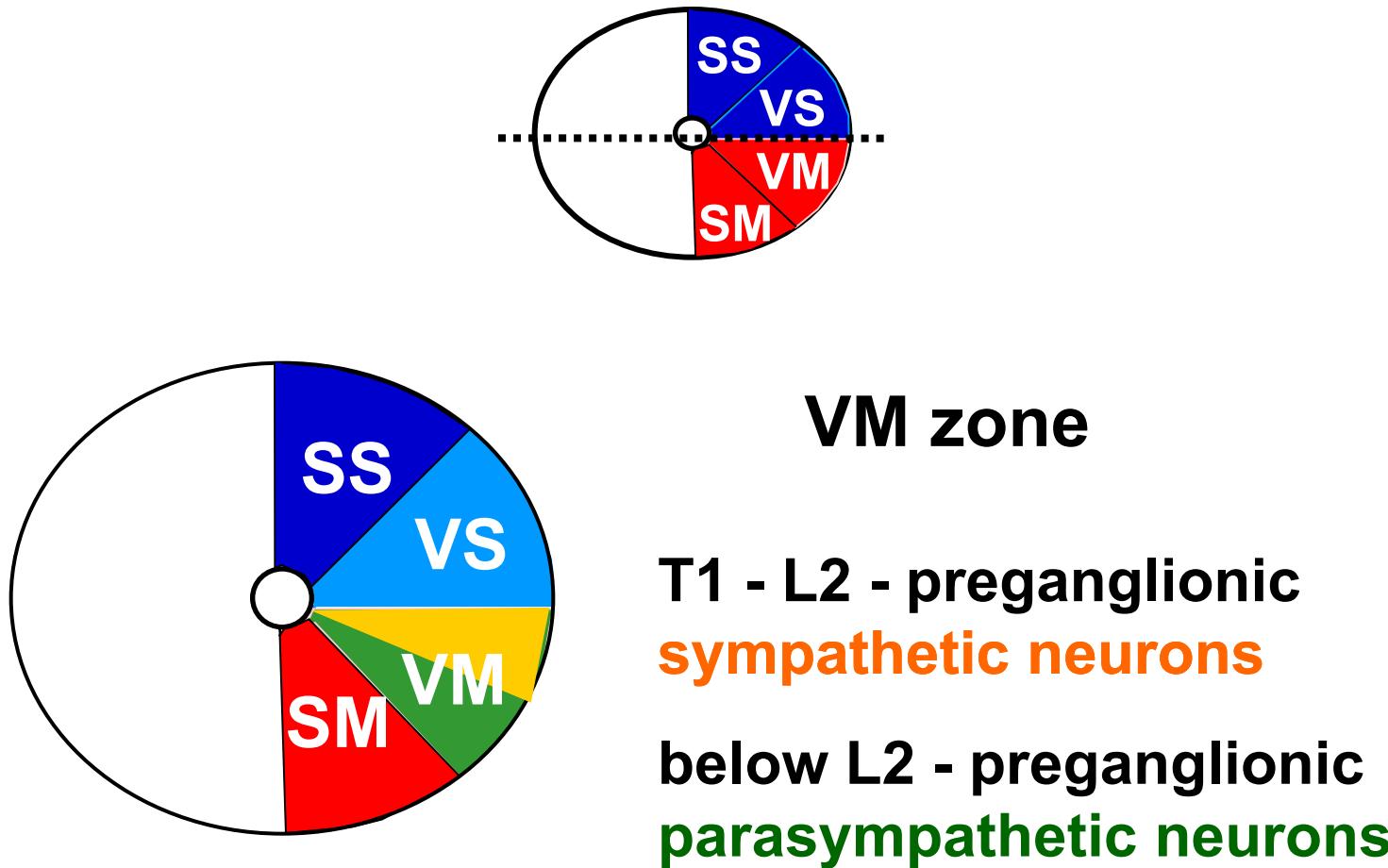
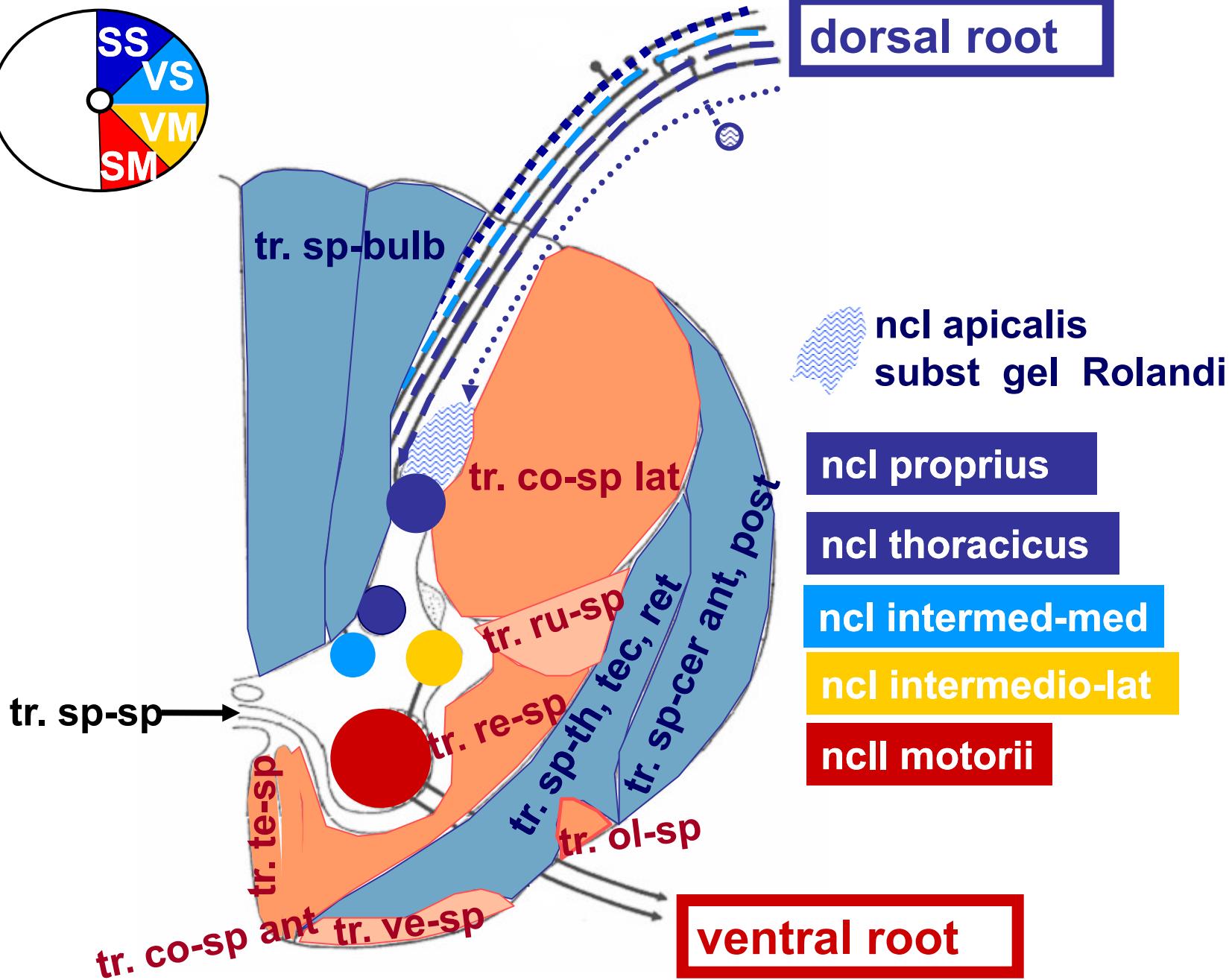
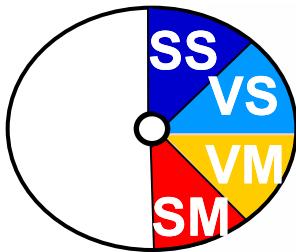
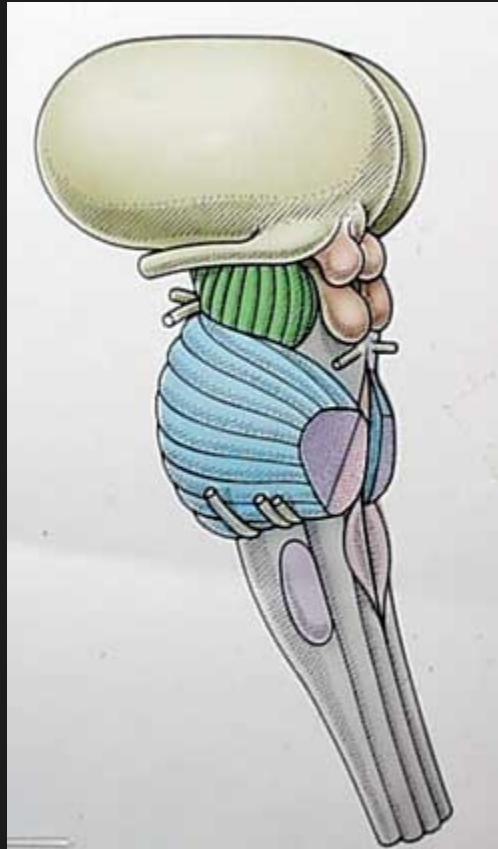


