

Recent advances in neuropharmacology related to acute pain



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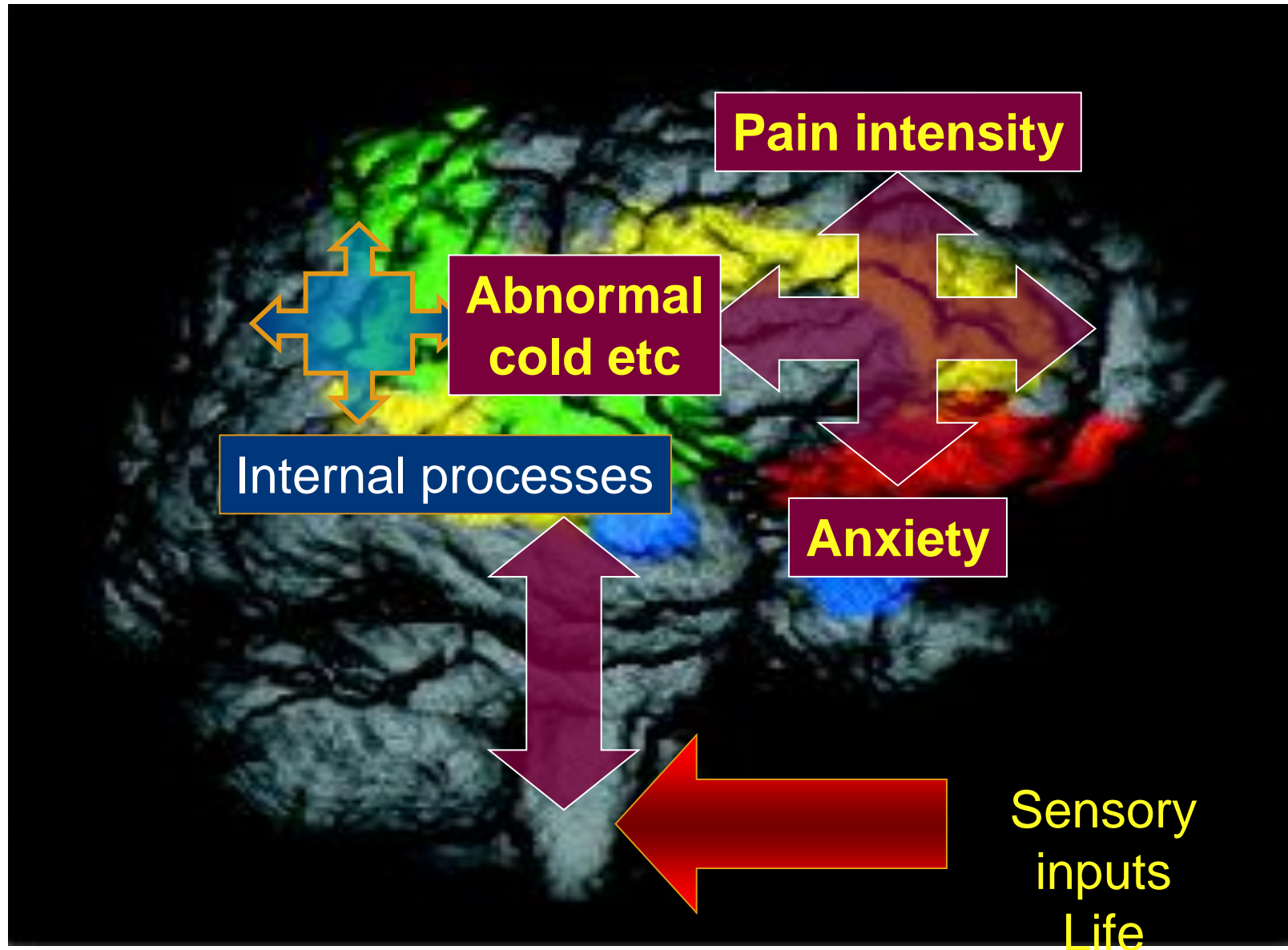


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UCL

A struggle between the outer and inner worlds



Key types of pain

Nociceptive pain

Pain caused by an inflammatory or non-inflammatory response to a noxious stimulus

Tissue damage

Both types of pain can co-exist

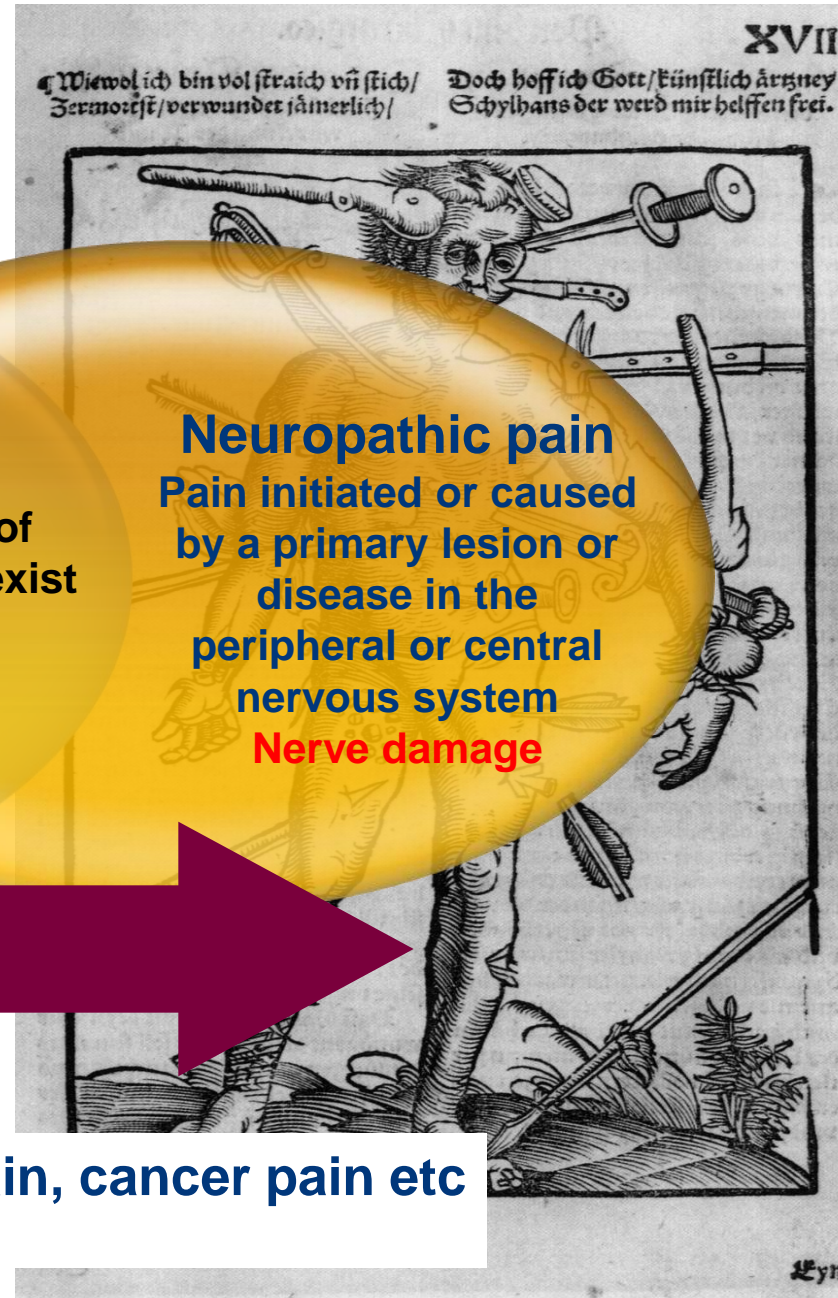
Neuropathic pain

Pain initiated or caused by a primary lesion or disease in the peripheral or central nervous system

Nerve damage

Mild
Moderate
Severe

Low back pain, cancer pain etc



Pain is unique

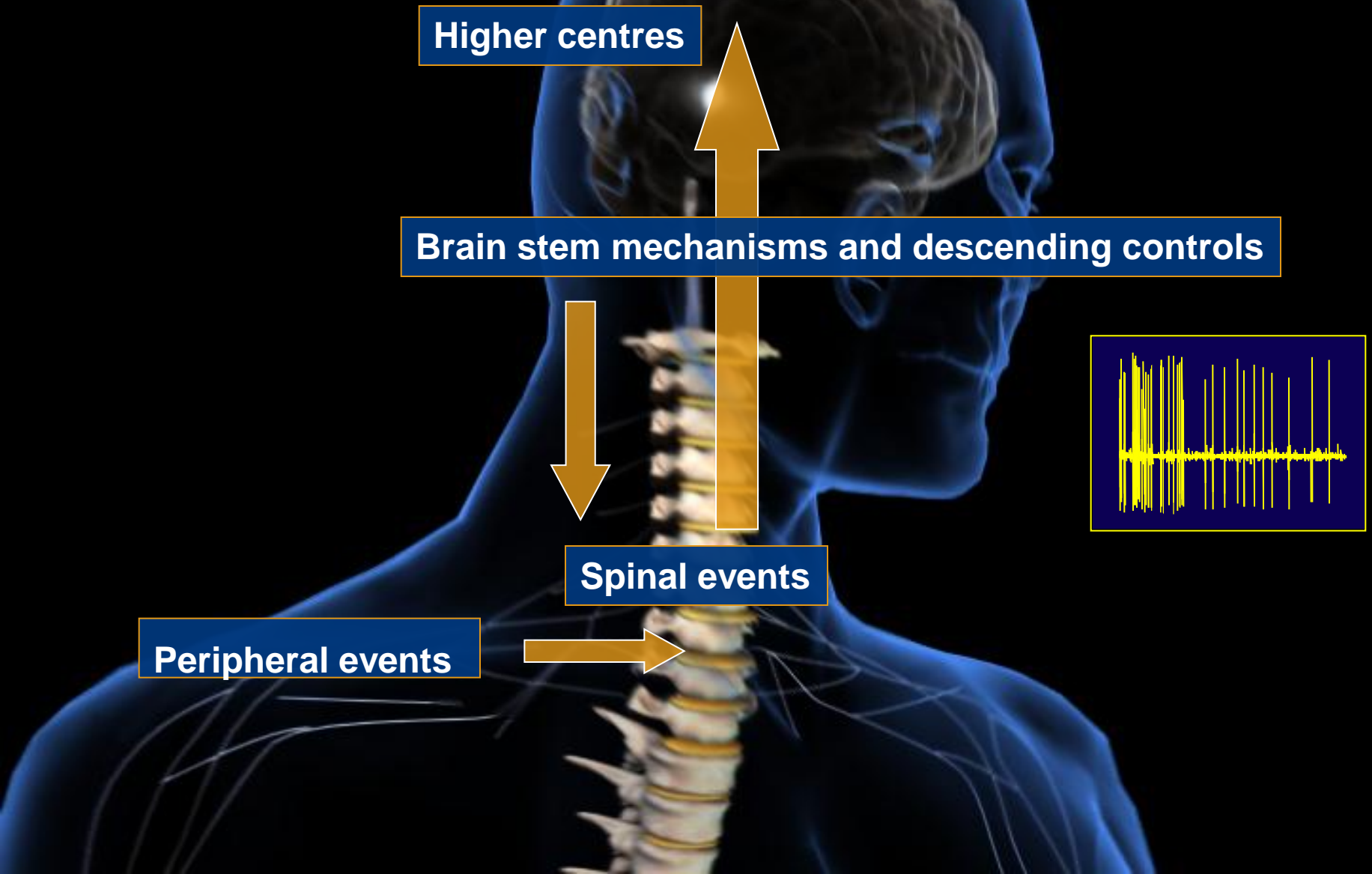


Sensory aspects of pain -
threshold, intensity and location

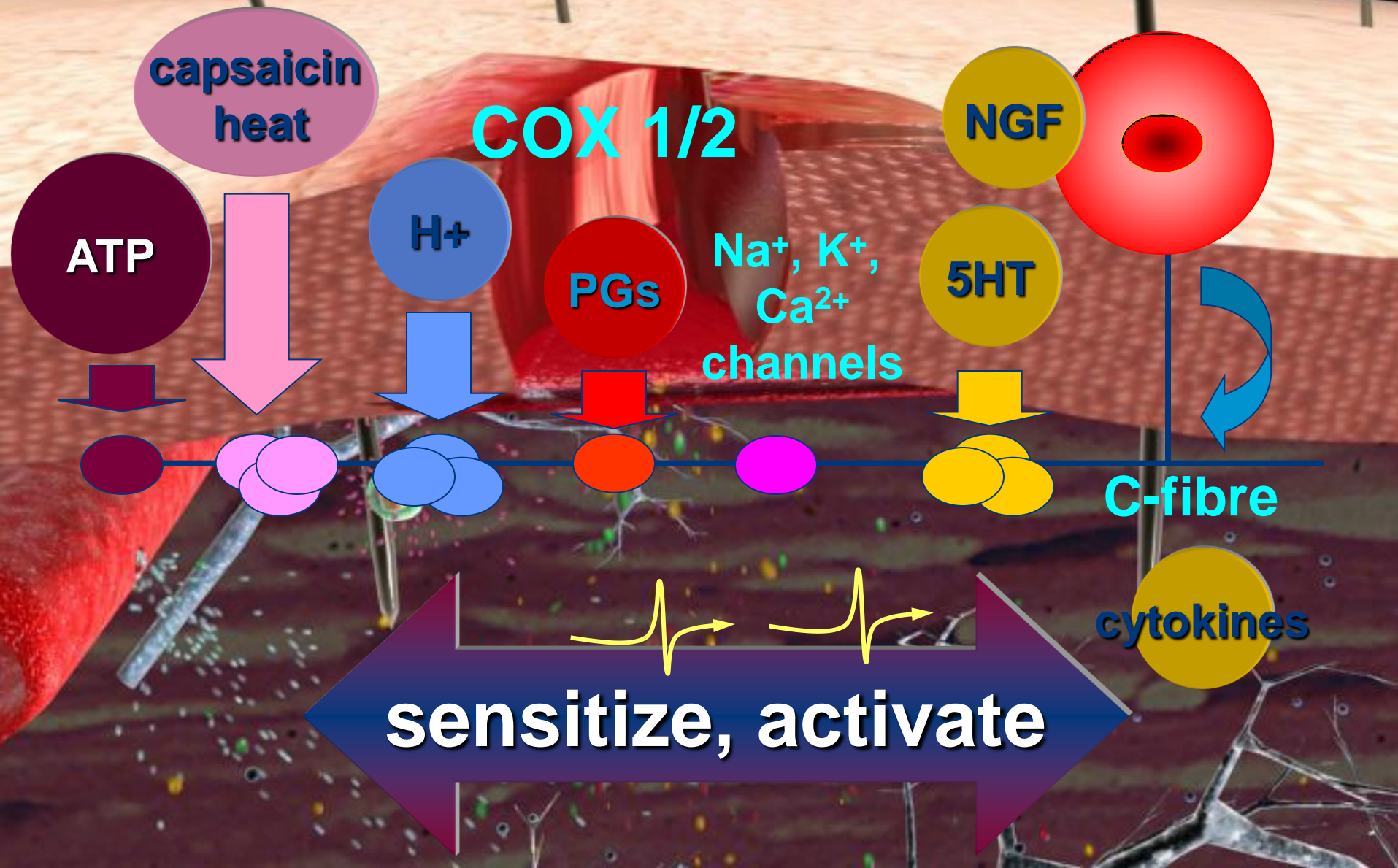
Psychological aspects of pain -
unpleasant, threatening, aversive

