



Emergent Properties of Corollary Discharge, Neurotransmission, and a Morphing Neural Code

SYED (BASHIR) HYDARI, Se-Young (Myki) Lee, David Glanzman, Katsushi Arisaka on behalf of Elegant Mind Club

UCLA, *Elegant Mind Club* at the Department of Physics and Astronomy



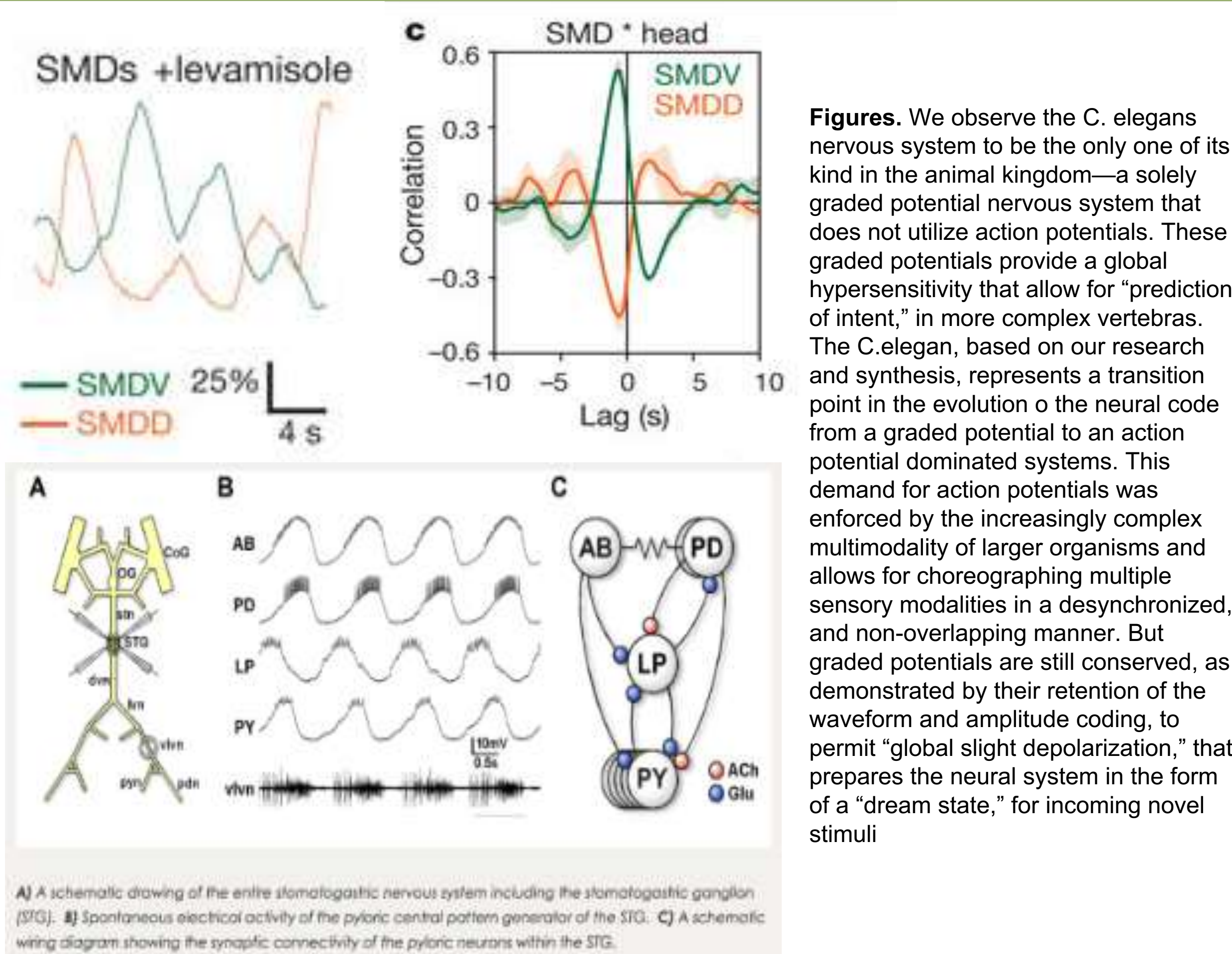
<http://www.elegantmind.org>

UCLA Science Poster Day on May 23, 2017

ABSTRACT

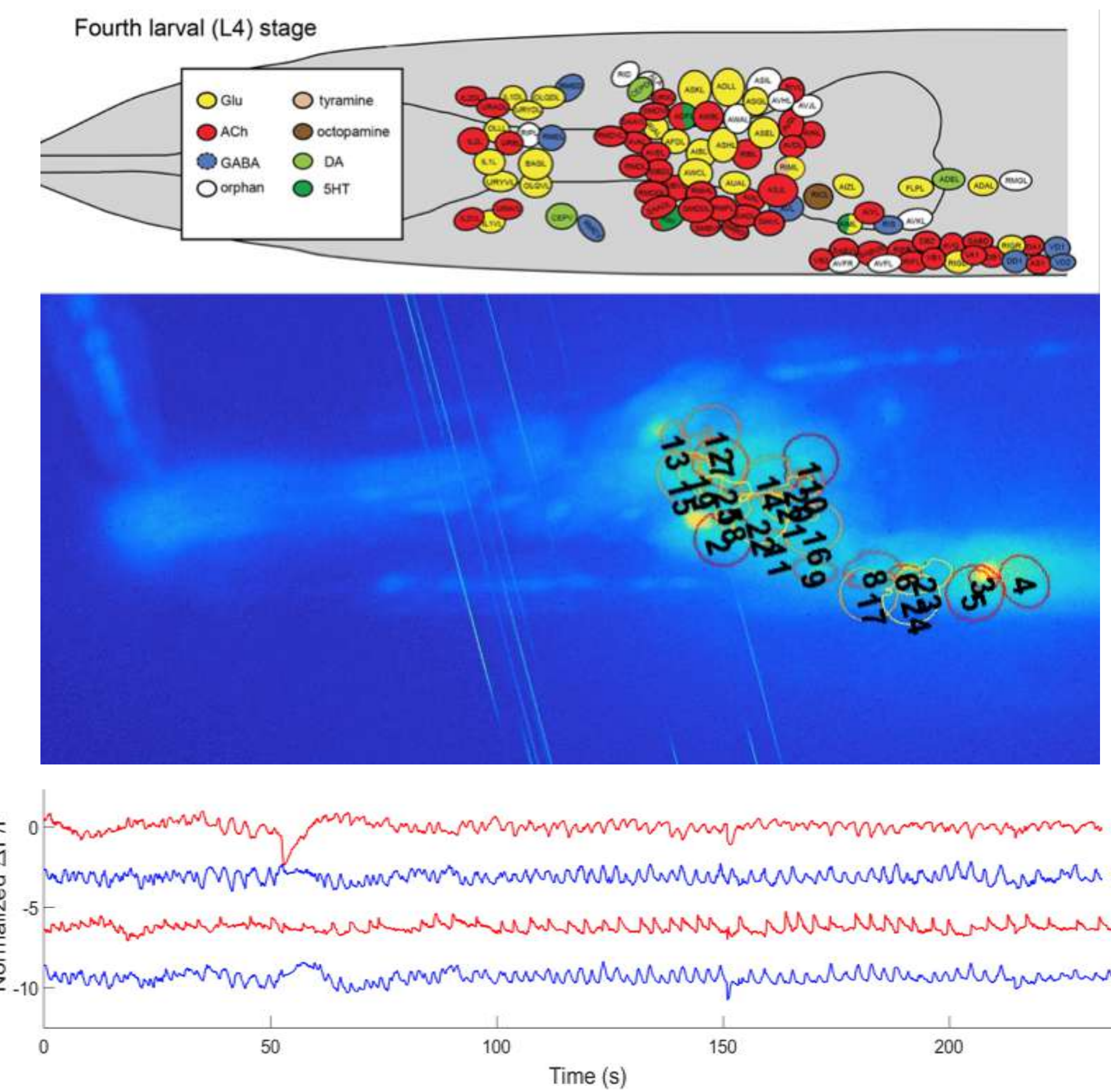
Central pattern generators, or CPGs, are intrinsic neural rhythms generated in the absence of sensory information. Framing the *C. elegans* as a revolutionary lens for unveiling the extensive versatility of the canonical CPG, we examine a) how the CPG is unconventionally capable of choreographing temporally chronological sensory and motor information for the purpose of phase locking, b) thus effectively establishing proprioception as the predecessor of emergent perception via utility of corollary discharge in sensorimotor integration. Afterwards, we investigate how the *C. elegans*'s CPG emergence is mediated by espousing unusual ACC receptor species debuting neurotransmission dichotomy and unique cyclic frequencies—extending implications to human nervous system and homologues. Then, we utilize the electrophysiological properties of the *C. elegans* CPG to catalogue a powerful trend of information morphology from a graded potential dominated to an action potential dominated neural system, enforced by increasingly complex biological designs for multimodality. By doing so we evince a necessity of modulating neurotransmission frequency to serve excellent candidacy for cross-inhibition, rhythm, and perception, such like the SMD neurons in *C. elegans*. To coalesce this information, we discuss highly “predictive,” nature of neural systems in confronting novel environments via the idiosyncrasies of conserved graded potentials. And in finality, we elucidate the incredible illusory emergence of perception from proprioceptive information via corollary discharge and top-down processes—such as temporal information imparted by CPGs.

