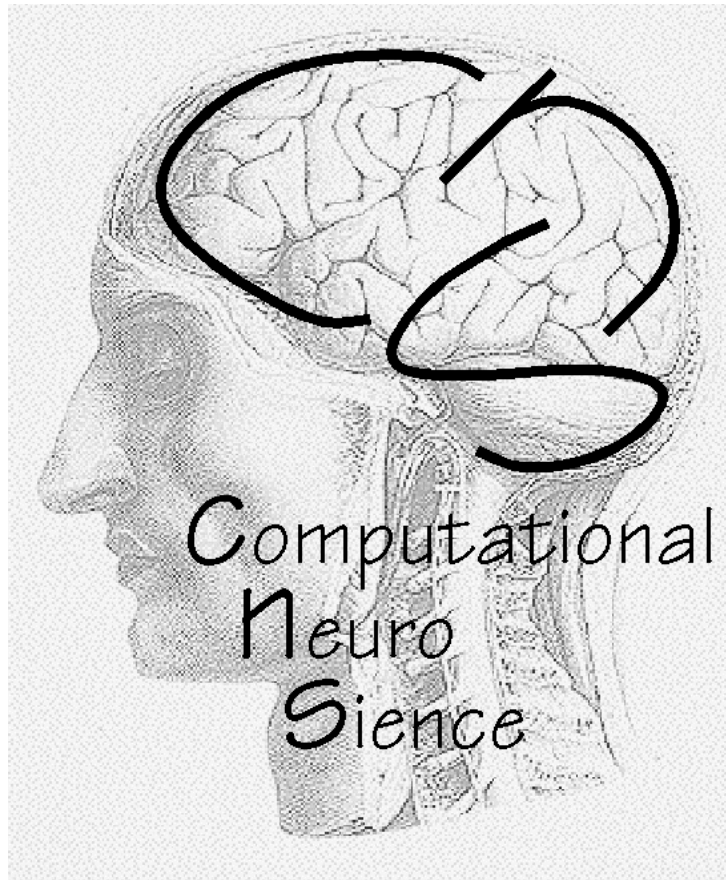


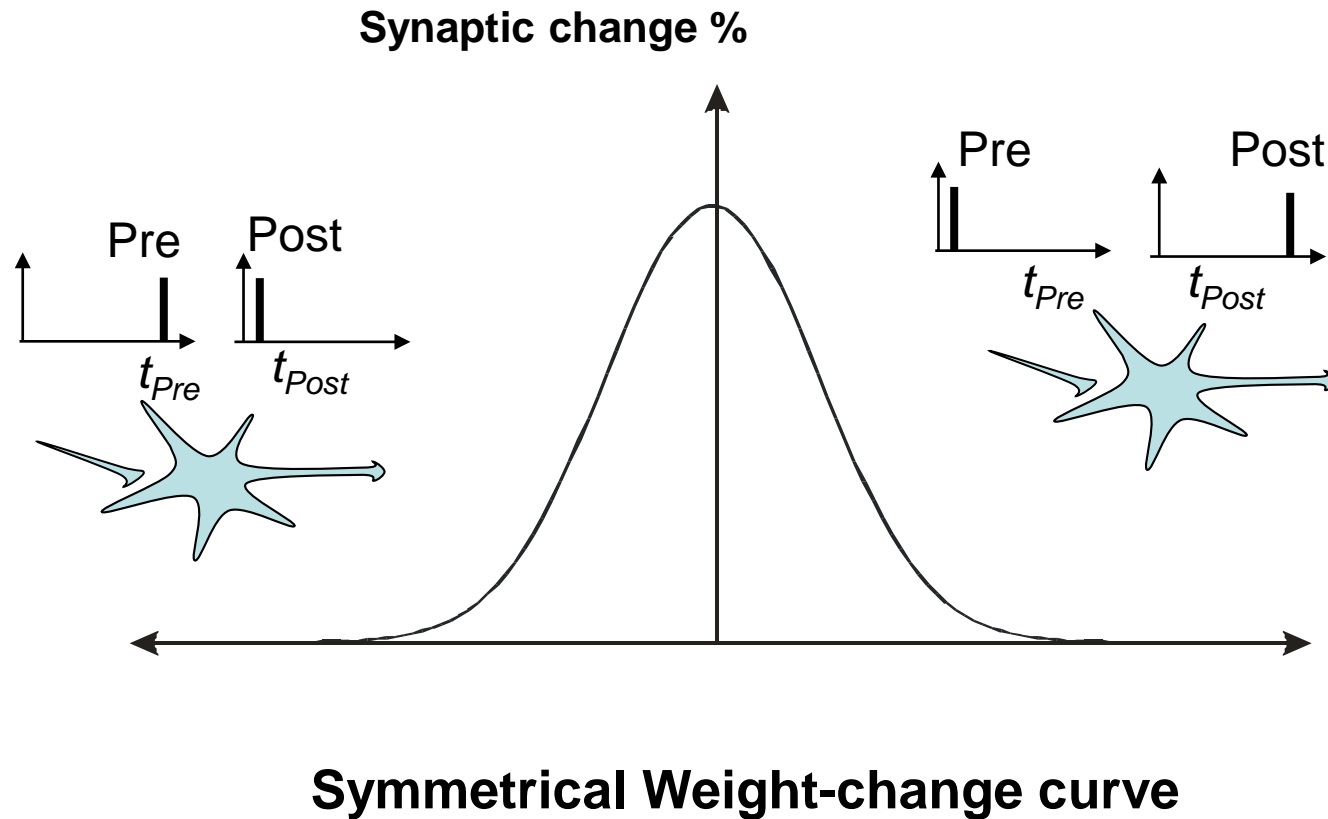
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Lecture 3:

Differential Hebbian Learning:  
Open Loop Systems

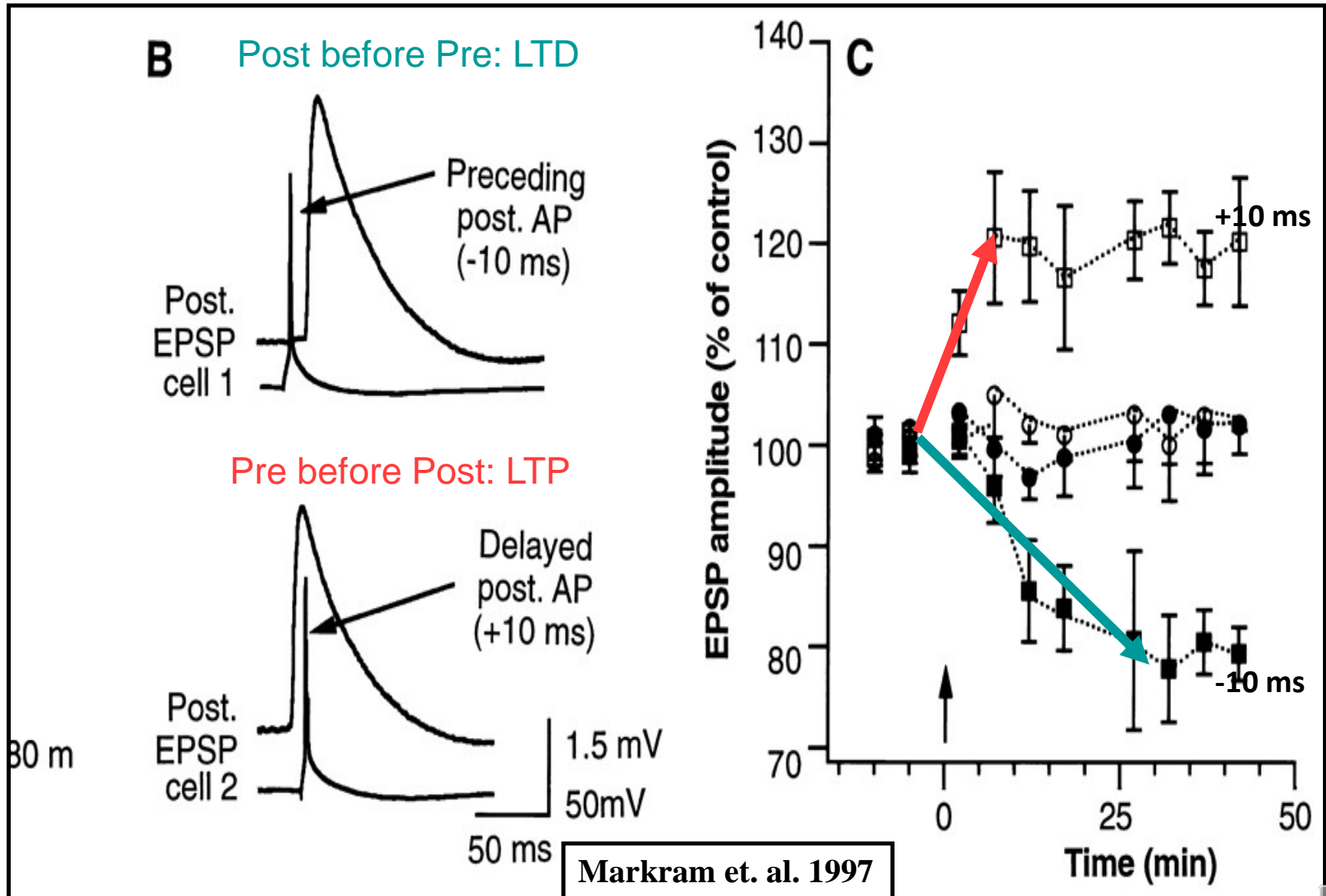
# Conventional LTP



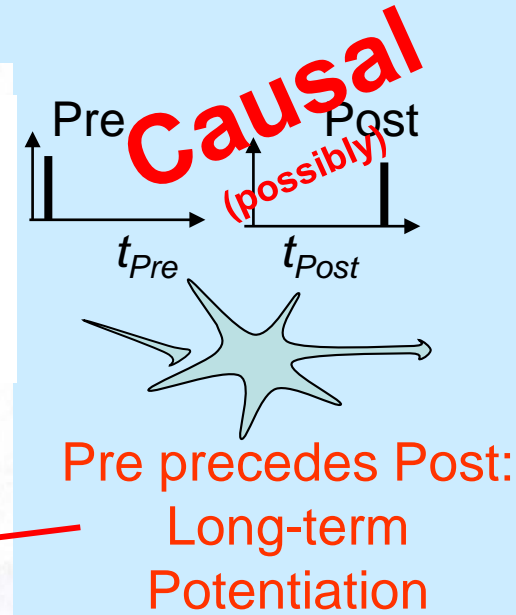
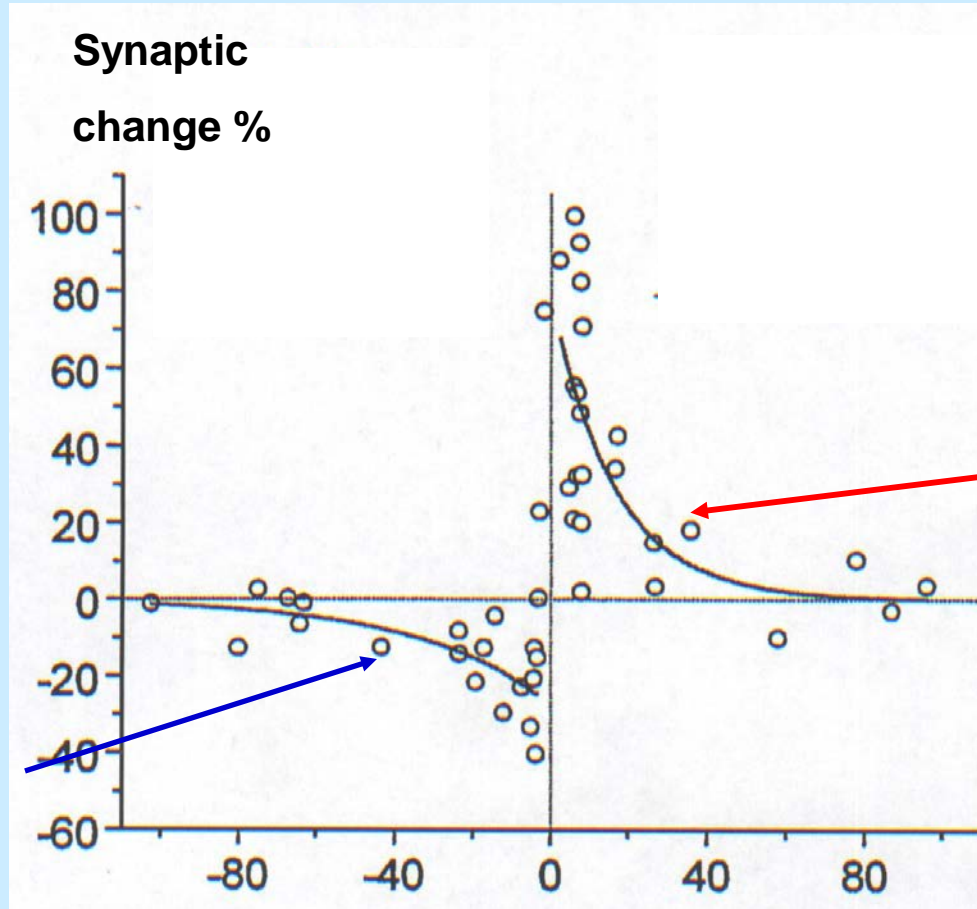
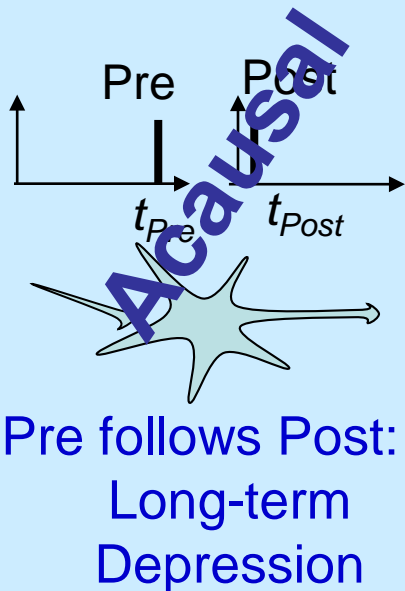
The temporal order of input and output does not play any role



# Spike timing dependent plasticity - STDP



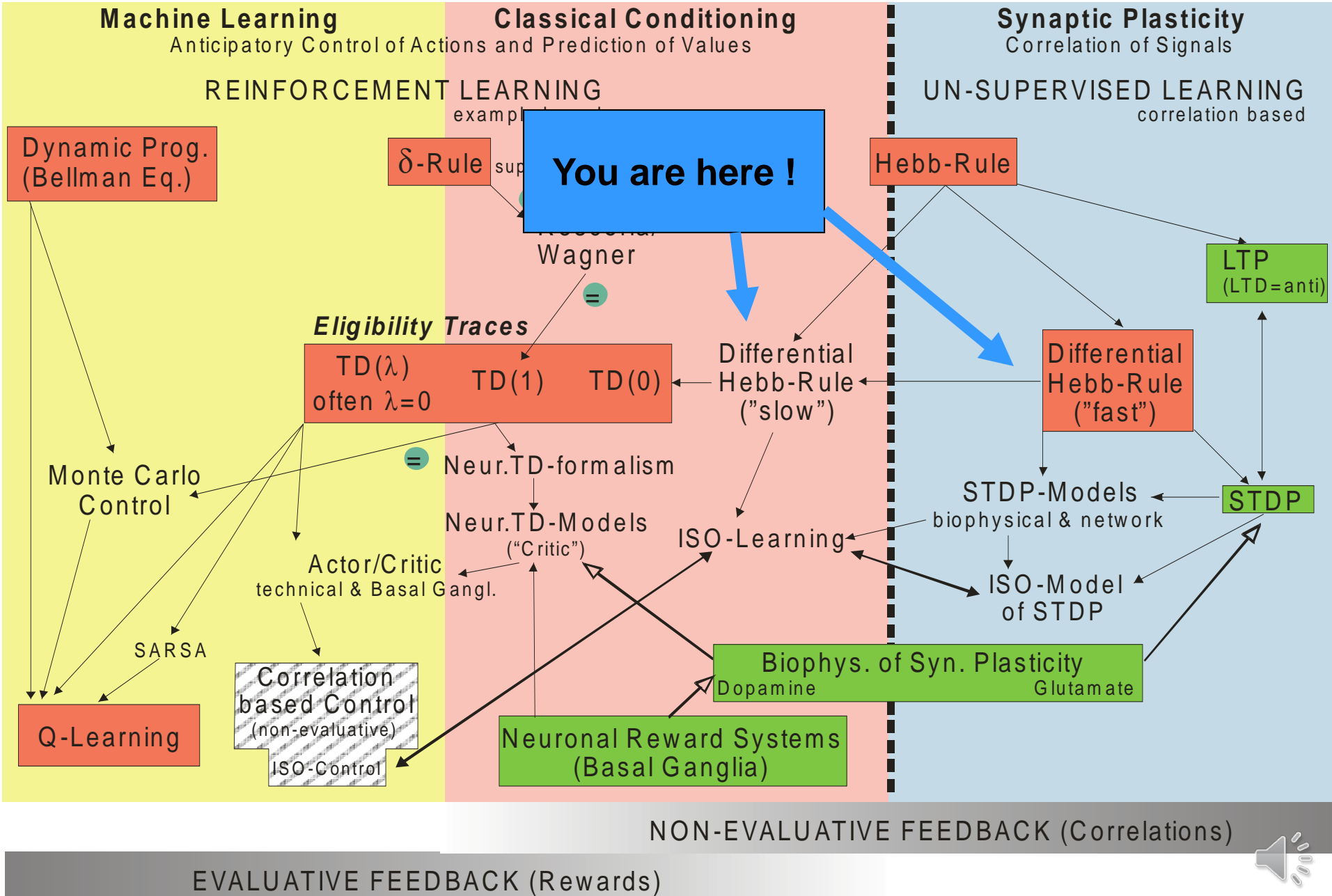
# Spike Timing Dependent Plasticity: Temporal Hebbian Learning



Weight-change curve  
(Bi&Poo, 2001)



# Overview over different methods



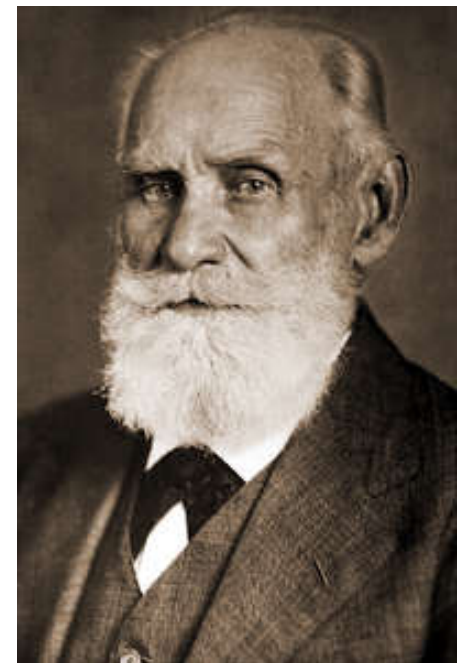
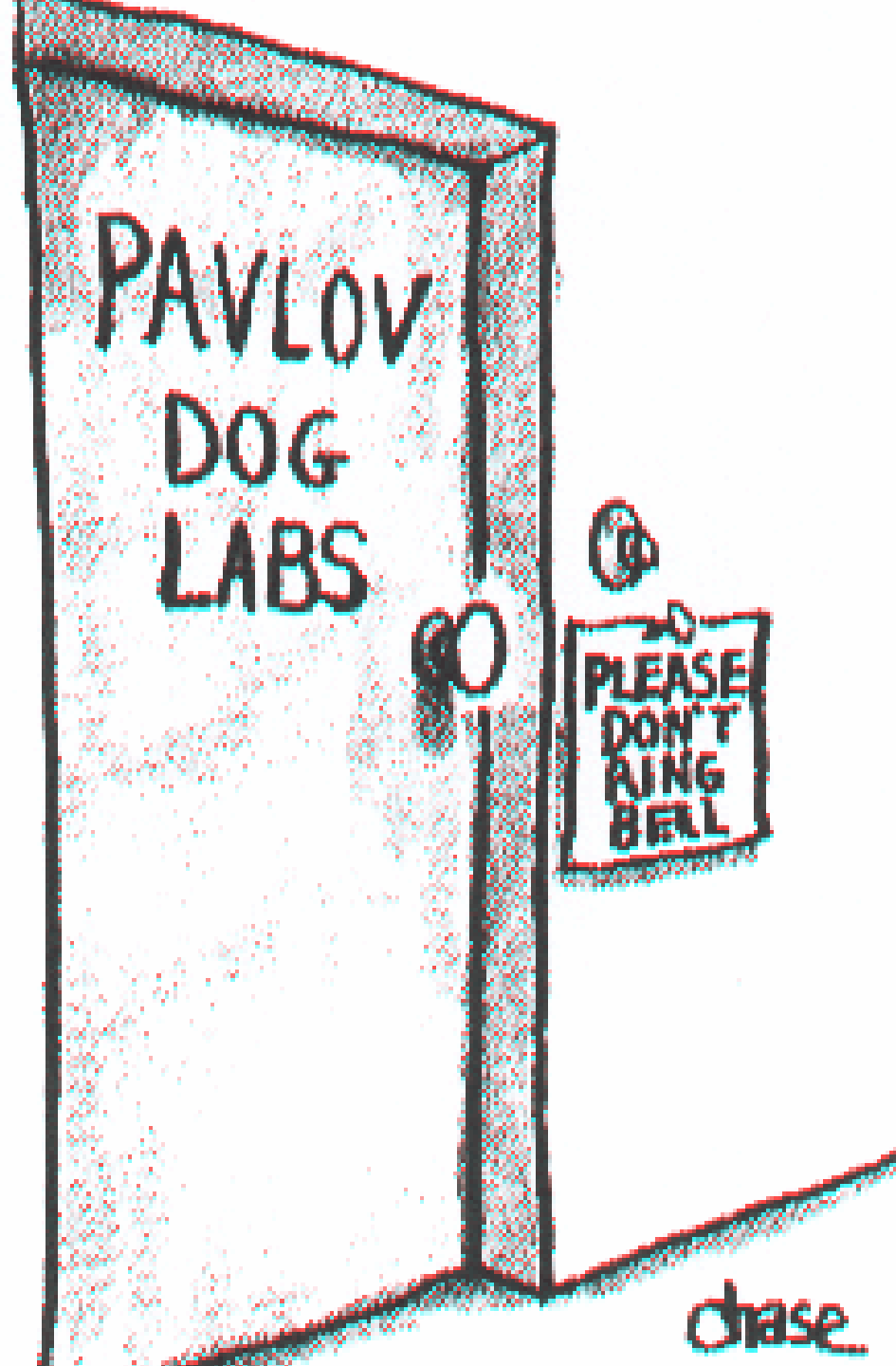
# History of the Concept of Temporally Asymmetrical Learning: Classical Conditioning

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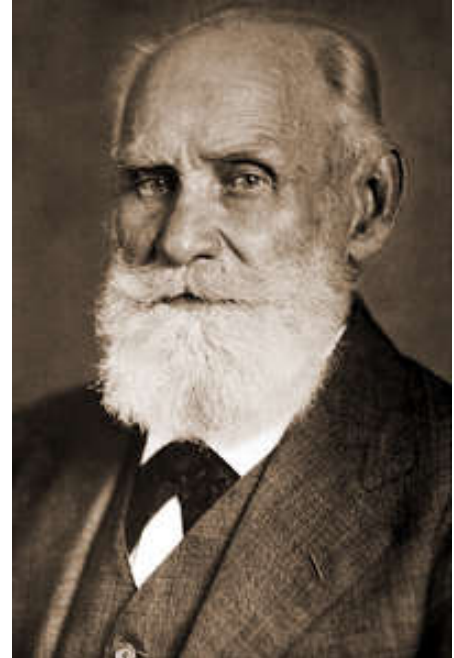
# History of the Concept of Temporally Asymmetrical Learning: Classical Conditioning

Correlating two stimuli which are shifted with respect to each other in time.

