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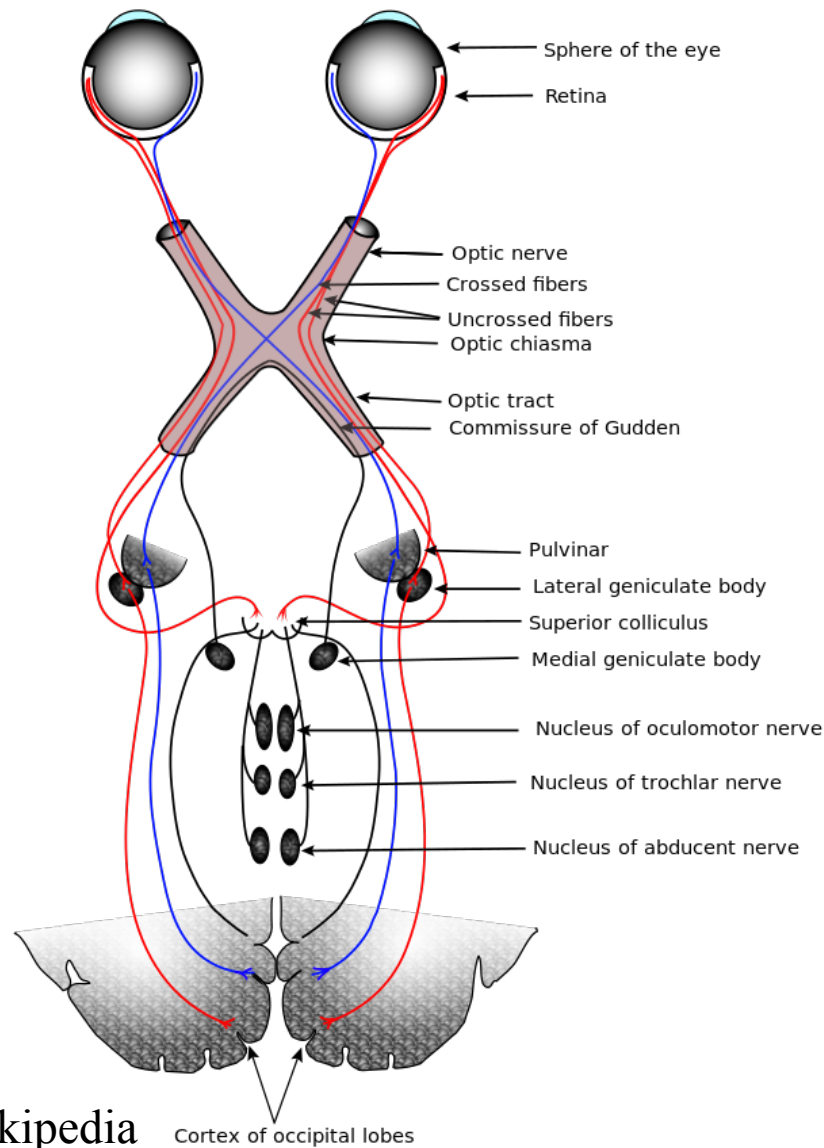
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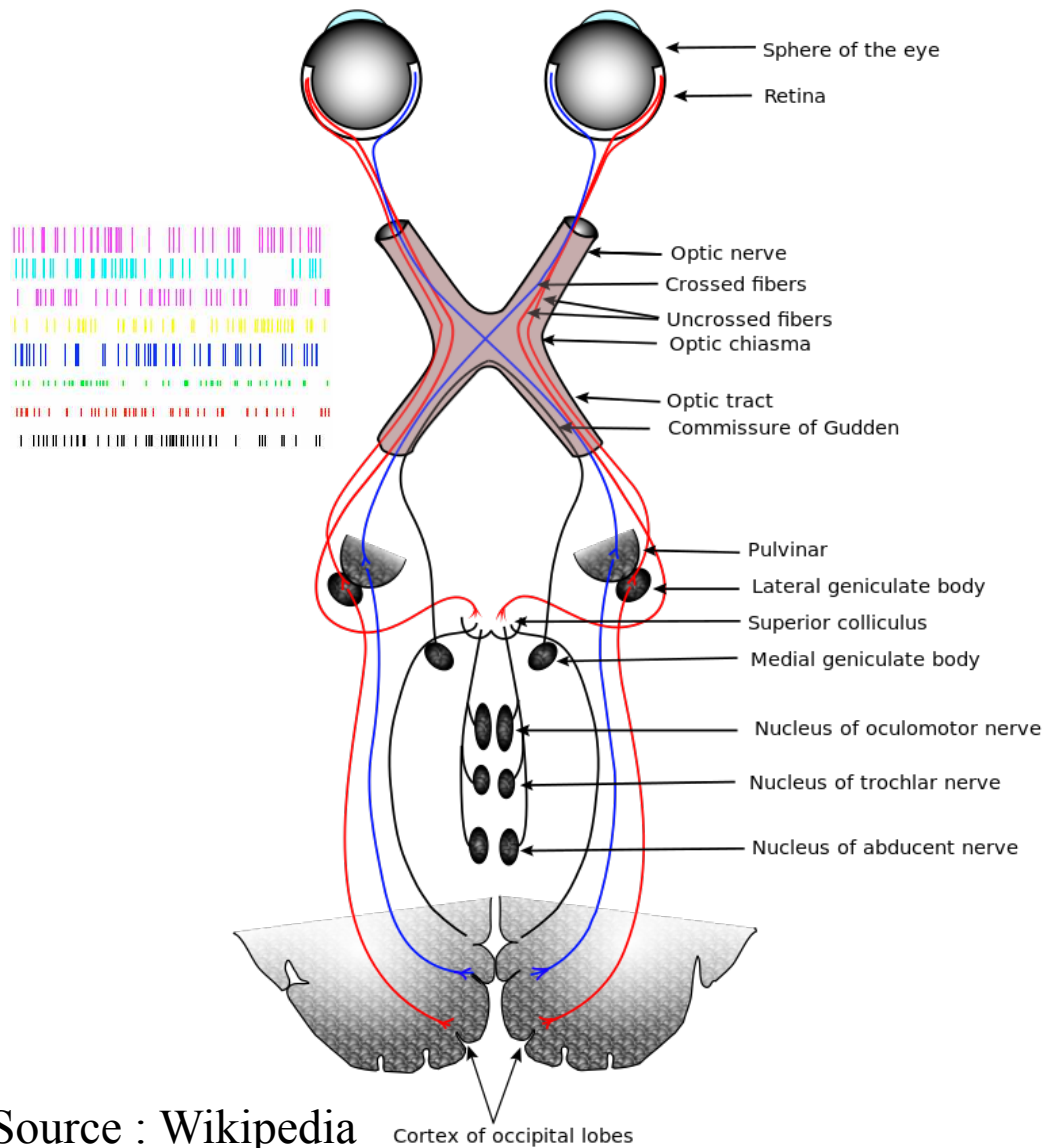
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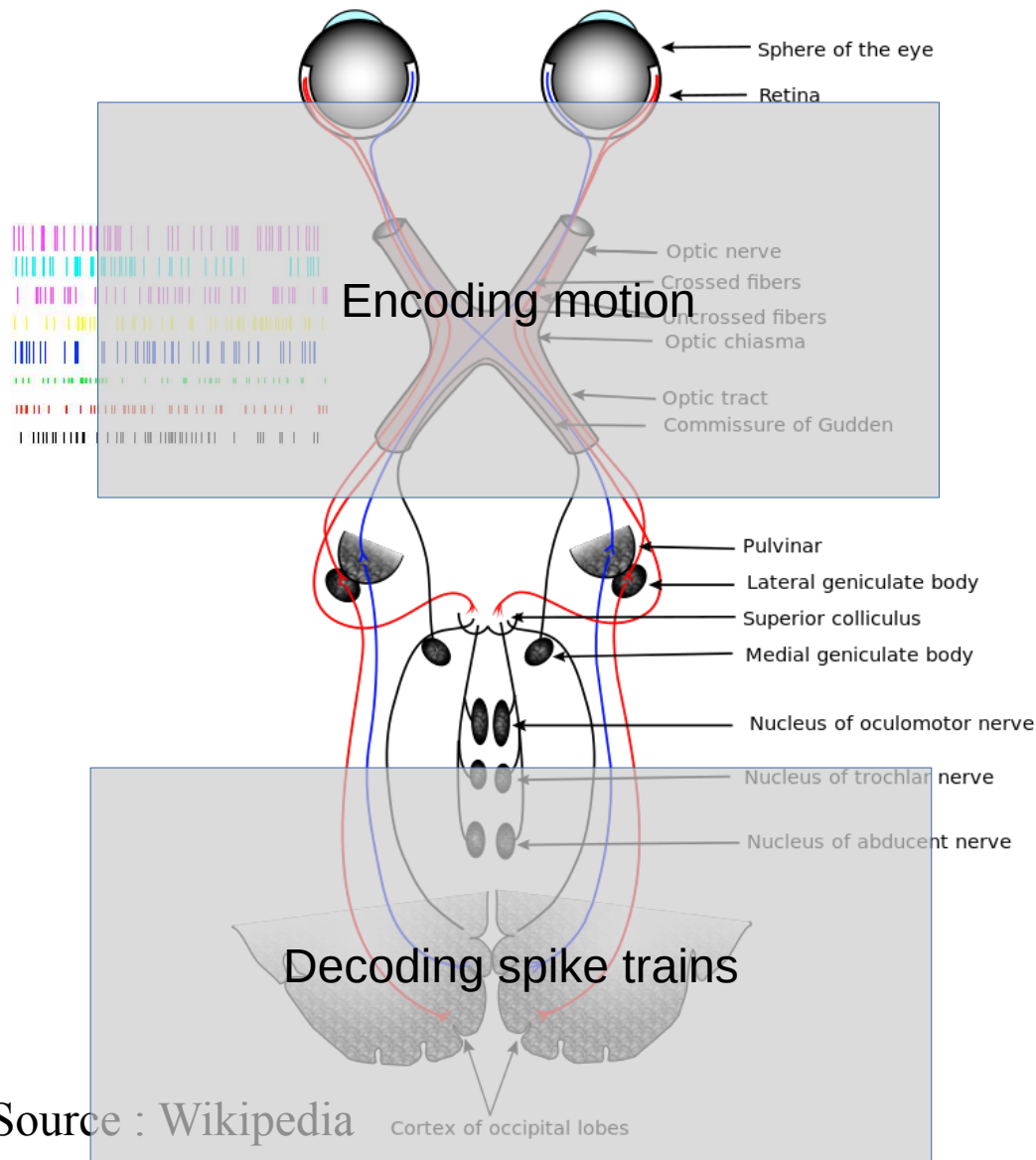
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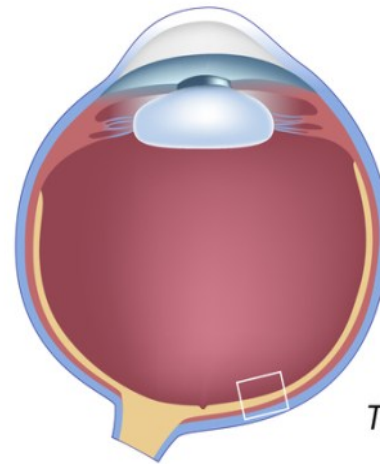
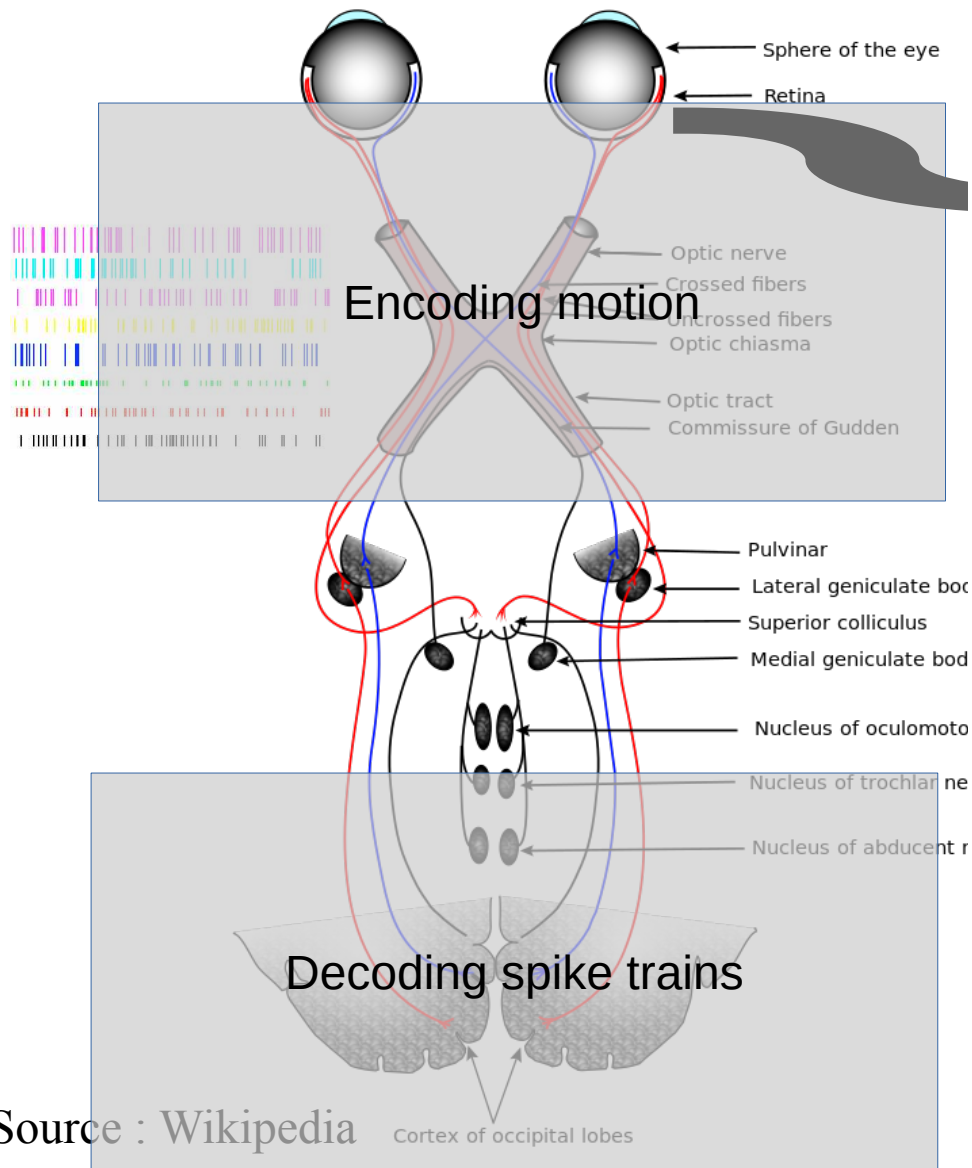
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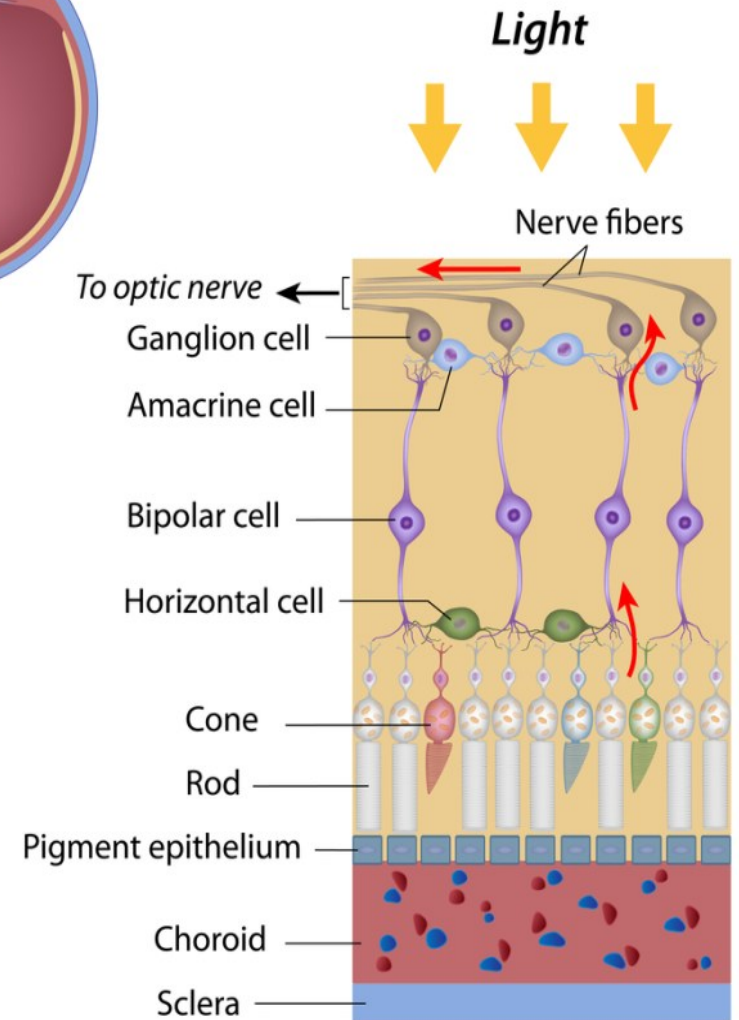
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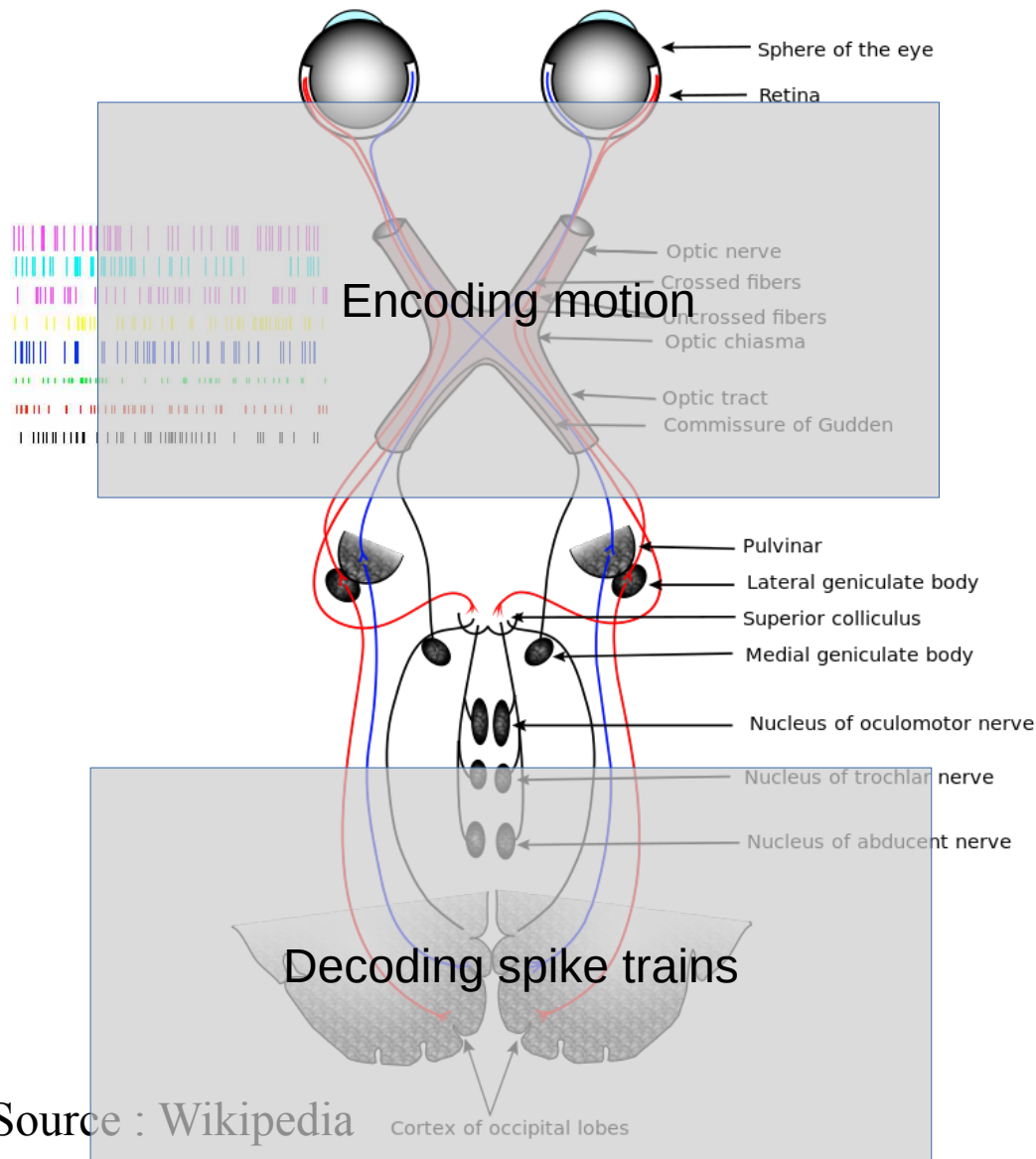
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Structure of the Retina