Social, economic issues
depression, anxiety, sleep disorders *etc*

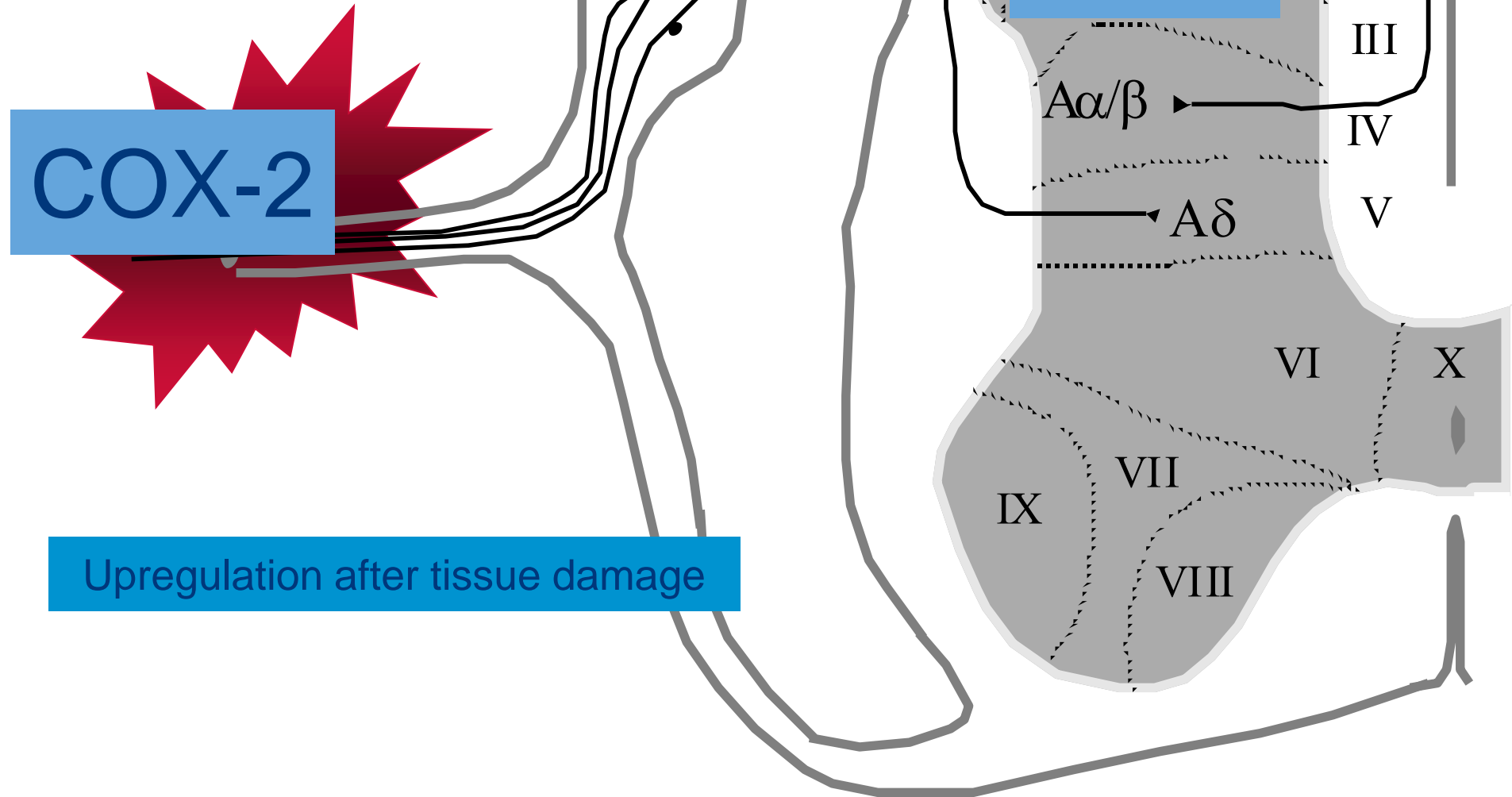
Activity generated within CNS pain circuits



Inflammation – ongoing activation of pain sensors



Tissue damage induces cyclooxygenase 2



COX-2

COX-1
COX-2

I
II
III
IV
V

$A\alpha/\beta$

$A\delta$

VI

X

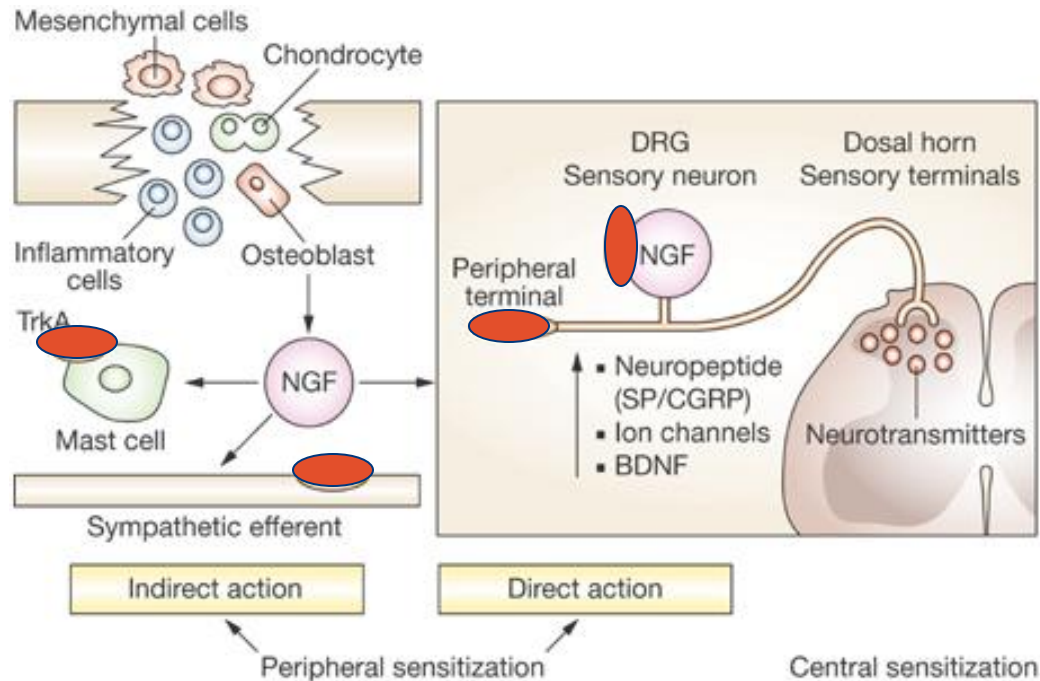
IX

VII

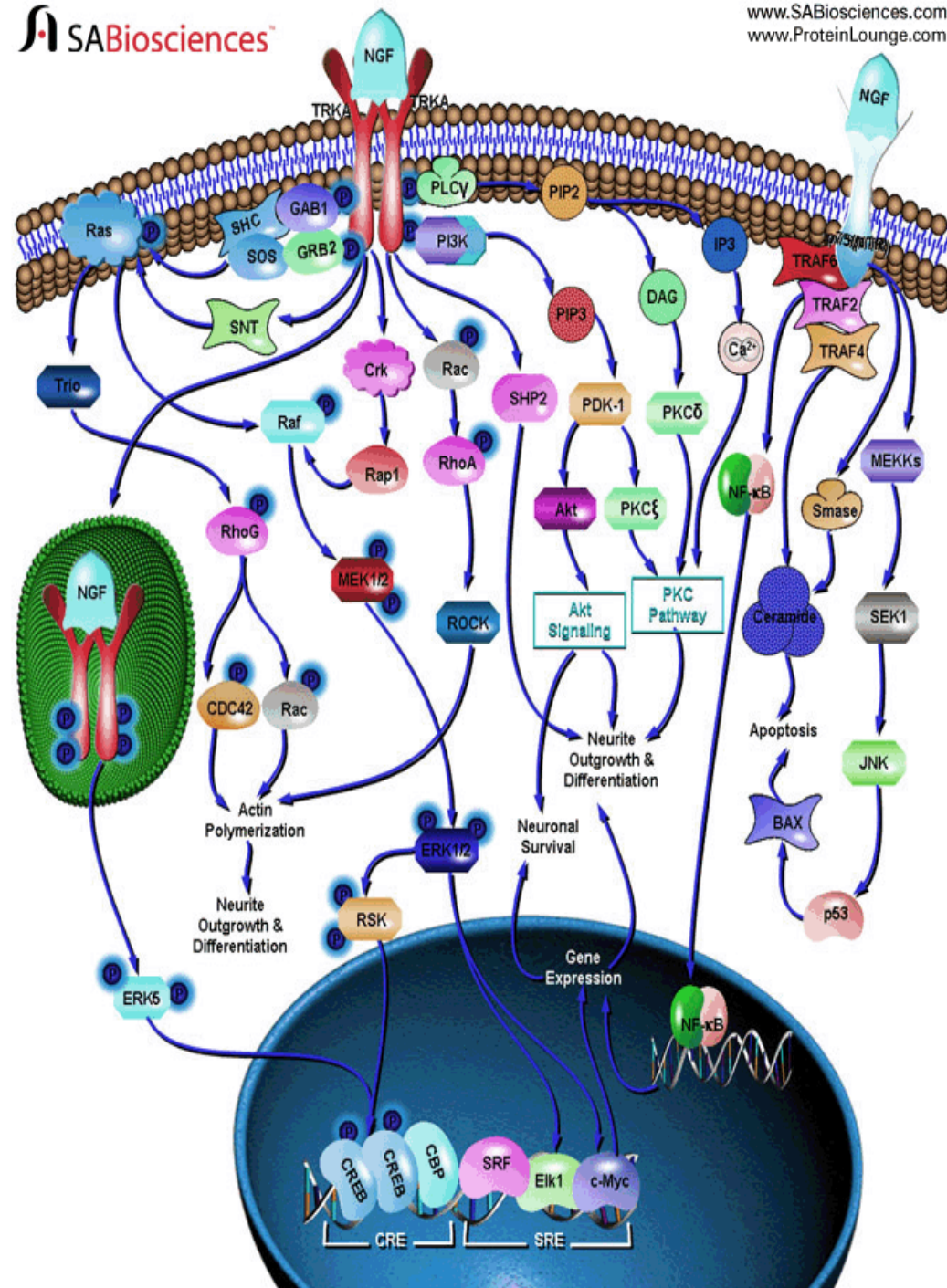
VIII

Upregulation after tissue damage

Nerve Growth Factor -Direct peripheral, direct gene effects and indirect...



Xian CJ and Zhou X-F *et al.* (2009) Treating skeletal pain: limitations of conventional anti-inflammatory drugs, and anti-neurotrophic factor as a possible alternative
Nat Clin Pract Rheumatol doi:10.1038/ncprheum0982



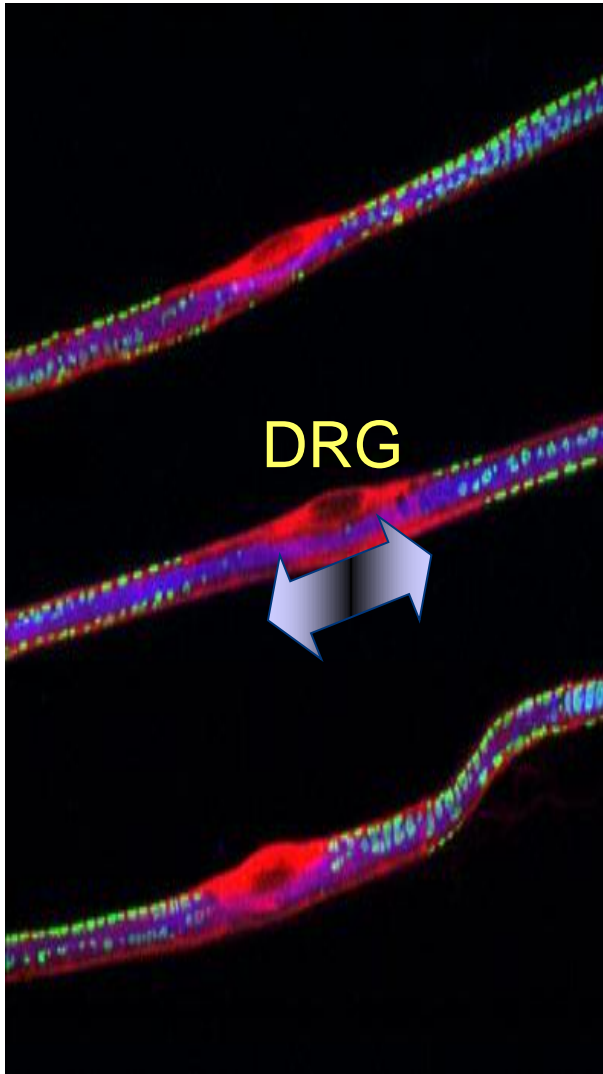
Tanezumab - humanized Monoclonal Antibody

10pM >100 hr stable binding
Prevents TrkA action

Excess of NGF in states of inflammation

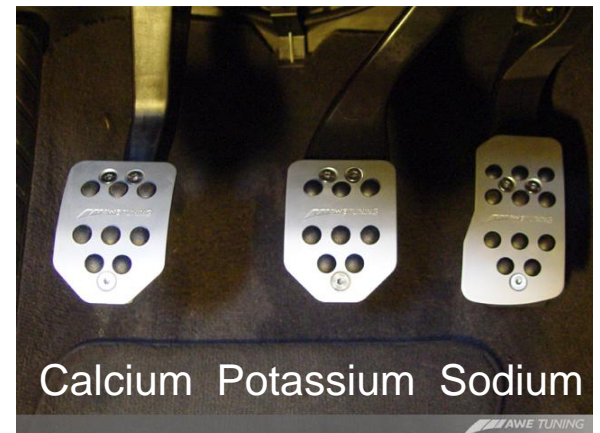
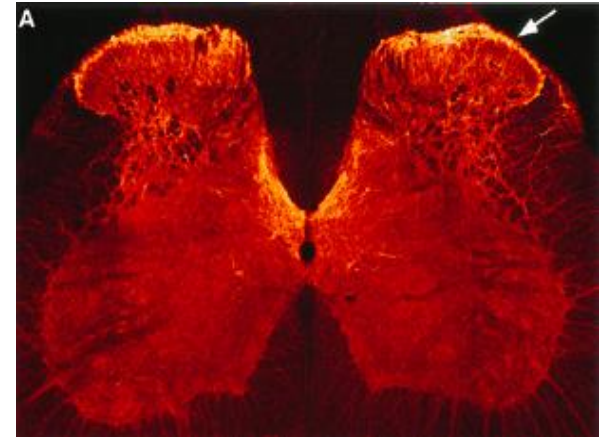
Loss of NGF role in neuropathy

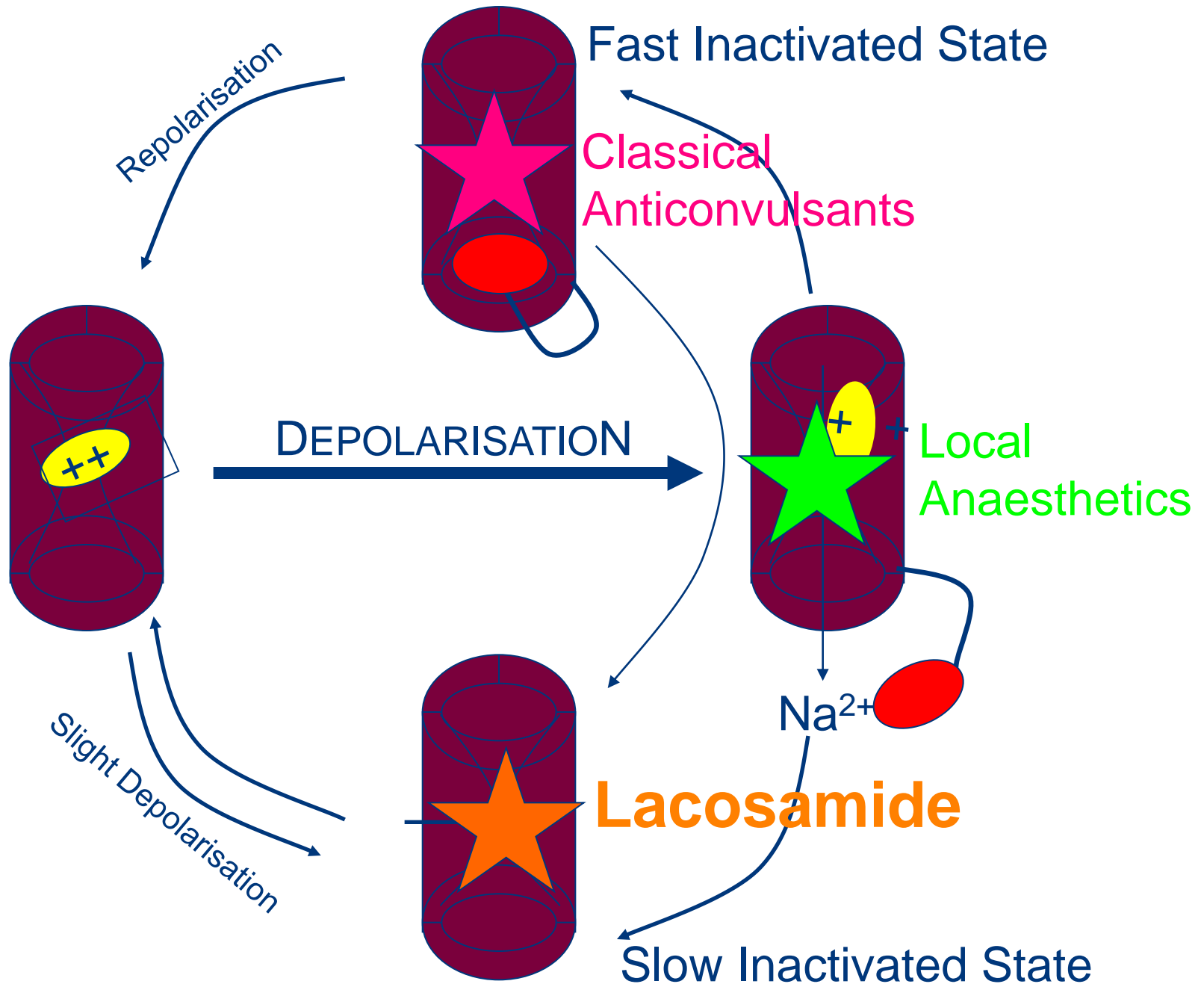
Neuropathy - nerves tend not to heal...