Amplitude to Frequency Encoding: Evolutionary transition in Neural Code from Graded Potentials to Action Potentials

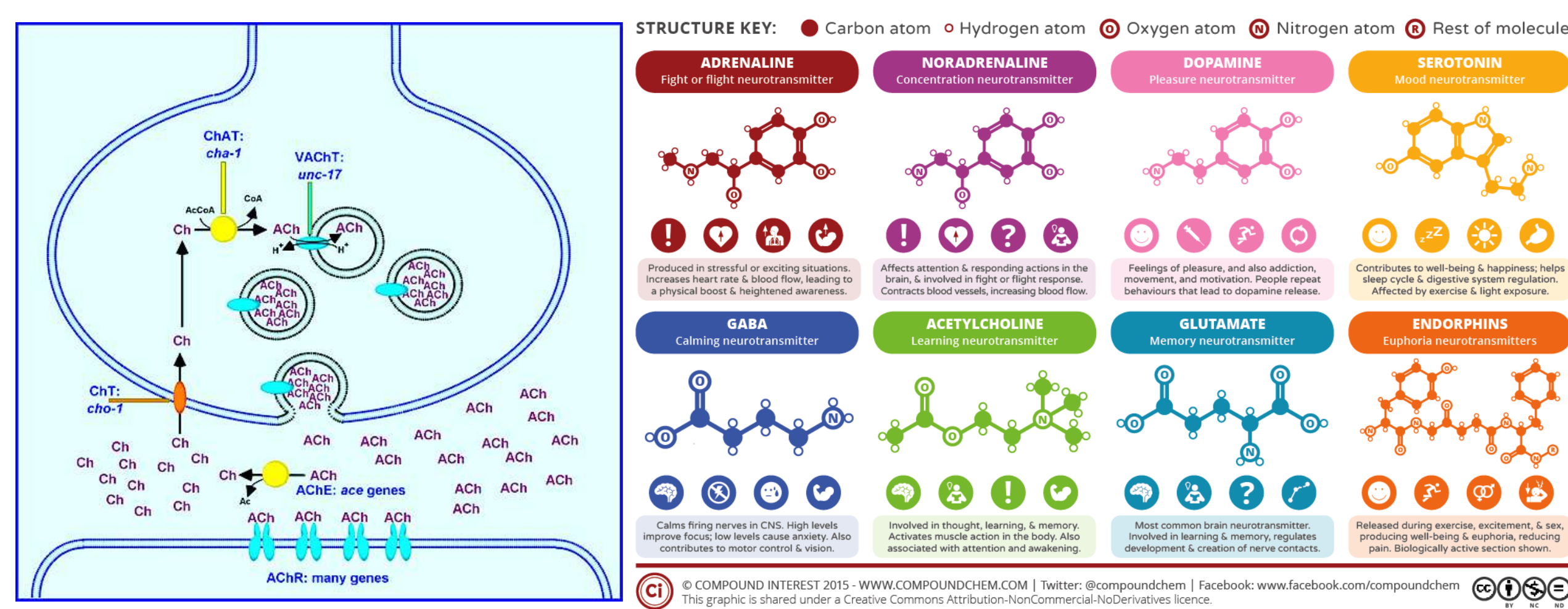


CONCLUSIONS

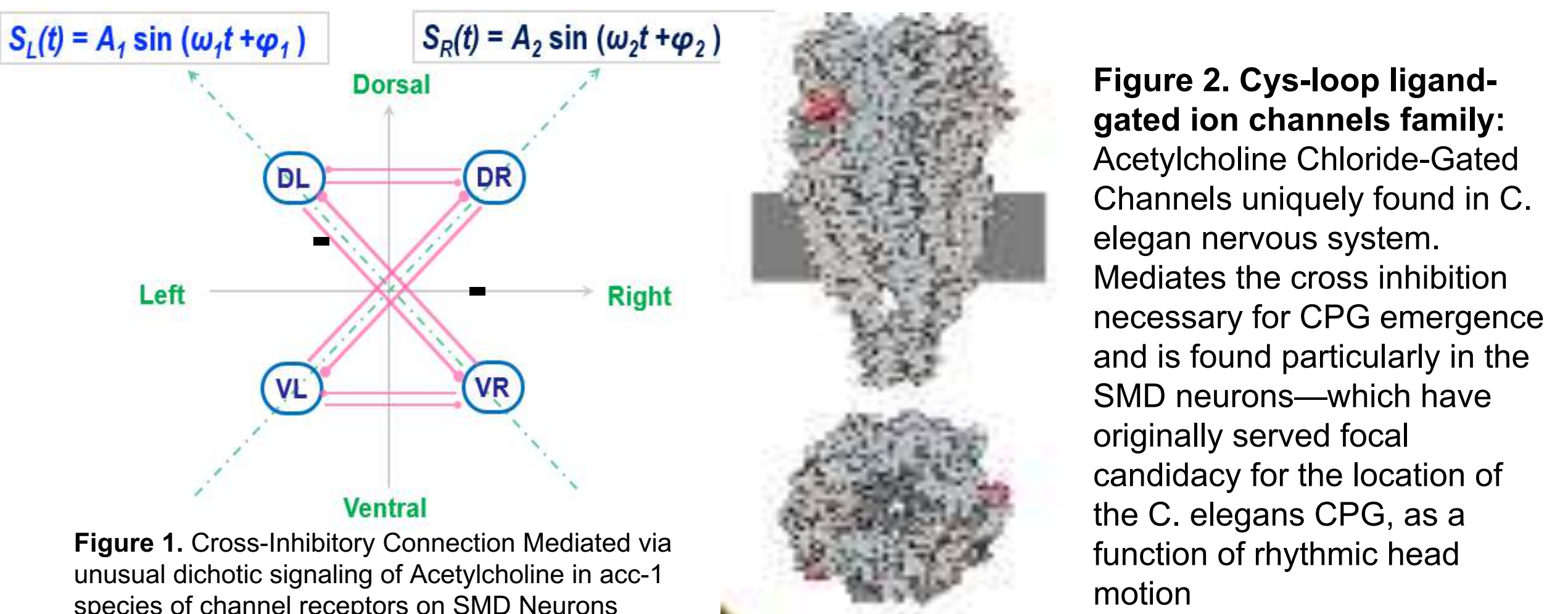
It is evident that the basic functionality of the CPG has been monumentally underestimated in traditional neuroscience. As first portrayed with *C. elegans* as our model organism, we frame an entirely new lens through which we appreciate central pattern generators: not merely with respect to conducting vital motorized behavioral functions while minimizing energy investment, but equally, to the realm of sensorimotor integration and the emergence of perception and consequently, memory. After steadily examining the panorama of neural code morphology in basic CPG patterns and the emergence of the *C. elegans* CPG with respect to ACC neurotransmission, dichotic signaling, and modulation of cyclic frequency, we revitalize the perception of how biologically intelligent the most unsuspecting and simple of species may pose to be. But with more ado, we provide an entirely new strata to appreciate the central and versatile nature of the CPG, a token we first scaffold after intimate inspection of the model organism, *C. elegans* with an accessible 302 neurons—the only organism to have its entire transcriptome completely mapped. Hopefully, these distinctions further elucidate the greater shortcomings in a scientific culture that seeks to immediately footprint itself in the nervous systems of more complex species, without fundamentally understanding the more primitive. Point in case, before we document the unruly nature of the brain, we must examine our species from the prism of those same 302 neurons