# Functional zones in the spinal cord





# **Brainstem**



**Mesencephalon  
Pons  
Medulla oblongata**

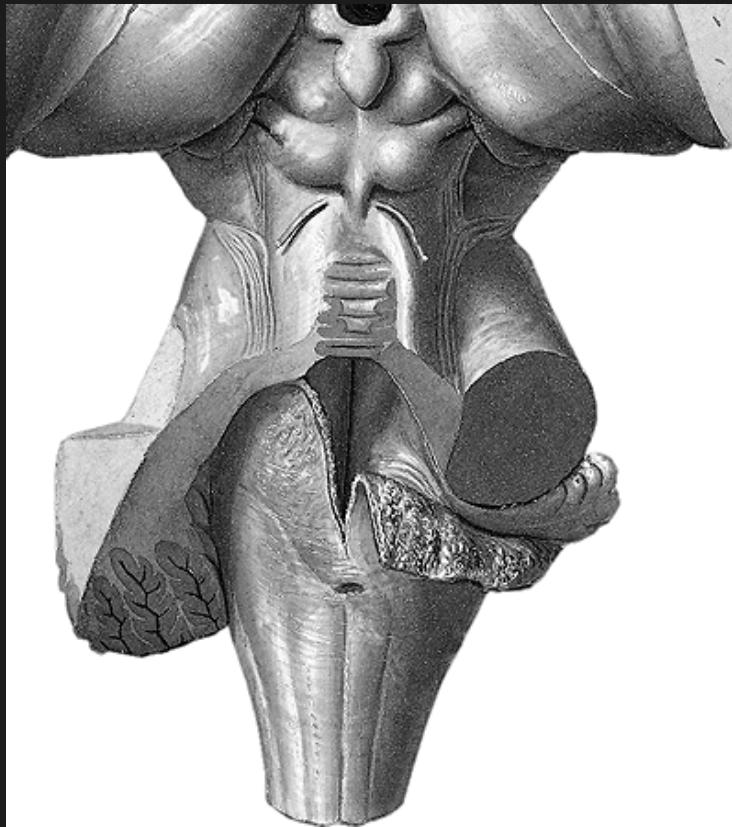
**nuclei of CN III - XII  
connection to the cerebellum  
large reticular formation**



**CN III**  
**CN IV, V**

**CN VI, VII, VIII**  
**CN XII, IX, X**  
**CN XI**

**Ventral aspect**

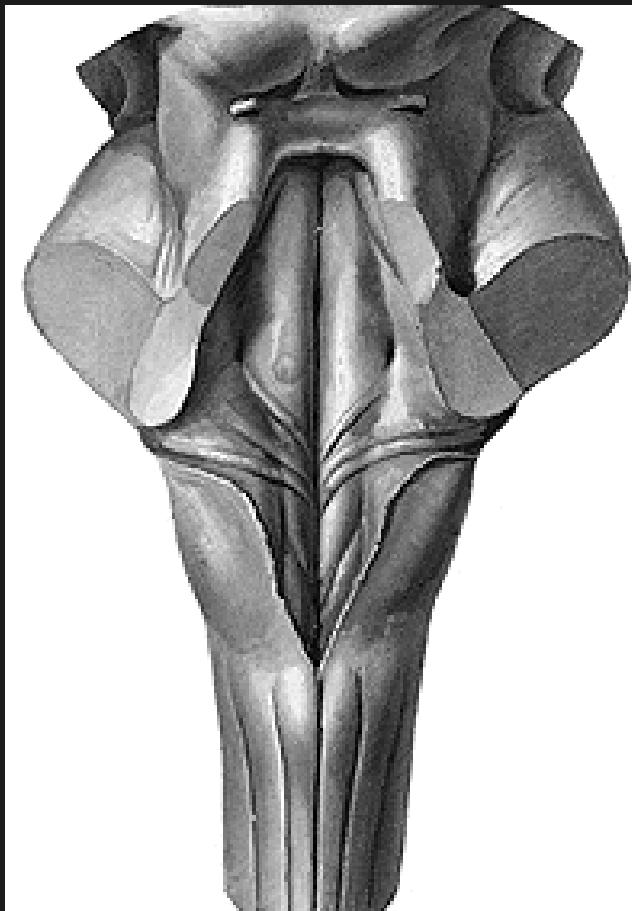


Dorsal aspect

## IV. ventricle

roof of the IV. ventricle:  
**velum medullare sup.**  
**fastigium**  
**velum medullare inf. =**  
**tela choroidea ventriculi IV.**  
(ependyma + pia mater +  
vessels)

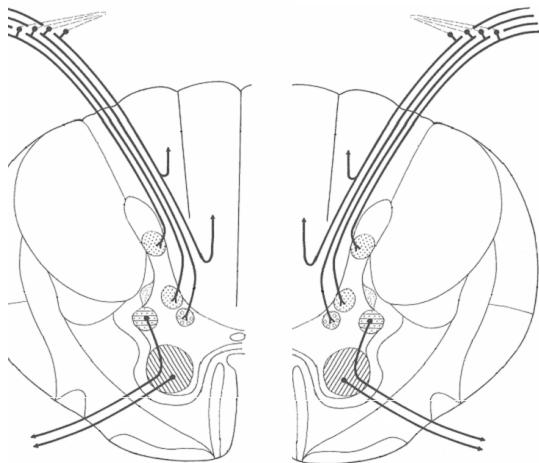
CN IV



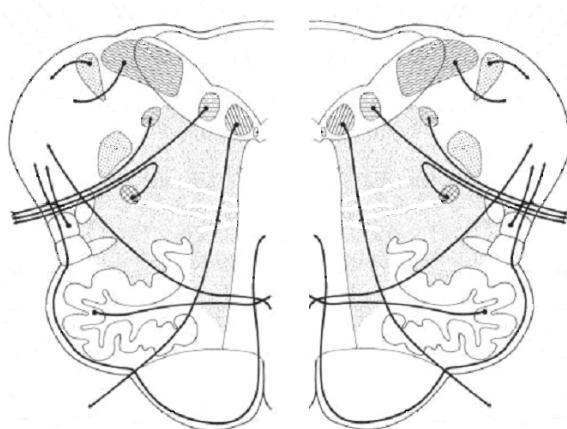
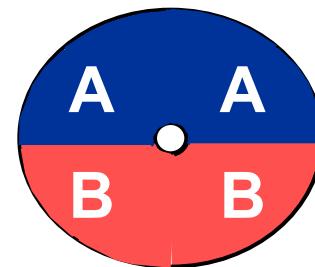
floor of the IV. ventricle  
**Fossa rhomboidea**

Dorsal aspect

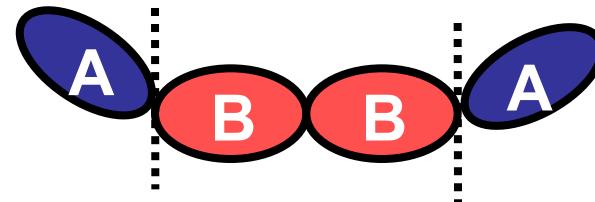
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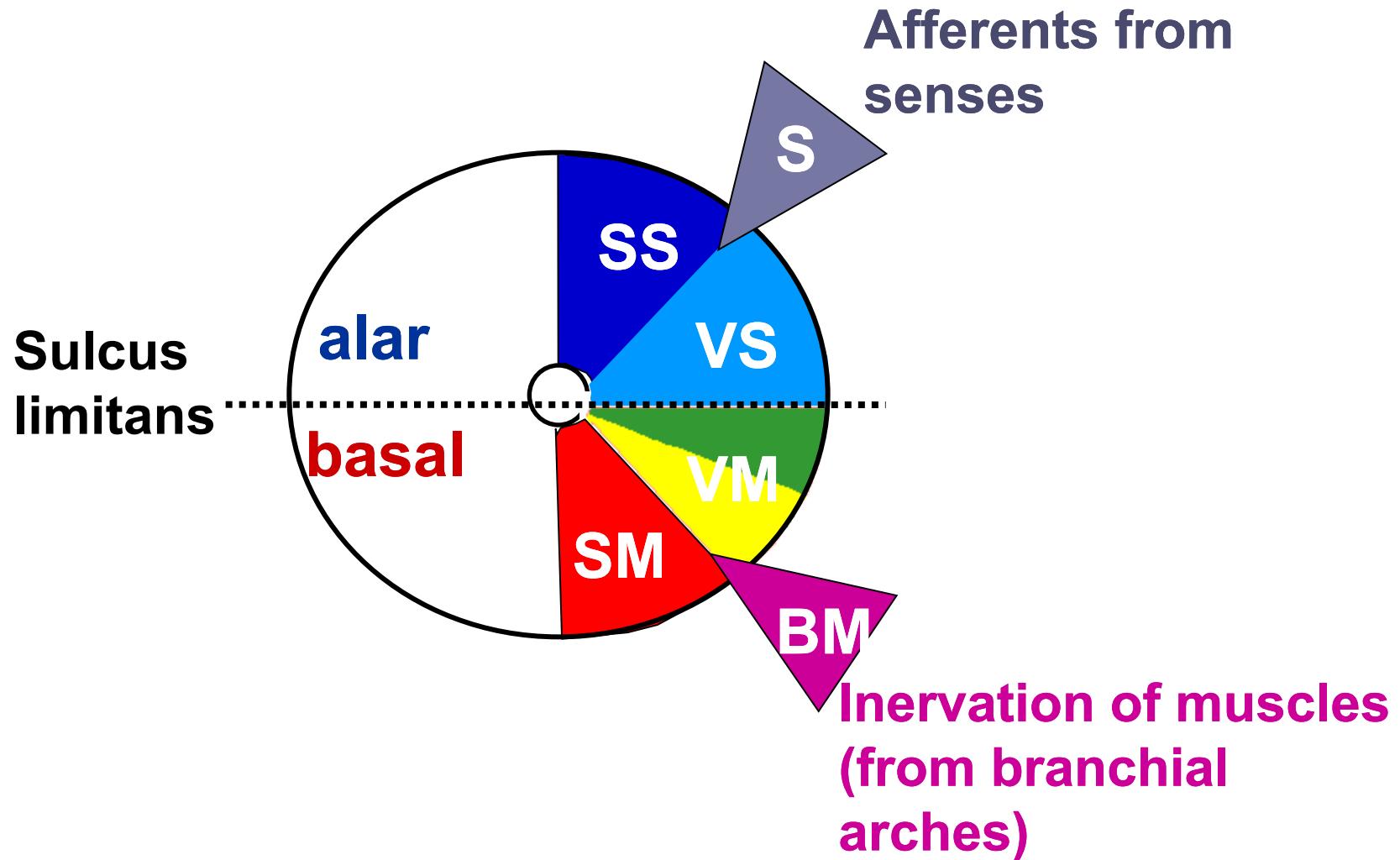
**Spinal cord**