- A -beta fibres
Non-noxious
- A -delta fibres
Some noxious
- C- fibres
Noxious

- Disordered conduction
- Accumulations of channels
- Ectopic and ephatic activity
- De-novo channels





Sodium channels

Nav 1,7

Expressed in fine fibres
Mutations cause sensory and autonomic changes in erythermyalgia - analgesia

Nav 1,8

Unique to fine fibres
Roles in pain in animals and esp mechanical

Nav 1,3

cord after nerve injury - also in brain after

Nav 1,5

d in visceral pain

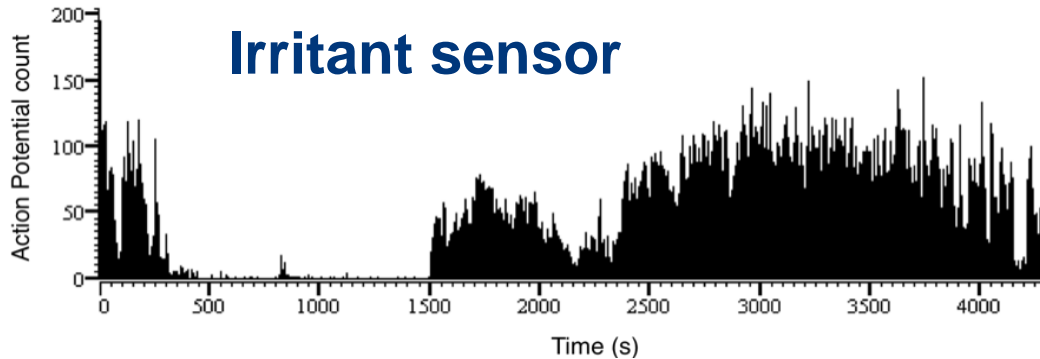


Block multiple channels - TTX and 1.5?

Channelopathic pain syndromes

Inherited erythromyalgia	Nav 1.7	Lower threshold, enhanced responses	Attacks of burning pain and redness in extremities
Paroxysmal extreme pain disorder	Nav 1.7	Impaired inactivation Enhanced response	Episodic lower body ocular, jaw pain
Channelopathy associated insensitivity to pain	Nav 1.7	Loss of function	Inability to sense pain
Familial episodic pain syndrome	TRPA1	Enhanced response	Episodic upper body pain, triggered by fasting, cold, fatigue

A gain-of-function mutation in TRPA1 causes familial episodic pain syndrome

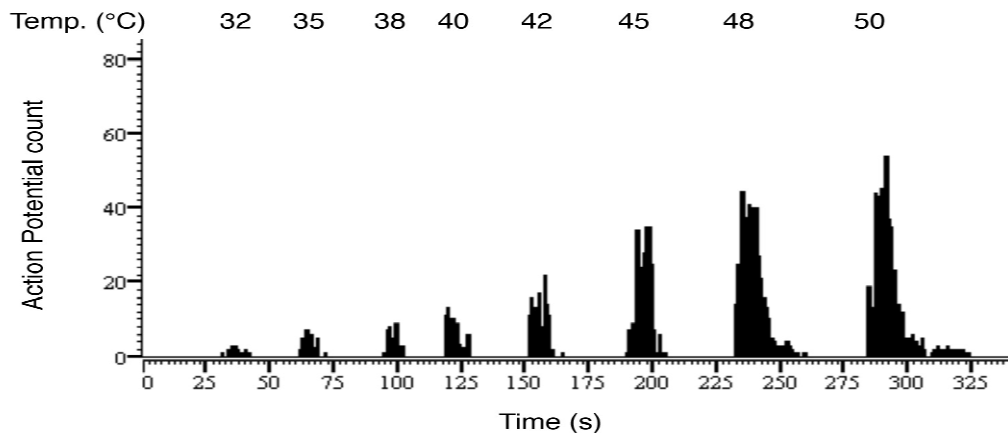


Upper body pain

Triggered by

- cold
- hunger
- fatigue
- exertion

Prodermal.....pain 1.5 hrs.....sleep



Normal acute pain

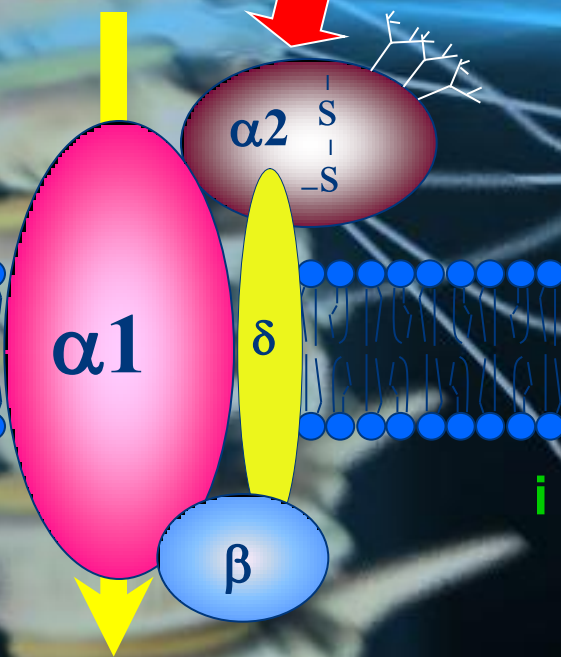
Channels are key to neuropathic pain

Major spinal increases in excitability

$\alpha_2\delta$ ligands

Damaged Zone

Electrical activity

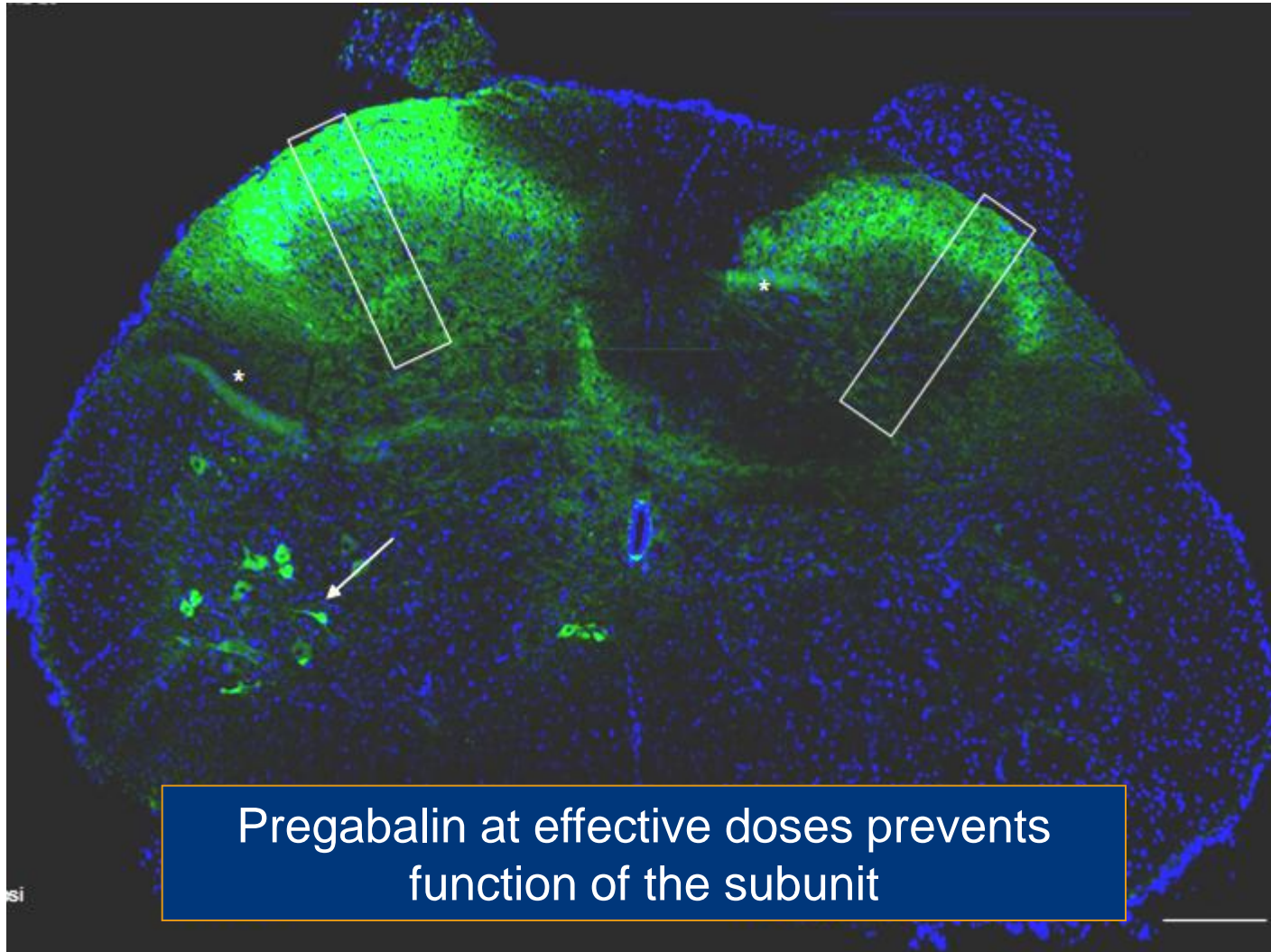


Release of transmitters



Carbamazepine
Lidocaine

Upregulated alpha-2 delta subunits in the spinal cord on the side of nerve injury



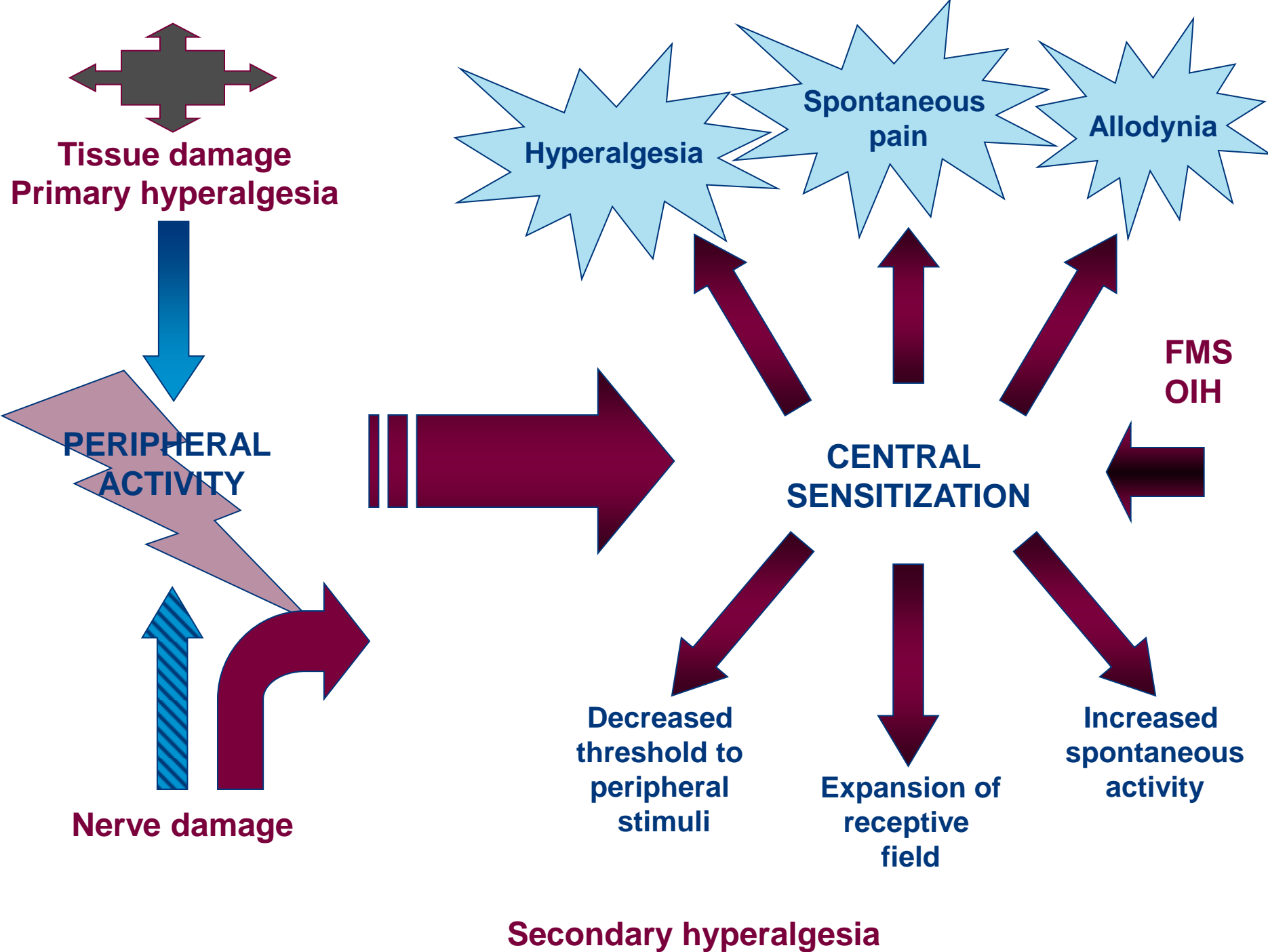
Pregabalin and Alpha-2 Delta 1

- Traumatic neuropath
 - In all peripheral fibr
 - Corresponds to ner
 - Pregabalin has no
 - Pregabalin at beha
- the membrane - tra
- If the channel is no
normally.....state-d