Pavlov's Dog: "Bell *comes earlier* than Food"

This requires to **remember** the stimuli in the system.

**Eligibility Trace**: A synapse remains "eligible" for modification for some time *after* it was active (Hull 1938, then a still abstract concept).



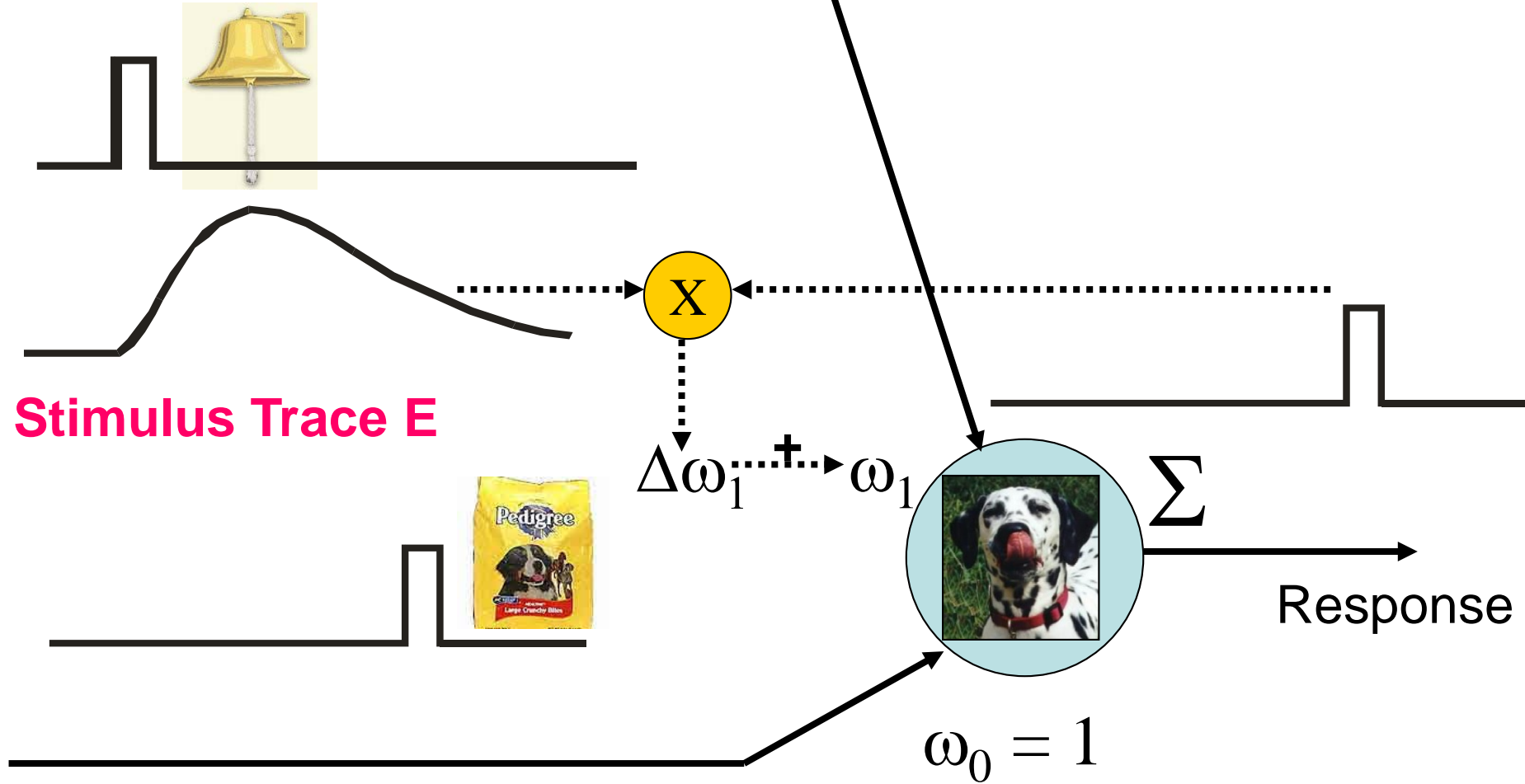
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# Classical Conditioning: Eligibility Traces

Conditioned Stimulus (Bell)



The first stimulus needs to be “remembered” in the system

# History of the Concept of Temporally Asymmetrical Learning: Classical Conditioning

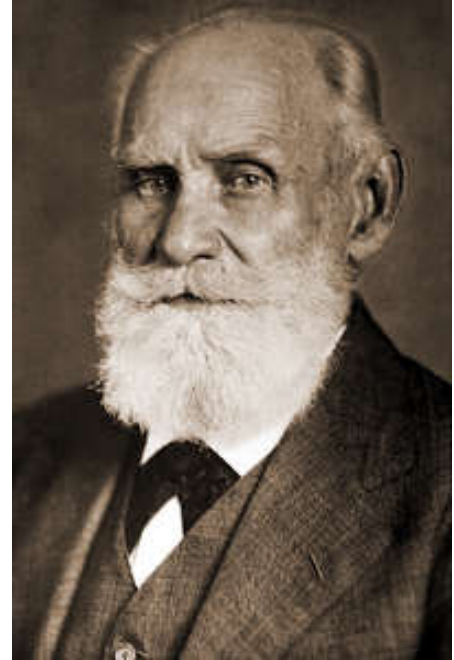
## Eligibility Traces

Note: There are **vastly different time-scales** for (Pavlov's) behavioural experiments:

Typically up to **4 seconds**

as compared to STDP at neurons:

Typically **40-60 milliseconds** (max.)

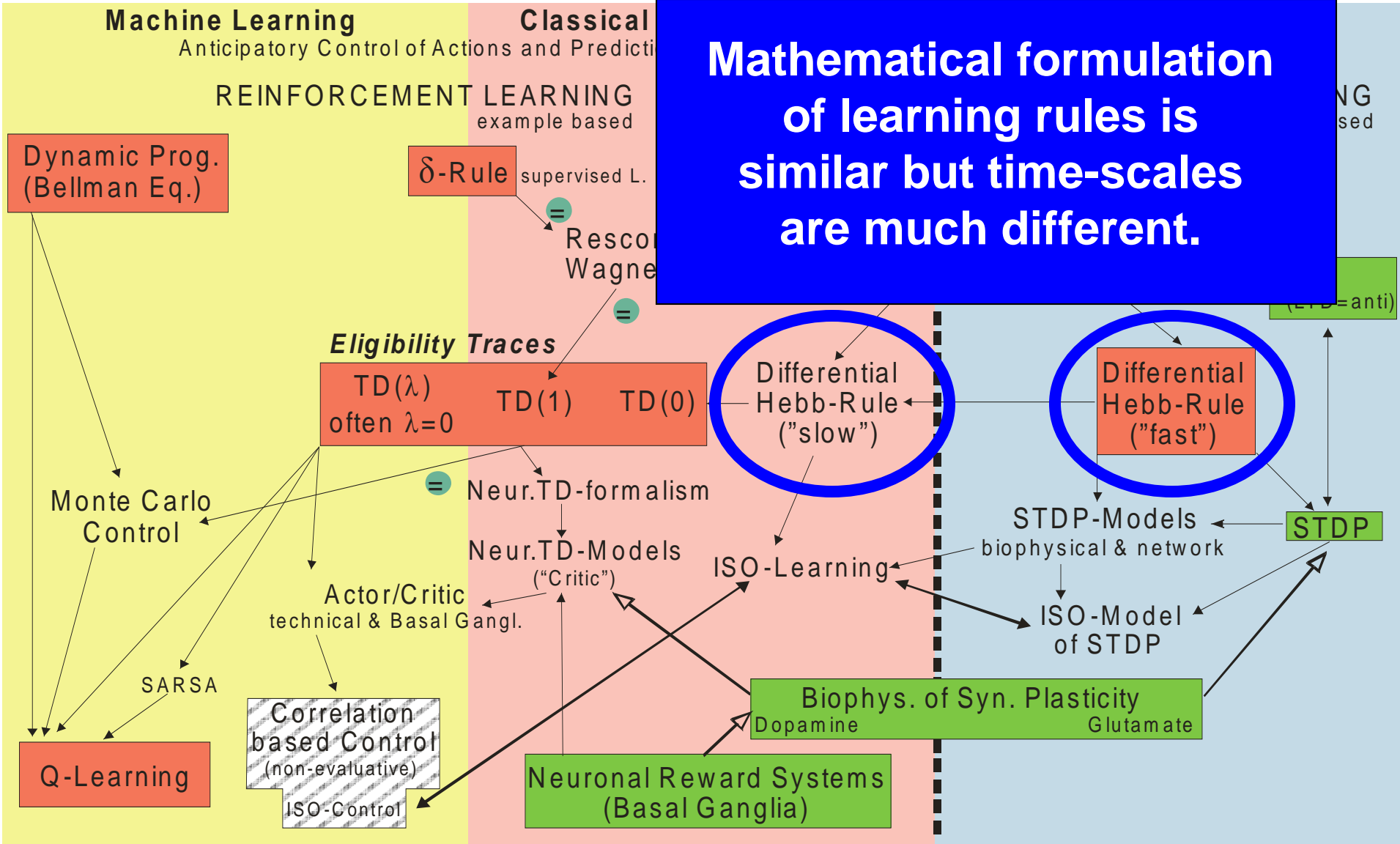


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# Overview over different methods

**Mathematical formulation of learning rules is similar but time-scales are much different.**



NON-EVALUATIVE FEEDBACK (Correlations)

EVALUATIVE FEEDBACK (Rewards)