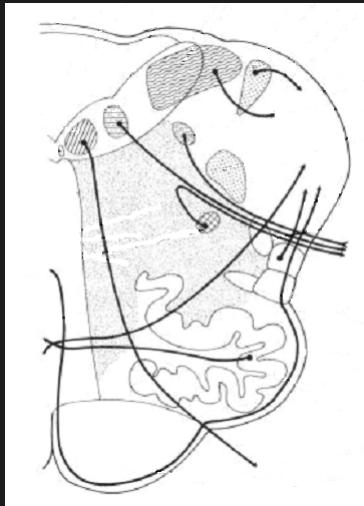
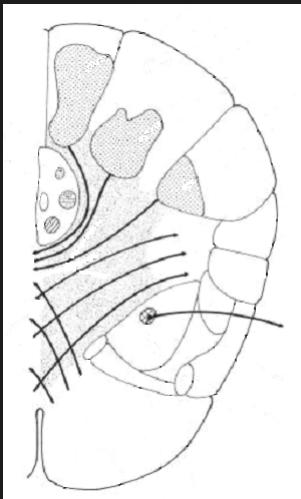
**Pons**



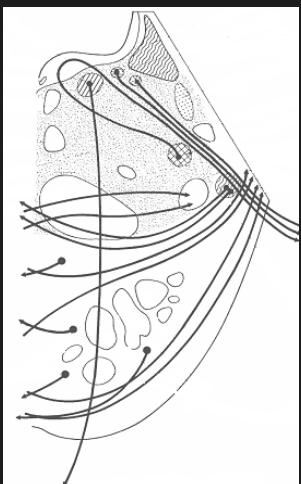
# Functional zones of the brainstem



# **Gray matter of the brainstem**



**nuclei of dorsal columns**  
**nuclei of cranial nerves**  
**nuclei of RF**  
**nuclei connected to the cerebellum**  
**motor nuclei of the brainstem**