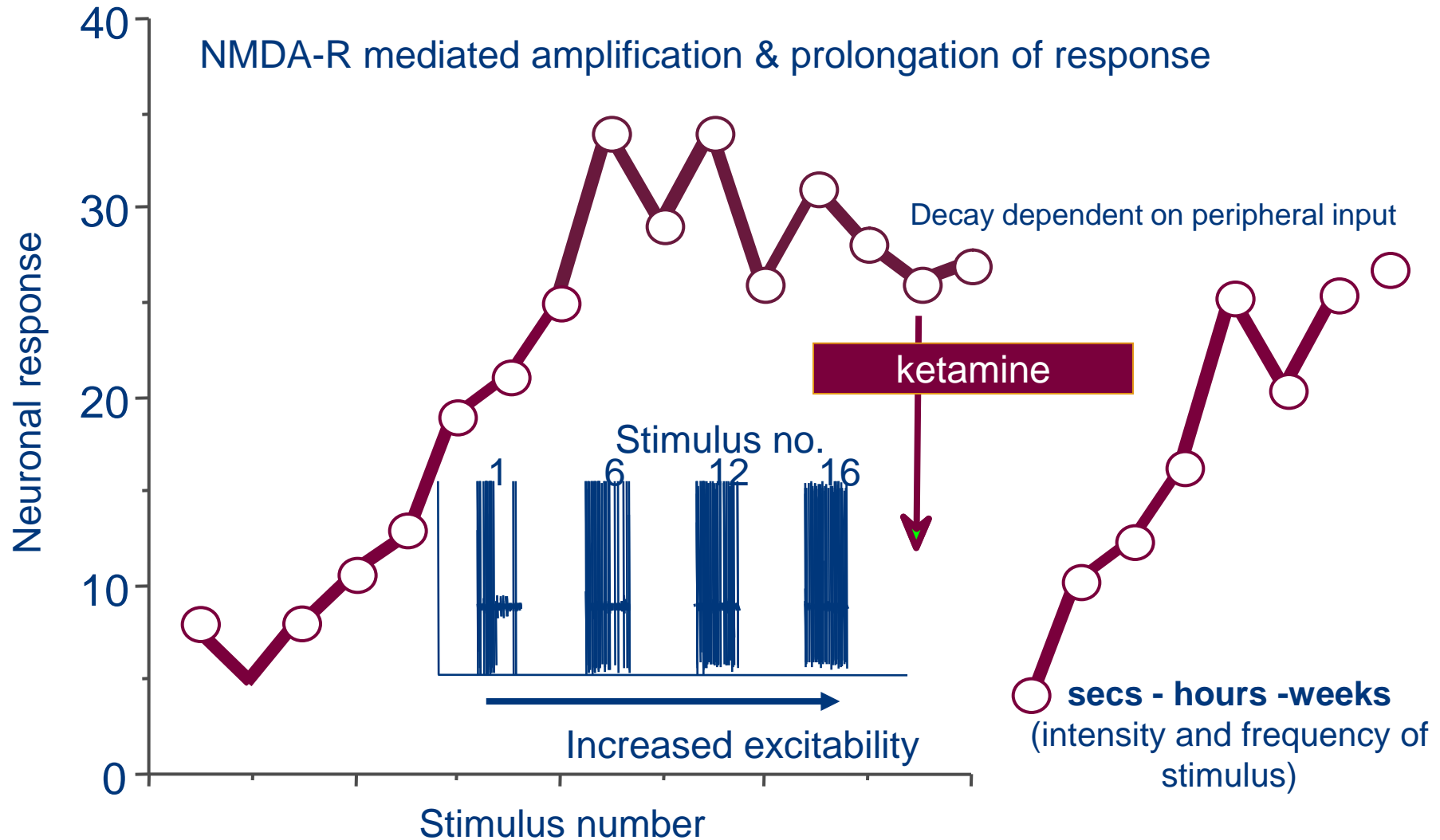


the effect
of alpha-2 delta 1 to

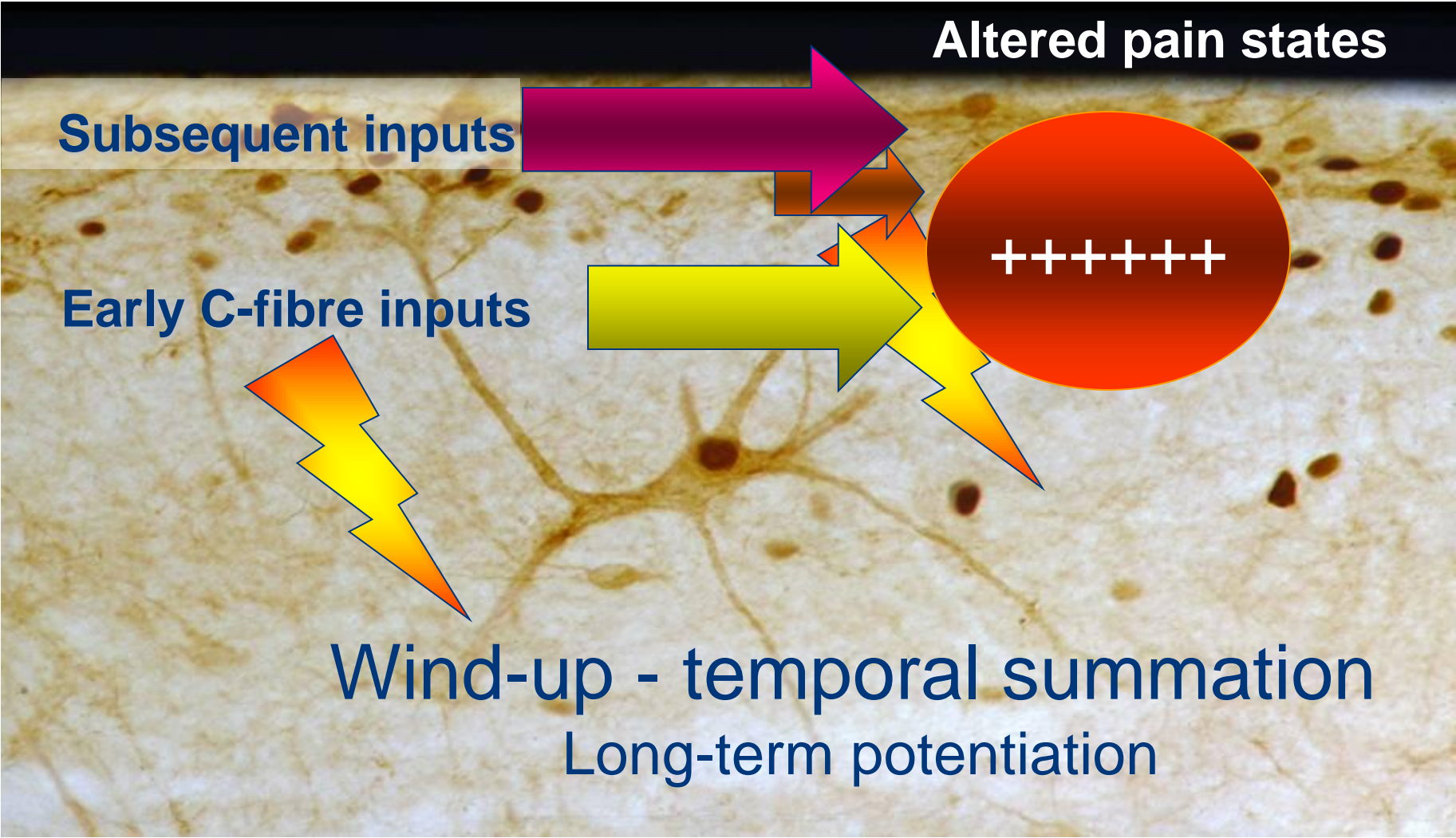
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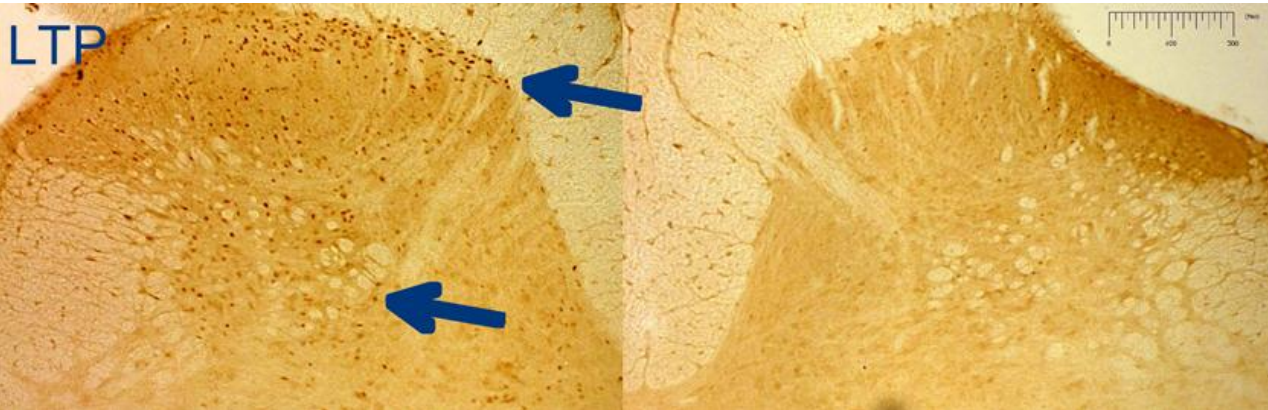
NMDA receptors and wind-up



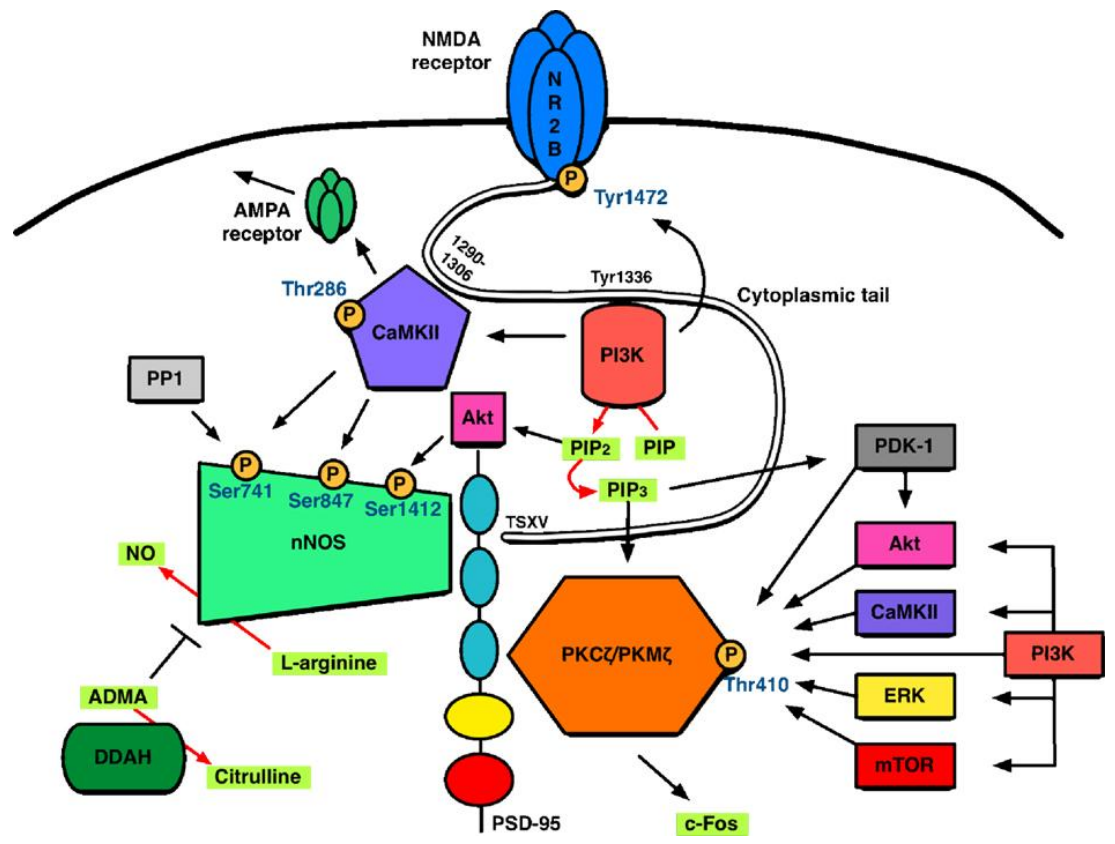
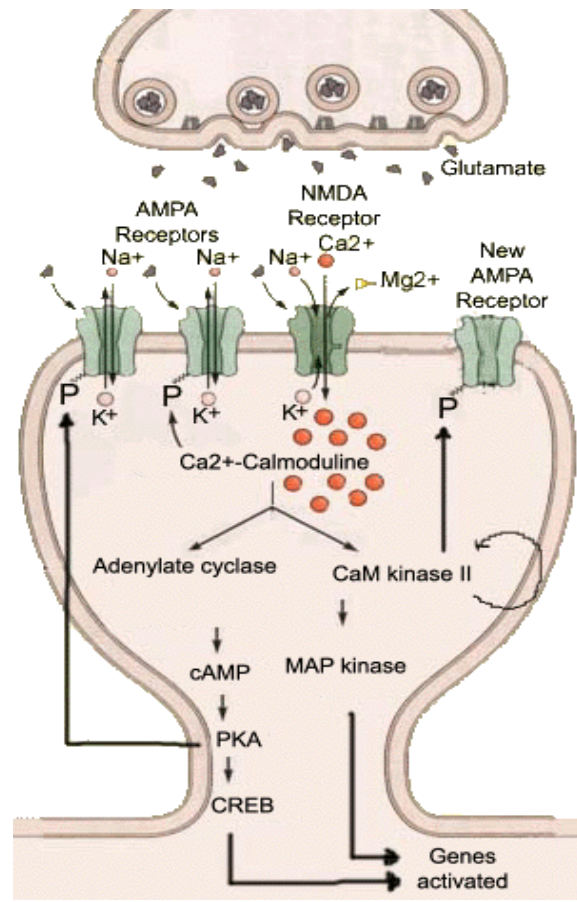
Spinal mechanisms - central hypersensitivity

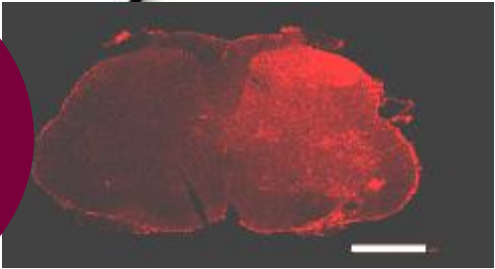
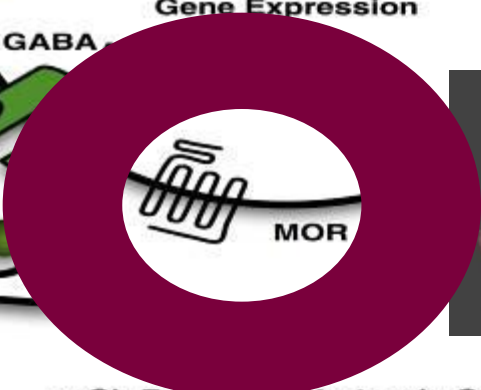
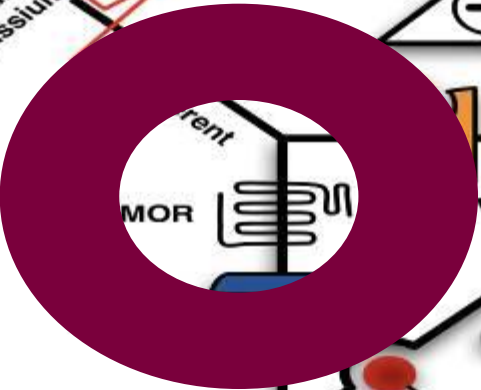
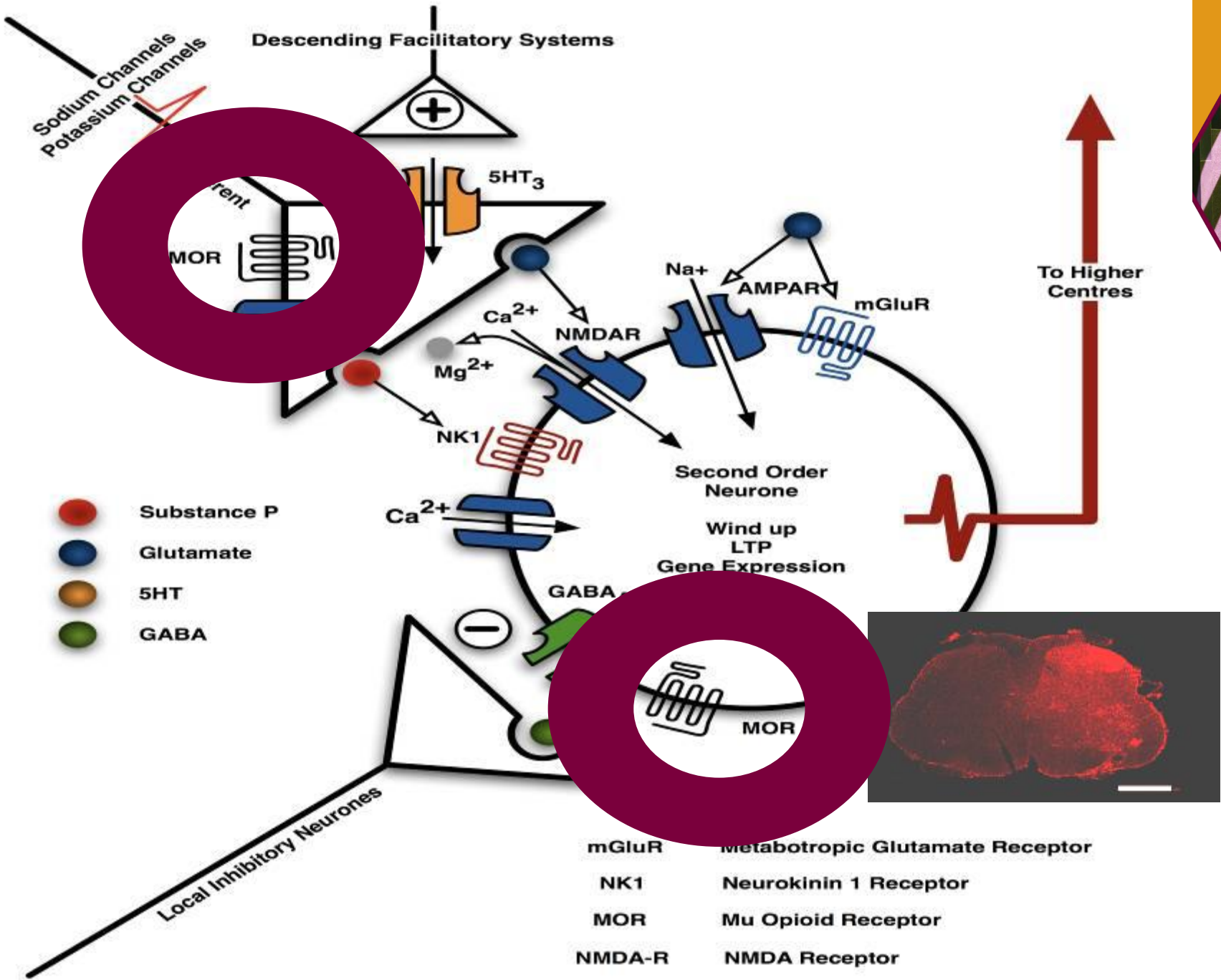


