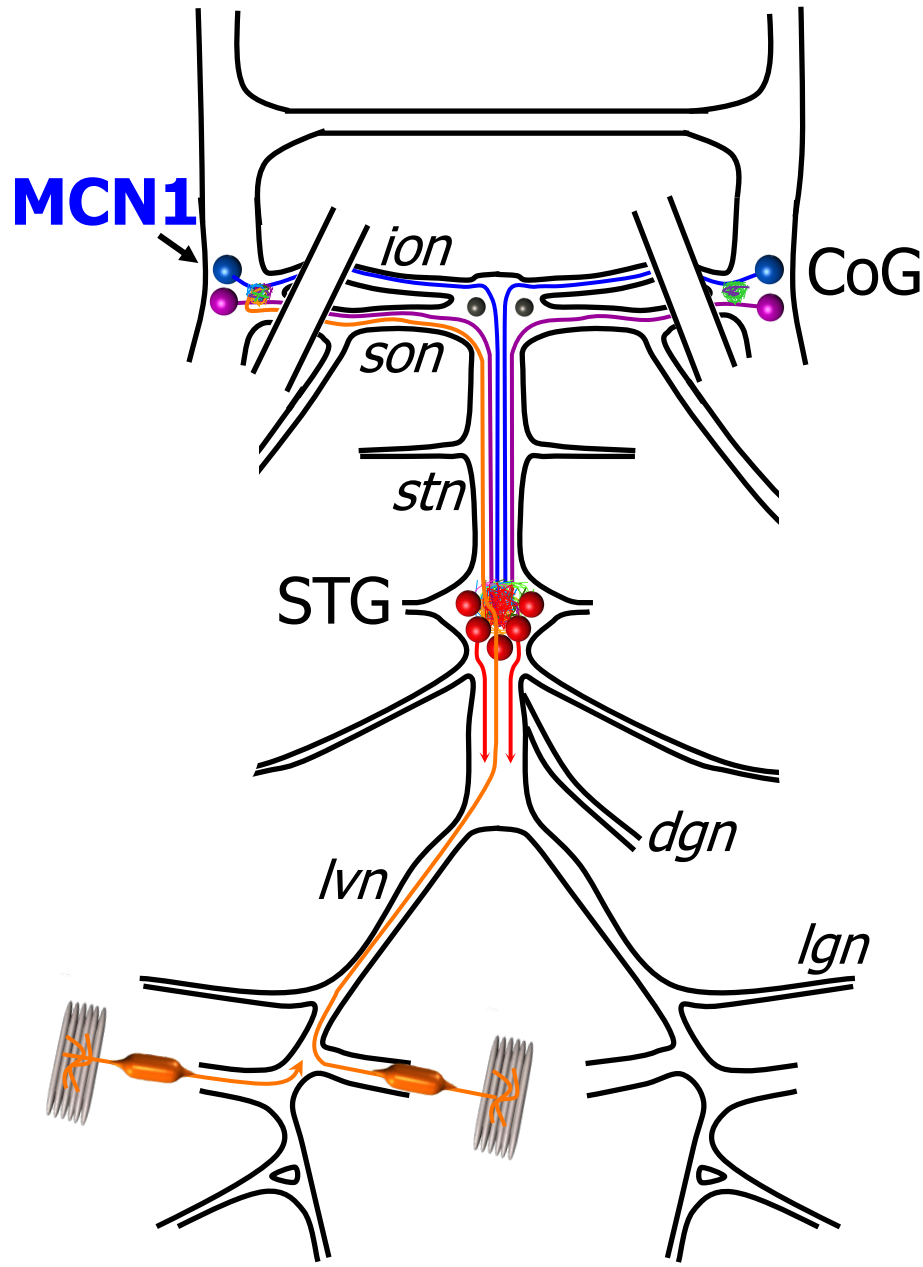
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**Gastric Mill Rhythm**  
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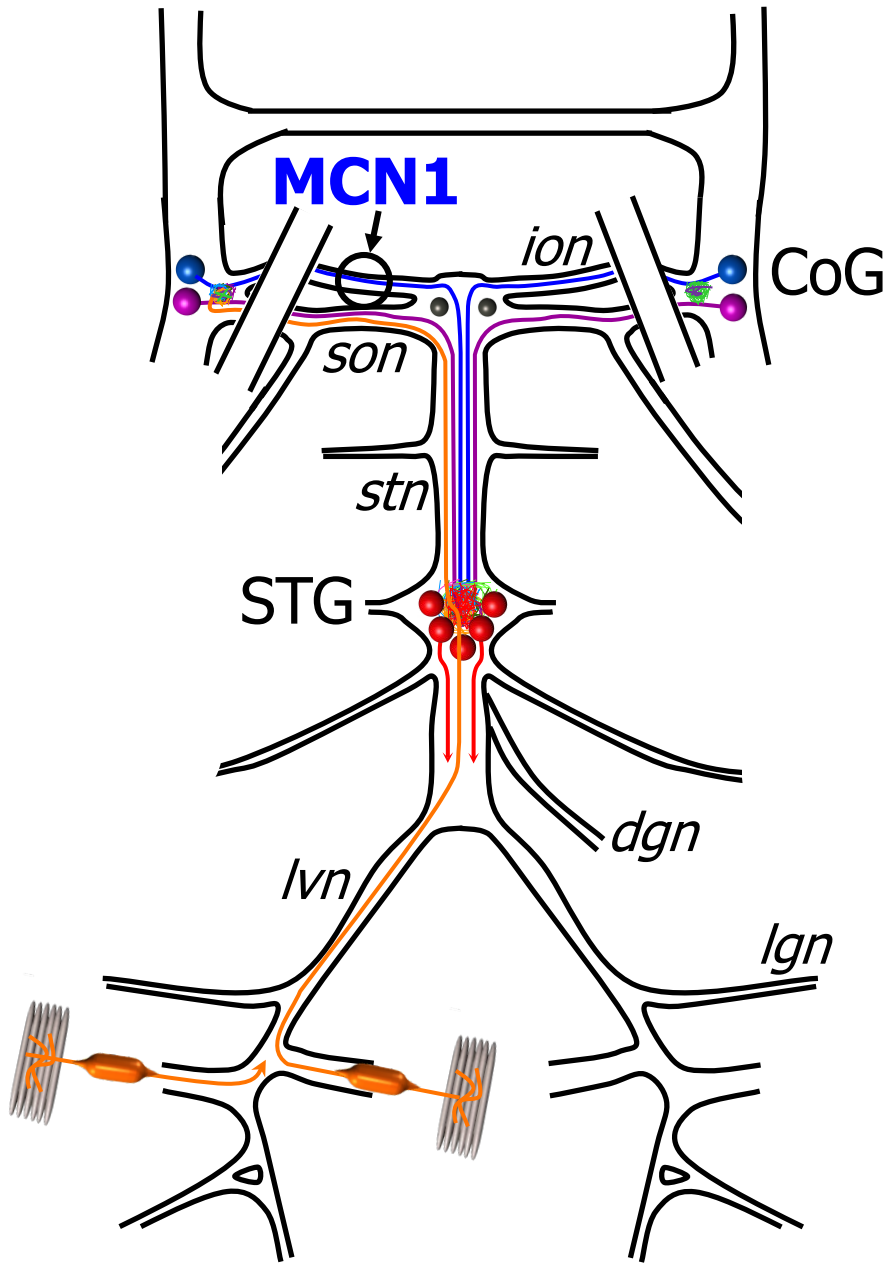
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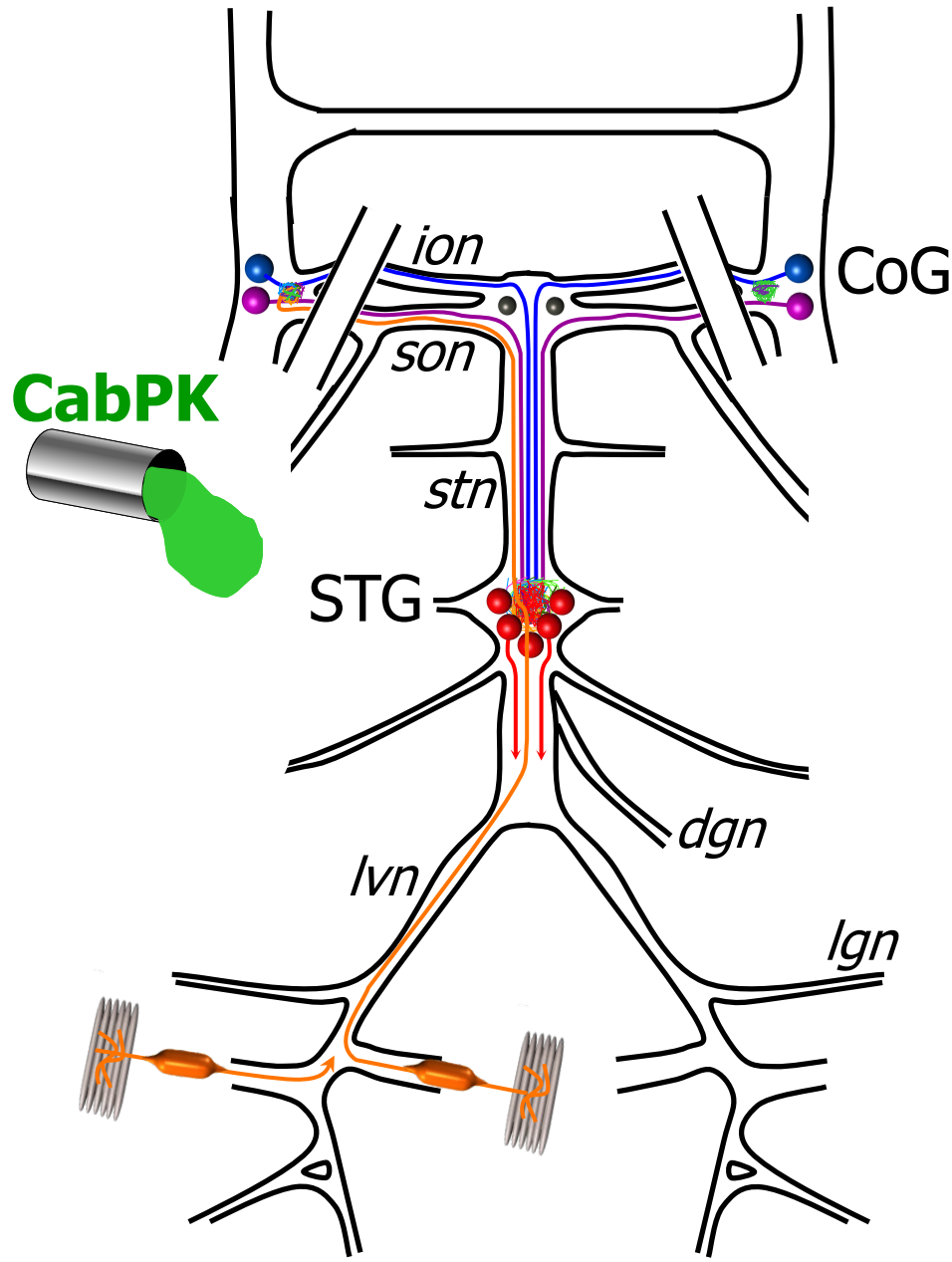
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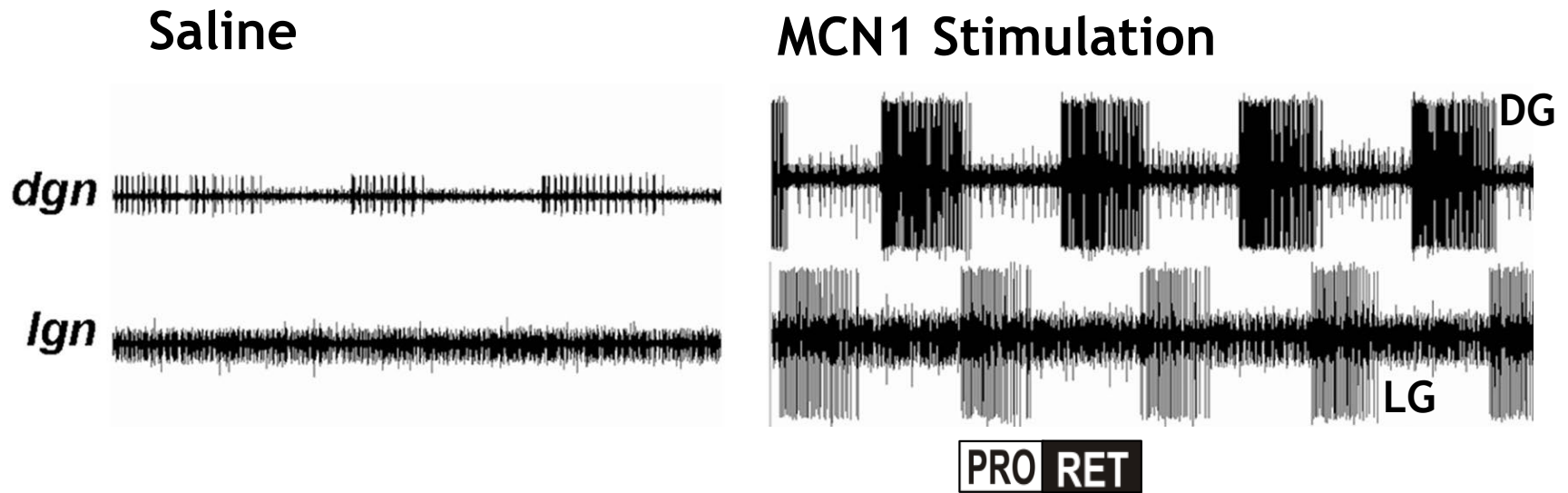


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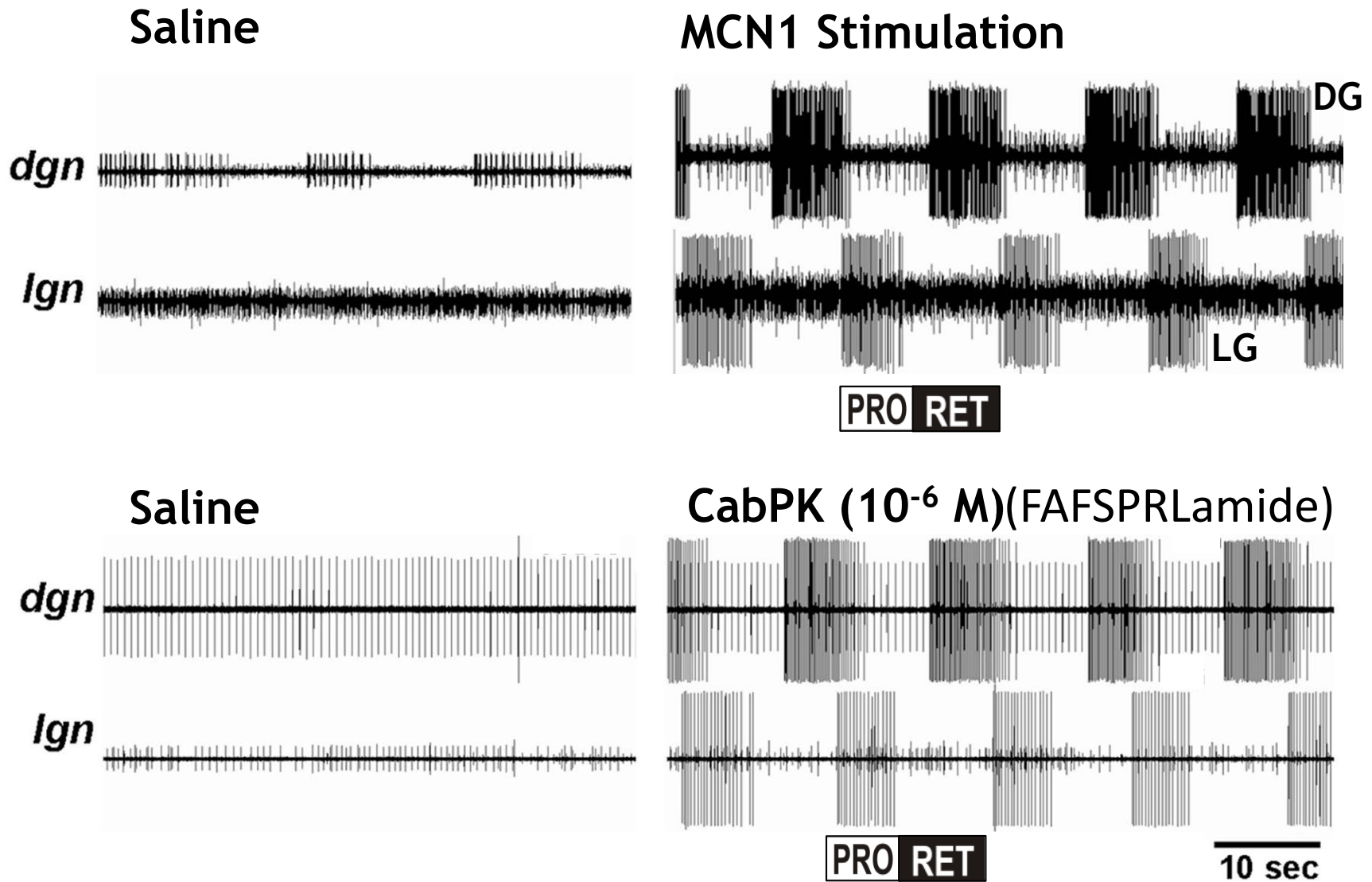
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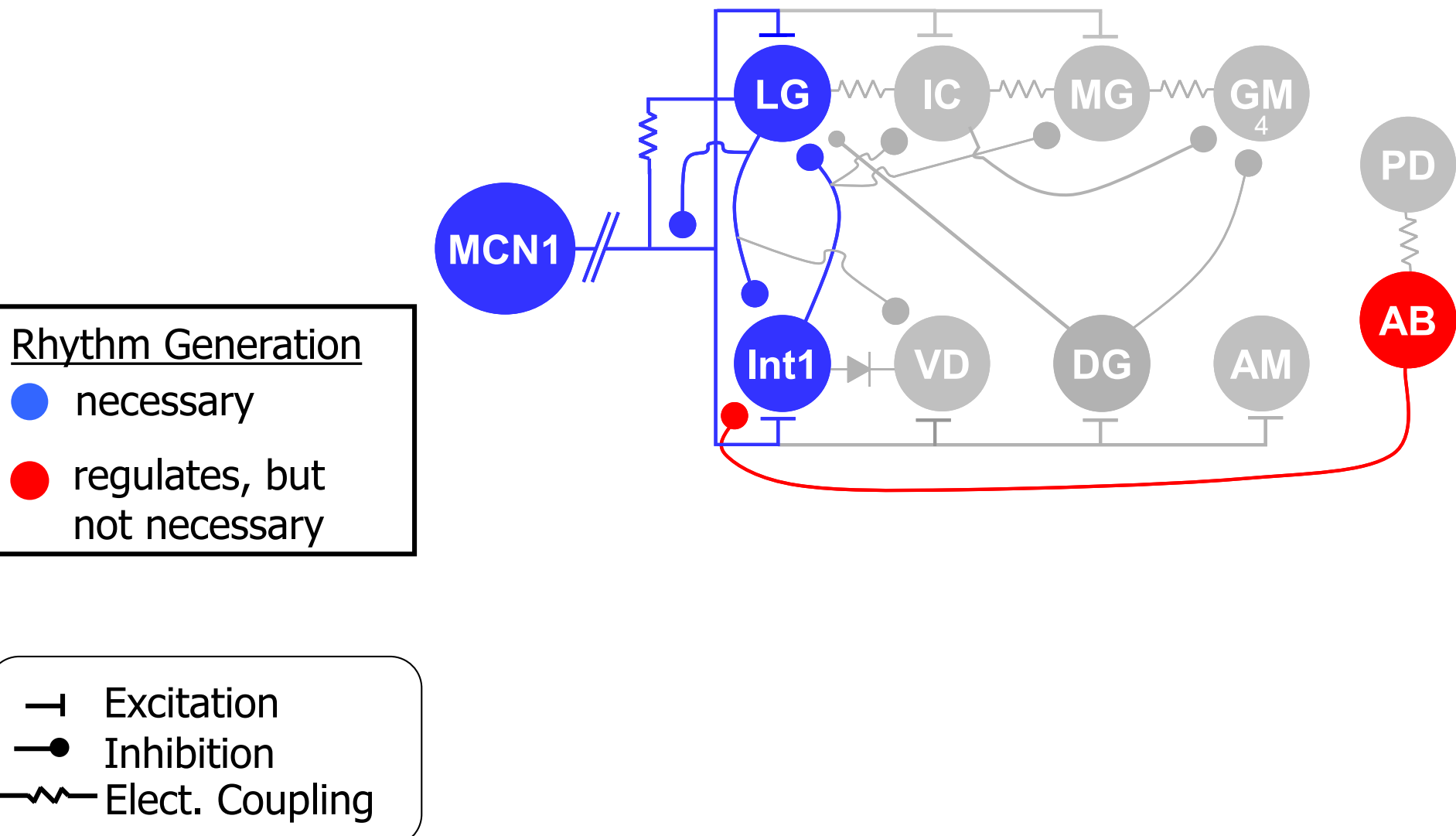
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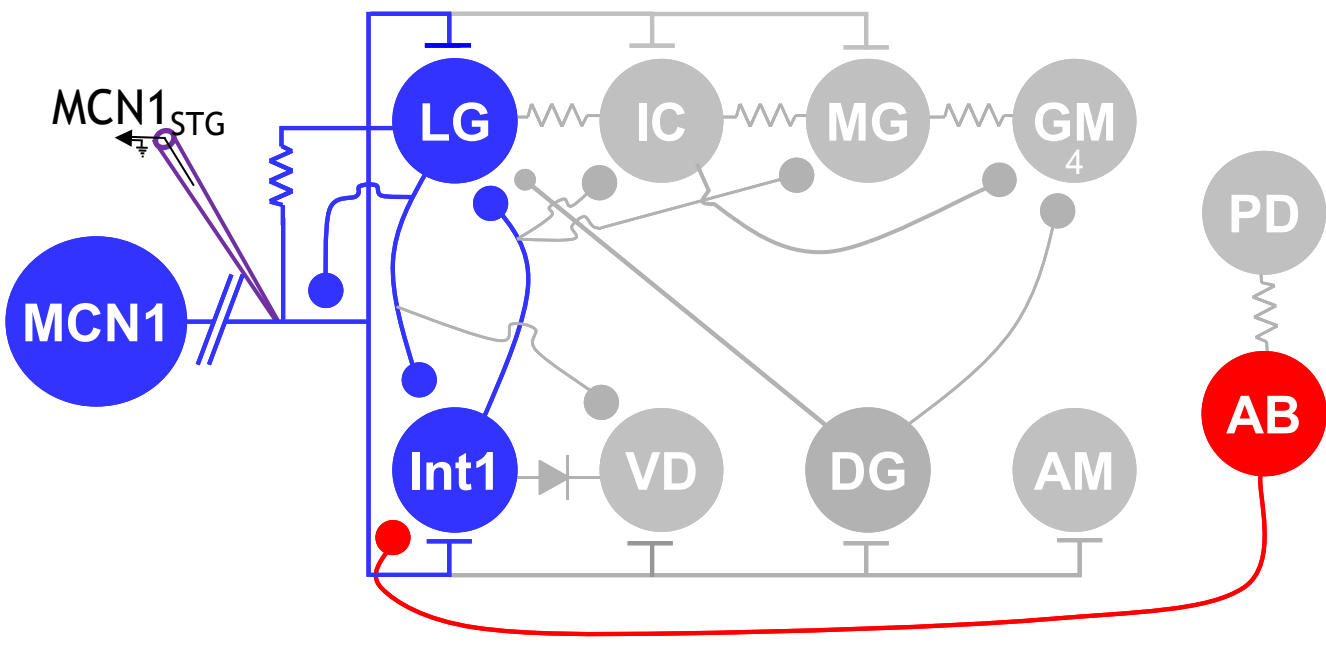
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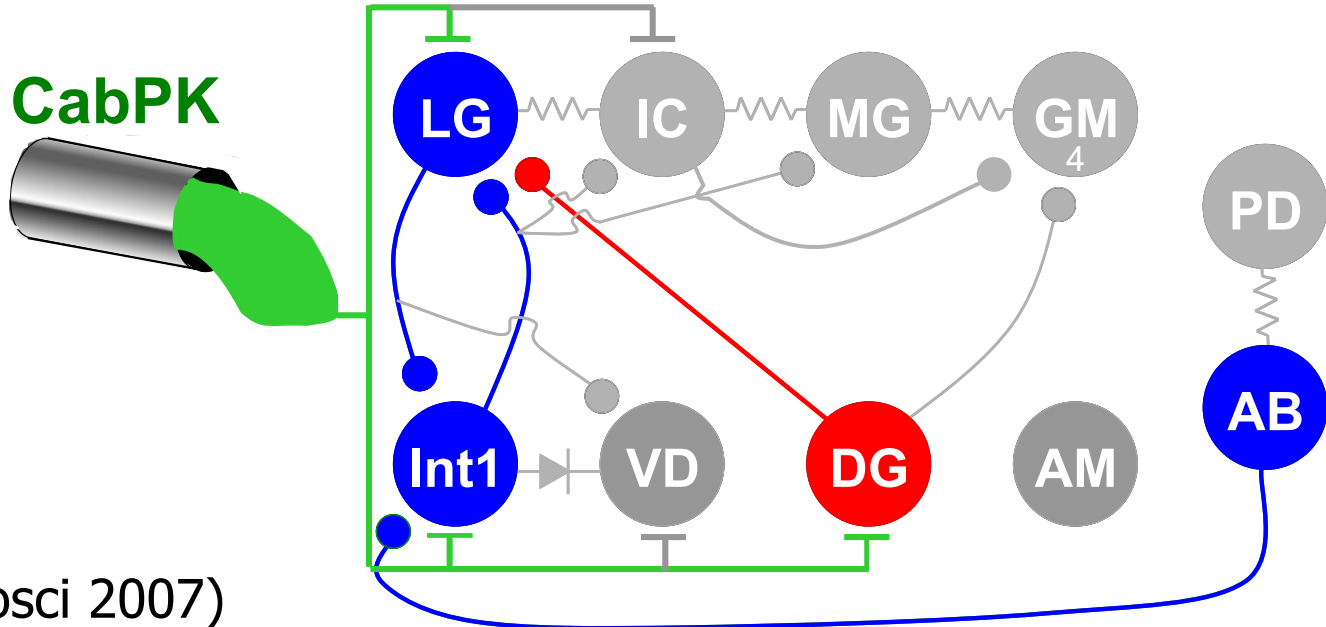
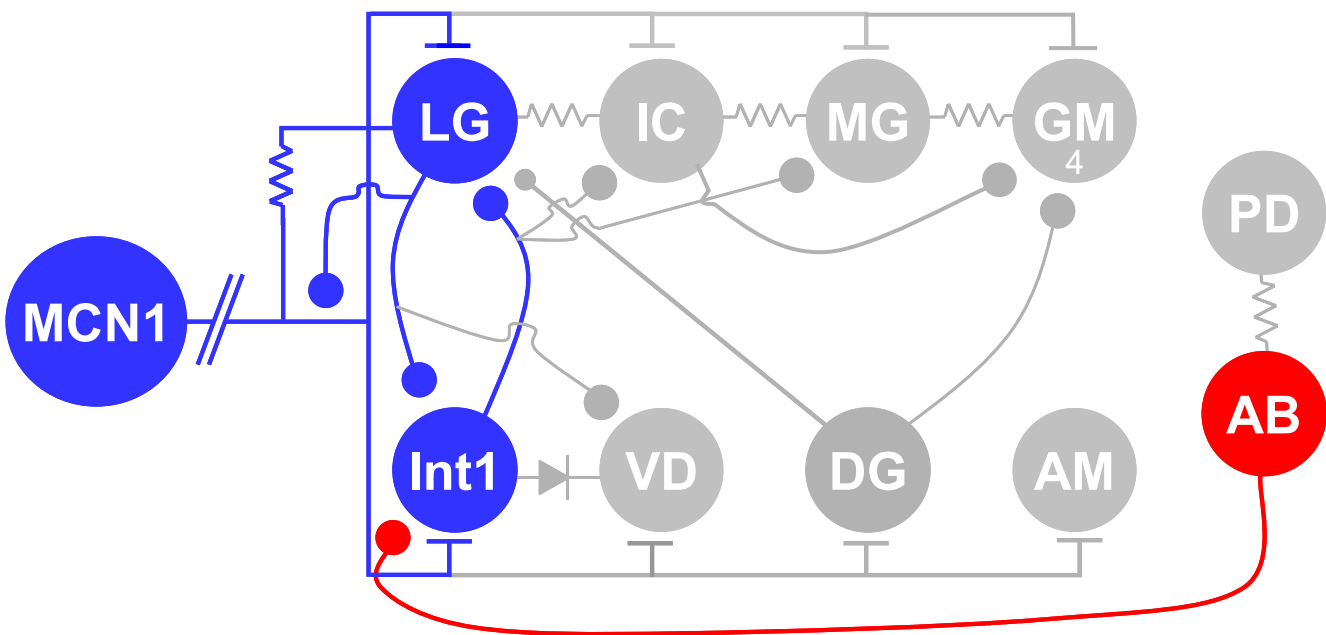
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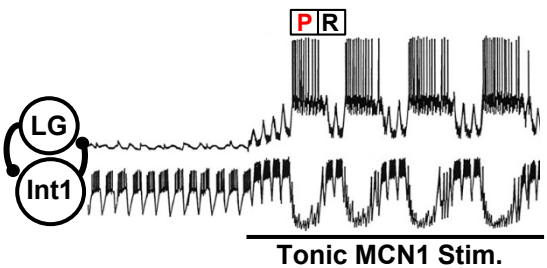
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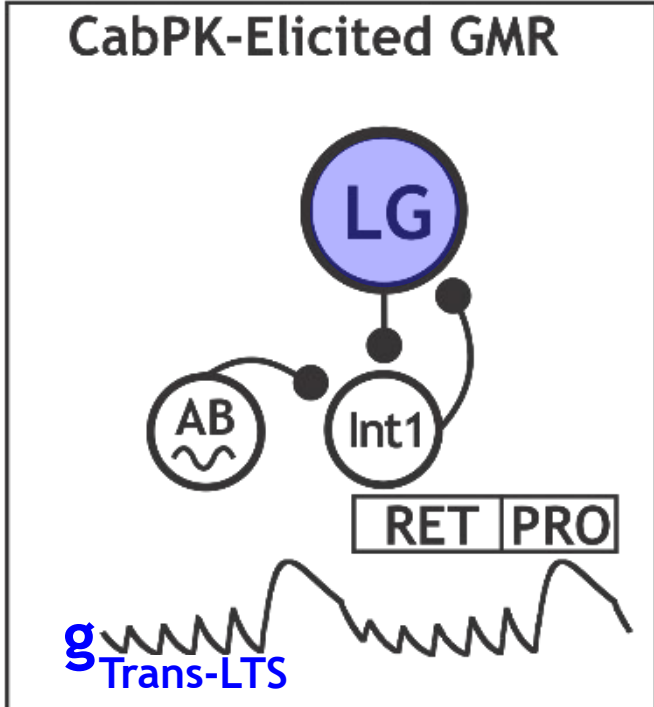
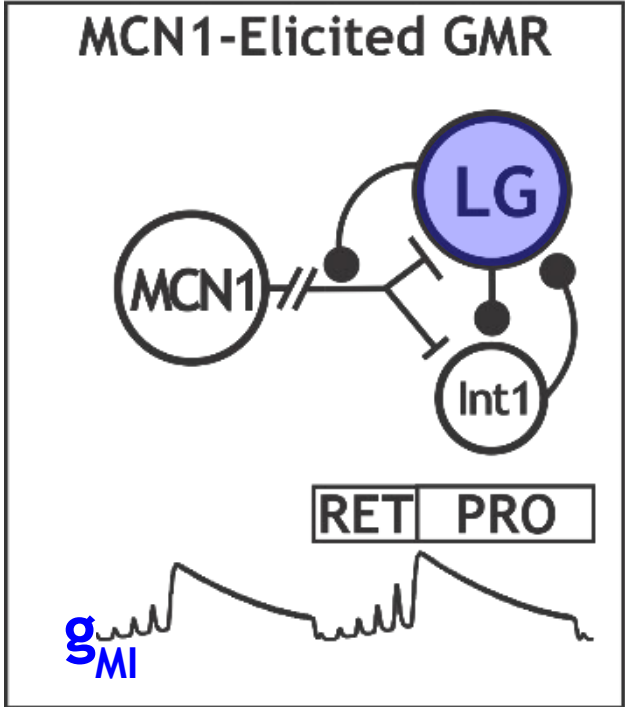