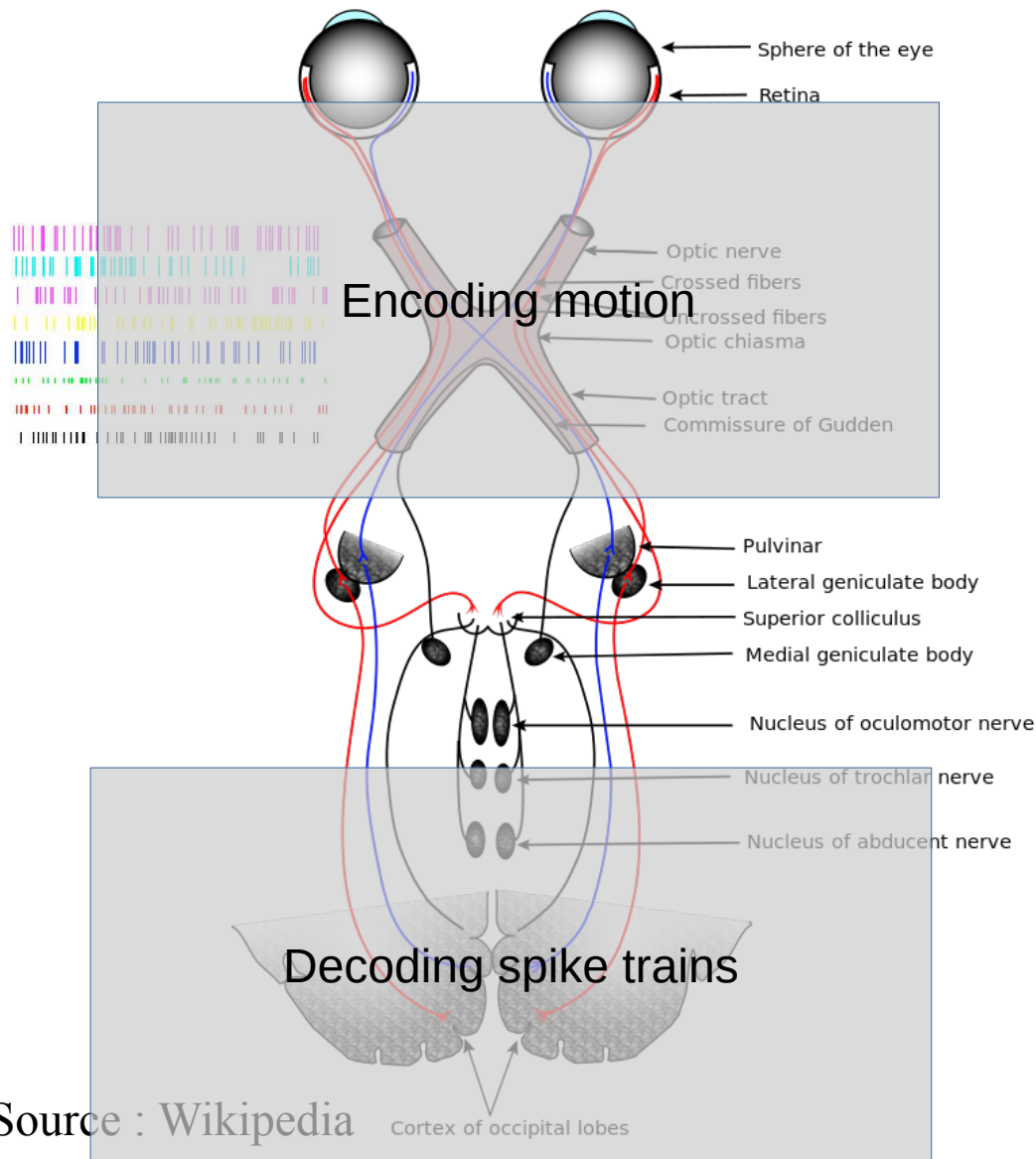


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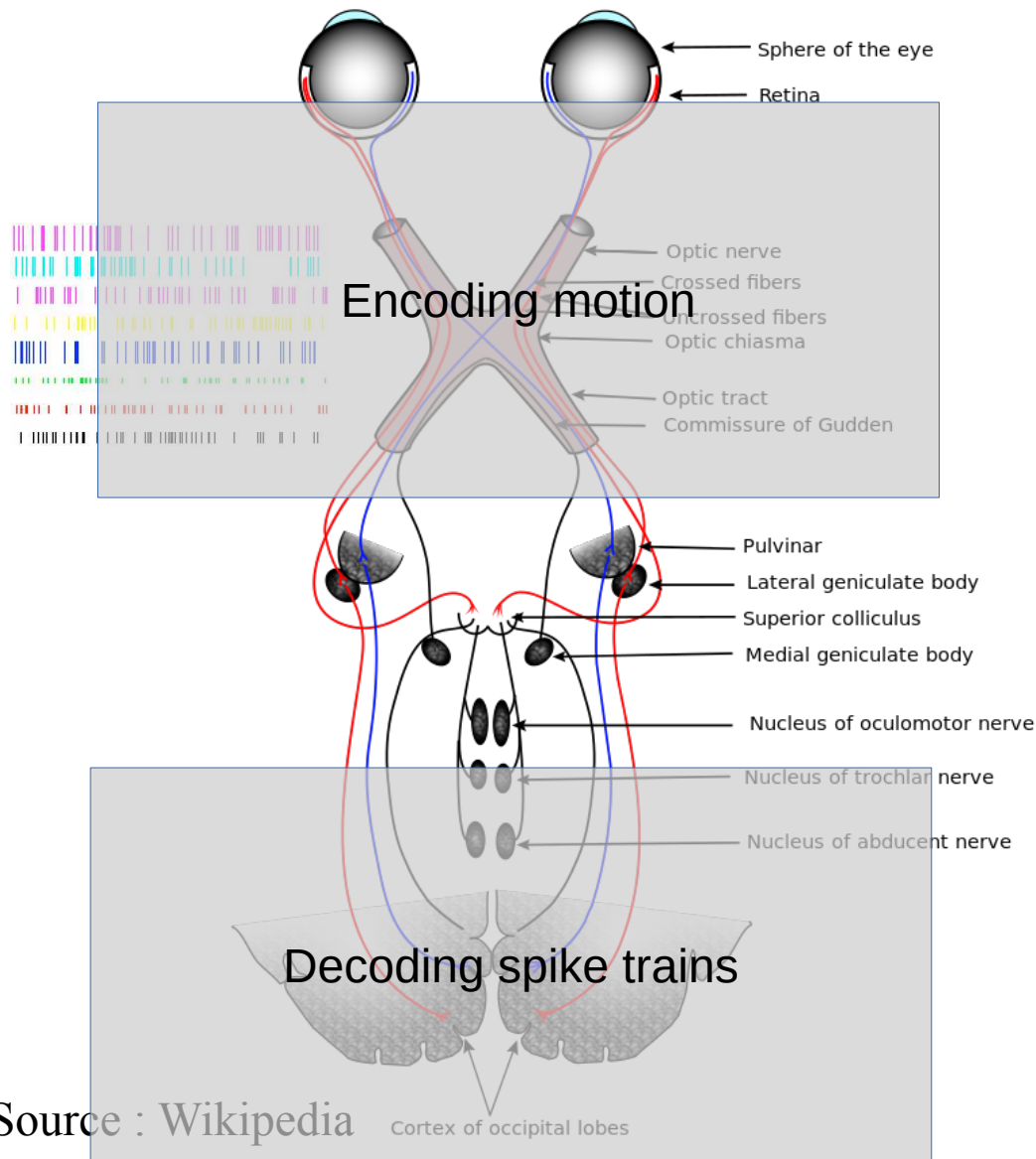
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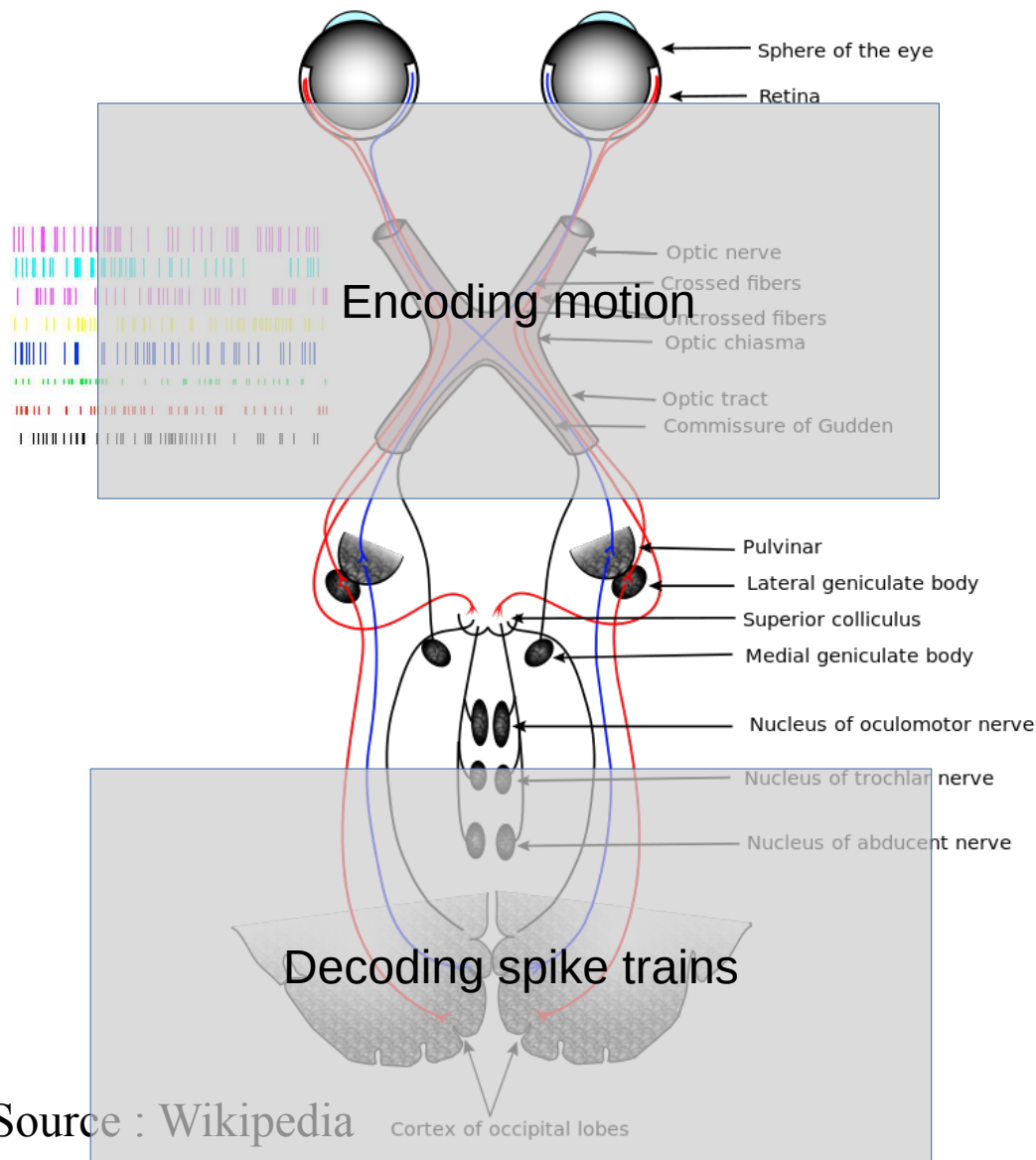
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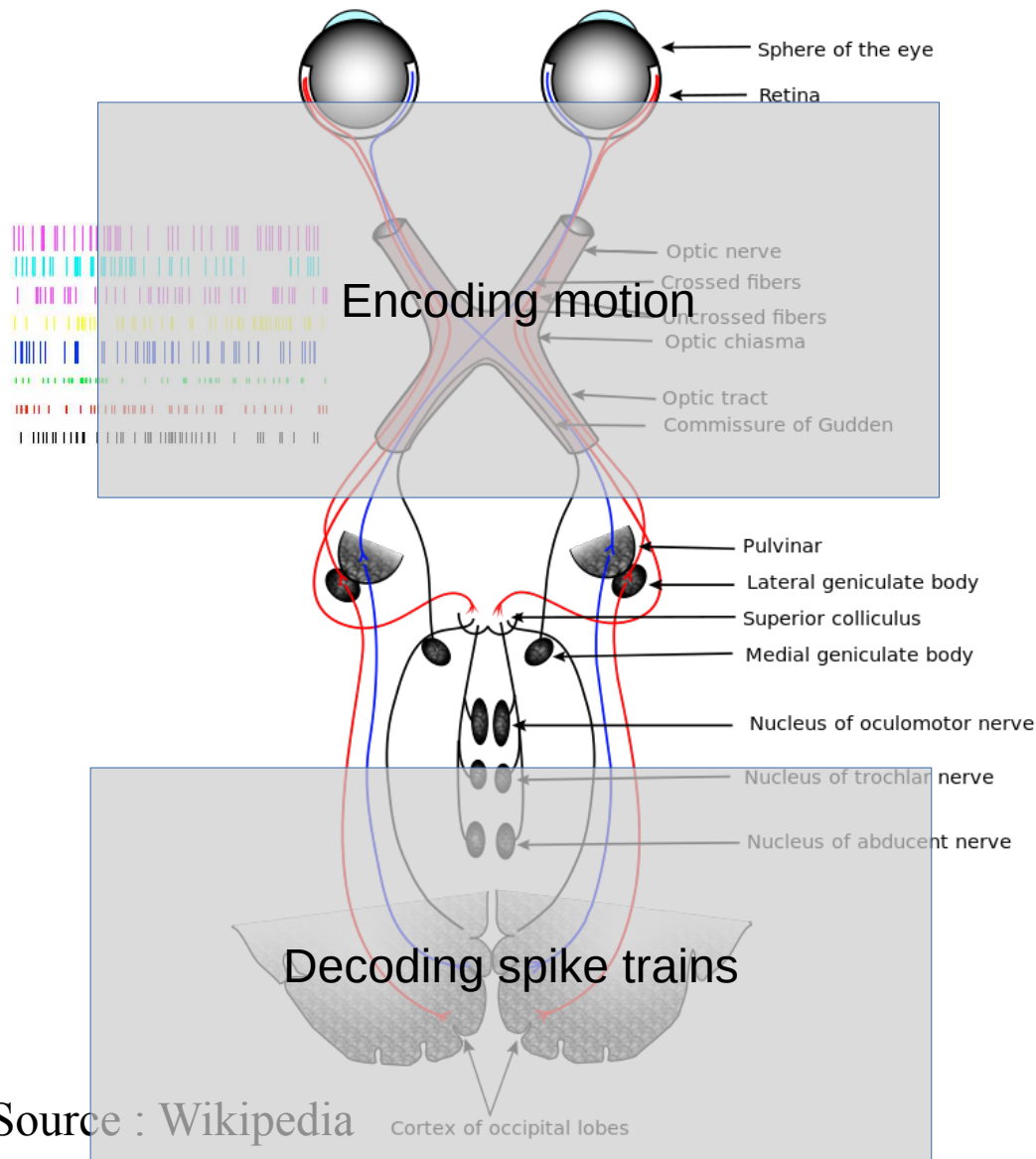
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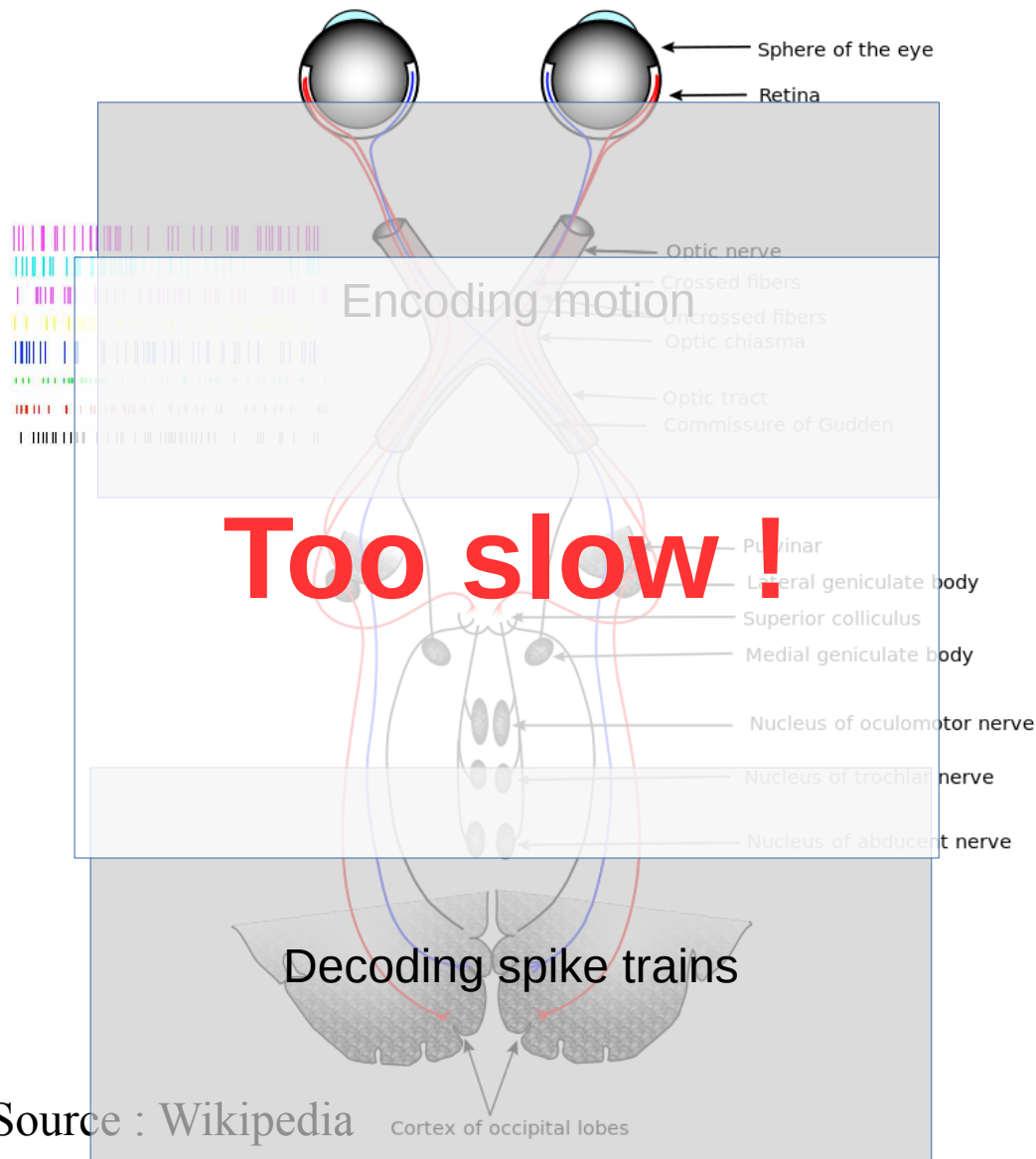
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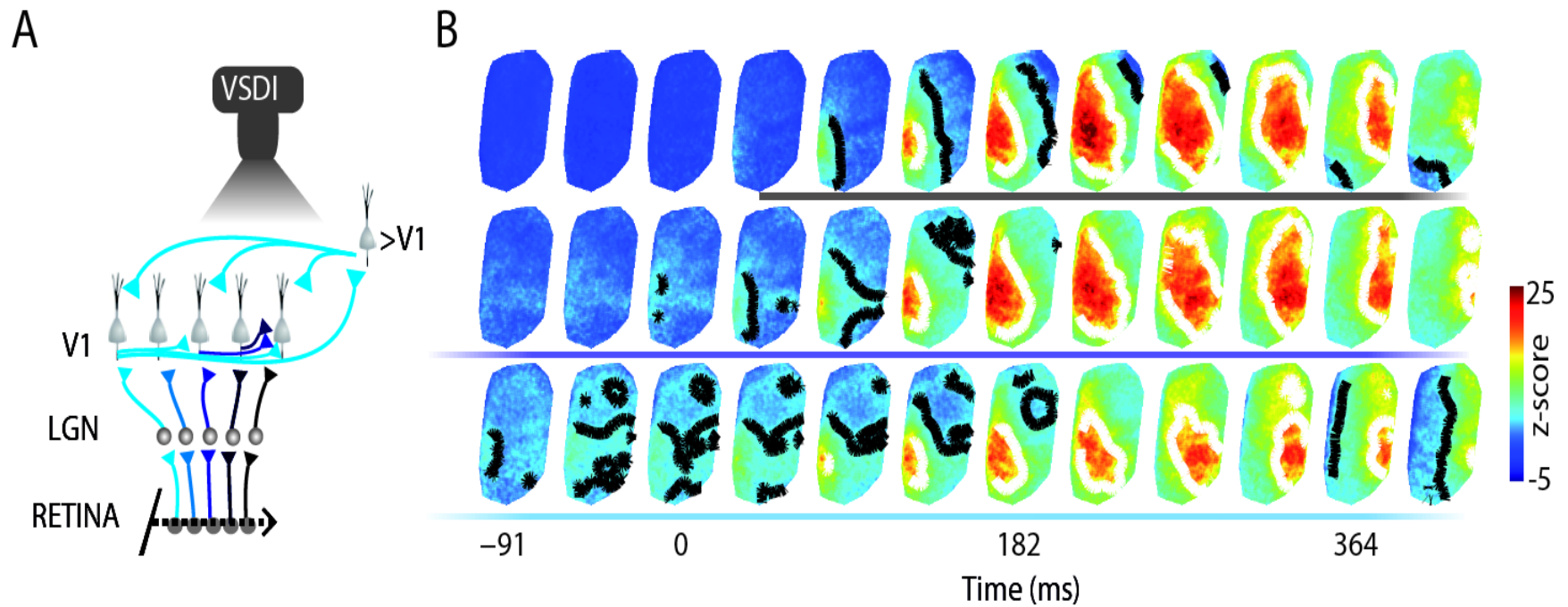
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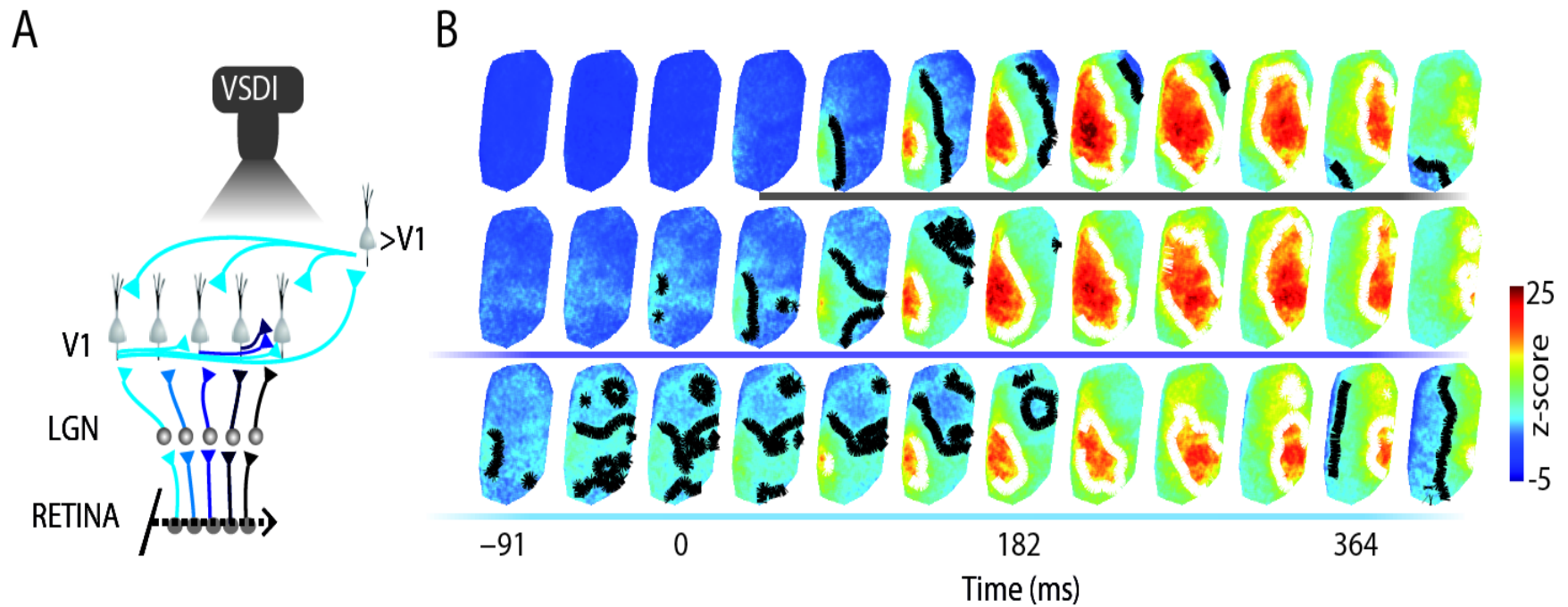
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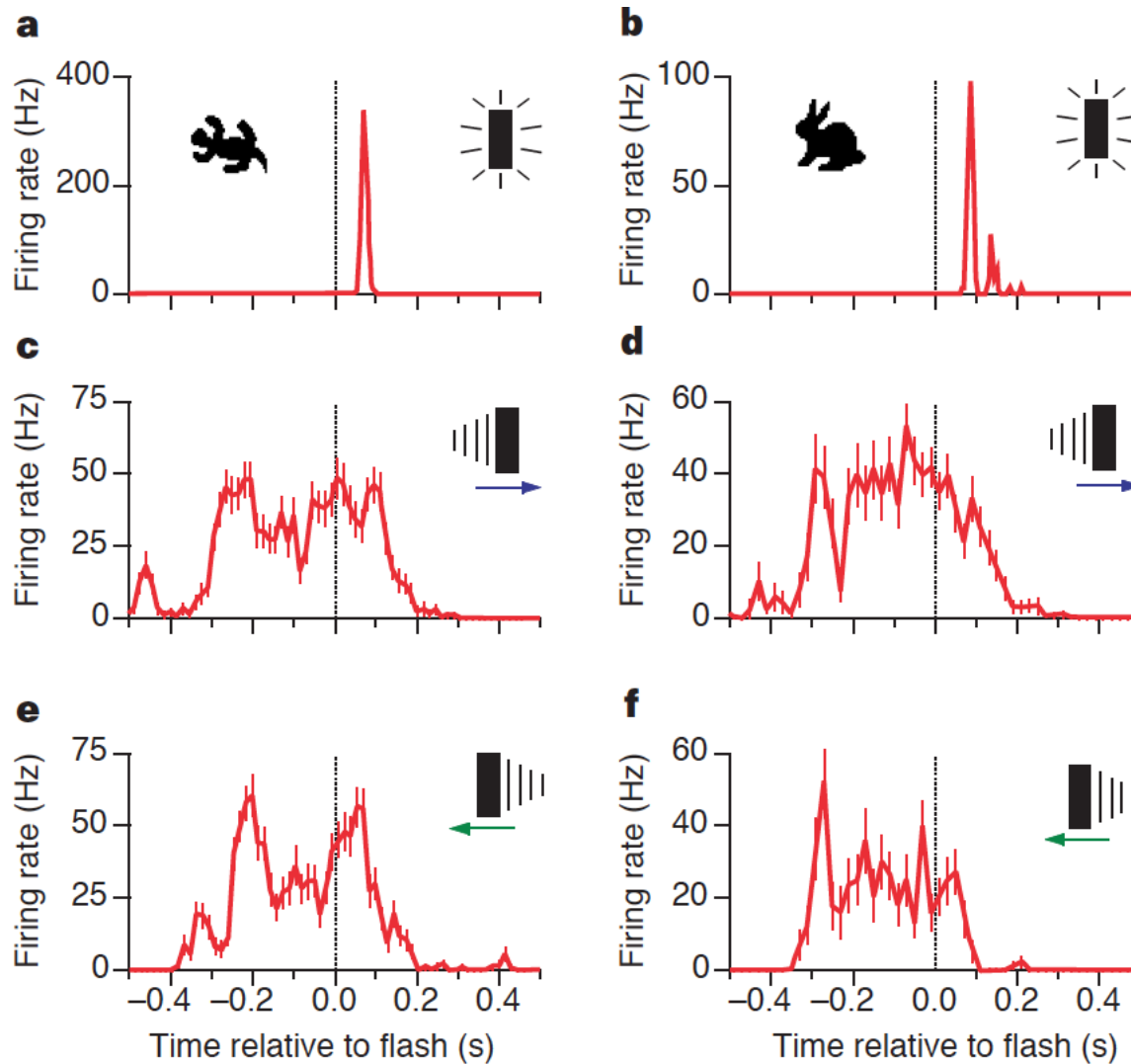
Anticipation is carried out by the primary visual cortex (V1) through an activation wave



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Visual Anticipation

Anticipation also takes place in the retina



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Berry et al.
1999

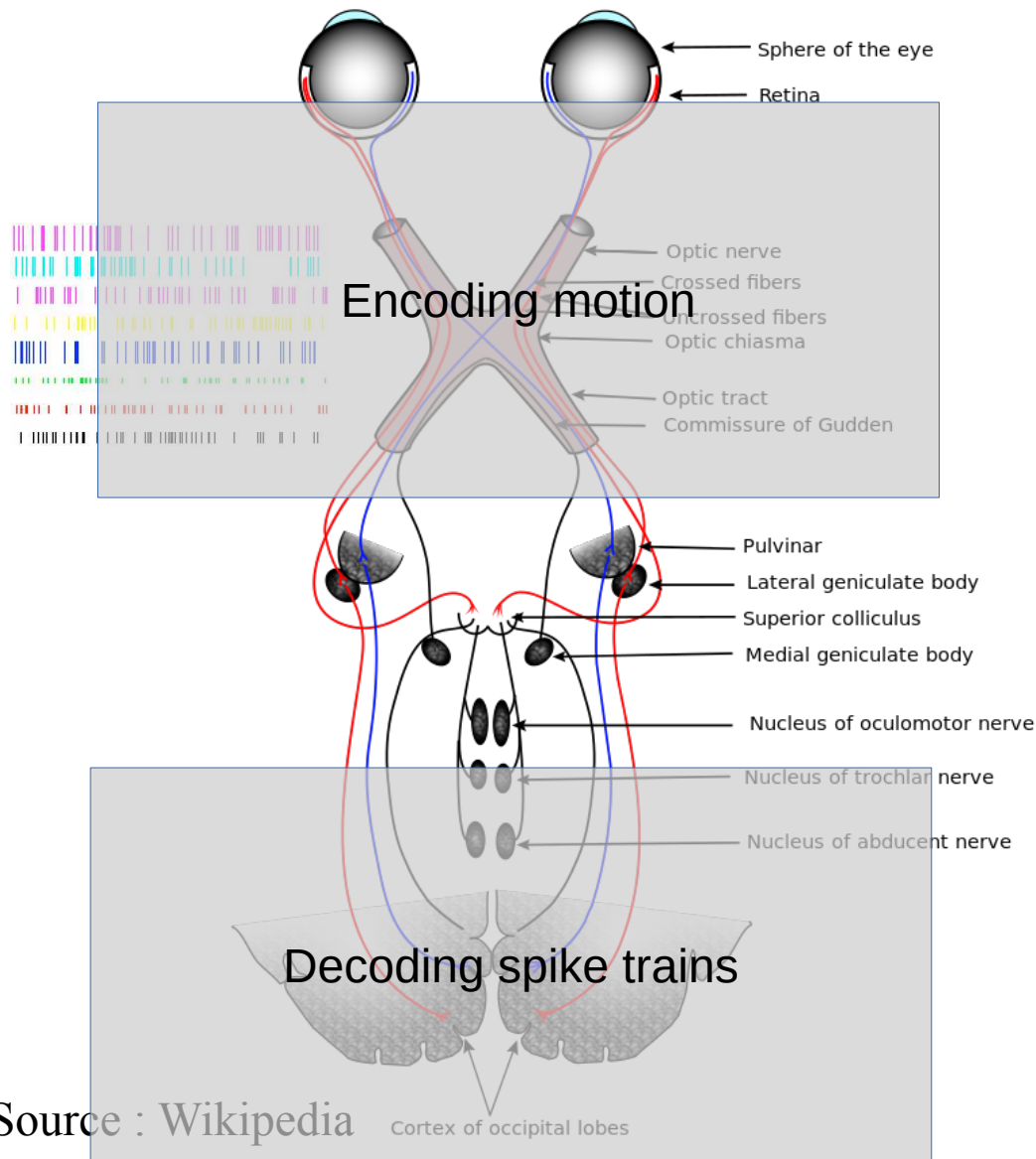
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Trajectory

What are the respective mechanisms underlying retinal and cortical anticipation?