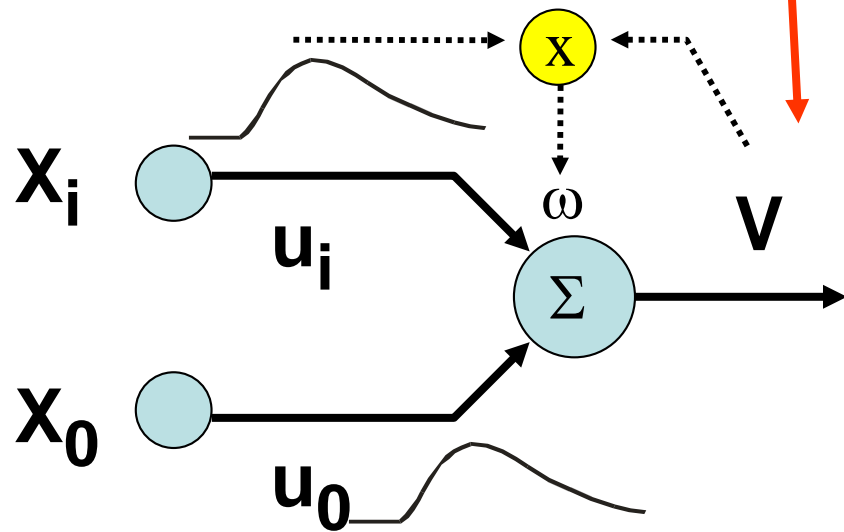
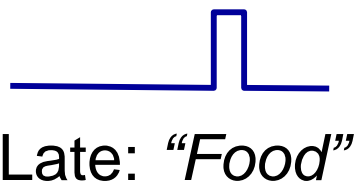
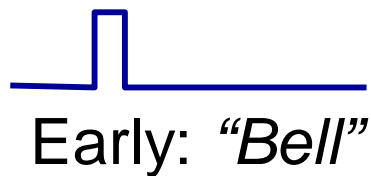
# Differential Hebb Learning Rule

$$\frac{d}{dt} \omega_i(t) = \mu u_i(t) V'(t)$$

Simpler Notation

$x$  = Input

$u$  = Traced Input



# Defining the Trace

In general there are many ways to do this, but usually one chooses a trace that looks biologically realistic and allows for some analytical calculations, too.

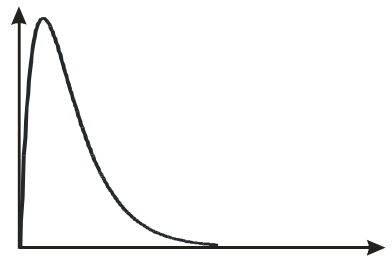
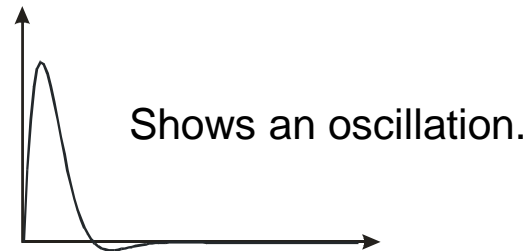
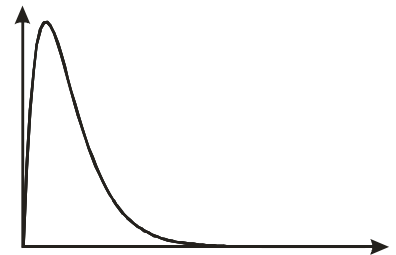
$$h(t) = \begin{cases} h_k(t) & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

**EPSP-like functions:**

**$\alpha$ -function:**  $h_k(t) = te^{-at}$

**Dampened Sine wave:**  $h_k(t) = \frac{1}{b} \sin(bt) e^{-at}$

**Double exp.:**  $h_k(t) = \frac{1}{\delta} (e^{-at} - e^{-bt})$



This one is most easy to handle analytically and, thus, often used.



# Defining the Traced Input $u$

Convolution:

$$u(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u)g(x-u)du = f(x) \circ g(x) = g(x) \circ f(x)$$



**Note the differences !**

Correlation:

$$w(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u)g(u-x)du = g(x) * f(x) \neq f(x) * g(x)$$

**Convolution used to define the traced input,**

**Correlation used to calculate weight growth (see below).**



# Defining the Traced Input $u$

Convolution:

$$u(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u)g(x-u)du = f(x) \circ g(x) = g(x) \circ f(x)$$

Specifically (we are dealing with causal functions!):

$$u(t) = \int_0^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau$$

If  $x$  is a spike train  
(using the  $\delta$ -function):

$$x(t) = \sum_{j=0}^M \delta(t_j)$$

Then:

$$u(t) = \sum_{j=0}^M h(t - t_j)$$

For example:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) = \delta(0) & & u(t) = h(t) \\ x(t) = \delta(T) & & u(t) = h(t - T) \end{aligned}$$



# Differential Hebb Rules – The Basic Rule

## General:

Two inputs only. Thus we get for the output:

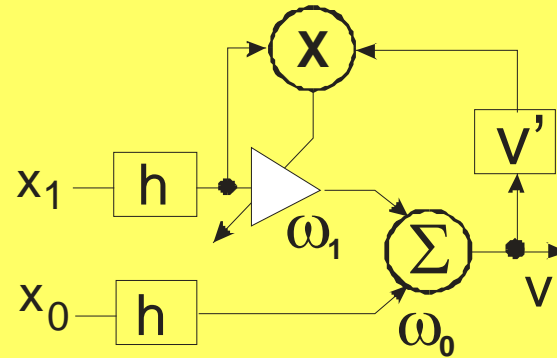
$$v = w_0 u_0 + w_1 u_1$$

One weight unchanging:

$$w_0 = 1 = \text{const.}$$

Same  $h$  for all inputs.

## The basic rule: ISO-Learning



$$\text{ISO rule} \quad \frac{dw_1}{dt} = \mu u_1 v'$$

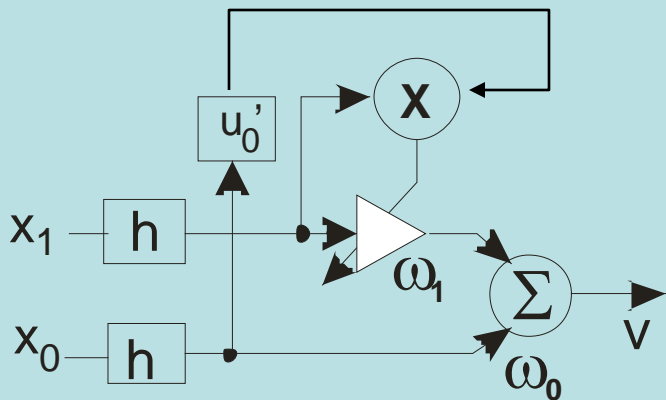
Isotropic Sequence Order Lng.  
(as we can also allow  $w_0$  to change!)





# Differential Hebb Rules – More rules (but why?)

## ICO - Learning

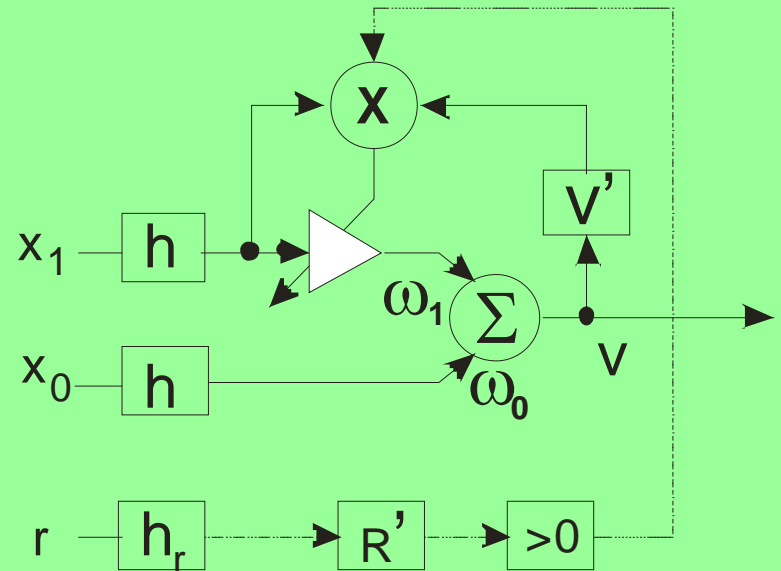


$$\text{ICO} \quad \frac{dw_1}{dt} = \mu \quad u_1 \quad u'_0$$

**Input correlation Learning**

(as we take the derivative of the unchanging input  $u_0$ )

## ISO3 - Learning



$$\text{ISO3} \quad \frac{dw_1}{dt} = \mu \quad u_1 \quad v' \quad R' \quad ]$$

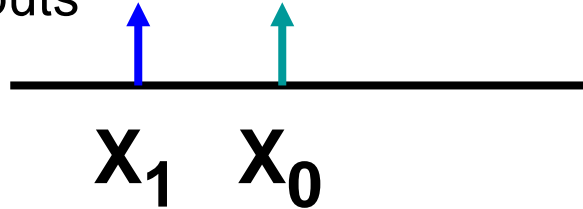
**Three factor learning**

The  $]$  denotes that we are only using positive contributions



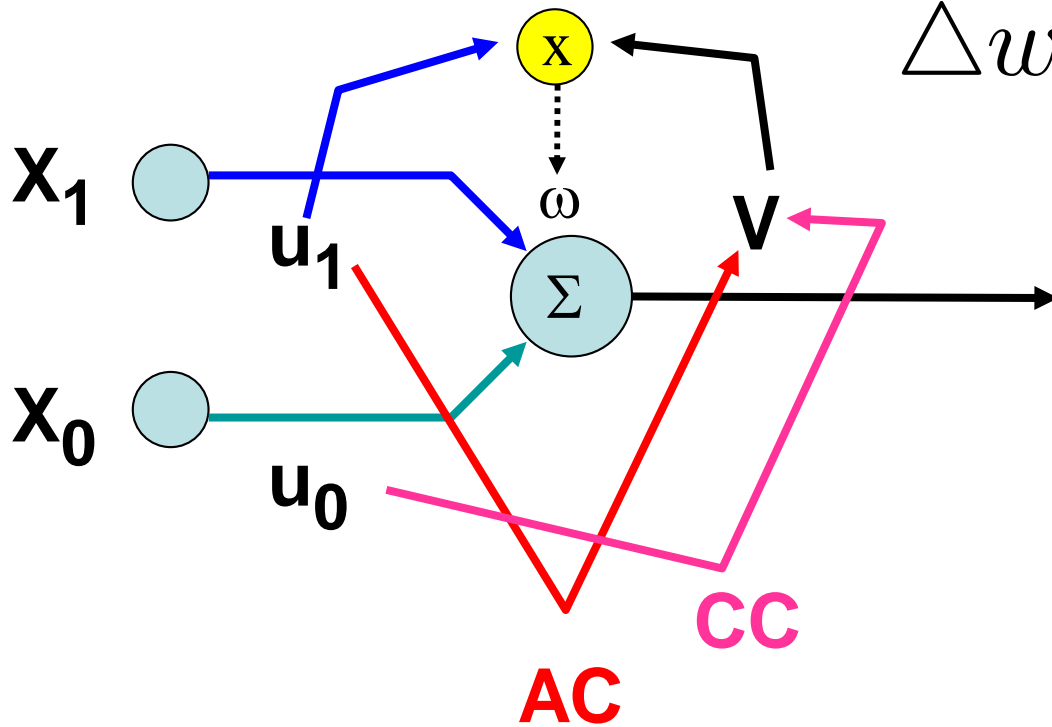
# Stability Analysis

Inputs



$$\frac{dw_1}{dt} = \mu u_1 v'$$

$$\Delta w_1 = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dw_1(t)}{dt} dt$$



$$\Delta w_1 = \Delta w_1^{AC} + \Delta w_1^{CC}$$



# Stability Analysis

$$\Delta w_1 = \Delta w_1^{AC} + \Delta w_1^{CC}$$

Undesired contribution                      Desired contribution

**Some problems with these differential equations:**

$$\Delta w_1 = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dw_1(t)}{dt} dt$$

1) As we are integrating to  $\infty$  strictly we need to assume that there is no second pulse pair coming in “ever”.

