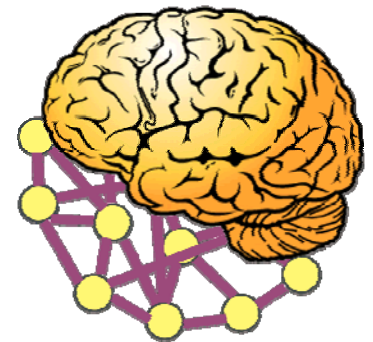




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Bayesian approaches to Neural dynamics and coding

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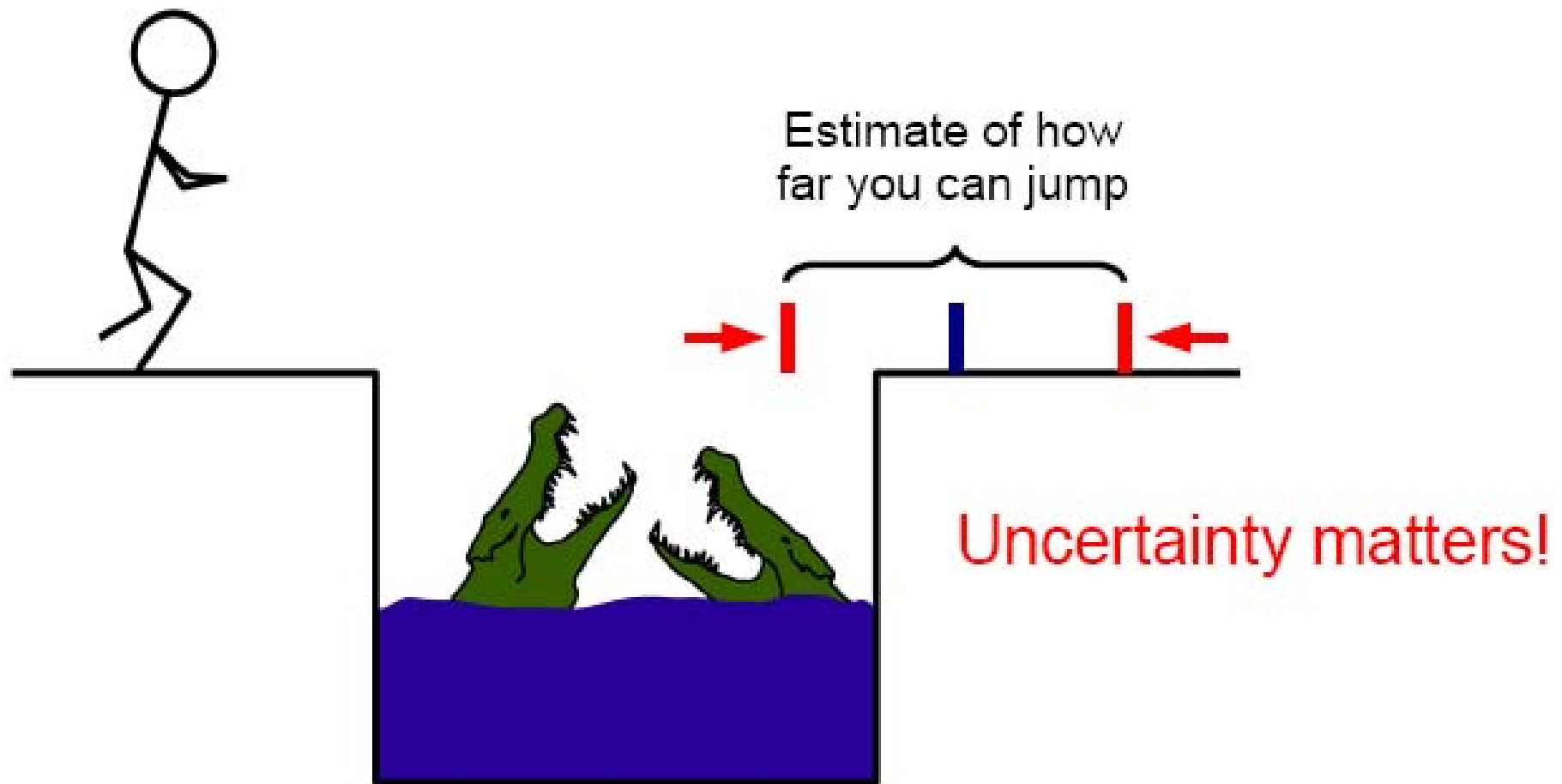


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Uncertainty

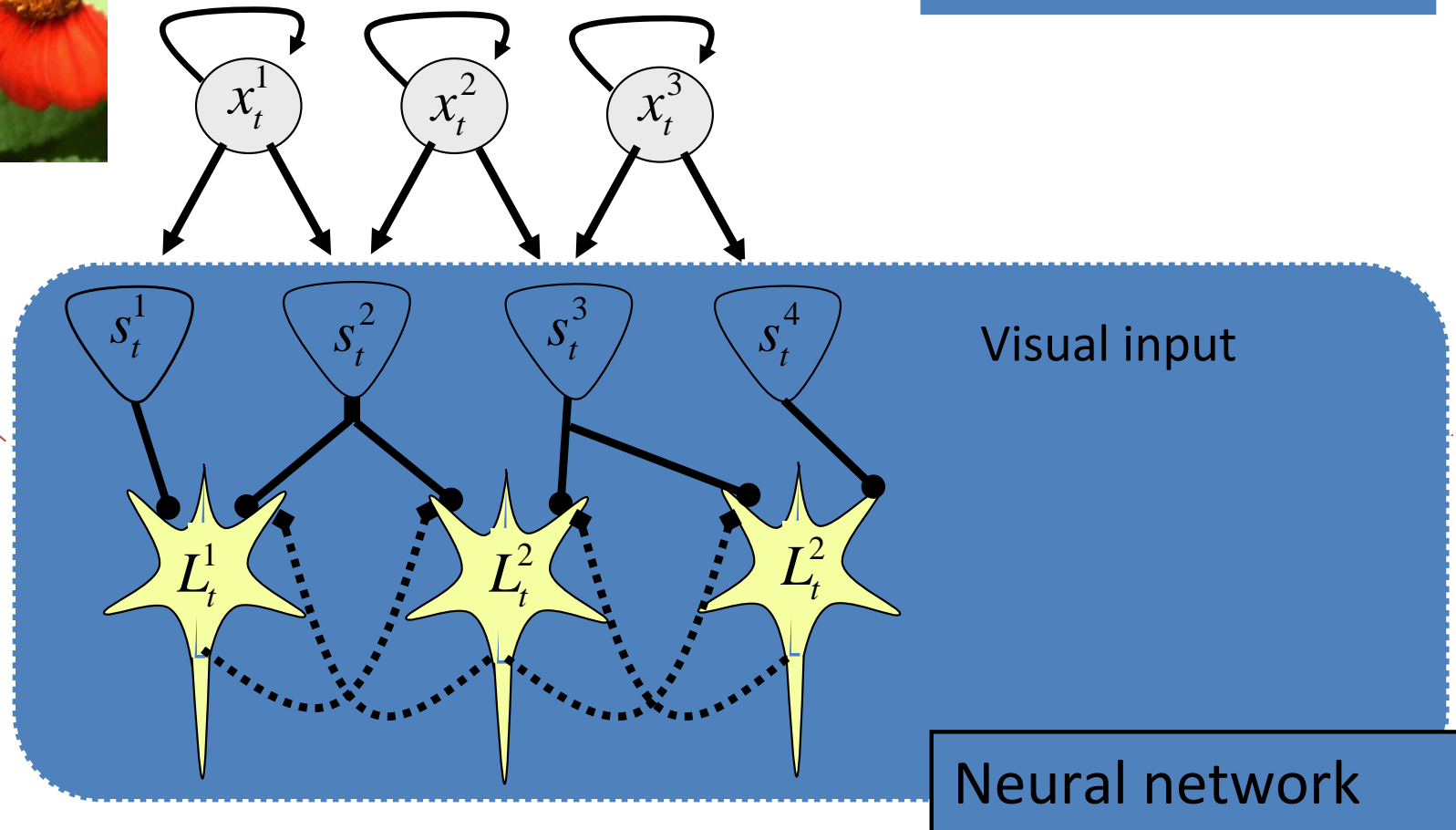
- All of our decision are subject to uncertainty

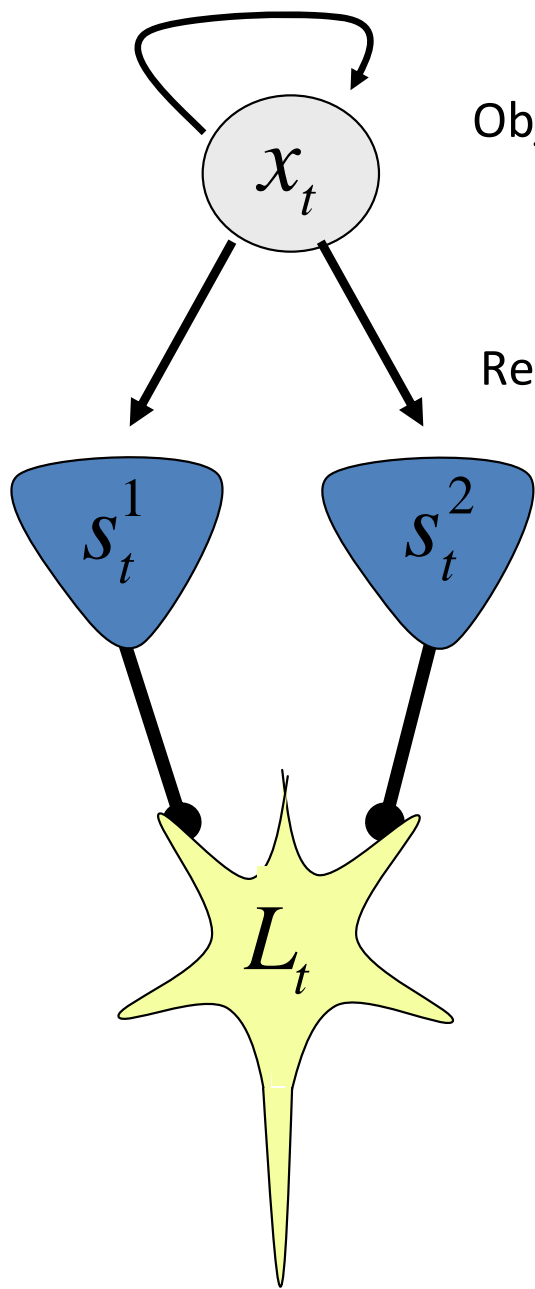


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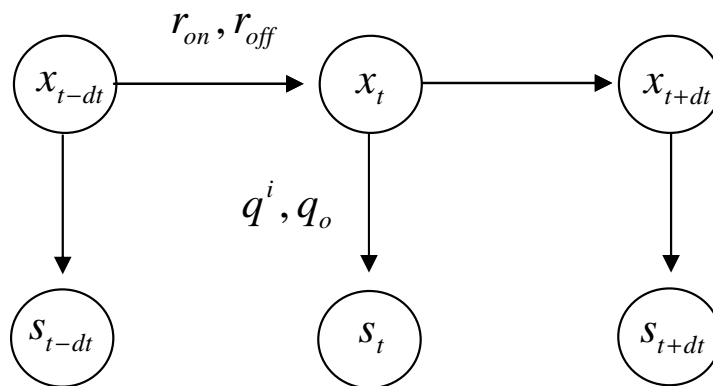