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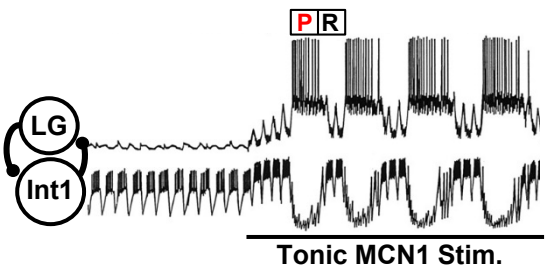


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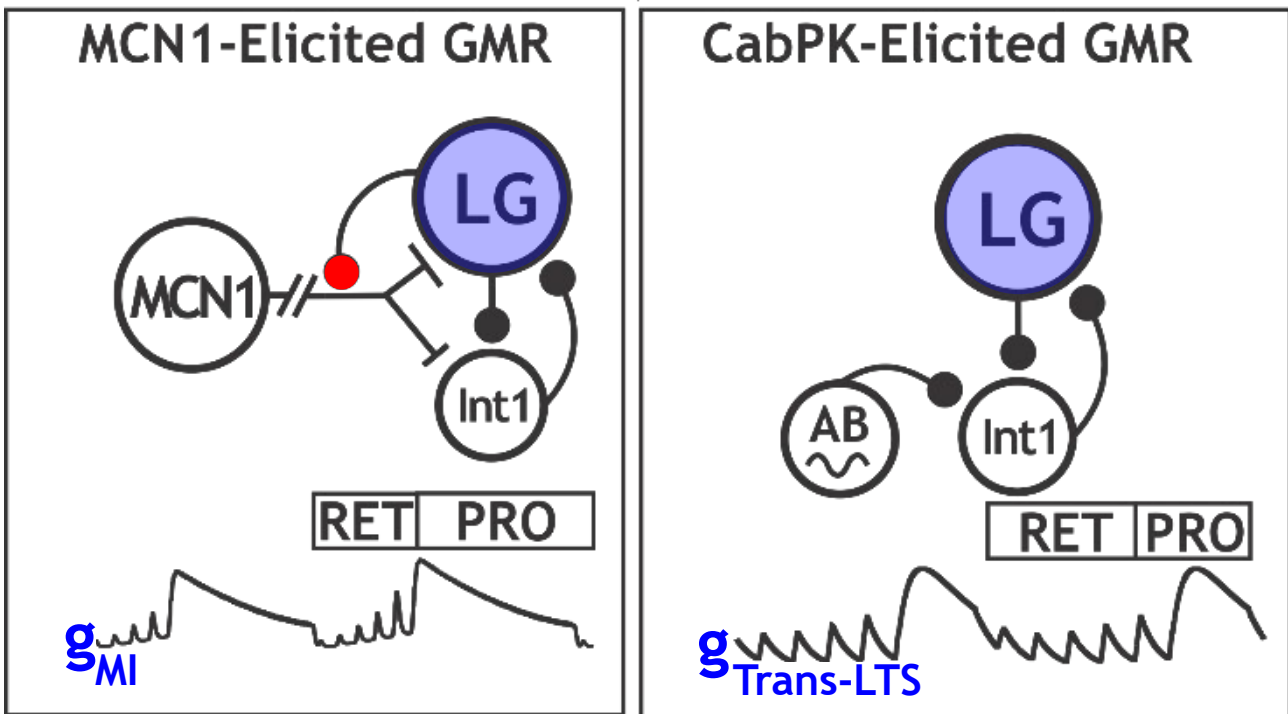


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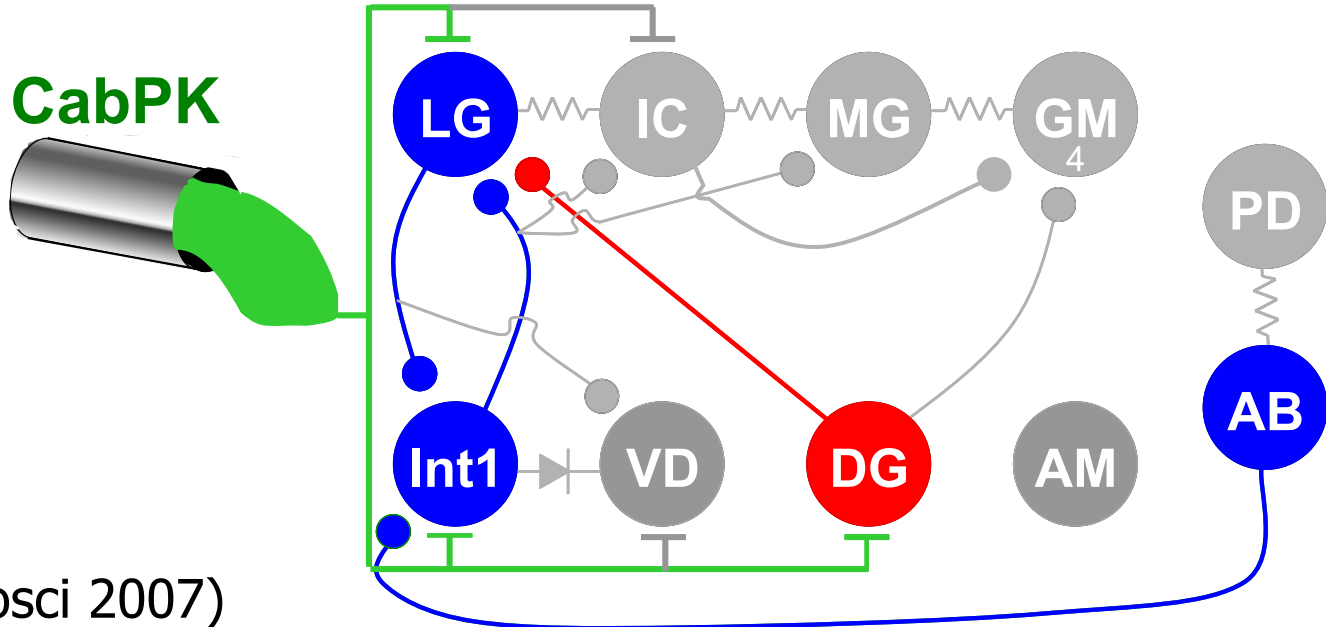
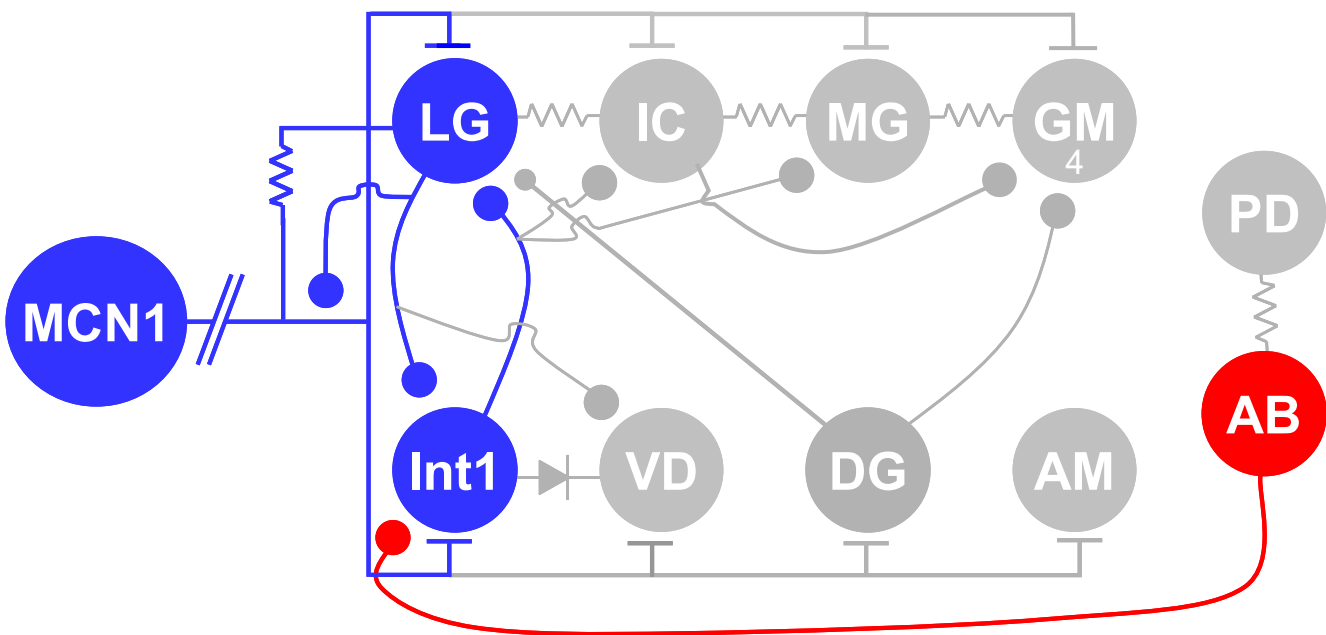
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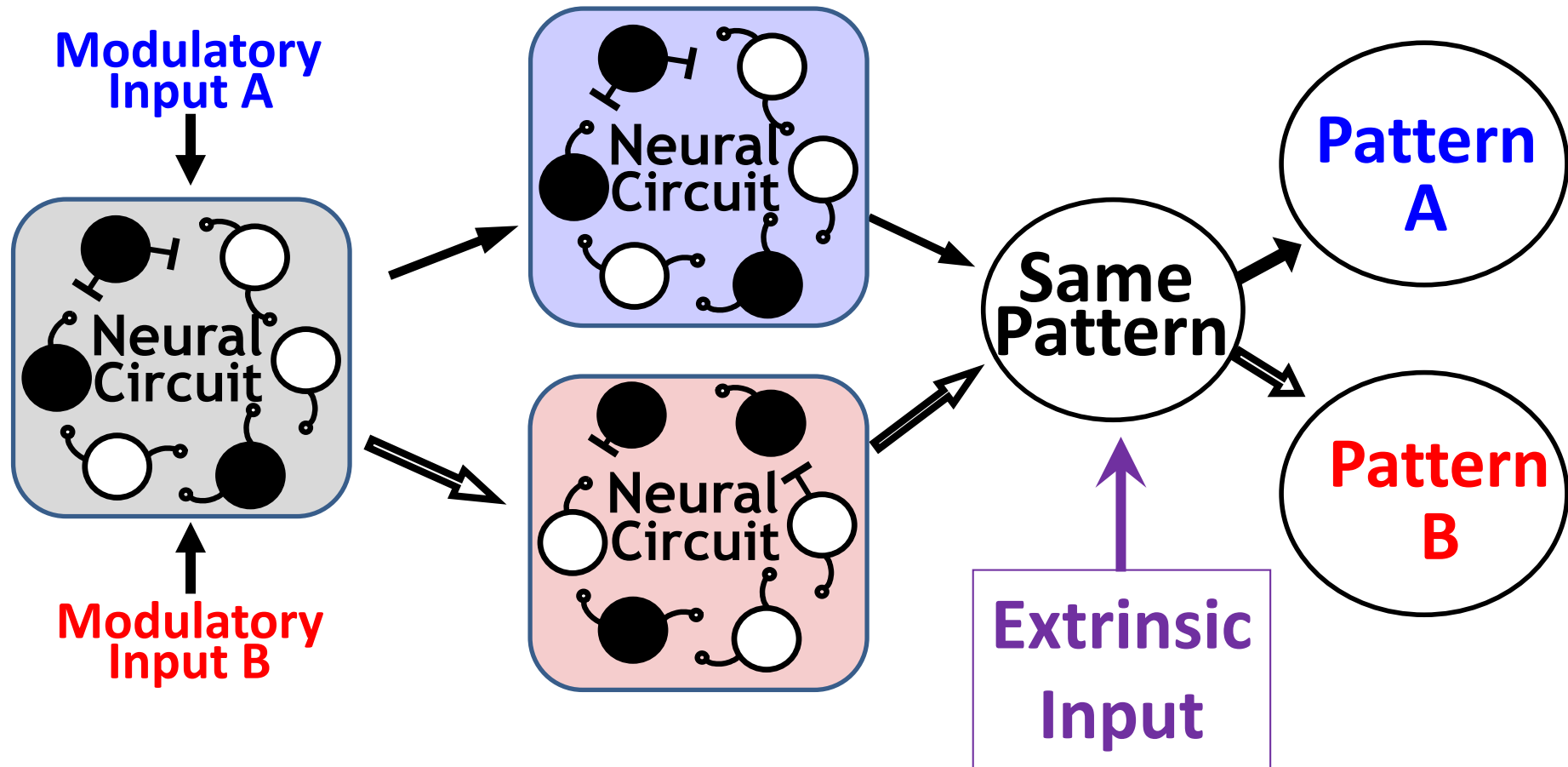
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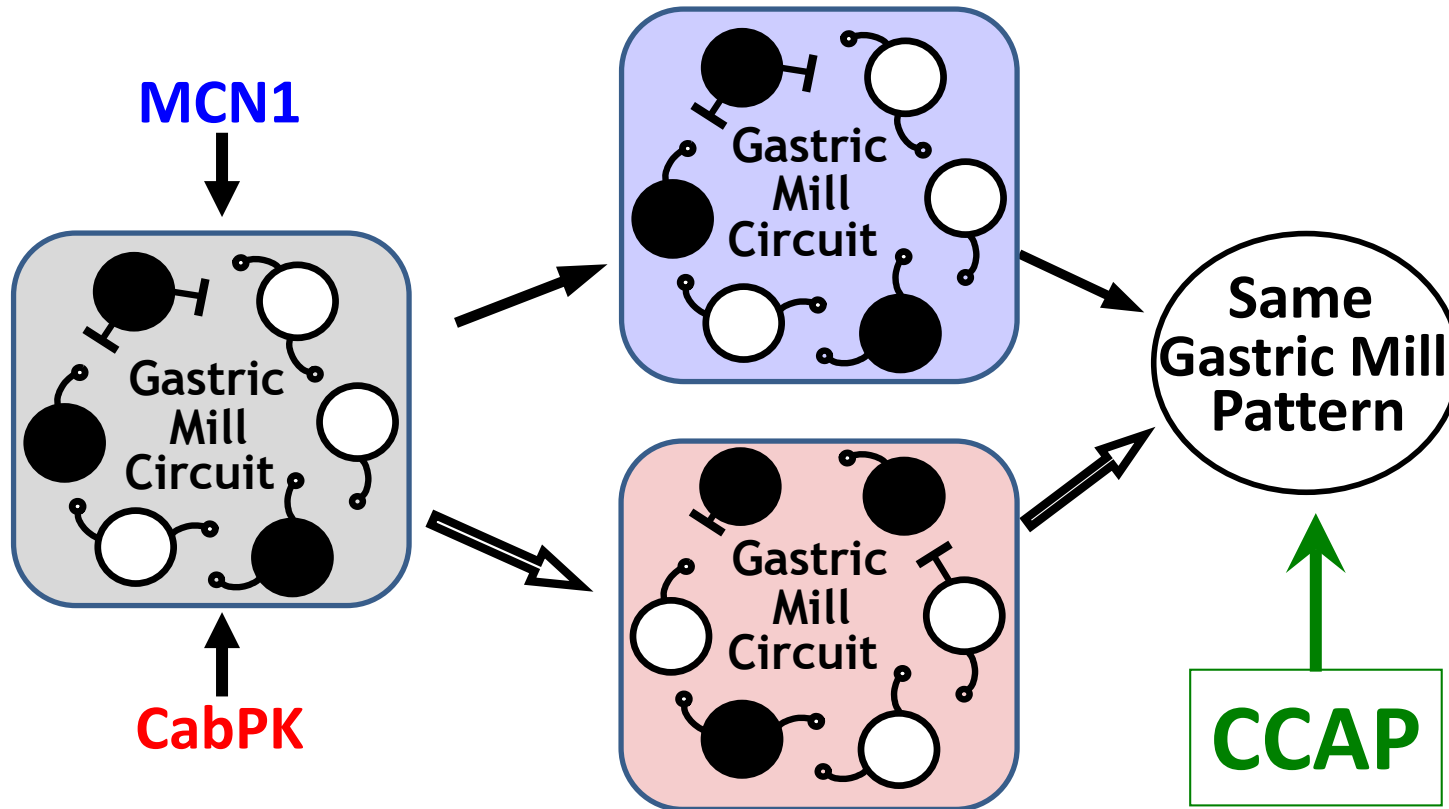