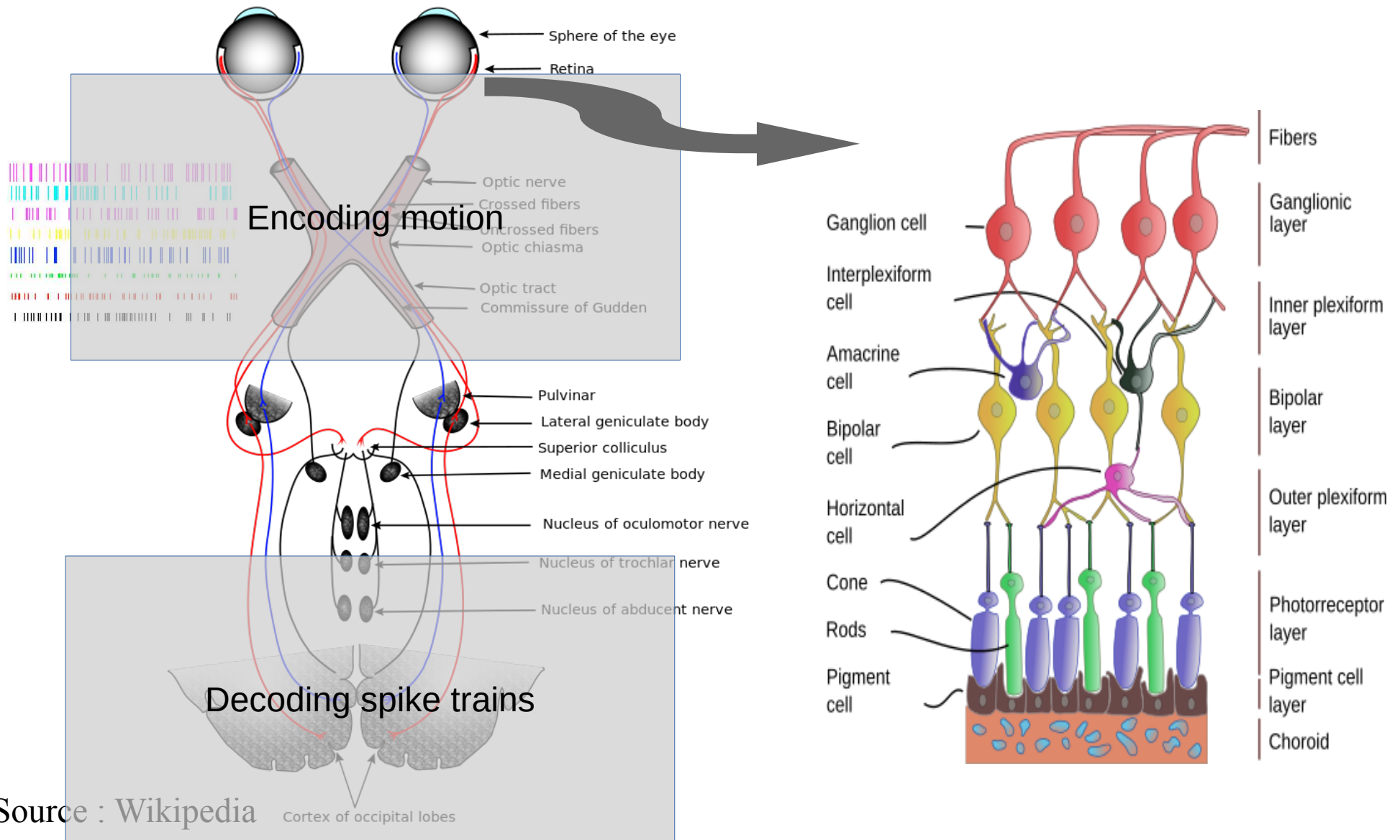
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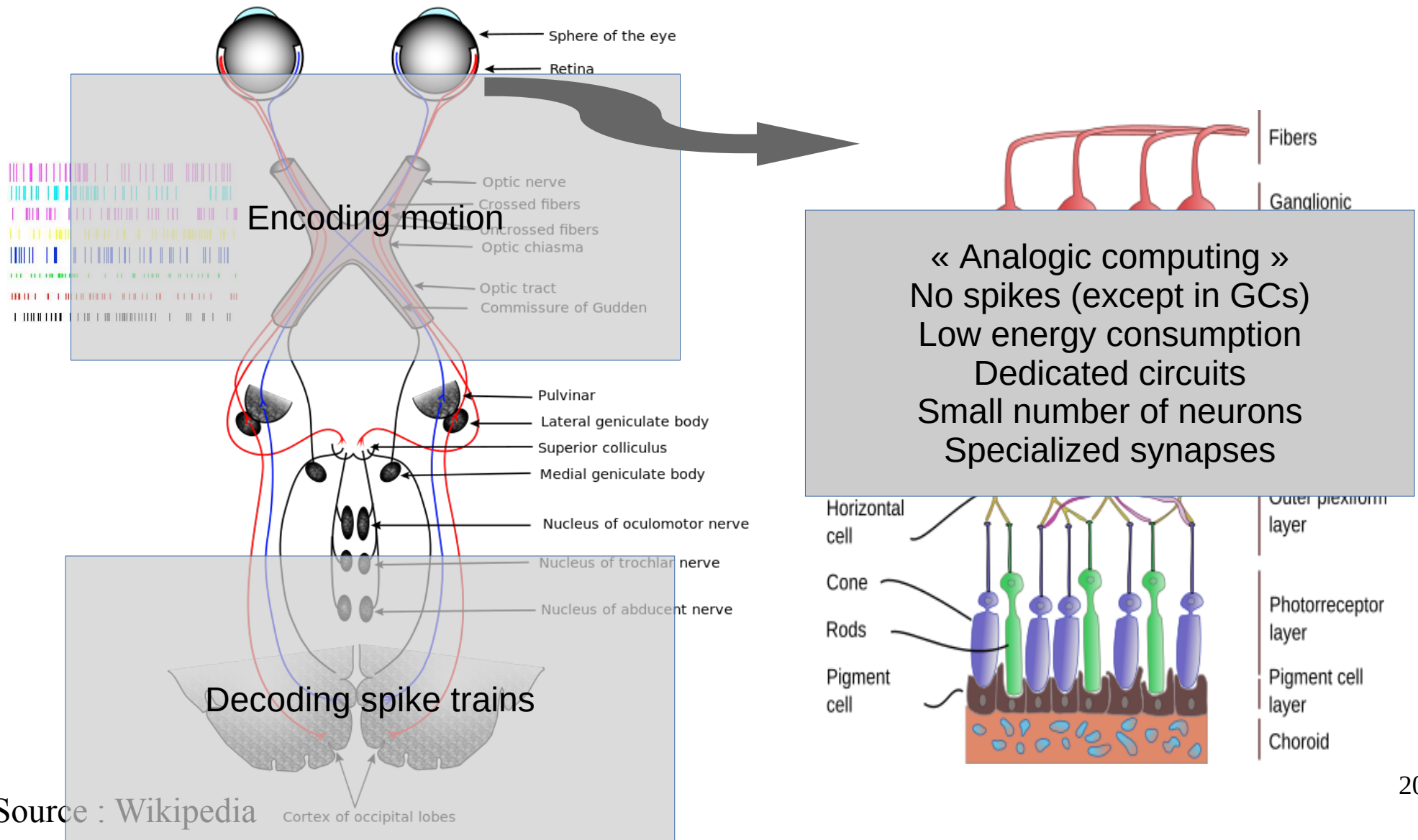
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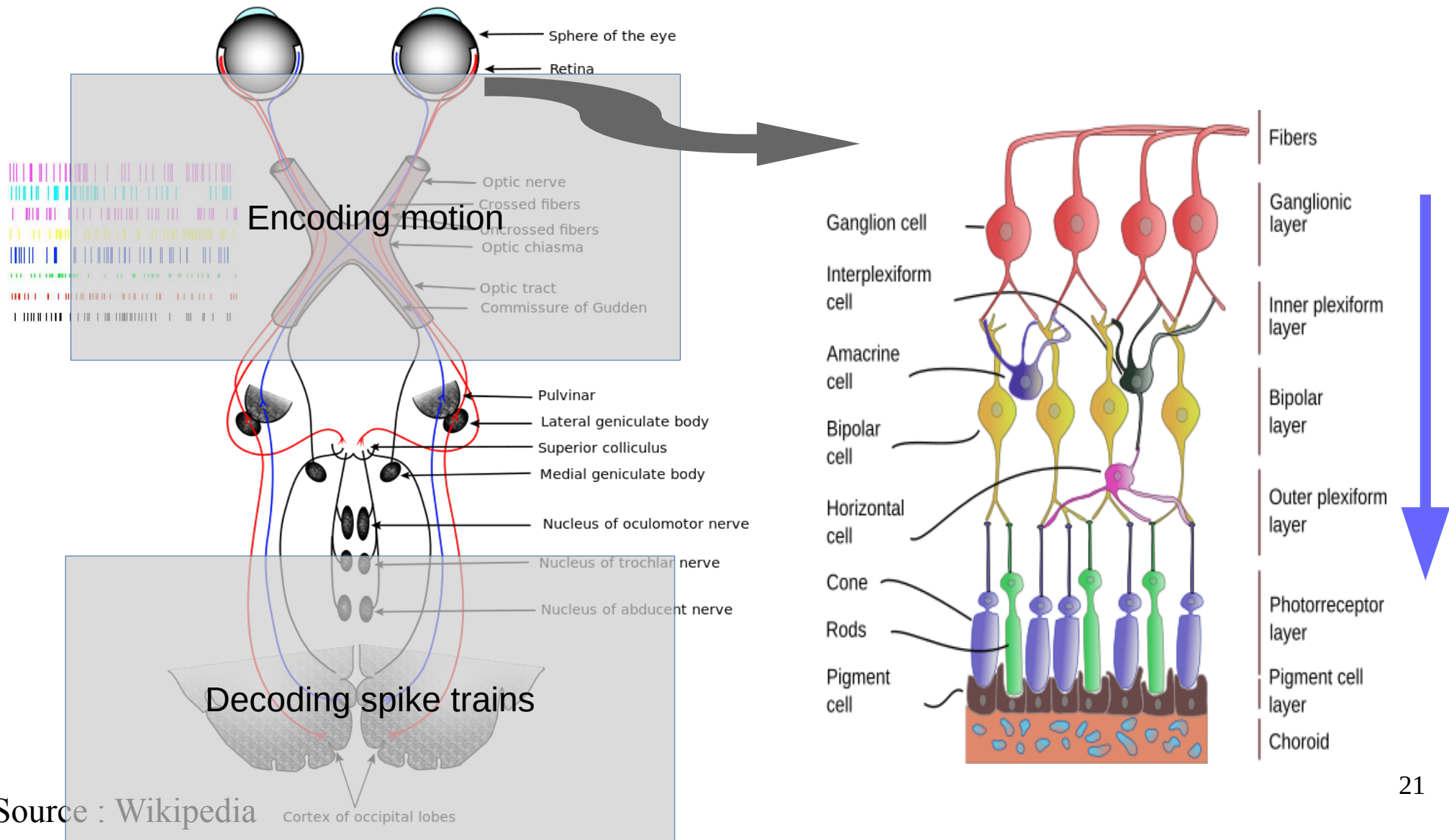
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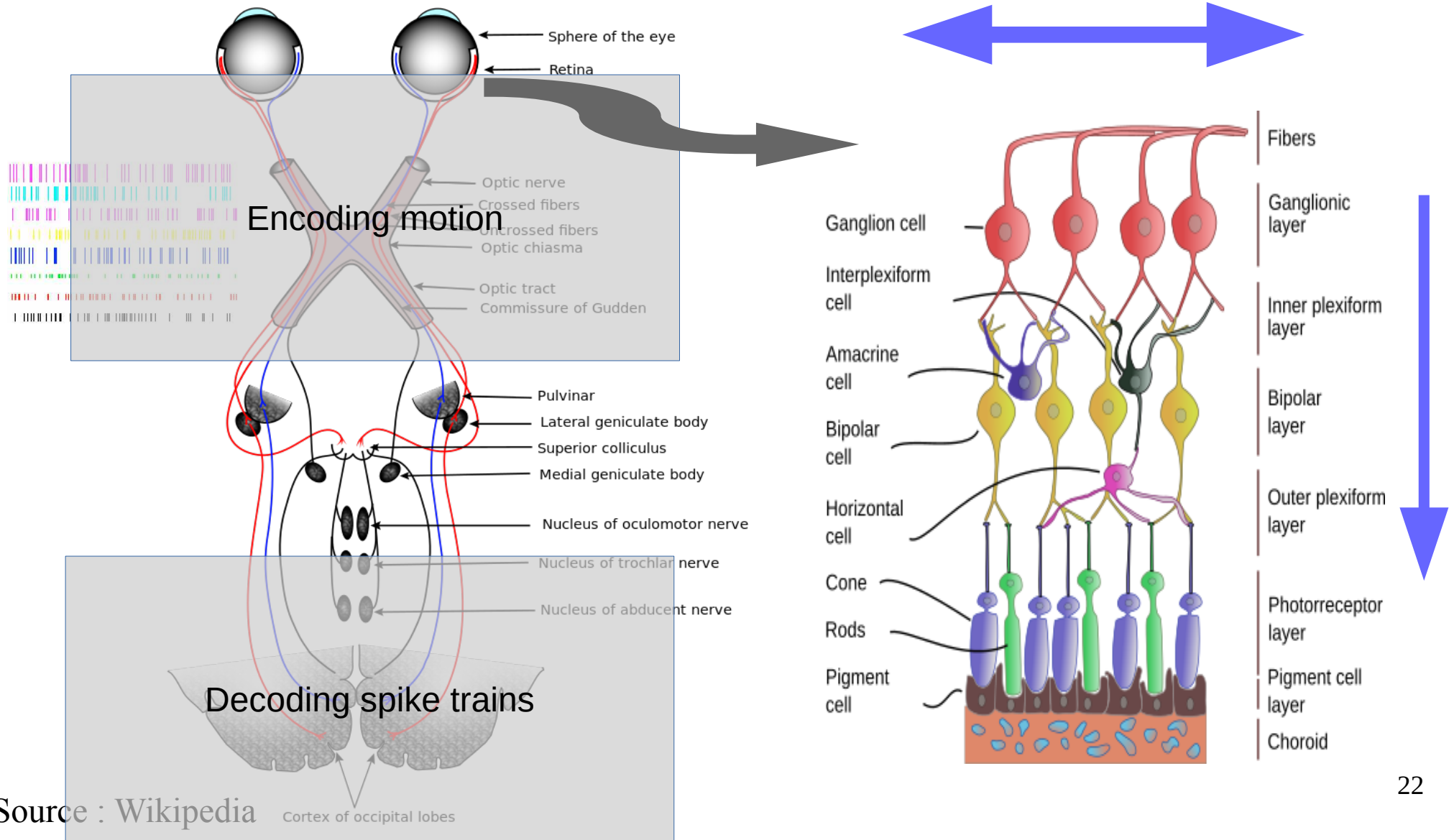
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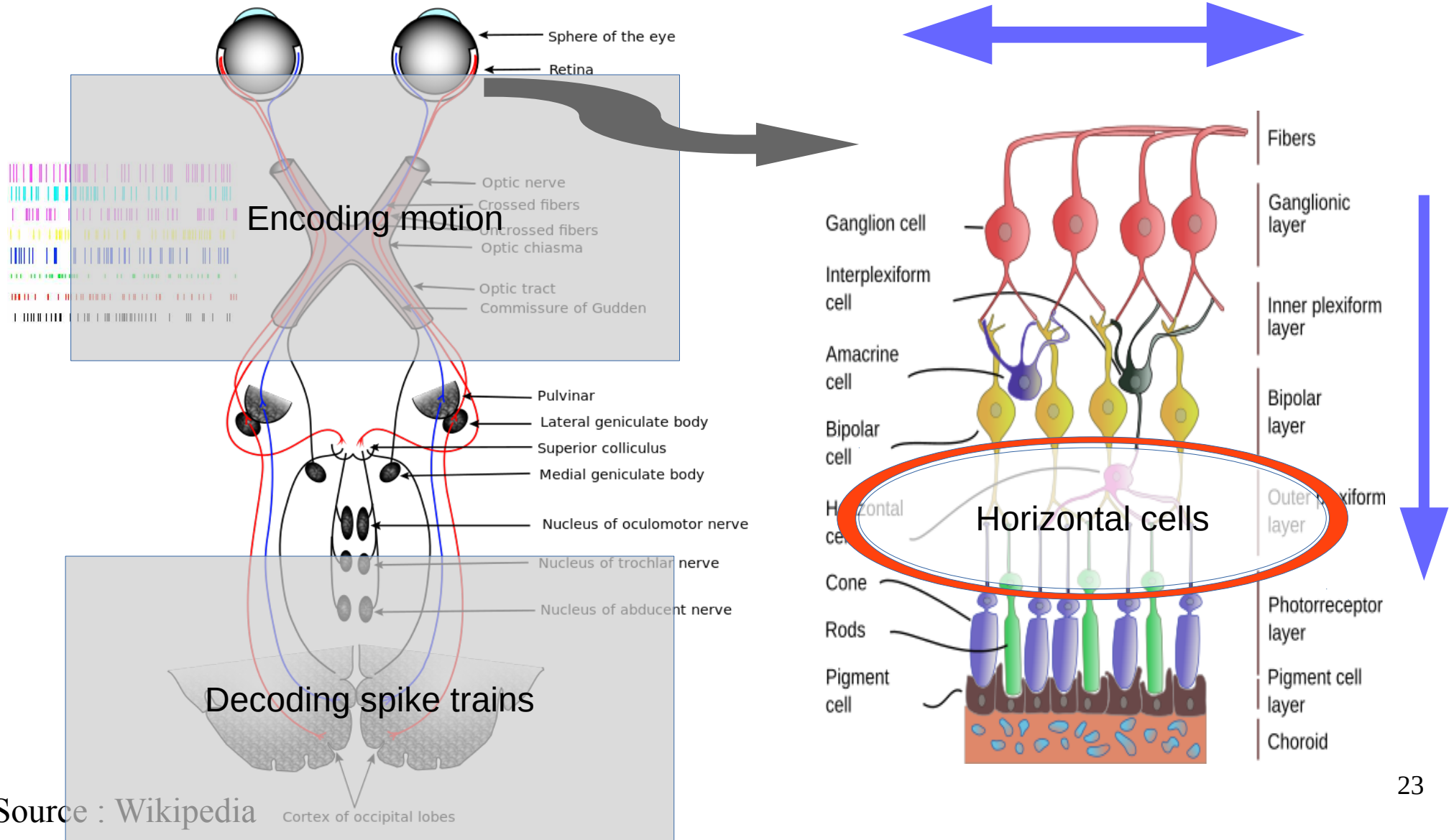
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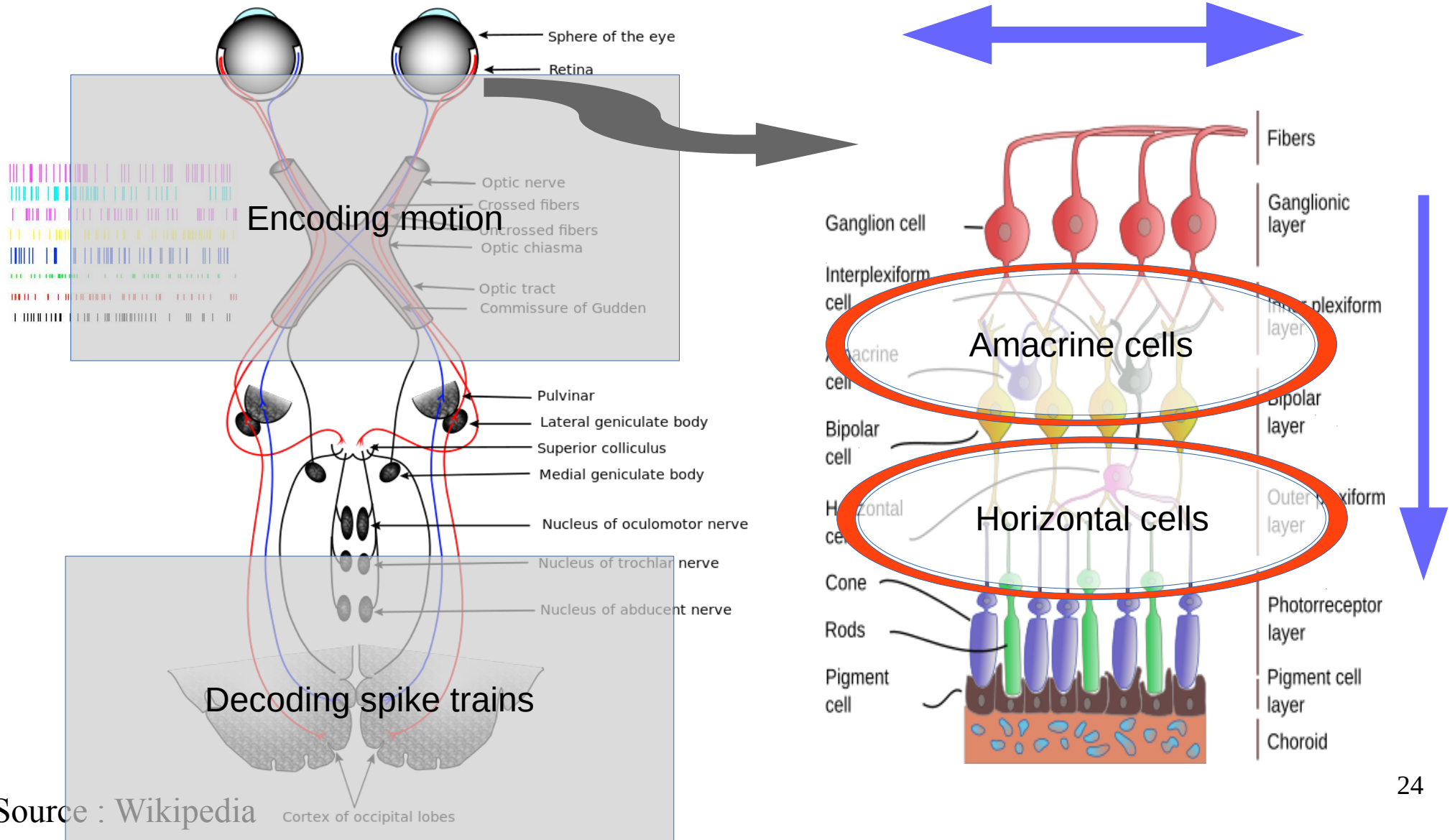
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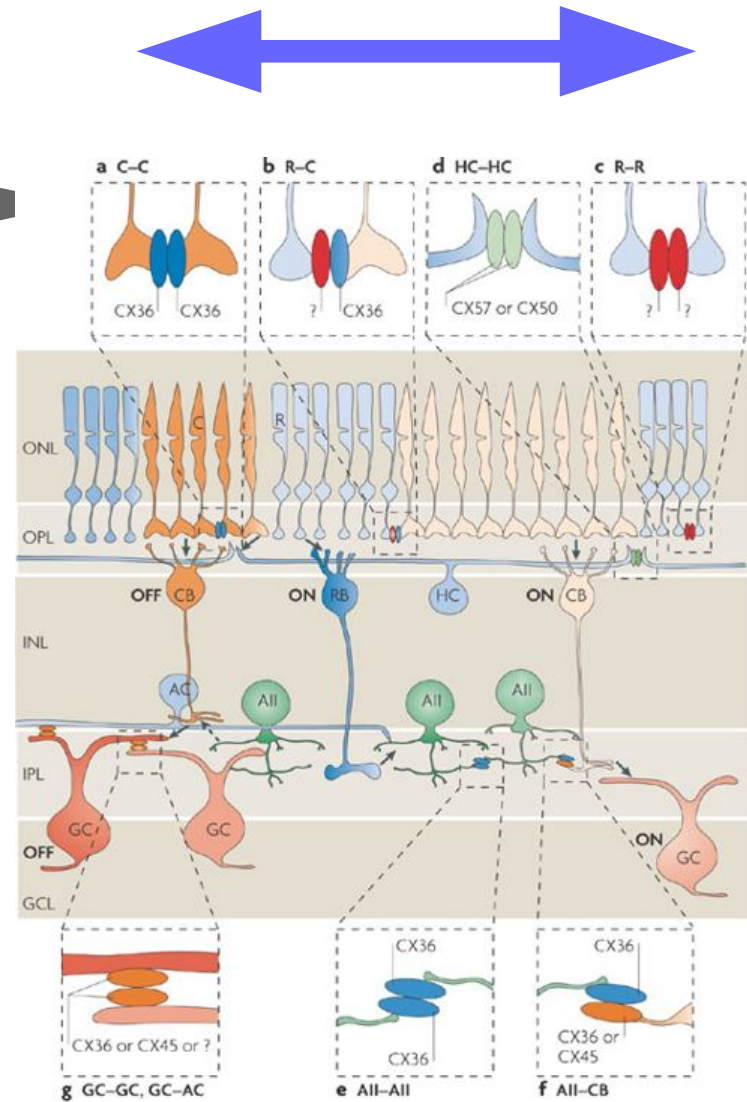
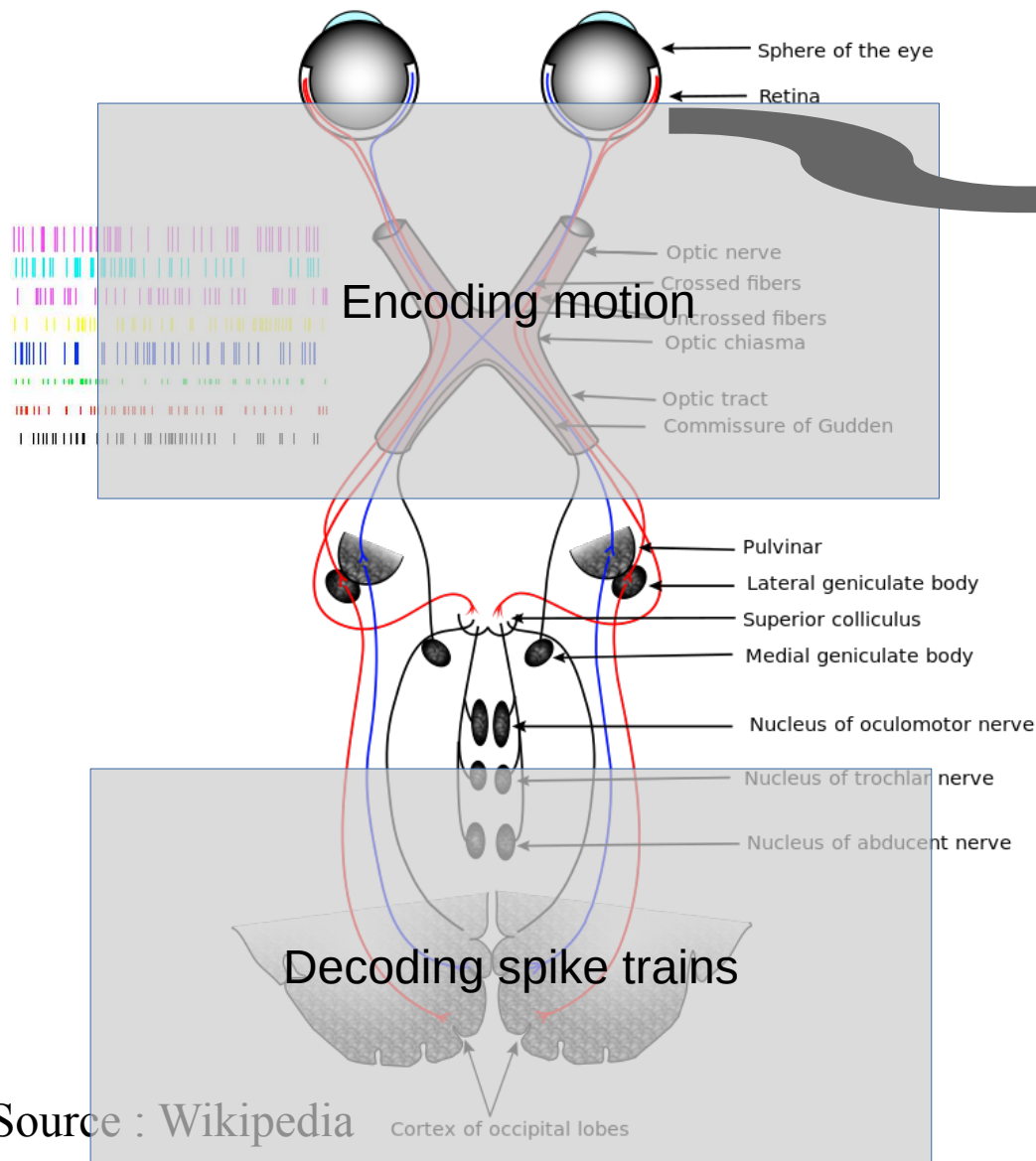
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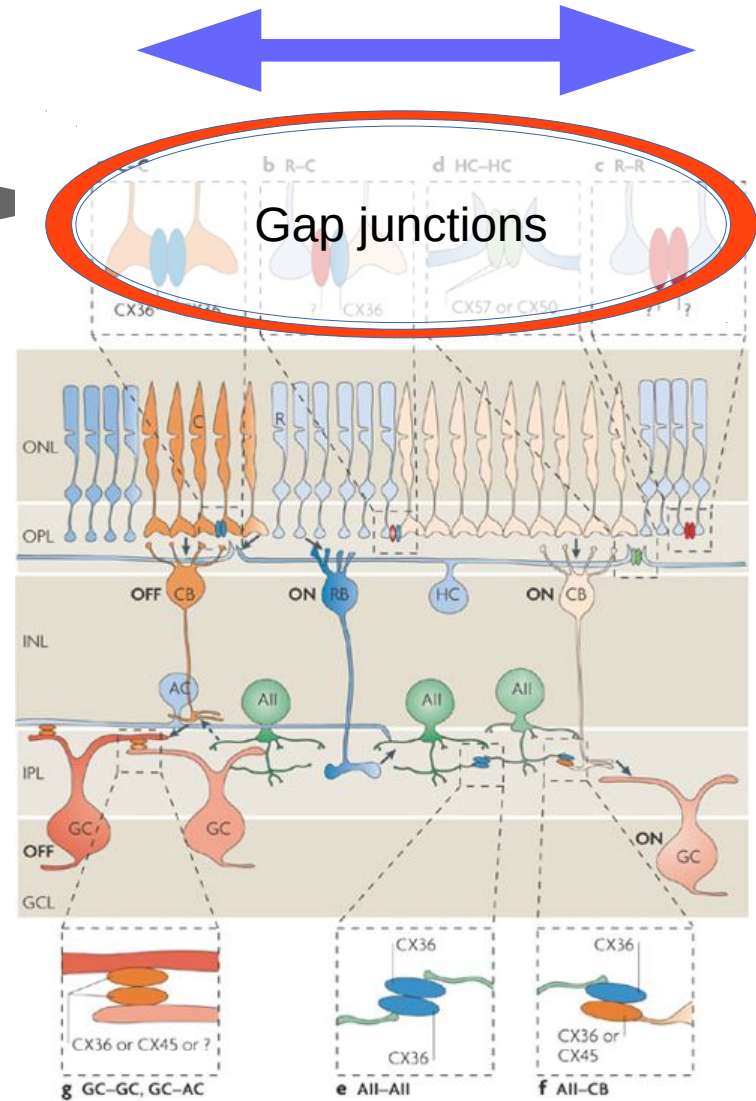
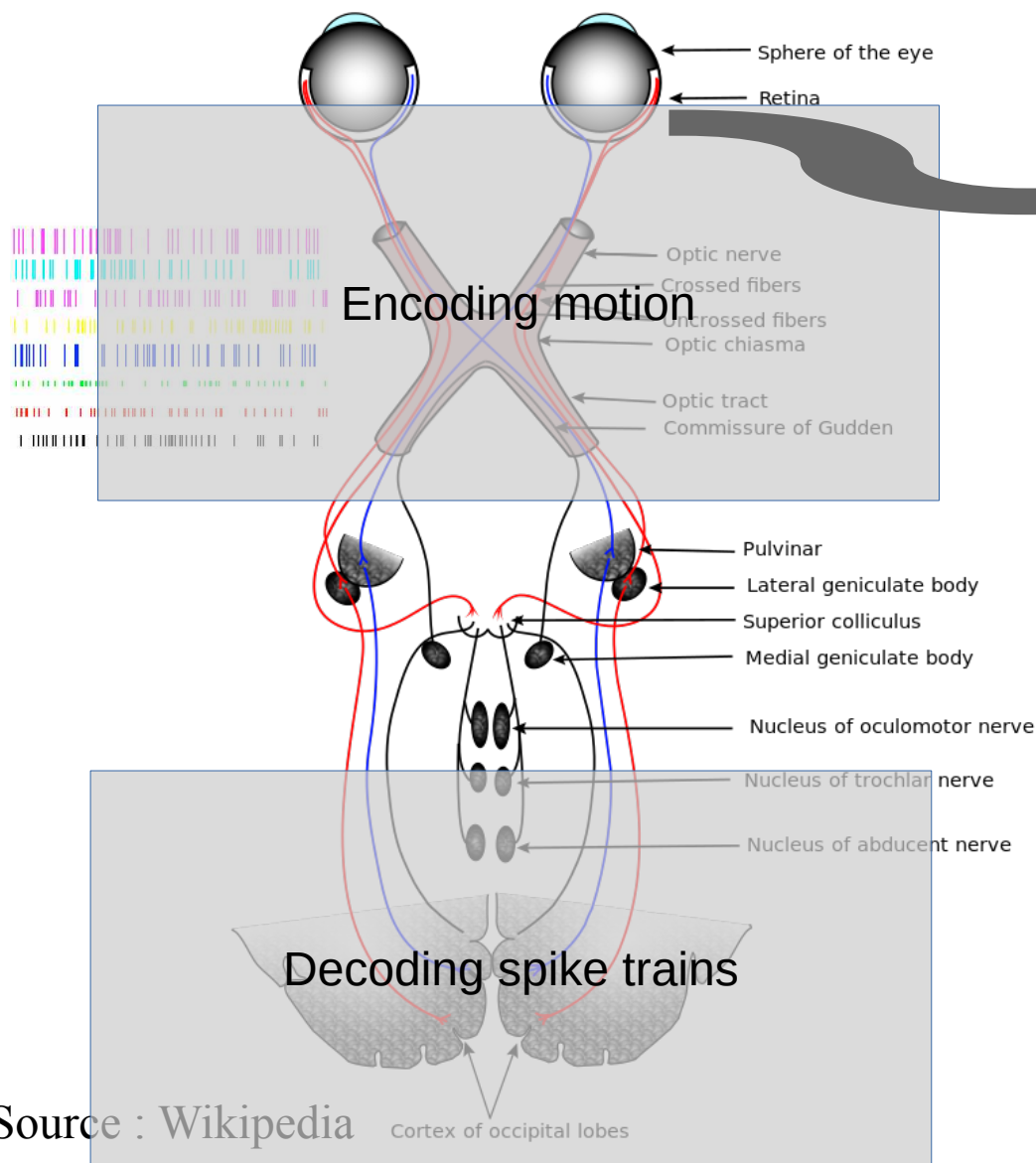
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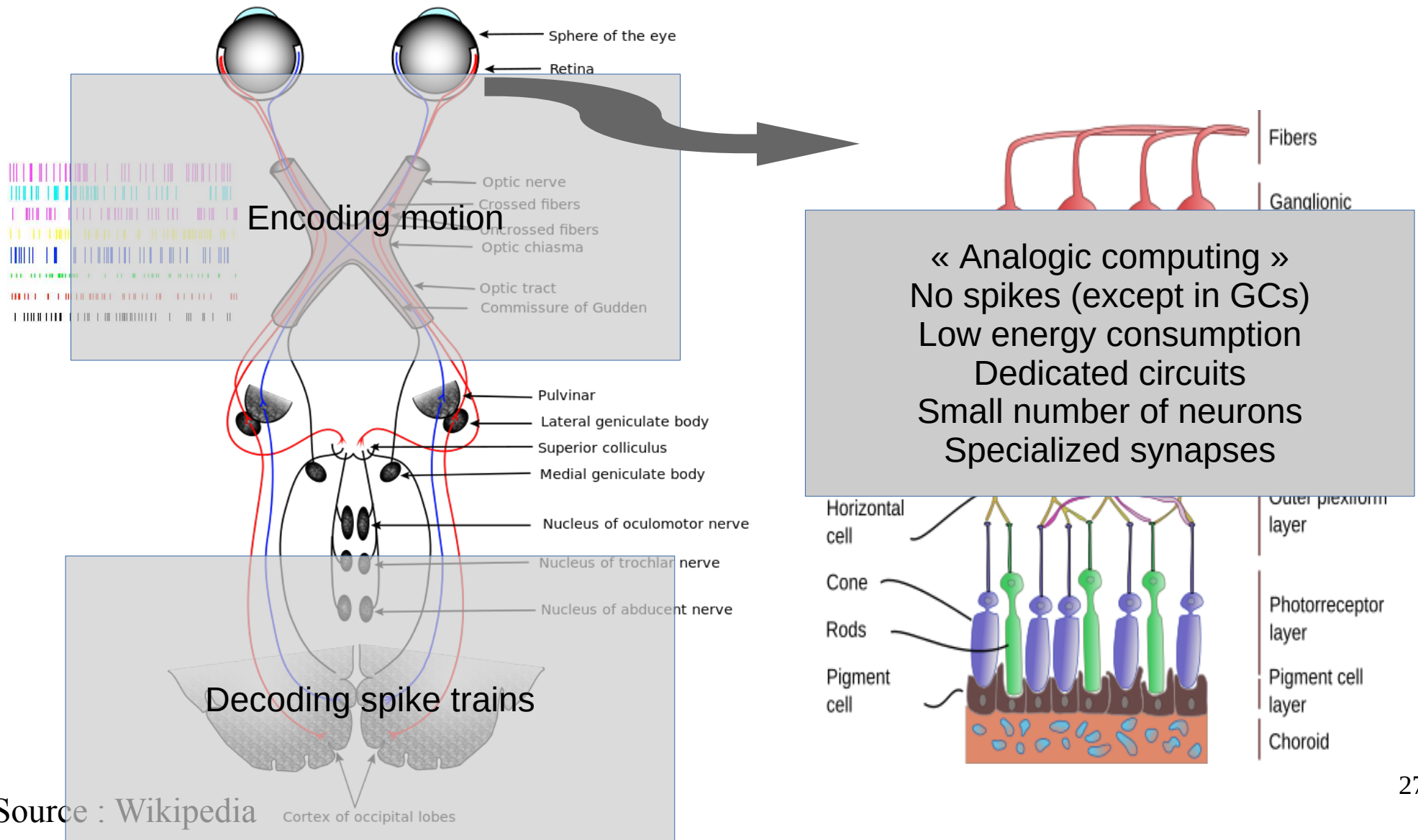
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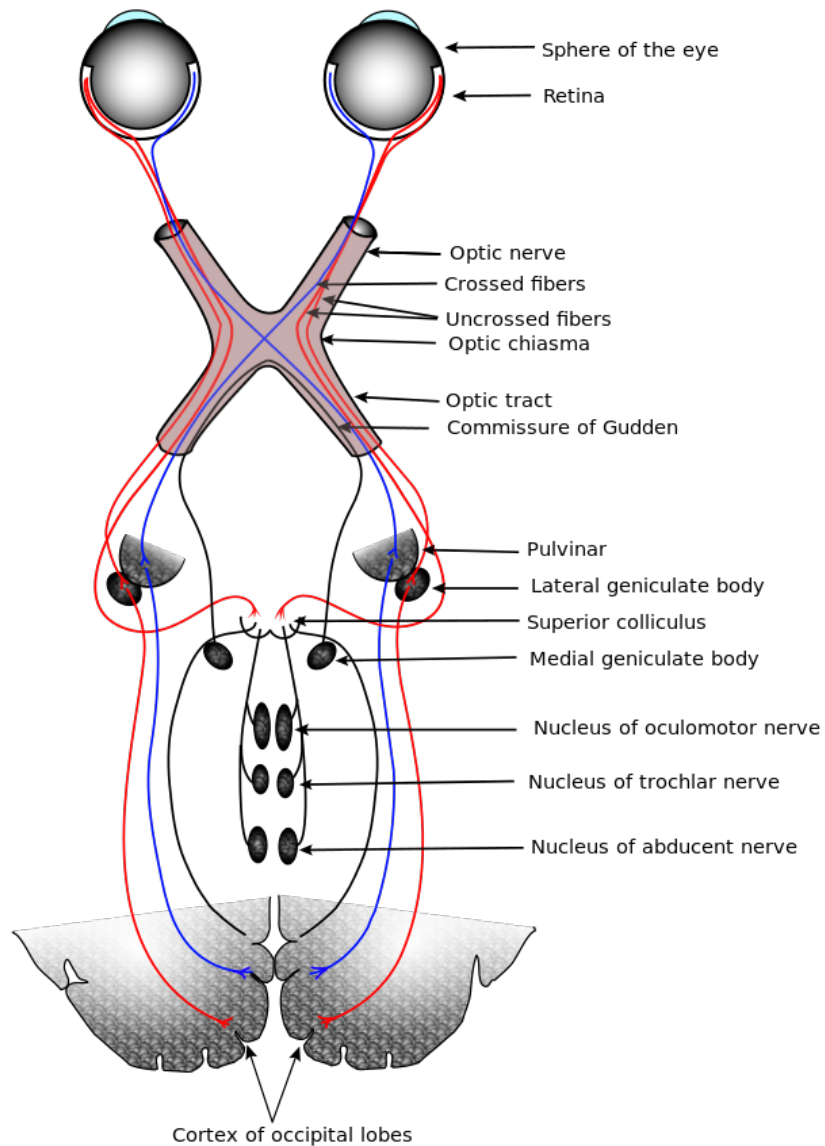


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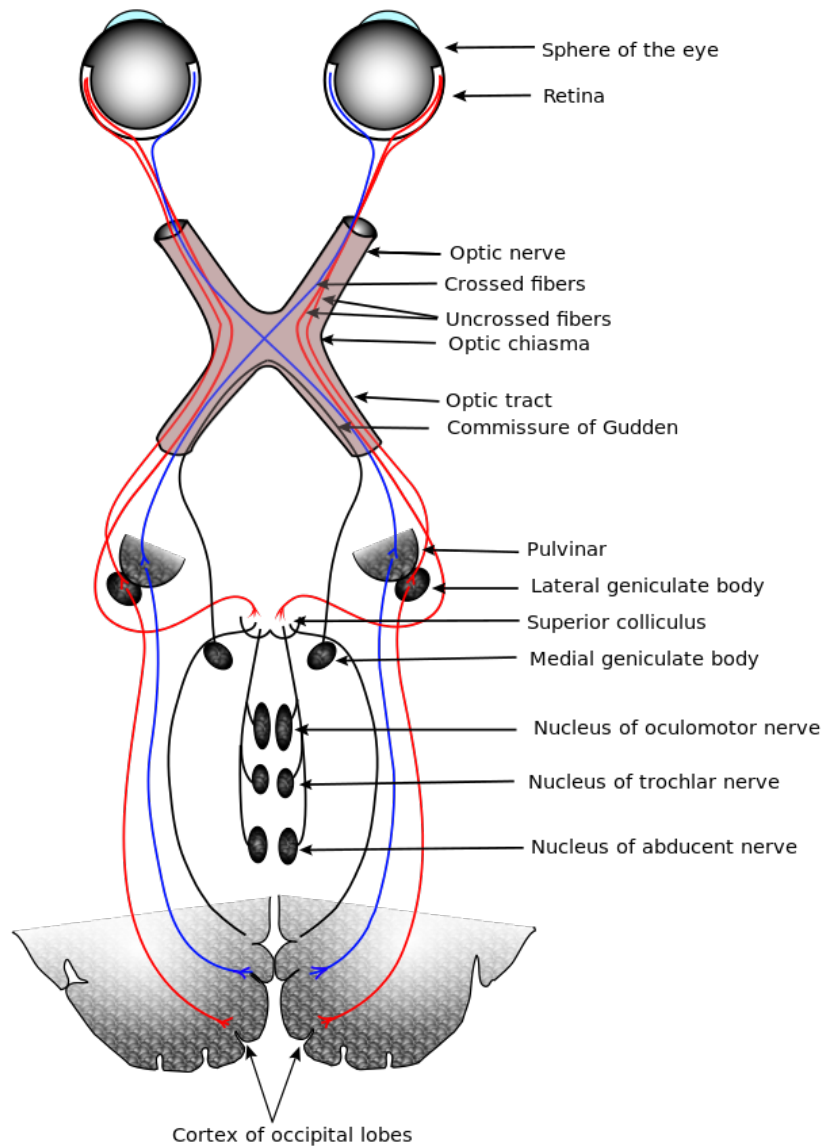


Which generic computational paradigms are at work in the retina ?