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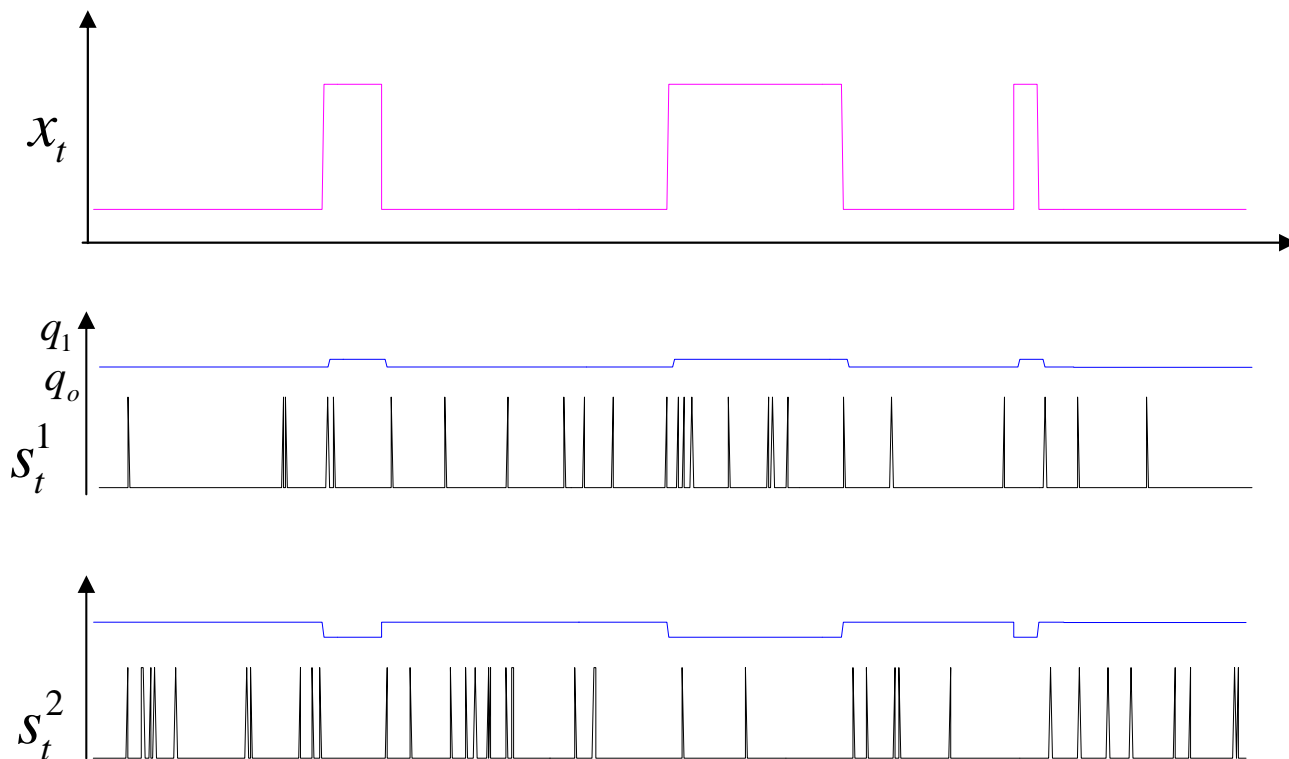




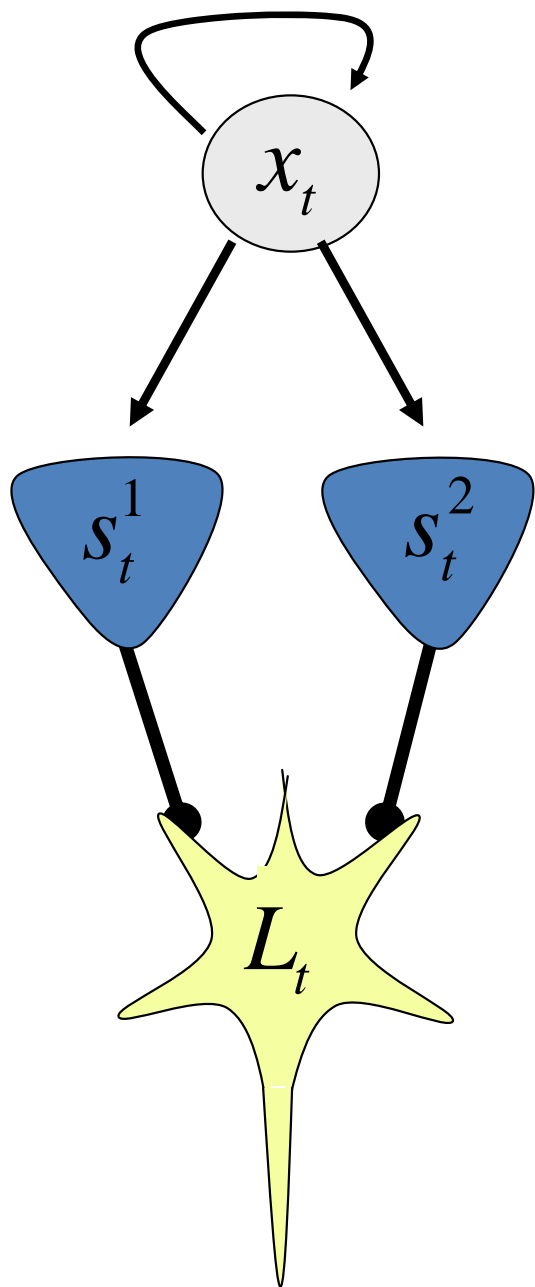
Object present/not



Receptor spike/not



Time



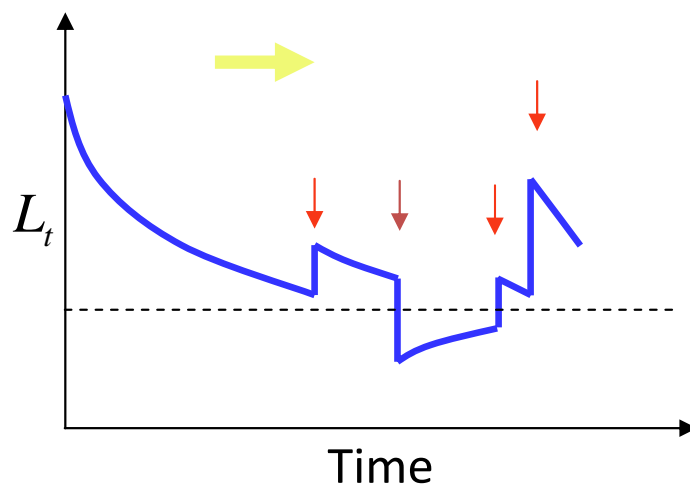
$$L_t = \log \left(\frac{p(x_t^1 = 1 | \mathbf{s})}{p(x_t^1 = 0 | \mathbf{s})} \right)$$

$$w_i = \log \left(\frac{q_o + q_i}{q_o} \right)$$

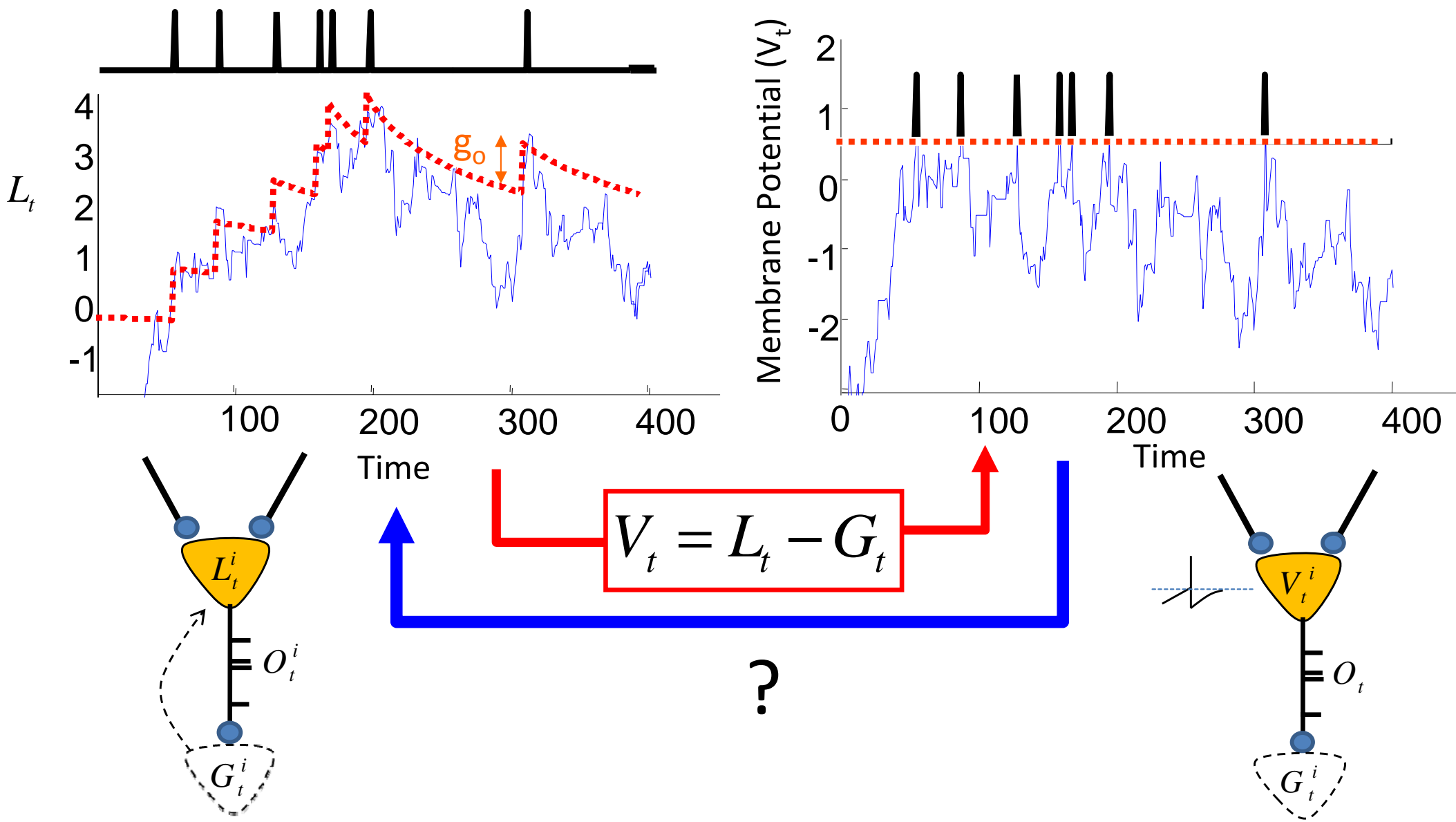
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = r_{on} (1 + e^{-L}) - r_{off} (1 + e^L) + \sum_i w_i s_t^i - \theta$$