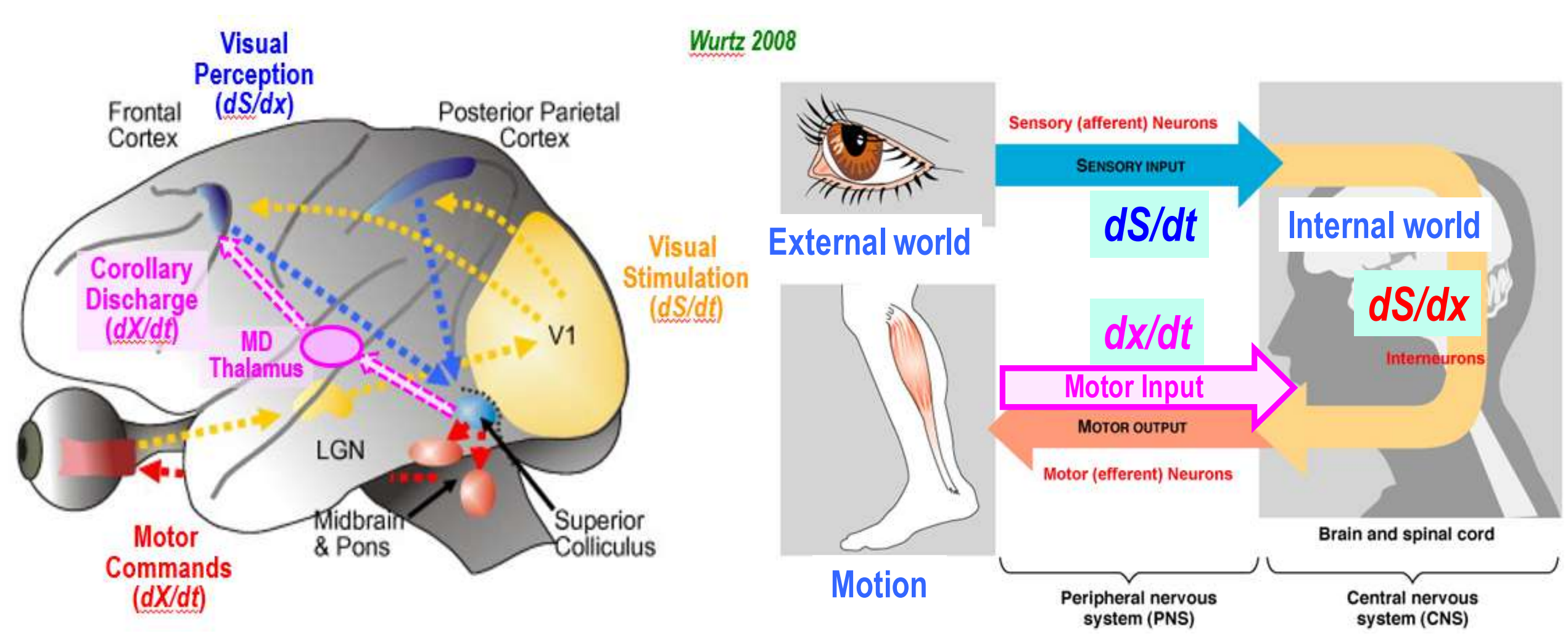
CPG emergence in *C. elegans* SMD neurons via ACC-receptor species of ACh: Inhibitory Motifs