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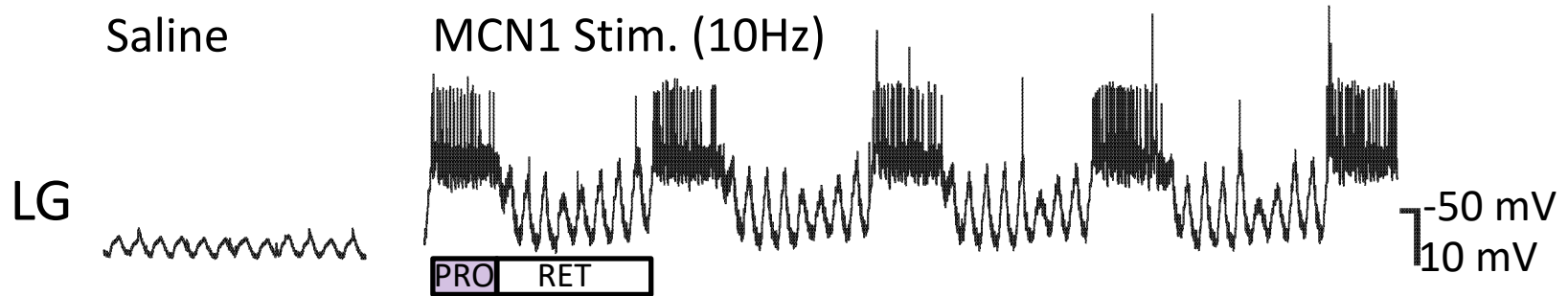
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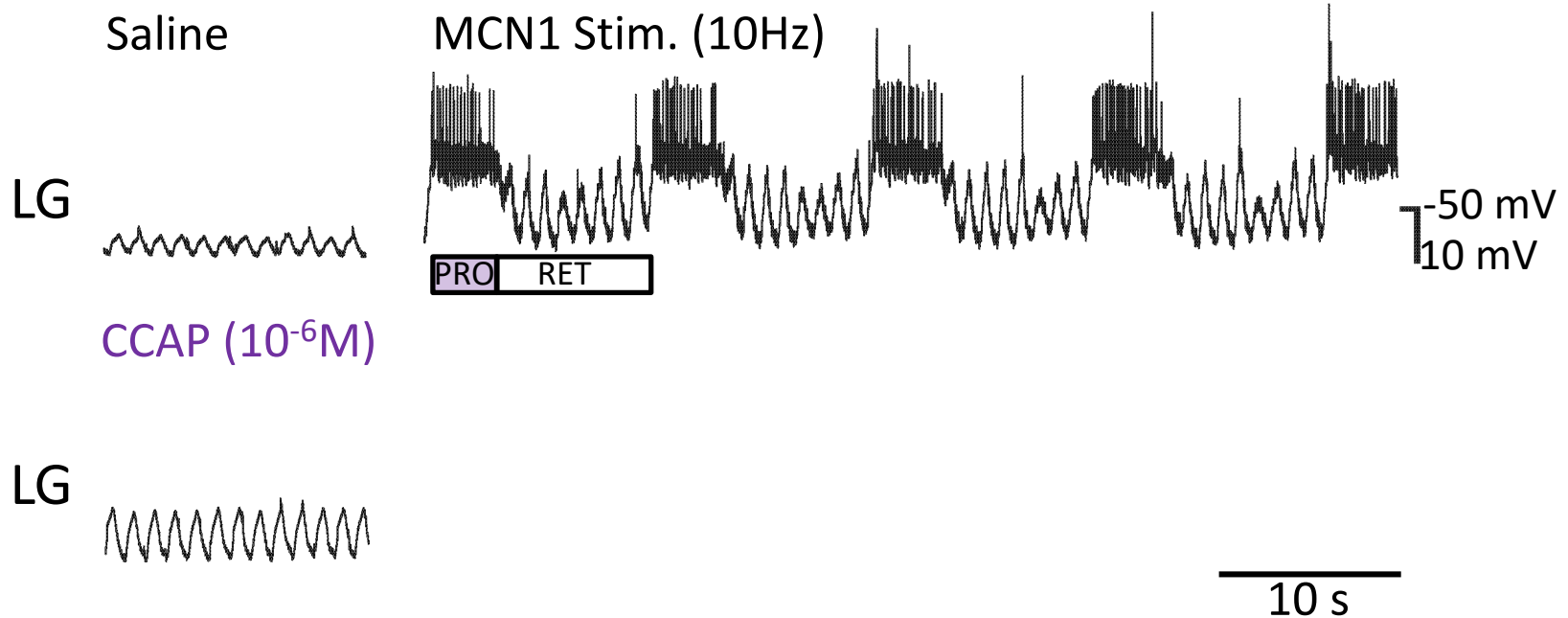
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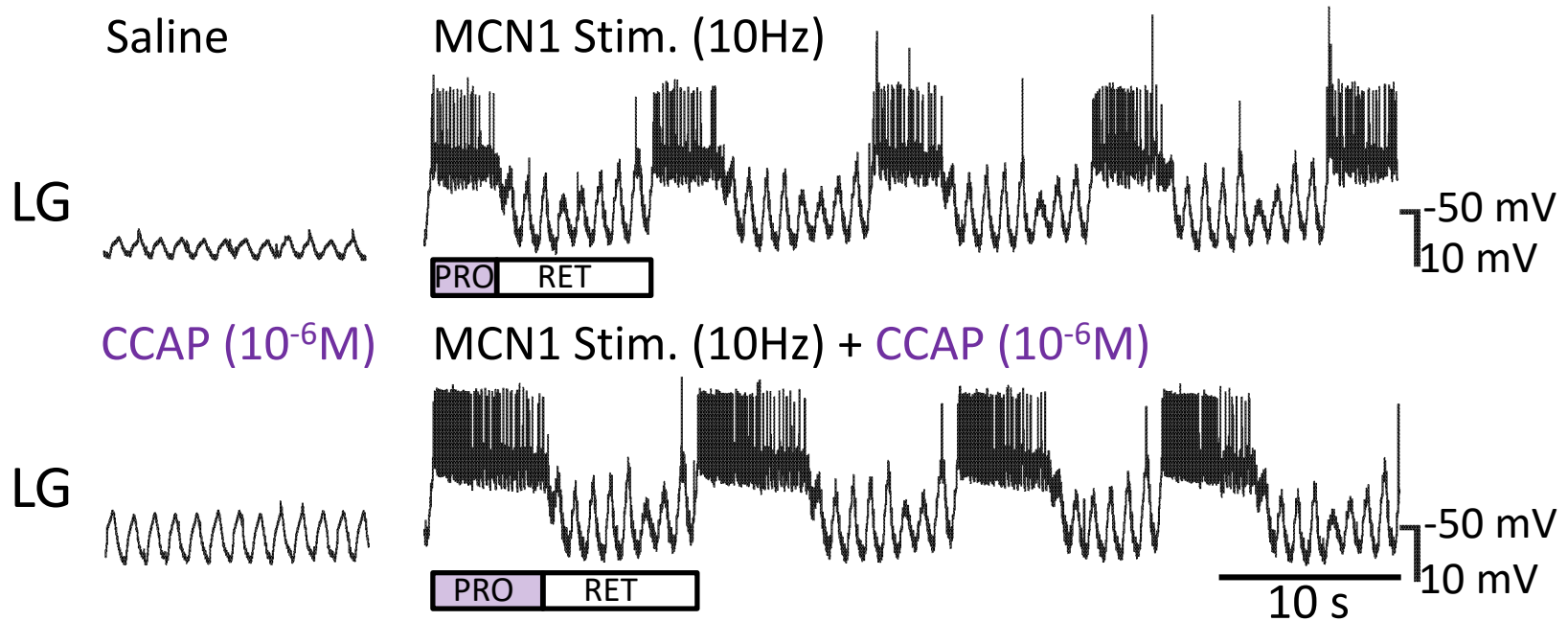
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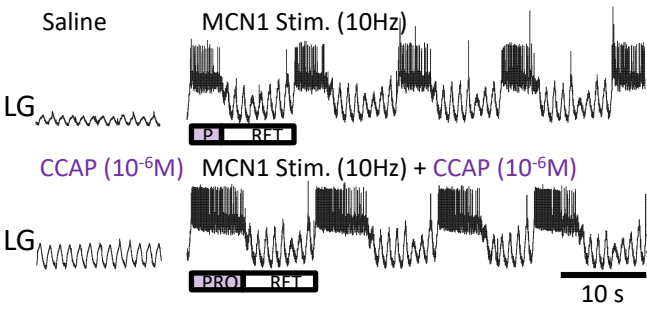
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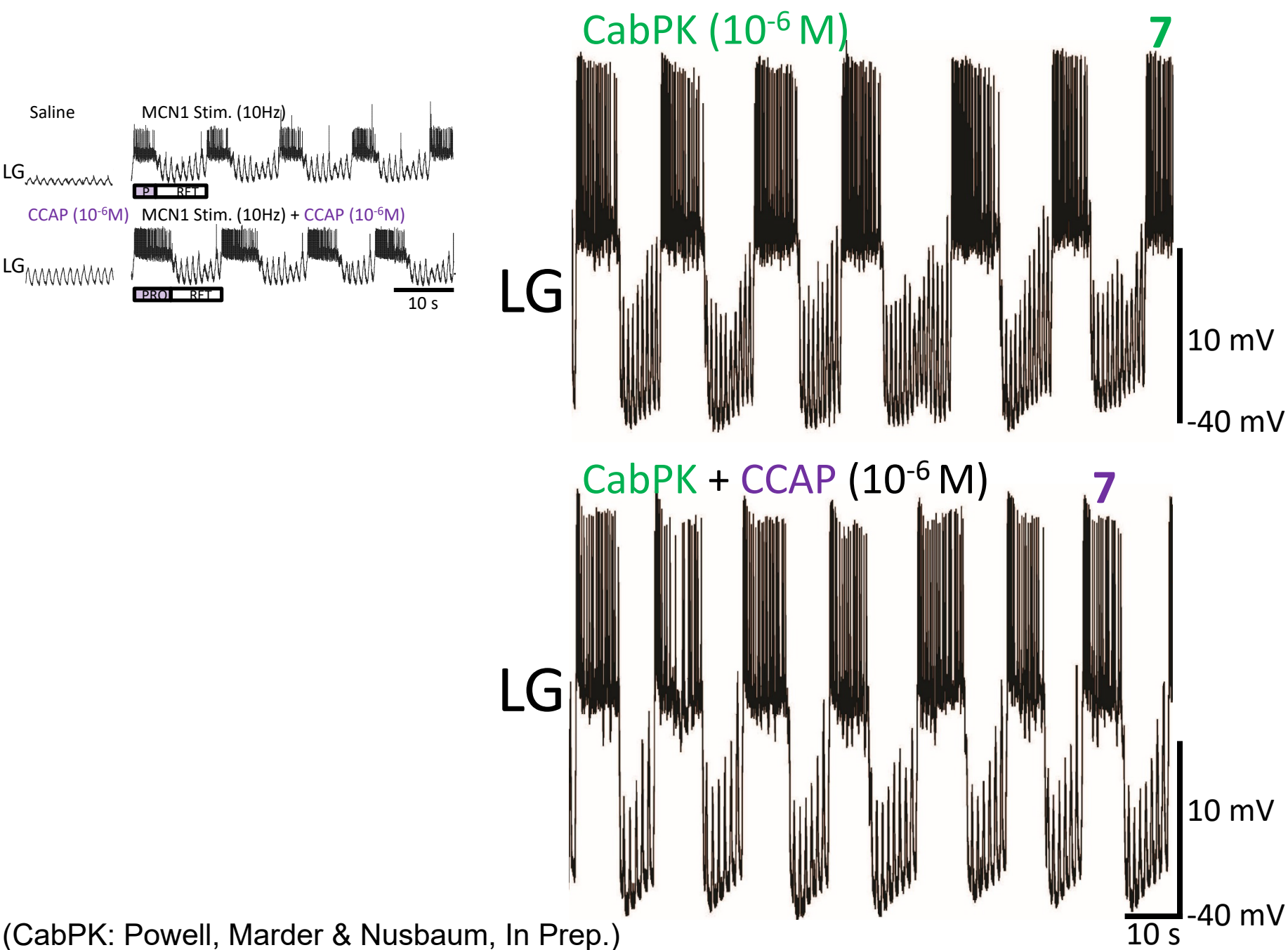
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# CCAP Influence on the CabPK-GMR



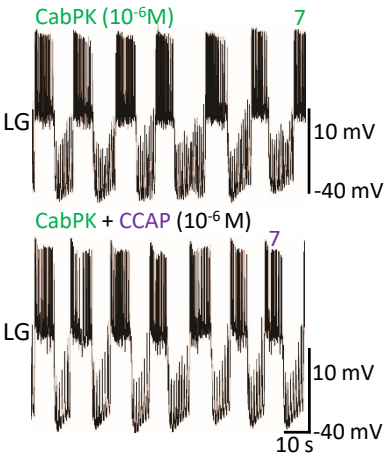
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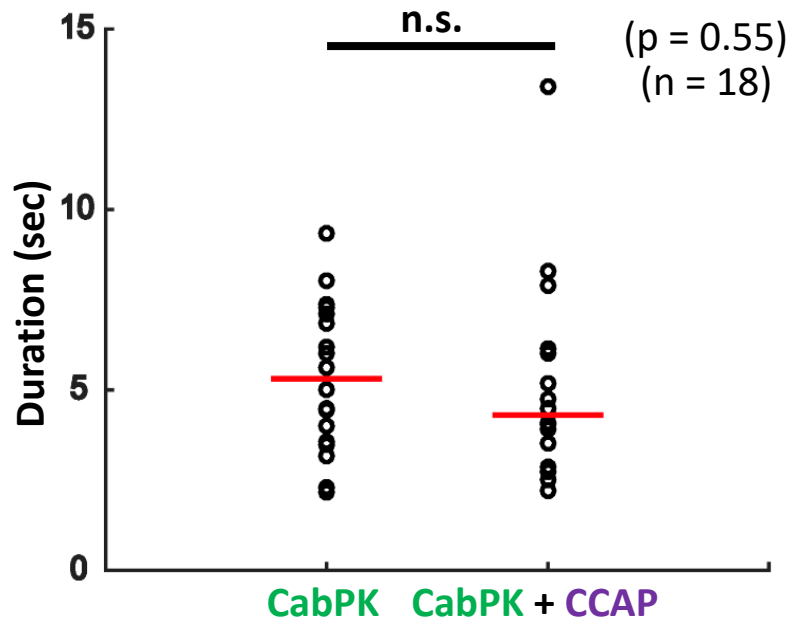
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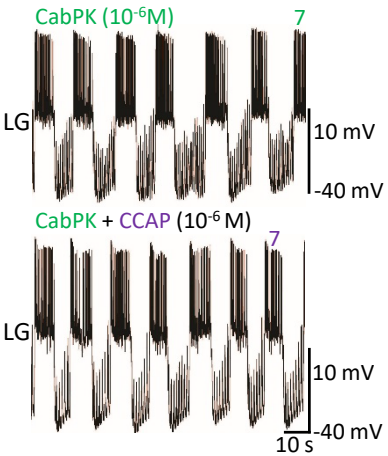


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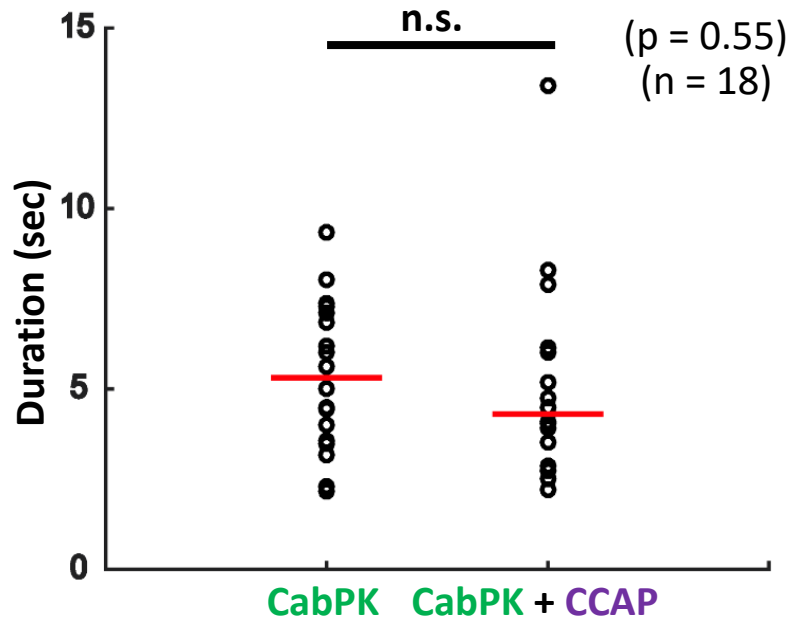


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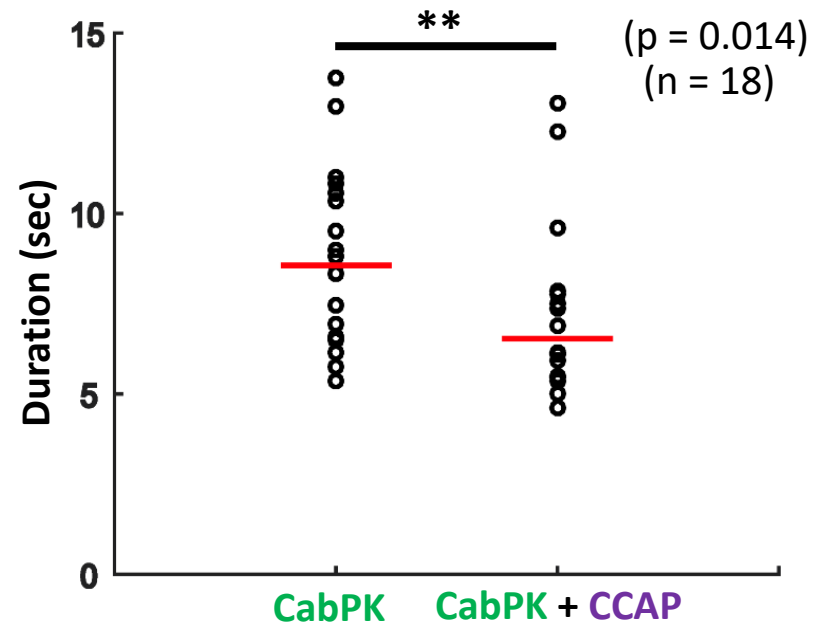
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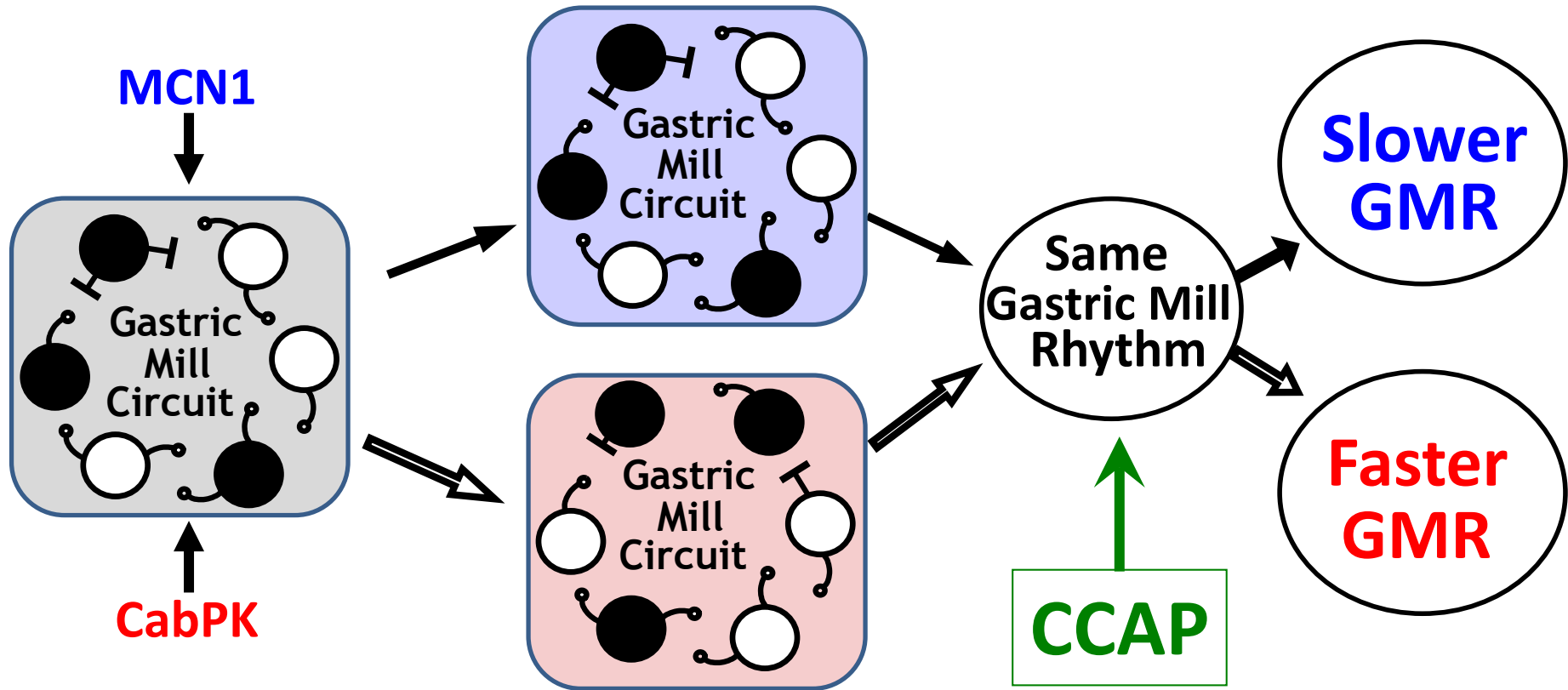
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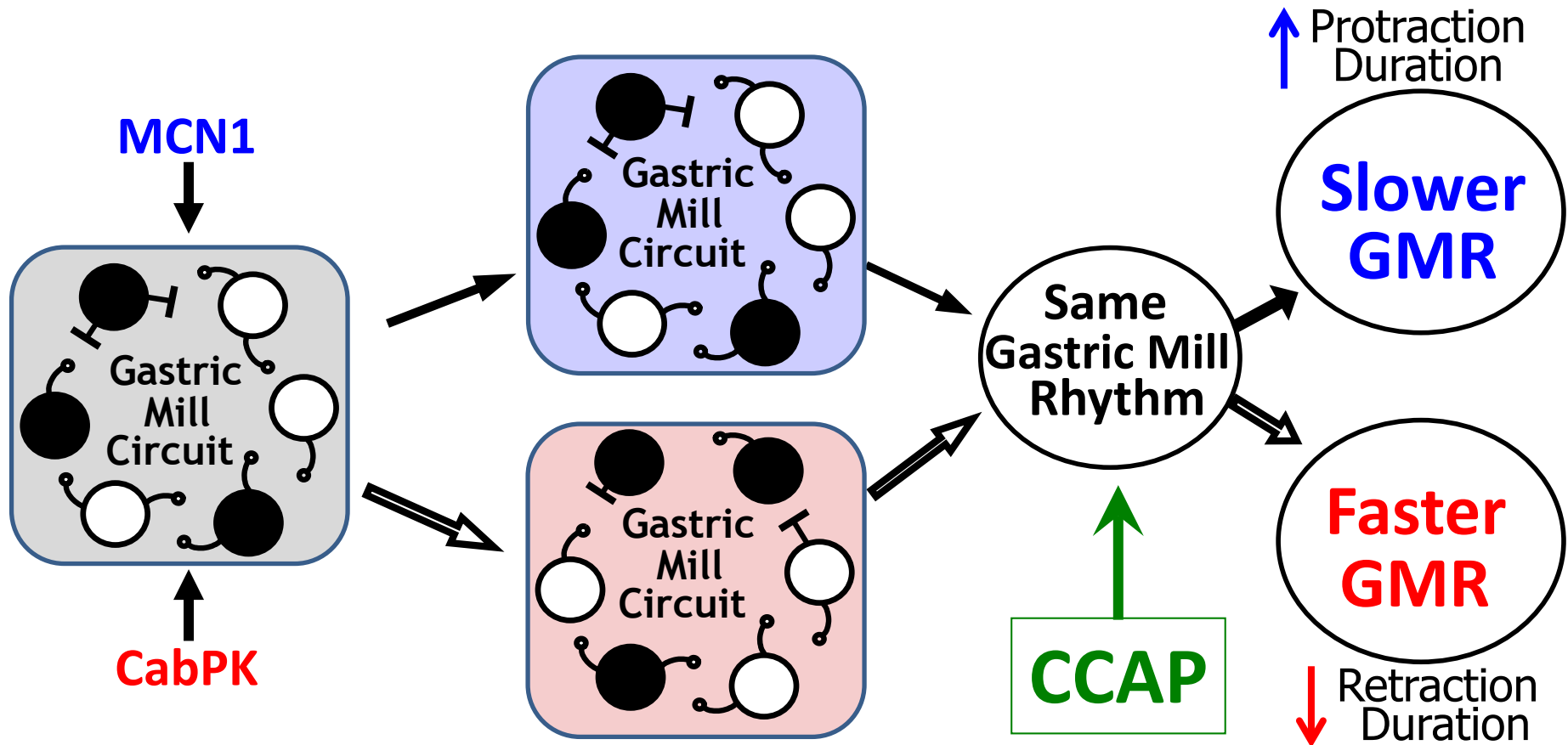


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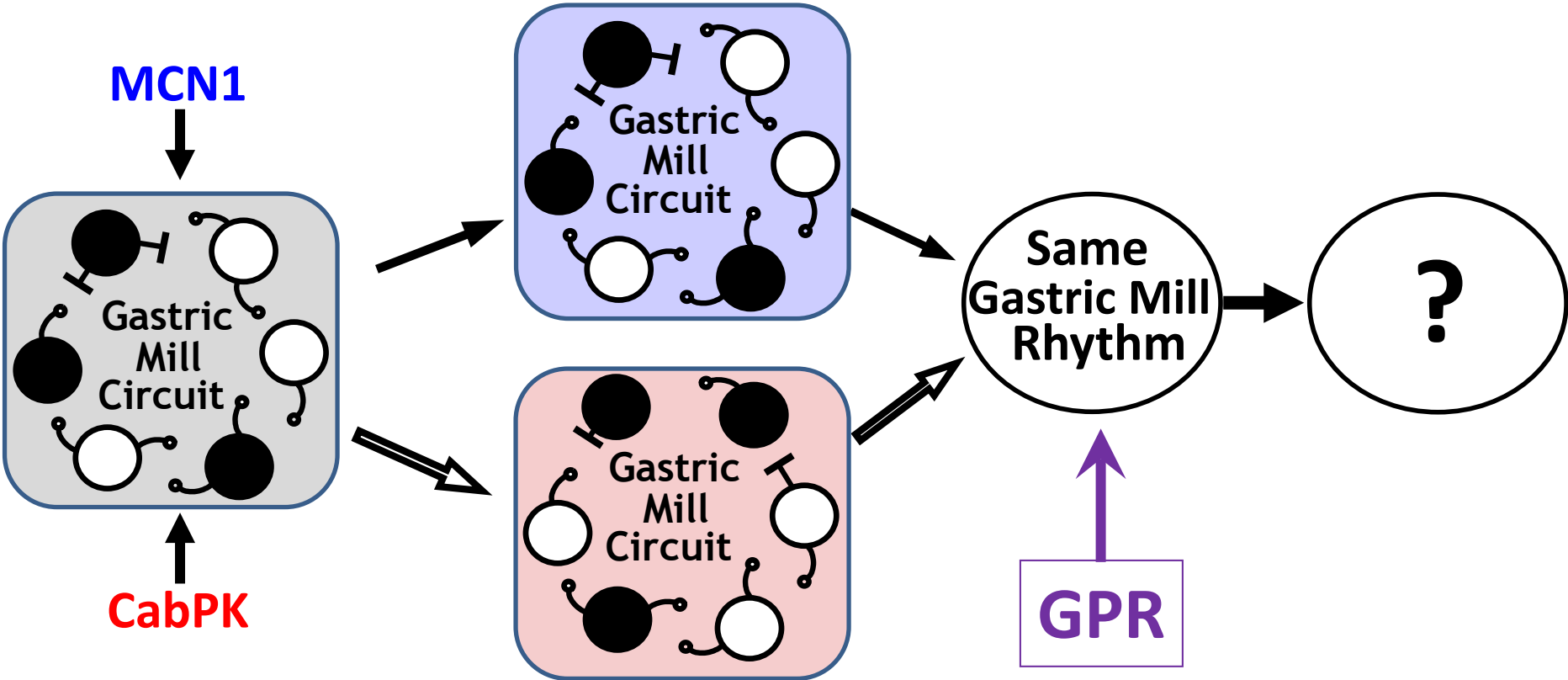
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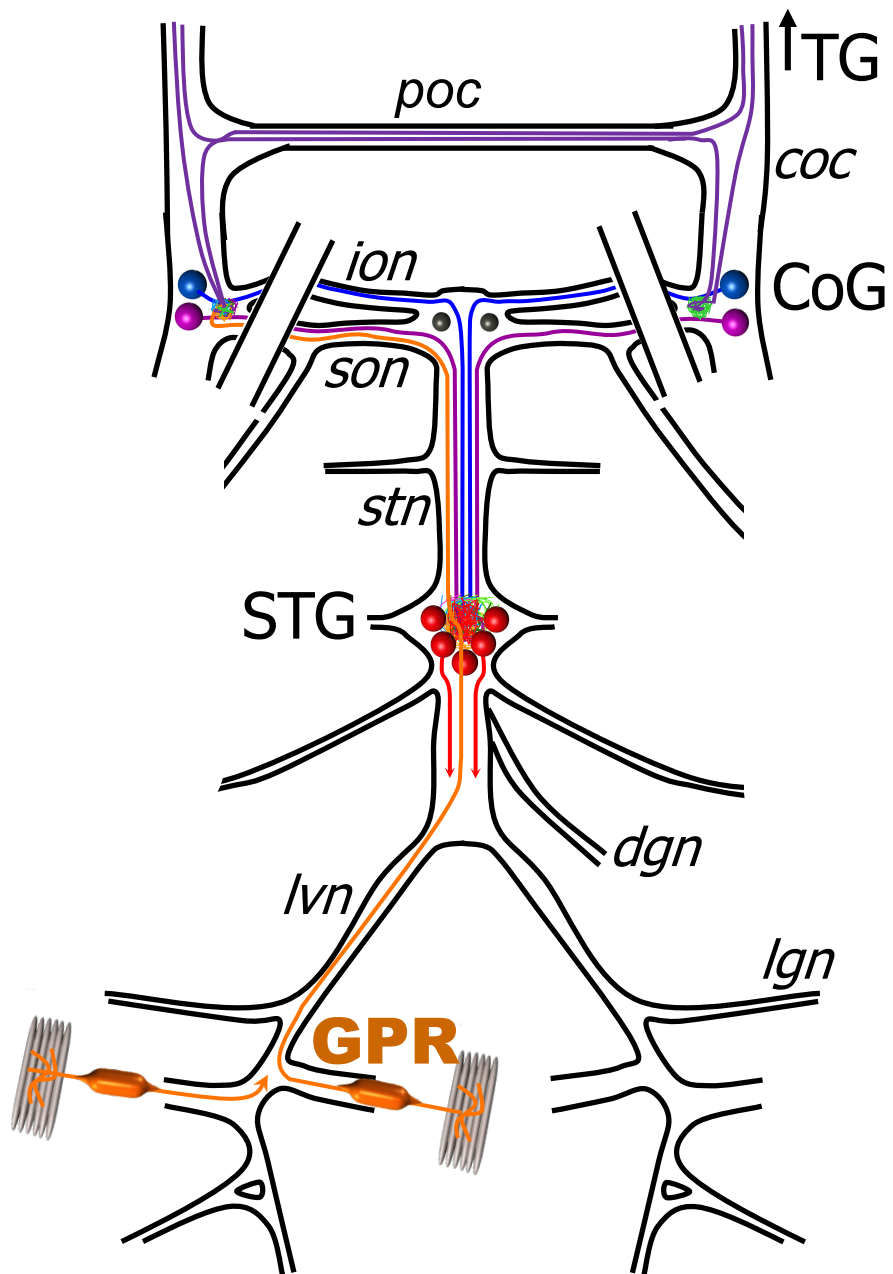