Leak

Synaptic input



Analogy with a leaky integrate and fire neuron



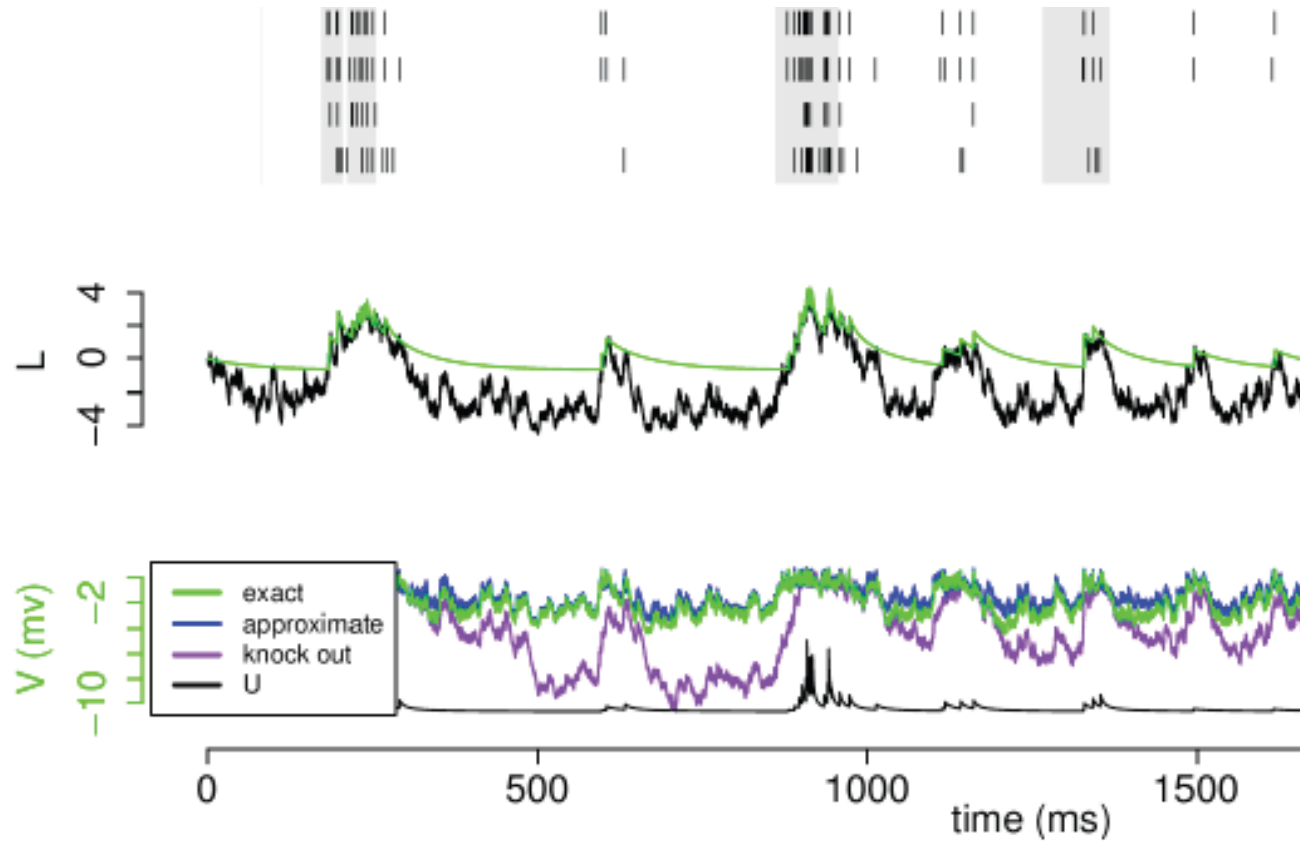
Comparison with Linear Integrate and Fire

Bayesian

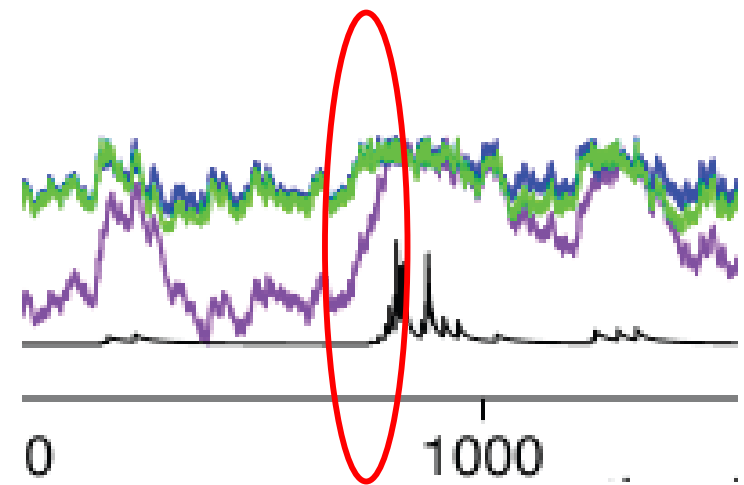
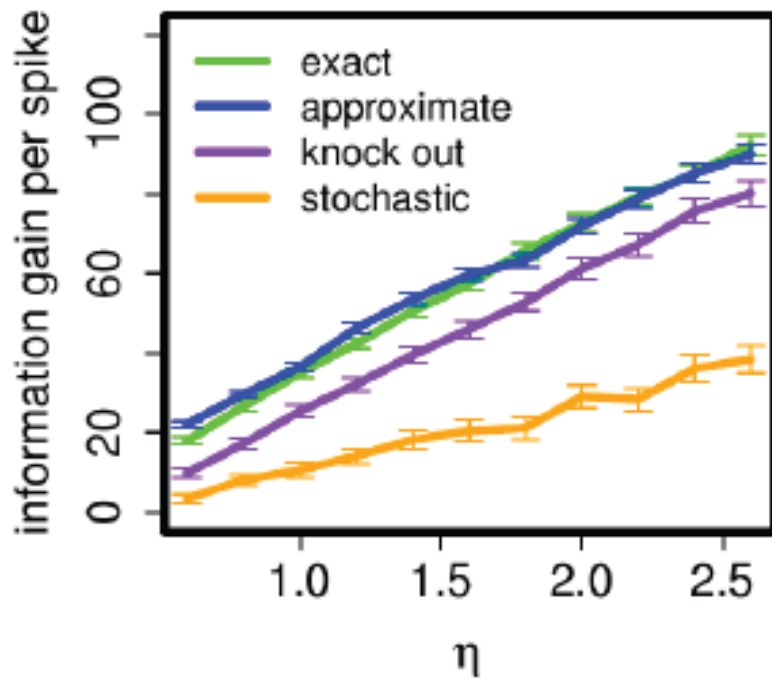
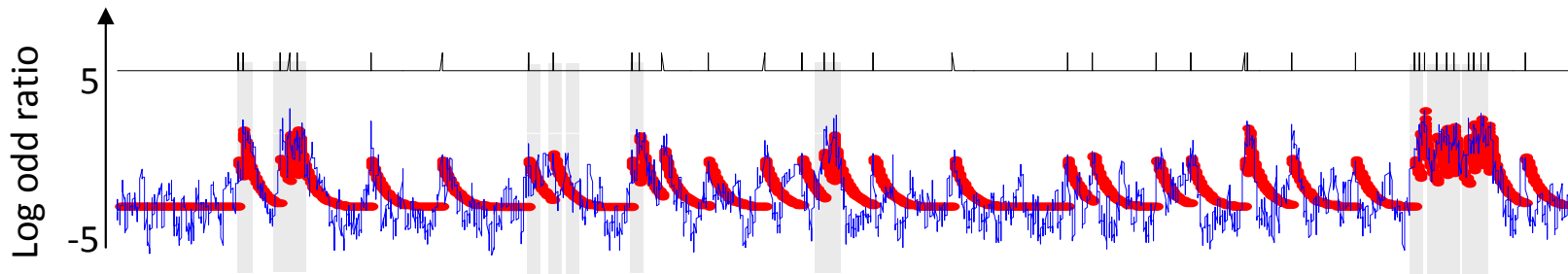
Linear Integrate and fire

$$V_t = L_t - G_t$$

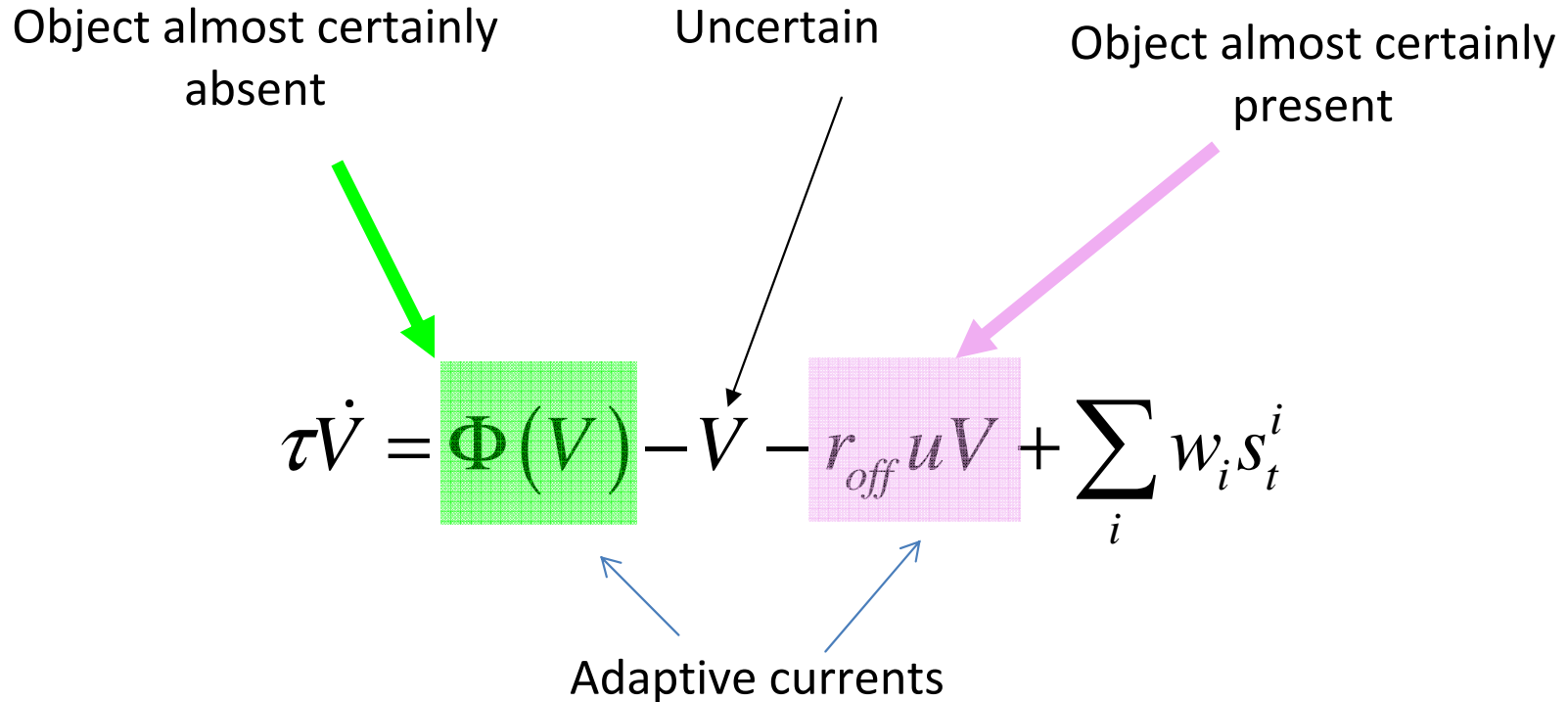
$$\tau \dot{V} = -V + \sum_i w_i s_t^i$$