Peripheral and descending pathways converge ...

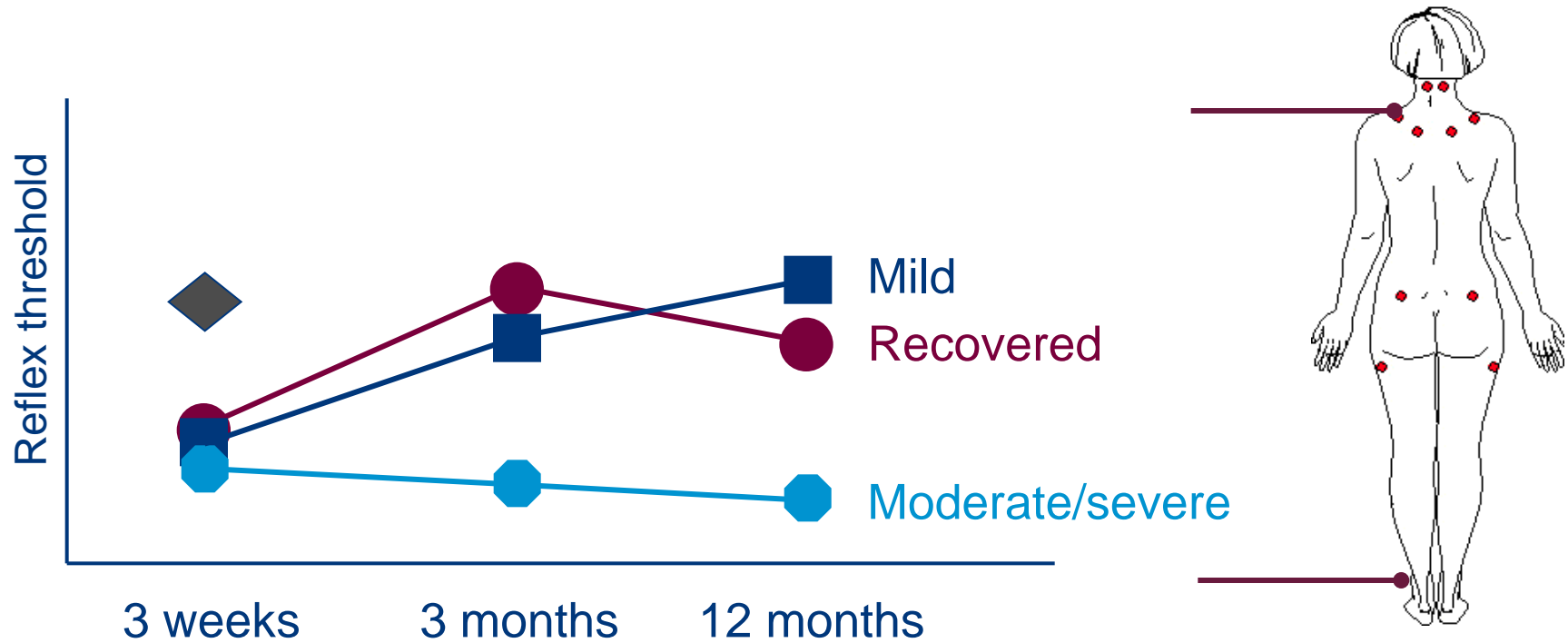


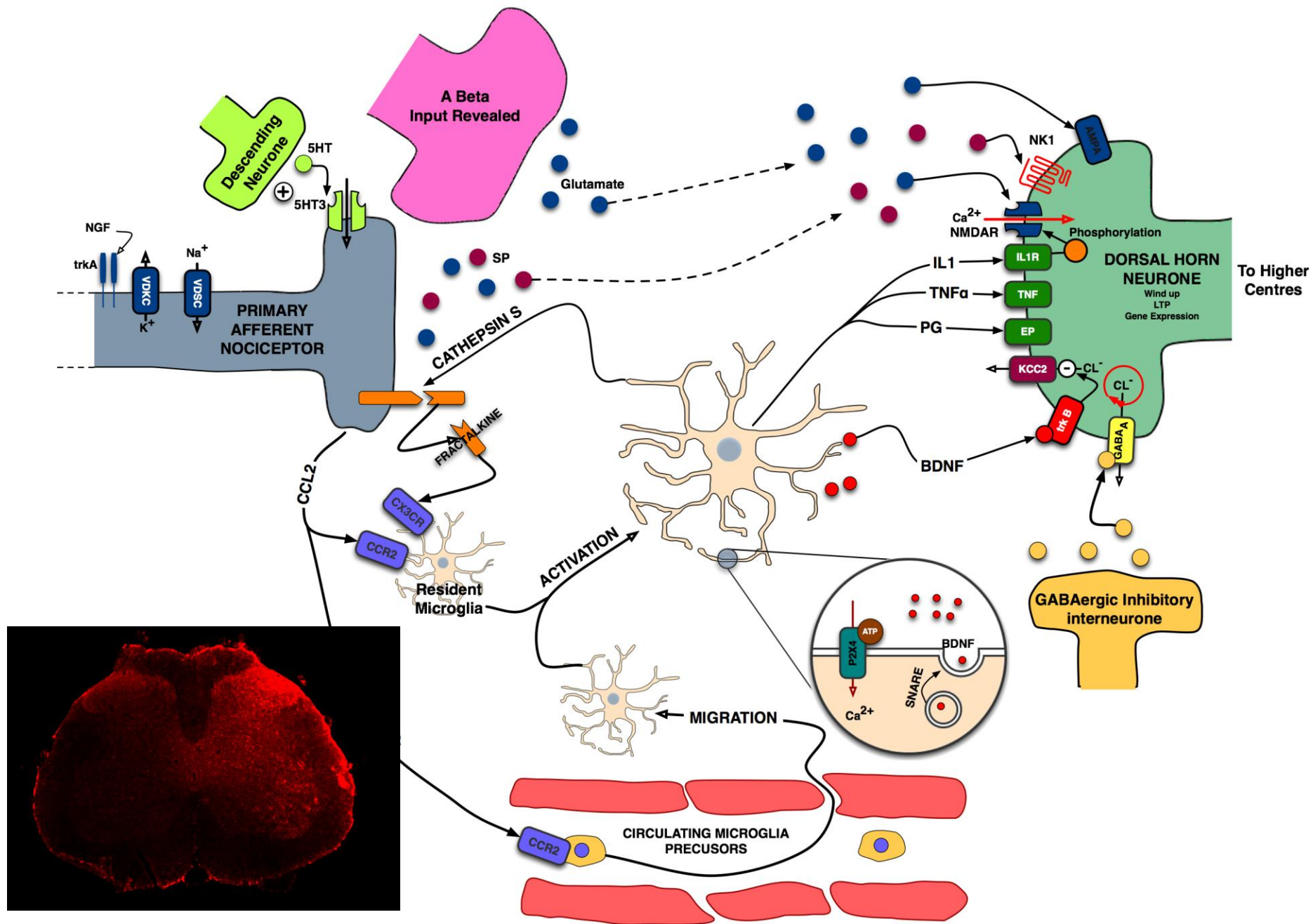
Genes related to memory processes, responses to the outside world etc.



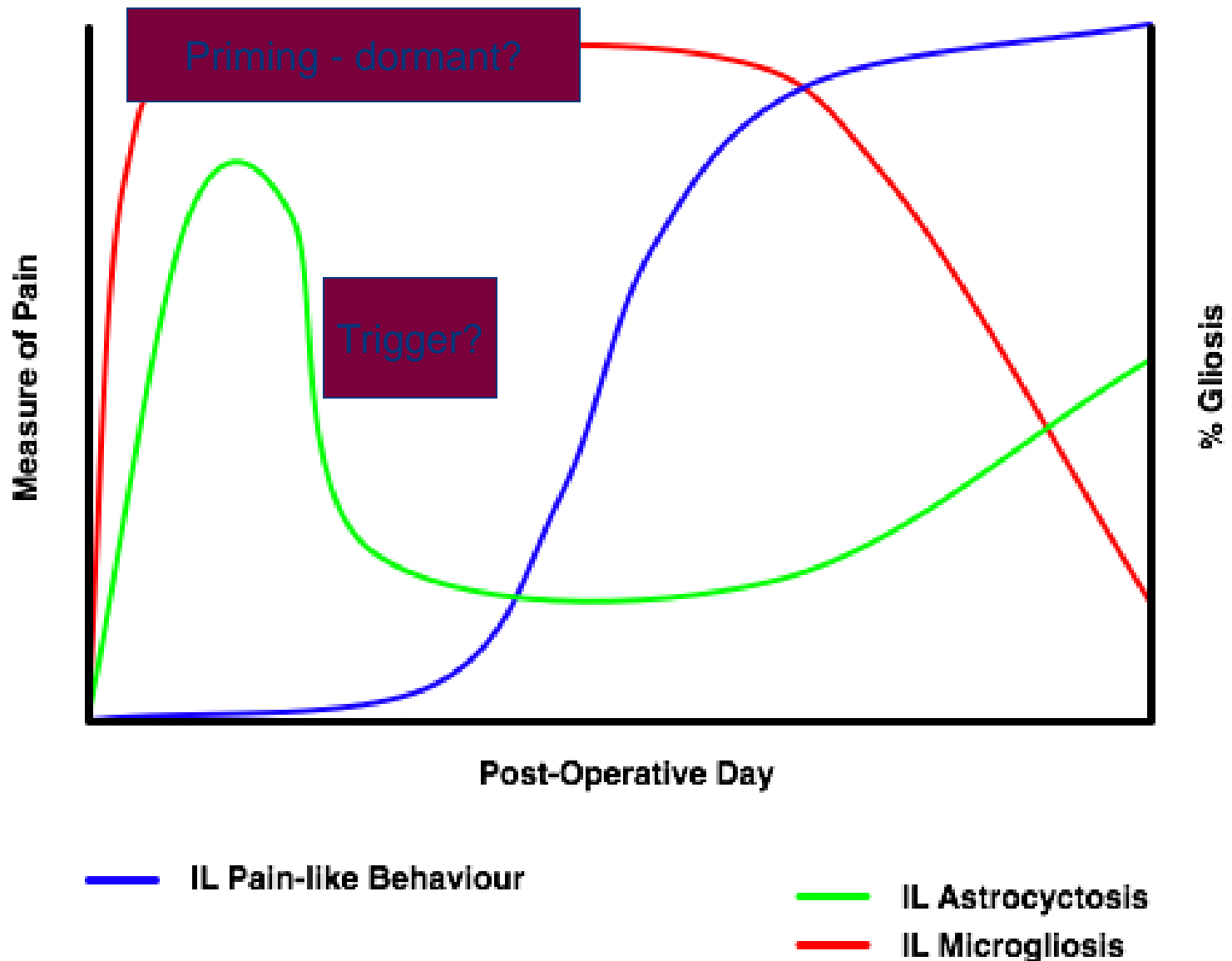


Differential development of central hypersensitivity and a measure of spinal cord hyperexcitability following whiplash injury