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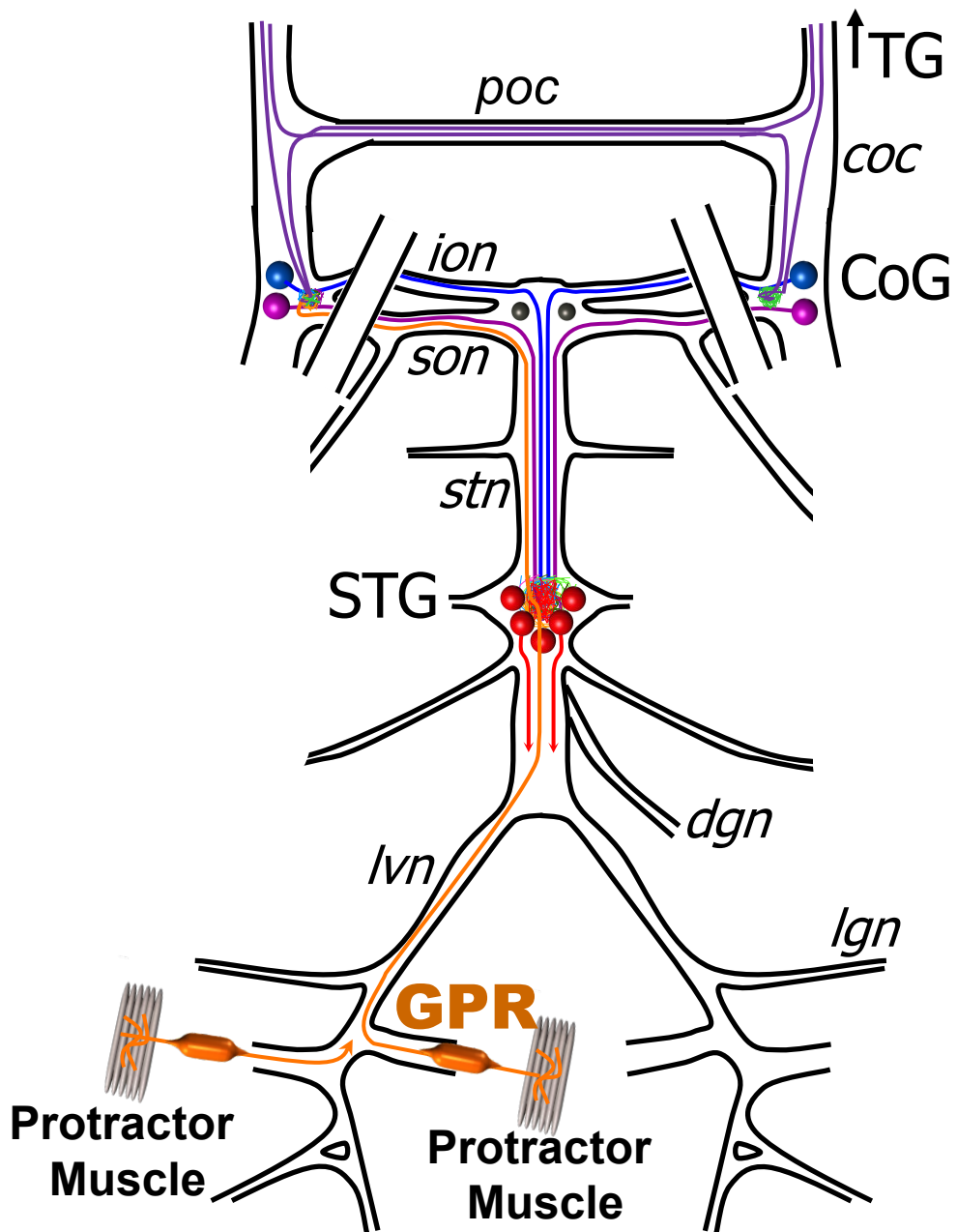


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**Muscle Stretch-Sensitive Sensory Neurons**

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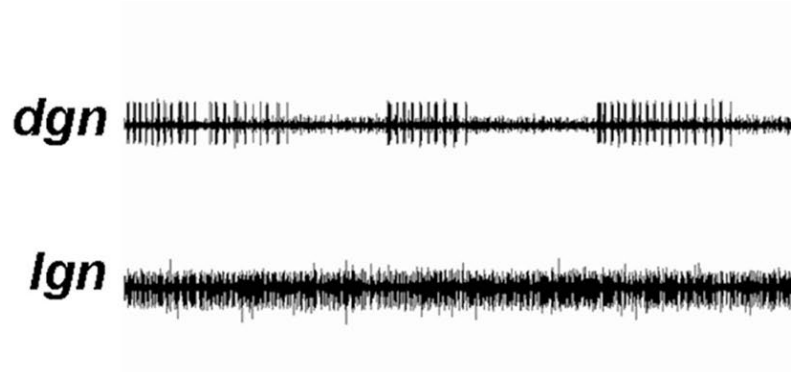
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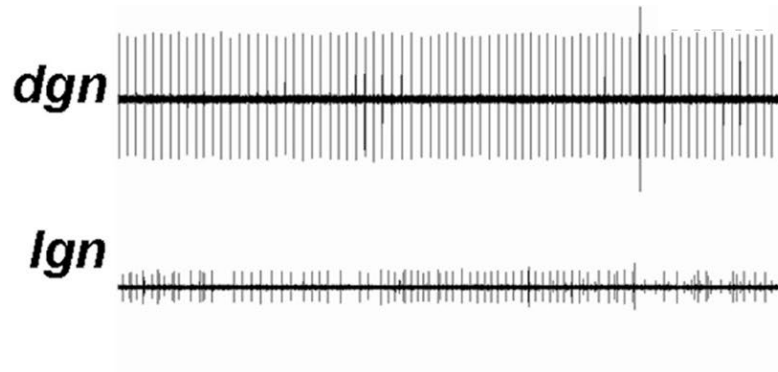
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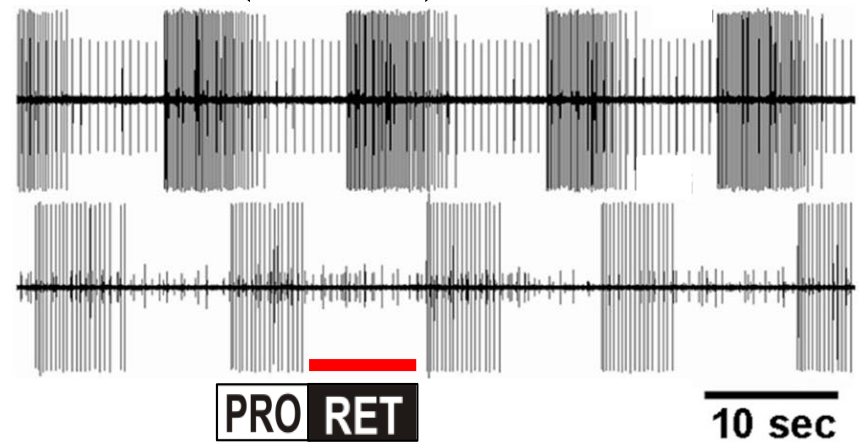
MCN1 Stimulation



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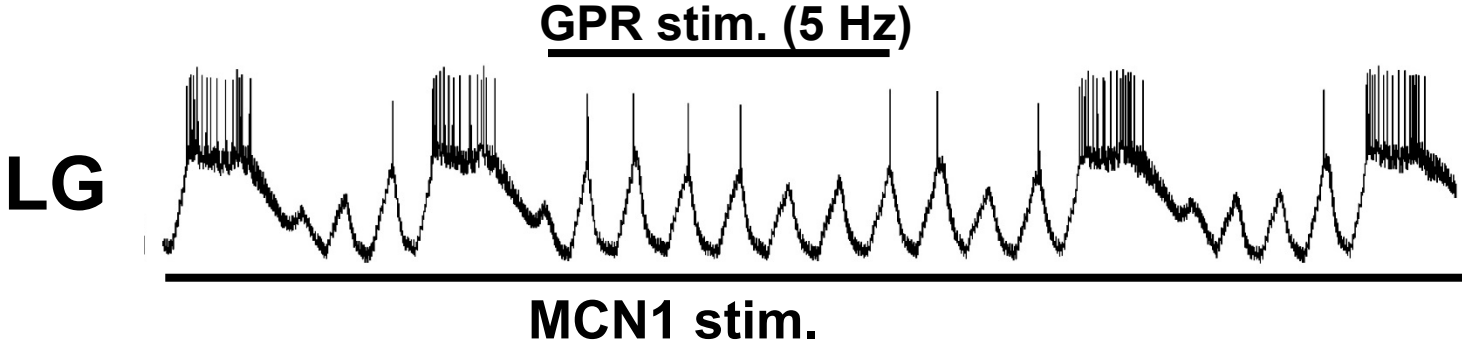
CabPK ( $10^{-6}$  M)(FAFSPRLamide)





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## MCN1-Elicited GMR:

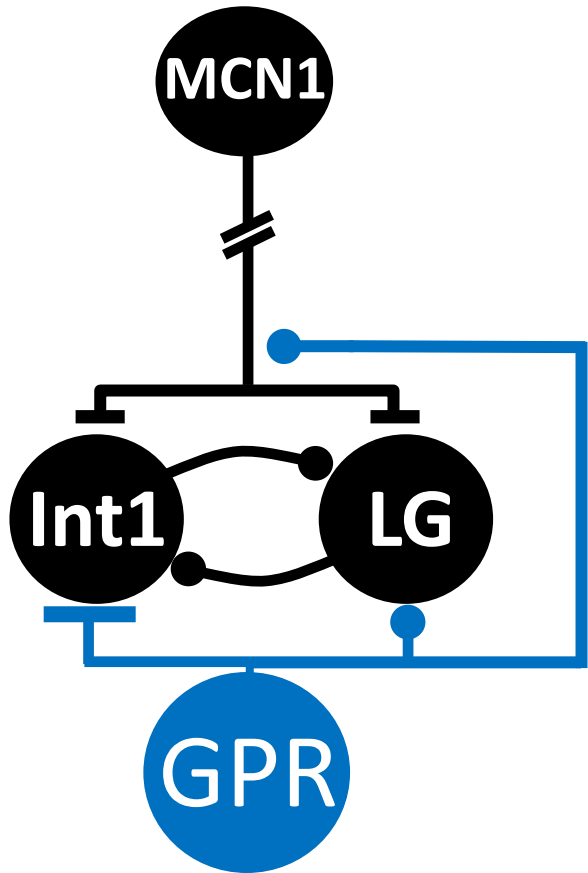
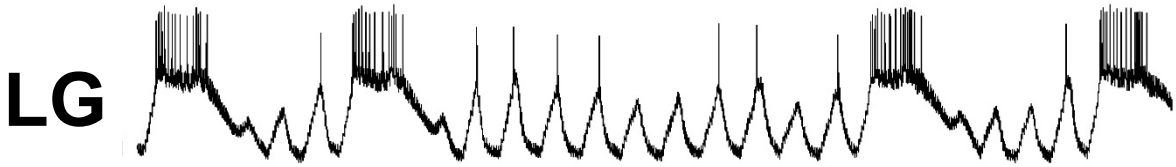


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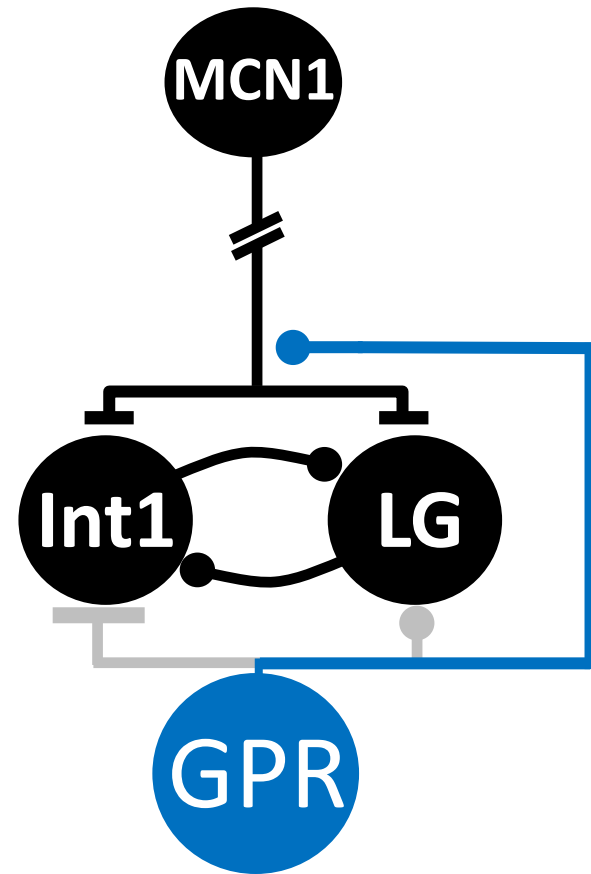
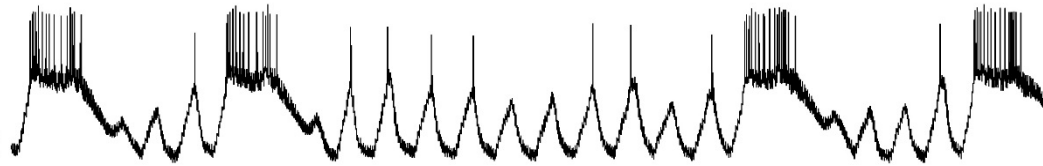


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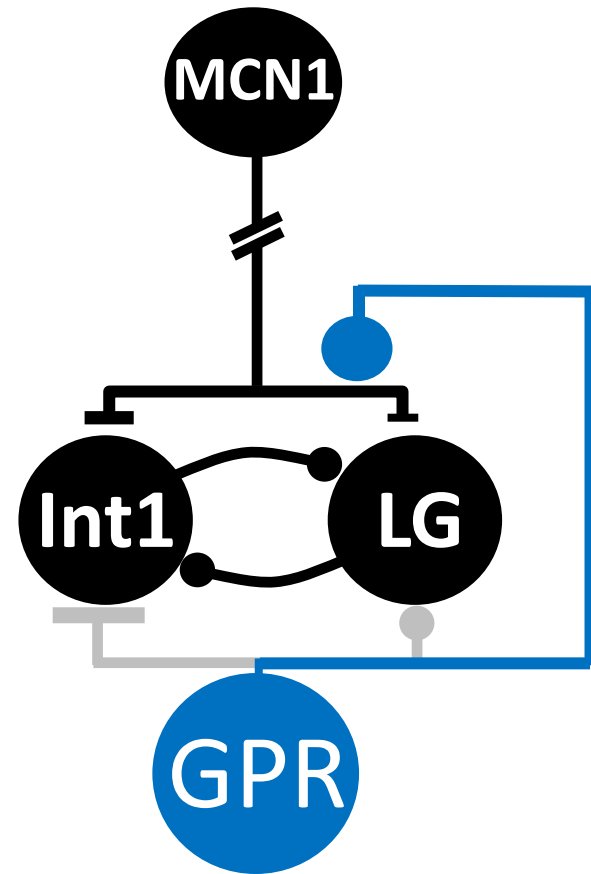
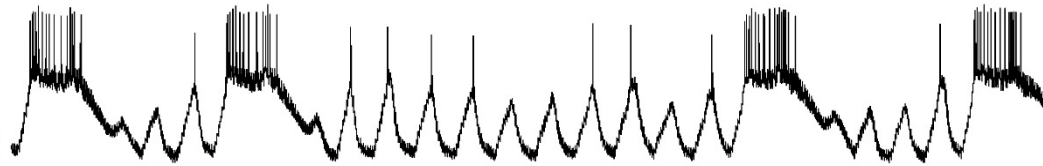


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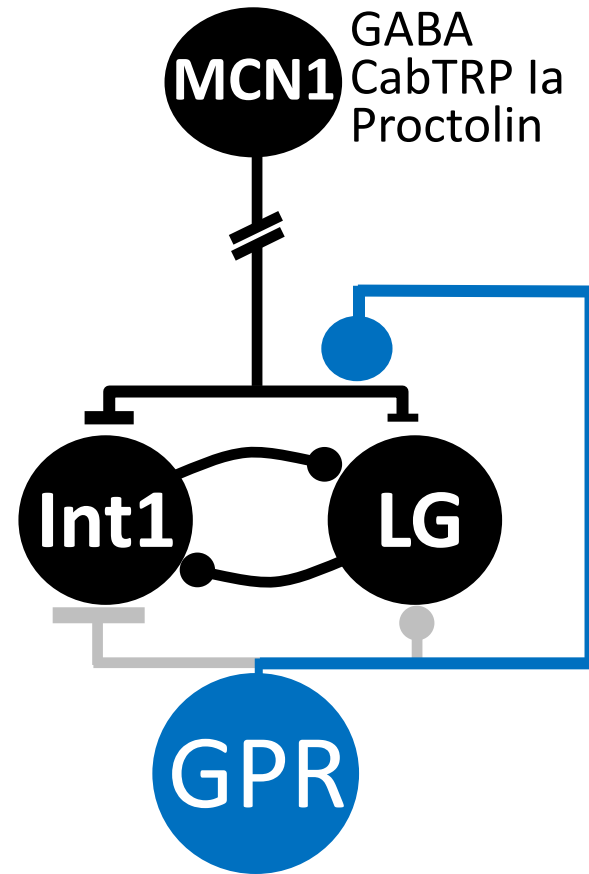
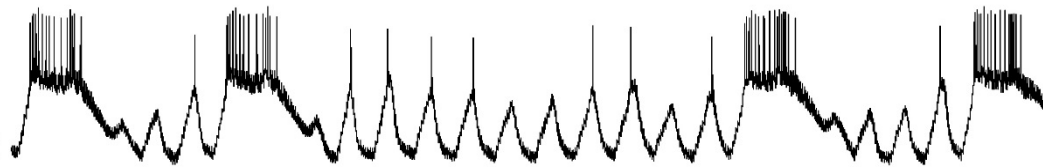


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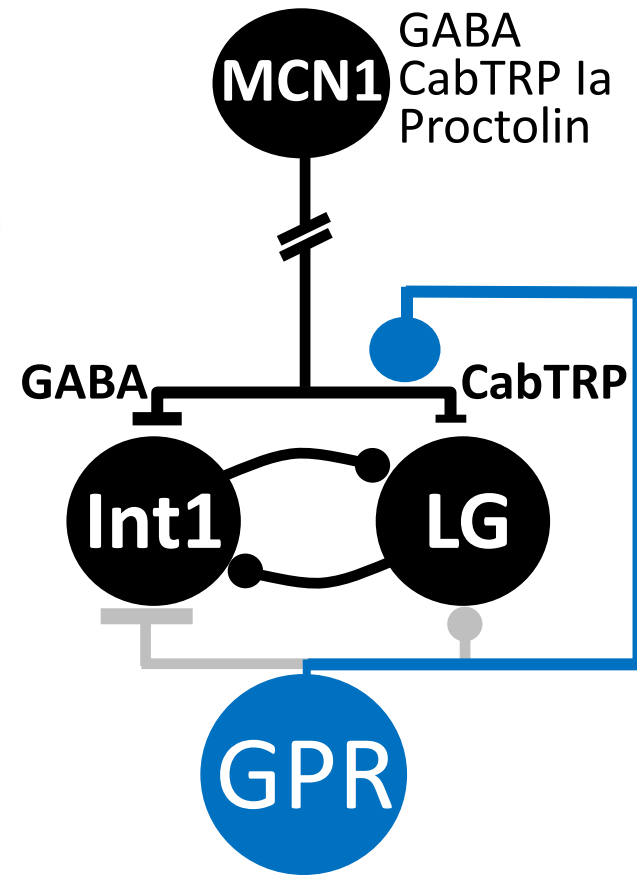
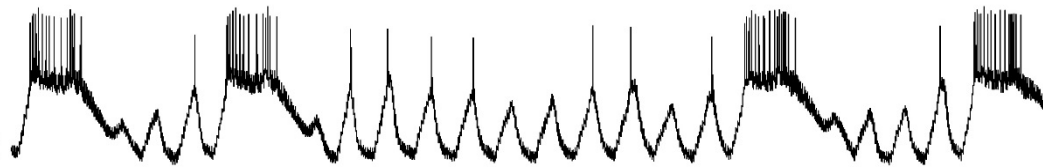


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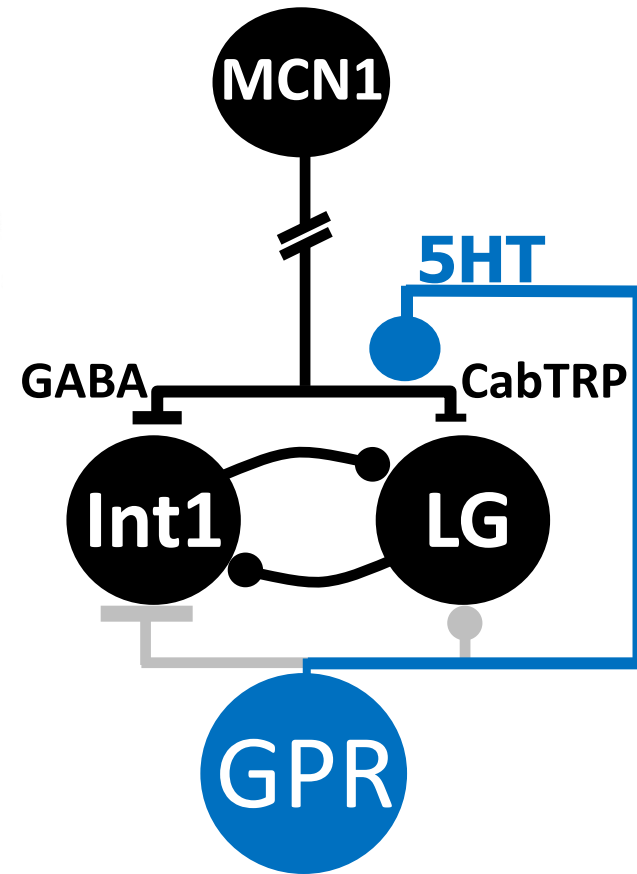
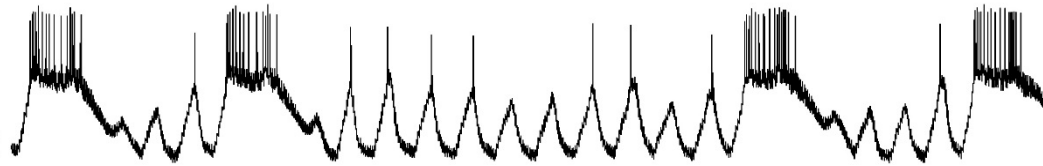


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LG



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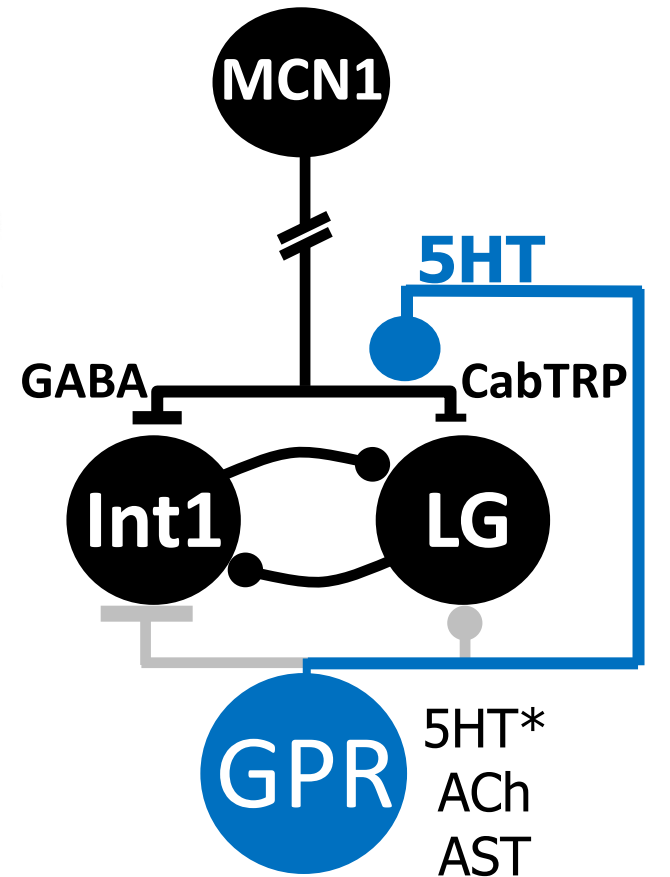
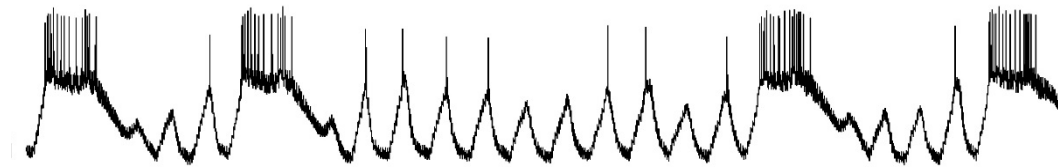


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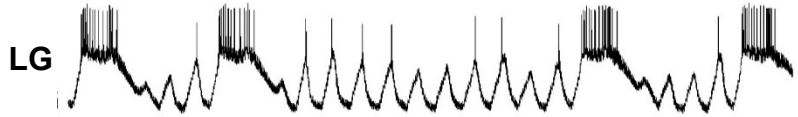




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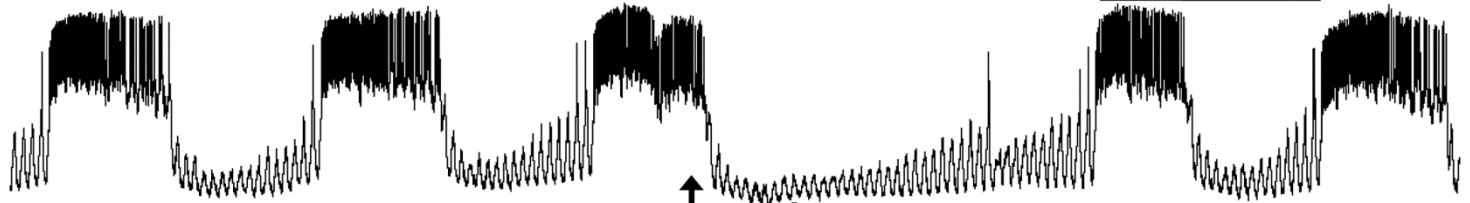
MCN1-GMR