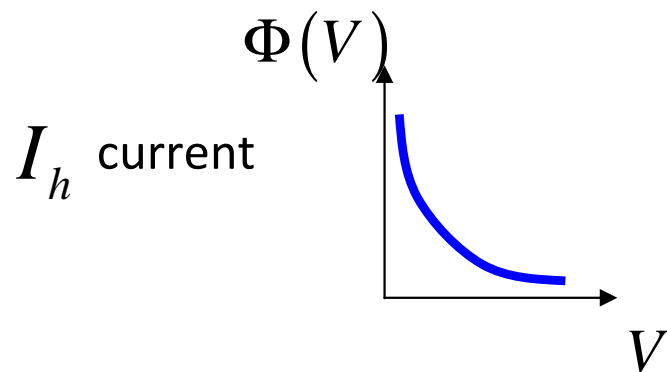
Information transmission about the stimulus



Towards a biophysical basis of spike-based inference

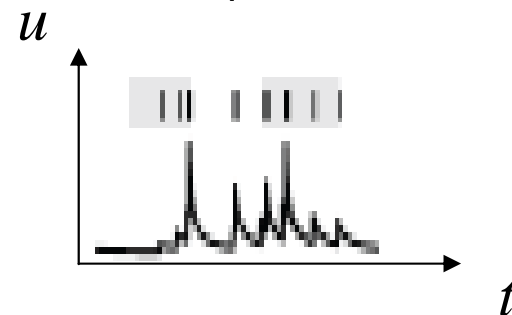


$$\Phi(V) = e^{-V} - 1$$



$$\dot{u} = (r_{off} - r_{on})u - r_{off}u^2 + uO_t$$

Spike based adaptation



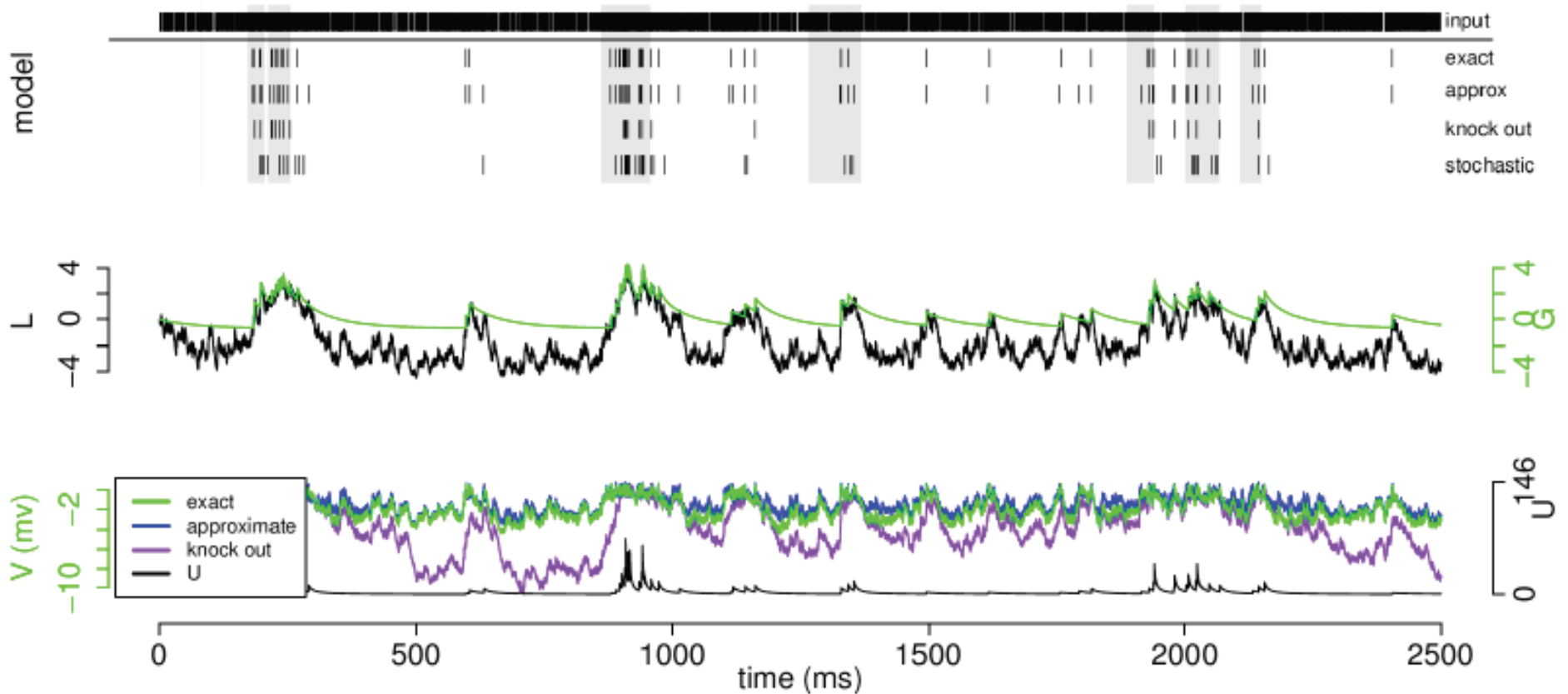
Approx Bayesian (I_h +spike based adapt) :

$$\tau \dot{V} = \Phi(V) - V - r_{off} u V + \sum_i w_i s_t^i$$

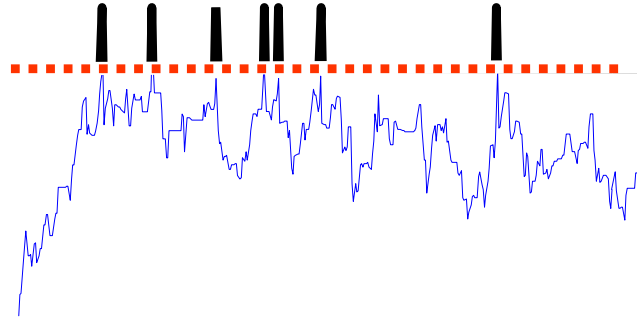
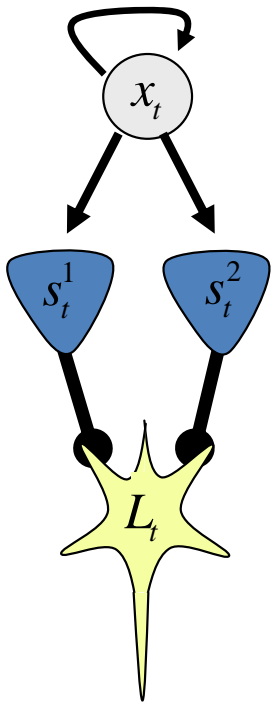
$$\dot{u} = (r_{off} - r_{on}) u - r_{off} u^2 + u O_t$$

Knock-out (IF)

$$\tau \dot{V} = -V + \sum_i w_i s_t^i$$



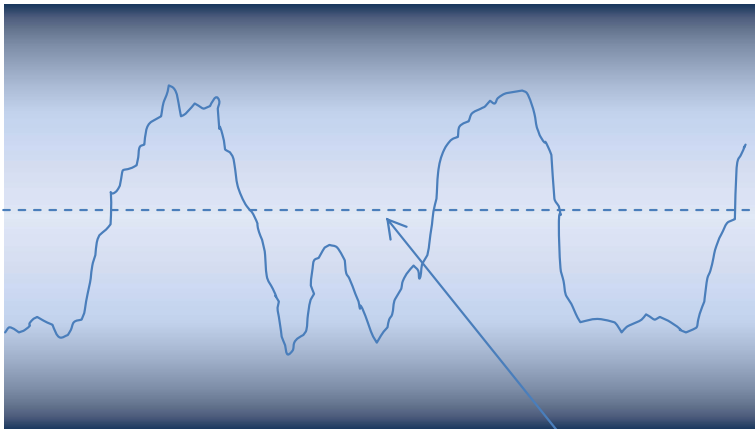
Inference in single spiking neurons



$$r_{on} I_{adapt}$$

$$\log \left(\frac{r_{on}}{r_{off}} \right)$$

$$r_{off} I_h$$



← Wait for transition

← Integrate

← Wait for transition.