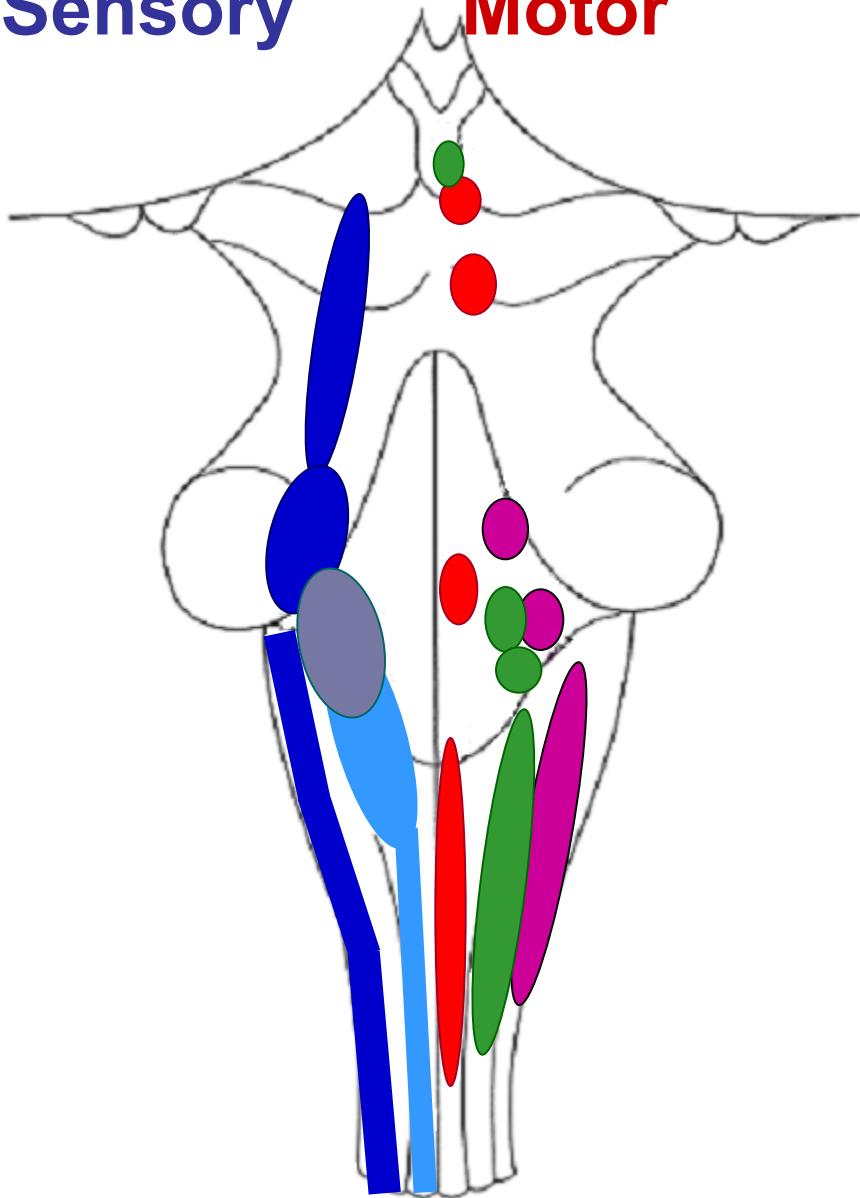
# **White matter of the brainstem**

**ascending tracts**

**descending tracts from the cortex and brainstem**

**Sensory**

**Motor**



**SM** CN III, IV, VI, XII

**BM** CN V, VII, IX, X, XI

Ncl. ambiguus

**VM** CN III, VII, IX, X

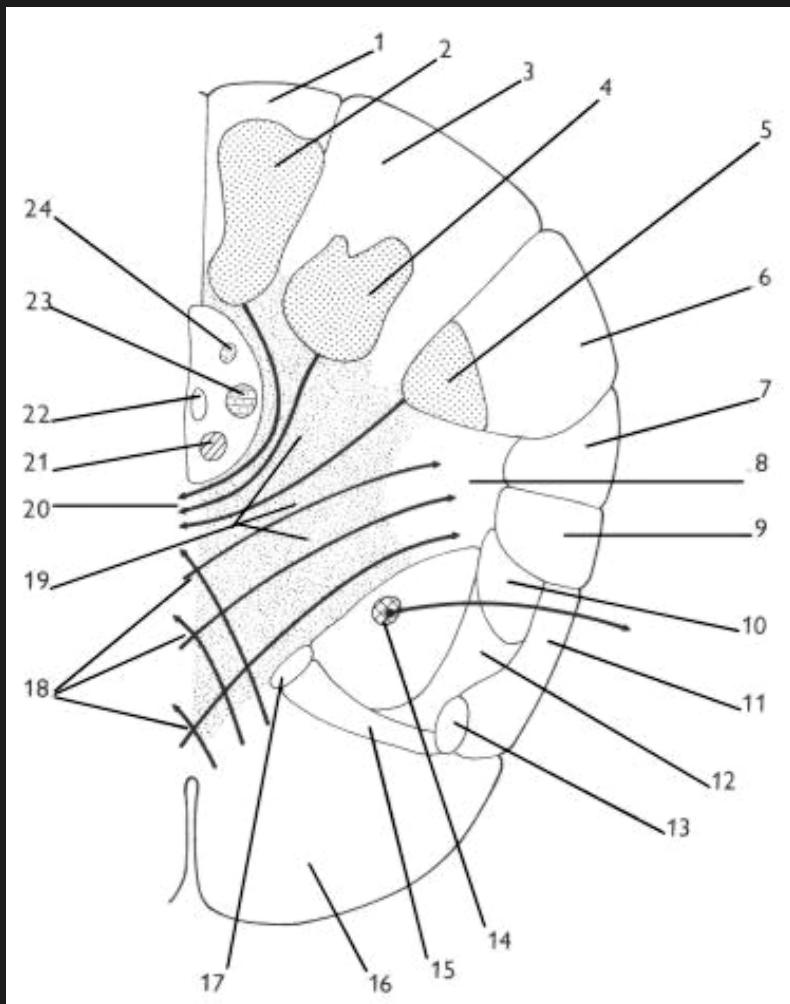
**VS** CN VII, IX, X

Ncl. solitarius + gustatorius

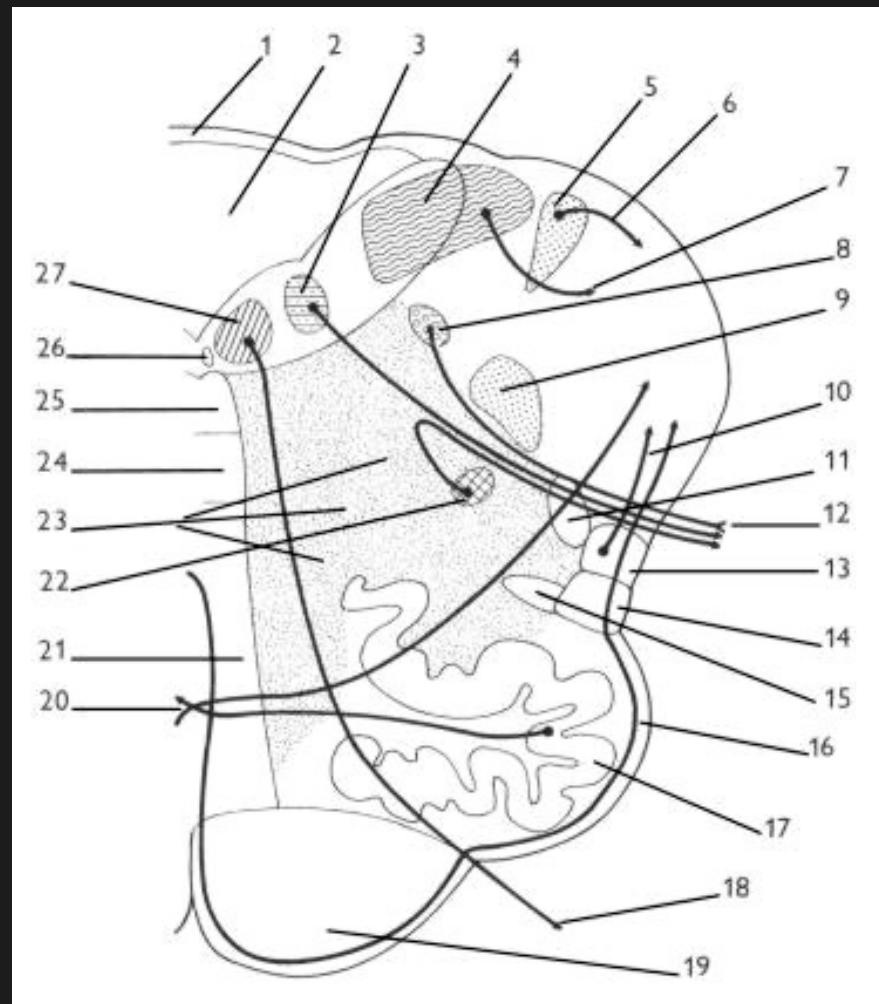
**SS** CN V

**S** CN VII, IX, X, VIII

# Medulla oblongata

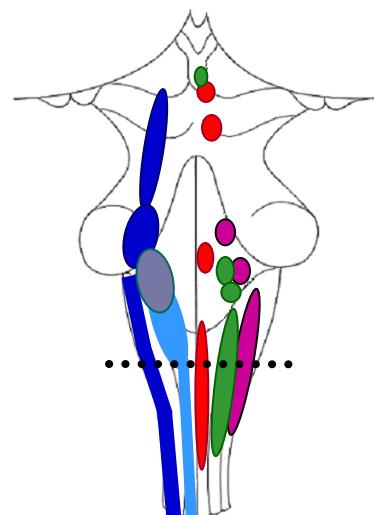
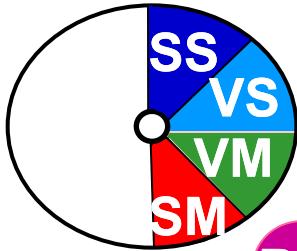


Caudal section



Rostral section

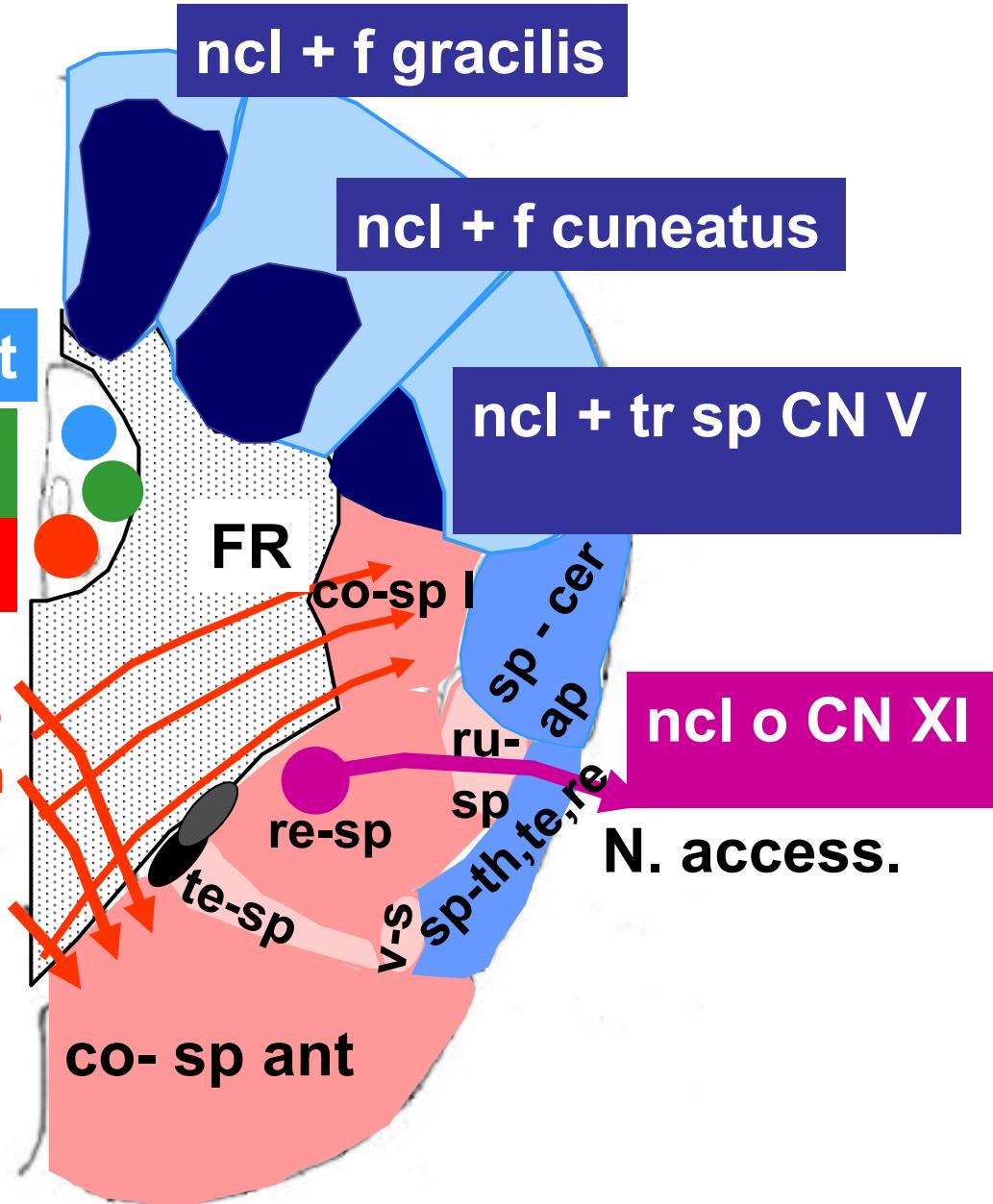
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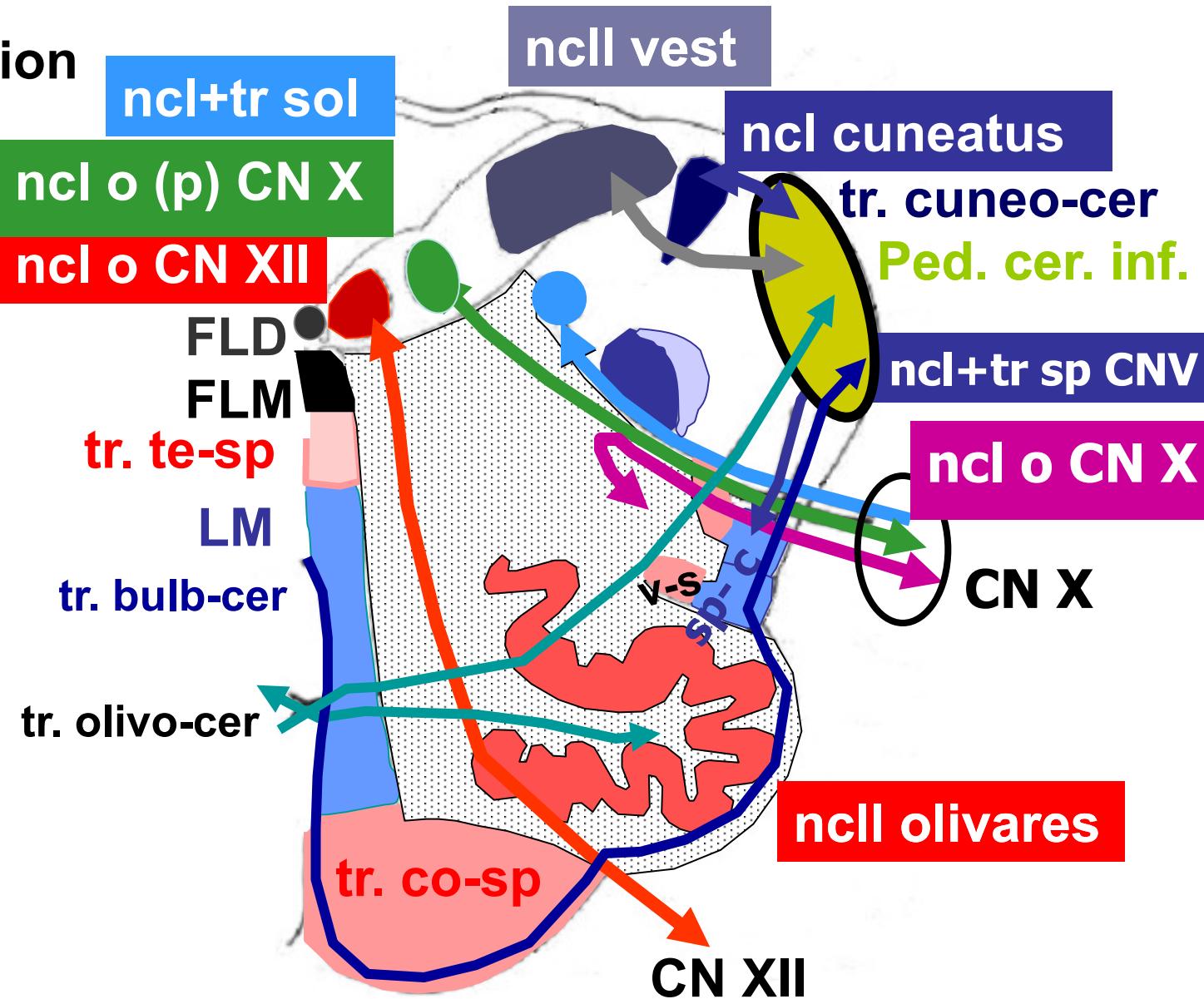
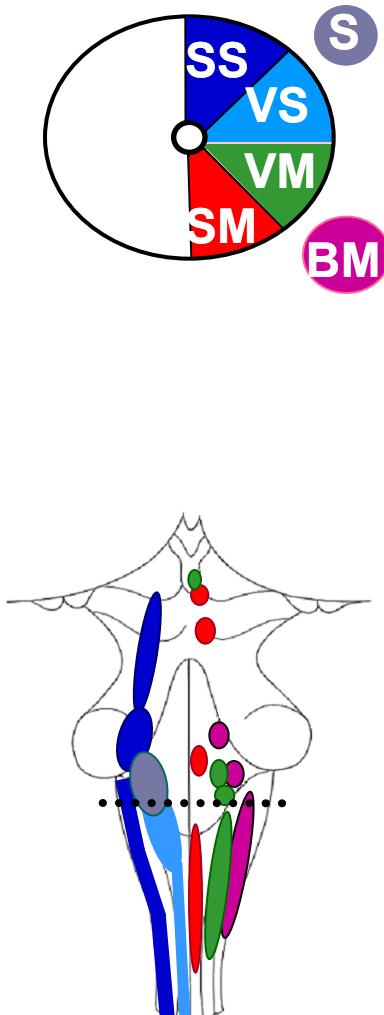
ncl + tr solit  
ncl o (p) CNX  
ncl o CN XII