**LG**

↑  
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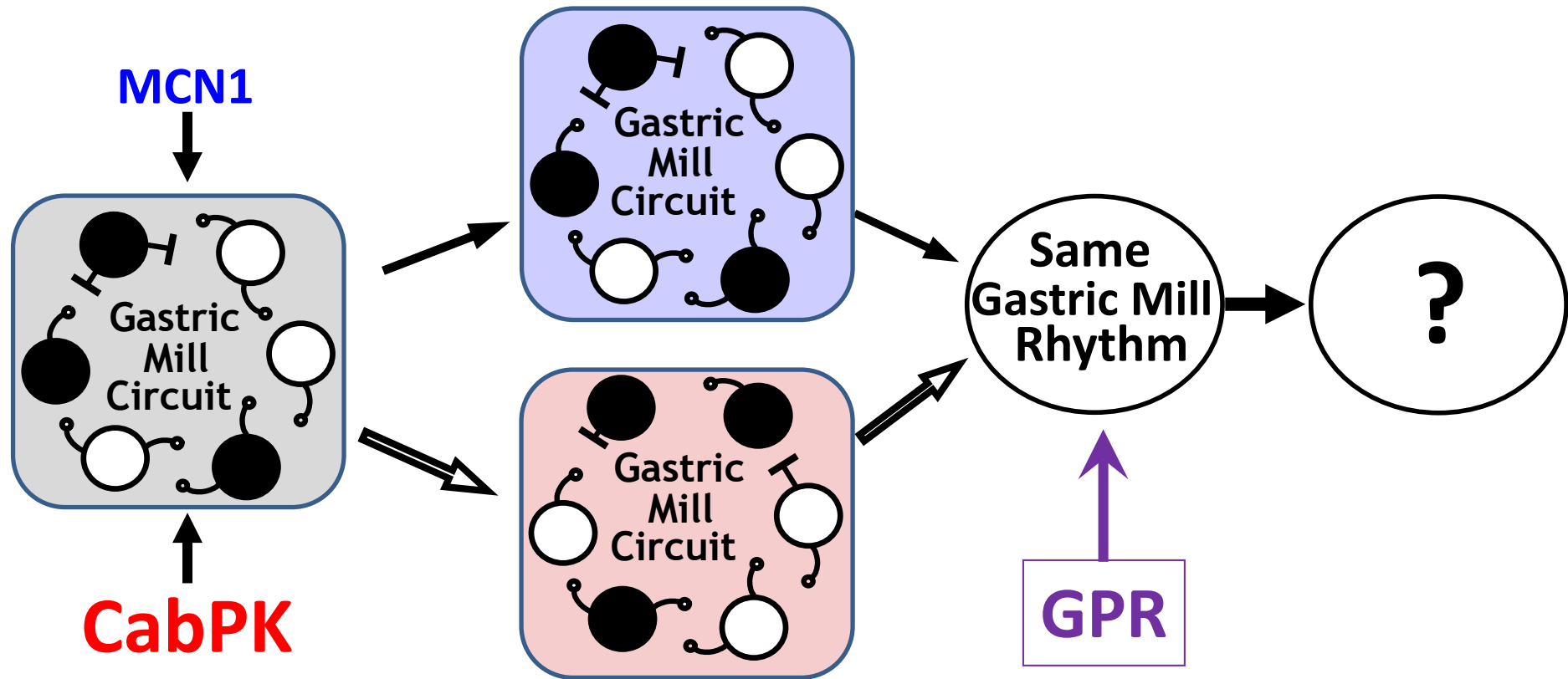
**PRO RET**

15 mV  
20 s

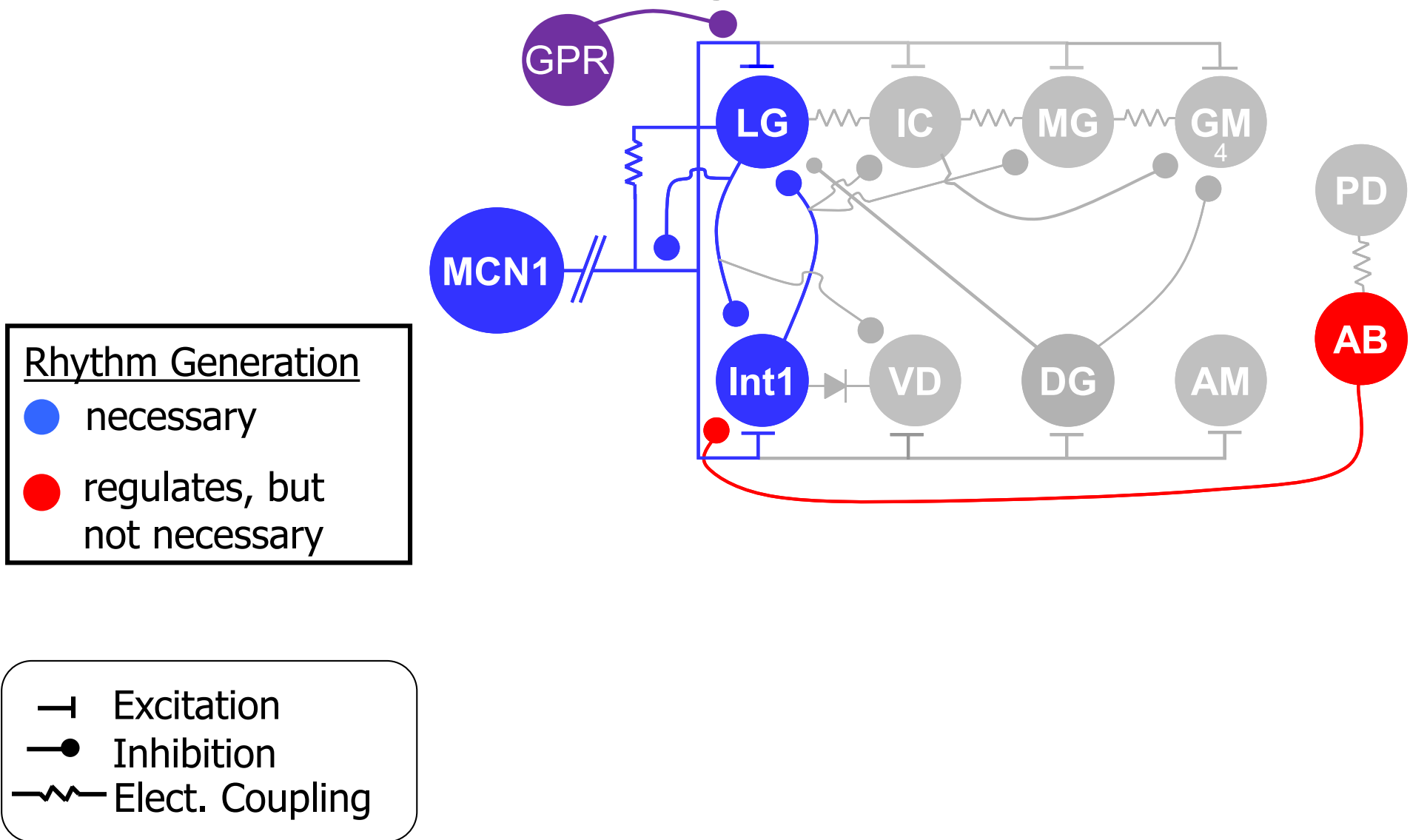


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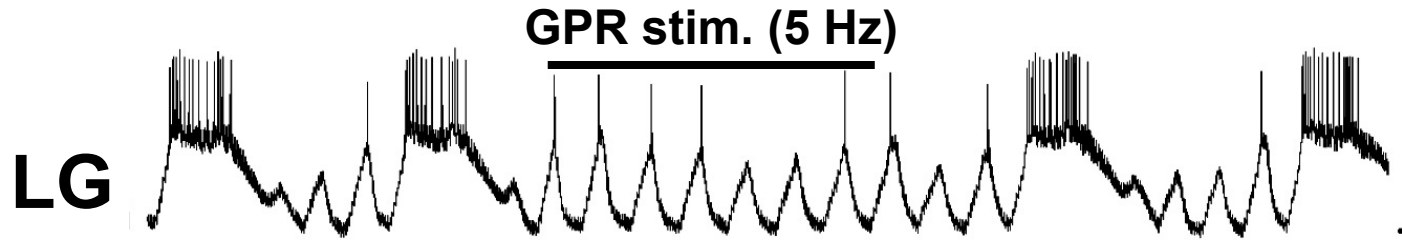


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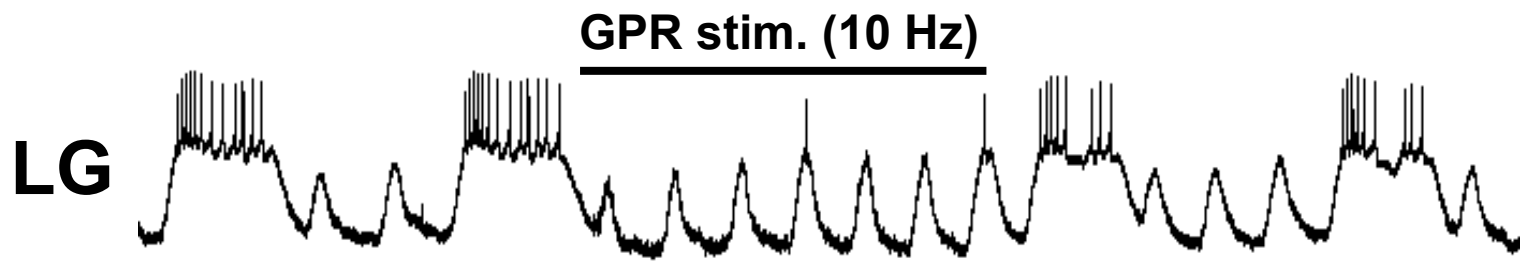


# GPR Has an Equivalent Action on the MCN1- and CabPK-GMRs

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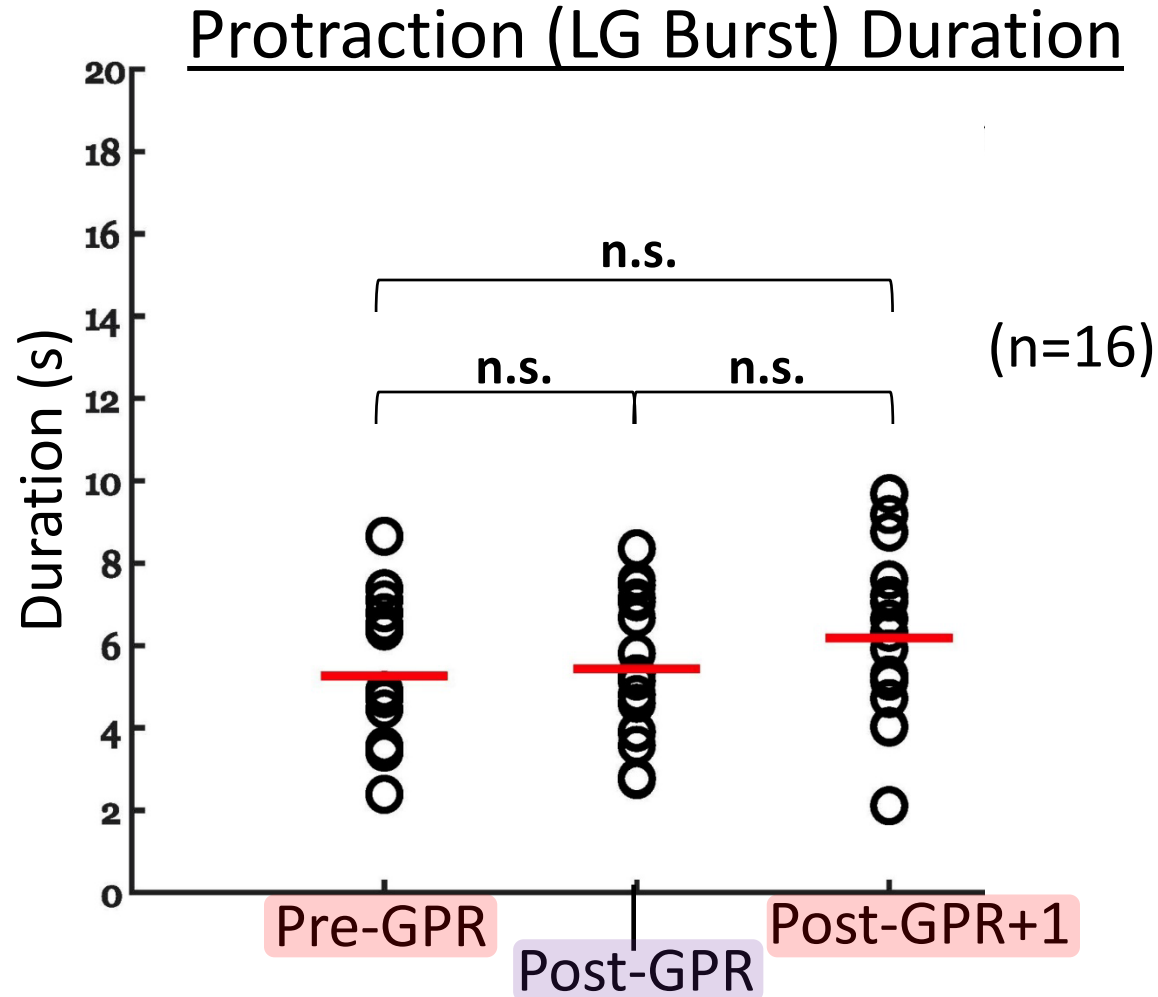
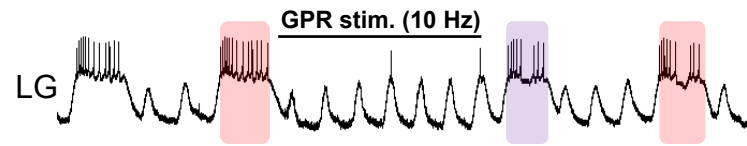


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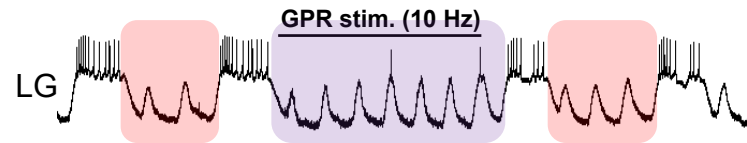
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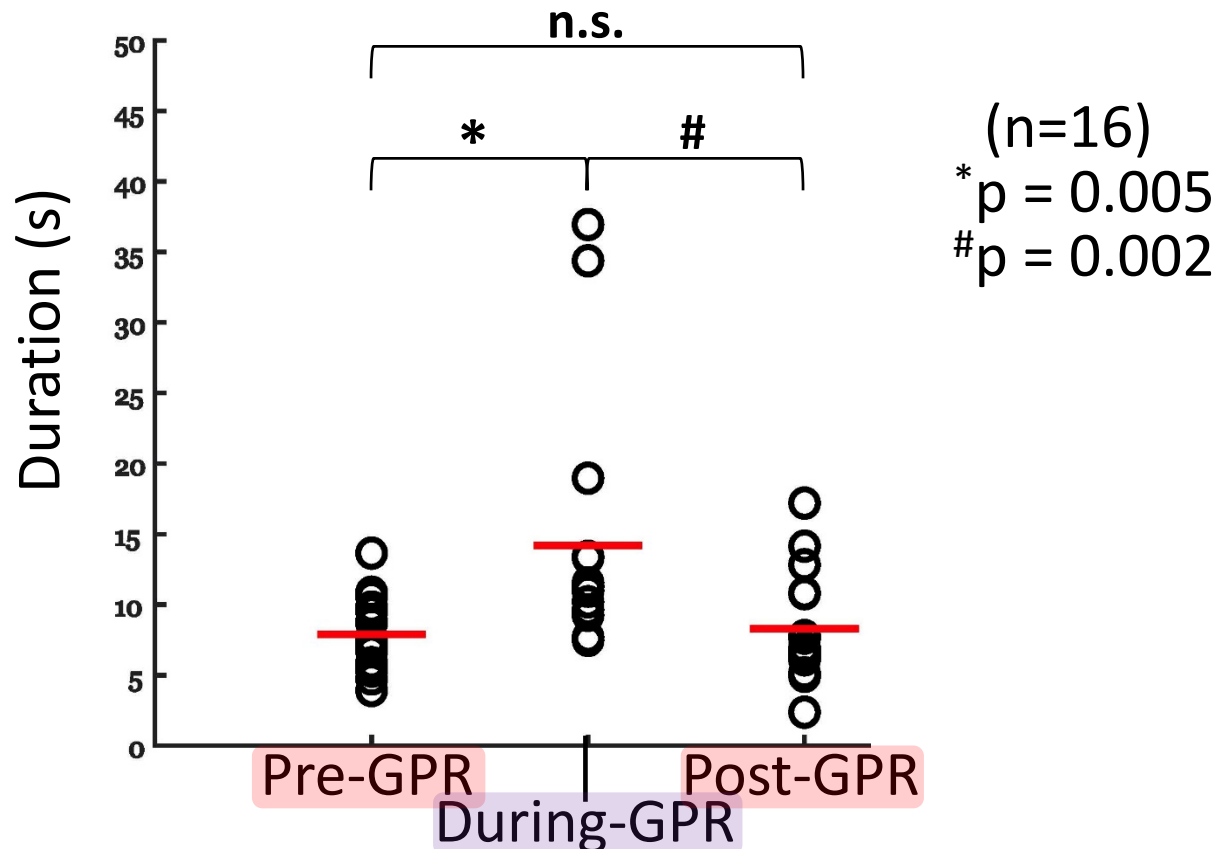


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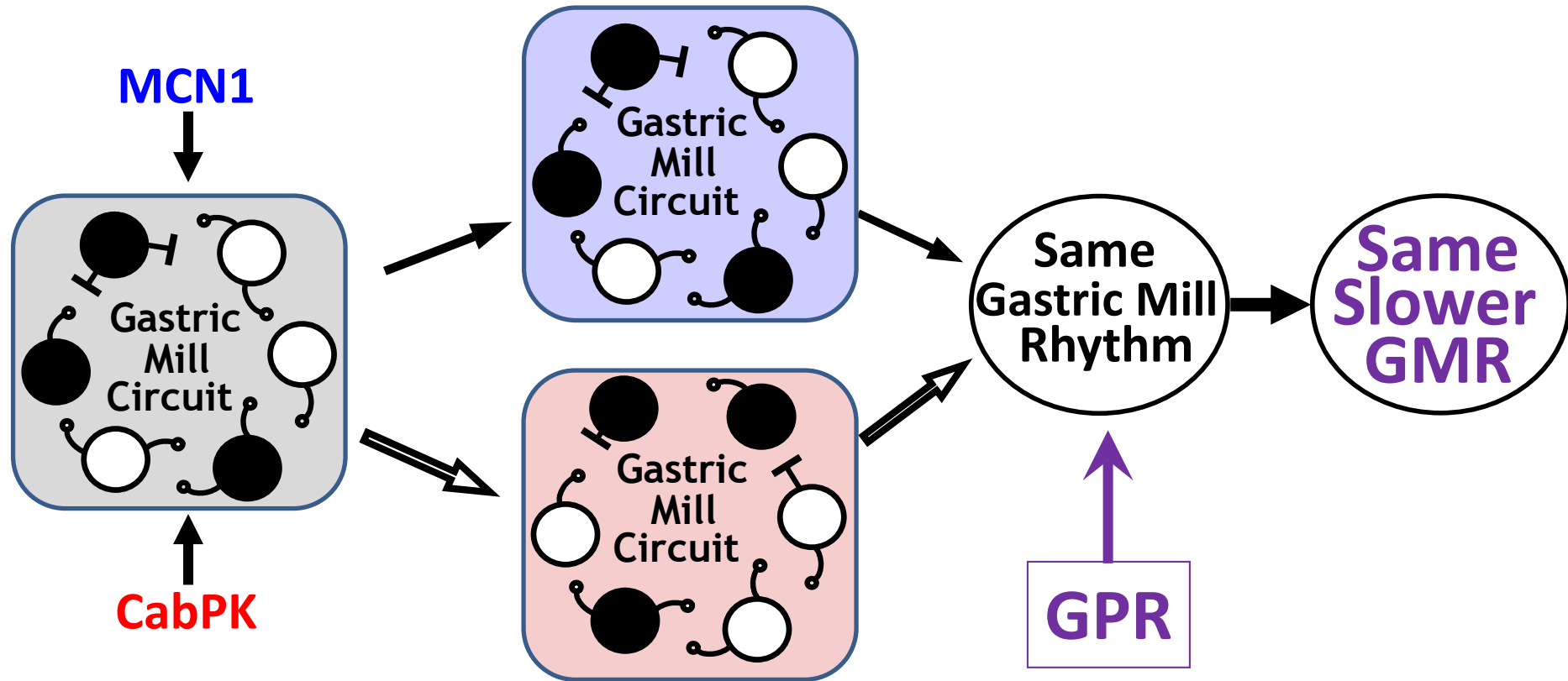


## Retraction (LG Inter-Burst) Duration



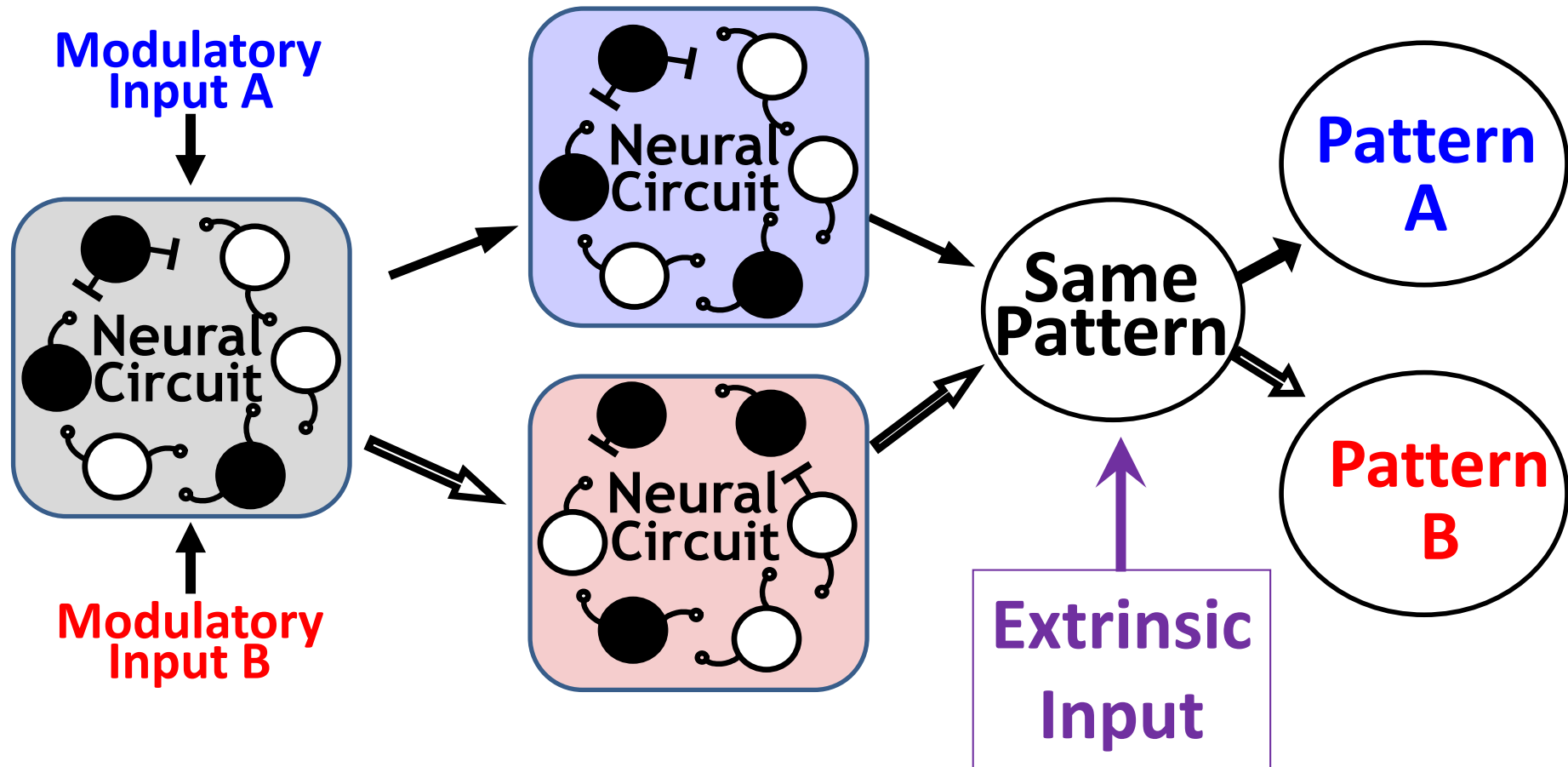
(CabPK: Powell, Marder & Nusbaum, In Prep.)