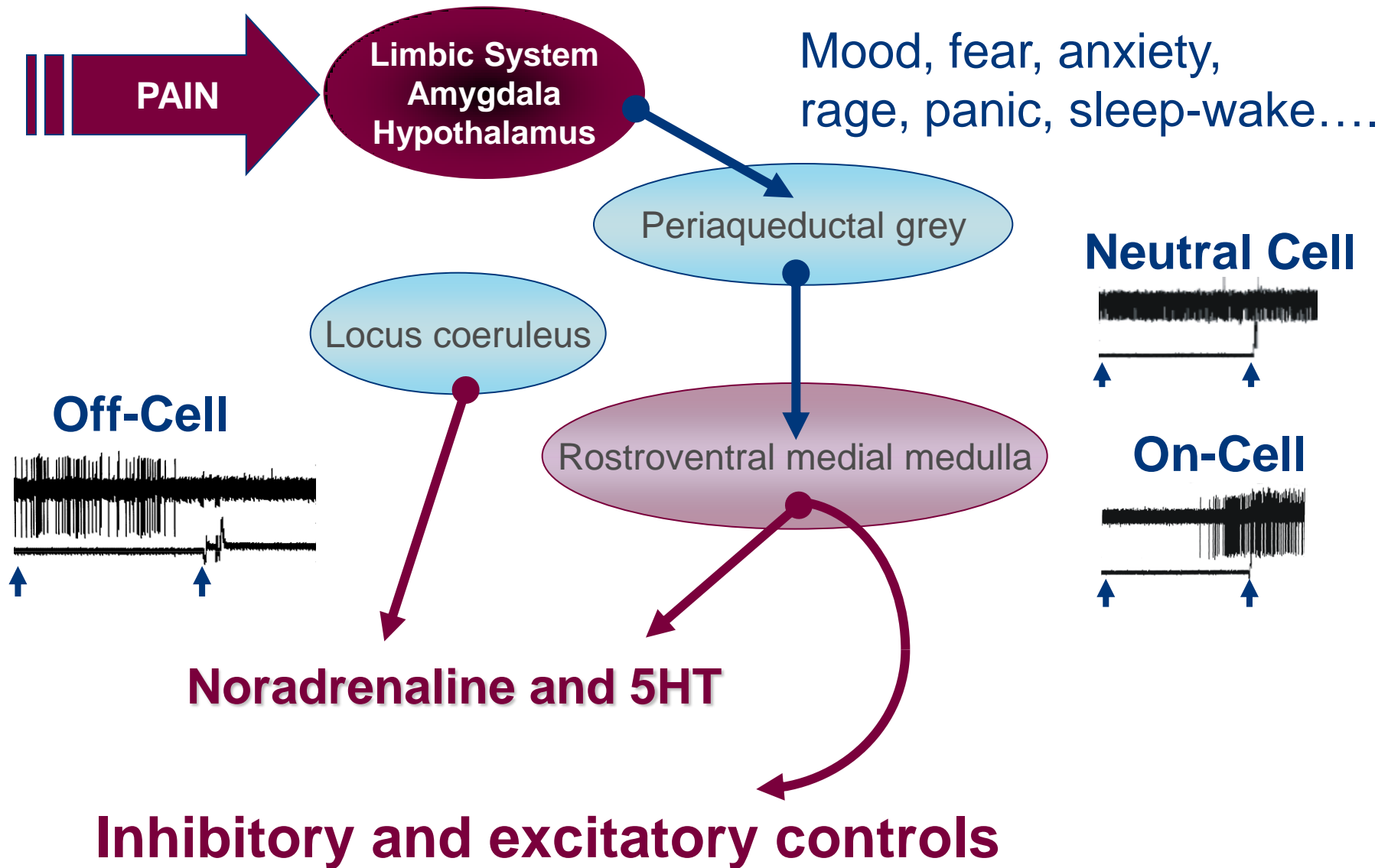




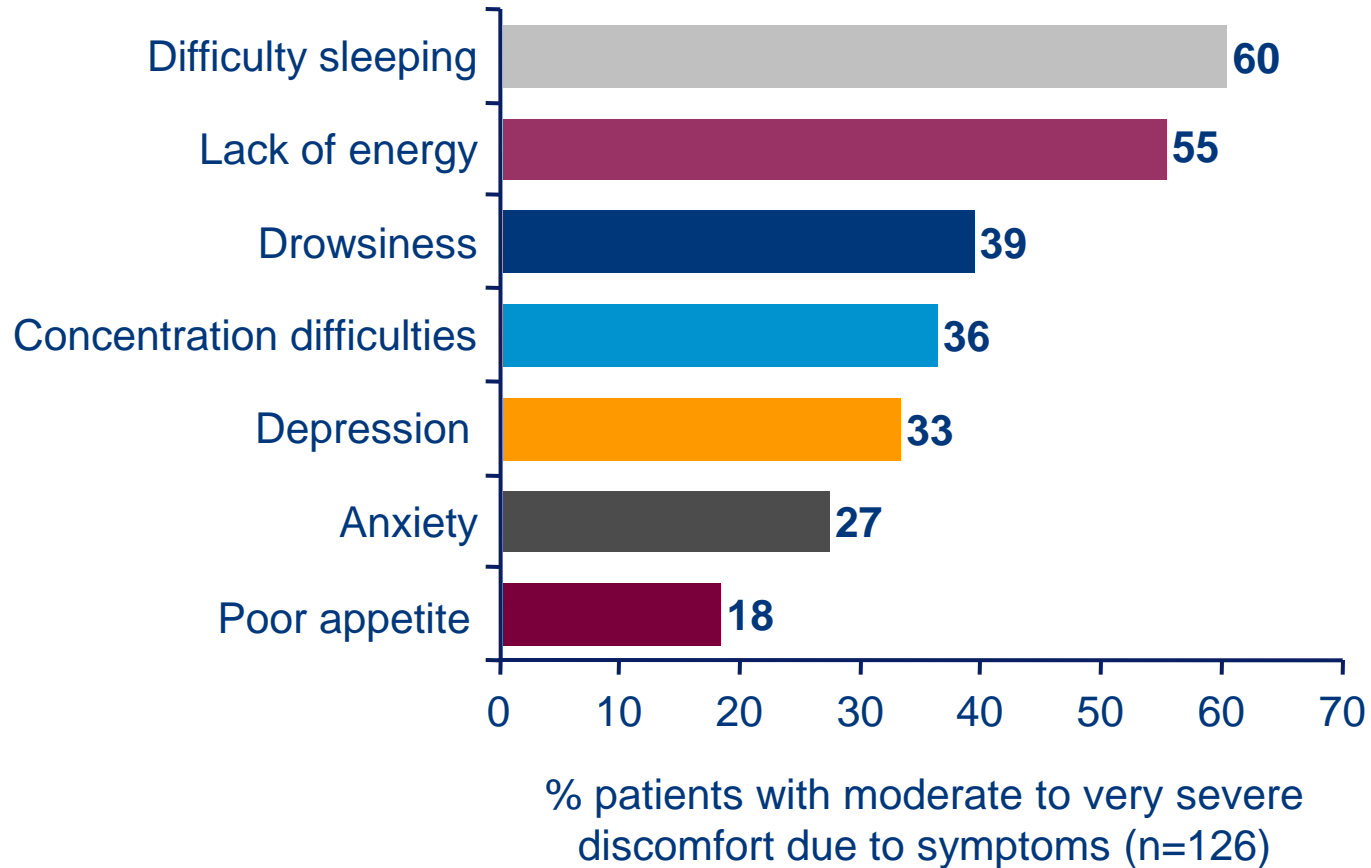
Non-neuronal cell changes - the issue of timing.....



Noradrenaline and 5HT

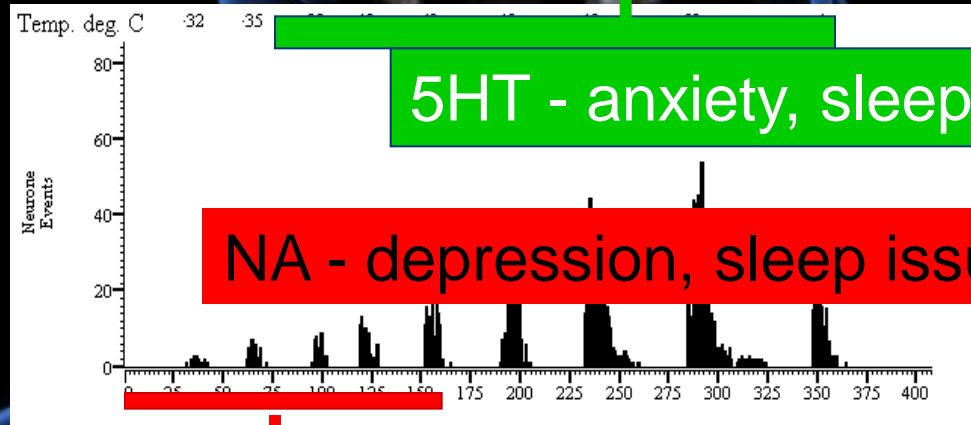


Pain changes our brain functions



Neuropathy - loss of NA inhibition - gain of 5HT facilitation

Brain stem mechanisms and descending controls



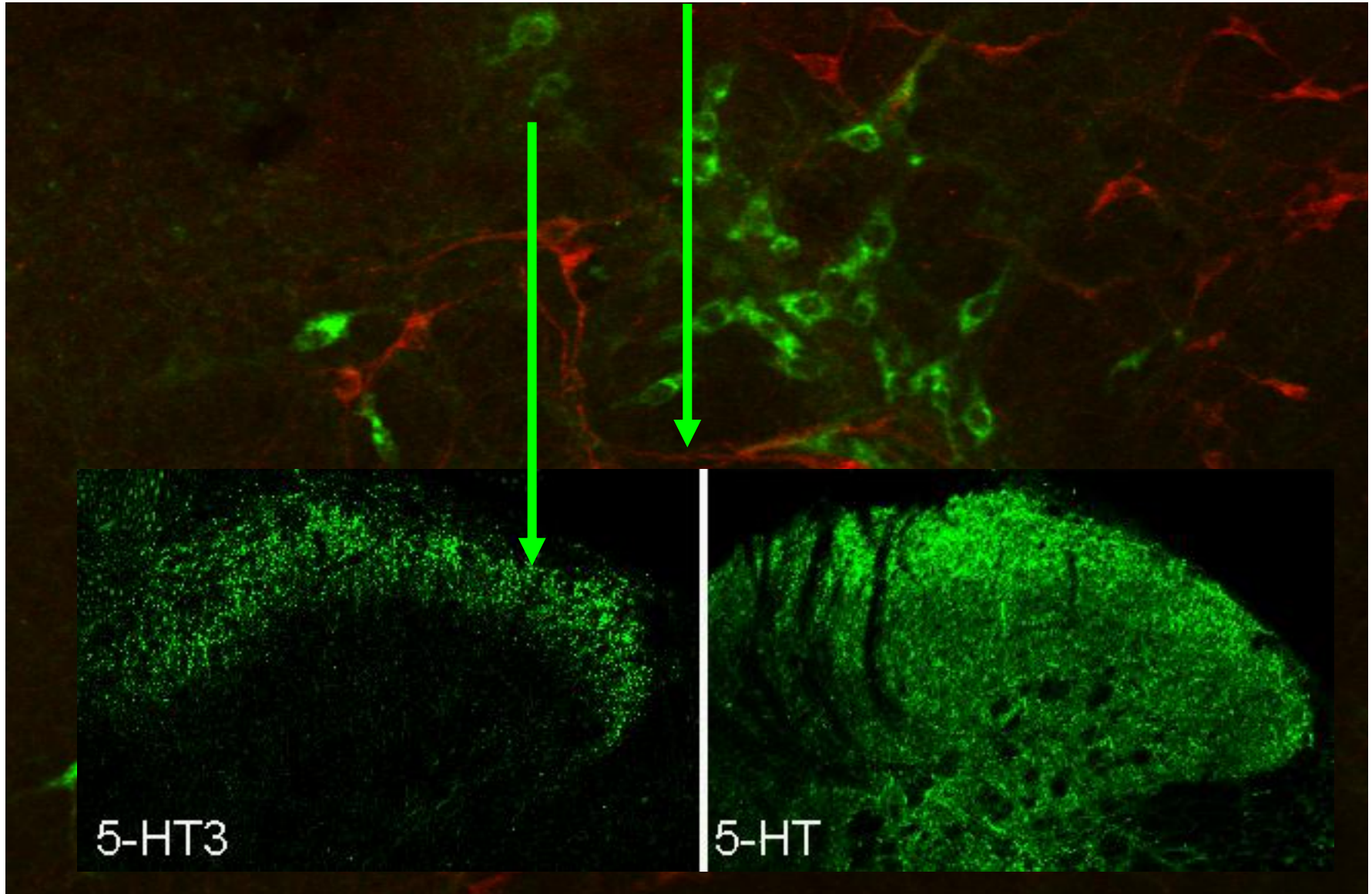
5HT - anxiety, sleep issues

NA - depression, sleep issues

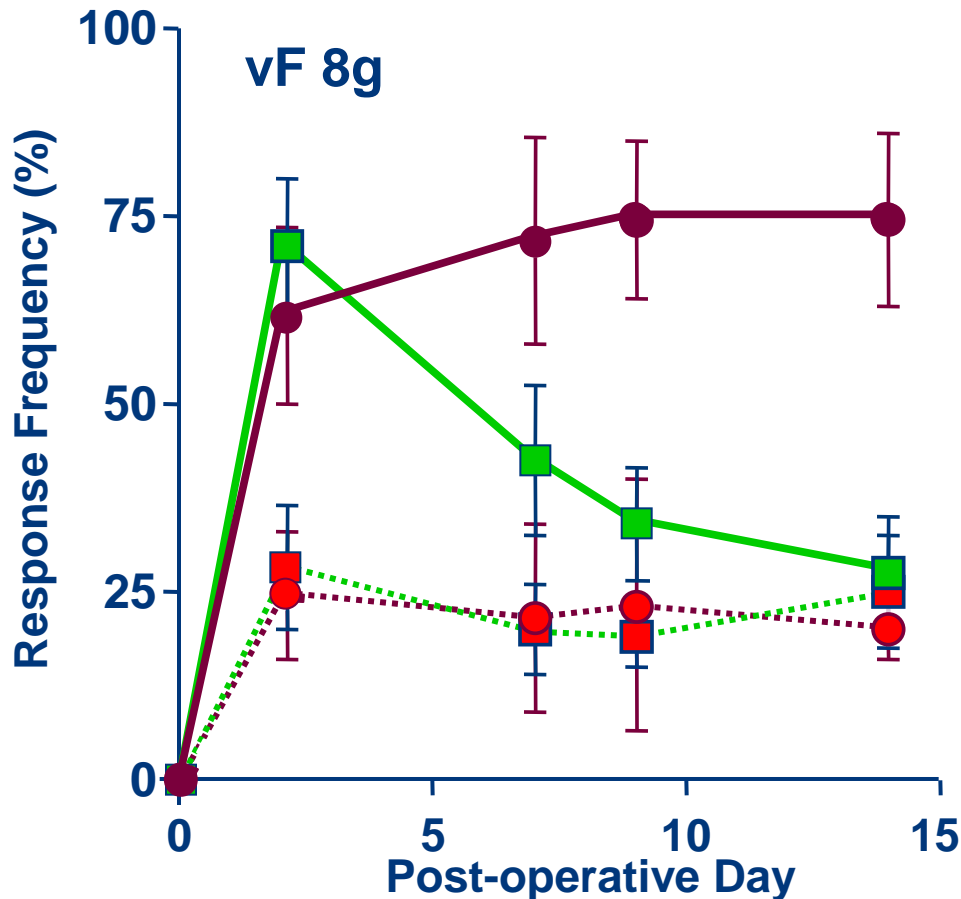
Hyperexcitability through spinal events

Peripheral transduction

Excitations up – Inhibitions down



Time The pain moves.....

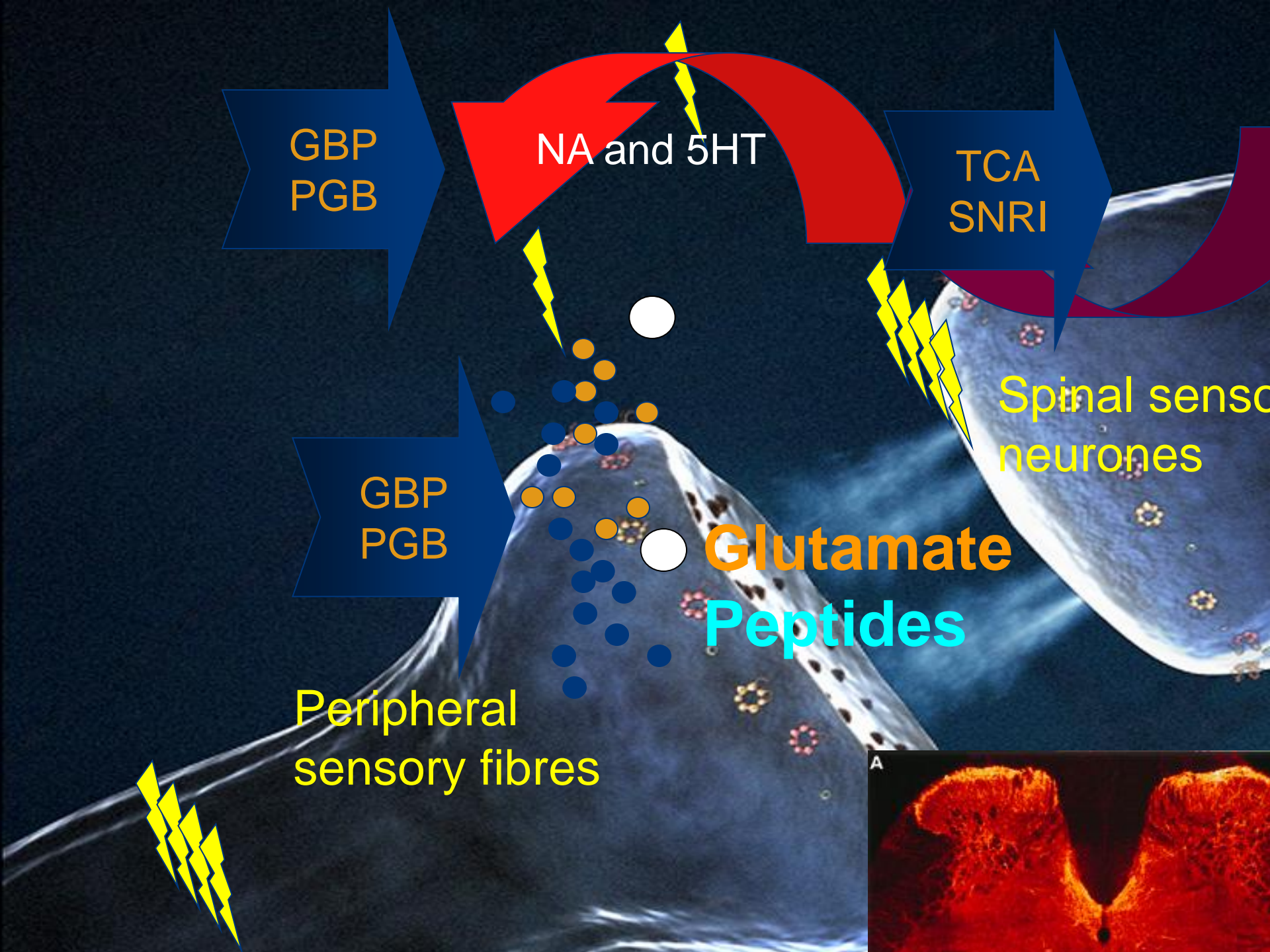


Maintained hypersensitivity after peripheral neuropathy and abnormal cold...