Firing threshold

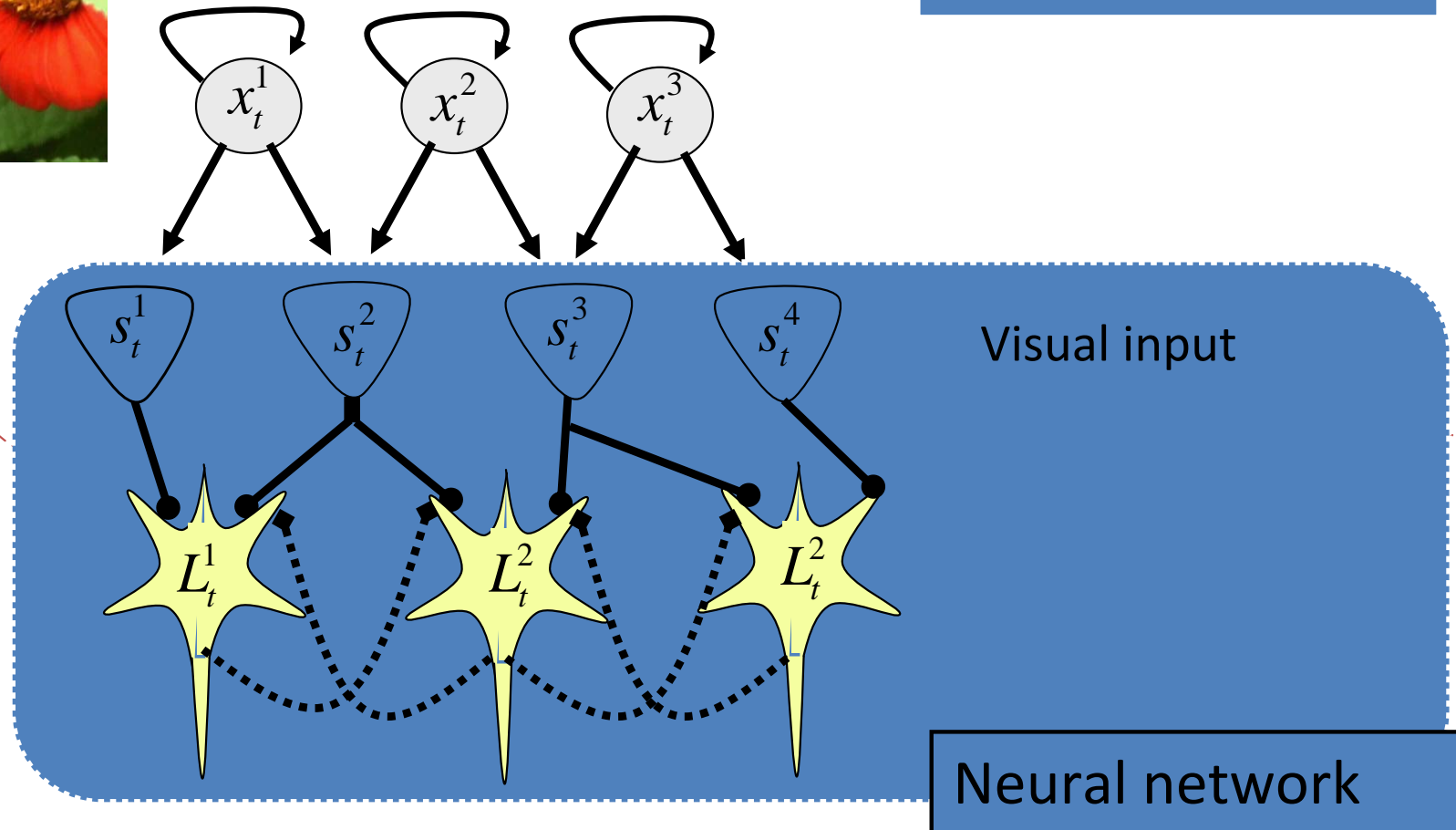
Conclusion 1: Bayesian spiking neuron

- Integrate and fire neurons can be interpreted as Bayesian integrators.
- Biophysical parameters have functional interpretations.
- Spikes represent increases in probability.
- Optimal neural dynamics can be learnt in an unsupervised way (on-line Expectation maximization).

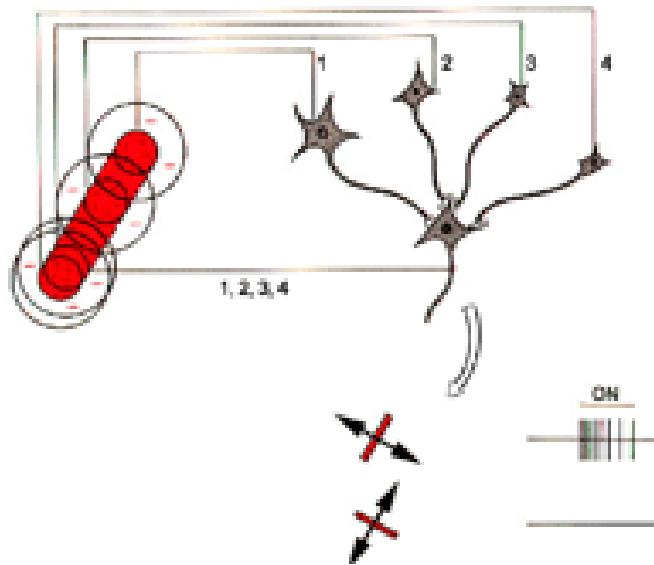
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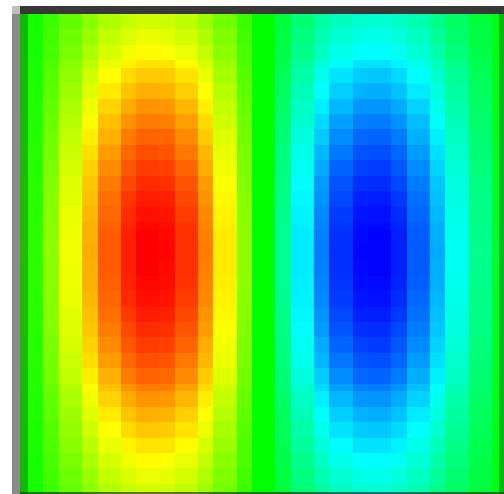
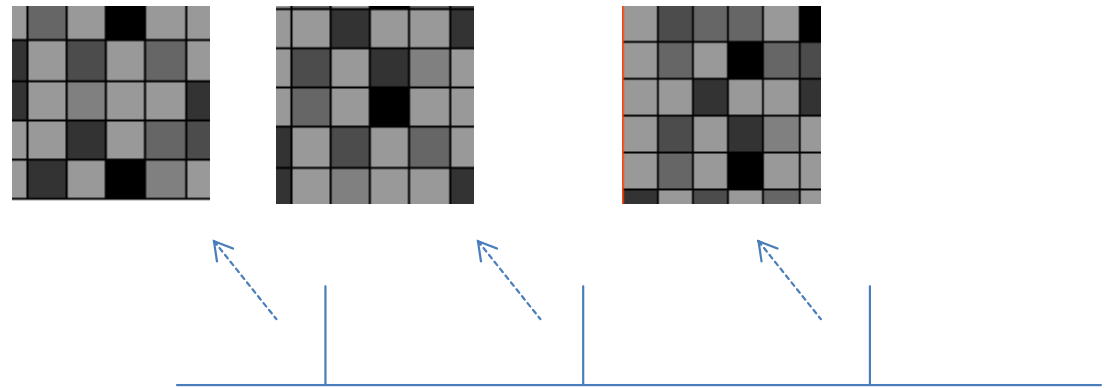


Receptive fields



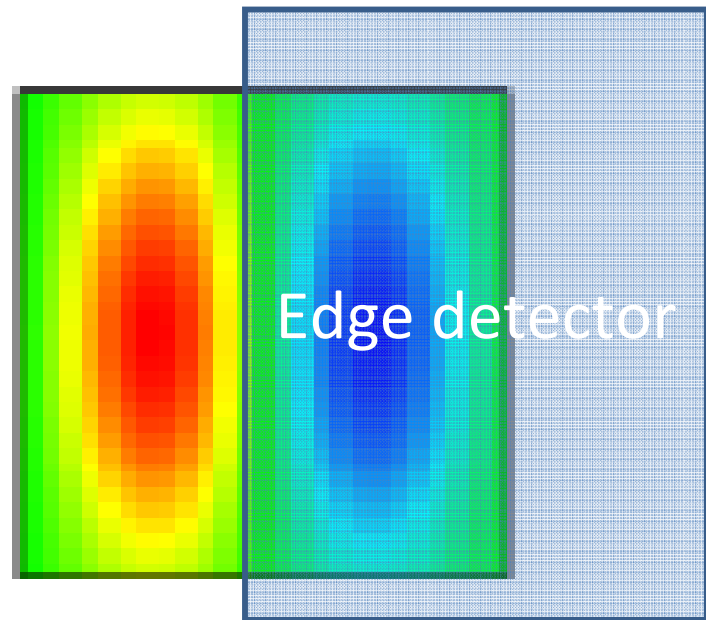
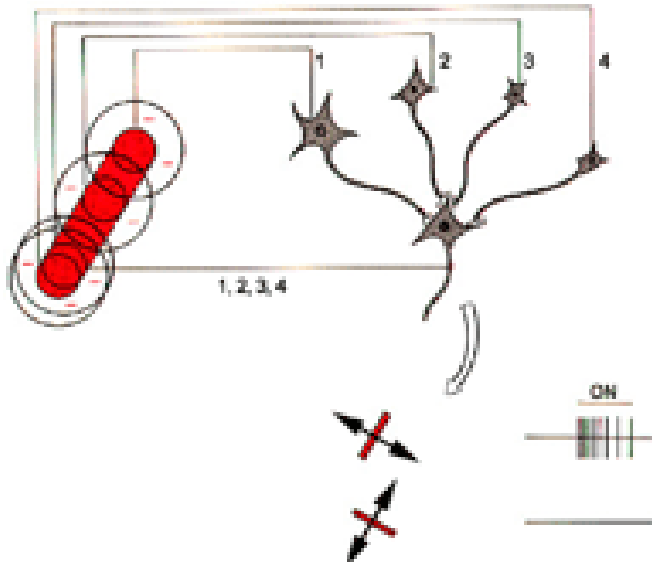
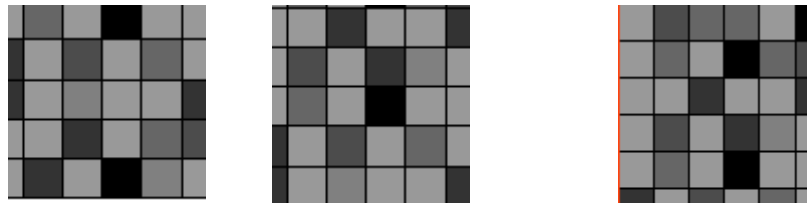
Hubel and Wiesel, 1962

RF for V1 simple cell:



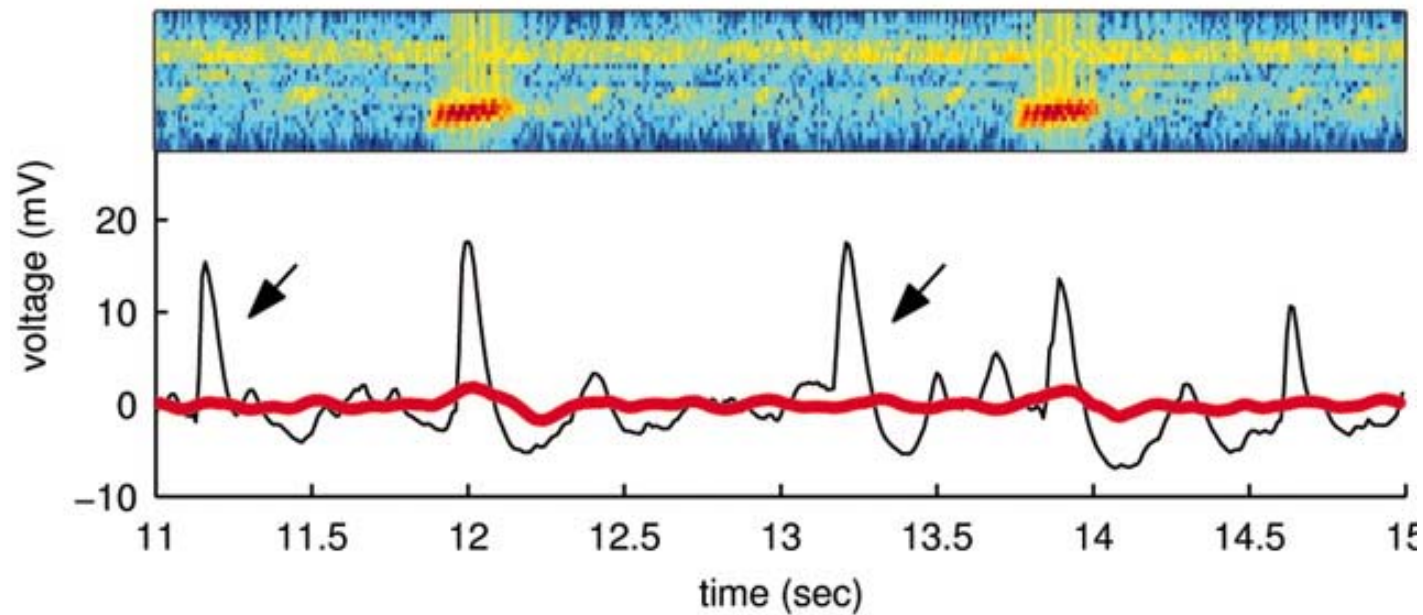
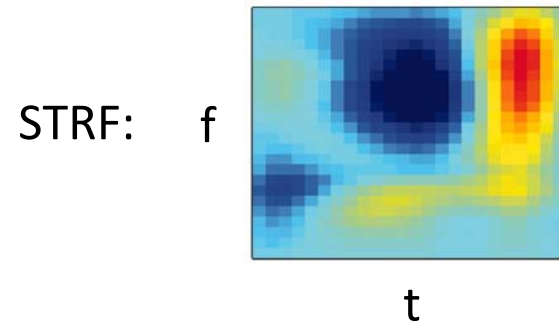
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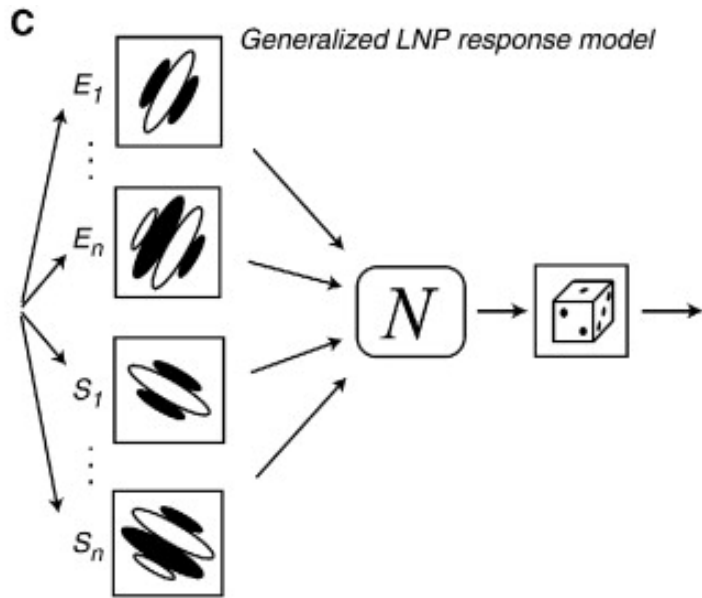


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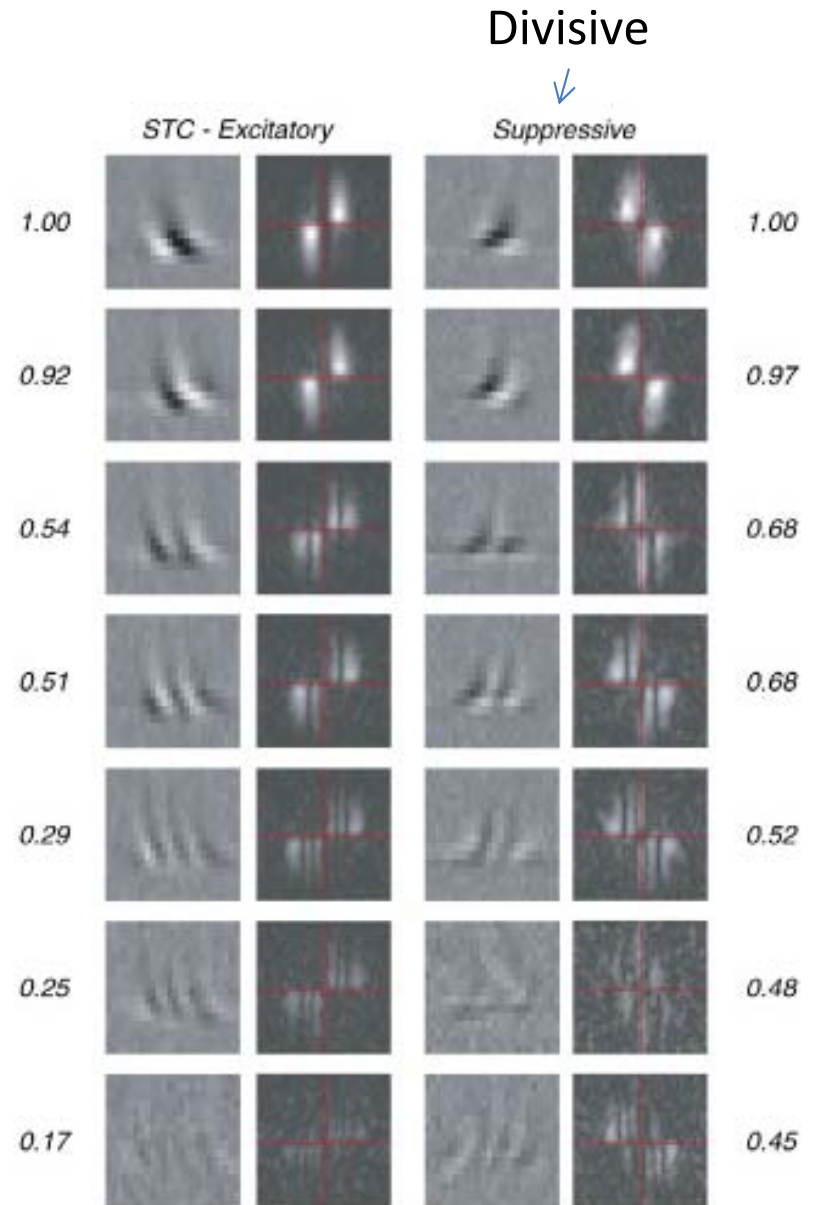
Responses to natural scene are poorly predicted by the RF.



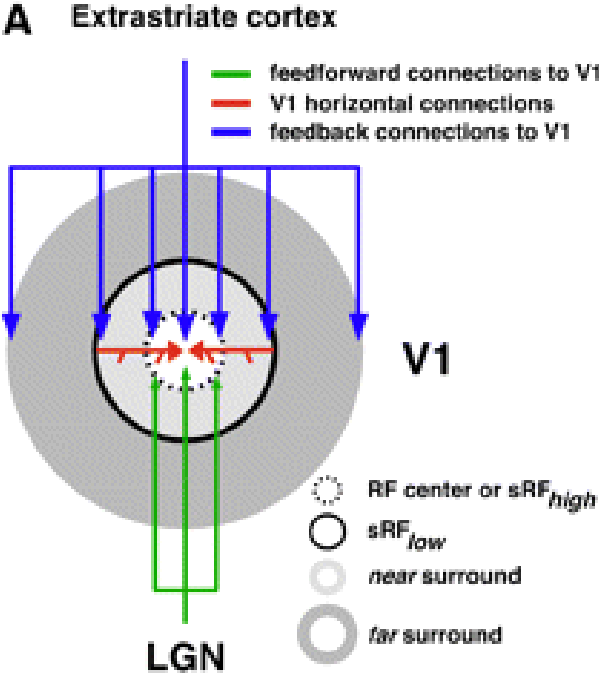
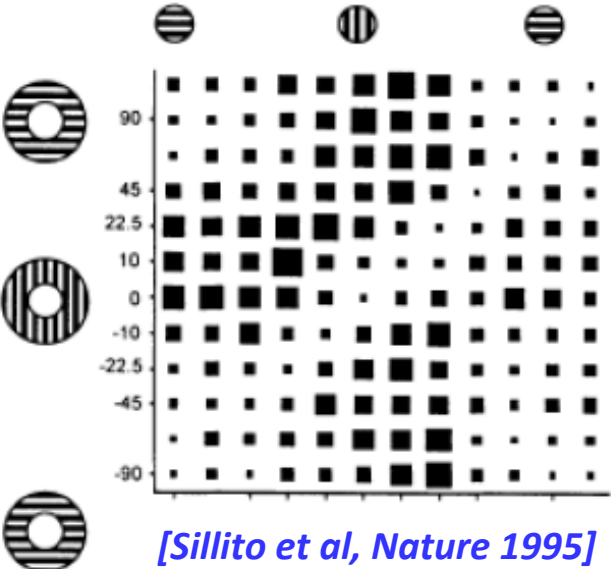
Multiple excitatory and suppressive components