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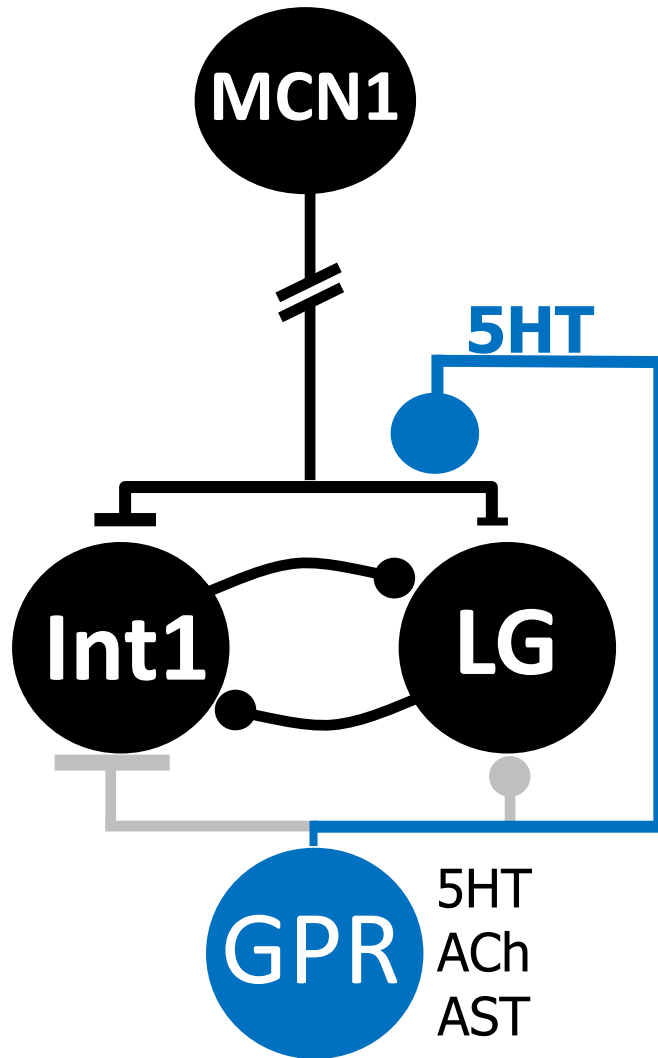


# Hypothesis: Different Circuit States Respond Differently to an Unchanging Input

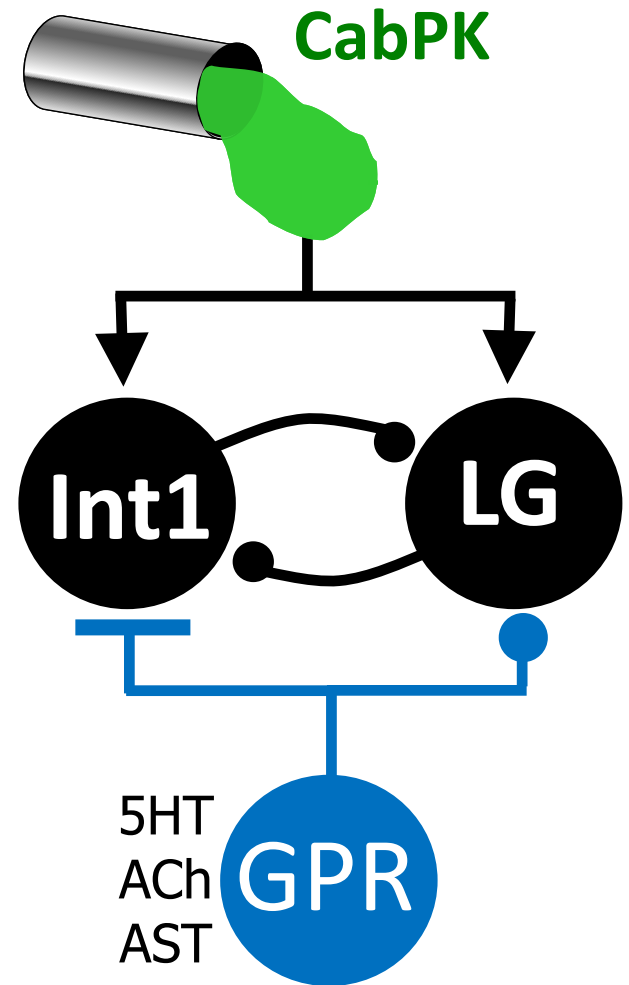


# GPR Transmitter Action on the CabPK-GMR

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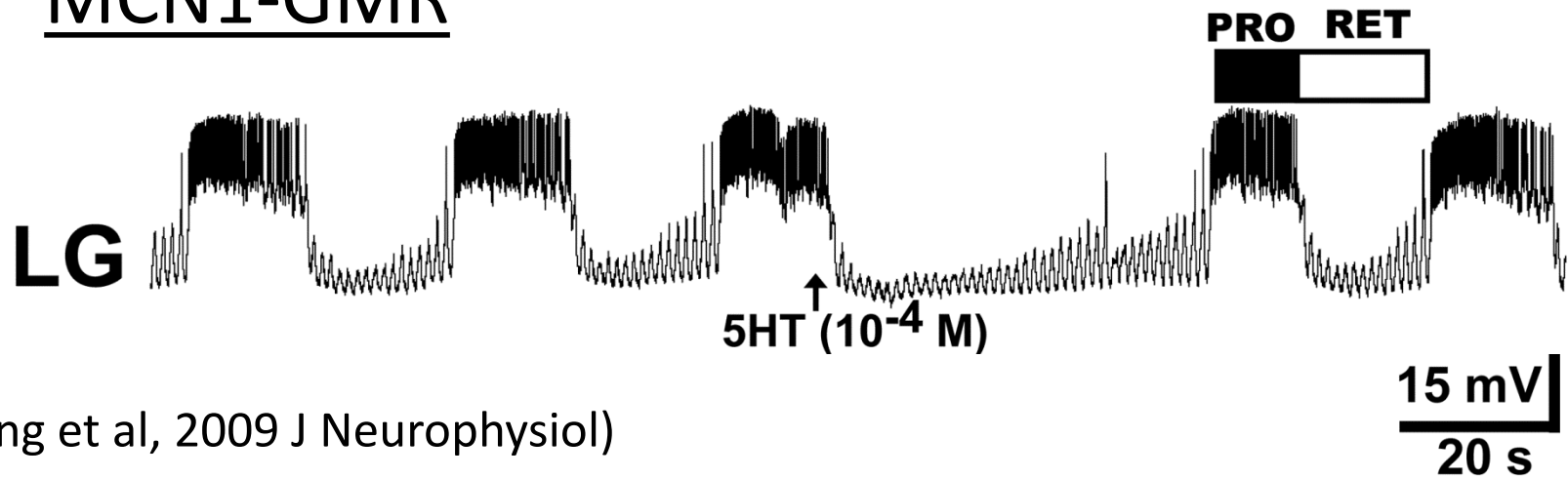


## CabPK-Elicited Rhythm



# 5HT Prolongs Retraction During Both GMRs

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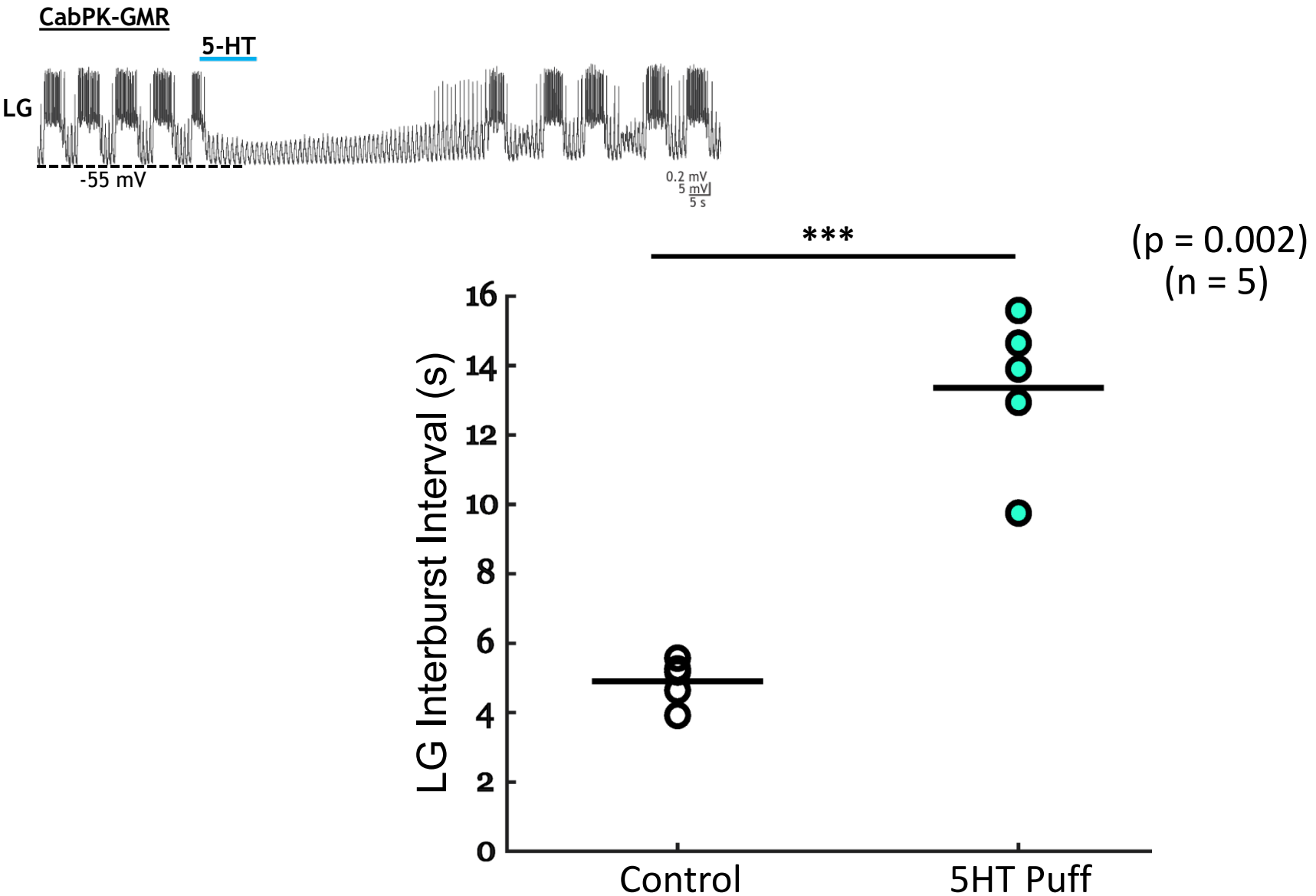
## B. CabPK-GMR

5-HT



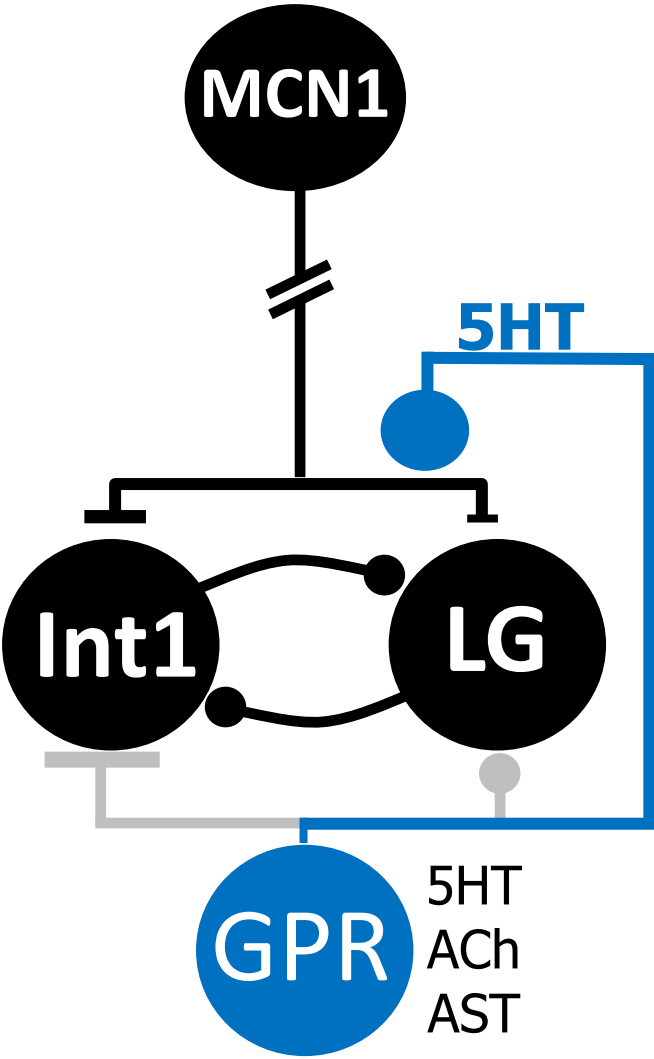
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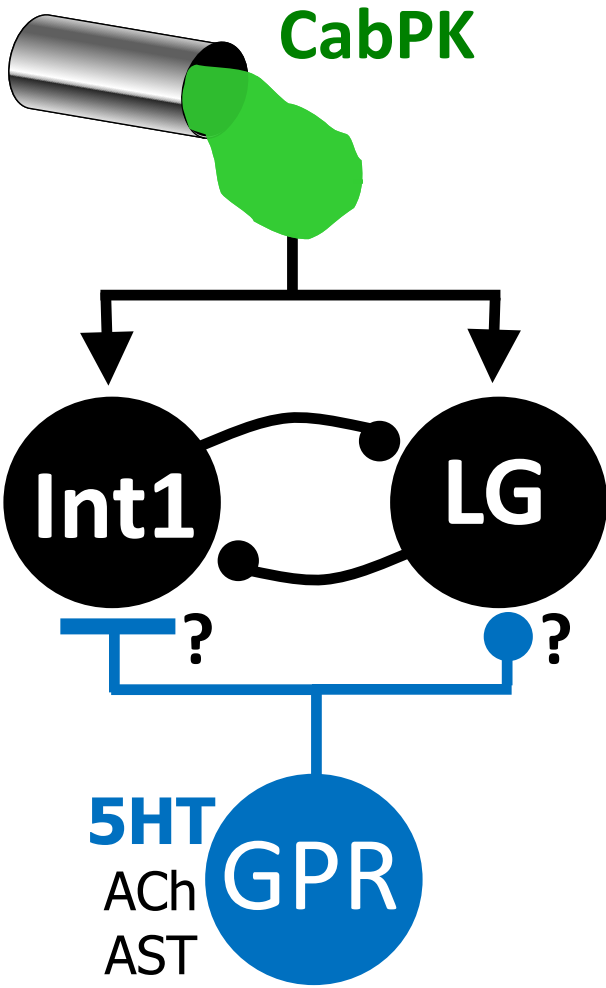


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MCN1-Elicited Rhythm

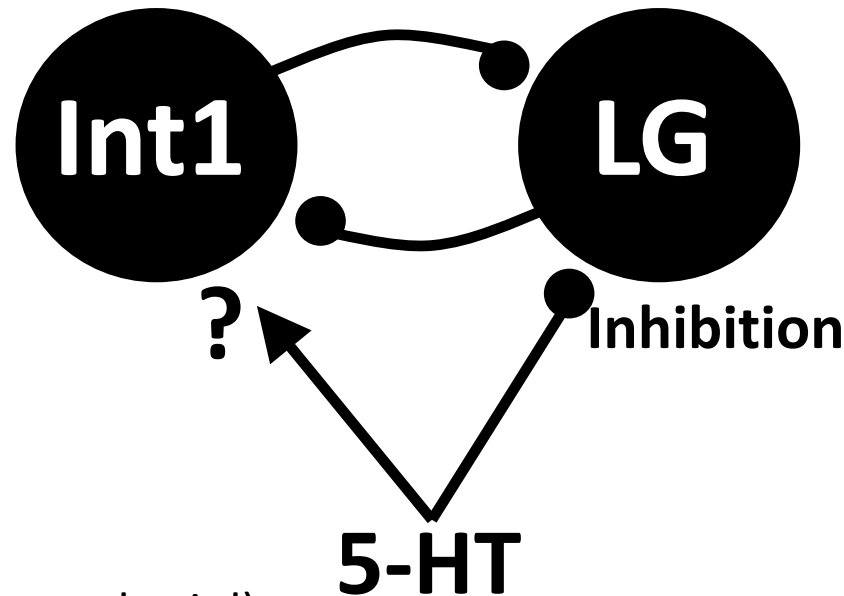
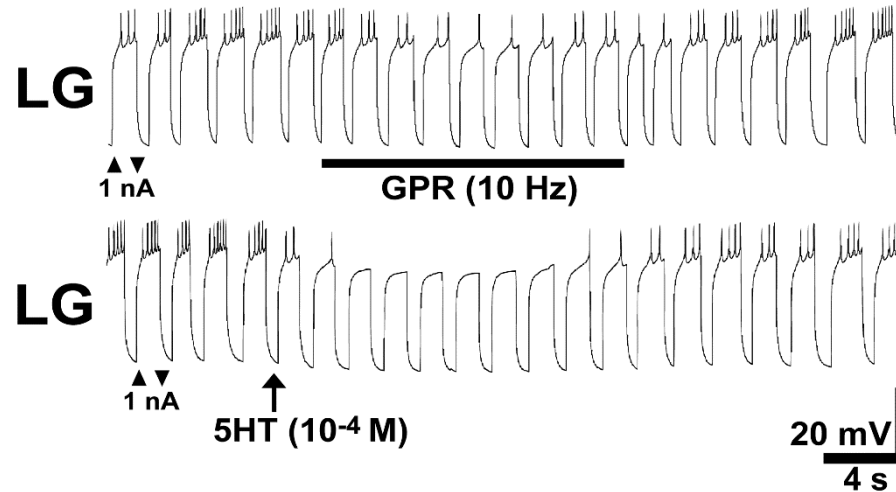


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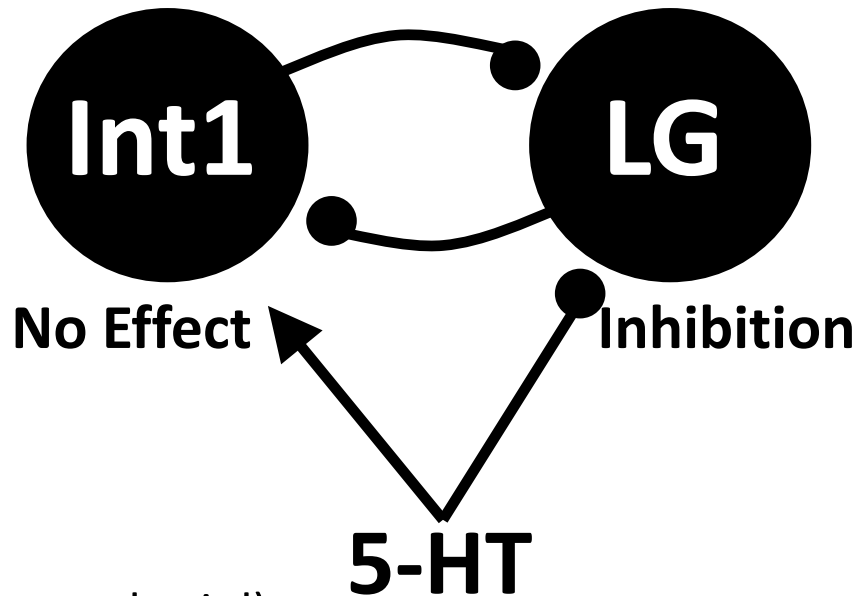
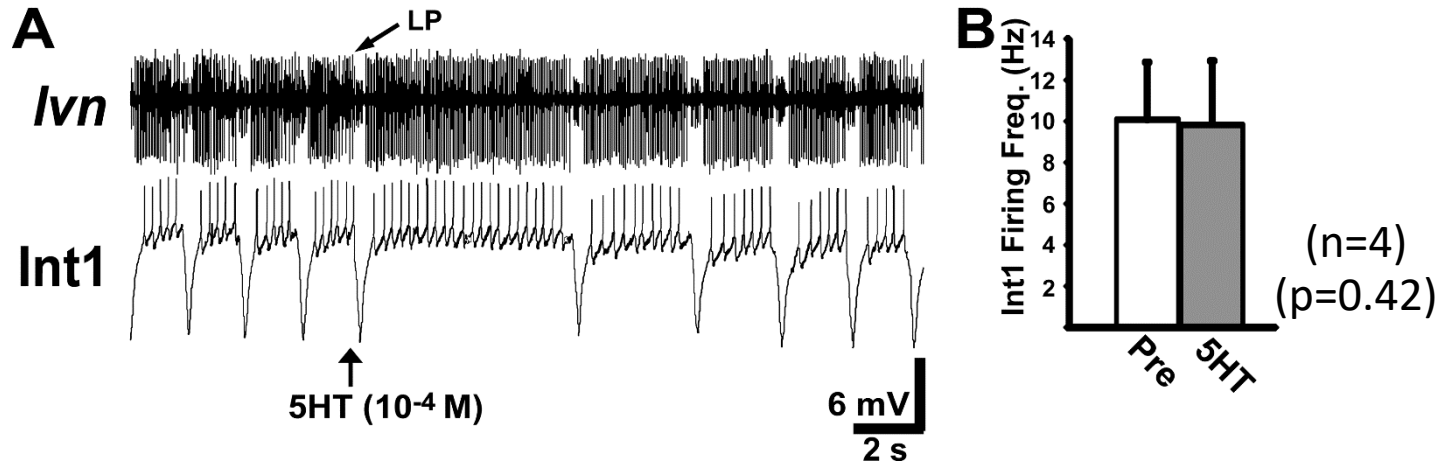


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—● Inhibition

# 5HT Mimics GPR Inhibition of LG Neuron

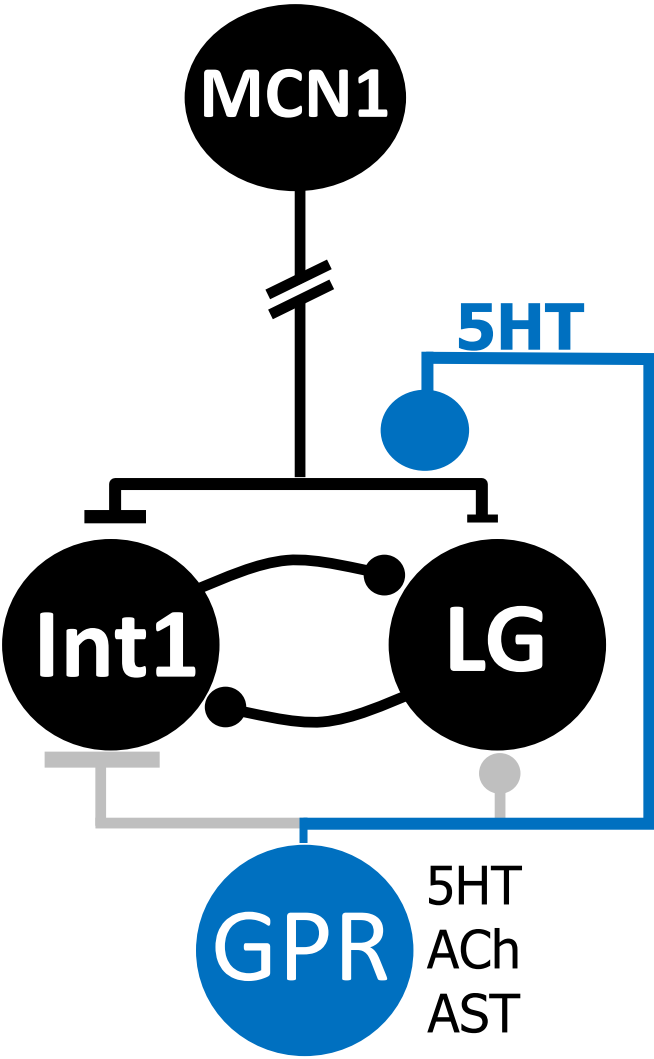


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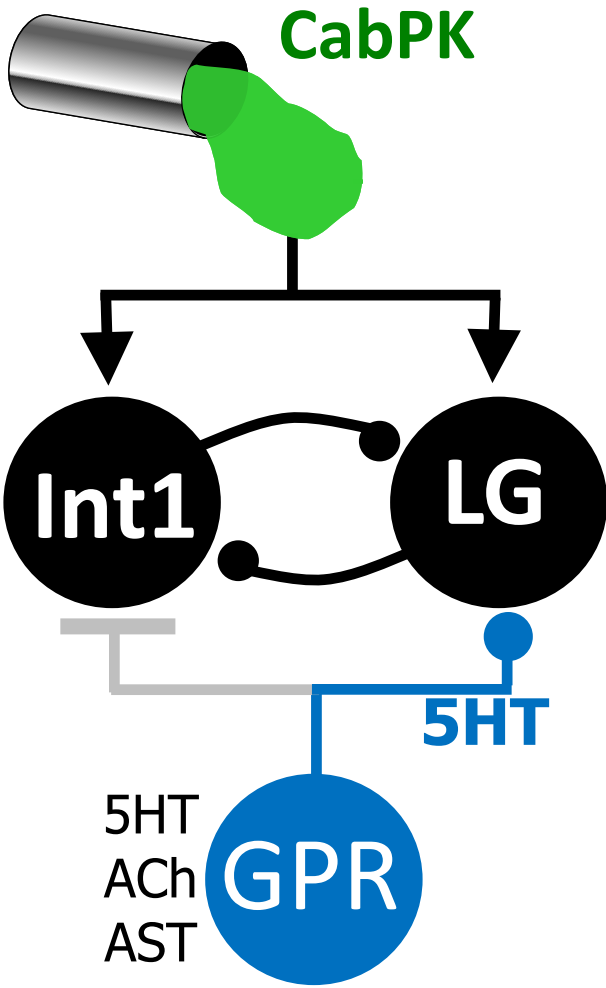


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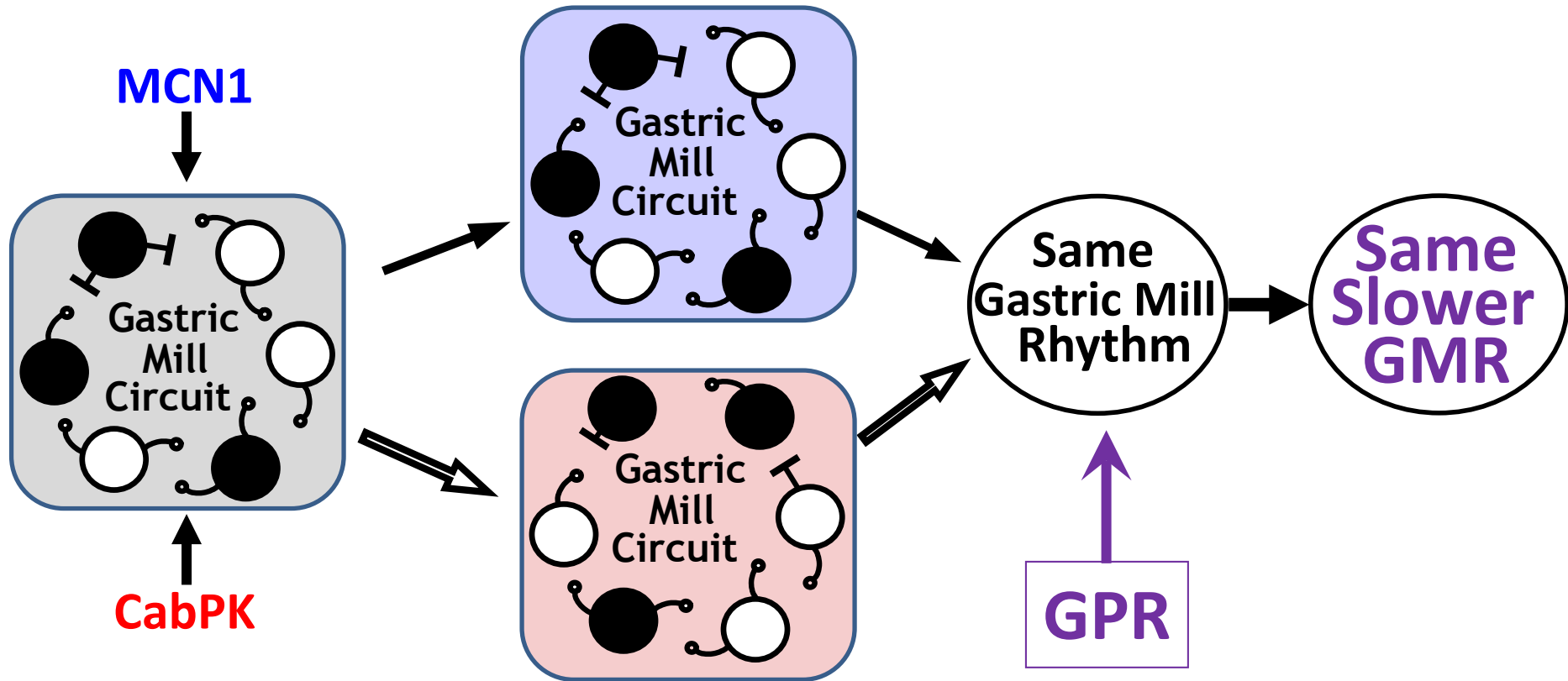
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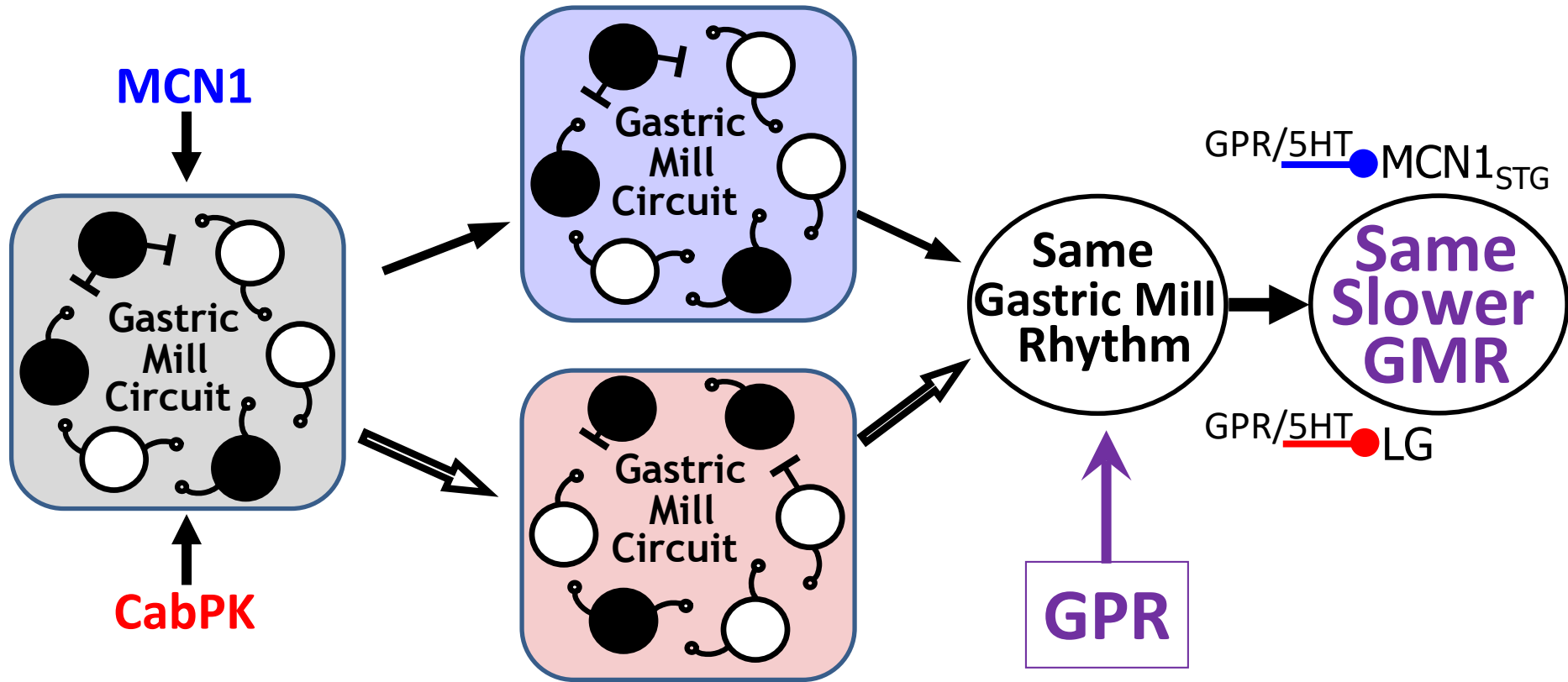
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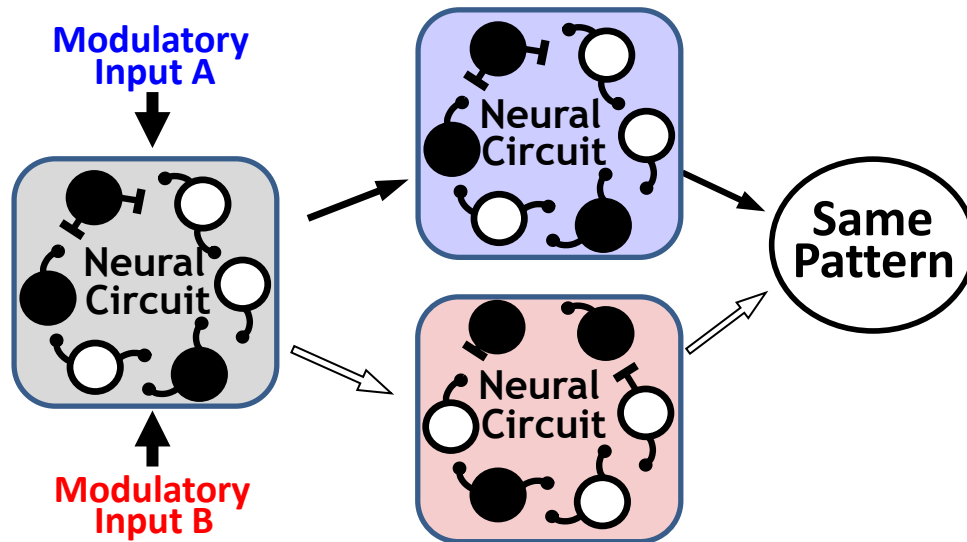
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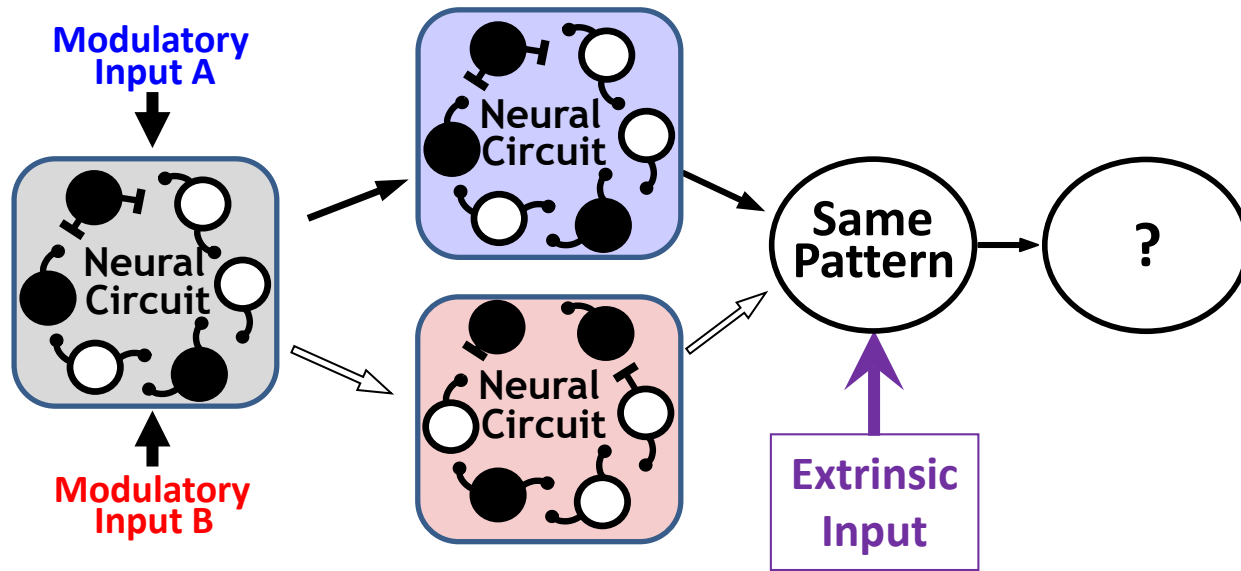