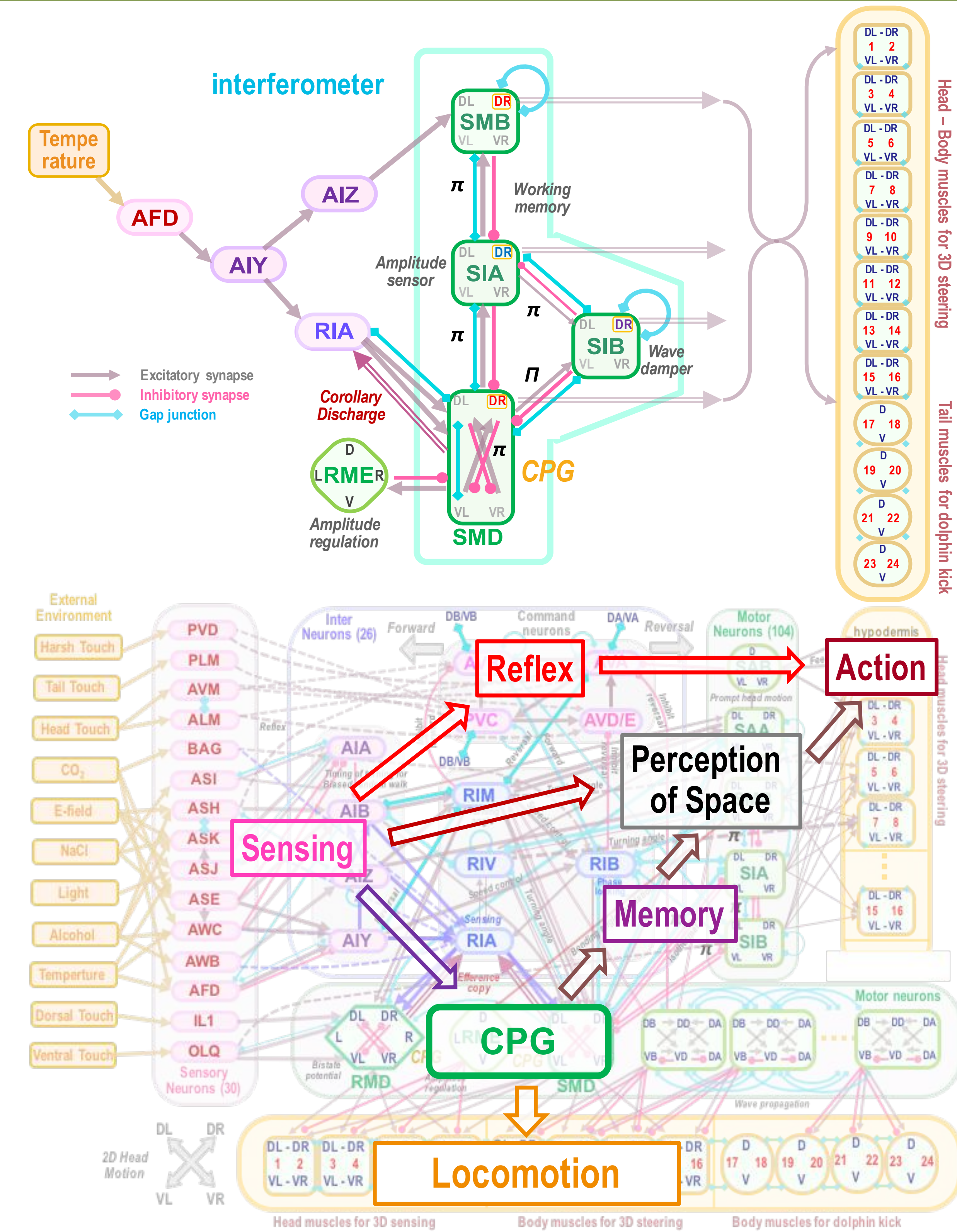
Cyclic Frequencies and Dichotic Signaling in Neurotransmission—Modeled by SMD