Schwartz et al 2006

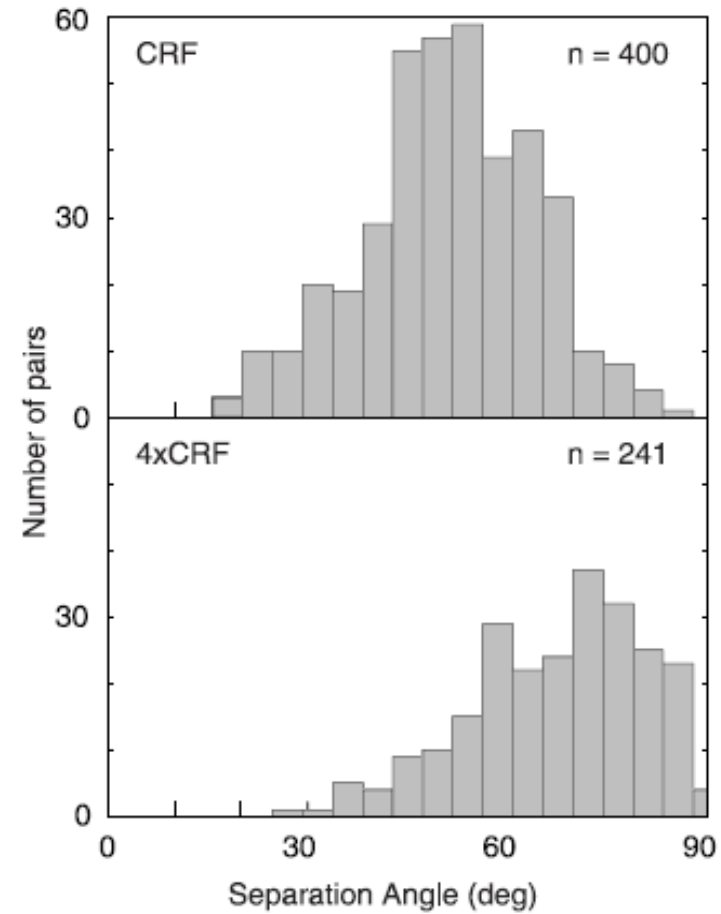
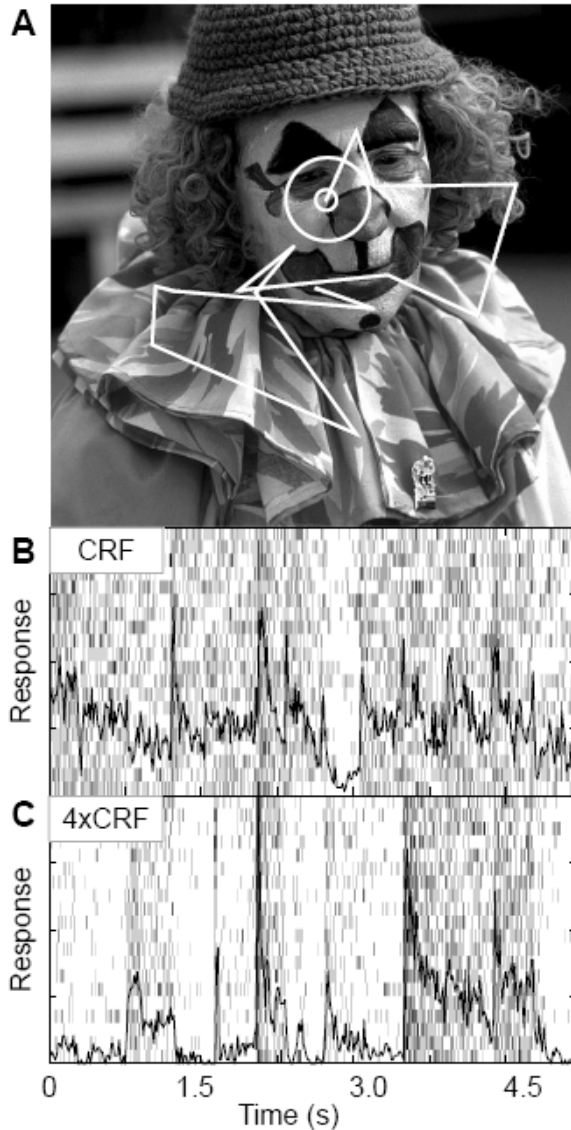


Receptive fields depend on surround stimuli



Angelucci et al 2001

Sparsening and decorrelation by the contextual surround

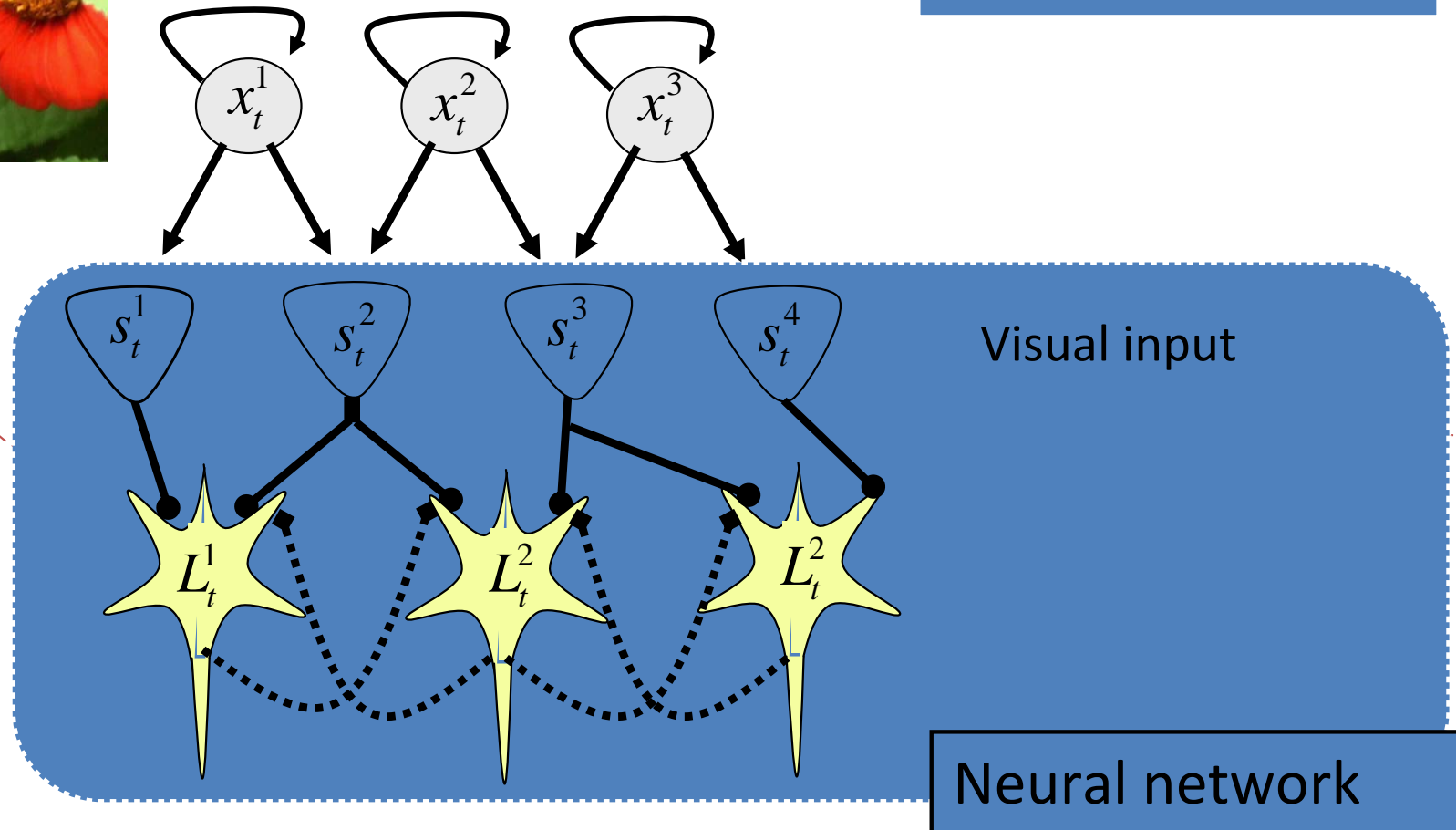


Vinje and Gallant, Science 2000

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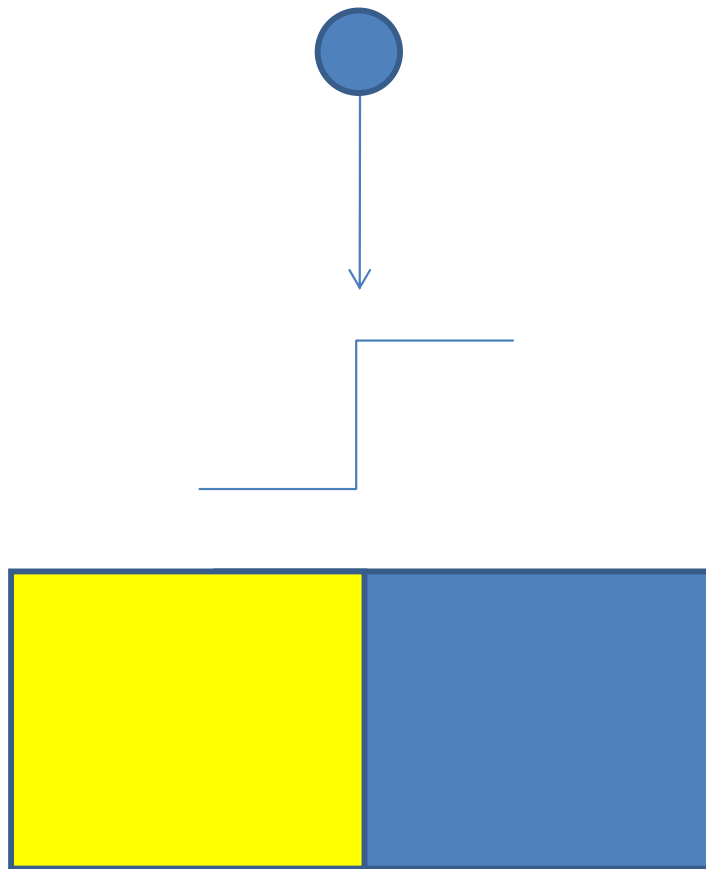


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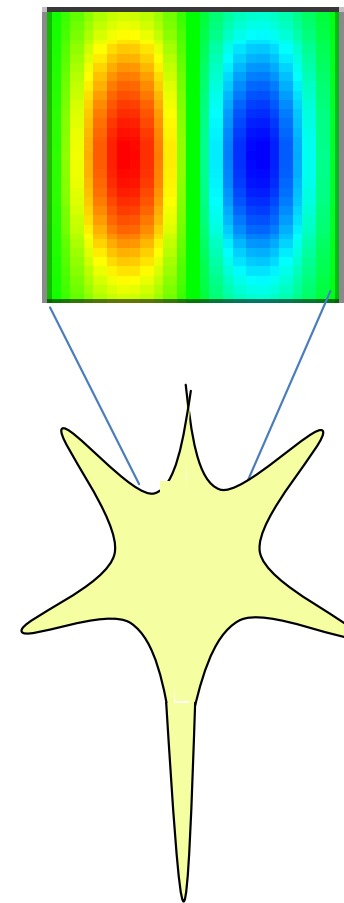


Receptive and Predictive fields

« edge predictor »