Ablation of RVM descending facilitations

Control values

Could there be time-related events in neuropathic pain?



GBP
PGB

NA and 5HT

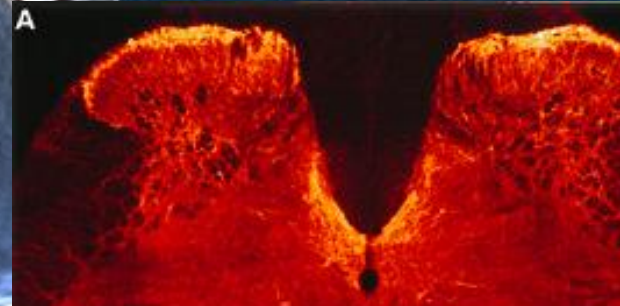
TCA
SNRI

GBP
PGB

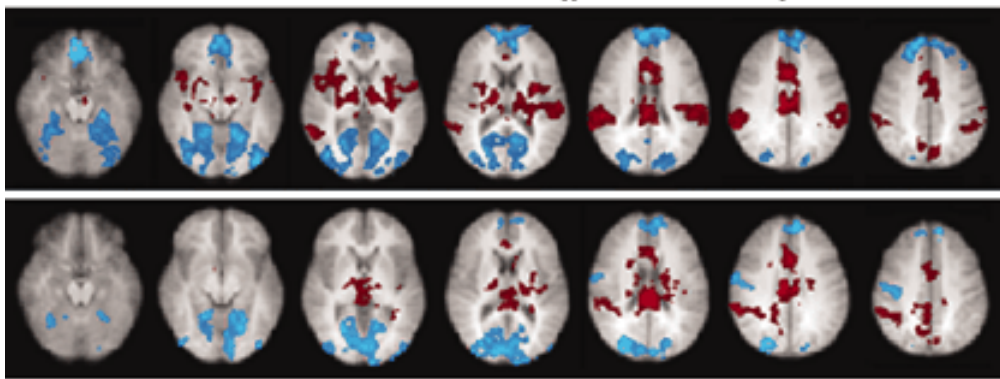
Spinal sensory
neurones

Glutamate
Peptides

Peripheral
sensory fibres

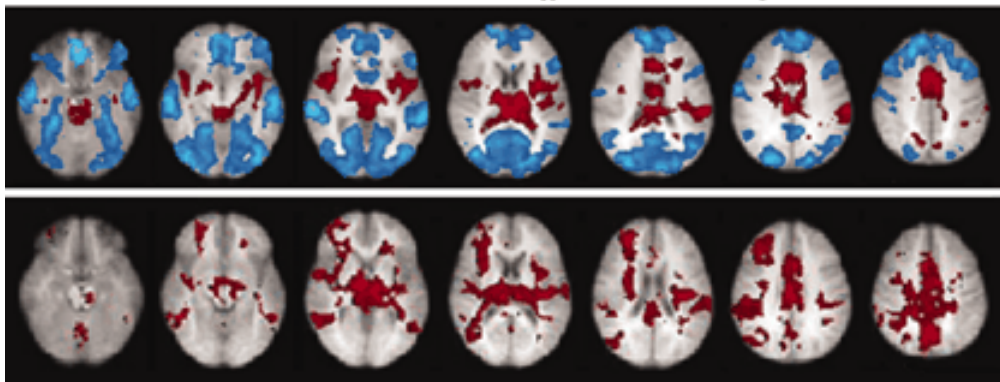


normal transmission (periods 1-2)

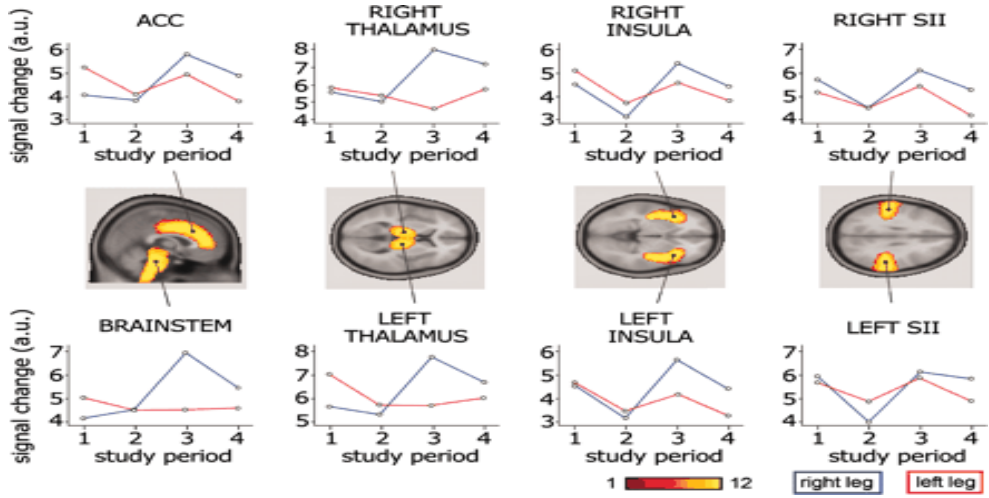


placebo
gbp

central sensitisation (periods 3-4)



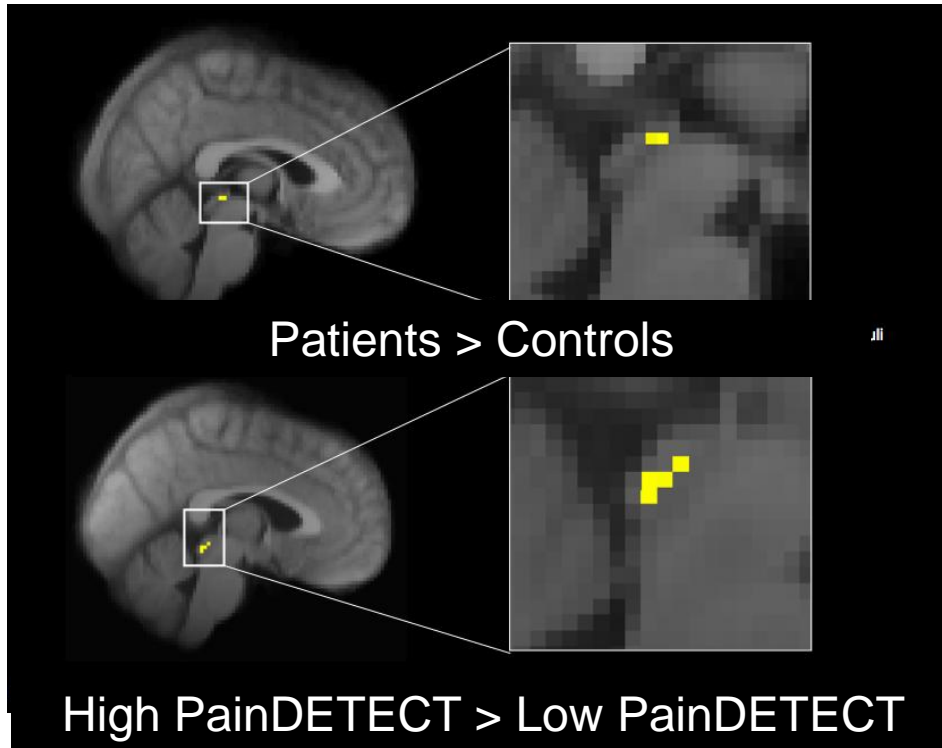
placebo
gbp



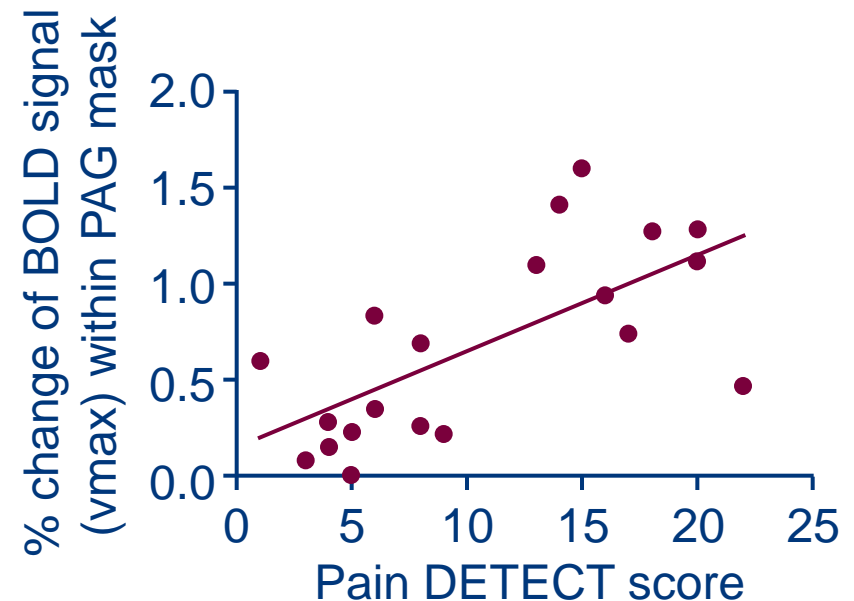
GBP reduces hyperalgesic signals in human brainstem etc
Iannetti et al PNAS 2006

Translation to patients.....

PAG activation



Psychophysical and Functional Imaging Evidence Supporting Presence of Central Sensitisation in a Cohort of Osteoarthritis Patients



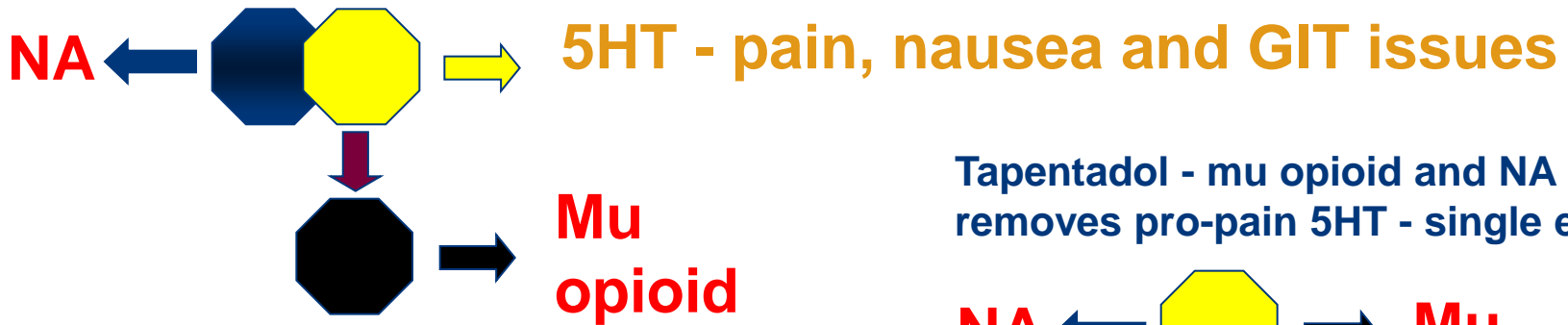
Modes of action

Tapentadol vs. Tramadol

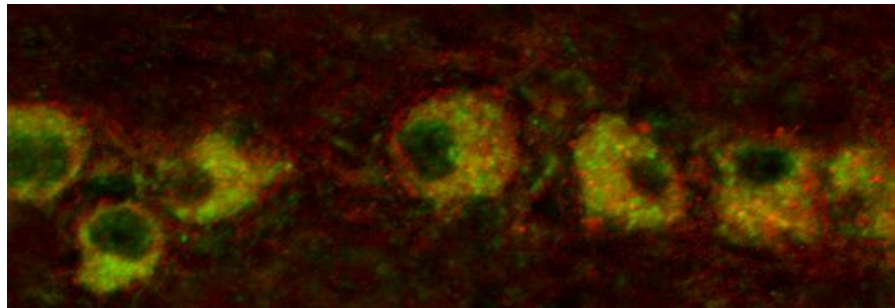
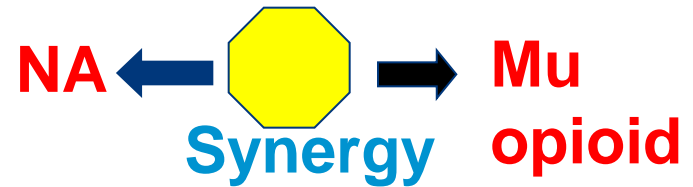
Tramadol - mu opioid binding/ NA and 5HT uptake block