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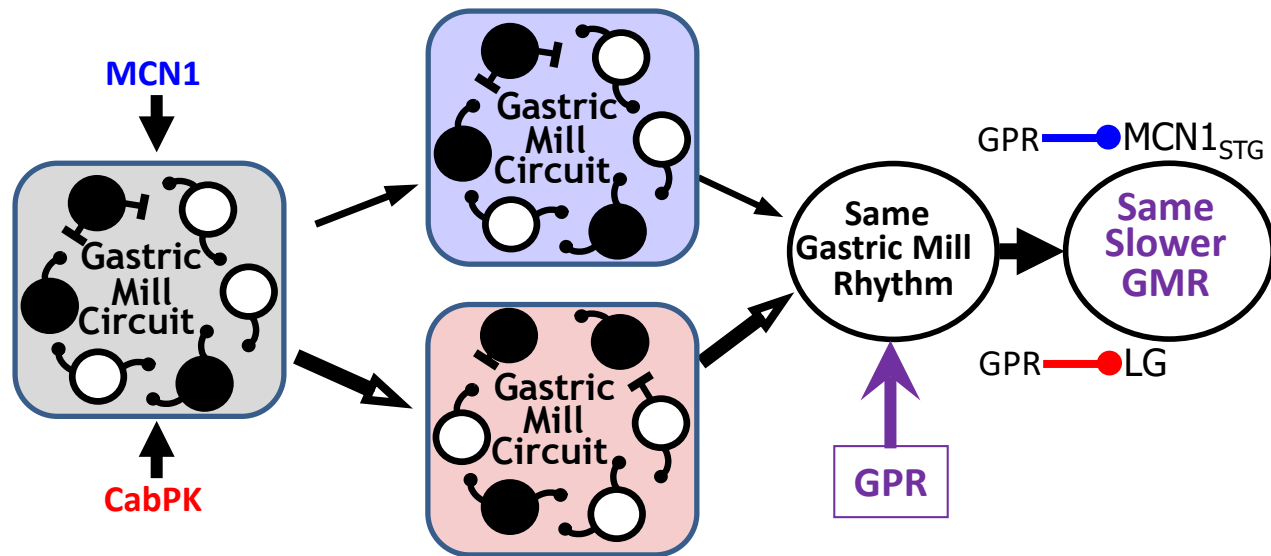
- **Different circuit states can generate the same neural activity pattern.**

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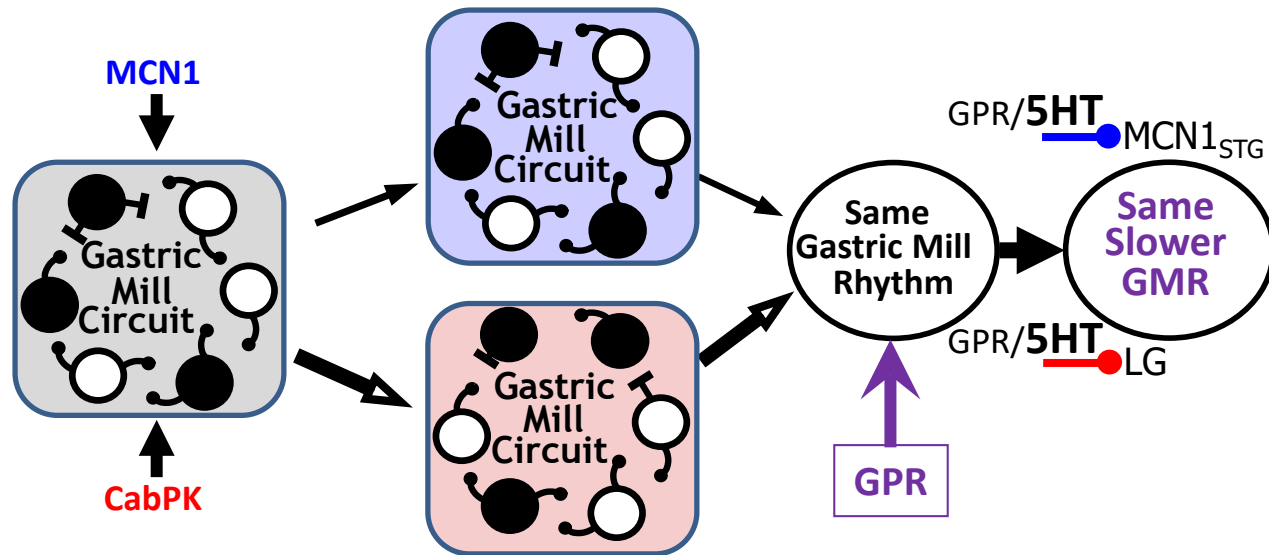
- **An extrinsic input can have divergent (CCAP) or convergent (GPR) action on different circuit states.**

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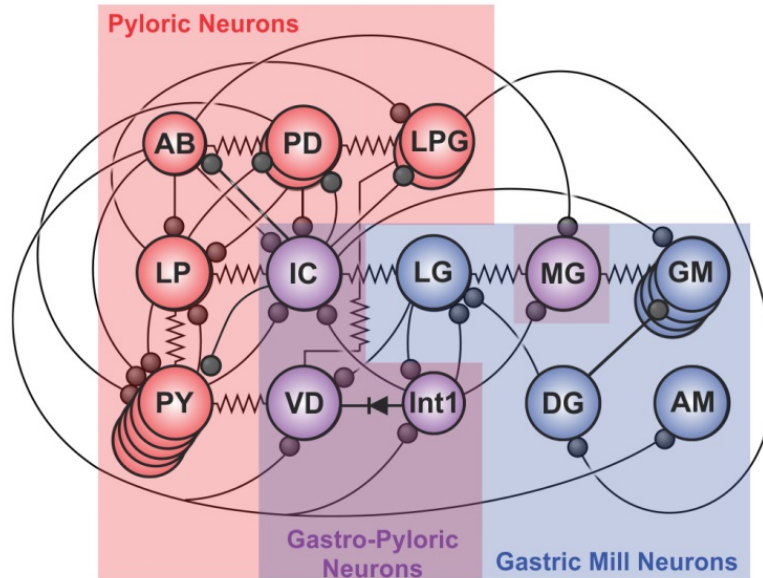
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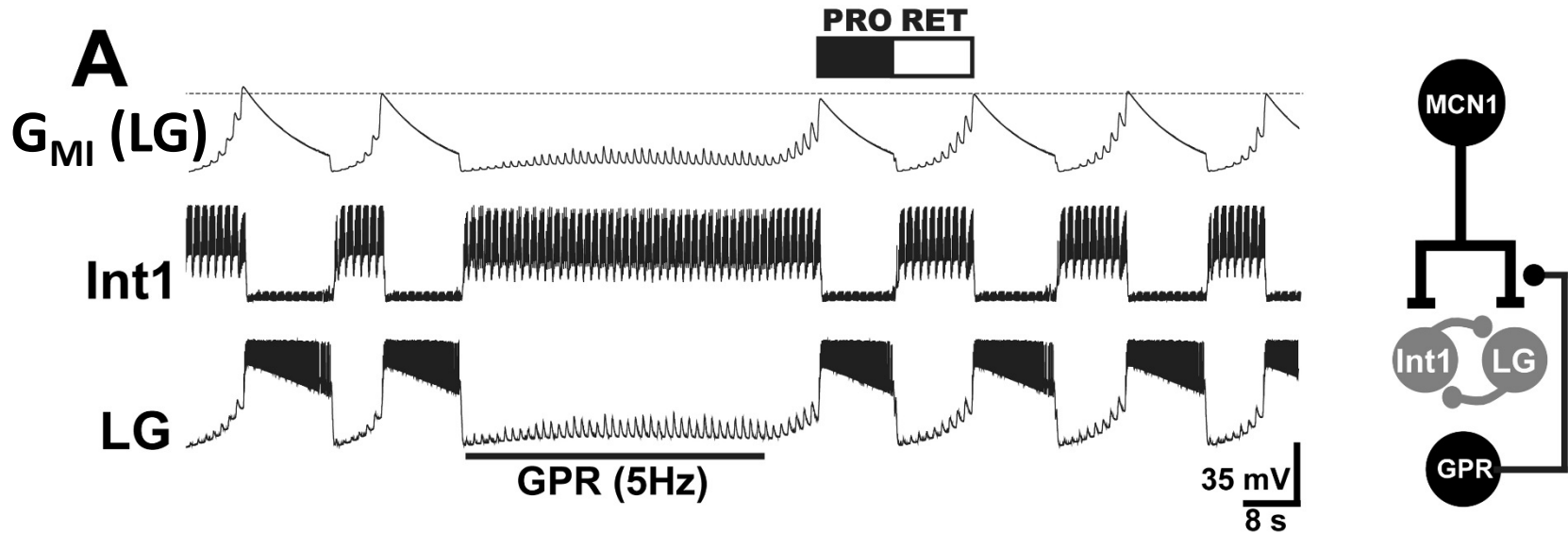
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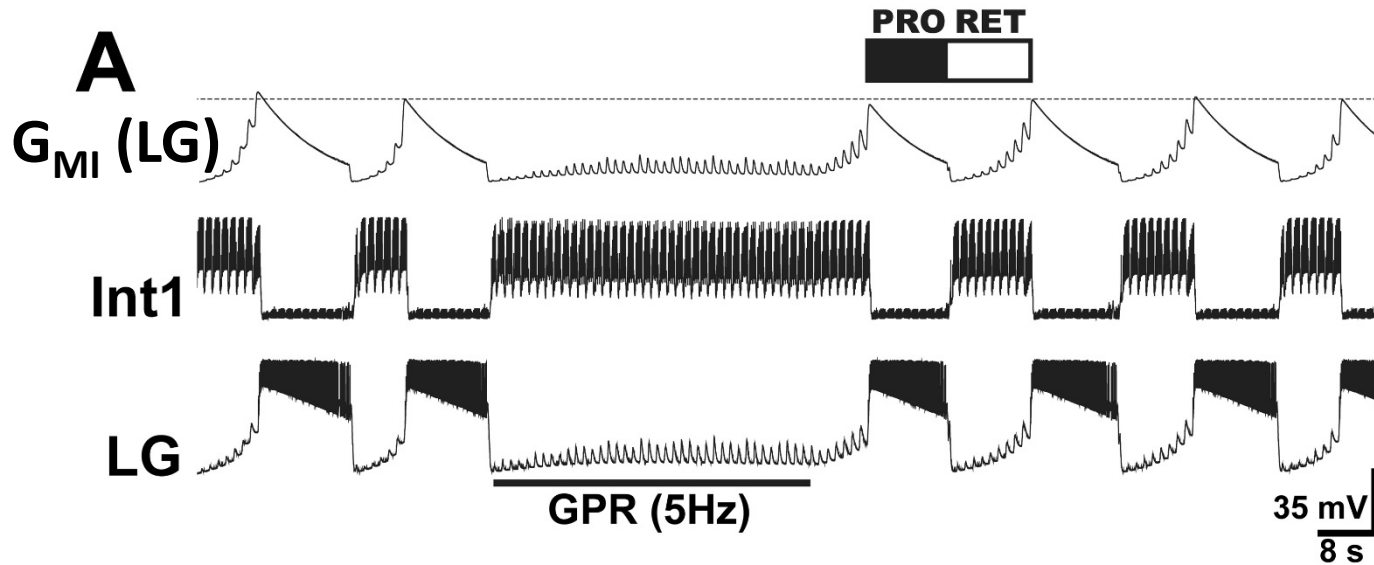
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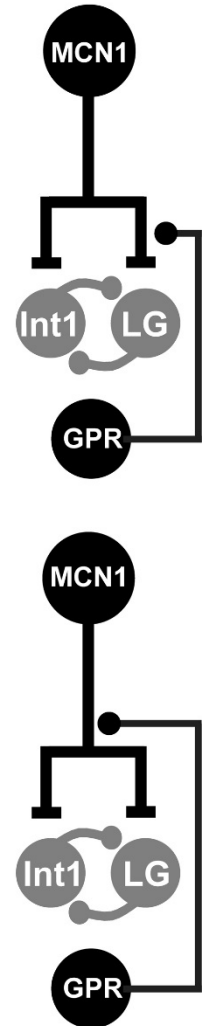
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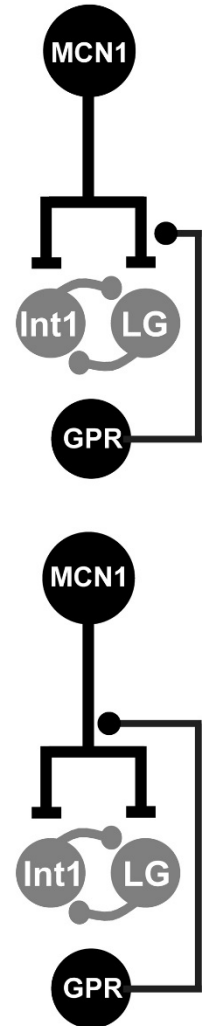
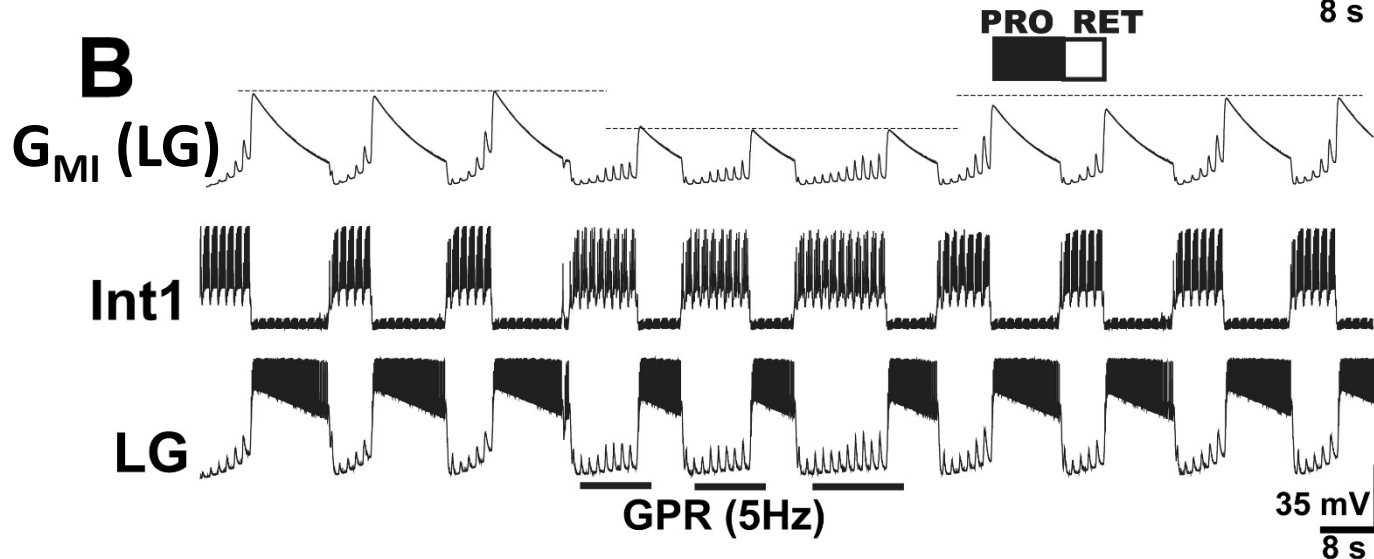
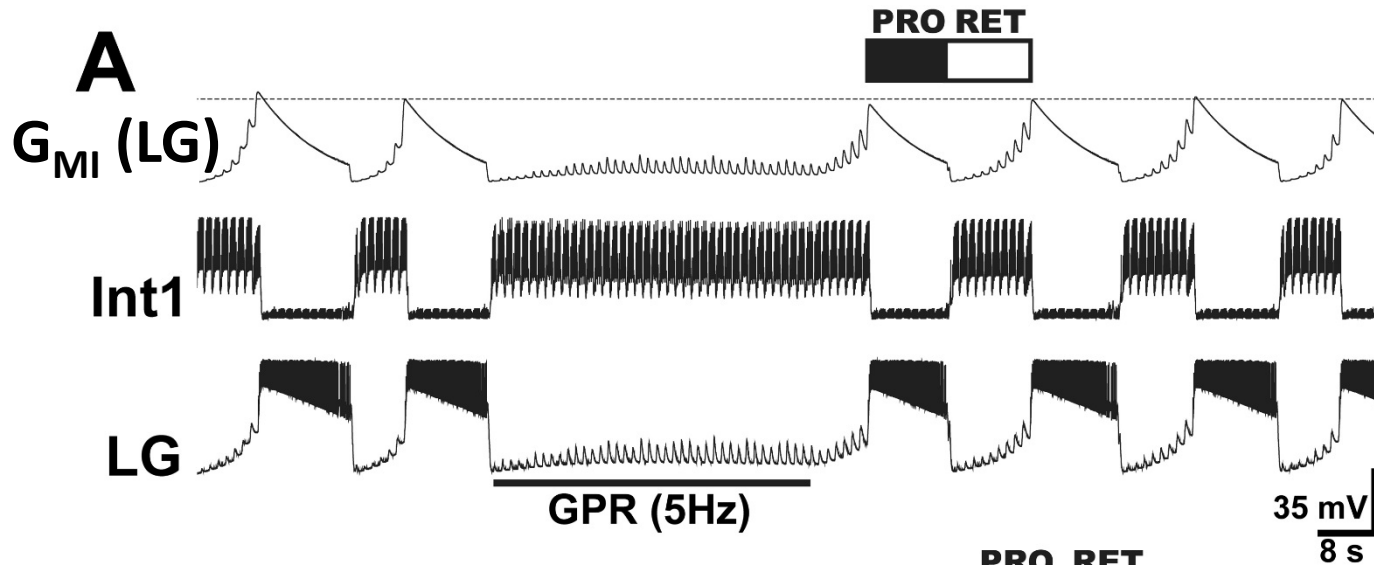
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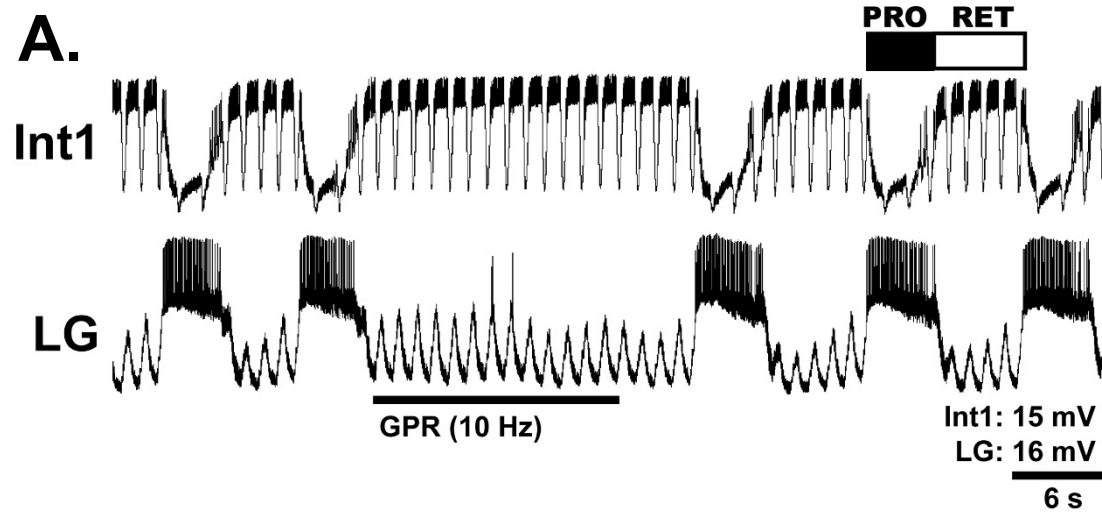
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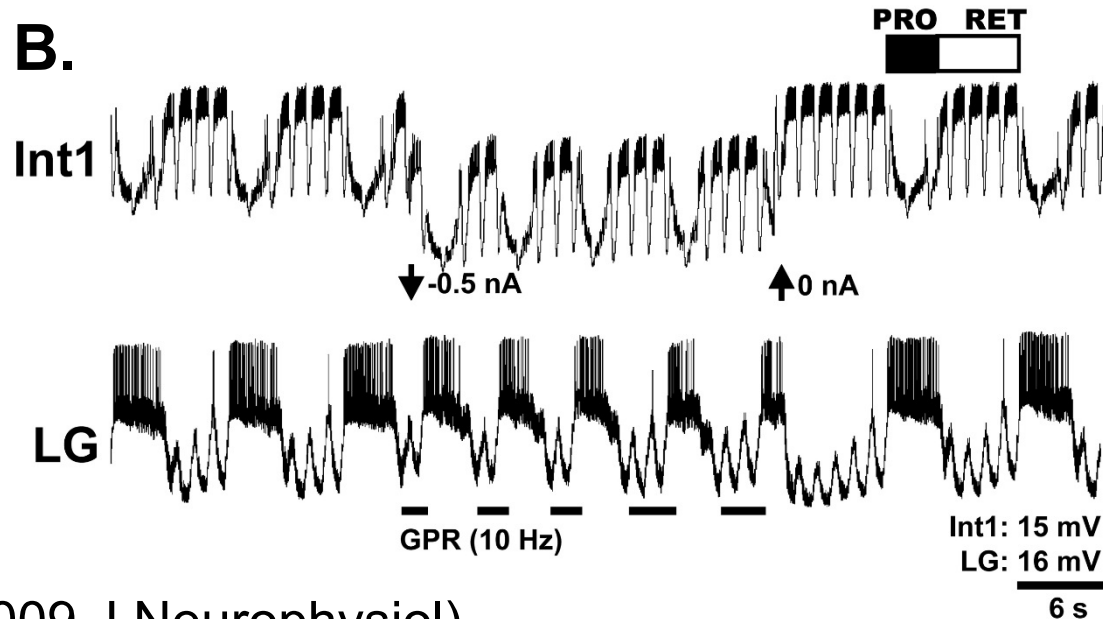
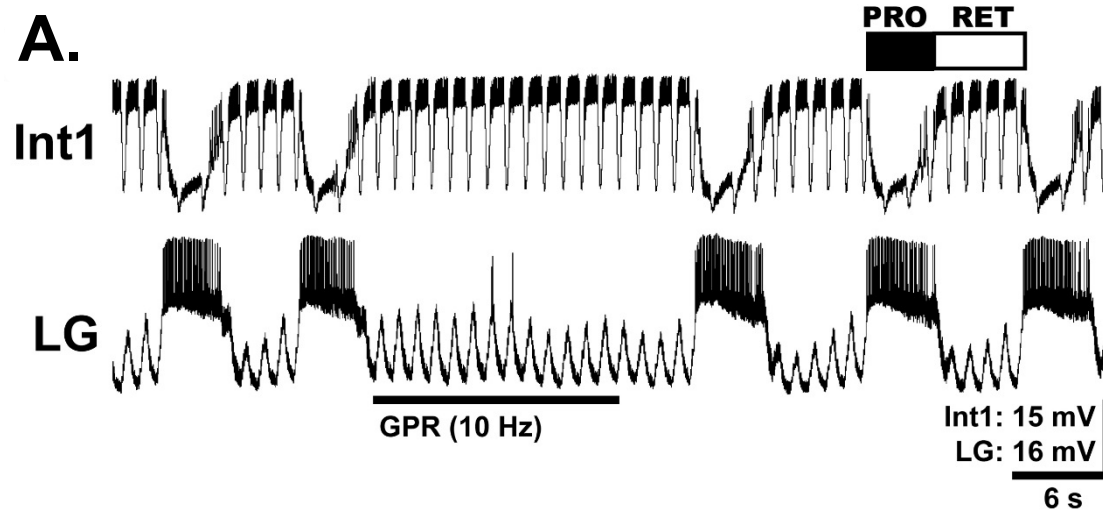
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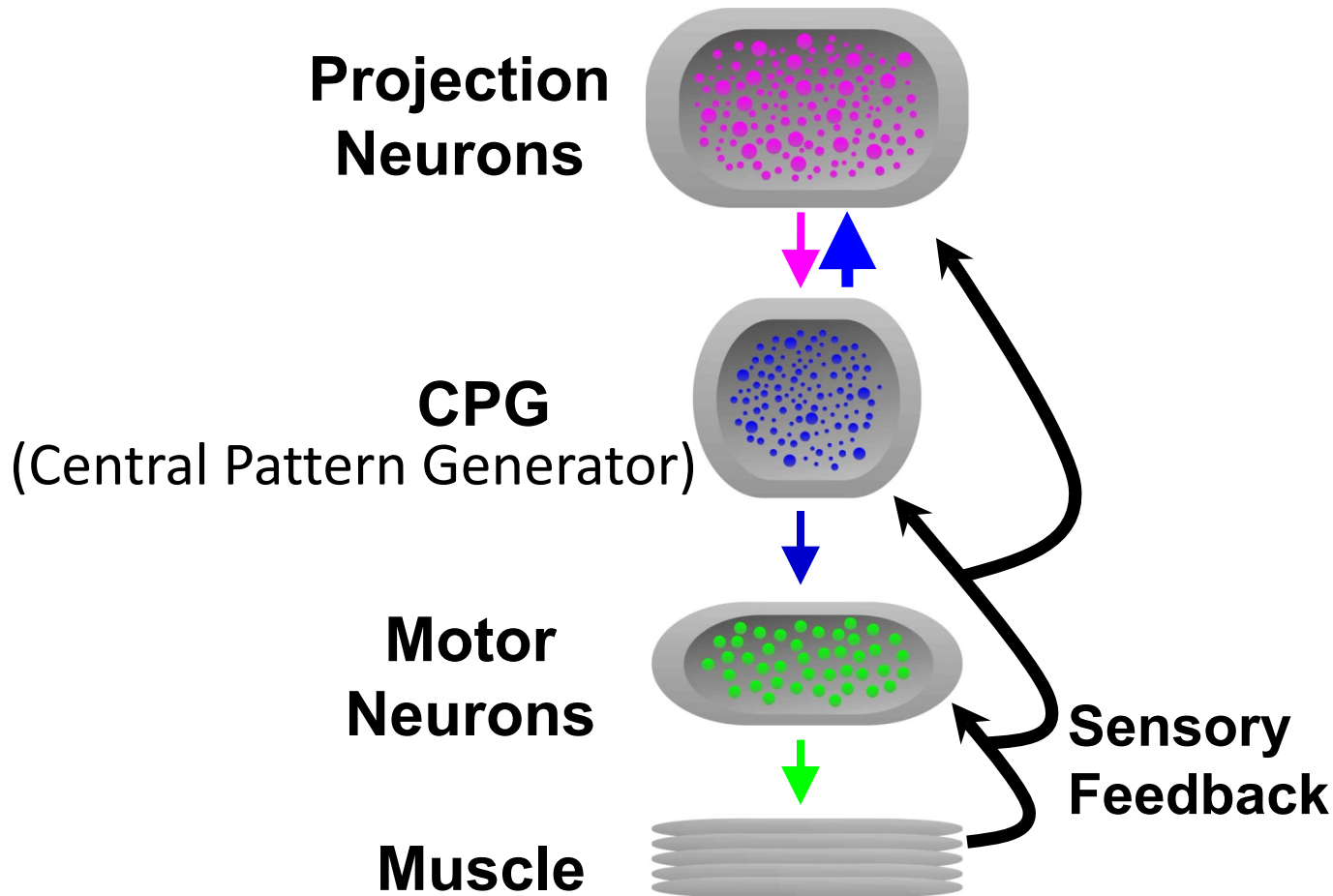