Decussatio  
pyramideum

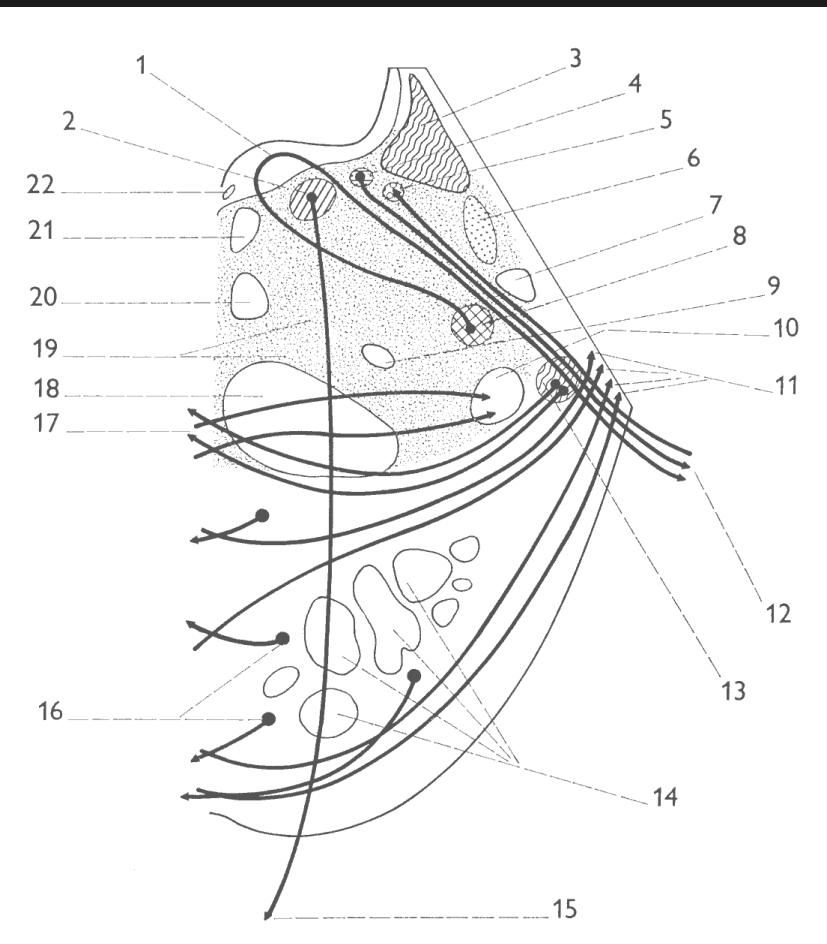
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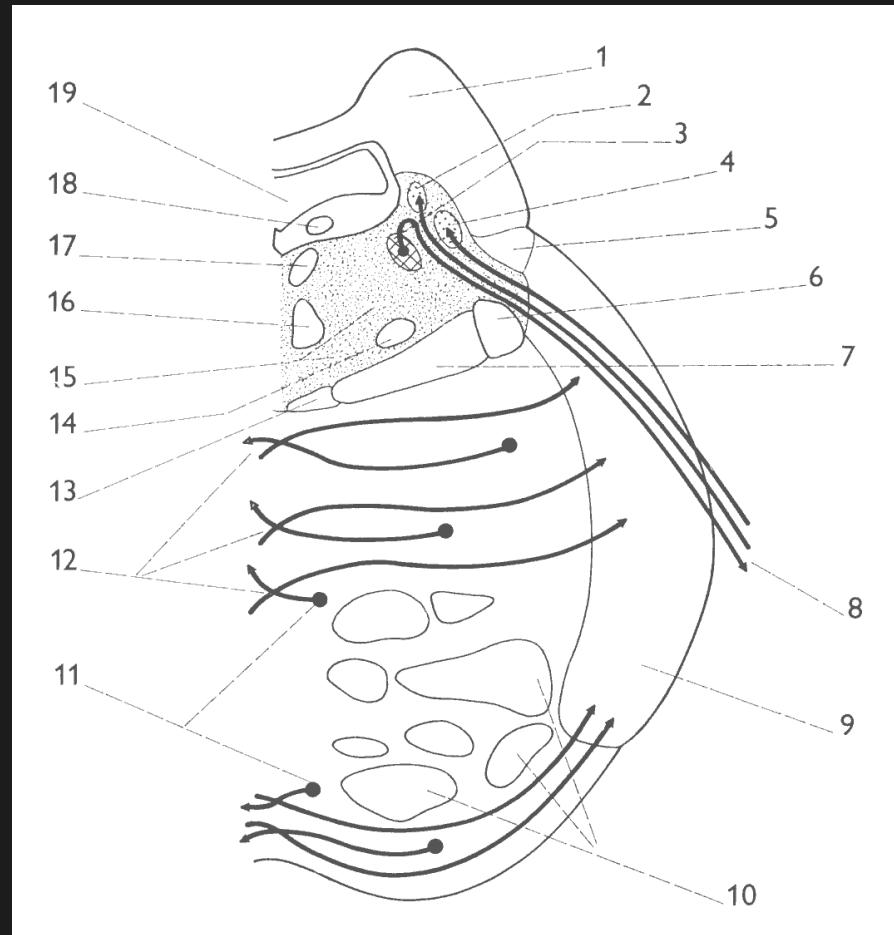
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# Pons Varoli