2) Furthermore we should assume that  $w_1' \rightarrow 0$  (hence  $\mu$  small) or we get second order influences, too.



# Stability Analysis (ISO)

Under these assumptions we can calculate  $\Delta w^{AC}$  and  $\Delta w^{CC}$  to find out whether the rules are stable or not.

In general we assume two inputs:

$$x_1(t) = \delta(t) \quad \text{and} \quad x_0(t) = \delta(t - T) \quad \text{Inputs} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \text{T} \\ \hline x_1 \quad x_0 \end{array}$$

and get for **ISO**: 
$$\frac{dw_1}{dt} = \mu u_1 v'$$

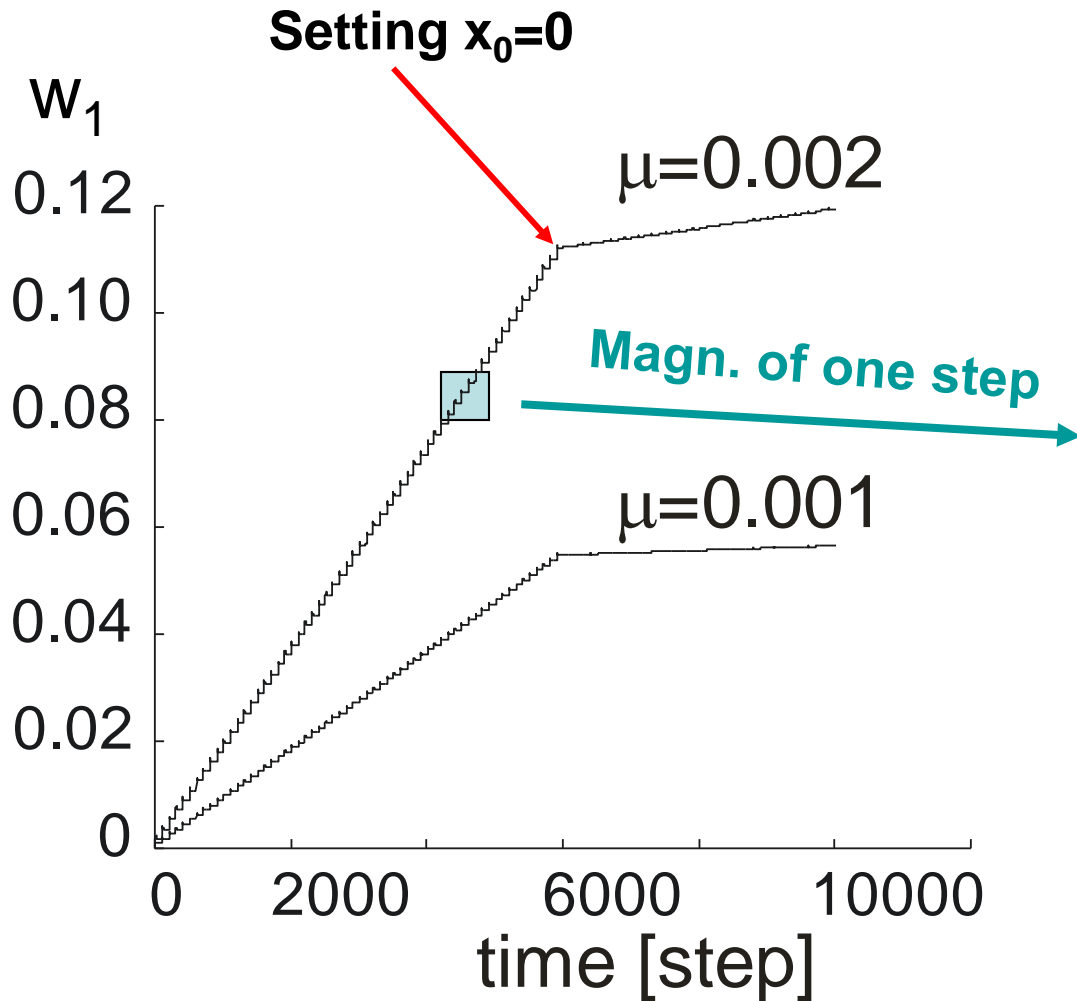
$$\Delta w_1^{CC} = w_0 \int h(t) h'(t - T) dt = w_0 \frac{1}{2\sigma} \frac{a-b}{a+b} h(T)$$

$$\Delta w_1^{AC} = w_1 \left( e^{\int h(t) h'(t-T) dt} - 1 \right) = w_1 \left( e^{\frac{1}{2} h^2(\infty)} - 1 \right) = 0$$

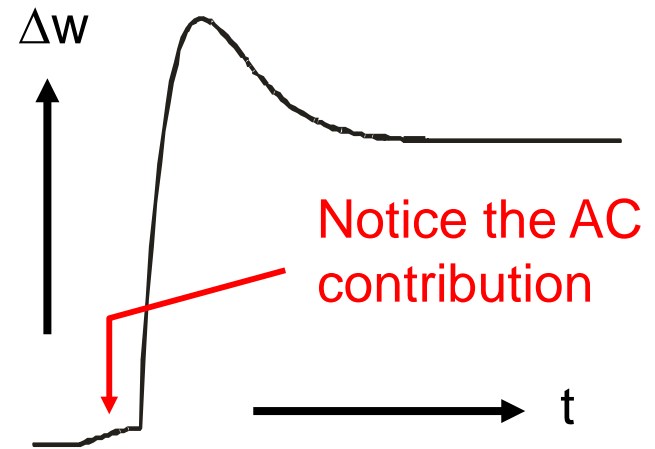
ISO is (only) asymptotically stable for  $T \rightarrow \infty$



# Stability Analysis for pulse pair inputs (ISO)



Single pairing relaxation behavior



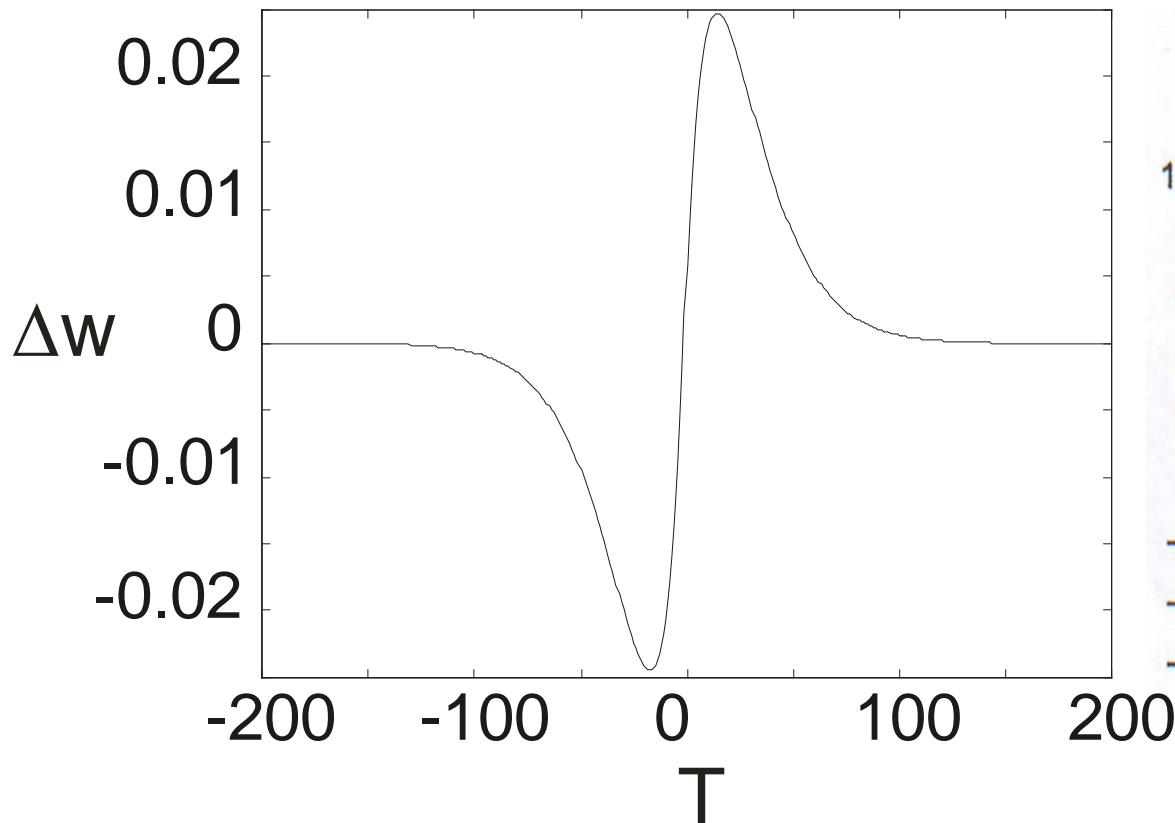
The remaining upward drift is only due to the AC term influence (**Instable !**)

This shows that early arrival of a new pulse pair might easily fall into a not fully relaxed system. (**Instable !**)

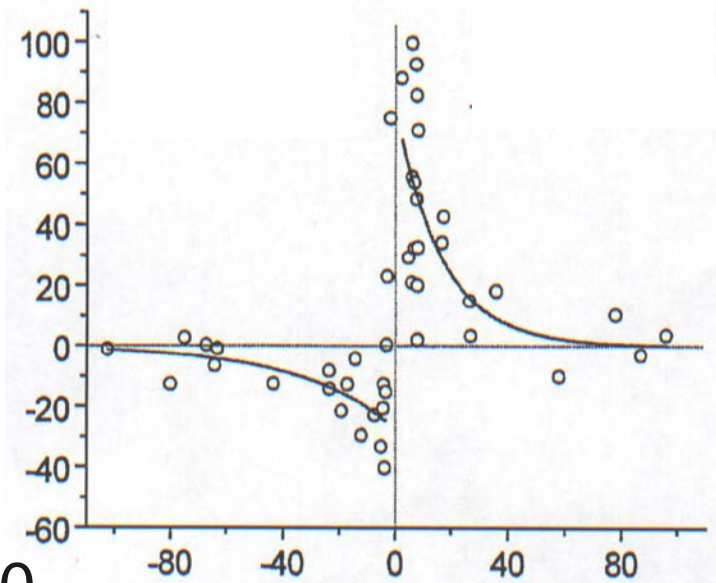


# Learning Window (weight change curve)

ISO: Weight change curve



Compare to STDP

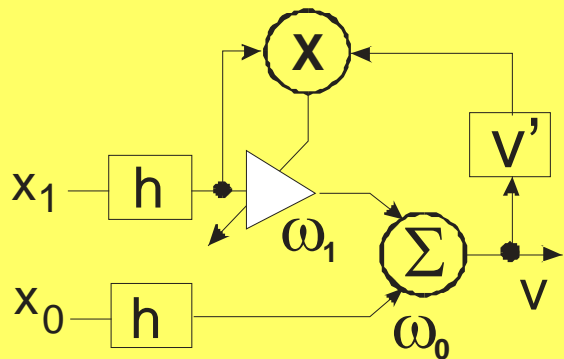


The weight change curve plots  $\Delta w$  in dependence on the pulse pairing distance  $T$  in steps, where we define  $T > 0$  if the  $x_1$  signal arrives before  $x_0$  and  $T < 0$  else.