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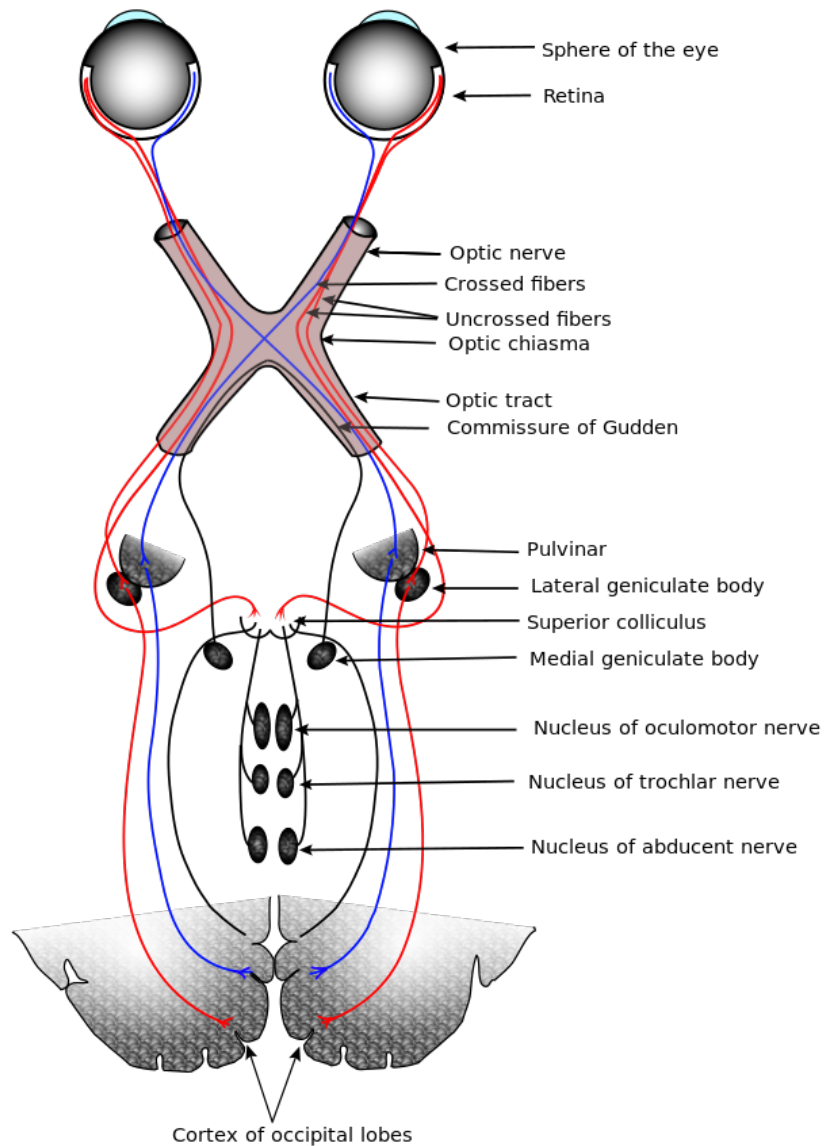


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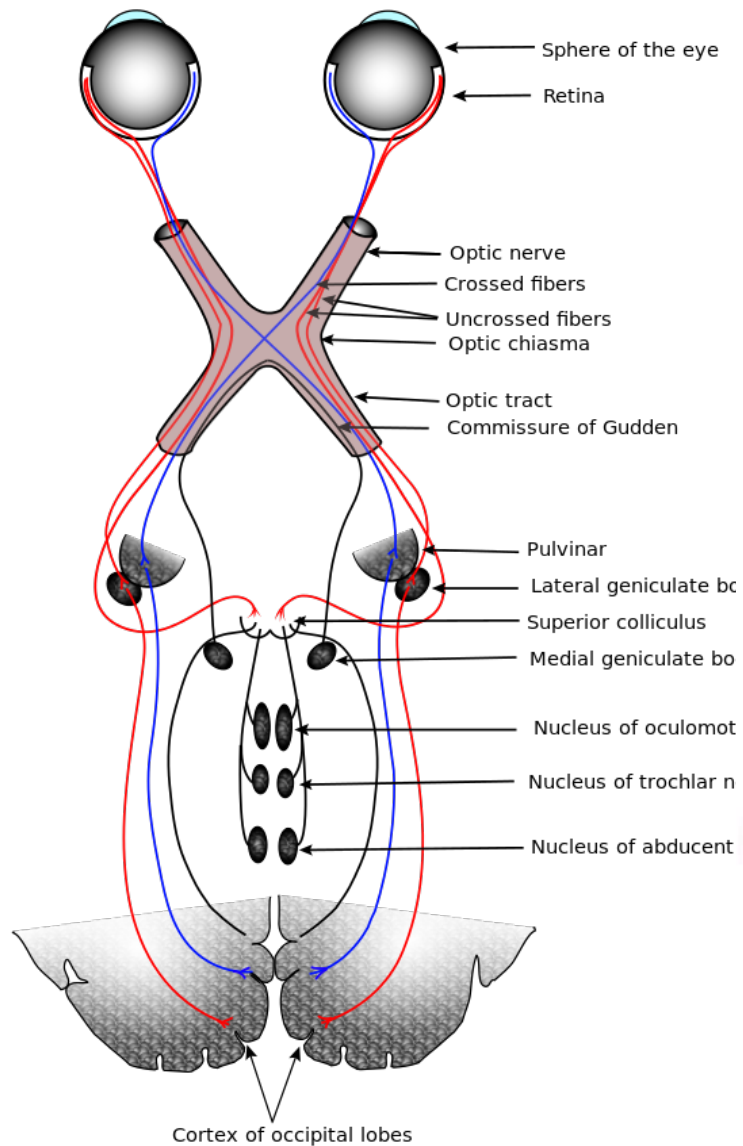
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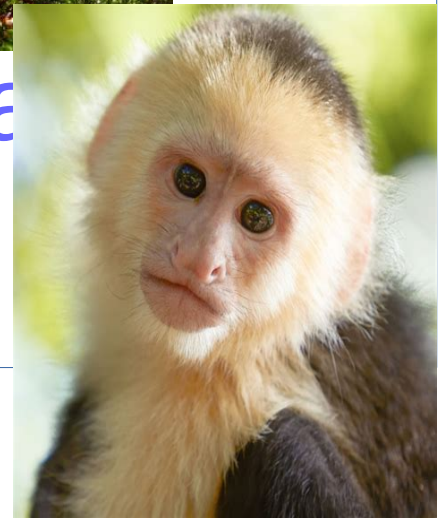
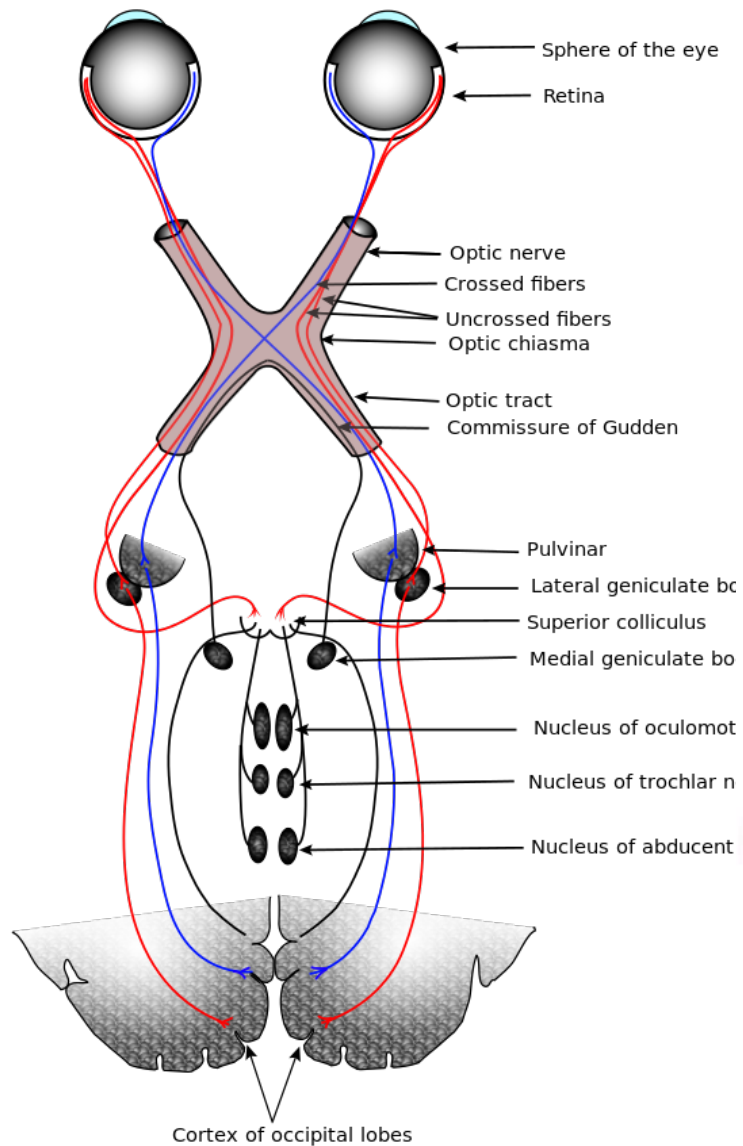
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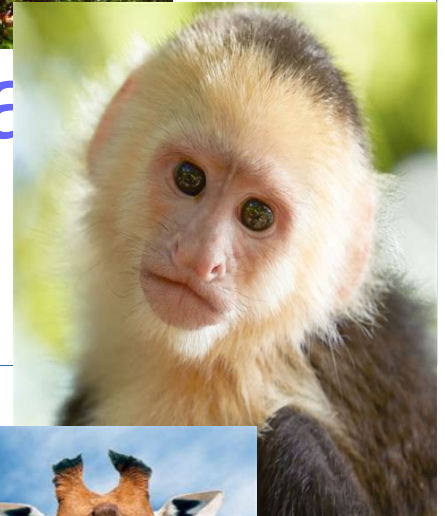
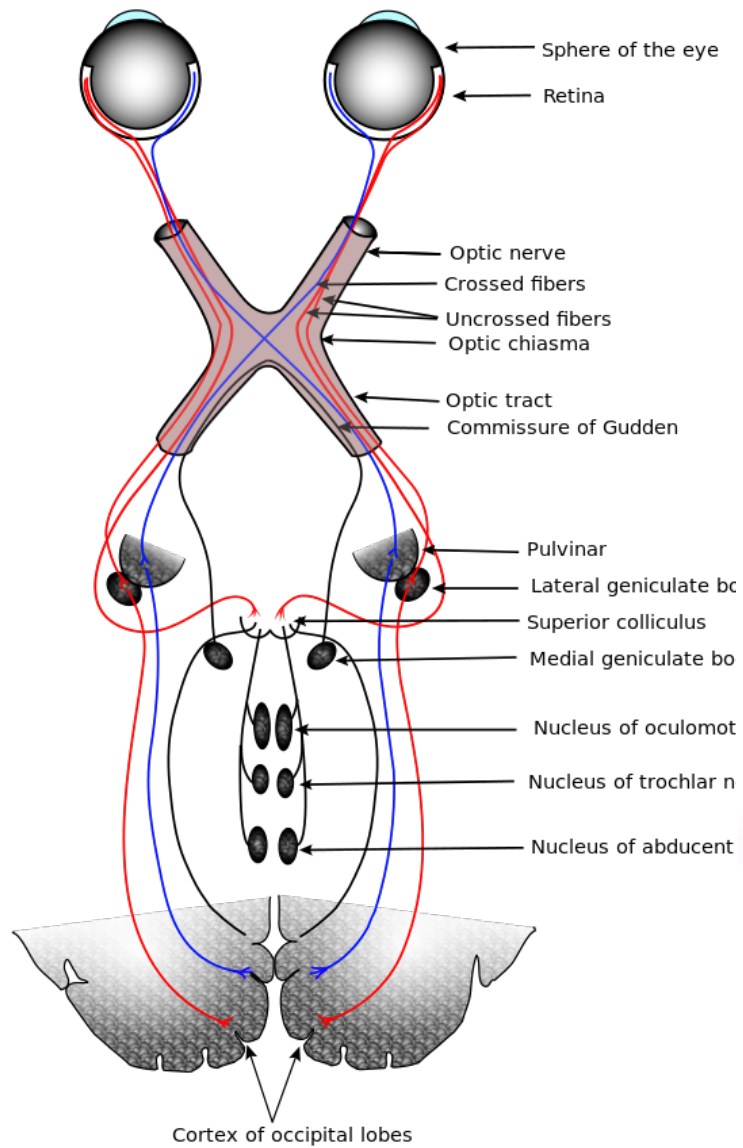


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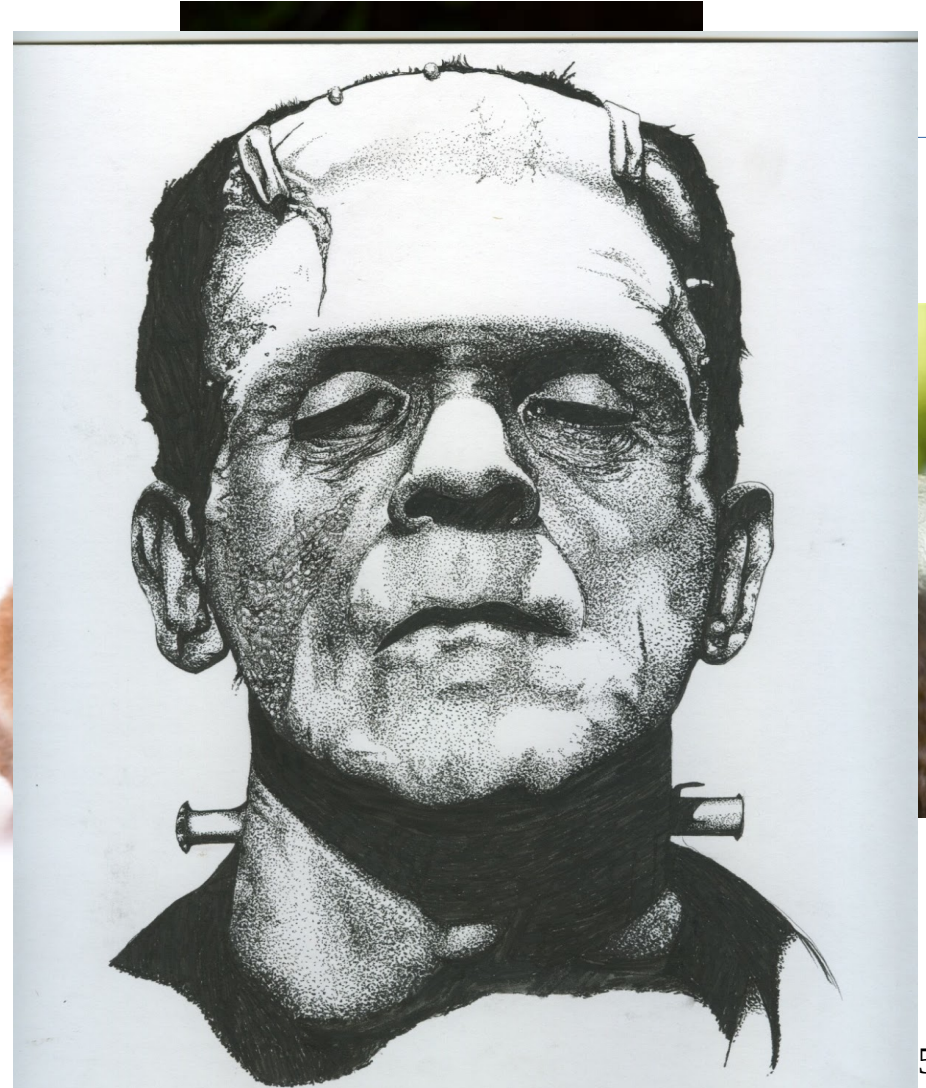
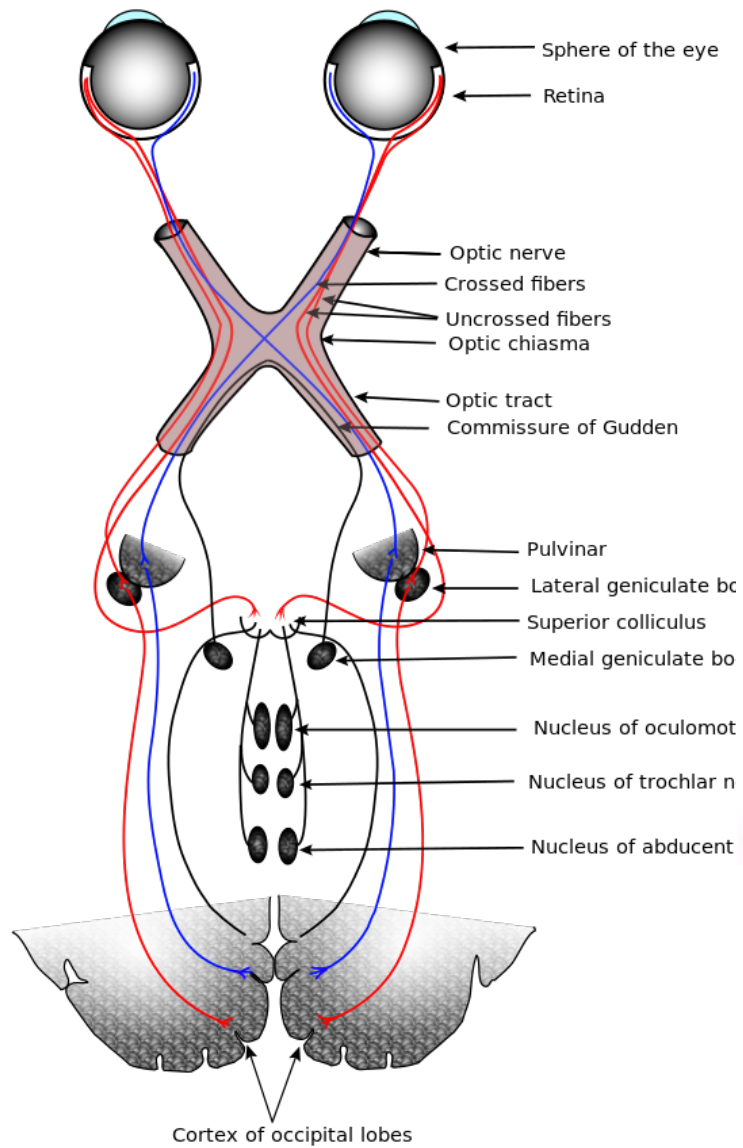
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Developing a retino-cortical model of anticipation so as to

understand / propose

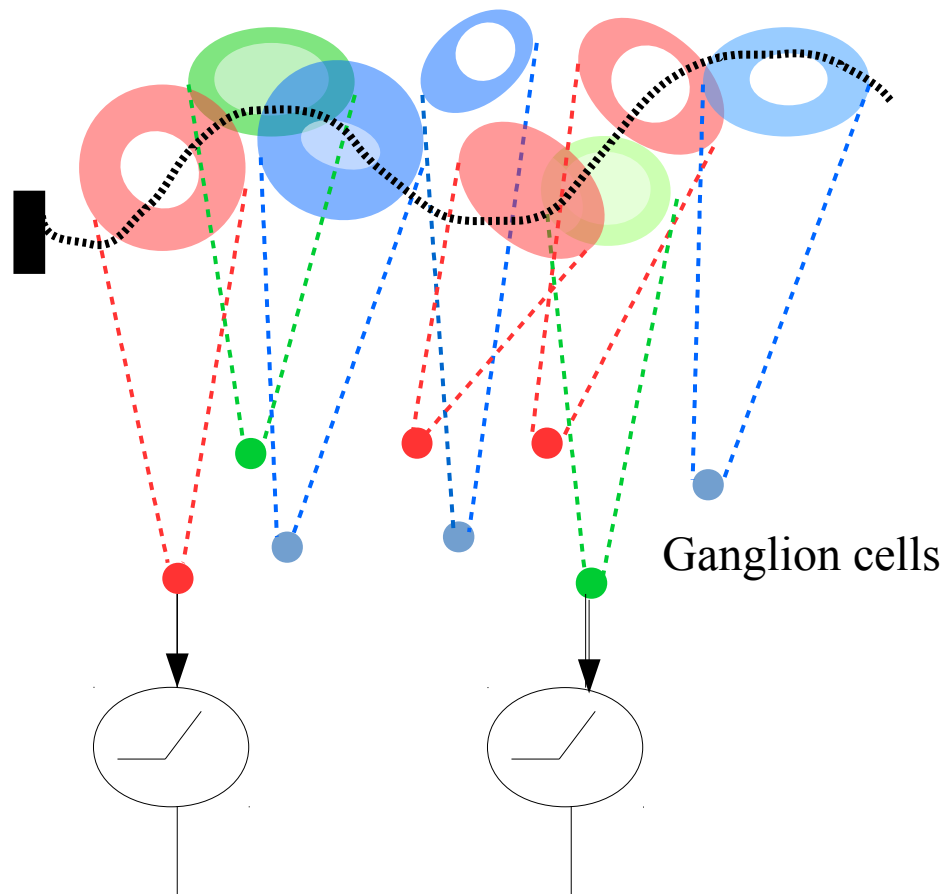
possible generic mechanisms for anticipation in the retina and in the cortex.

Anticipation in the retina

The Hubel-Wiesel view of vision

Nobel prize 1981

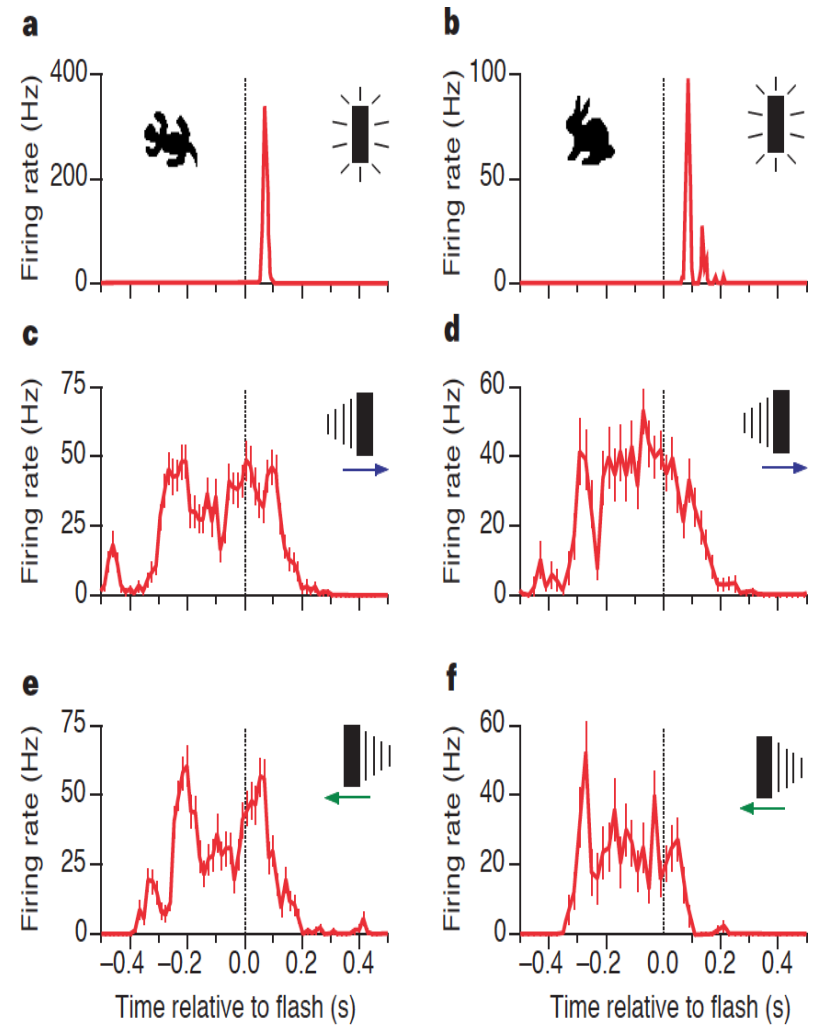
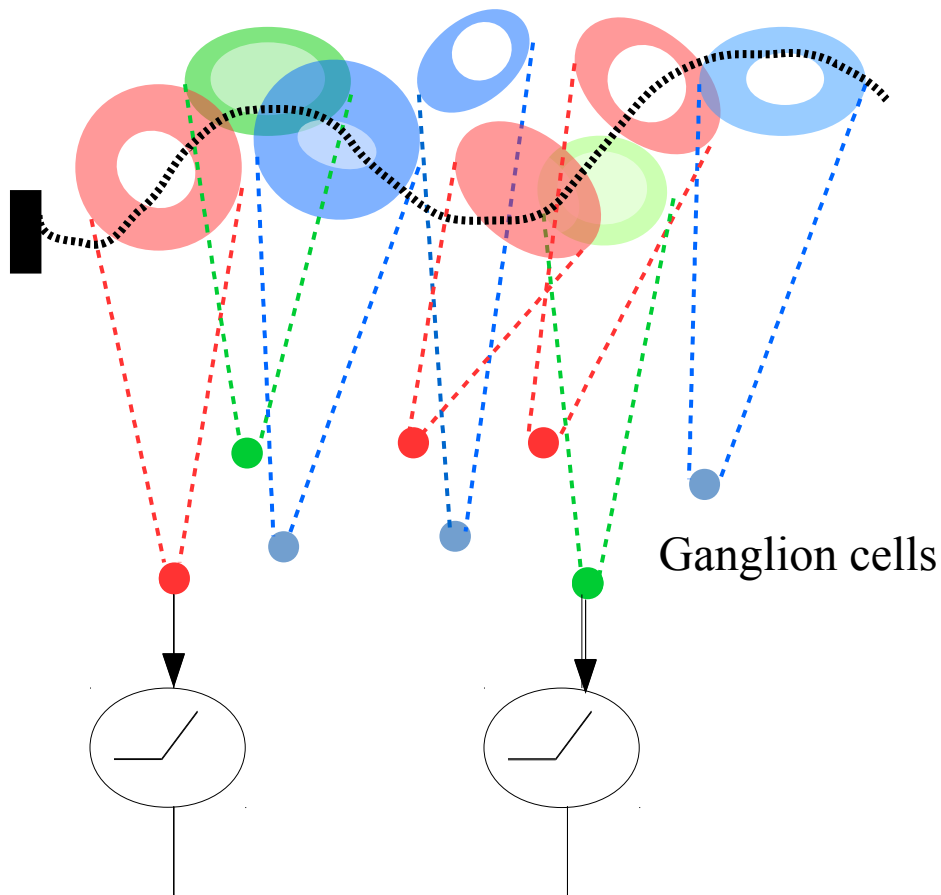
Ganglion cells response is the convolution of the stimulus with a spatio-temporal receptive field followed by a non linearity



Ganglion cells are independent encoders

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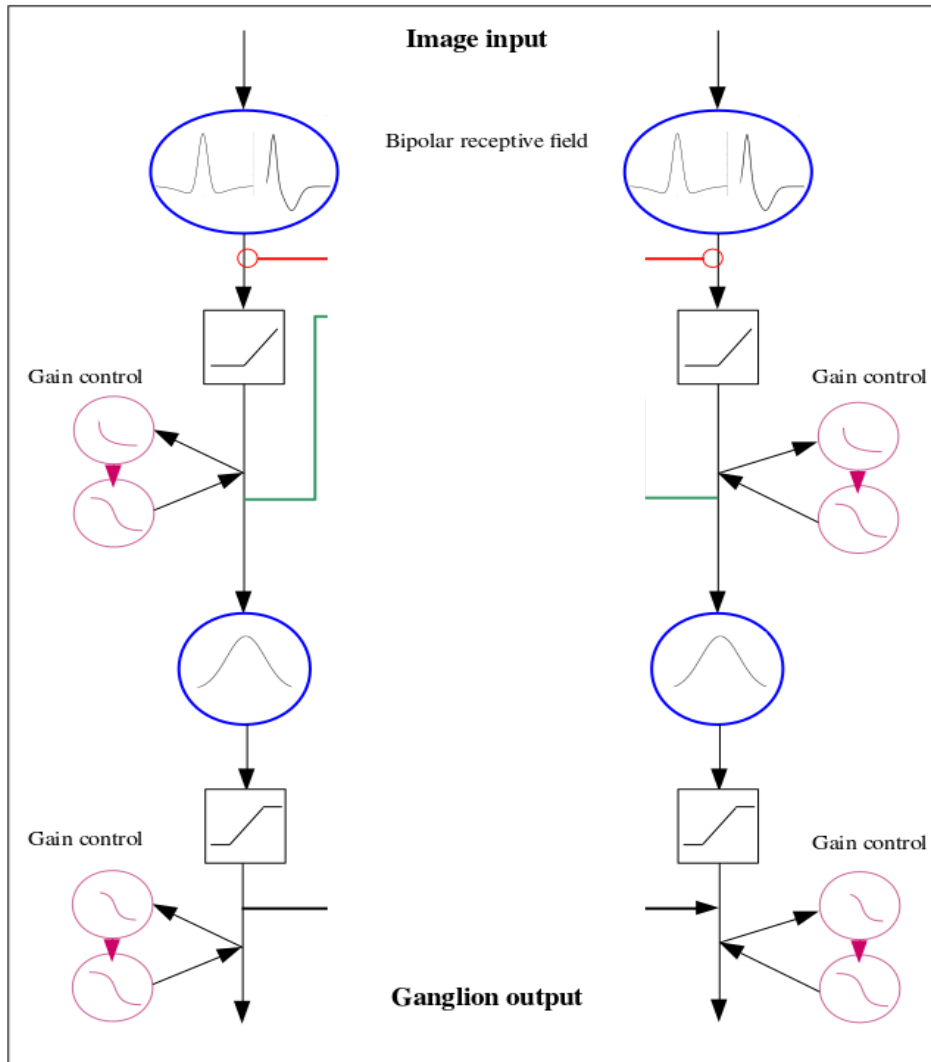
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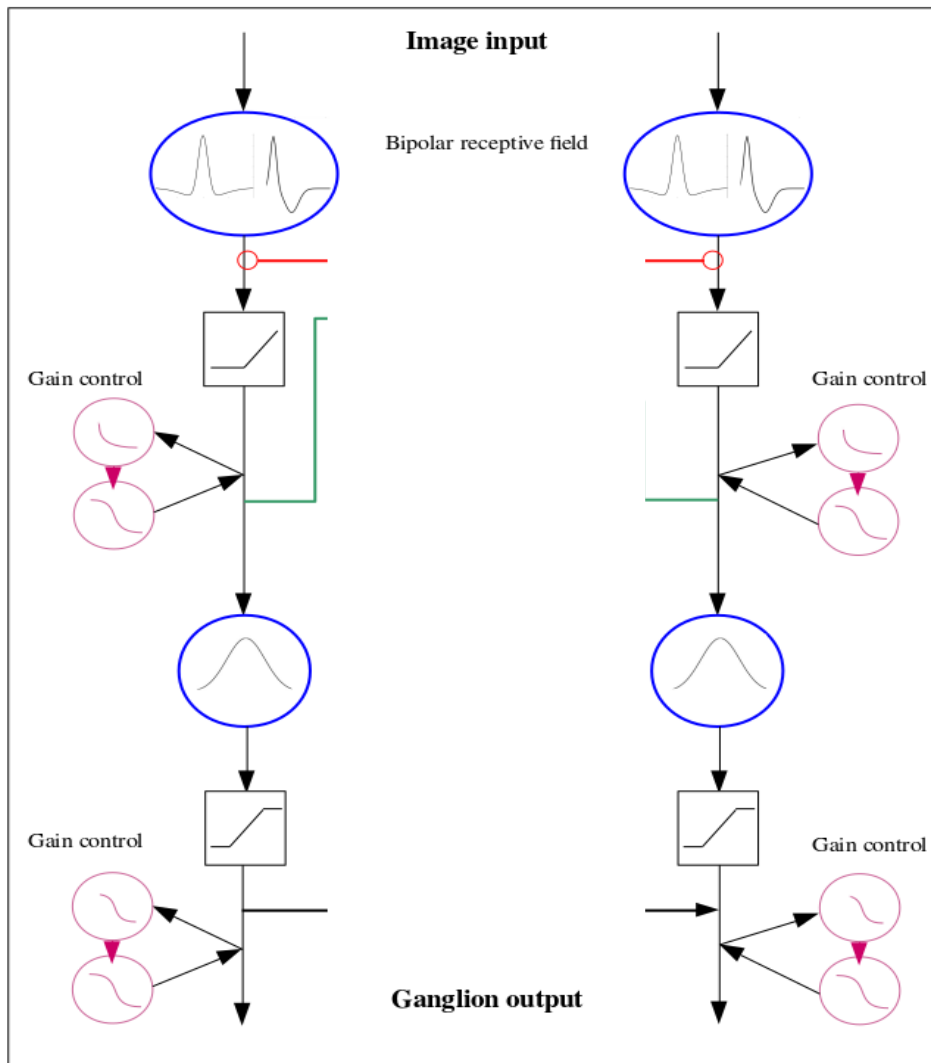
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- Bipolar voltage :

$$V_{B_i}(t) = V_{i_{drive}}(t).$$

- Non-linear function :

$$\mathcal{N}_B(V_{B_i}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } V_{B_i} \leq \theta_B; \\ V_{B_i} - \theta_B, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

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$$\frac{dA_{B_i}}{dt} = -\frac{A_{B_i}}{\tau_a} + h\mathcal{N}(V_{B_i}(t)).$$

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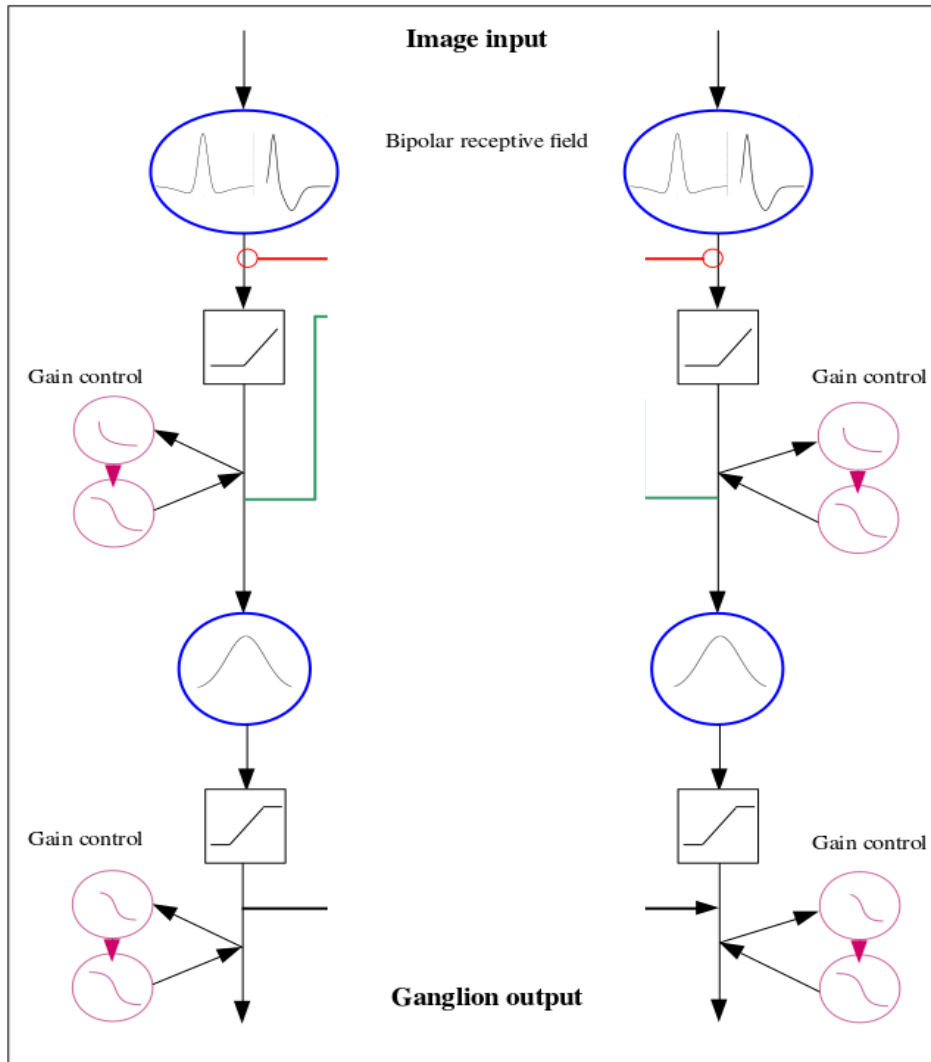
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Gain control (Chen et al. 2013)



- Ganglion voltage

$$V_{G_k} = \sum_i W_{G_k}^{B_i} R_{B_i}$$

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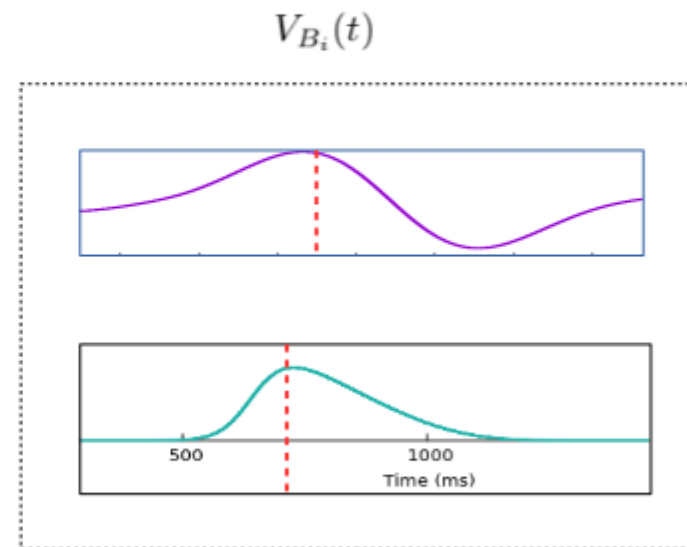
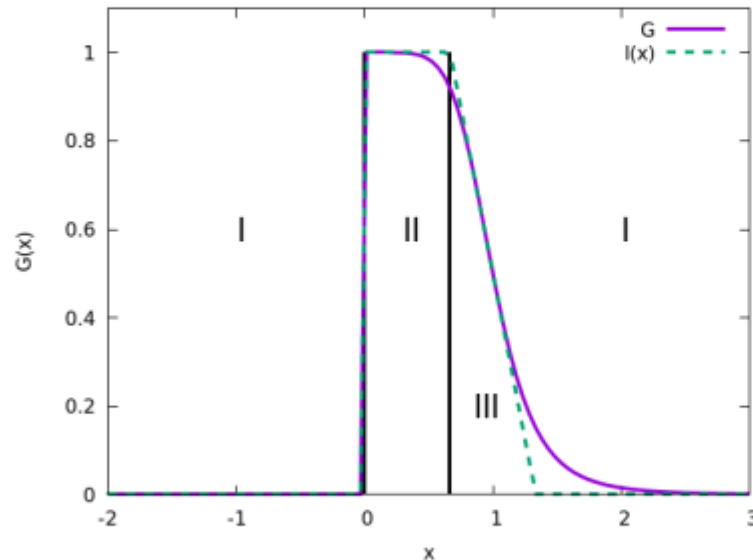
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1) Gain control

How does it work ?