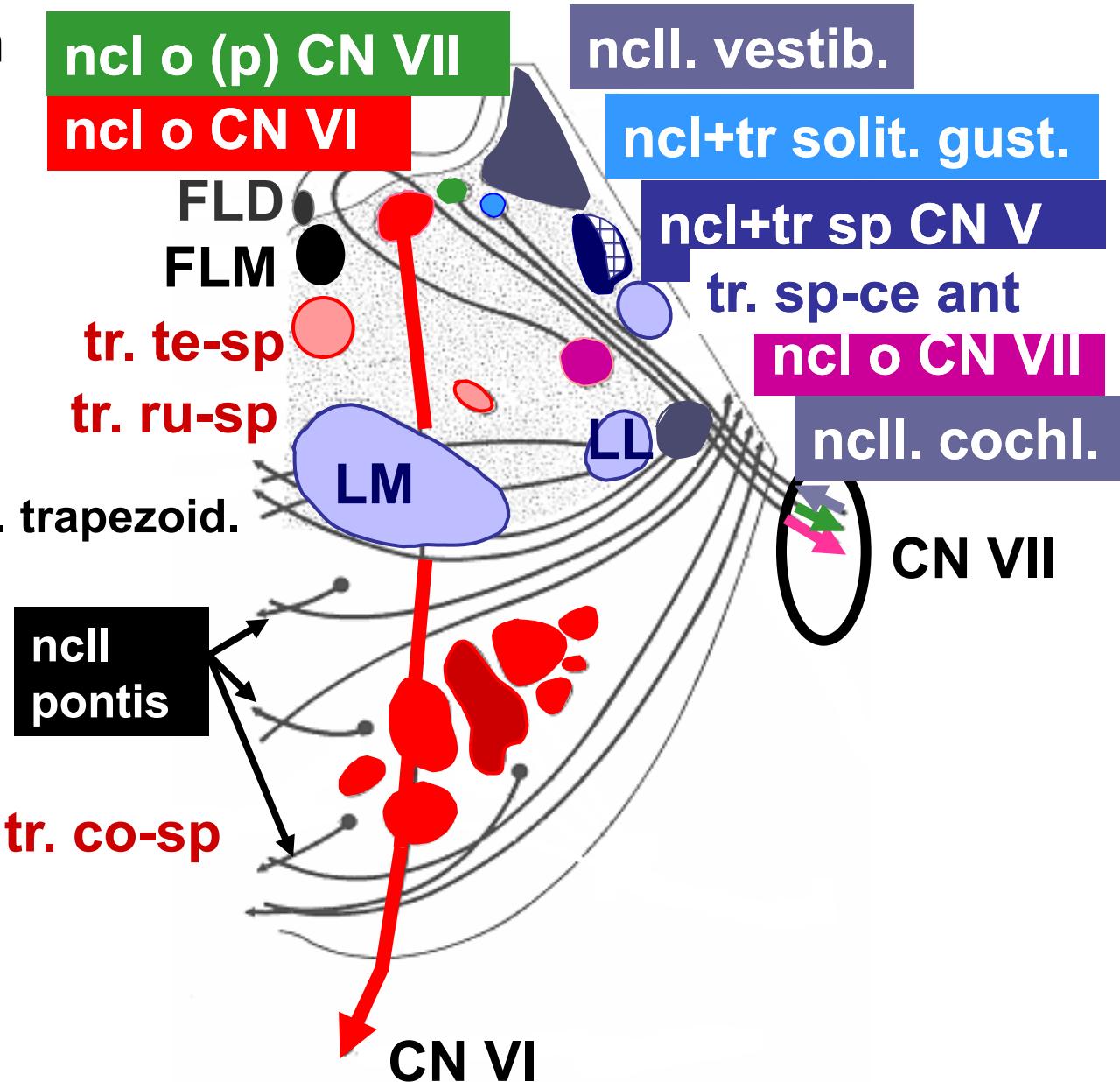
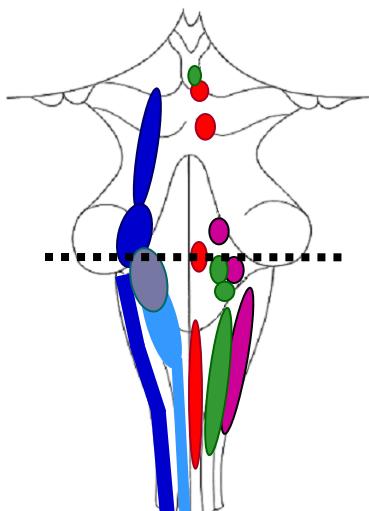
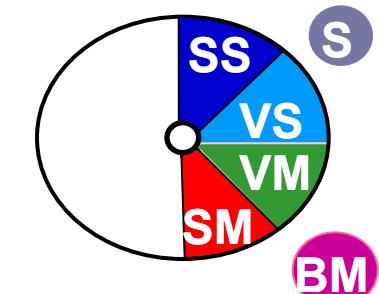


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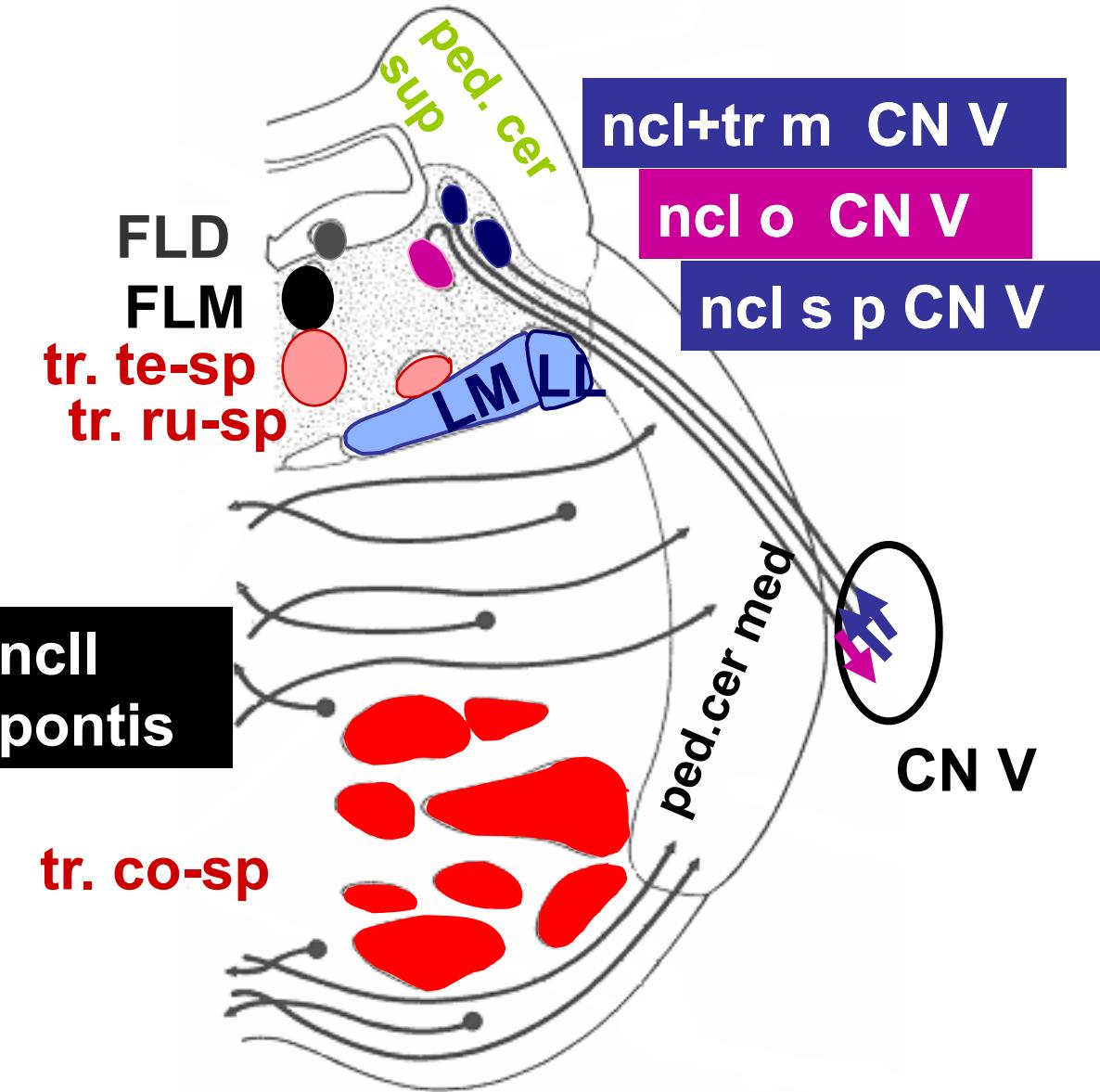
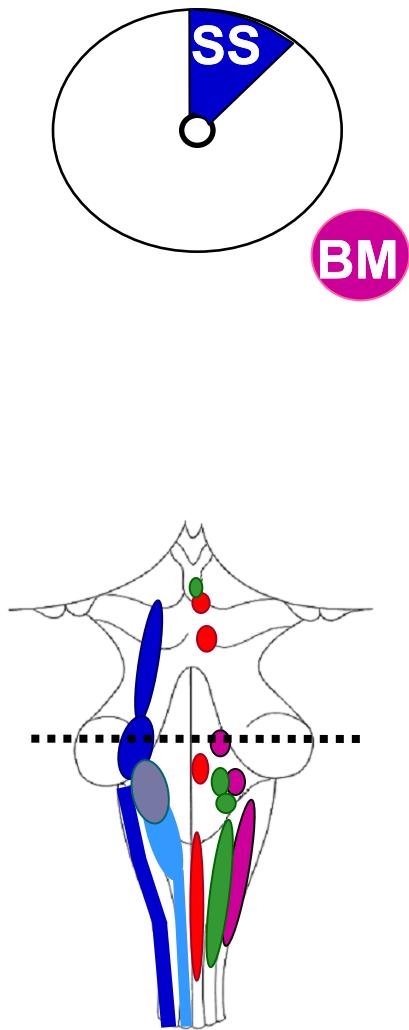