# Stability Analysis: Compare ISO with ICO

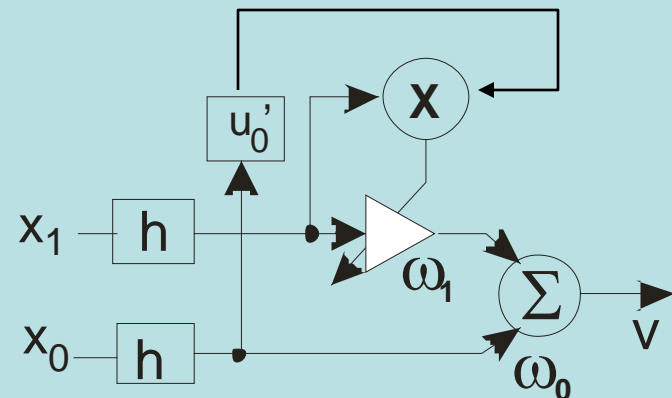
## The basic rule: ISO-Learning



ISO rule 
$$\frac{dw_1}{dt} = \mu u_1 v'$$

**Notice the difference**

## ICO - Learning



ICO 
$$\frac{dw_1}{dt} = \mu u_1 u_0'$$

**Input correlation Learning**  
(as we take the derivative of the unchanging input  $u_0$ )



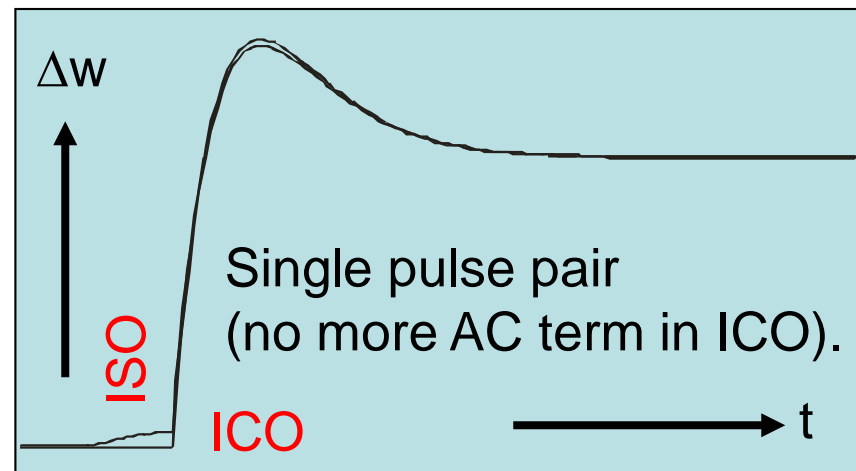
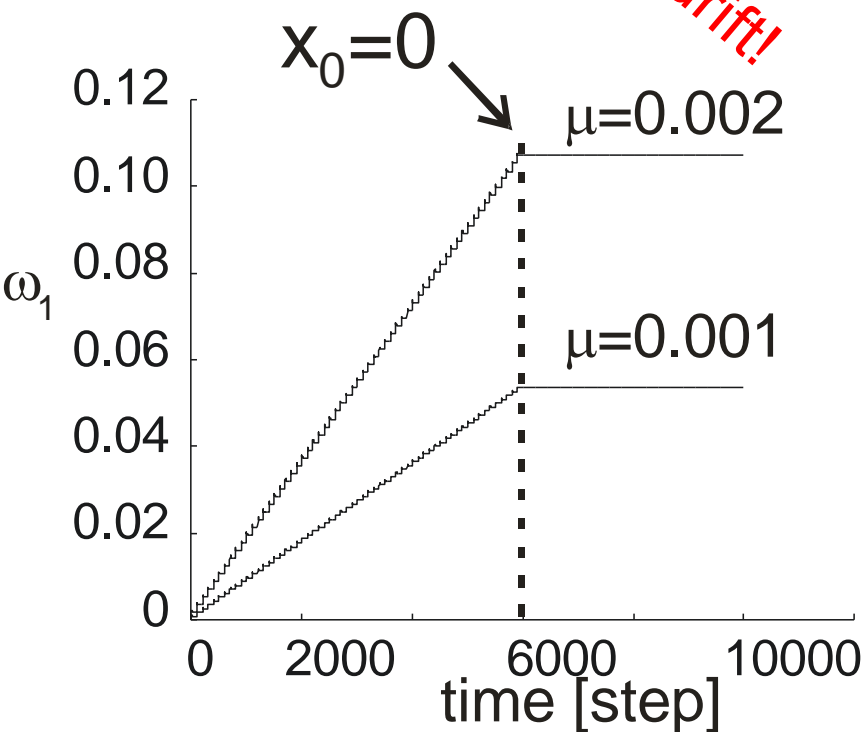
# Stability Analysis: ICO

Same as for ISO!

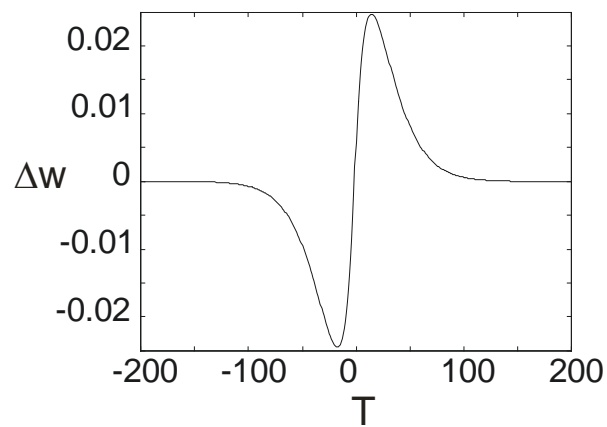
$$\Delta w_1^{CC} = w_0 \int h(t)h'(t - T)dt = w_0 \frac{1}{2\sigma} \frac{a-b}{a+b} h(T)$$

$$\Delta w_1^{AC} \equiv 0$$

Fully stable!  
No more drift!



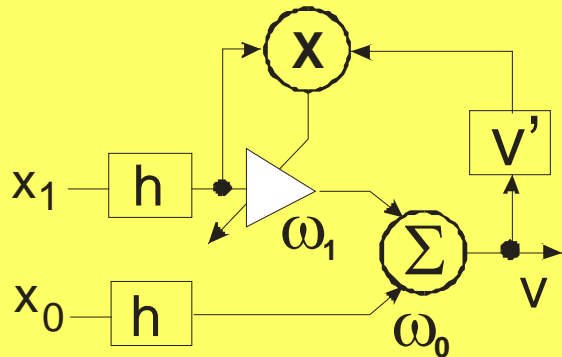
ICO: Weight change curve  
(same as for ISO)





# Stability Analysis: More comparisons

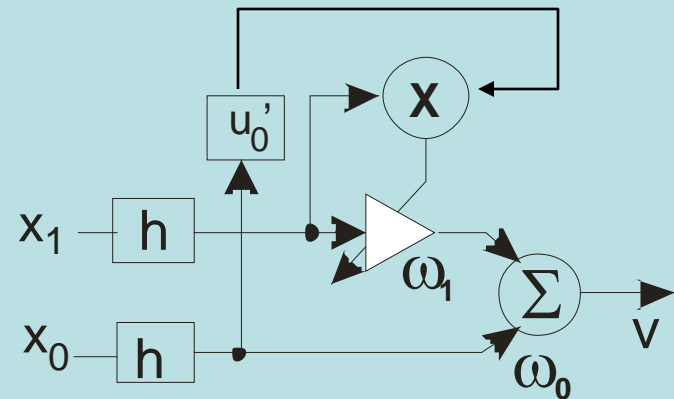
## The basic rule: ISO-Learning



ISO rule  $\frac{dw_1}{dt} = \mu u_1 v'$

Conjoint learning-control-signal (same for all inputs !)

## ICO - Learning



ICO  $\frac{dw_1}{dt} = \mu u_1 u'_0$

Single input as designated learning-control-signal.

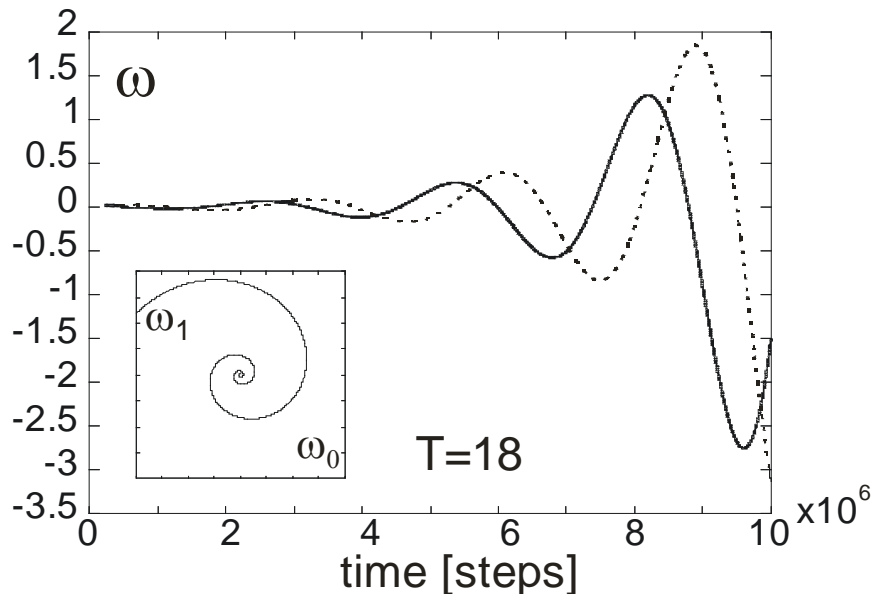
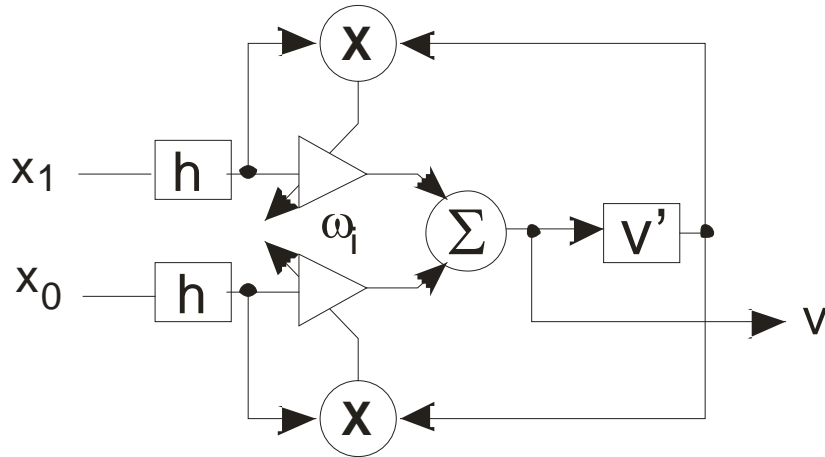
Makes ICO a heterosynaptic rule of questionable biological realism.