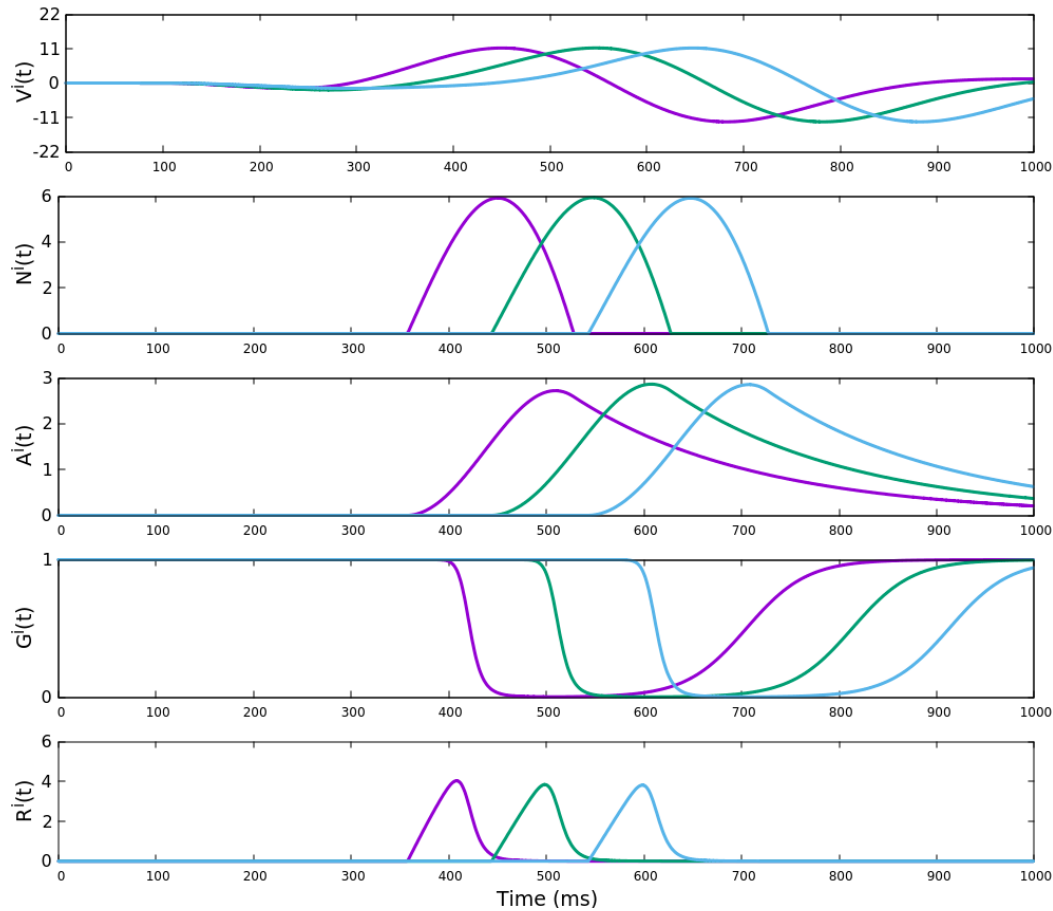


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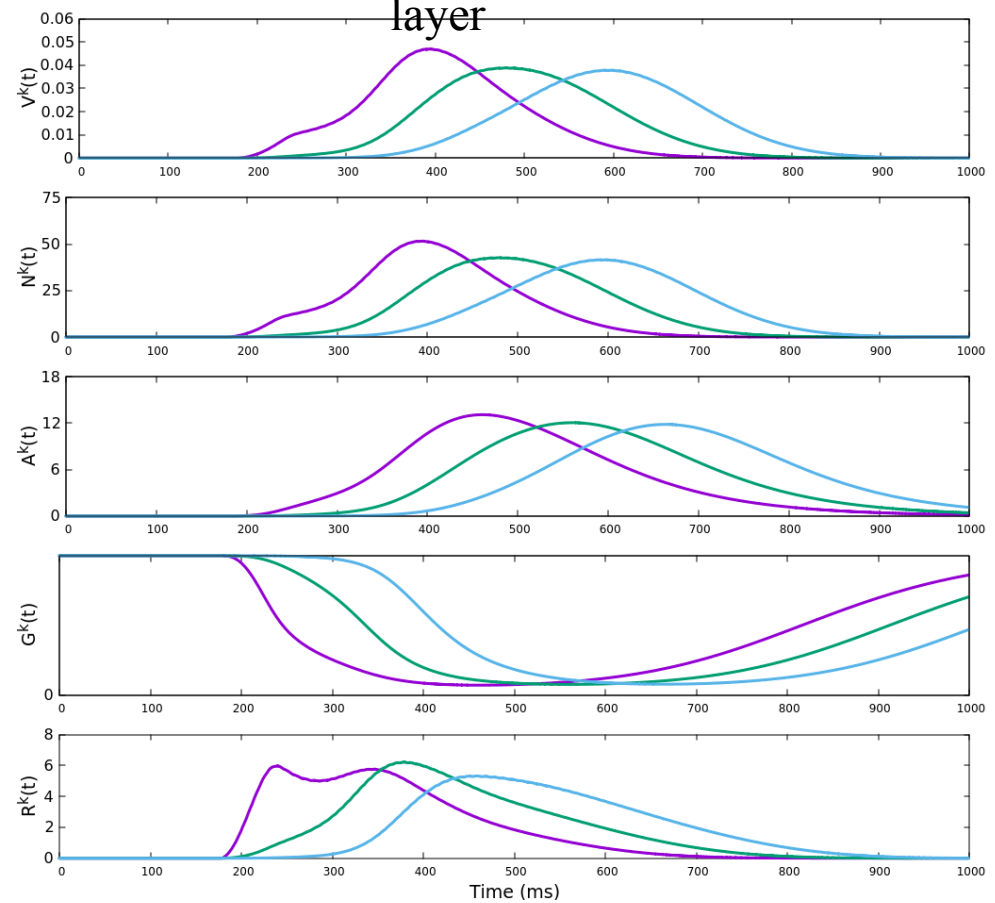
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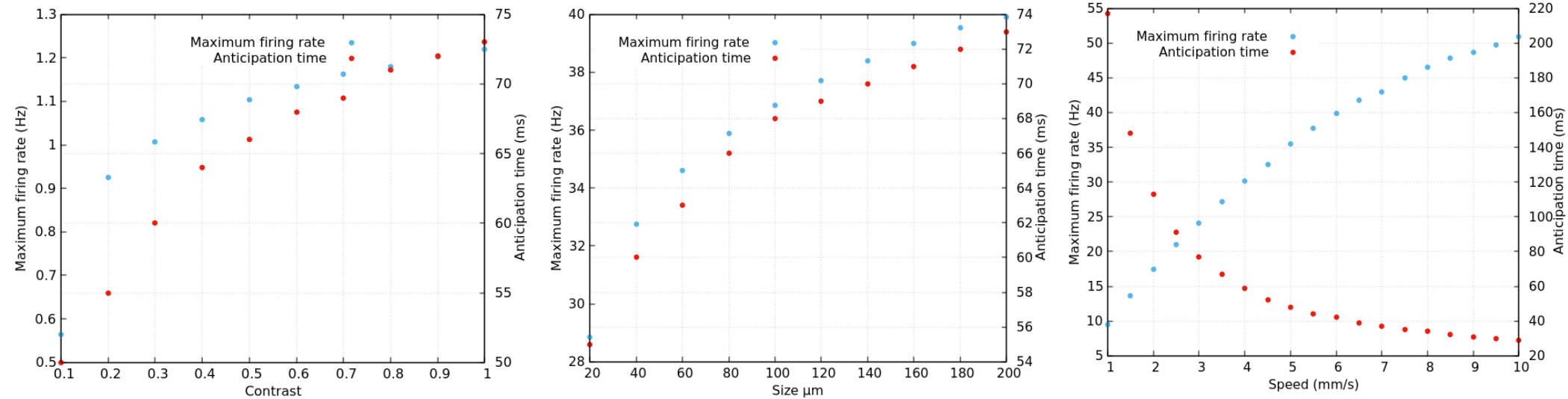


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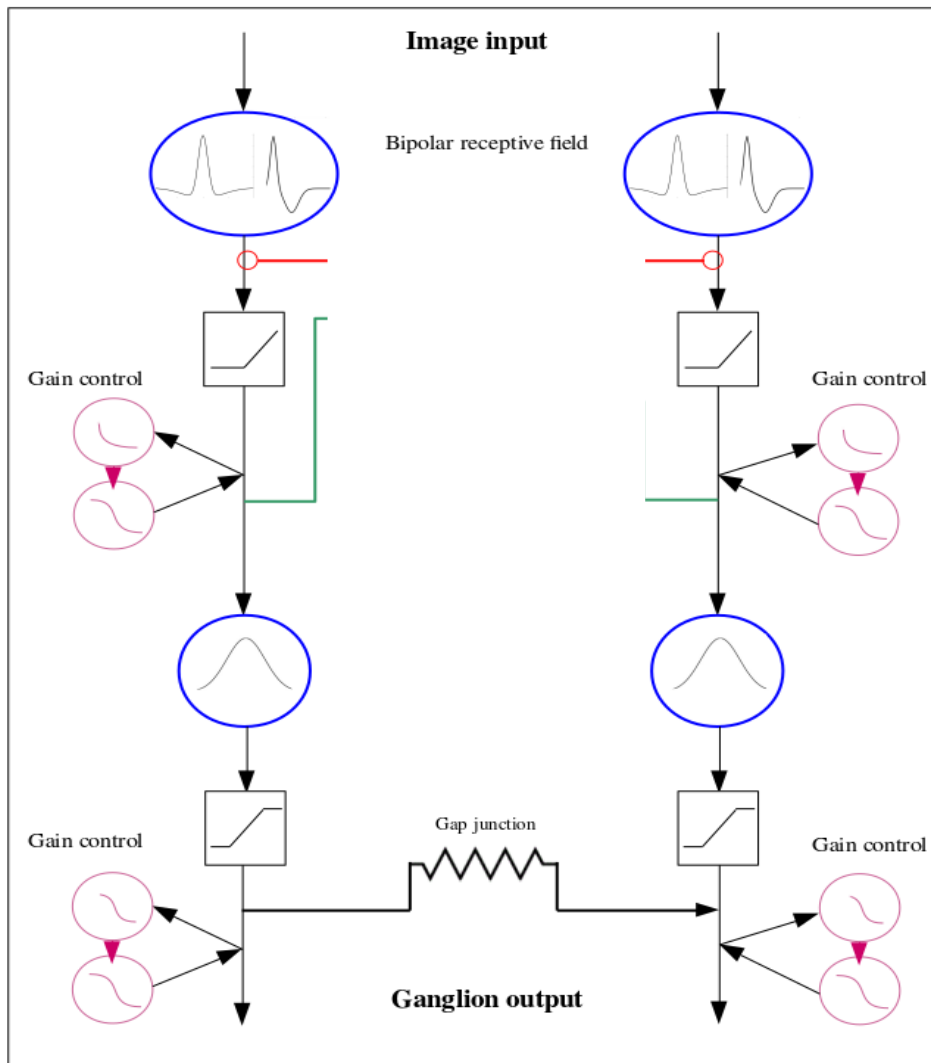
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Anticipation variability with stimulus
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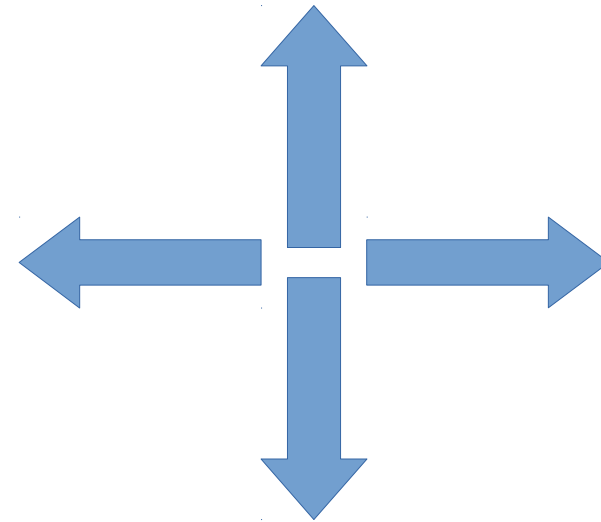
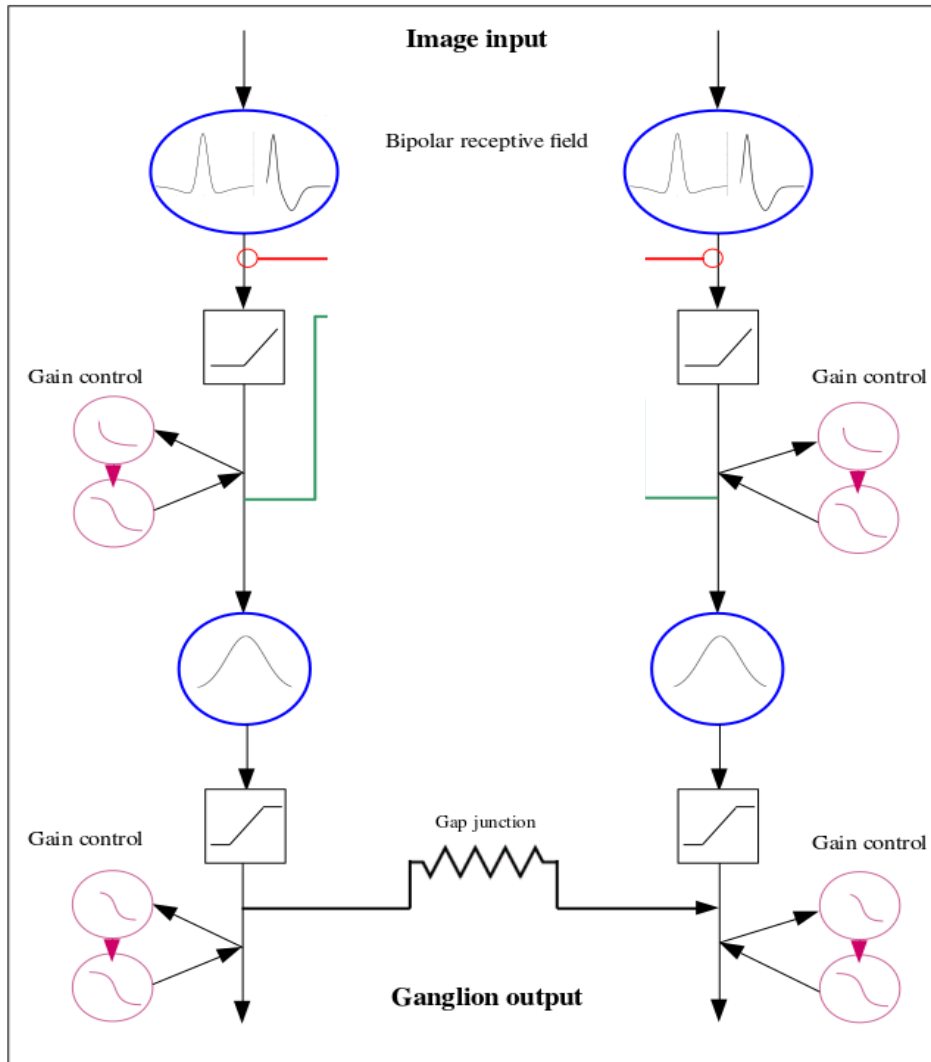
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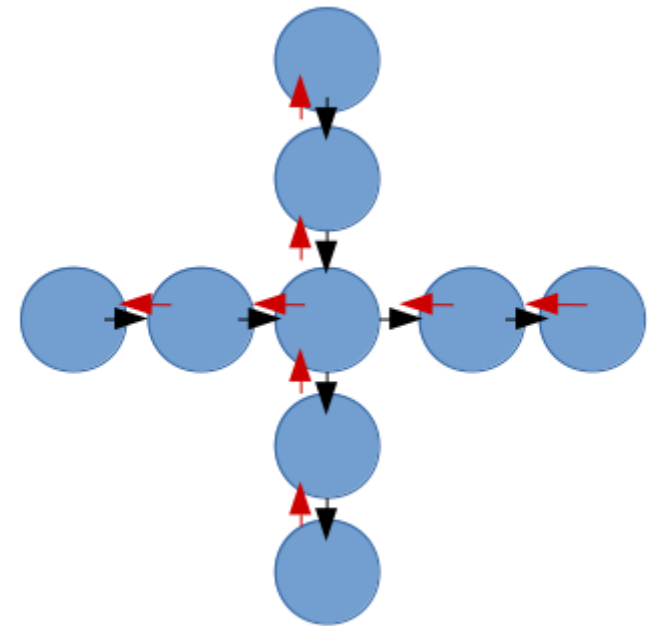
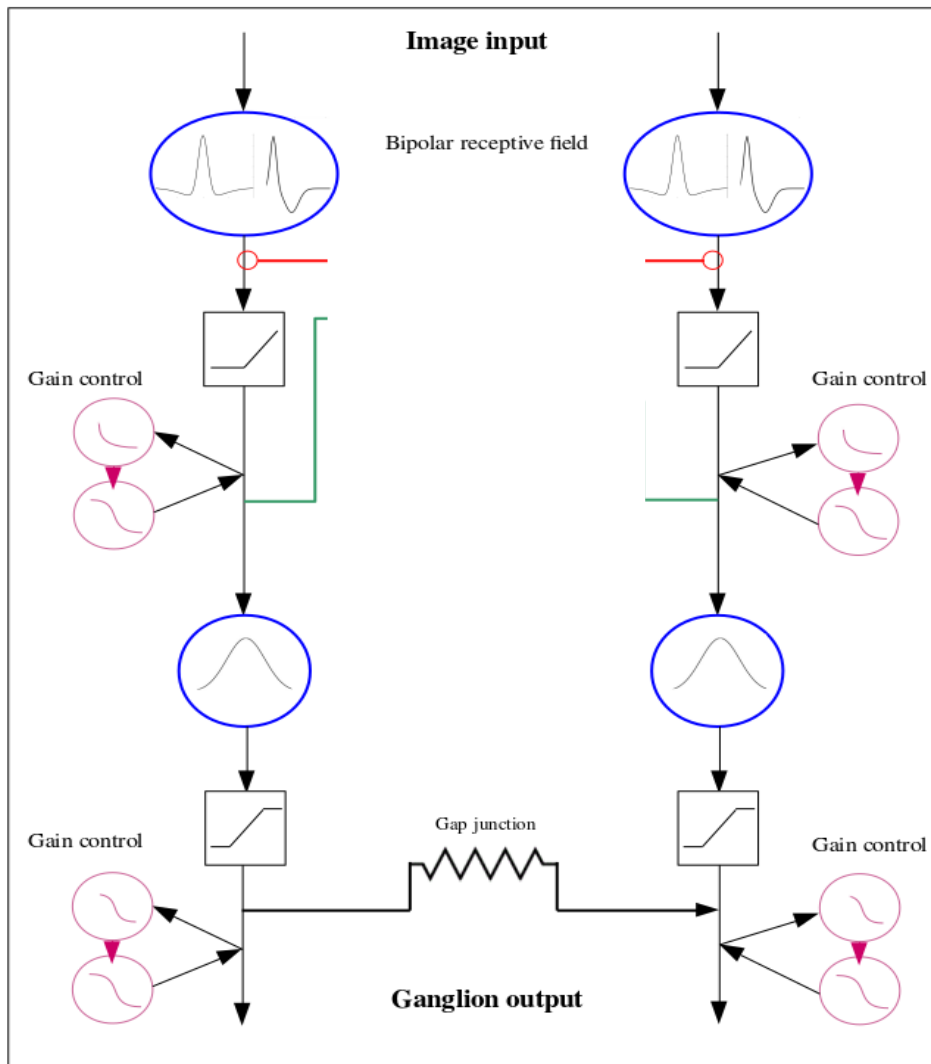
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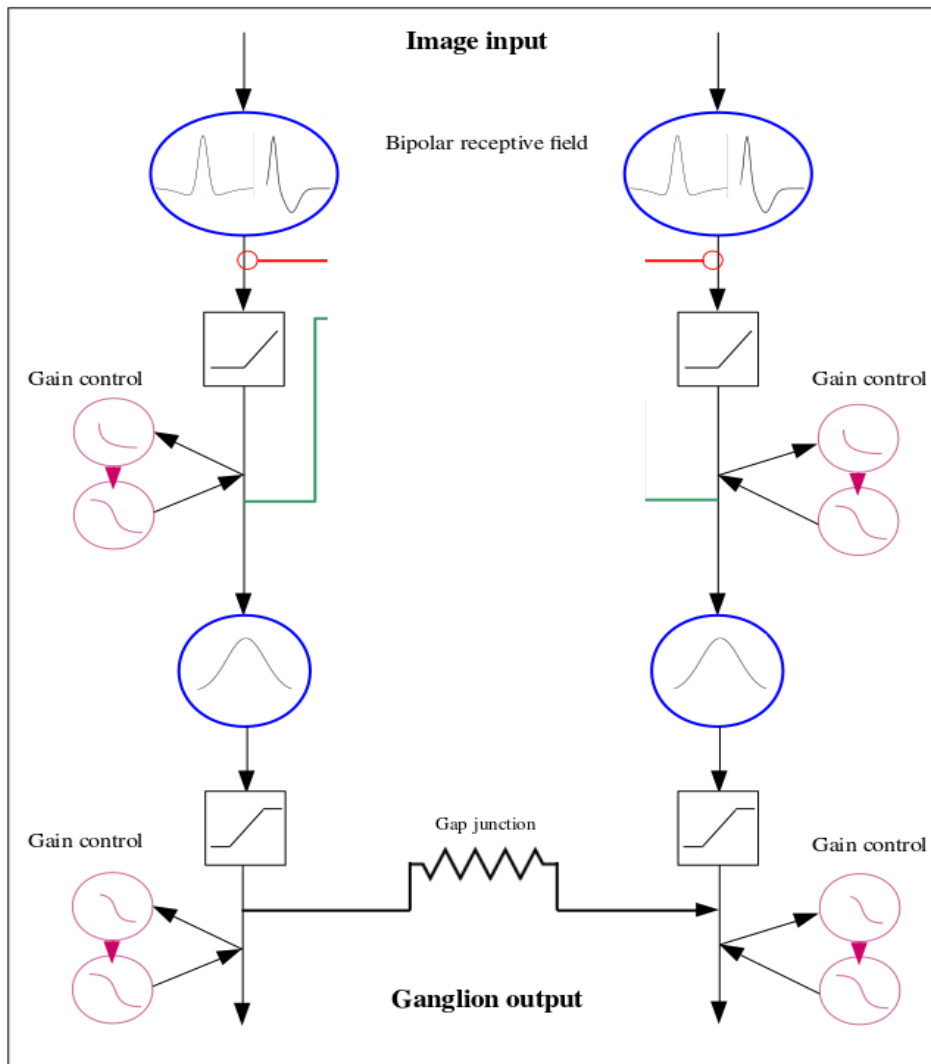
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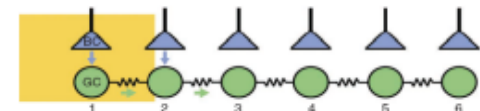


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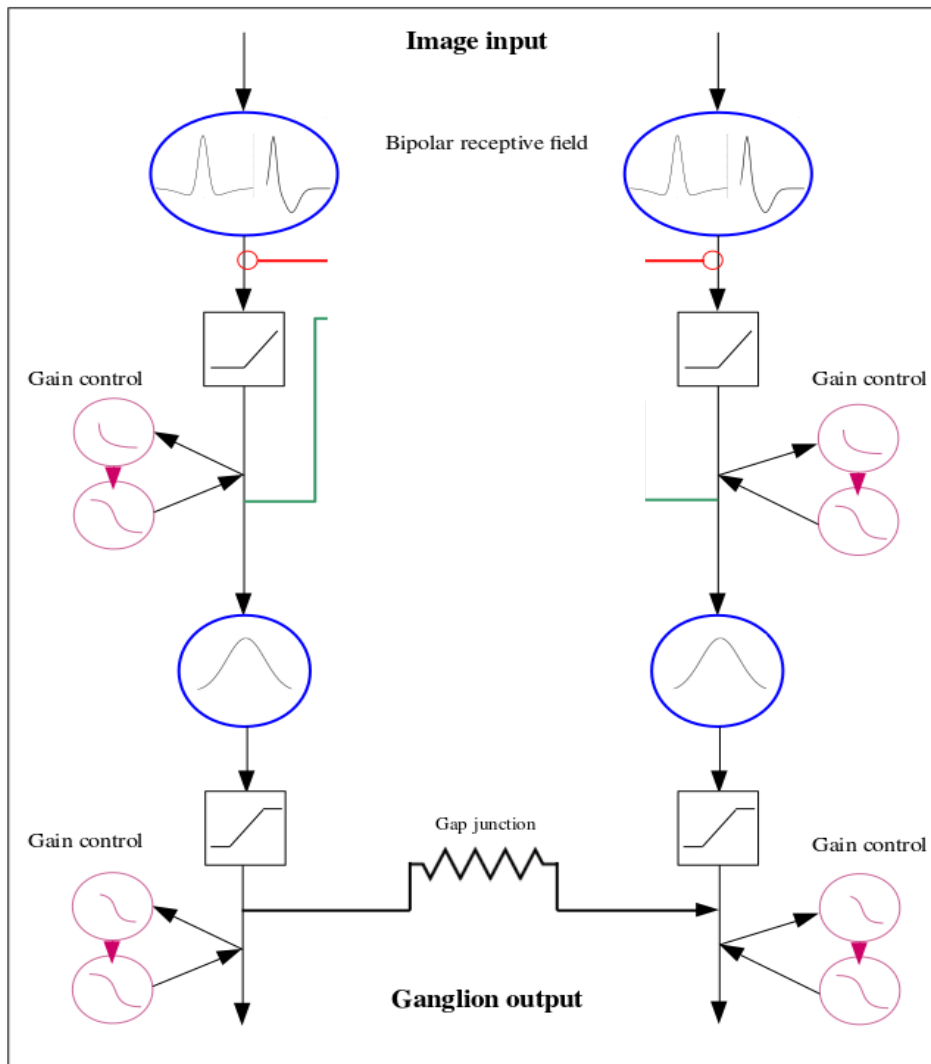
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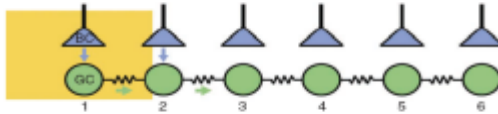


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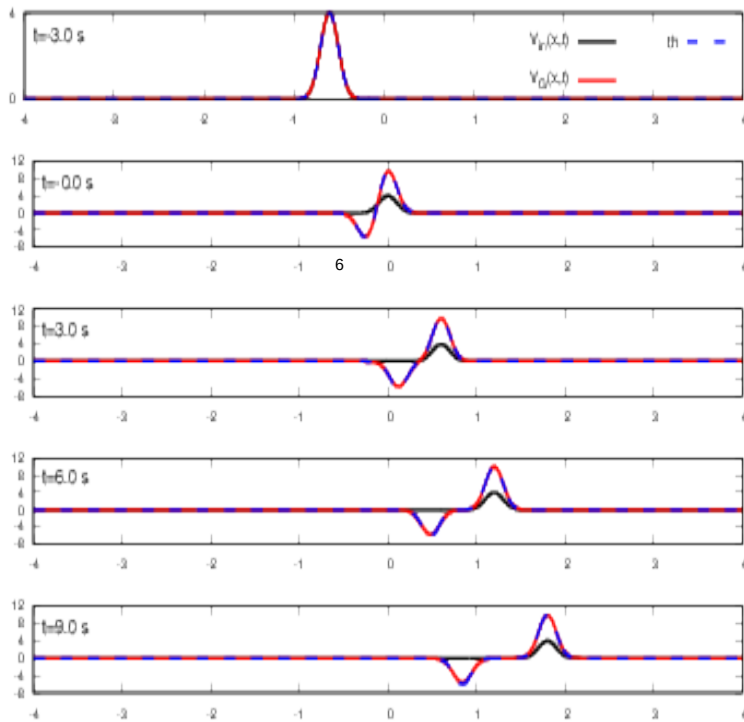
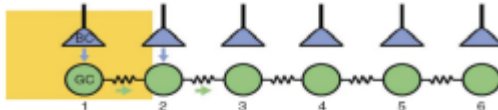
Diffusive wave of activity ahead of the motion

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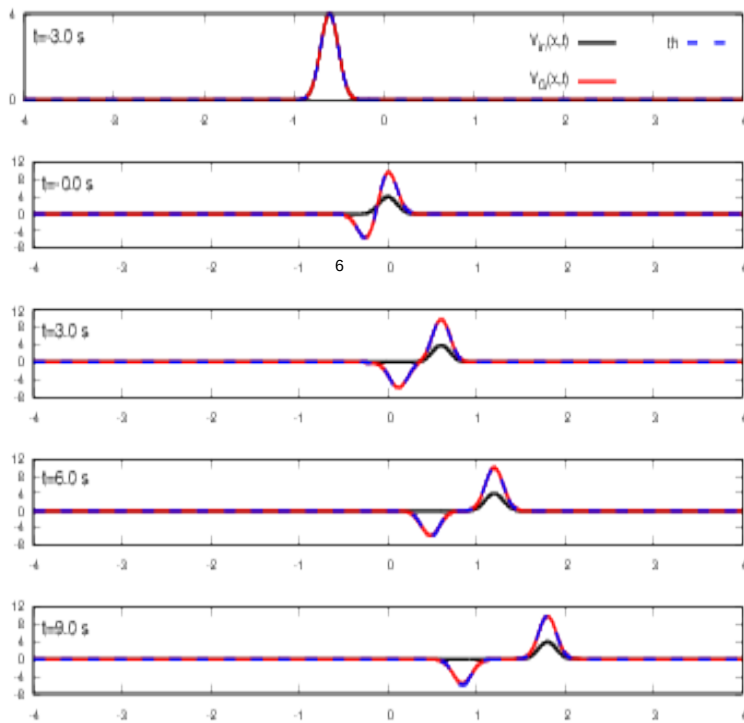
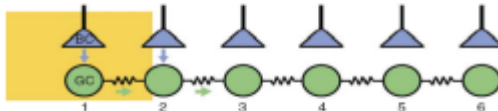


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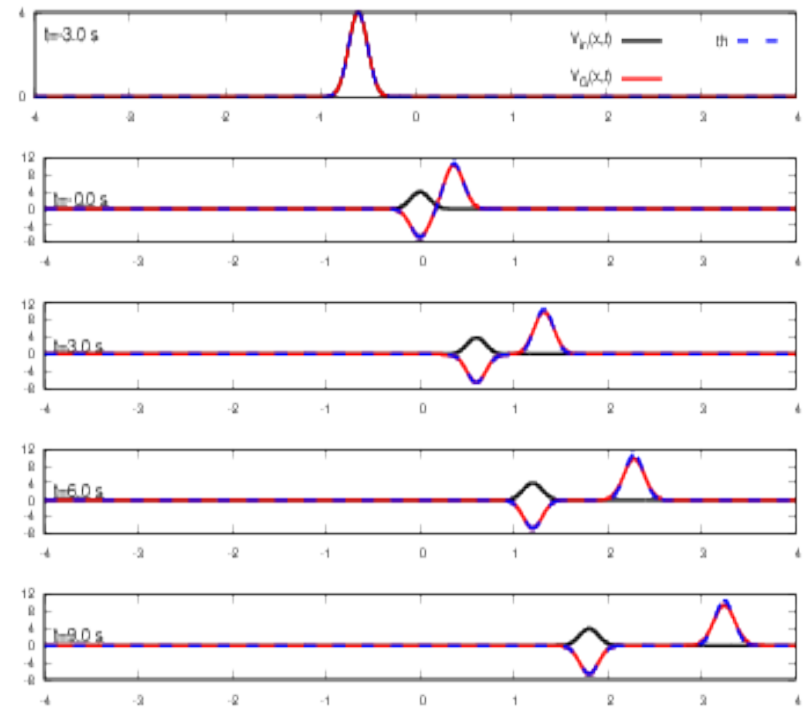