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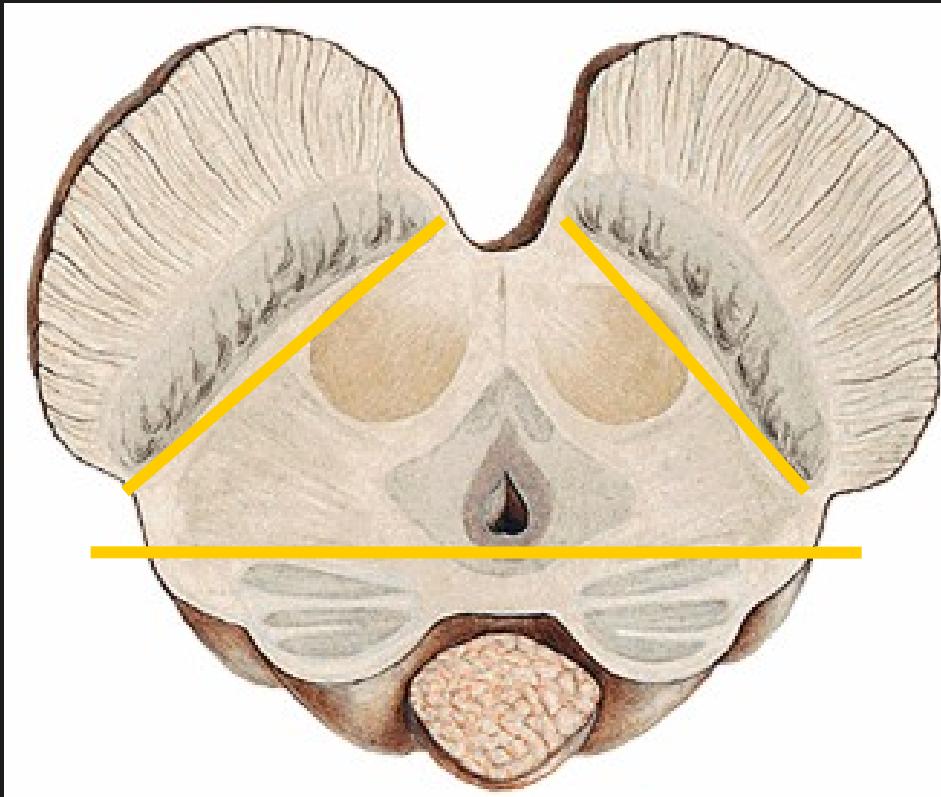
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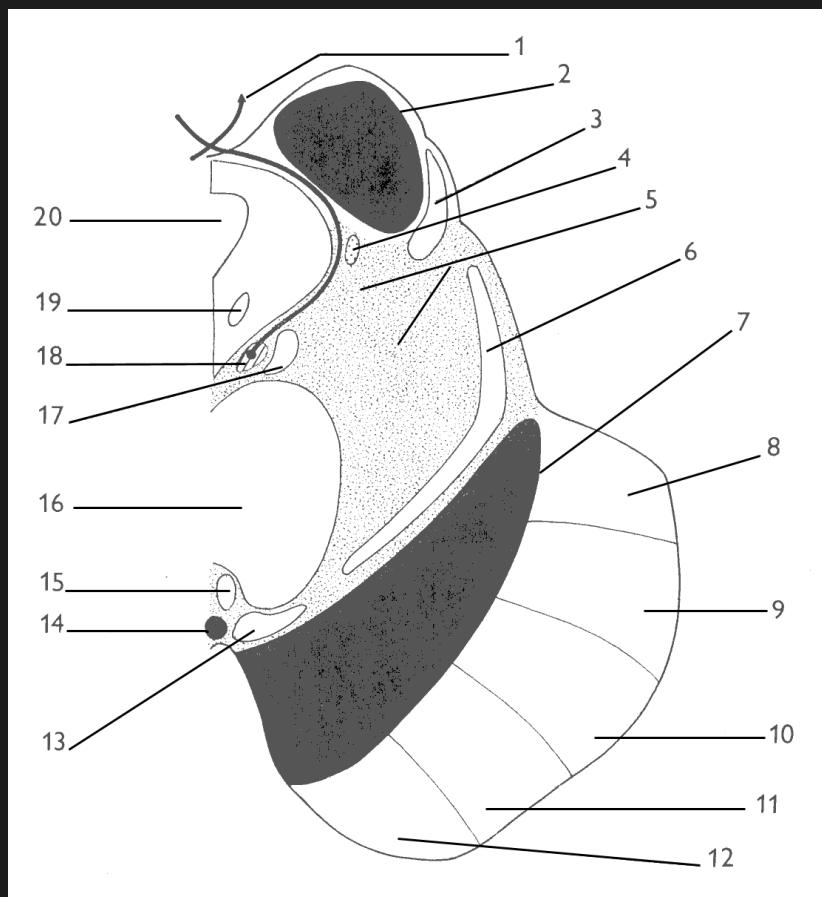
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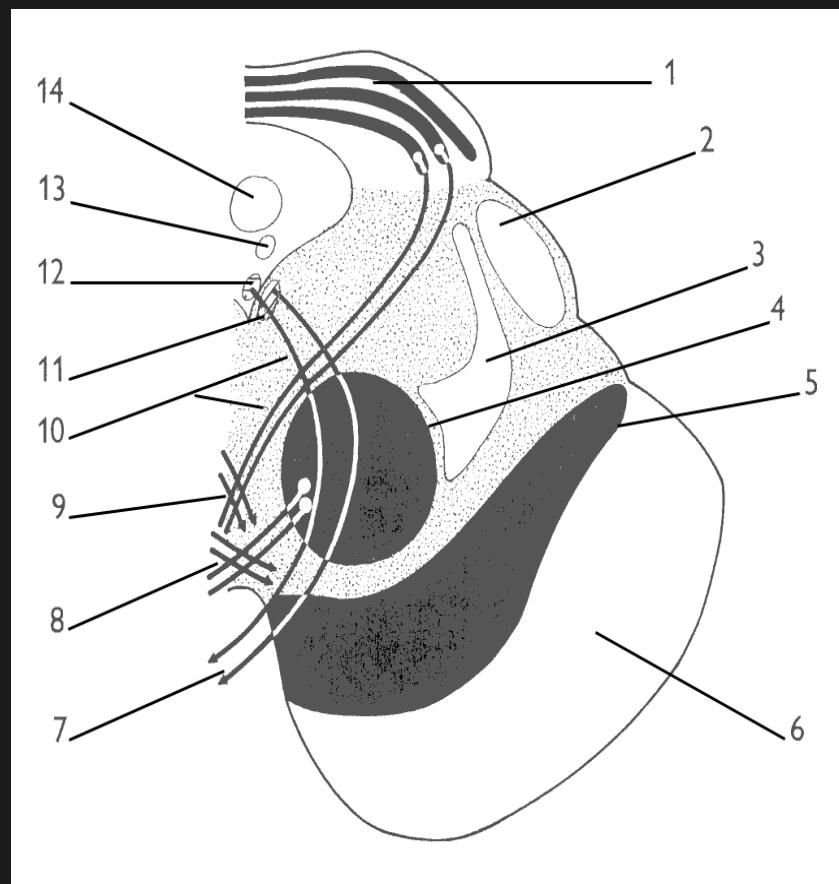
**crura cerebri**

**tegmentum**

**tectum**

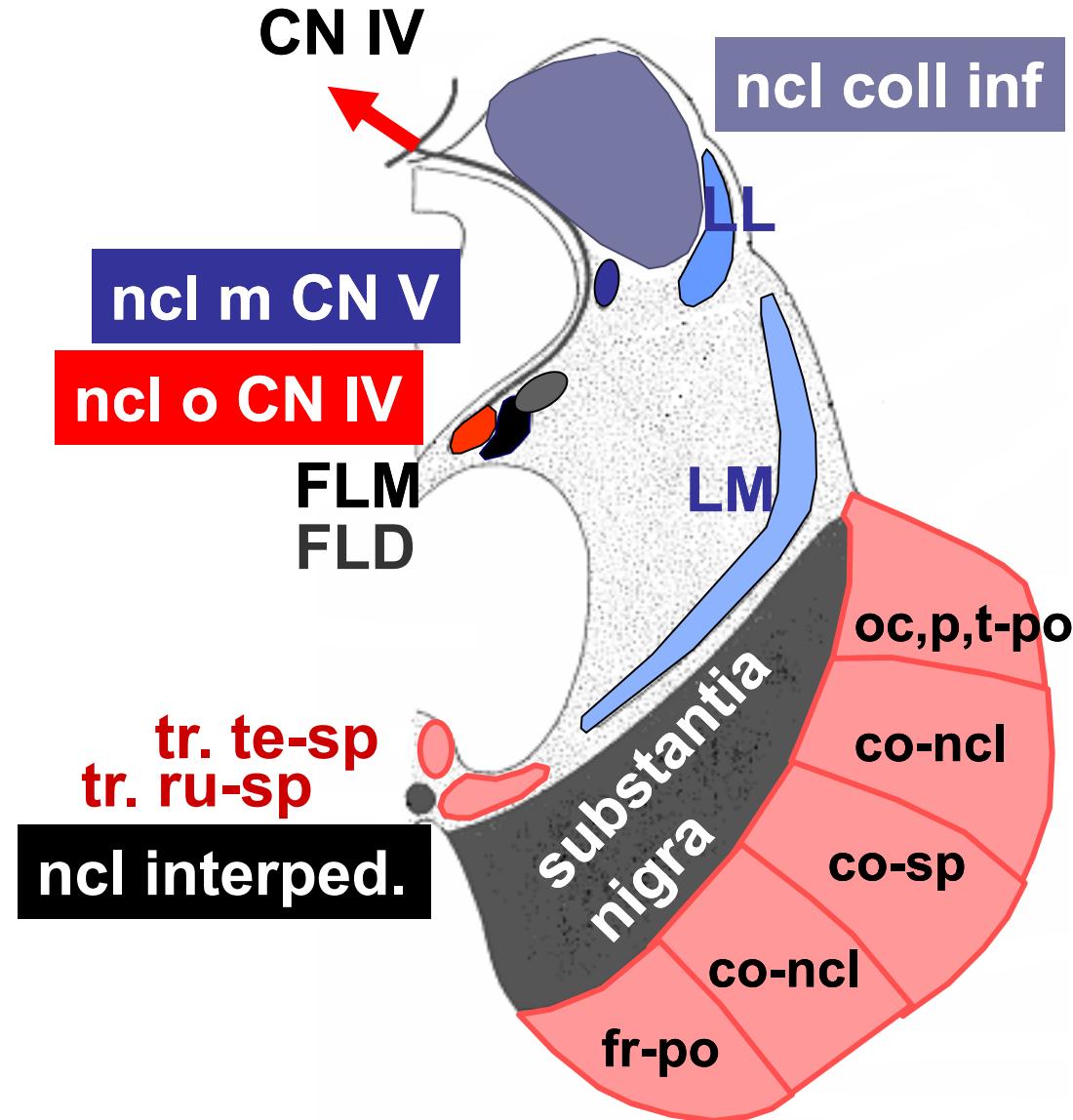
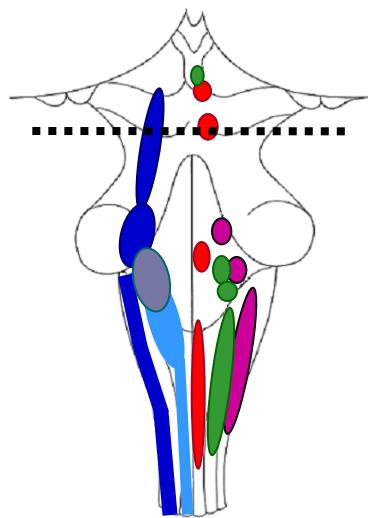
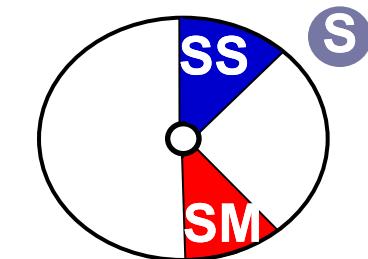