# Stability Analysis: More comparisons

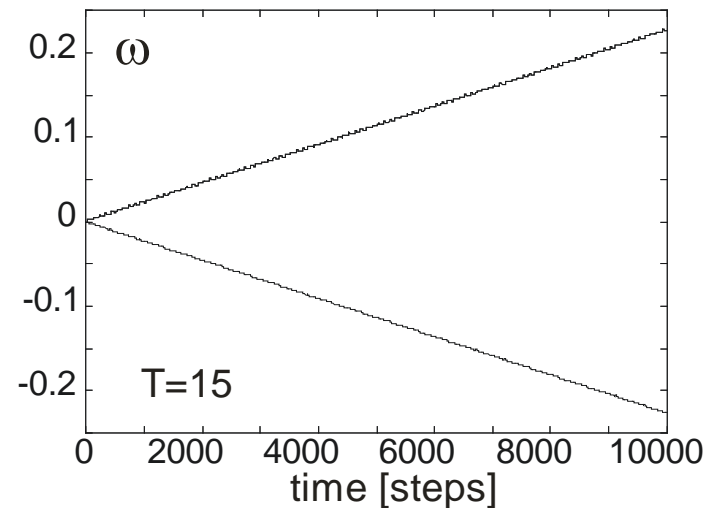
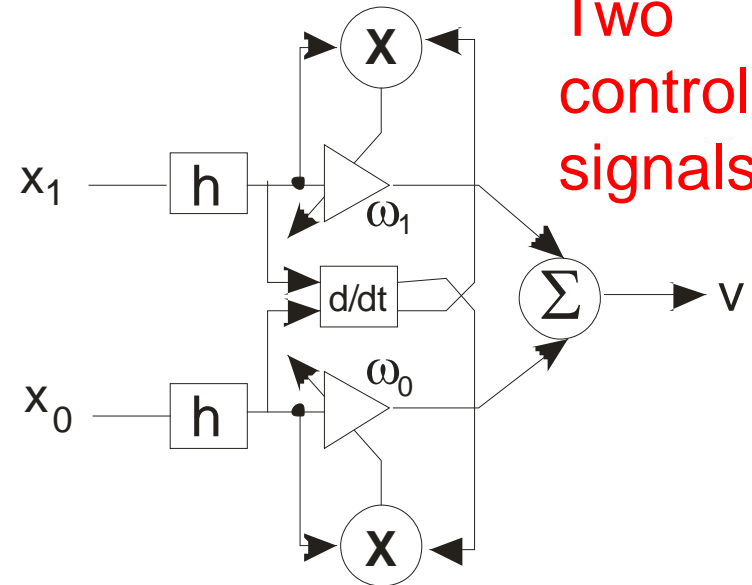
This difference is especially visible when wanting to symmetrize the rules (both weights can change!).

**ISO-Sym** One control signal !

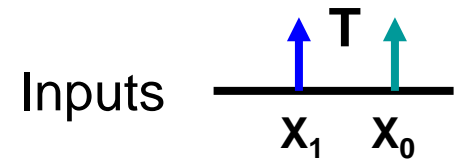


**ICO-Sym**

Two control signals !

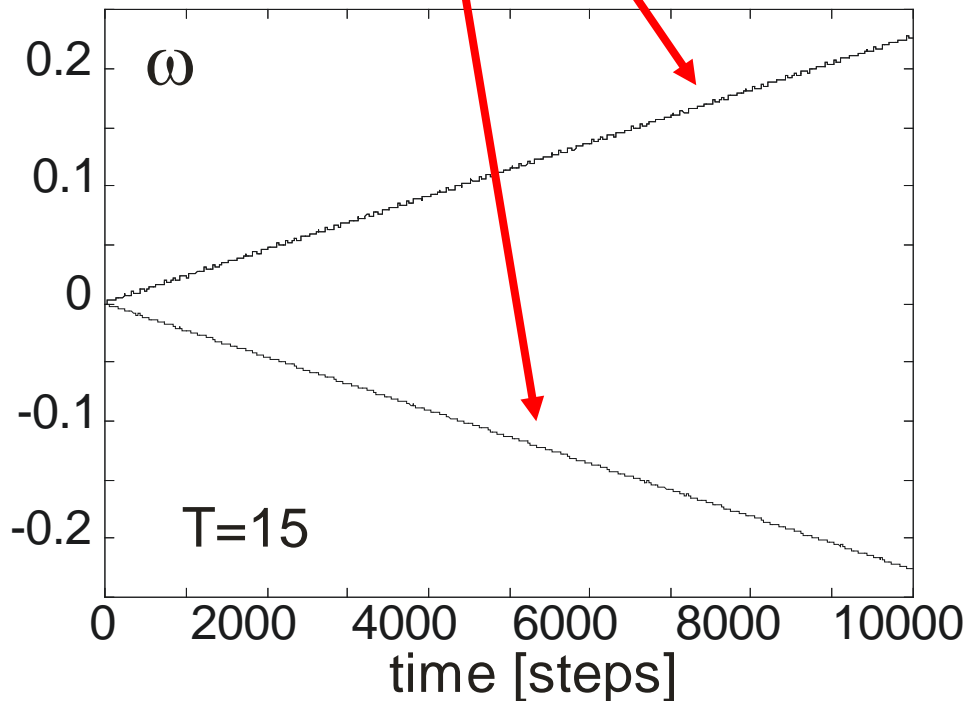


# The Effects of Symmetry



Synapse  $w_1$  grows because  $x_1$  is before  $x_0$ .

Synapse  $w_0$  shrinks because  $x_0$  is after  $x_1$ .

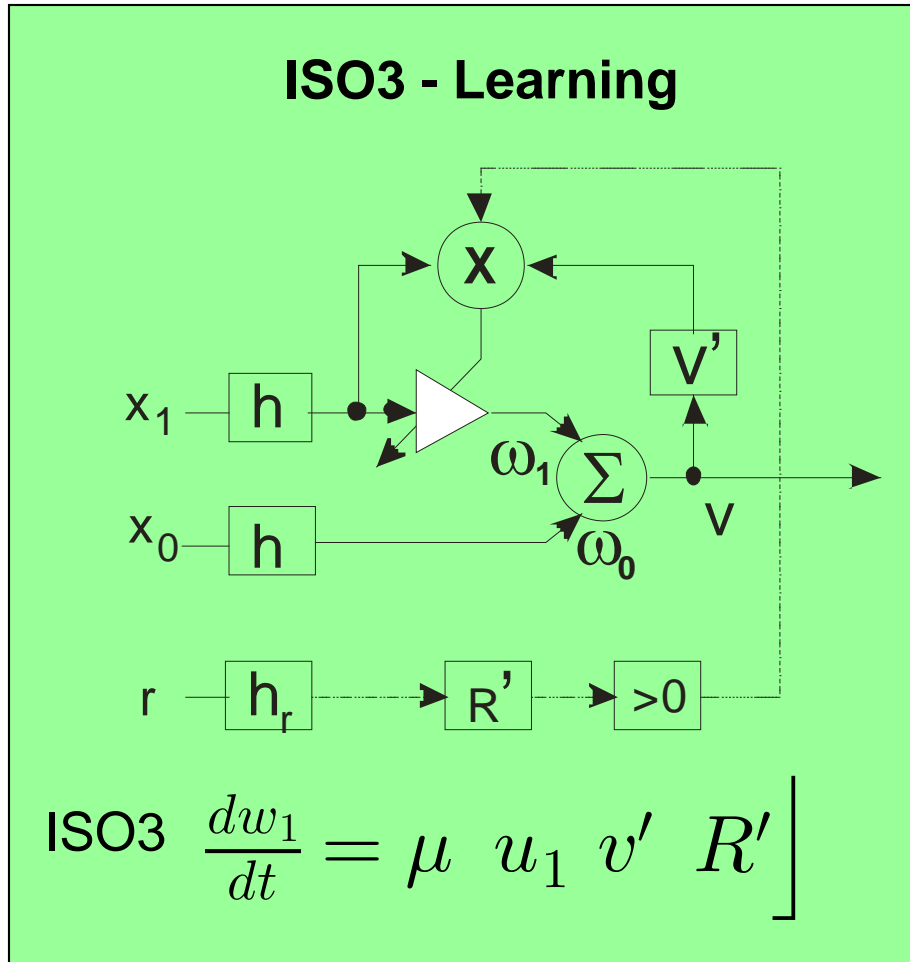


ICO-sym is truly symmetrical, but needs two control signals.

ISO-sym behaves in a difficult and unstable oscillatory way.



# ISO3: uses – like ISO – a single learning-control-signal



**Idea: The system should learn *ONLY* at that *moment in time* when there was a “relevant” event *r* !**

We use a shorter trace for *r*, as it should remain rather restricted in time.

Same filter function *h* but parameters  $a_r$  and  $b_r$ .

We also define  $T_r$  as the

interval between  $x_1$  and *r*. Many times  $T_r = T$ , hence *r* occurs together with  $x_0$ .



## Stability Analysis: ISO3

$$\Delta w_1^{CC} = w_0 \int h(t)h'(t - T)h'_r(t - T_r)dt$$

$$\Delta w_1^{AC} = w_1 \int h(t)h'(t)h'_r(t - T_r)dt$$

Observations:

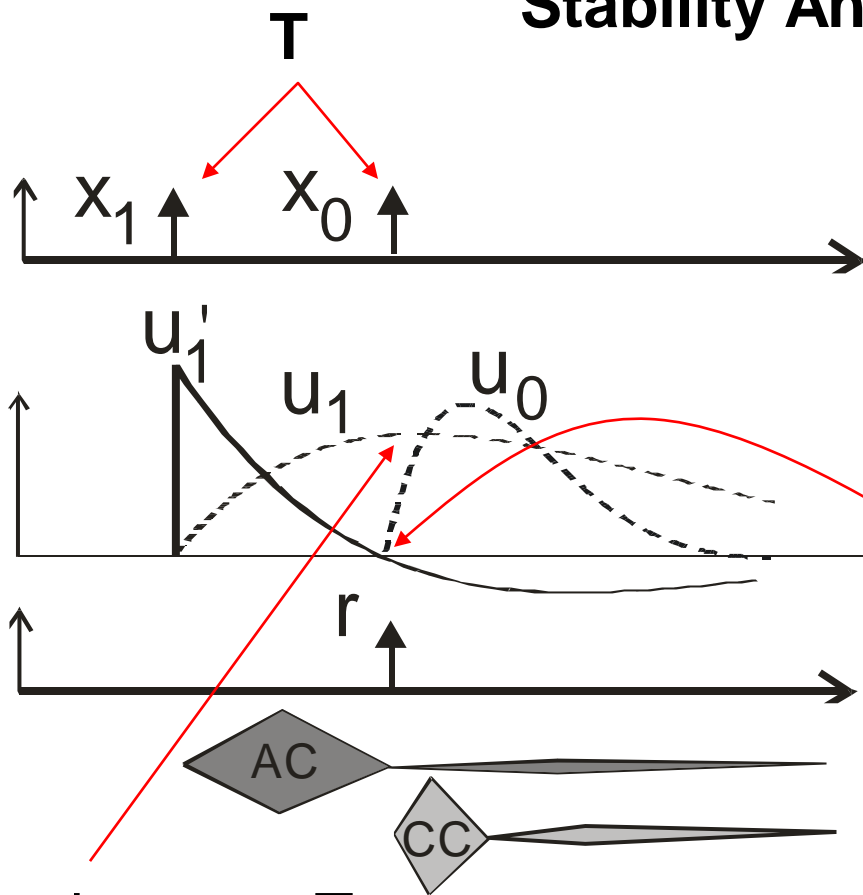
- 1) Cannot be solved anymore!
- 2) AC term is generally NOT equal to zero.
- 3) Not even asymptotic convergence can be generally assured.