Direct opioid receptor inhibition via metabolite

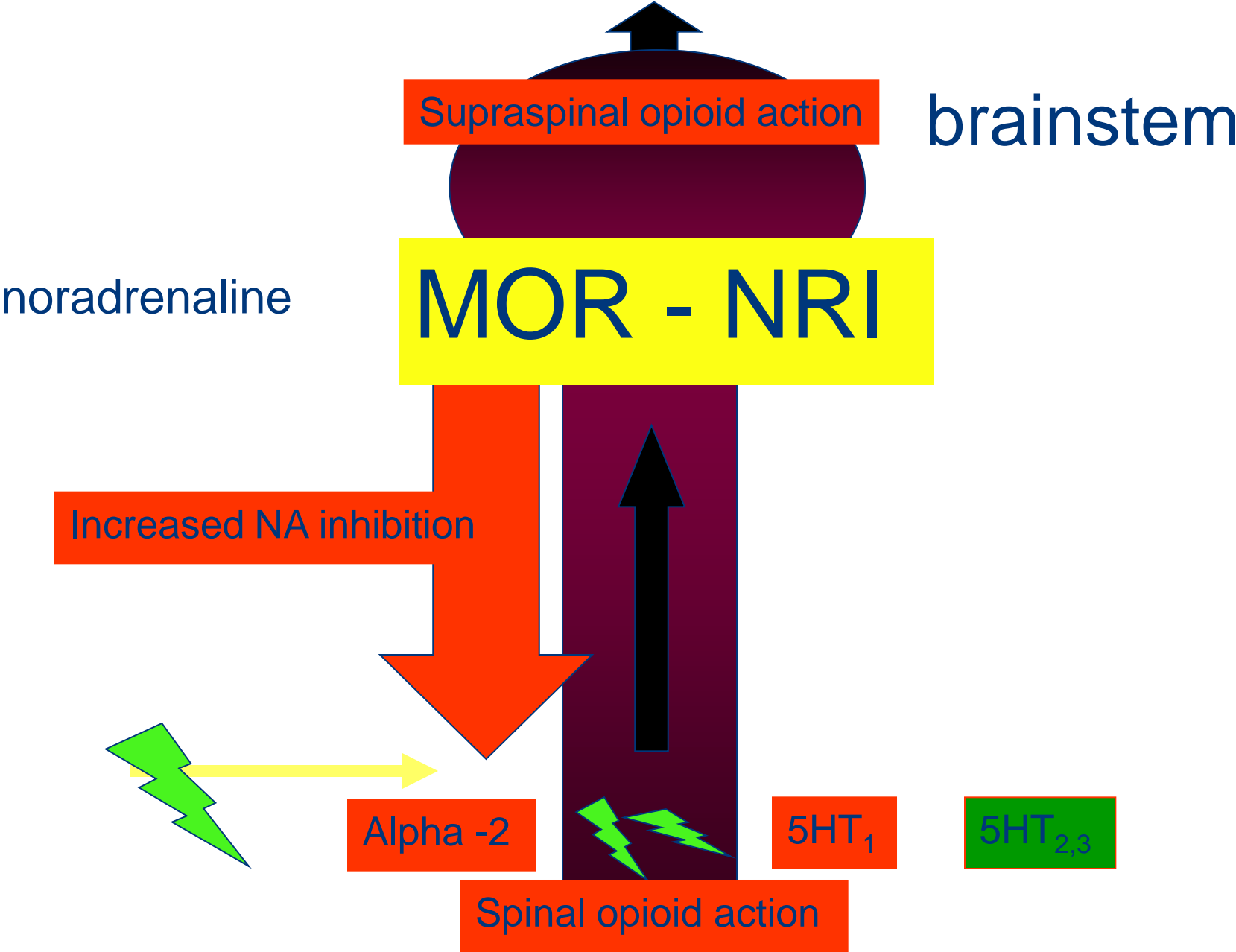
Isomers acting on monoamines



Tapentadol - mu opioid and NA only – removes pro-pain 5HT - single entity

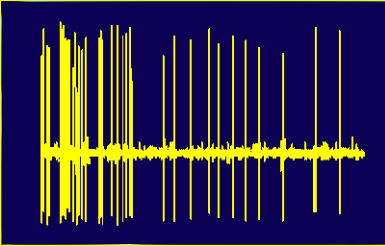


Tapentadol + Intense pain



MOR - NRI

Severe pain

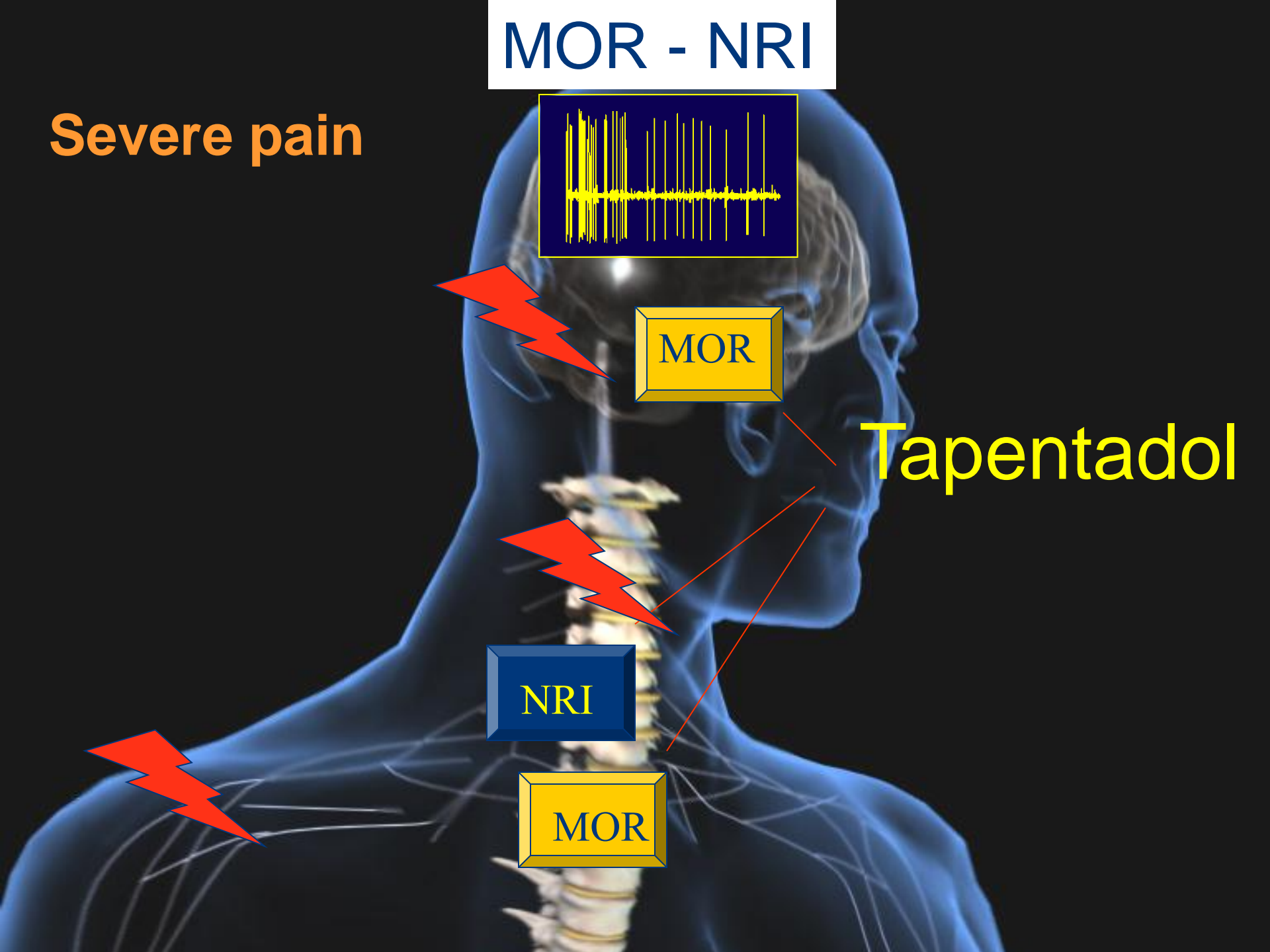


MOR

Tapentadol

NRI

MOR



Tapentadol – Two mechanisms on neurons

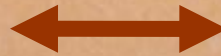
Naloxone

Atipamezole

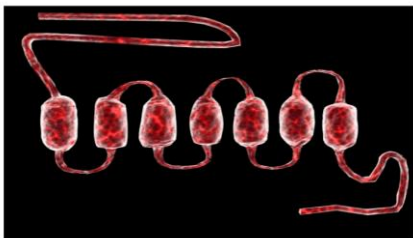
Mu opioid

NA alpha-2

MOR

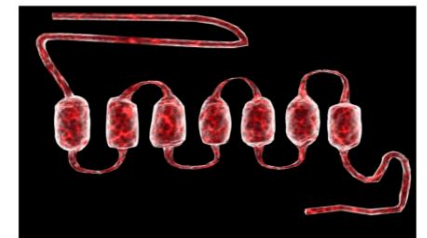


NRI



Same receptor structure
Similar mechanisms

Similar potassium channels



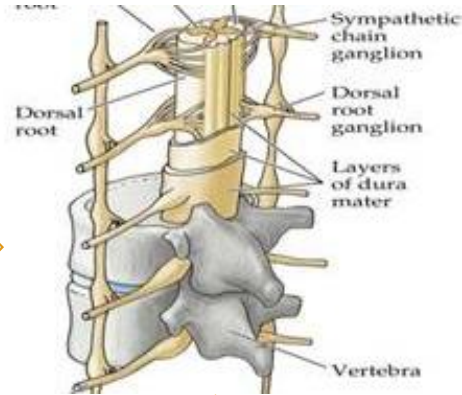
Mechanical SNL

- Increases in efficacy on spinal neuronal hypersensitivity after nerve injury
 - Increased effects on brush and heat
- Equal potency, greater efficacy than morphine in nerve injury
 - Opioid and alpha-2 adrenoceptor synergy
- Move to greater alpha-2 adrenoceptor actions after nerve injury

Systemic tapentadol modulates spinal opioid function and increases spinal NA

Targets for therapy

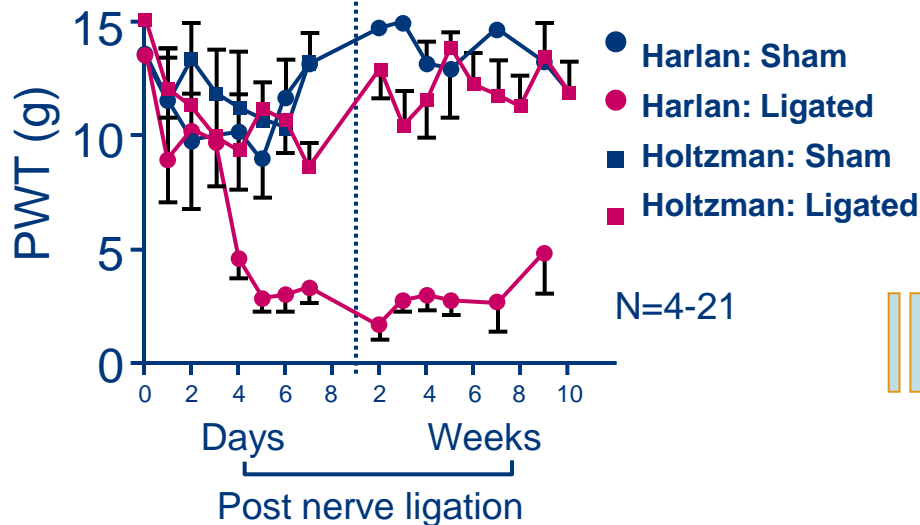
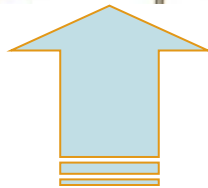
Trauma



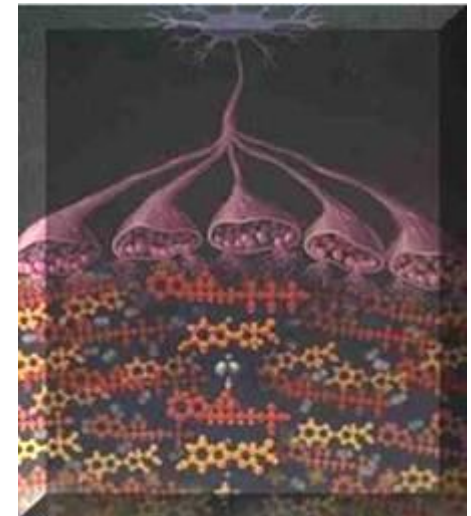
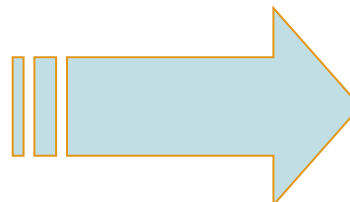
Multiple mechanisms



Genes may protect or predispose

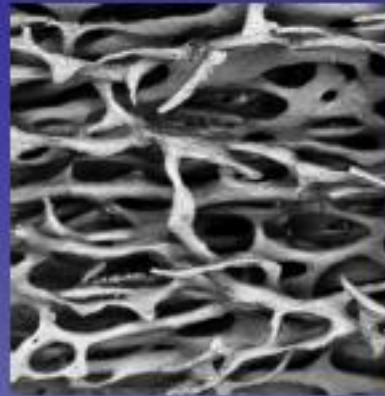


Signs and symptoms





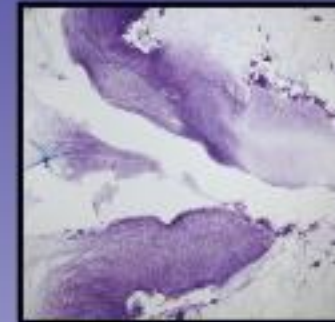
Visceral processes



Cancer induced bone pain

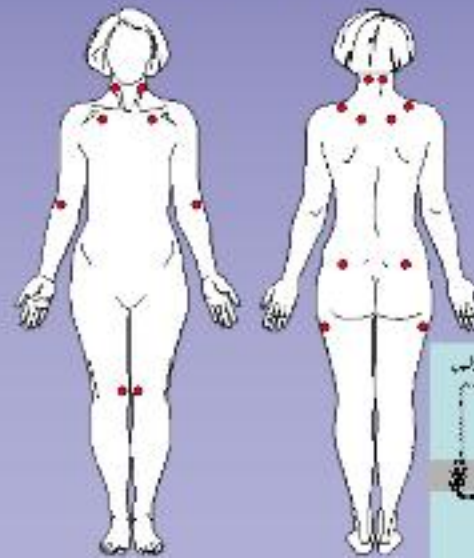
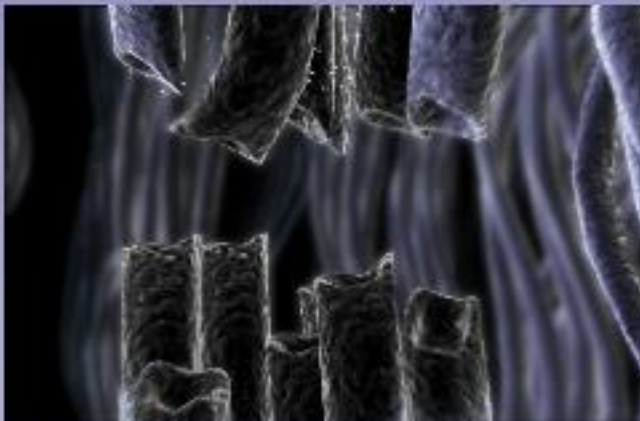


OA



Neuropathy

Opioid induced hyperalgesia



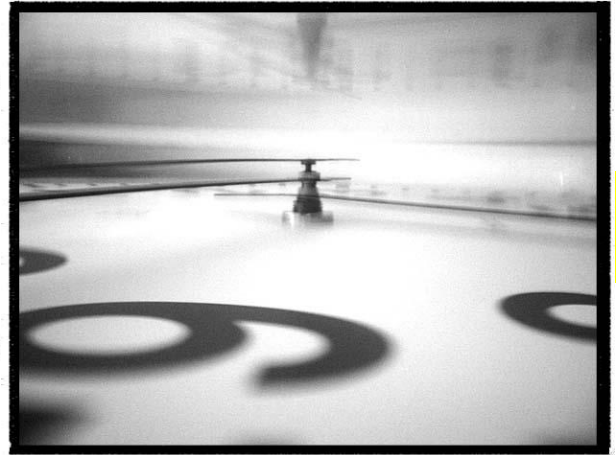
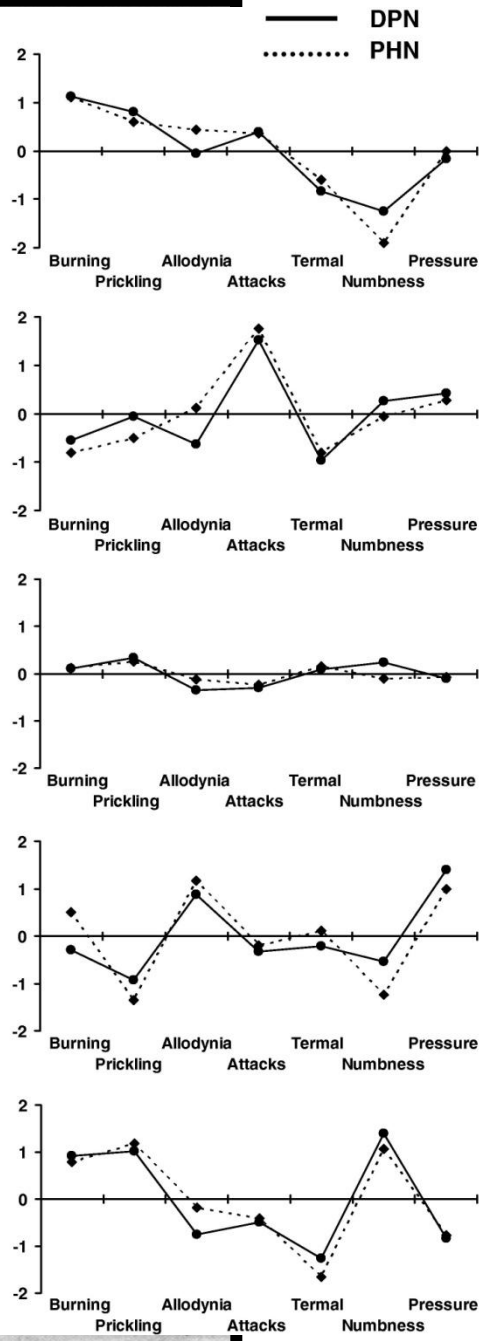
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Symptoms



Questionnaire scores (adjusted by individual mean)



Mechanism

Mechanism