Corollary discharge MODEL: Saccadic Eye Movement



C. elegans: Corollary discharge MODEL: Isothermal Behavior



REFERENCES

- Marder, E., and Calabrese, R.L. (1996). Principles of rhythmic motor pattern generation. *Physiol. Rev.* 76, 687–717
- Marder, E., and Bucher, D. (2001). Central pattern generators and the control of rhythmic movements. *Curr. Biol.* 11, R986–R996.
- Yu, X., Nguyen, B., and Friesen, W.O. (1999). Sensory feedback can coordinate the swimming activity of the leech. *J. Neurosci.* 19, 4634–4643.
- Pearce, R.A., and Friesen, W.O. (1984). Intersegmental coordination of leech swimming: Comparison of in situ and isolated nerve cord activity with body wall movement. *Brain Res.* 299, 363–366.
- Nusbaum, M.P., Blitz, D.M., Swensen, A.M., Wood, D., and Marder, E. (2001). The roles of co-transmission in neural network modulation. *Trends Neurosci.* 24, 146–154.
- Suster, M.L., and Bate, M. (2002). Embryonic assembly of a central pattern generator without sensory input. *Nature* 416, 174–178.
- Hooper, S.L., and Marder, E. (1987). Modulation of the lobster pyloric rhythm by the peptide proctolin. *J. Neurosci.* 7, 2097–2112.
- Marder, E., and Eisen, J.S. (1984). Electrically coupled pacemaker neurons respond differently to the same physiological inputs and neurotransmitters. *J. Neurophysiol.* 51, 1362–1374.
- Gao, S., & Zhen, M. (2011). Action potentials drive body wall muscle contractions in *Caenorhabditis elegans*. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 108(6), 2557–2562.
- Roberts, A., & Bush, B. M. (1981). Neurons without impulses: their significance for vertebrate and invertebrate nervous systems (Vol. 6). Cambridge University Press.
- Hendricks, M., Ha, H., Maffey, N., & Zhang, Y. (2012). Compartmentalized calcium dynamics in a *C. elegans* interneuron encode head movement. *Nature*, 487(7405), 99–103.
- Ayali, A., & Harris-Warrick, R. M. (1999). Monoamine control of the pacemaker kernel and cycle frequency in the lobster pyloric network. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 19(15), 6712–6722.
- Selverston, A. I. (2010). Invertebrate central pattern generator circuits. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 365(1551), 2329–2345.
- Miller, J. P., & Selverston, A. I. (1982). Mechanisms underlying pattern generation in lobster stomatogastric ganglion as determined by selective inactivation of identified neurons. IV. Network properties of pyloric system. *Journal of neurophysiology*, 48(6), 1416–1432.
- Wilcox, Teresa, and Catherine Chapa. “Infants’ Reasoning about Opaque and Transparent Occluders in an Individuation Task.” *Cognition* 85.1 (2002): B1–10. Print.
- Marder, E., & Bucher, D. (2001). Central pattern generators and the control of rhythmic movements. *Current Biology*, 11(23), R986–R996. [http://doi.org/10.1016/S0960-9822\(01\)00581-4](http://doi.org/10.1016/S0960-9822(01)00581-4)
- Elson, R. C., & Selverston, A. I. (1992). “Mechanisms of gastric rhythm generation in the isolated stomatogastric ganglion of spiny lobsters: bursting pacemaker potentials, synaptic interactions, and muscarinic modulation.” *Journal of Neurophysiology*, 68(3), 890–907.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special thanks to:
National Science Foundation IDPR program
California Nanosystems Institute at UCLA
UCLA Department Physics and Astronomy