**So what have we gained ?**

One can show that for  $T_r=T$  the AC term vanishes if  $v$  has its maximum at  $T$ .



# Stability Analysis: ISO3, graphical proof



$$v'(t) = u_1'(t), \quad t < T$$

as  $x_0$  has not yet happened

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T_-} v'(t) = 0$$

Contributions of AC and CC graphically depicted

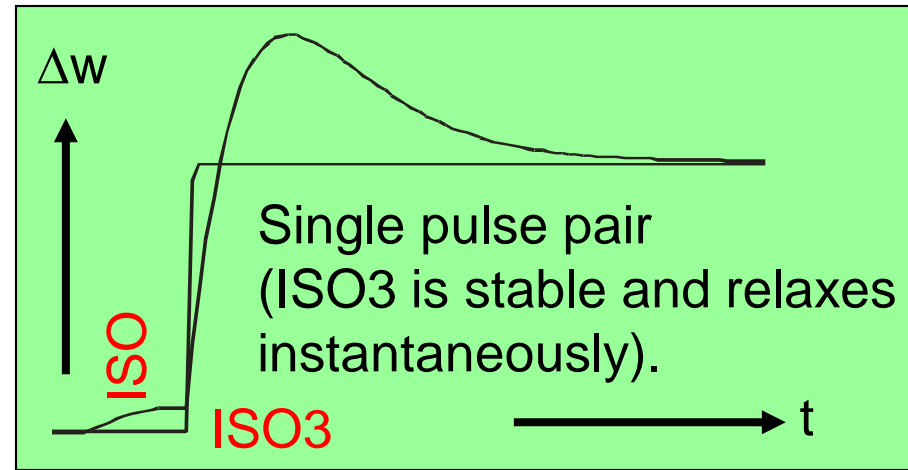
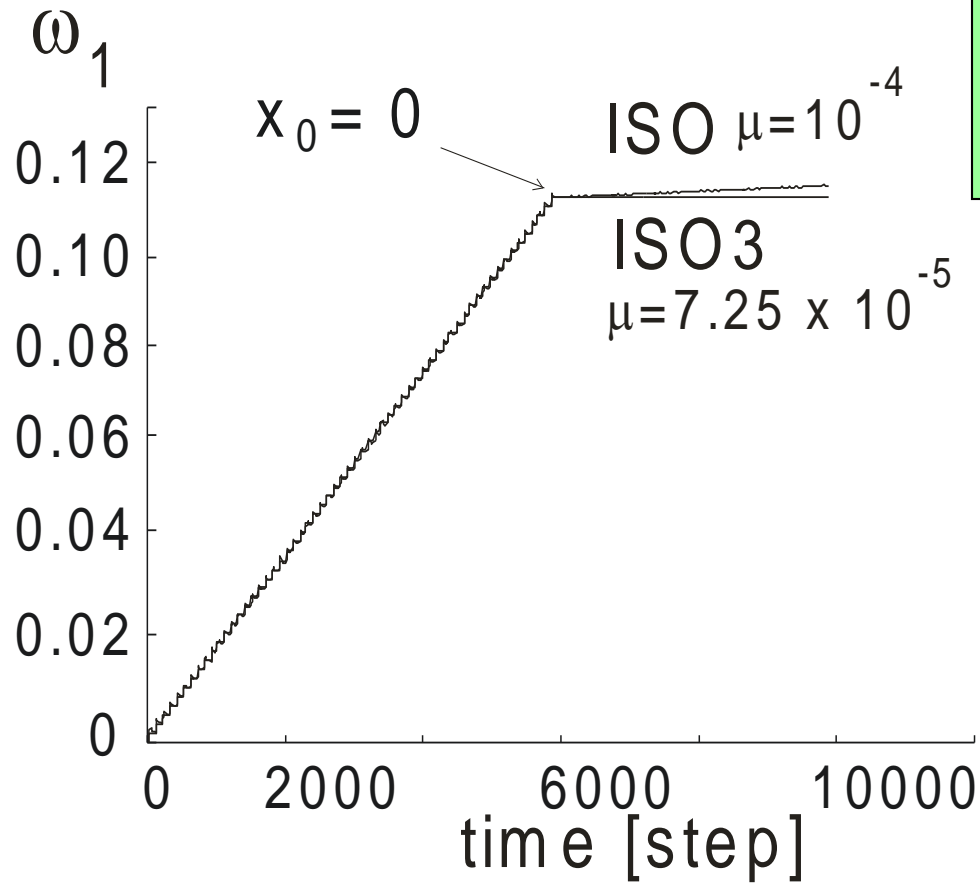
Maximum at T

If we restrict learning to the moment when  $x_0$  occurs then we do not have any AC contribution.

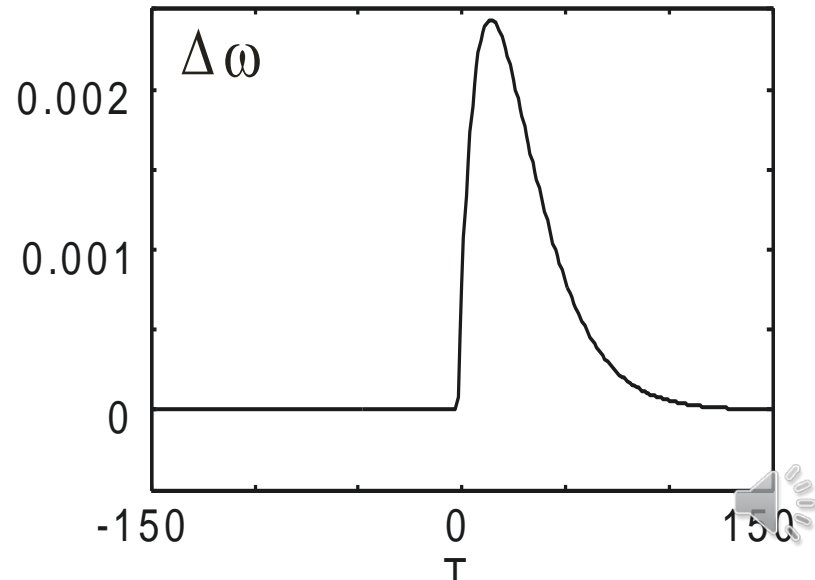
**!! A questionable assumption:  $\operatorname{argmax}(u_1) = T$  !!** 

# Stability Analysis: ISO3

No more upwards drift for ISO3

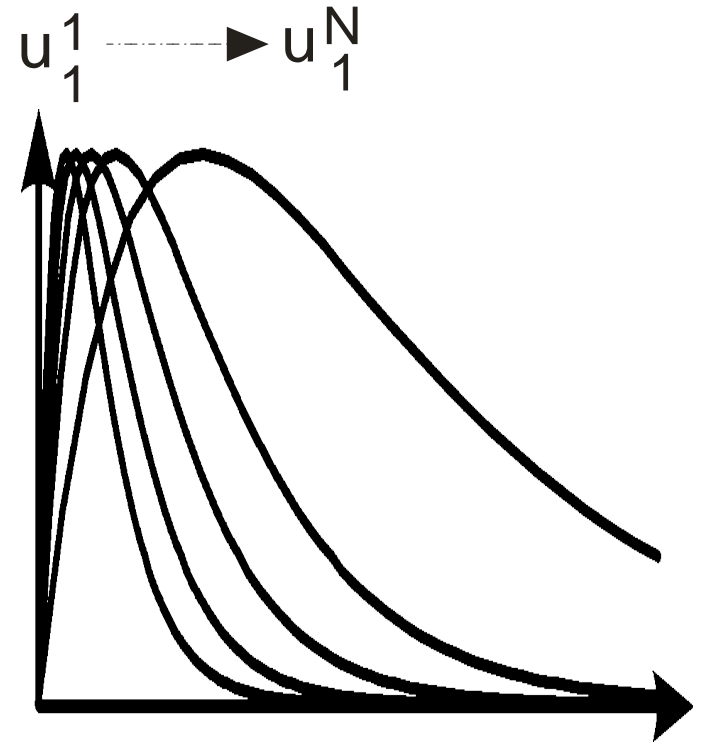
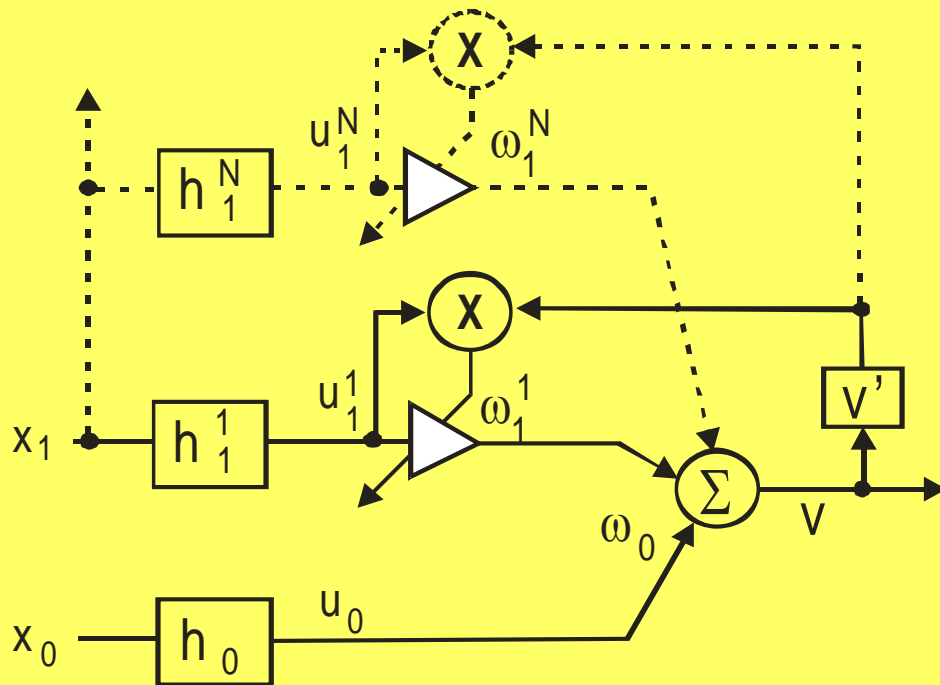


Weight change curve (no more STDP!)



# A General Problem: $T$ is usually unknown and variable

Introducing a **filter bank**:  
(example ISO)



Spreading out the earlier input over time!

Remember: “A questionable assumption:  $\operatorname{argmax}(u_1) = T$ ”



## Stability Analysis: ISO3 with a filter bank

With a filter bank we get for the output:  $v = w_0 u_0 + \sum_{j=0}^N w_1^j u_1^j$

Original Rule was:

$$\frac{dw_1}{dt} = \mu \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & v' & R' \end{bmatrix}$$

Single weights develop now as:

$$\frac{1}{\mu} \Delta w_1^k = \underbrace{\int w_0 u_1^k u_0' R'}_{\text{CC}} + \underbrace{\int u_1^k \sum_{j=1}^N w_1^j (u_1^j)' R'}_{\text{AC}}$$

With delta-function inputs at  $t=0$  and  $t=T$  we get:

$$\frac{1}{\mu} \Delta w_1^k = w_0 u'(0) u_1^k(T) + \underbrace{\left( \sum_j w_1^j u_1^j(T) \right)'}_{\text{this term becomes zero}} u_1^k(T)$$

It is possible to prove that  
**as a consequence** of the learning!

this term becomes zero



**Next Lecture**

**Differential Hebbian Learning: Closed Loop Systems**