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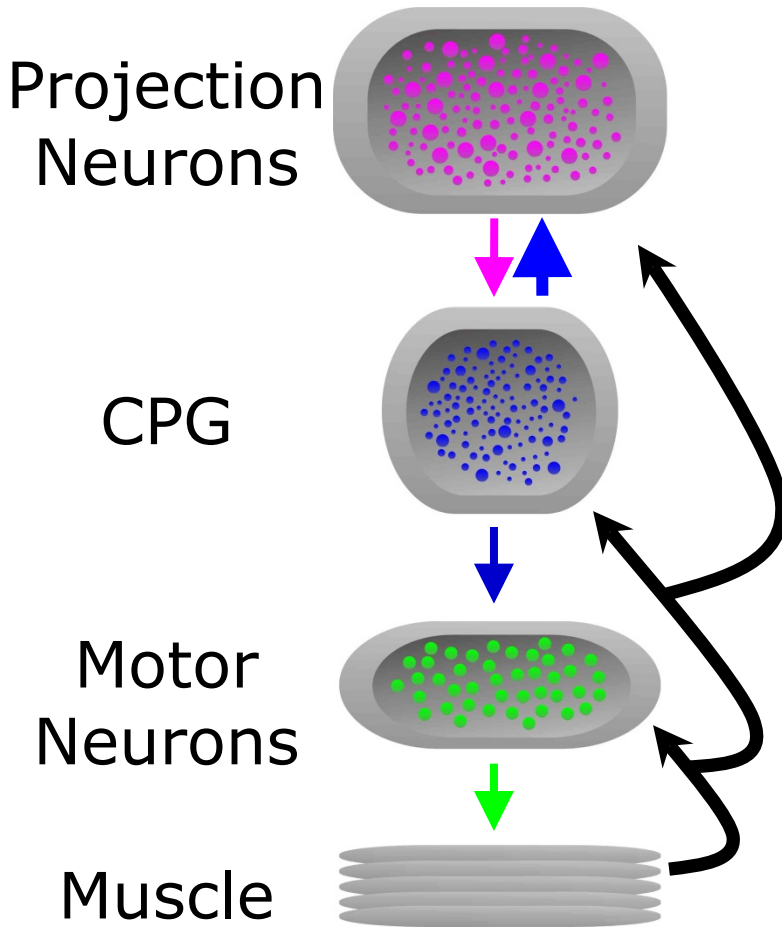
# Rhythmic Motor Systems

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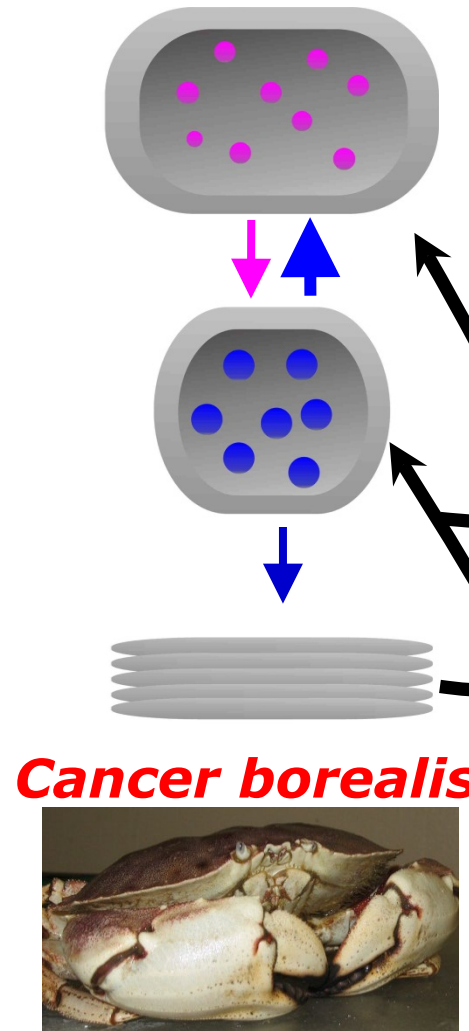


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## Basic Organization



## Small Model System



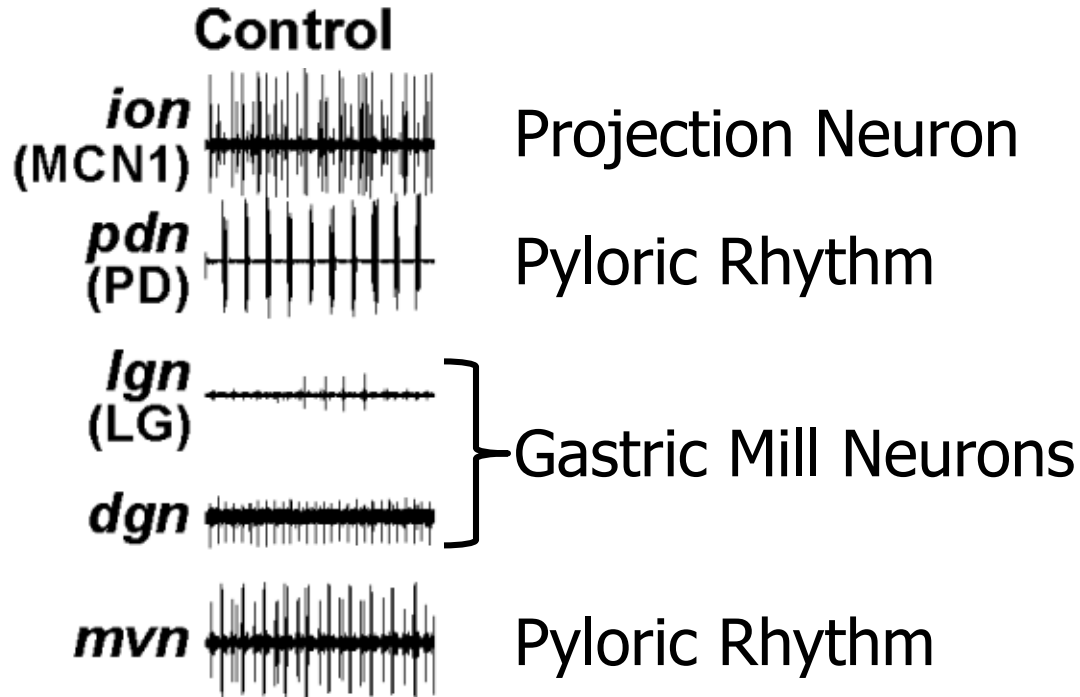
1. Same general principles.

2. Neurons are:  
Fewer.  
Small copy #.  
Larger.

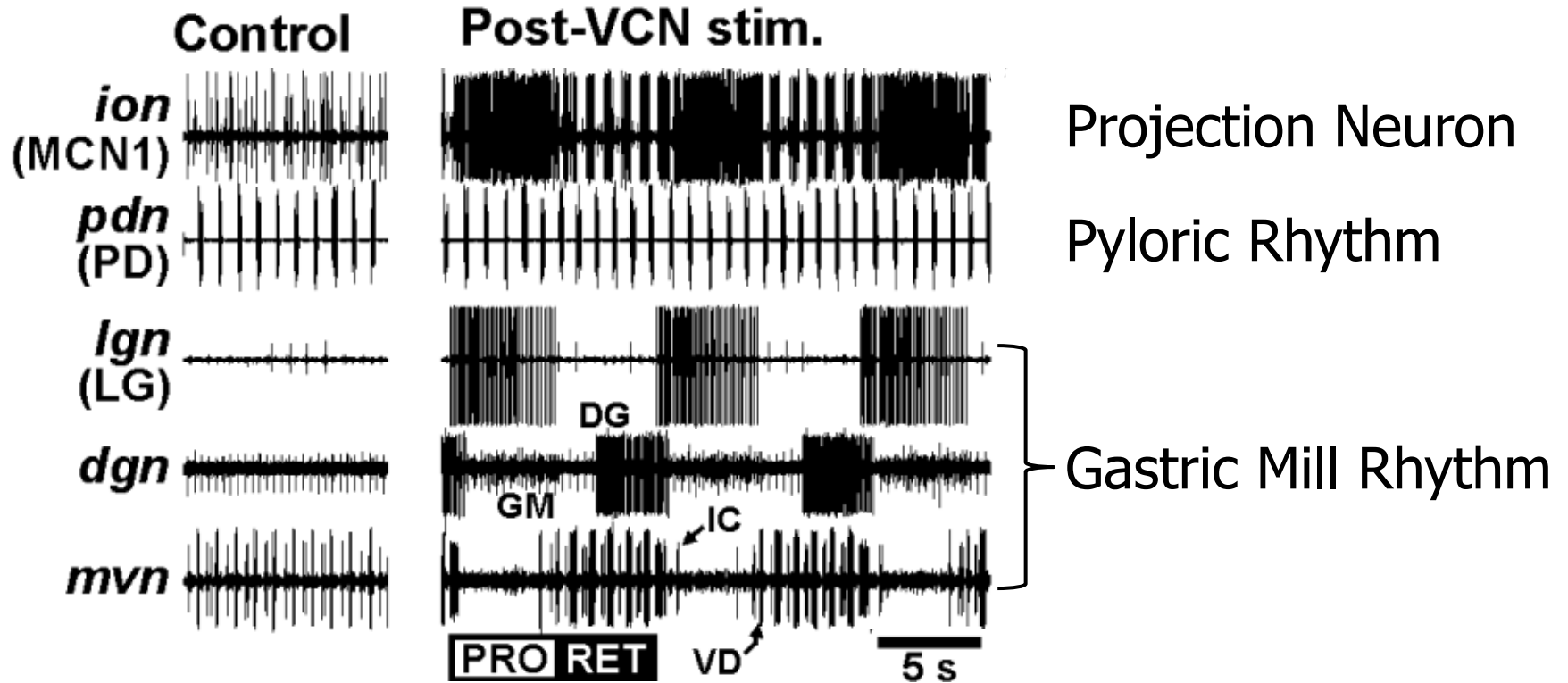
3. Projection- & CPG neurons and synapses are identified.



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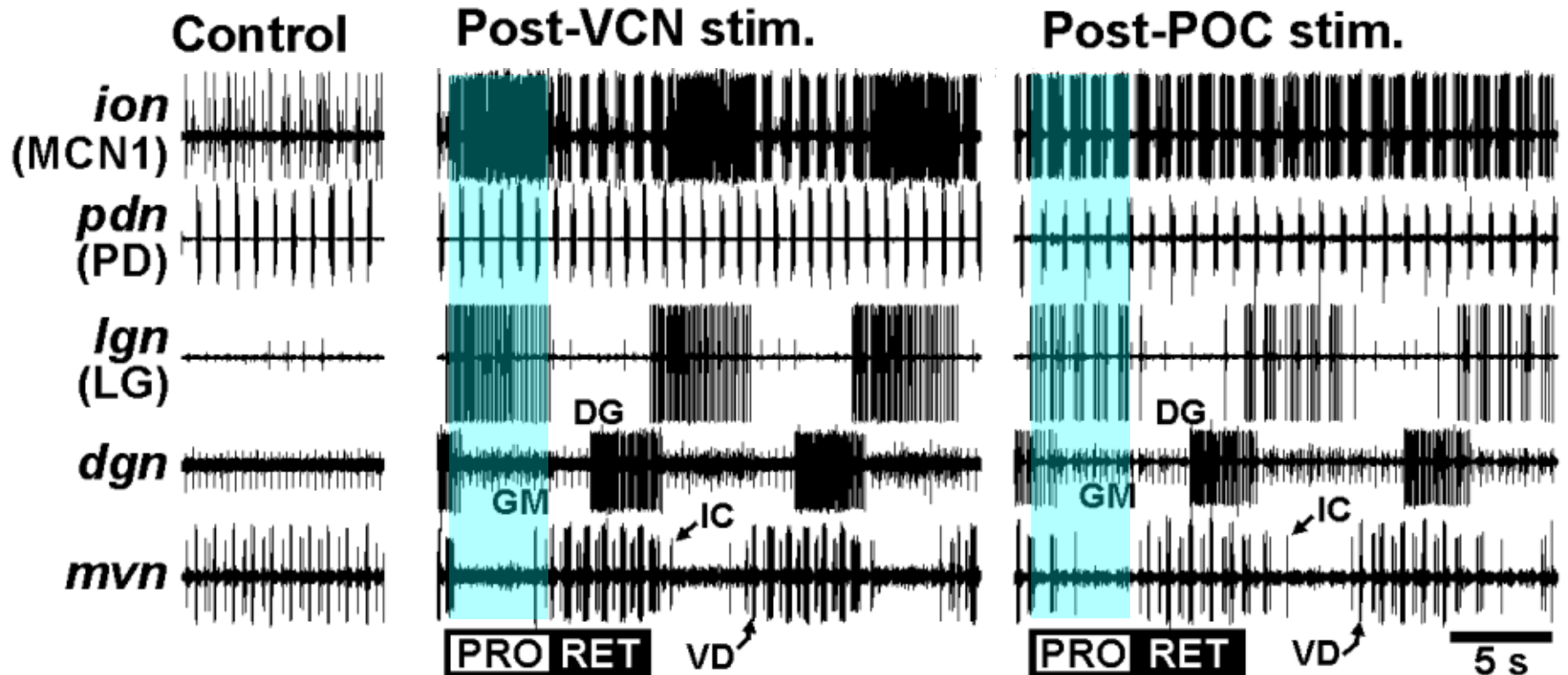


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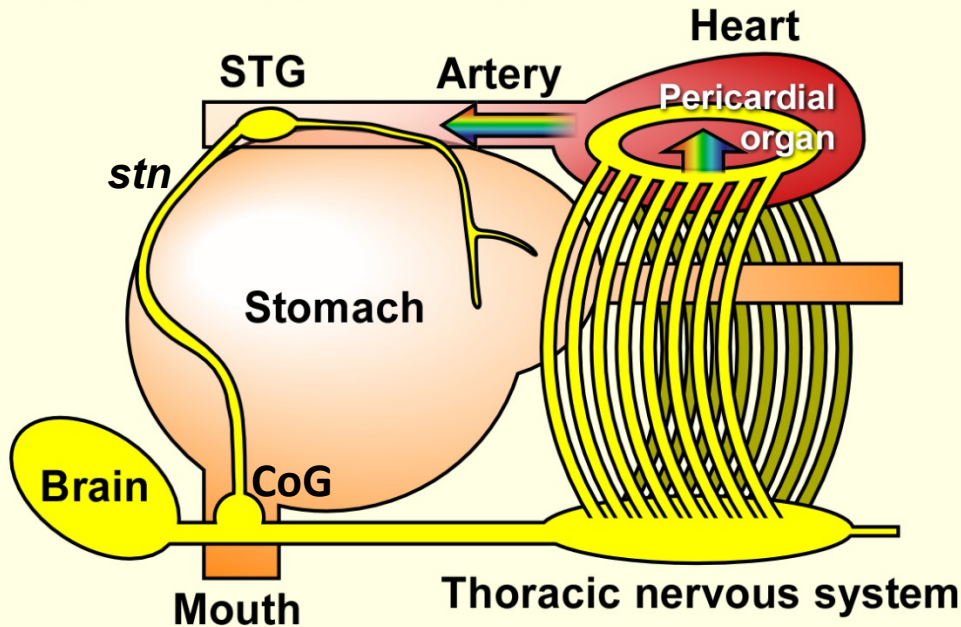


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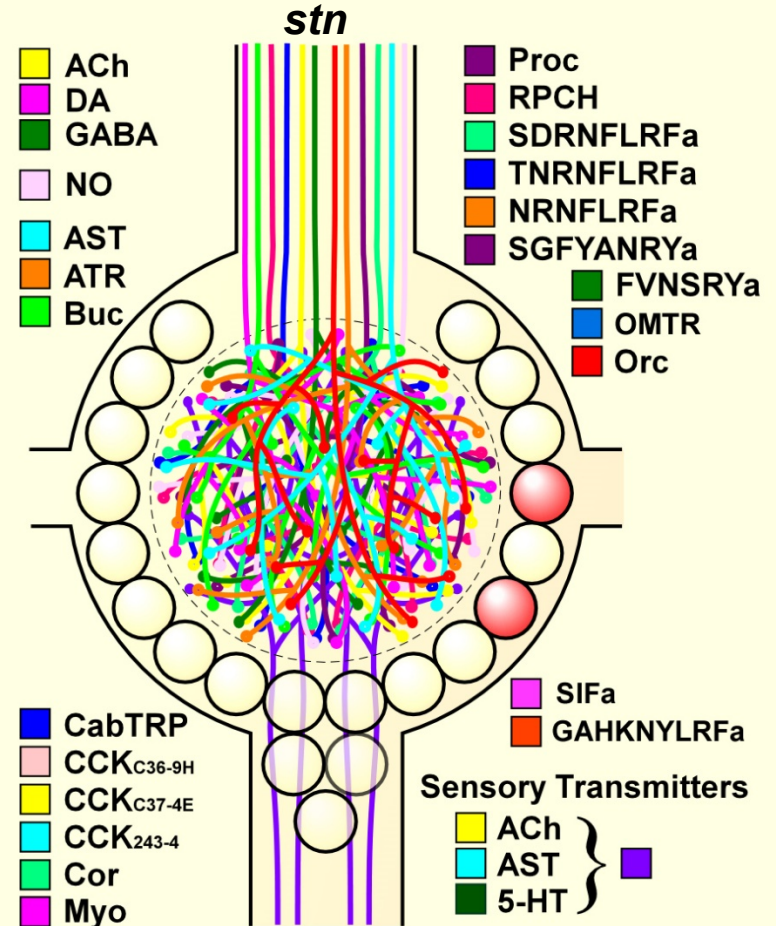
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## circulating neurohormones

|        |          |                       |           |
|--------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| DA     | CCAP     | $\beta$ -PDH          | SGFYANRYa |
| 5-HT   | RPCH     | CCK <sub>C36-9H</sub> | FVNSRYa   |
| AST    | Cor      | CCK <sub>243-4</sub>  | PAFYSQRYa |
| ATR    | Proc     | SDRNFLRFa             | Cor2      |
| Buc    | Myo      | TNRNFLRFa             | Pevkinin  |
| CabTRP | Orc      | NRNFLRFa              | OMTR      |
| SIFa   | CbASTB-1 | GAHKNYLRFa            |           |

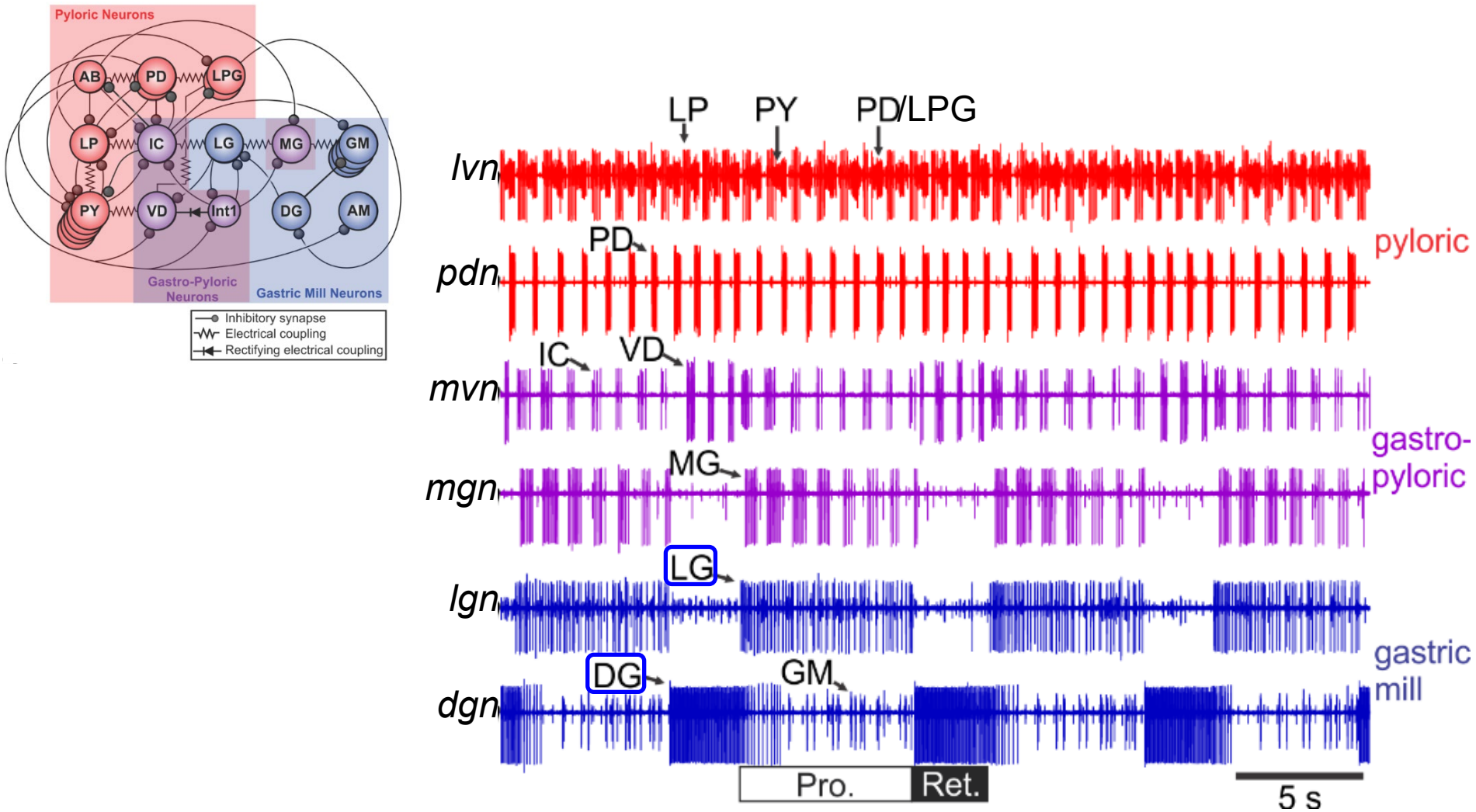


## locally-delivered neuromodulators



(Marder E, Lab Website)  
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