Low gap junction conductance

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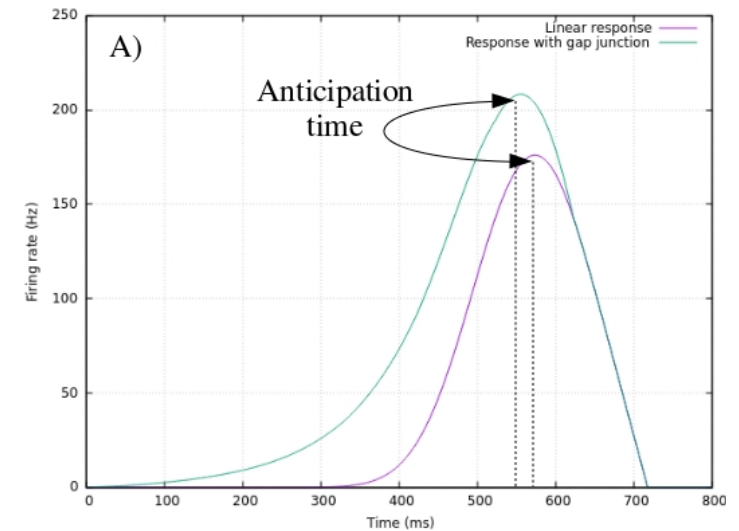
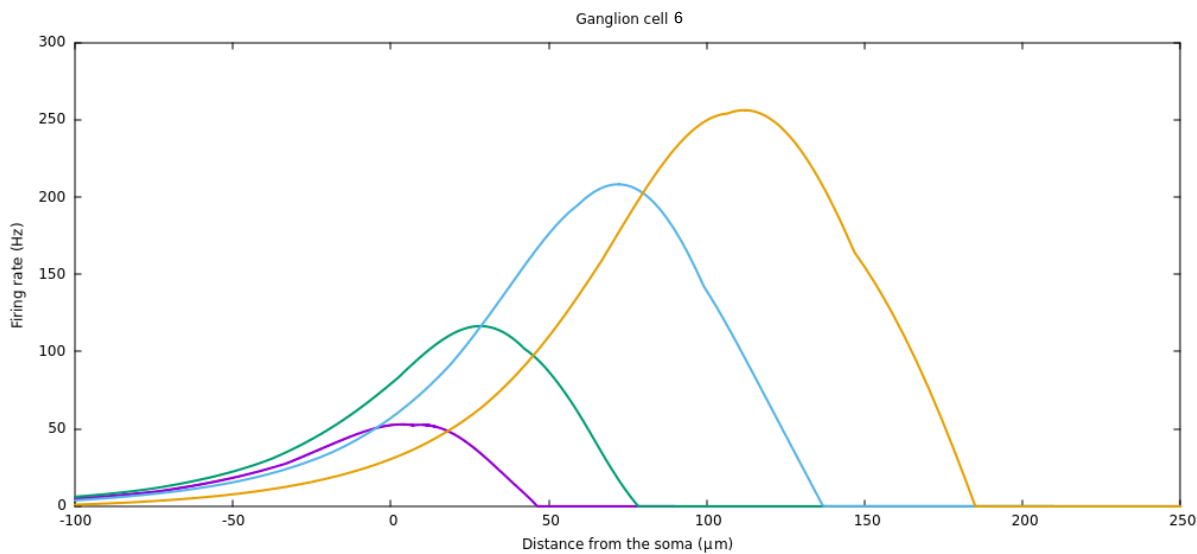
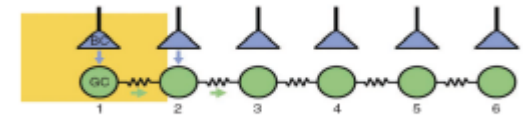


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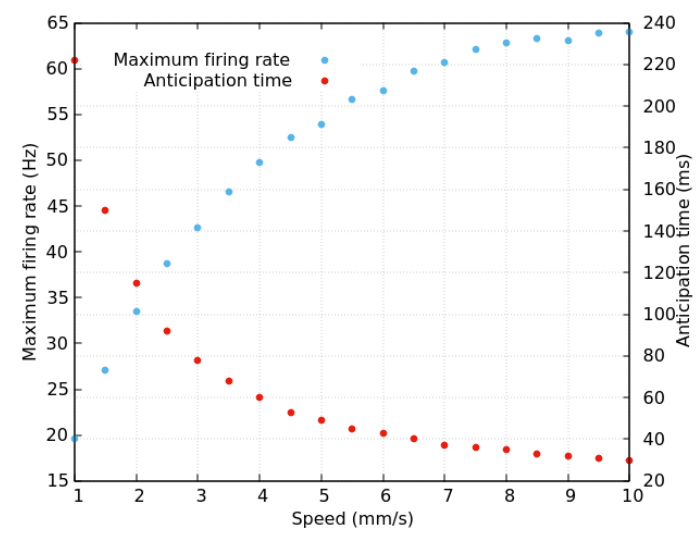
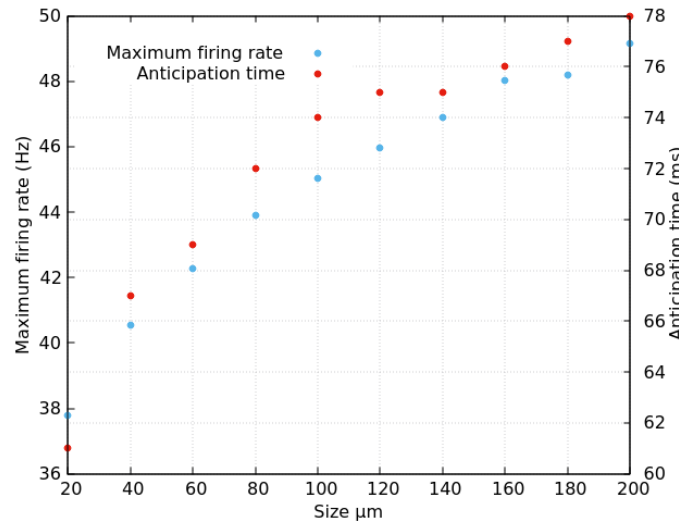
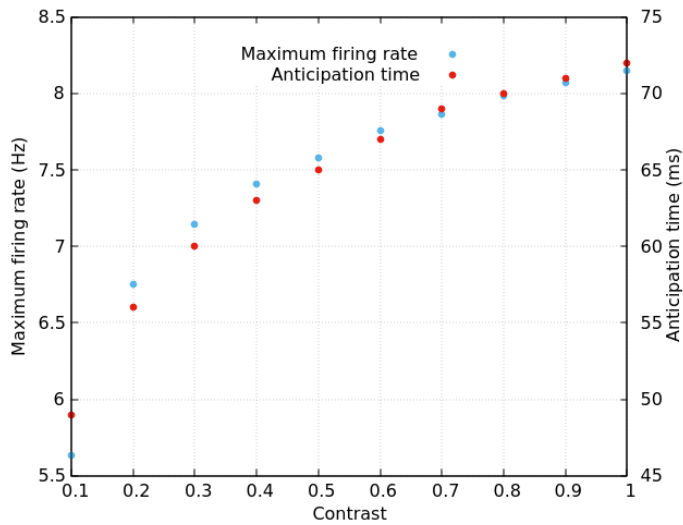
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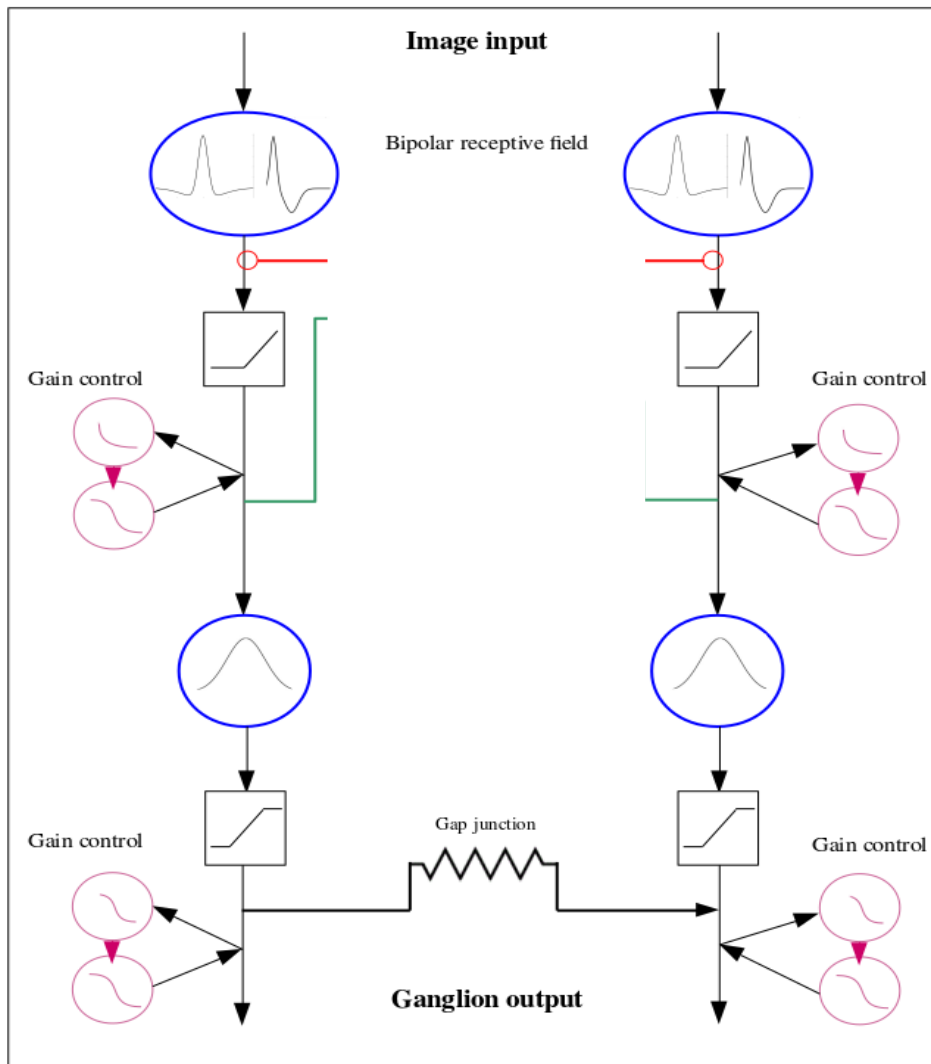


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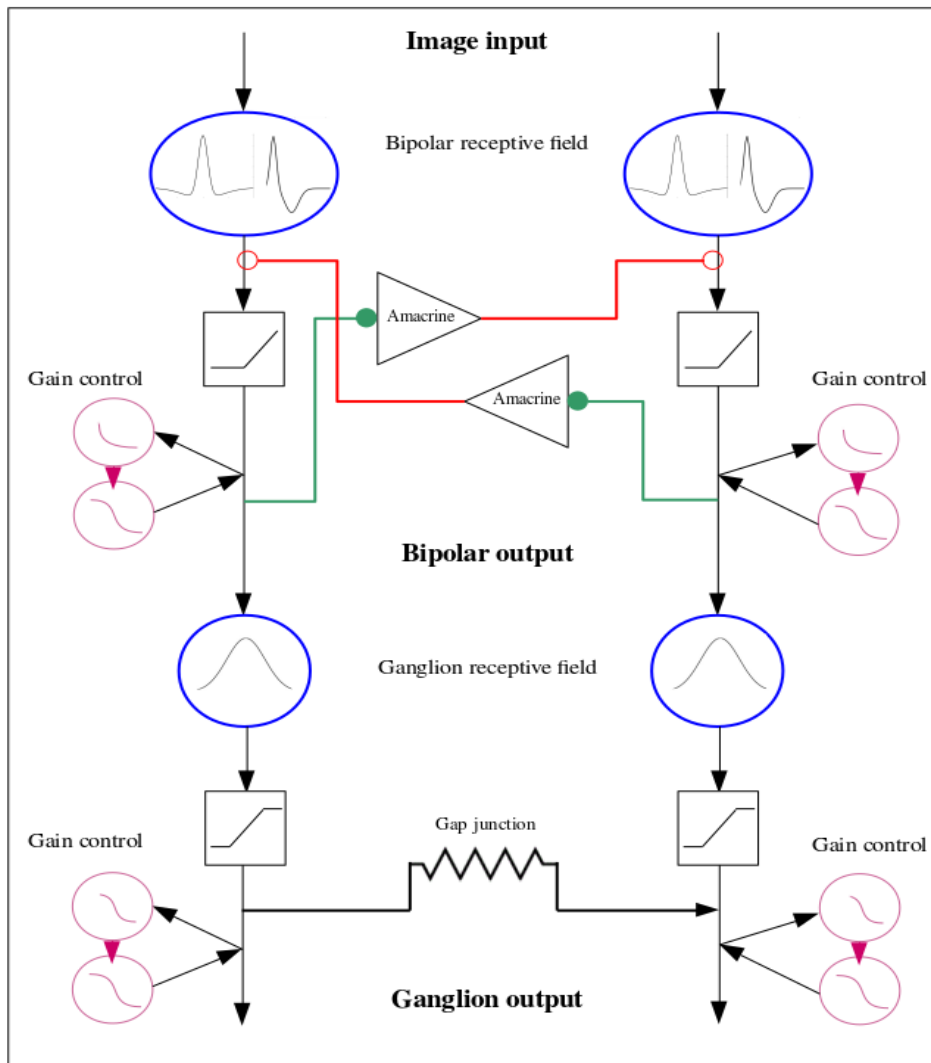


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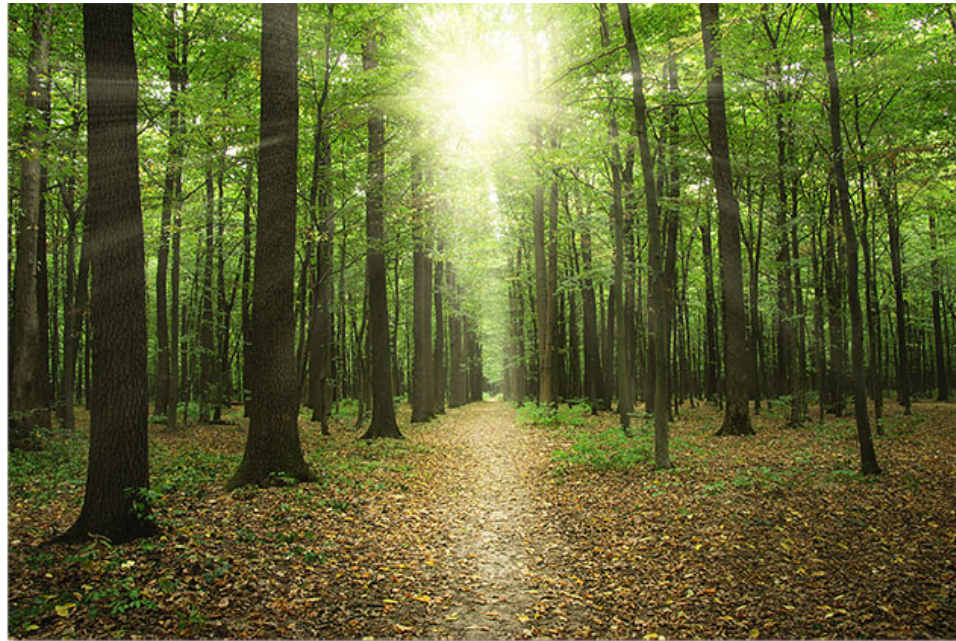
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Ganglion cells are **not** independent encoders

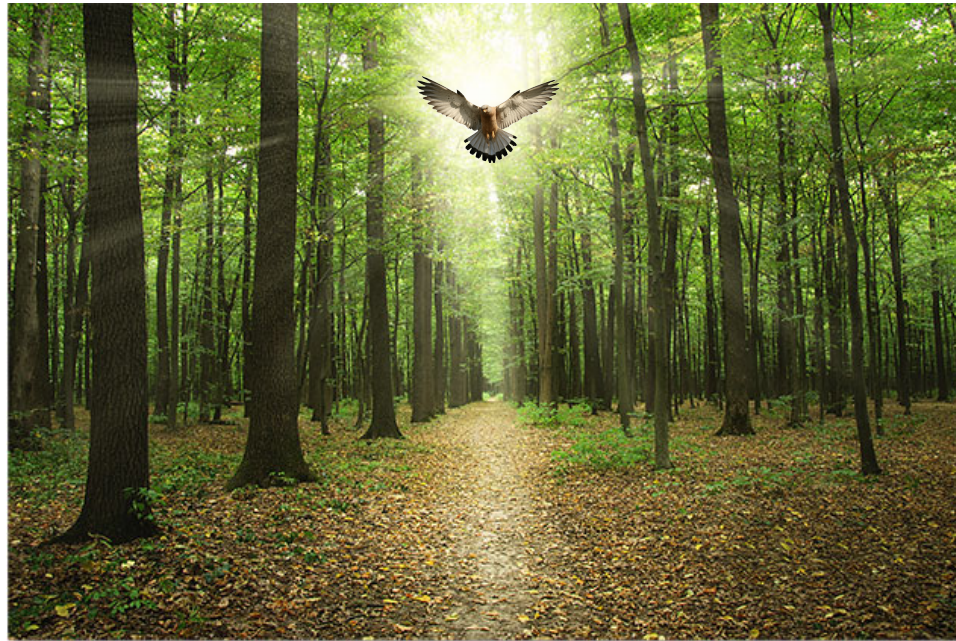
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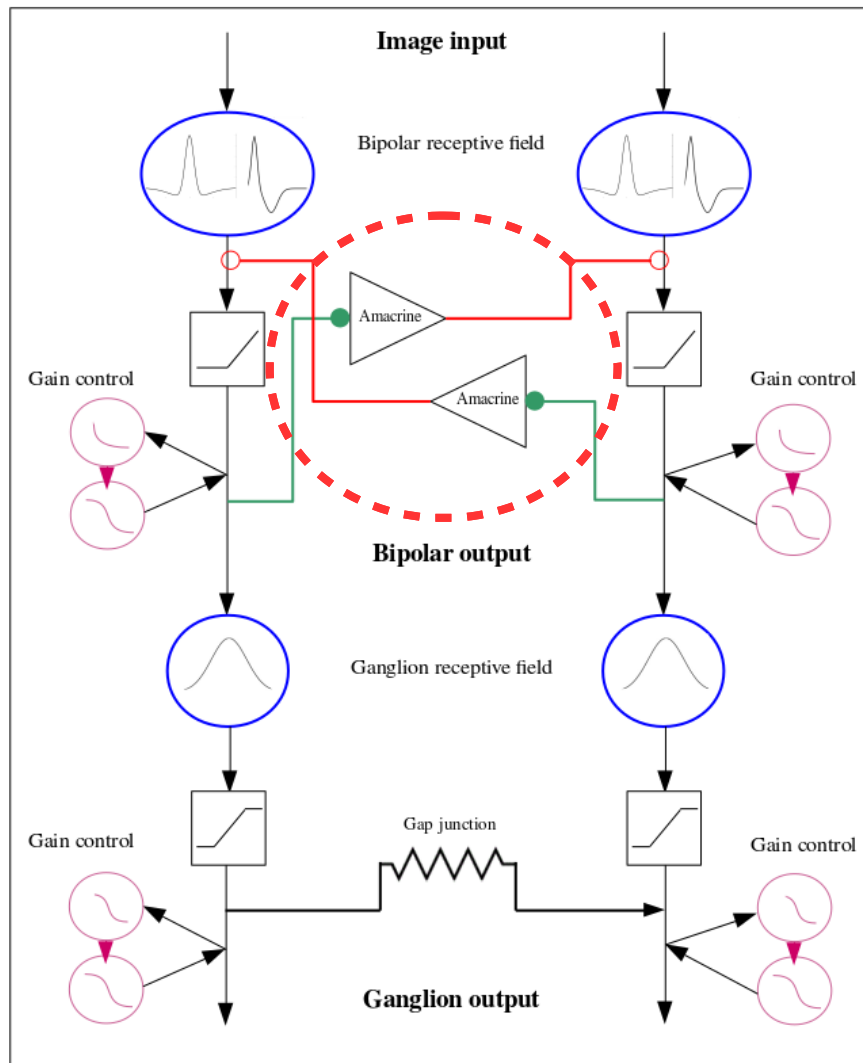
- A class of RGCs are selective to differential motion



- The circuitry involves amacrine cells connectivity upstream of ganglion cells

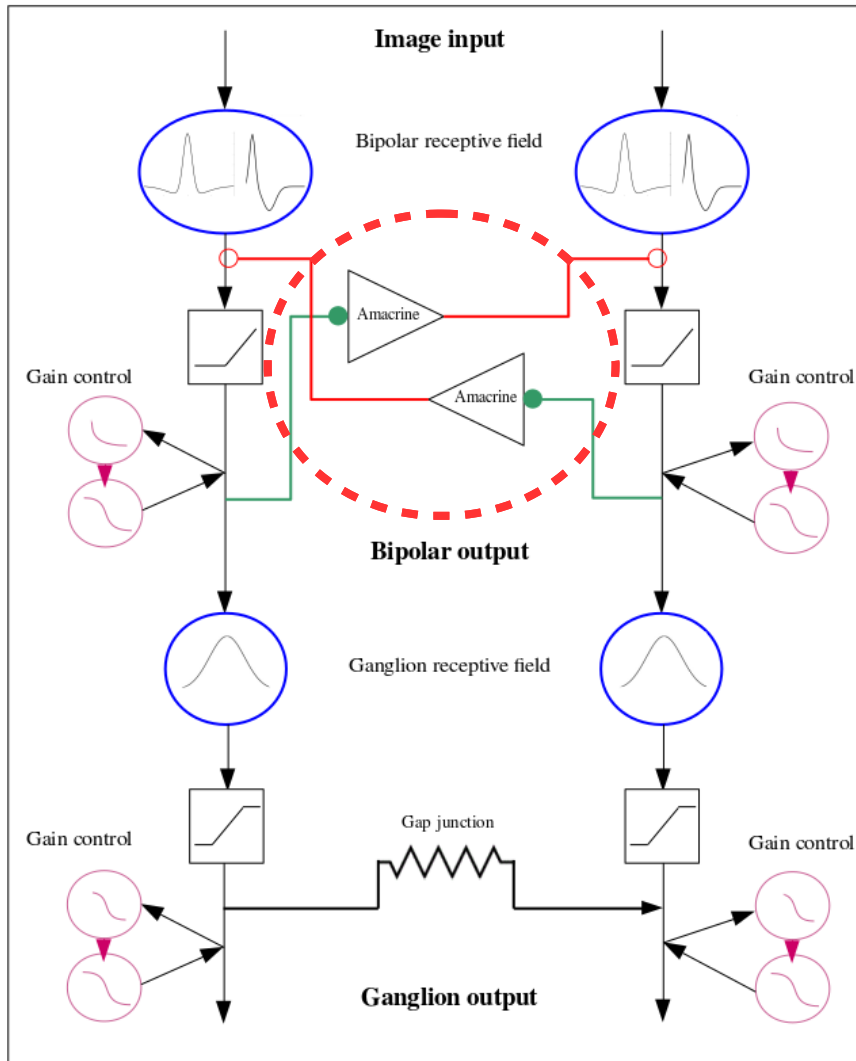
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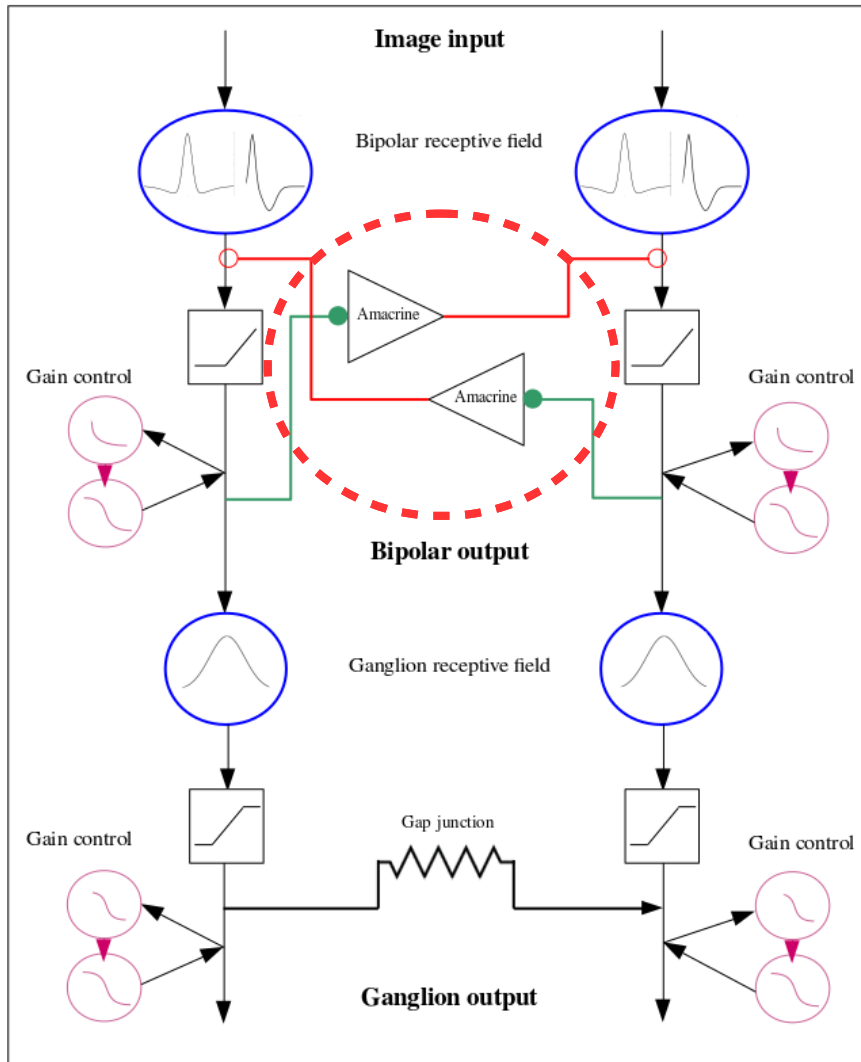
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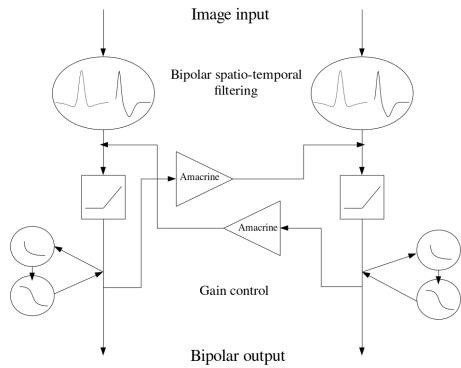
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Diffusive wave of activity ahead of the bar

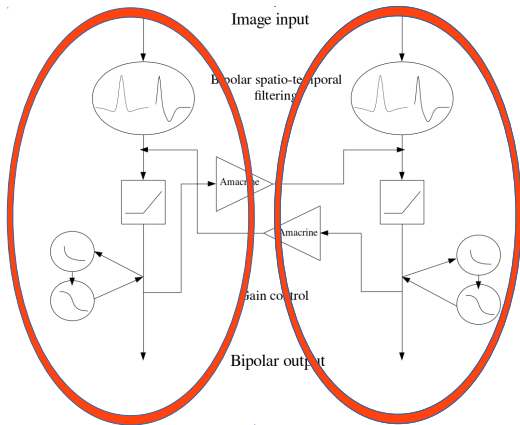
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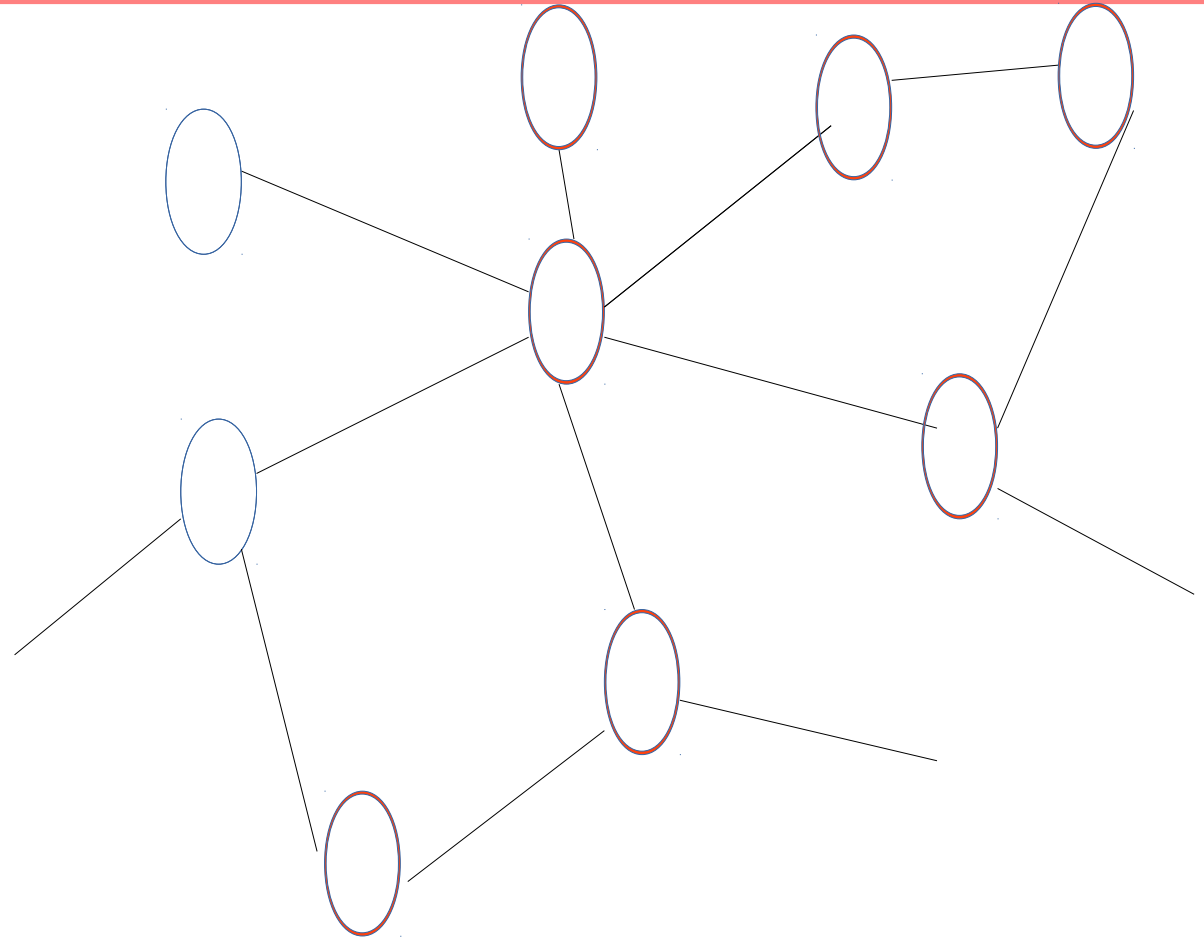
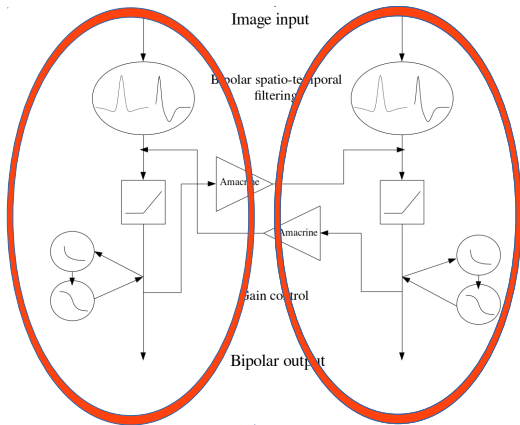
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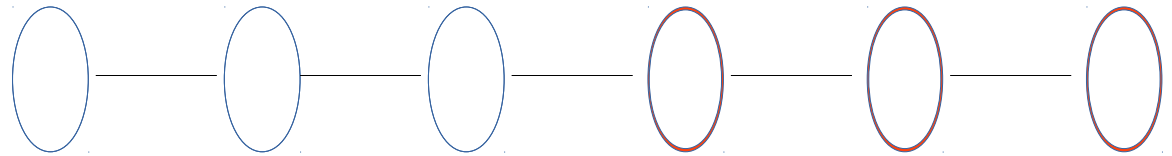
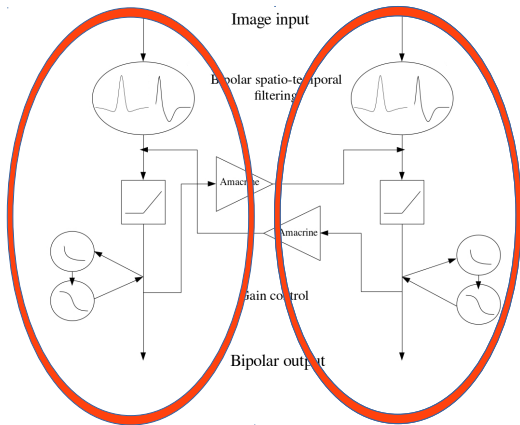
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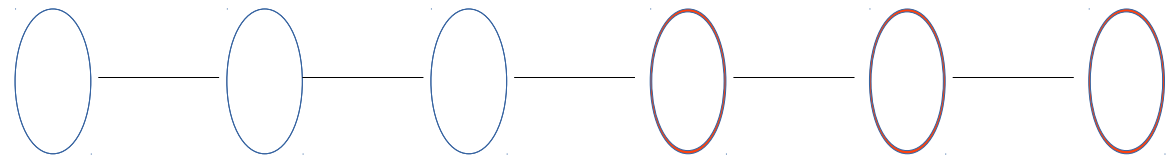
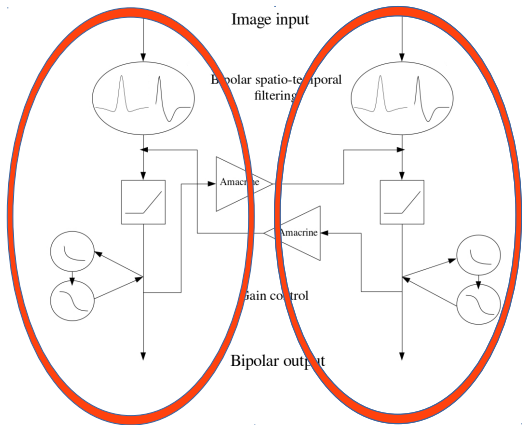
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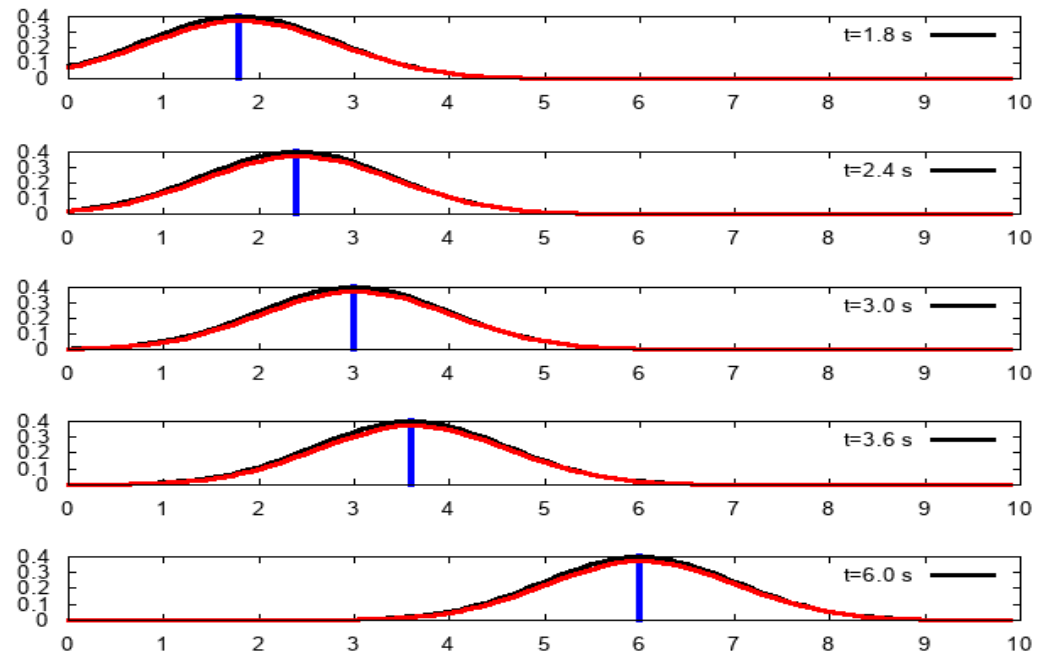
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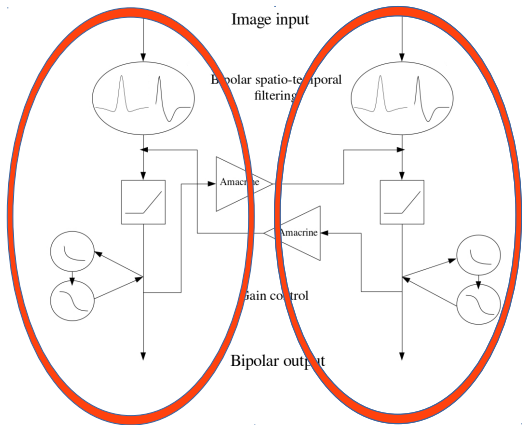