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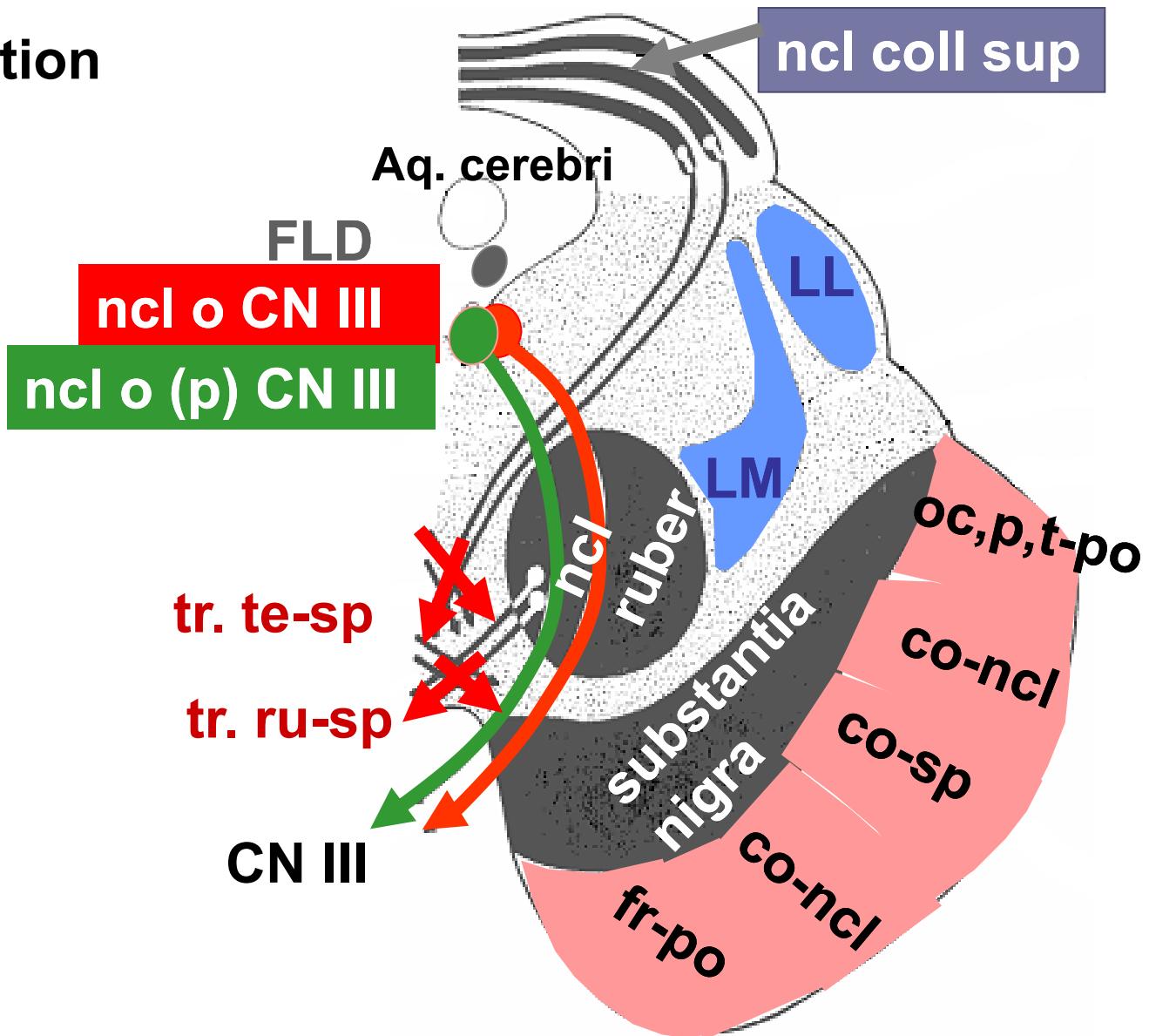
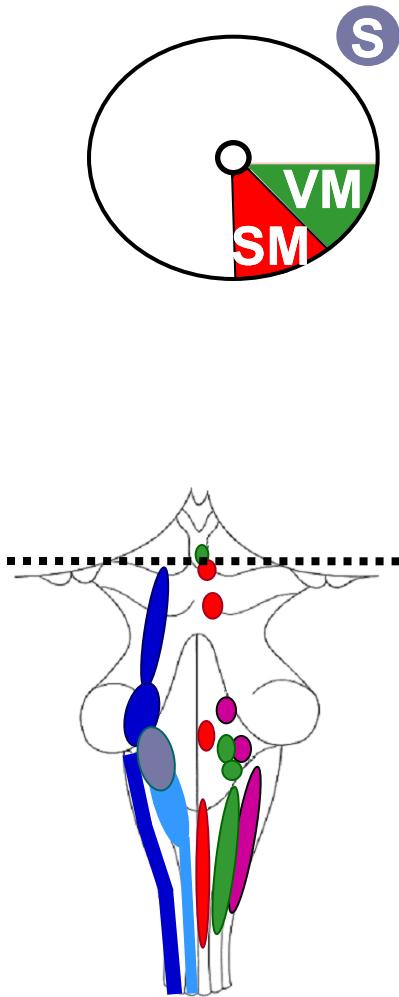


**Rostral section**

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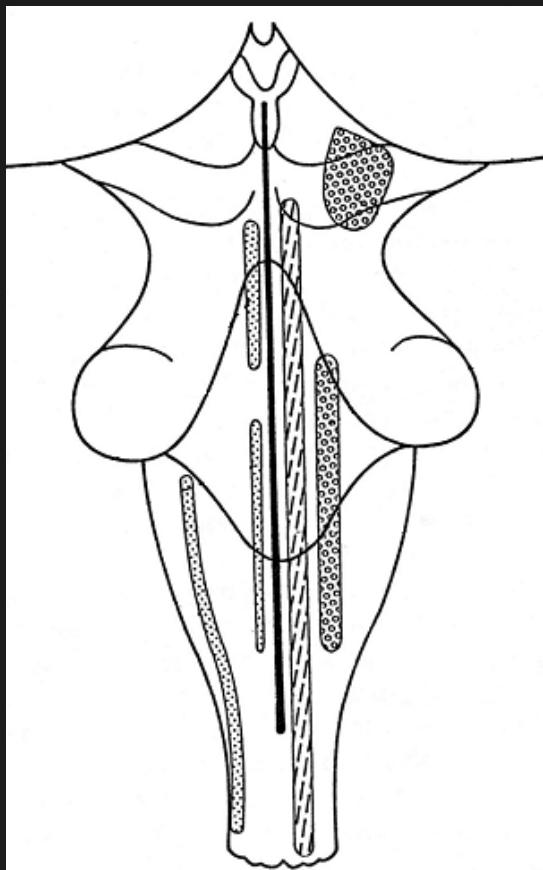


## Rostral section



# **Reticular formation**

**between afferent and motor systems**  
**spinal cord – diencephalon**



## **Nuclei of RF**

**median, single**  
**(raphe system)**

**medial, paired**

**lateral**

# **Function**

**Patterned cranial nerve activities**

**Pattern generation**

**Posture, locomotion**

**Salivary secretion, lacrimation**

**Bladder control**

**Respiratory rythm**

**Vital centers (circulation, respiration)**

**Conveys somatic and visceral information to the cerebellum**

**Arousal ( Ascending reticular activating system)**

**Sleeping and waking, attention and mood, sensory modulation, blood pressure control**

