Fast and slow learning signals mediated by climbing fiber inputs to cerebellar Purkinje cells



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Learning on multiple time scales

Slow learning: skill acquisition



Fast learning: adaptation





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A visuomotor integration task to study learning



Chronic imaging of climbing fiber inputs to identified Purkinje cell populations during task acquisition and adaptation



Climbing fiber inputs to Purkinje cells in Lobules V and Simplex arise from different olivary regions and exhibit distinct task encoding



Cerebellar nuclei

(outputs)



Inferior olive

(inputs)







Lobule V climbing fiber inputs preferentially signal movement Simplex climbing fibers inputs preferentially signal trial outcome

Dynamic climbing fiber signals during task acquisition



Unpredictable events like random rewards evoke strong responses at all stages Signals predicting task events such as movement onset emerge with learning

Responses to predictable events such as operant reward signals are suppressed with learning

Dynamic climbing fiber signals during sensorimotor adaptation



Reward-related signals increase transiently during learning phase of adaptation

Summary

Chronic two-photon Ca²⁺ imaging of climbing fiber inputs reveals dynamics of teaching signals during learning on fast and slow time scales

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