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# Research interests of Qiang Zhou

- Biological basis of neurodegenerative diseases and psychiatric disorders and their therapy
- Contribution of inhibition to nervous system function and diseases
- Synaptic transmission, plasticity and their contribution to neurological disorders
- Organization of neural circuitry and its contribution to neurodegenerative diseases and psychiatric disorders
- Epigenetic regulation of neuronal functions and diseases
- Use of combined electrophysiological recording and fluorescence imaging in studying neuronal functions

Contribution of inhibition and neural circuitry to neural functions and diseases



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- ✓ Electrophysiological recordings (brain slices, in vivo)
- ✓ Disease models (neurodegenerative and psychiatric)
- ✓ In vitro readout of circuitry functions (e.g., oscillations)

✓ Effects of potential drugs (acute and chronic)

See also - Hanson J, Deng L, et al., J. Neurosci. 33:5924-9, 2013 Cox CL et al., Nature 394: 478-482, 1998.

# Testing chronic effects of drugs in disease models



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See also - Hanson J et al., Neuropsychopharmacology. 38(7):1221-33, 2013.

# Epigenetic regulation of neural circuitry and neurological diseases



- ✓ Effects on synaptic transmission and plasticity
- Effects on inhibition and neural network balance
- Effects on animal behavior and functions
- New and novel agents for regulating epigenetic functions

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Synaptic and spine modifications - in neural development, function and diseases



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## See also

✓ In vitro and in vivo
✓ Functional significance
✓ Disease relevance
✓ Biological mechanisms

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Combining electrophysiological recording with fluorescence imaging



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