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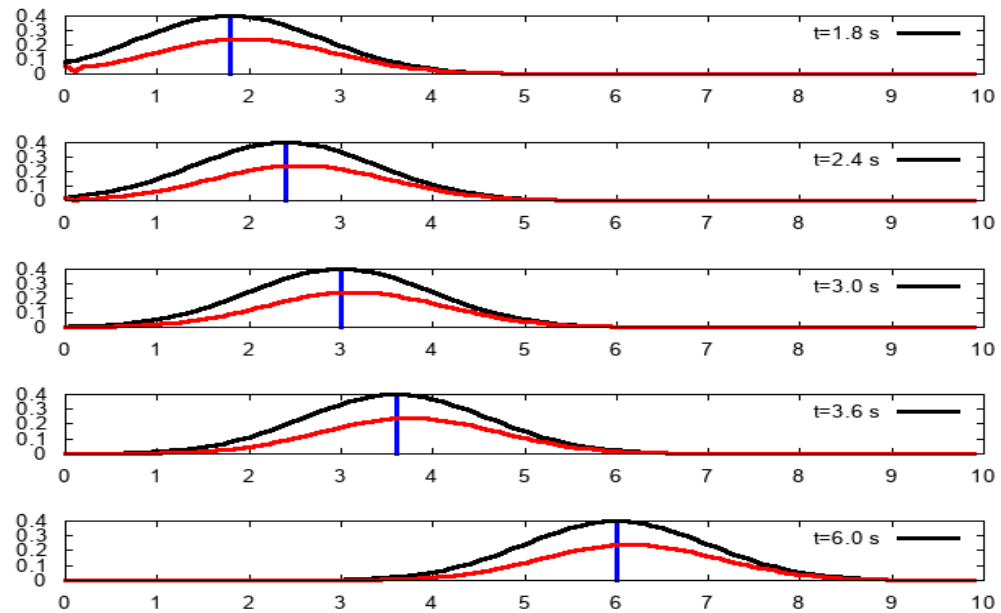


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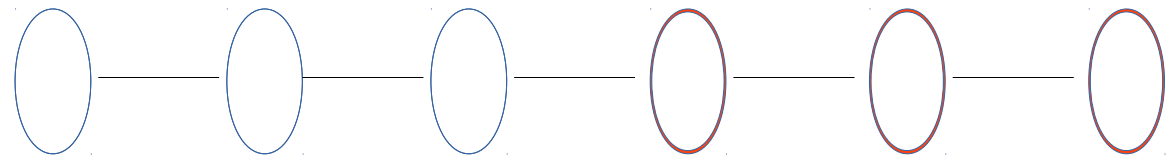
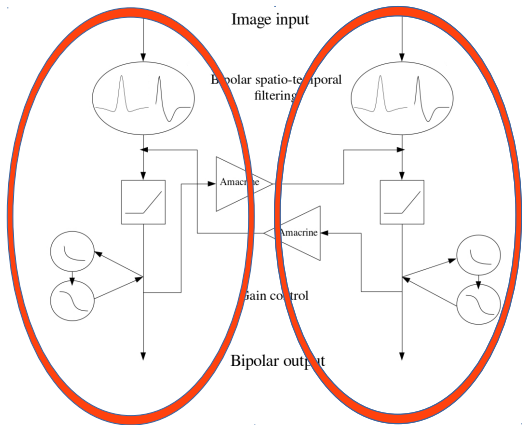
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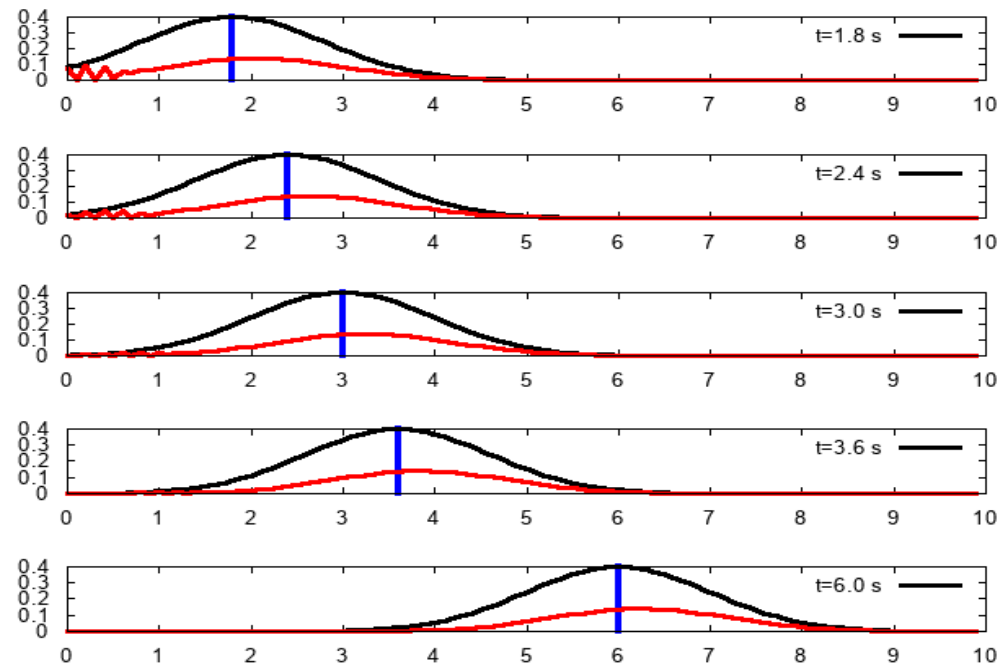
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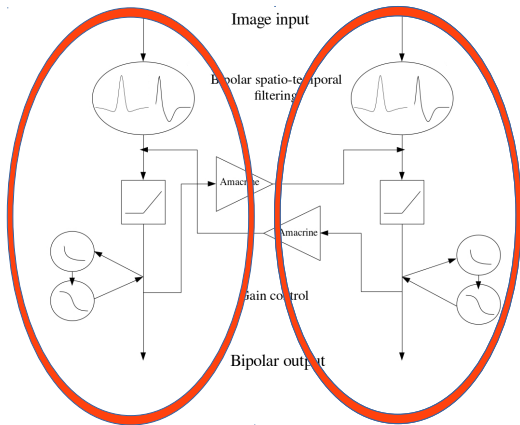


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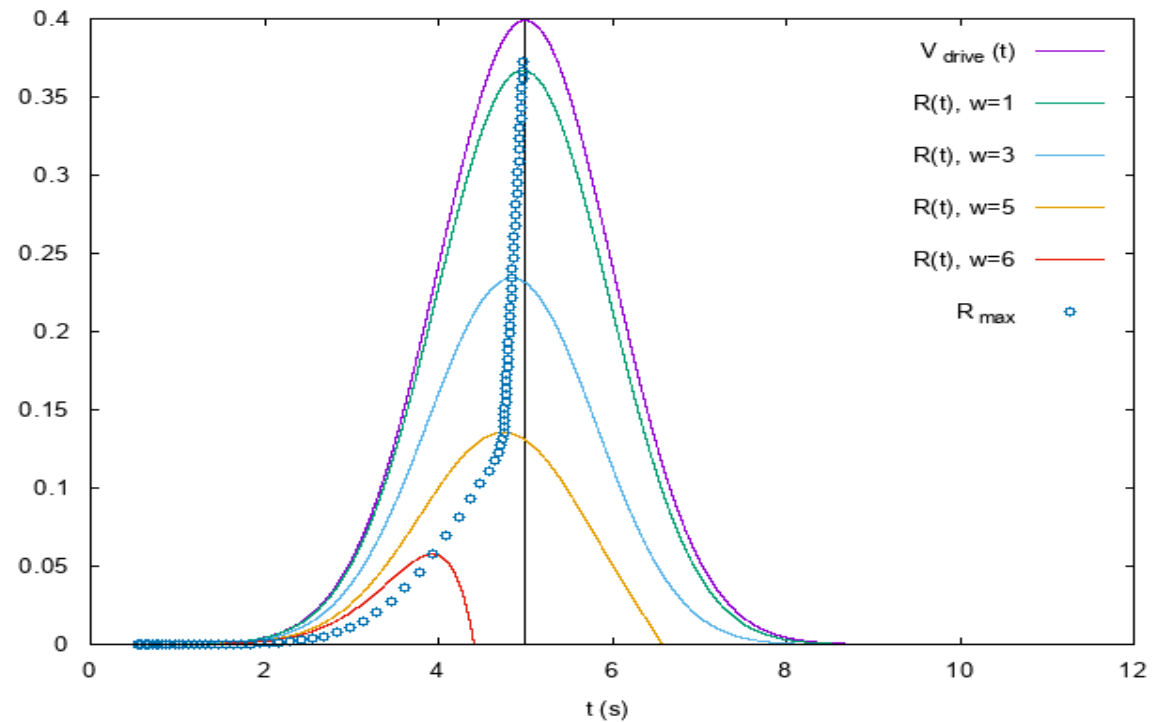


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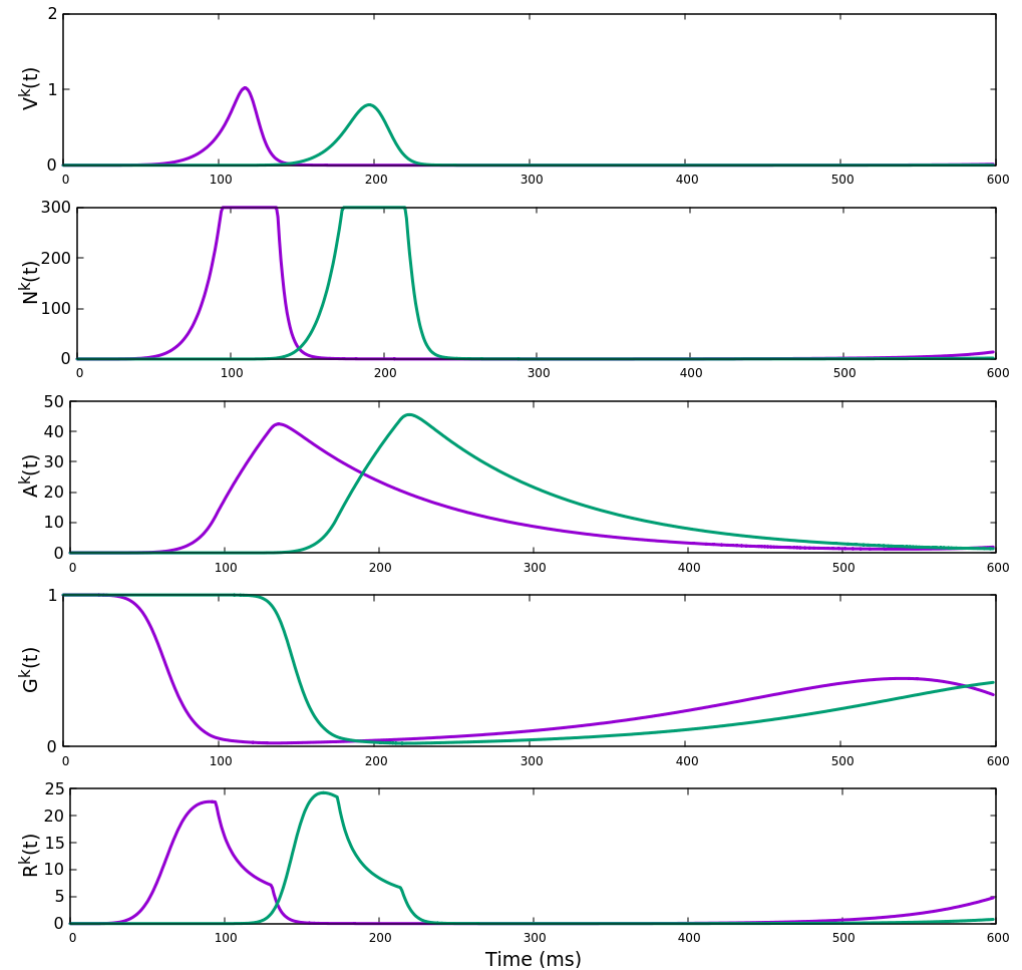
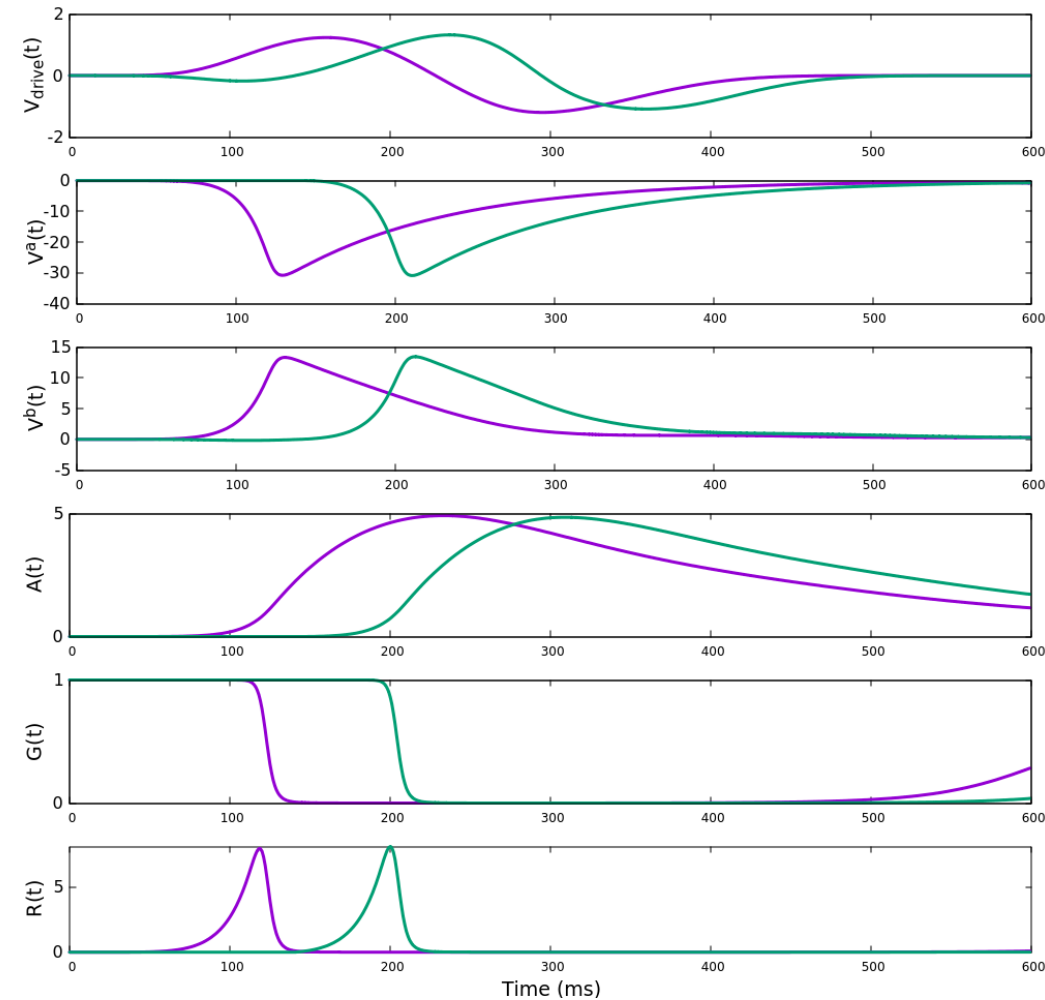
Temporal profile of the middle cell



1D results : smooth motion anticipation with amacrine connectivity

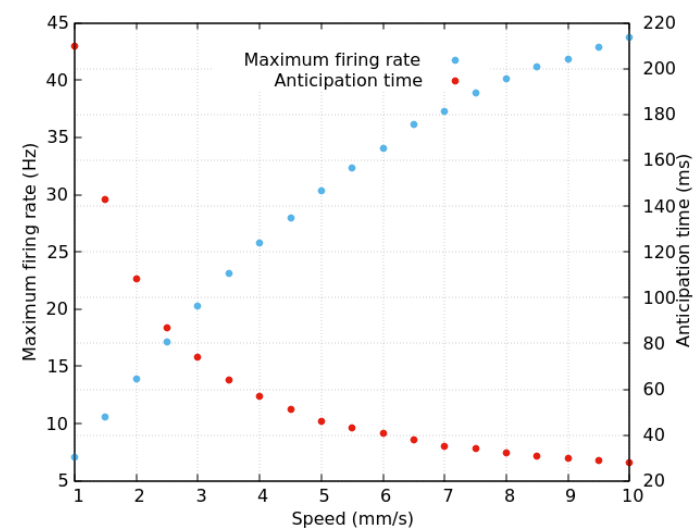
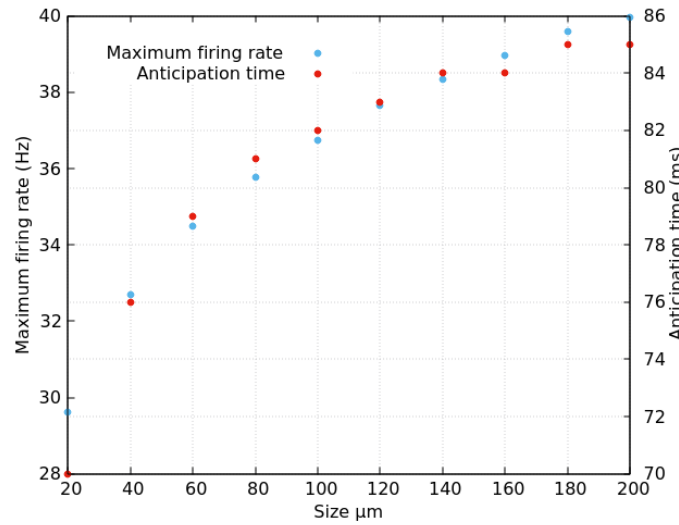
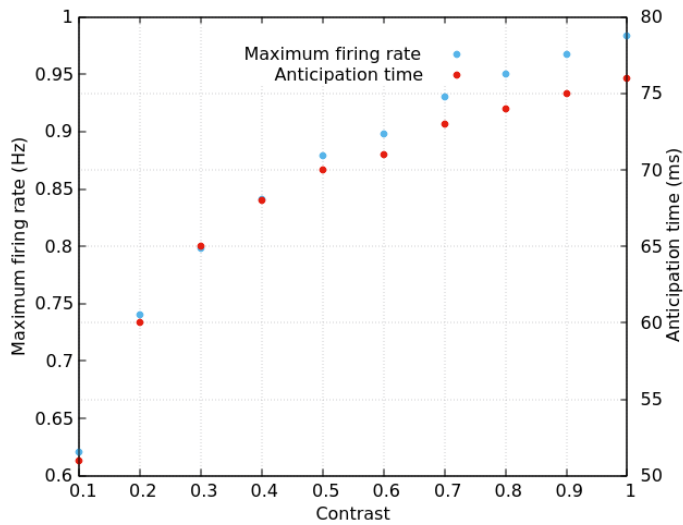
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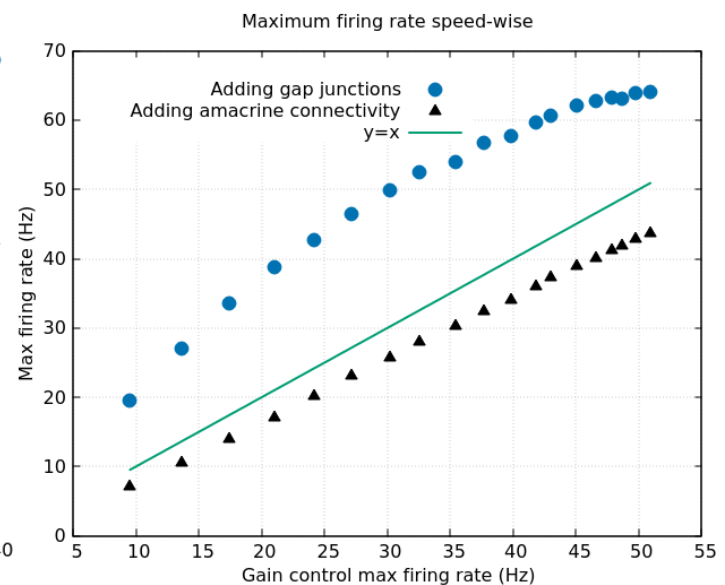
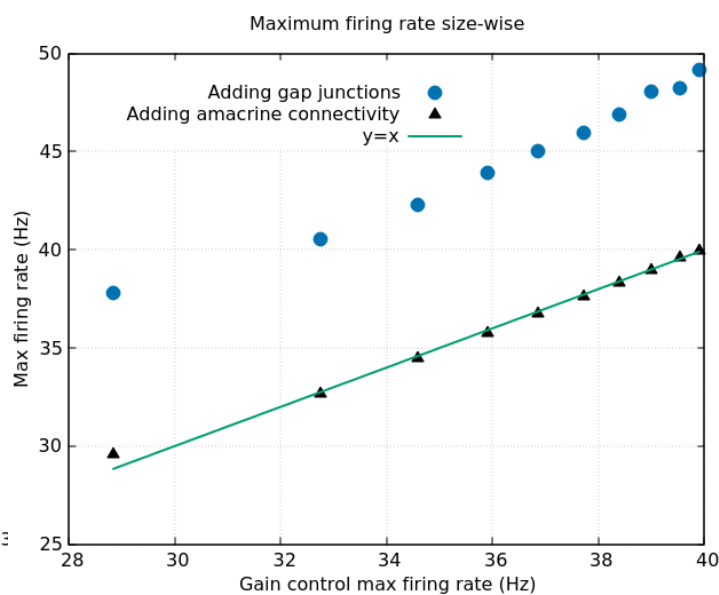
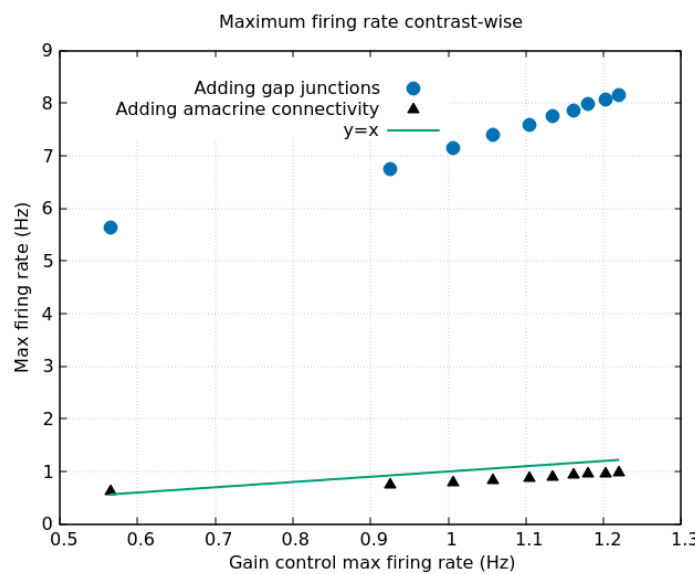
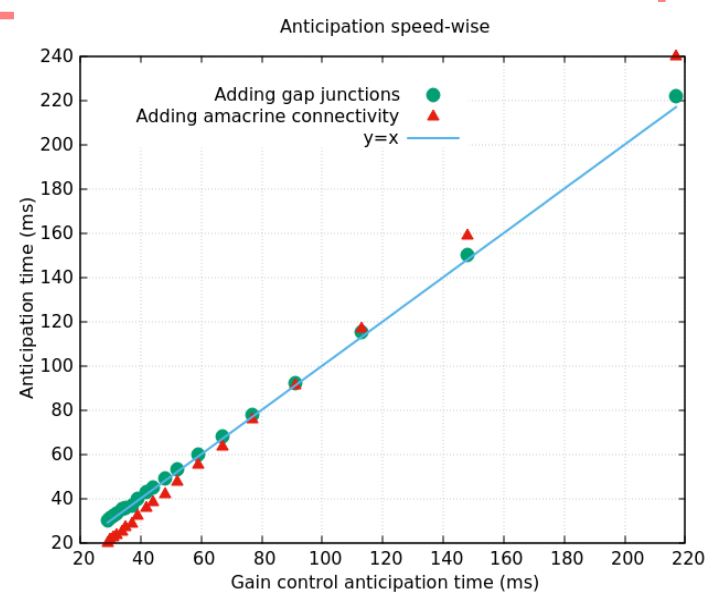
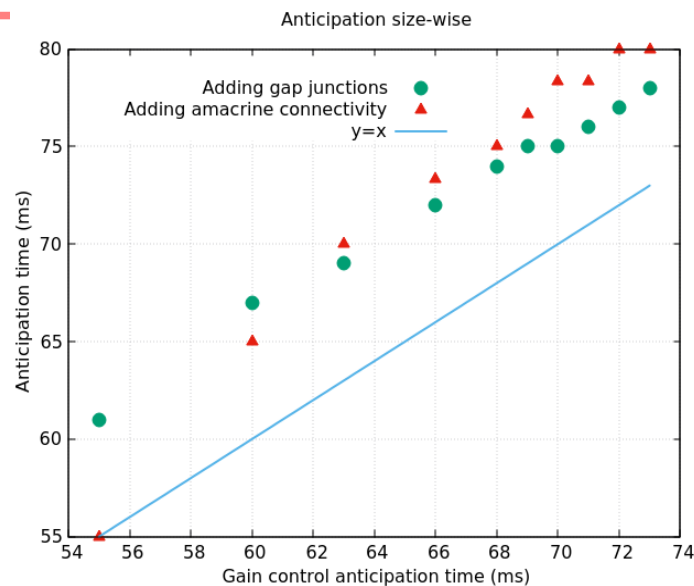
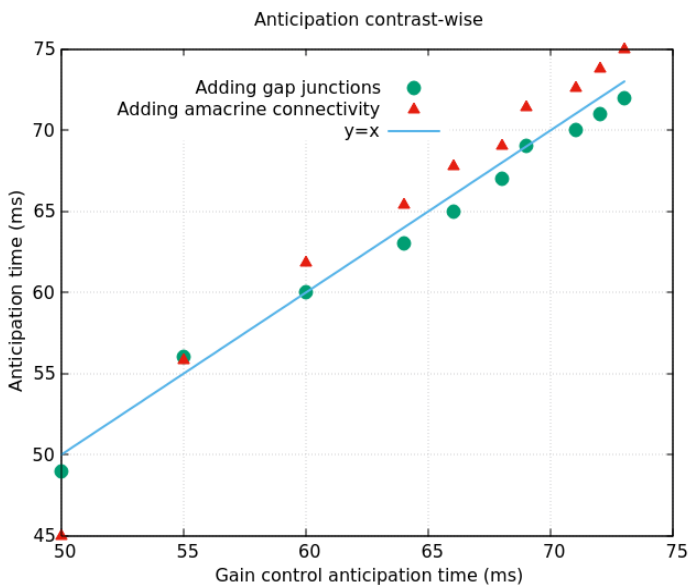


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Anticipation variability with stimulus
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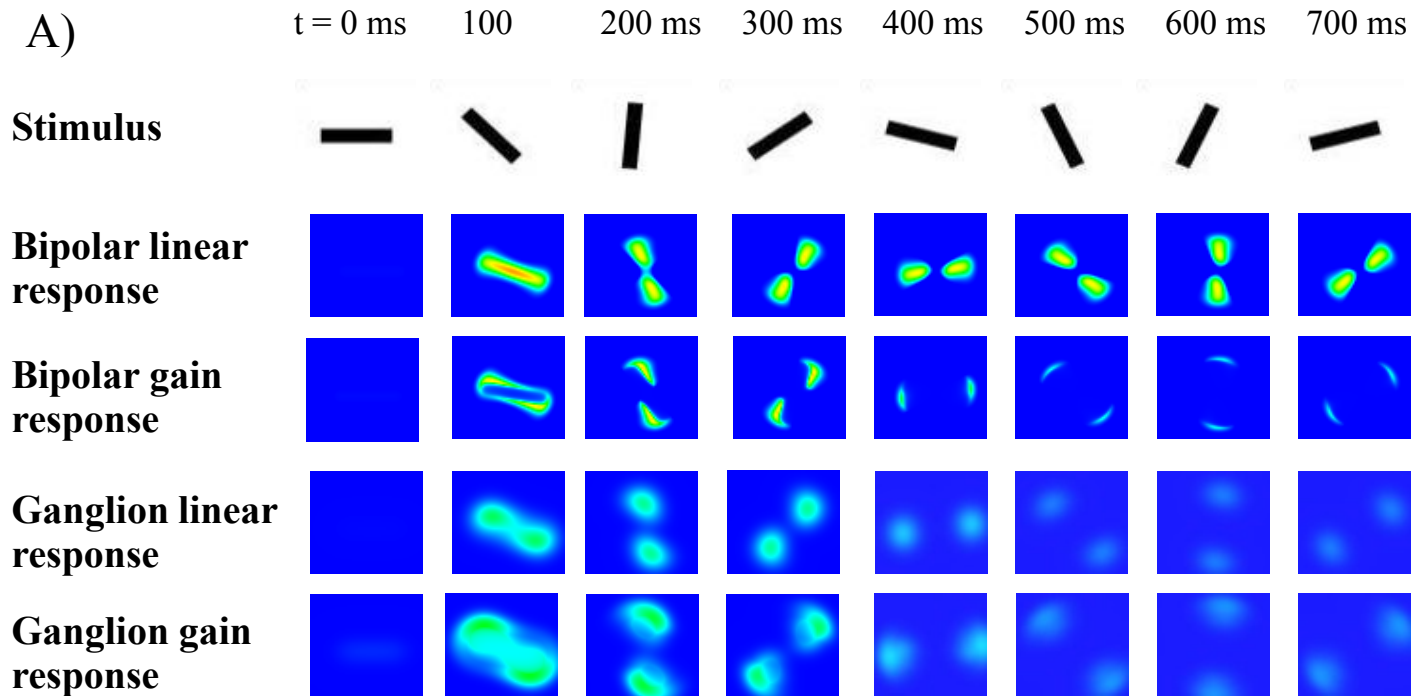


Comparing the performance of the three layers

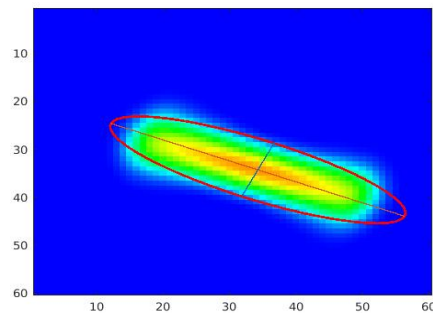


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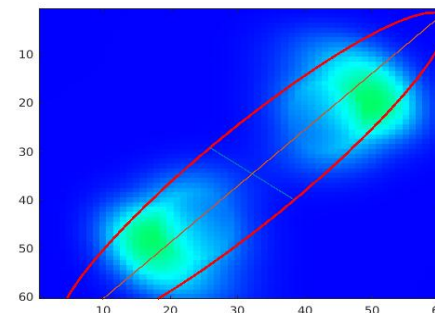
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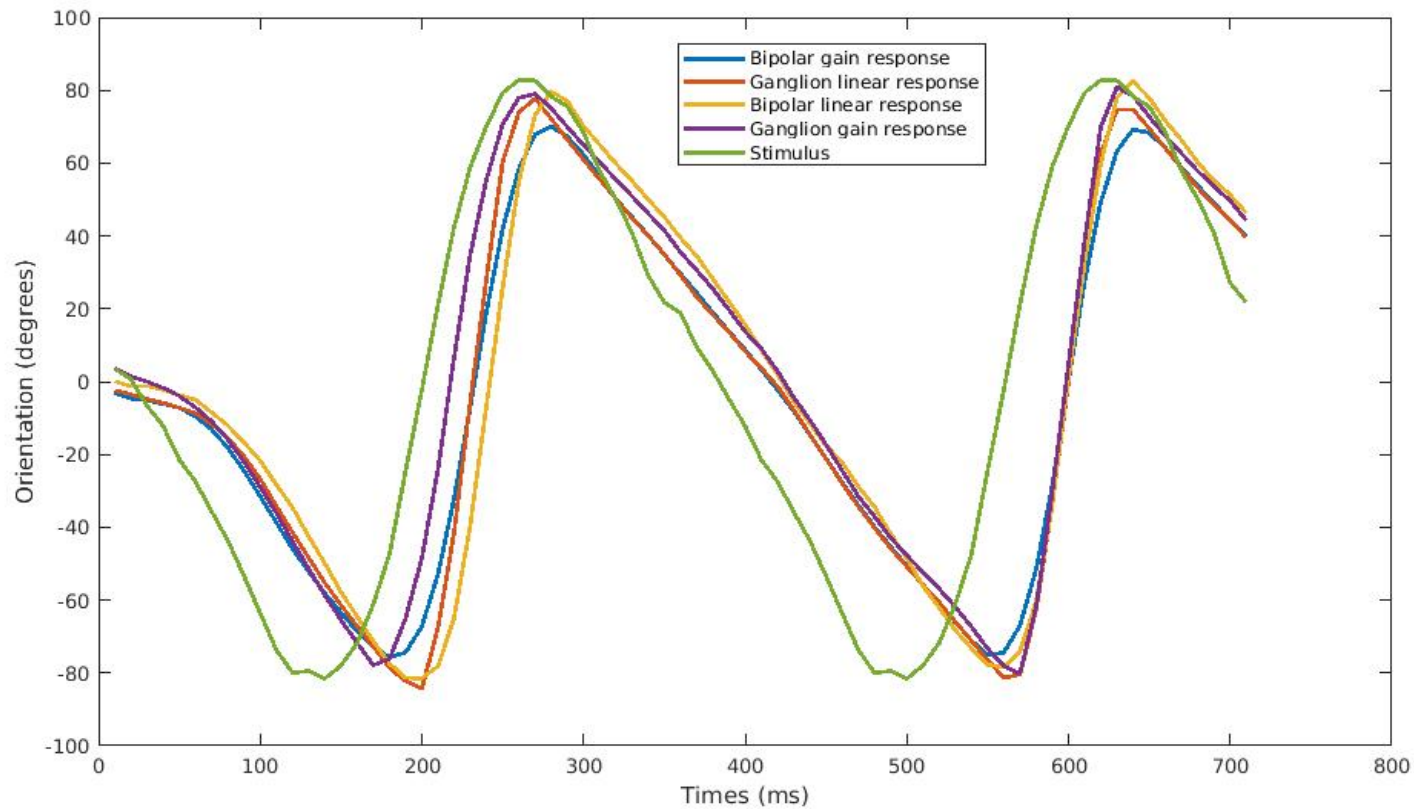


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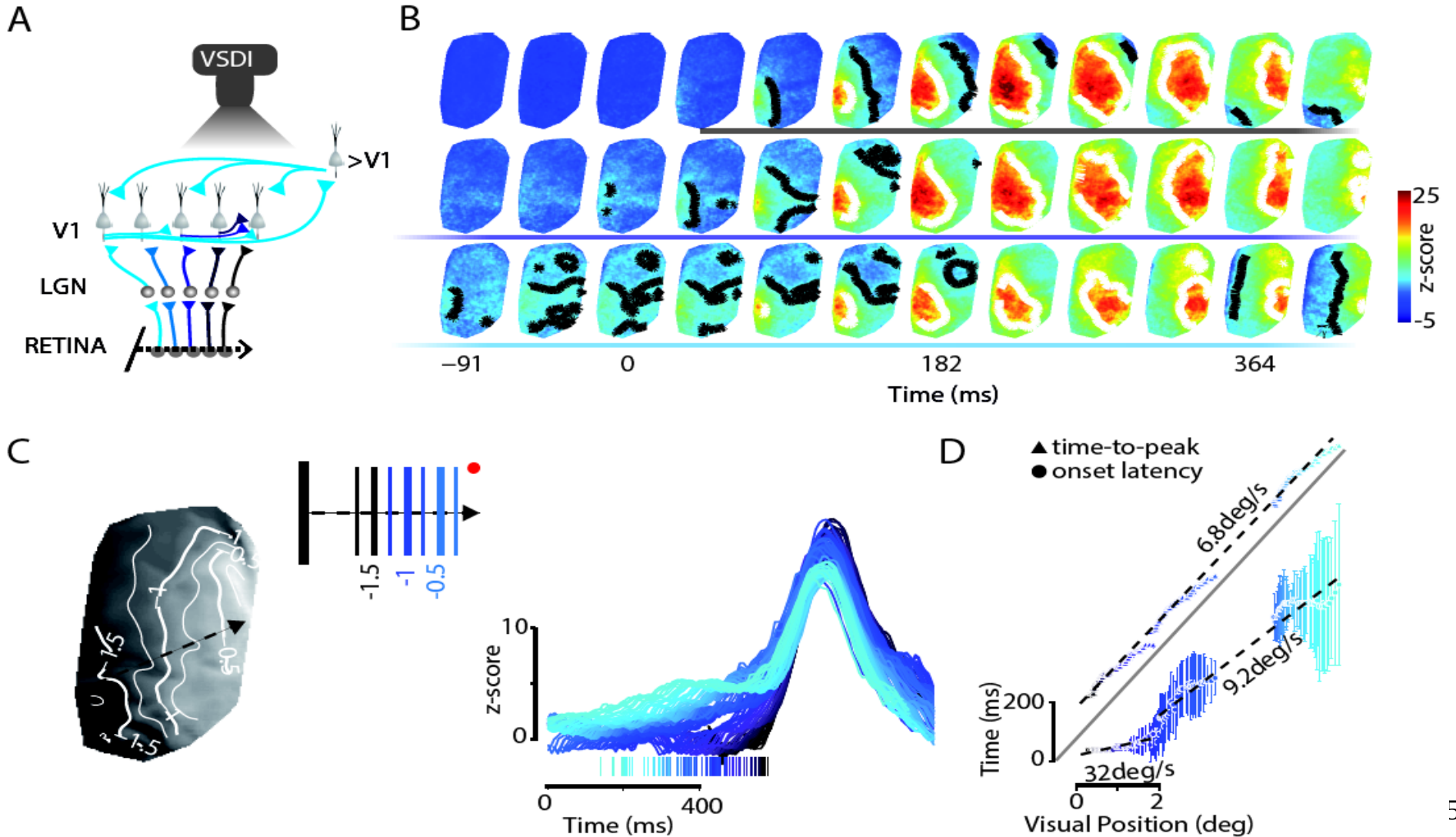
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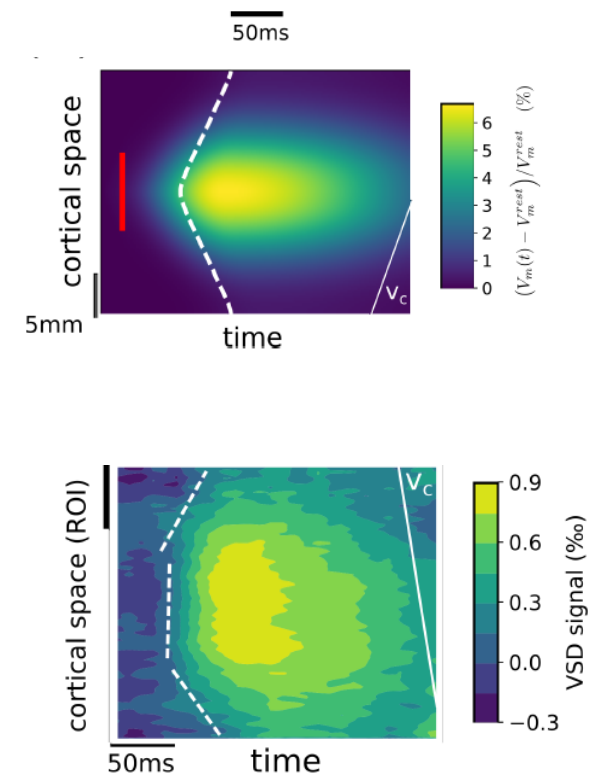
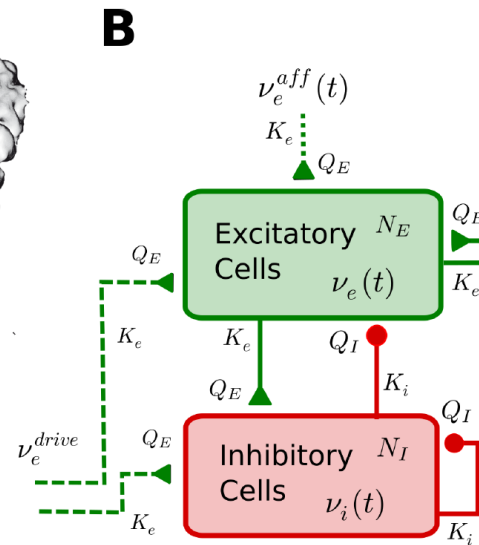
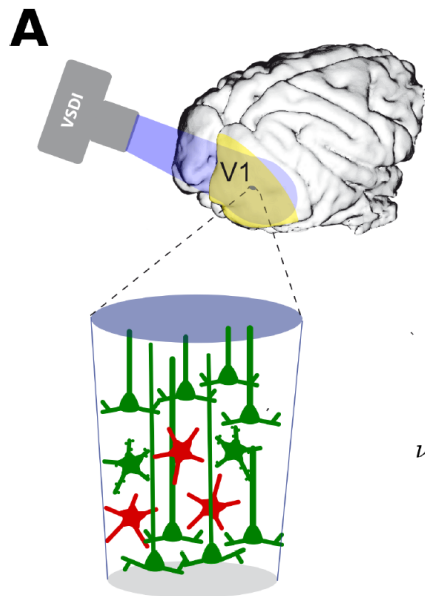
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Single neuron model (The adaptative exponential integrate and fire model Brette and Gerstner, 2005)

$$\begin{cases} C_m \frac{dV}{dt} = g_L (E_L - V) + I_{syn}(V, t) + k_a e^{\frac{V - V_{thre}}{k_a}} - I_w \\ \tau_w \frac{dI_w}{dt} = -I_w + a \cdot (V - E_L) + \sum_{t_s \in \{t_{spike}\}} b \delta(t - t_s) \end{cases}$$

The conductance-based exponential synapse

$$I_{syn}(V, t) = \sum_{s \in \{e, i\}} \sum_{t_s \in \{t_s\}} Q_s (E_s - V) e^{-\frac{t-t_s}{\tau_s}} \mathcal{H}(t - t_s)$$

Semi analytical transfer function :

$$\nu_{out} = \mathcal{F}(\nu_e, \nu_i) = \frac{1}{2\tau_V} \cdot \text{Erfc}\left(\frac{V_{thre}^{eff} - \mu_V}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_V}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad V_{thre}^{eff}(\mu_V, \sigma_V, \tau_V^N) = P_0 + \sum_{x \in \{\mu_V, \sigma_V, \tau_V^N\}} P_x \cdot \left(\frac{x - x^0}{\delta x^0}\right) + P_{\mu_G} \log\left(\frac{\mu_G}{g_L}\right) + \sum_{x, y \in \{\mu_V, \sigma_V, \tau_V^N\}^2} P_{xy} \cdot \left(\frac{x - x^0}{\delta x^0}\right) \left(\frac{y - y^0}{\delta y^0}\right)$$

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The mean, standard deviation and auto-correlation time of the excitatory and inhibitory conductance read :

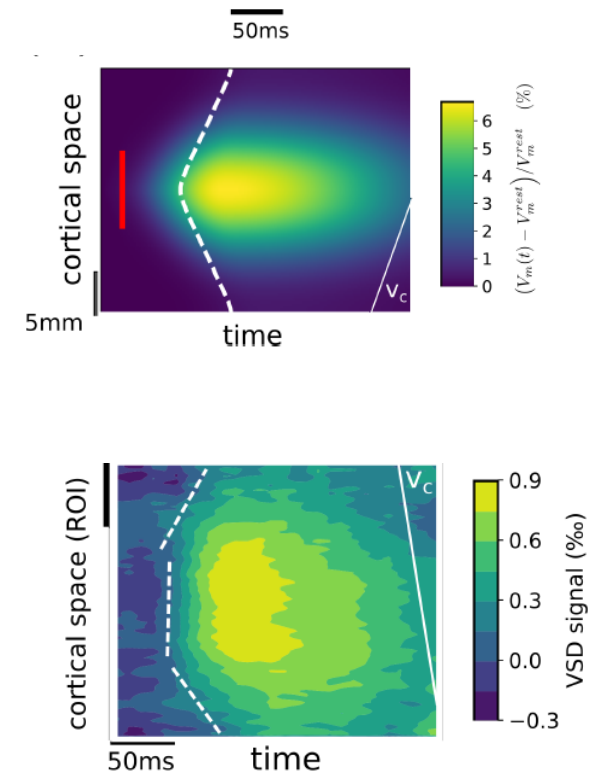
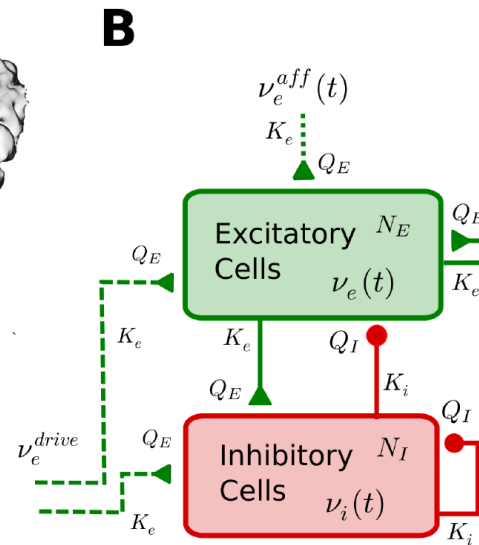
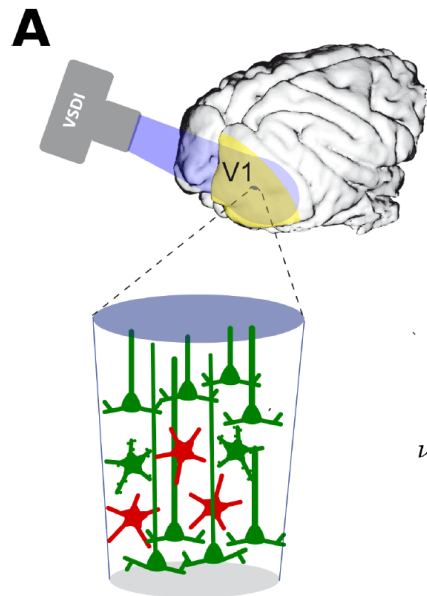
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 \downarrow \\
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Finally, the transfer function reads :

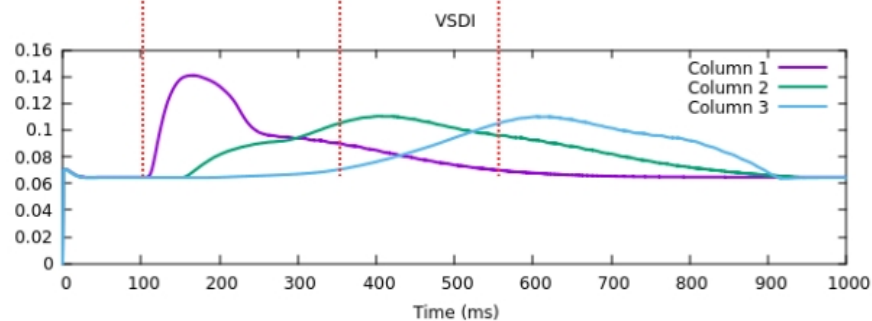
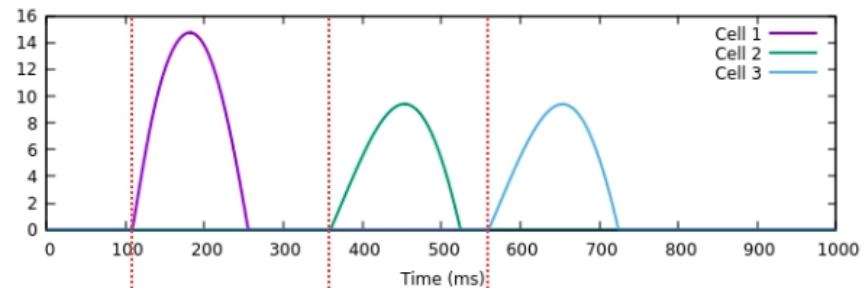
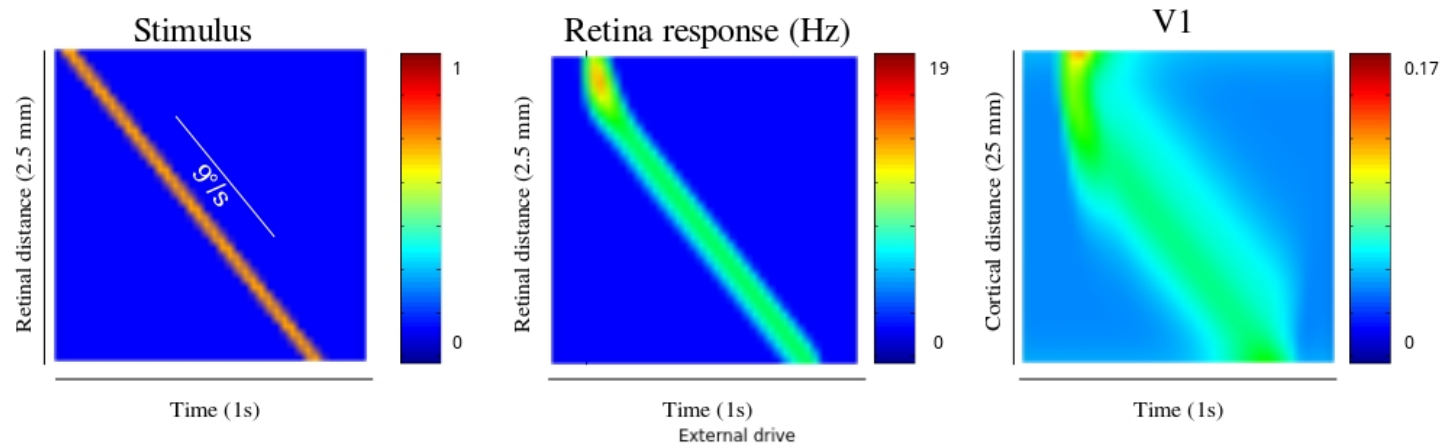
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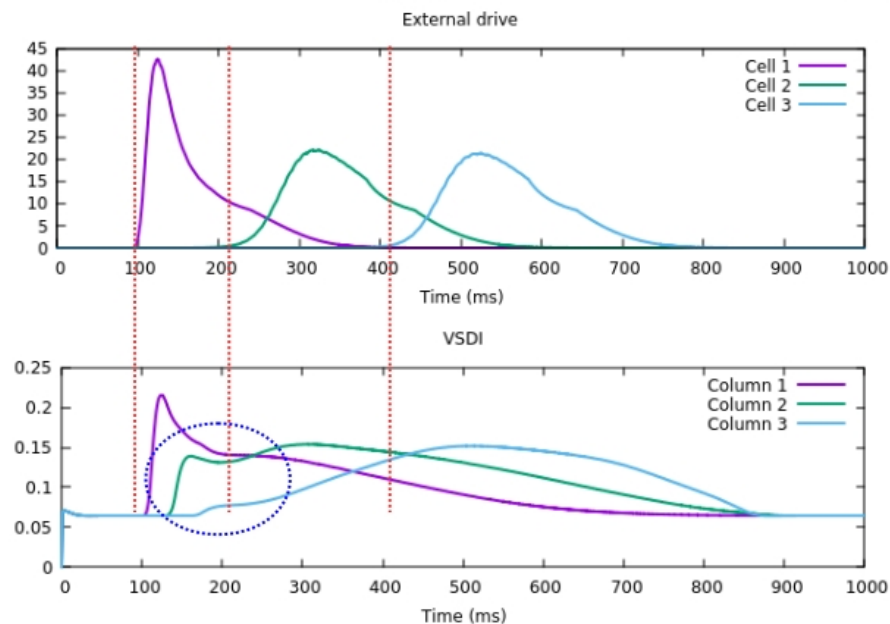
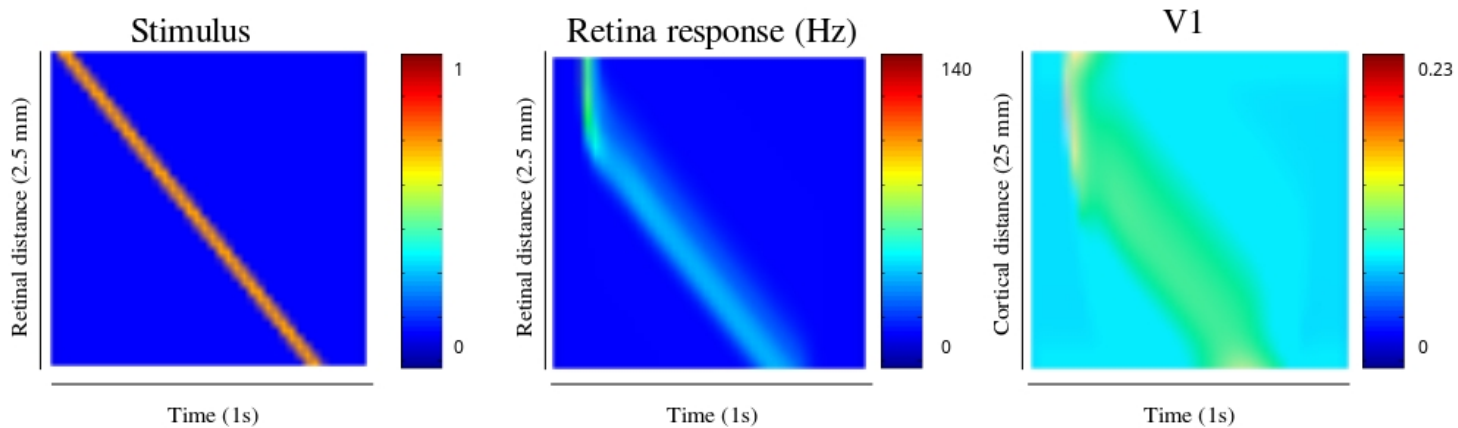
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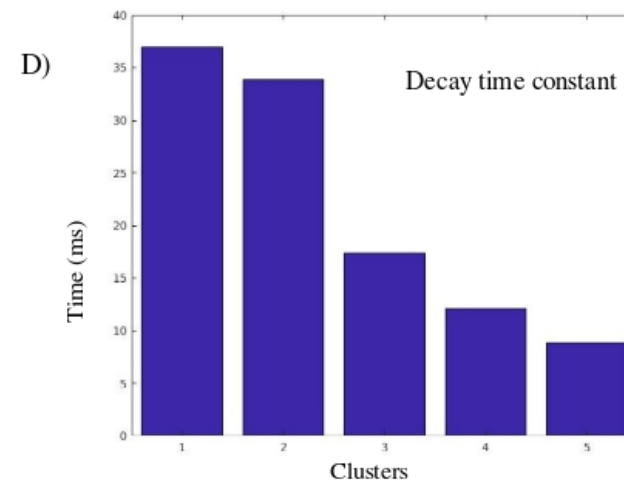
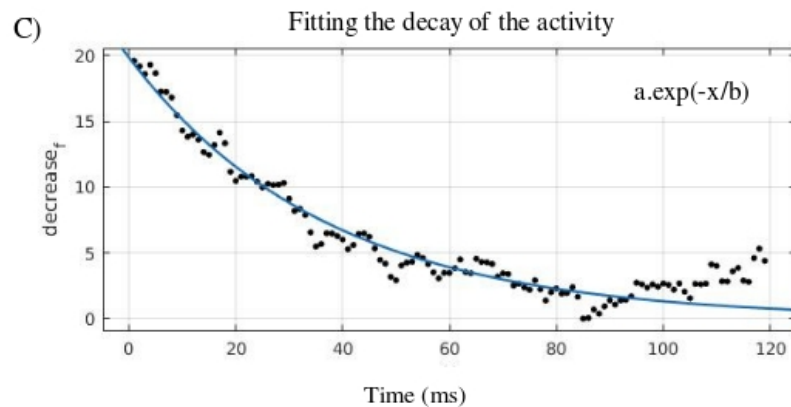
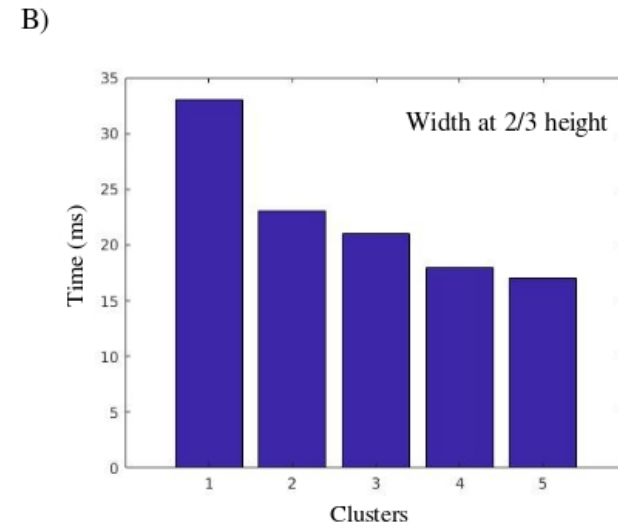
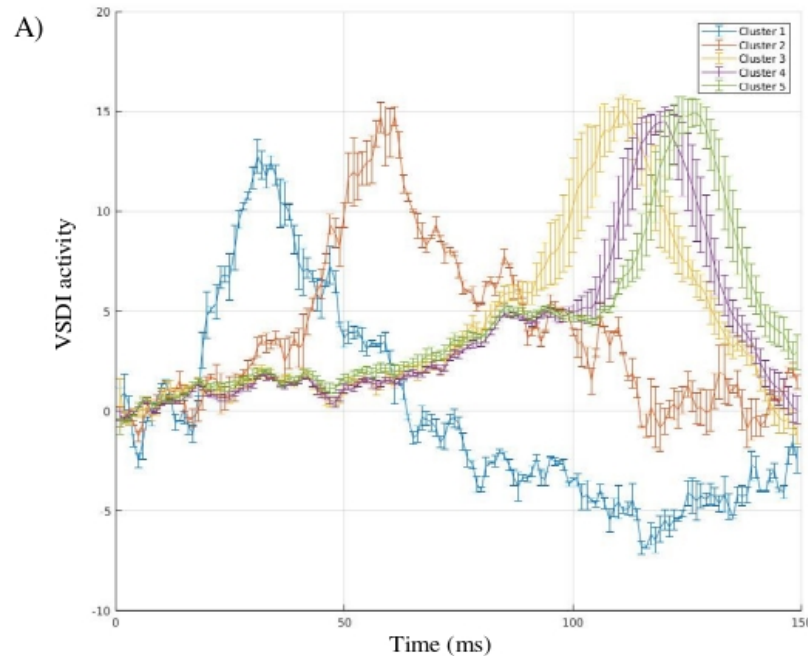


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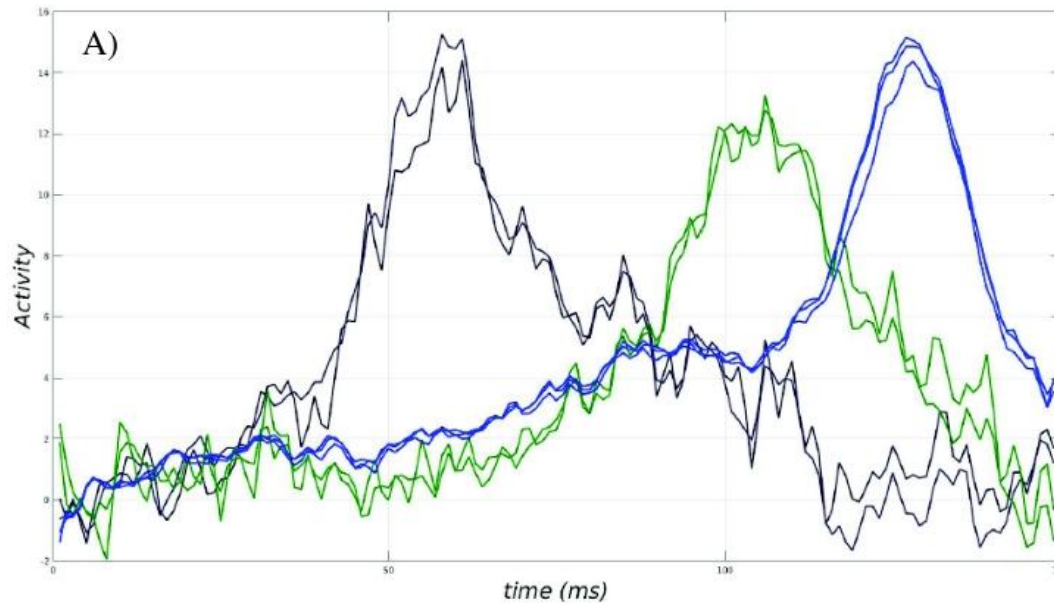
Anticipation in the cortex : VSDI data analysis

(Data courtesy of F. Chavane et S. Chemla)

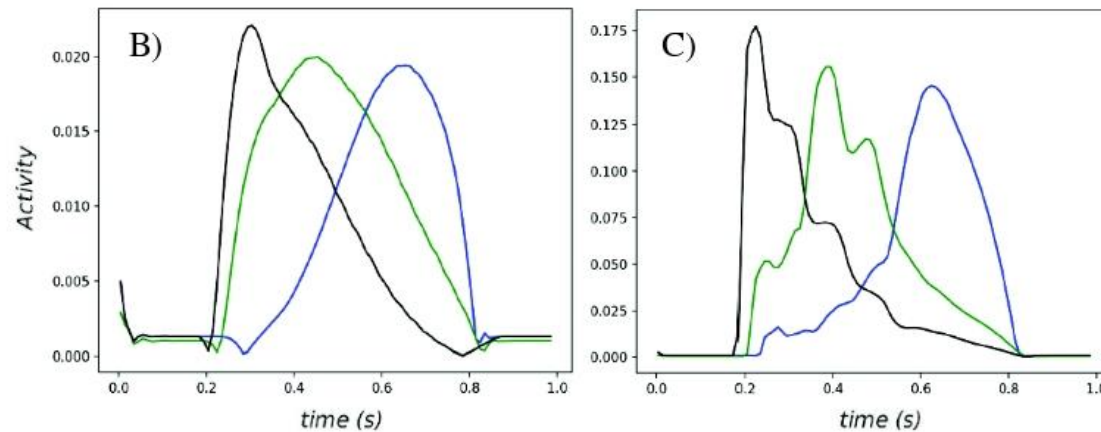


Comparing simulation results to VSDI recordings

Cortex experimental recordings



Simulation results
Response to an LN
model of the retina



Simulation results
Response to a gain
control model of the
retina

Conclusions

- We developed a 2D retina with three ganglion cell layers, implementing gain control and connectivity.
- We use the output of our model as an input to a mean field model of V1, and were able to reproduce anticipation as observed in VSDI

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- How to improve object identification
 - 1) exploring the model's parameters and
 - 2) using connectivity ?
- Is our model able to anticipate more complex trajectories, with accelerations for instance ?
- How to calibrate connectivity using biology ?
- How does anticipation affect higher order correlations ?
- Would it be possible to design psycho-physical tests clearly showing the role of the retina in visual anticipation ?

Thank you for your attention !