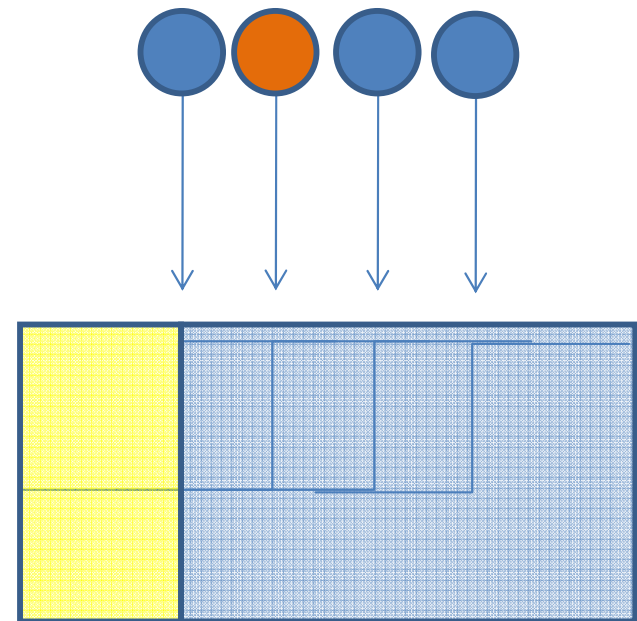
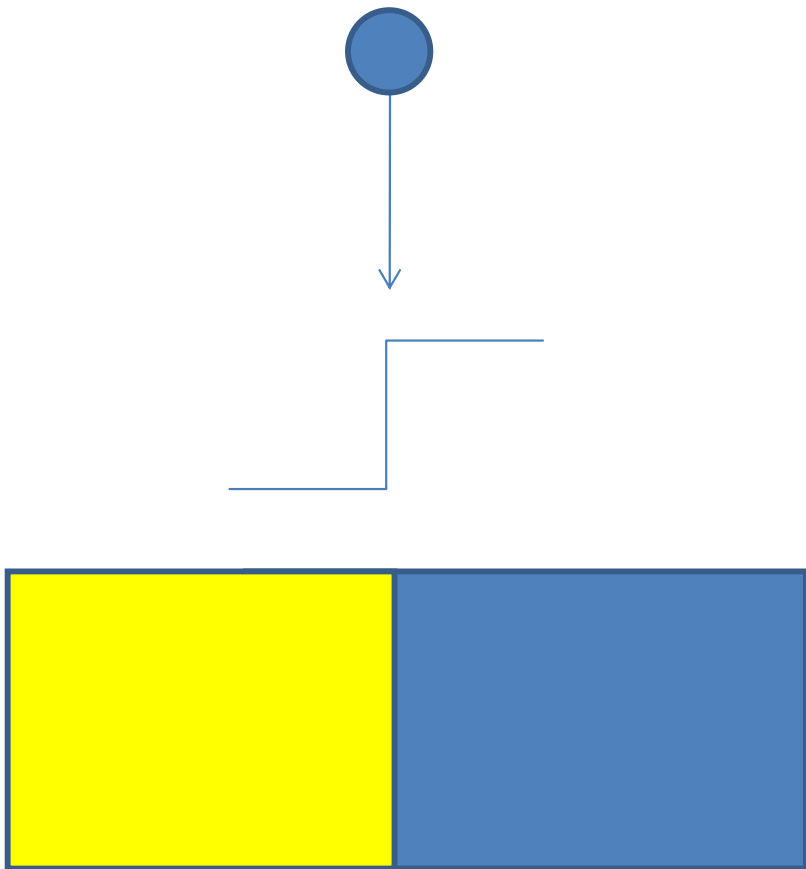


« edge detector »



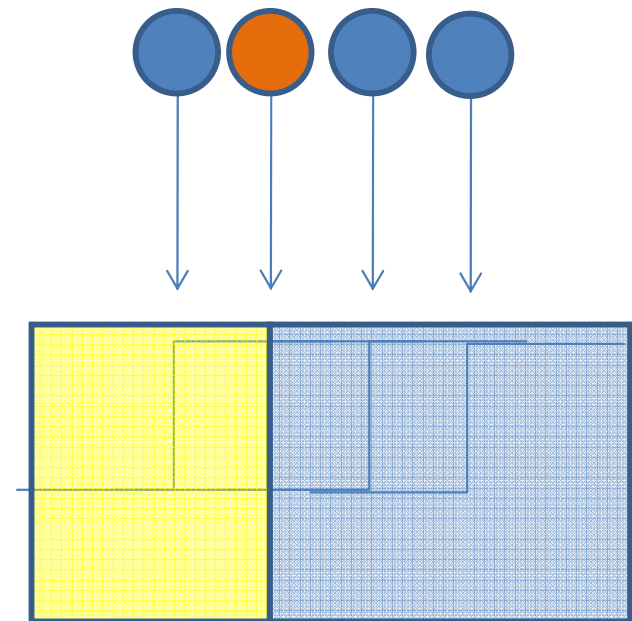
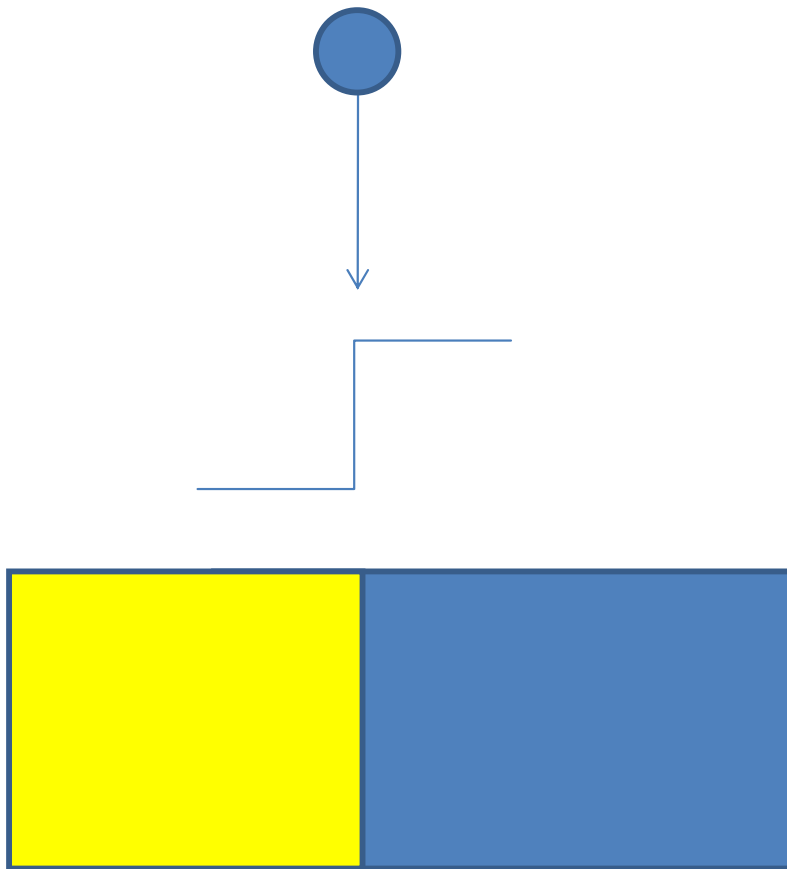
Predictive fields

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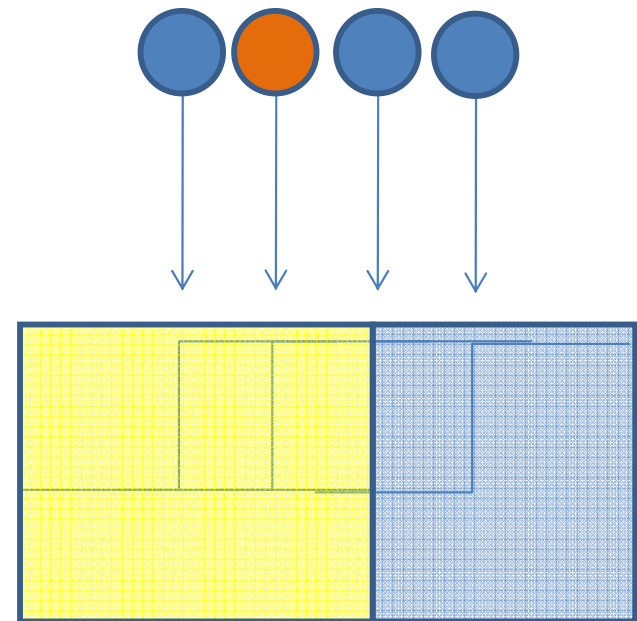
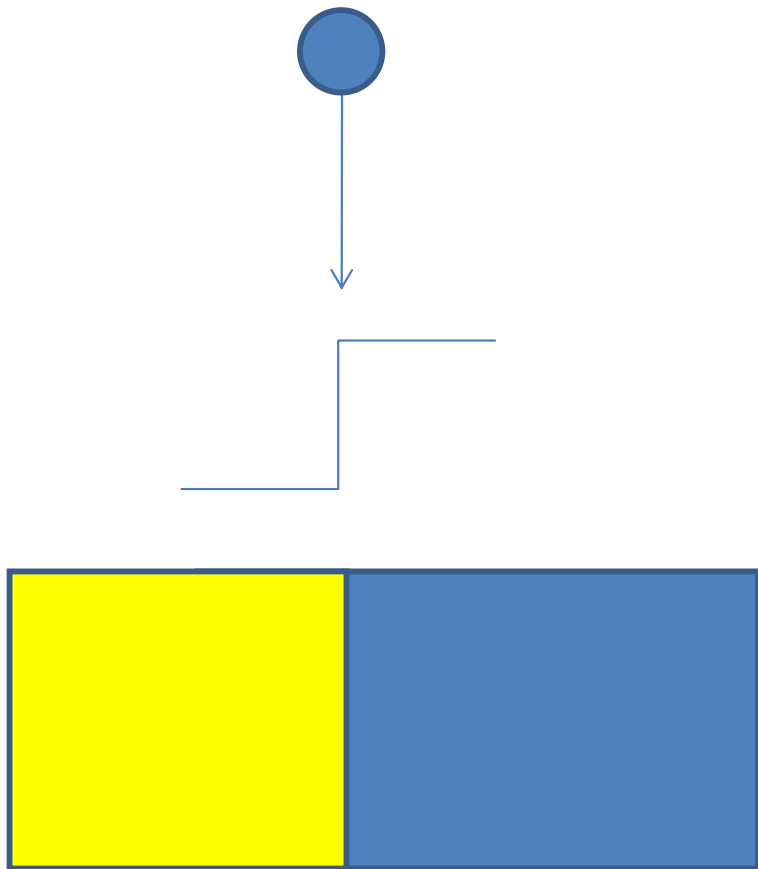
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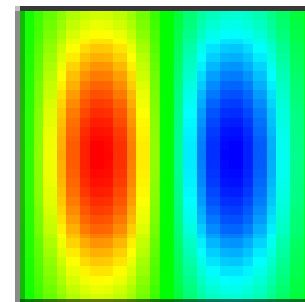
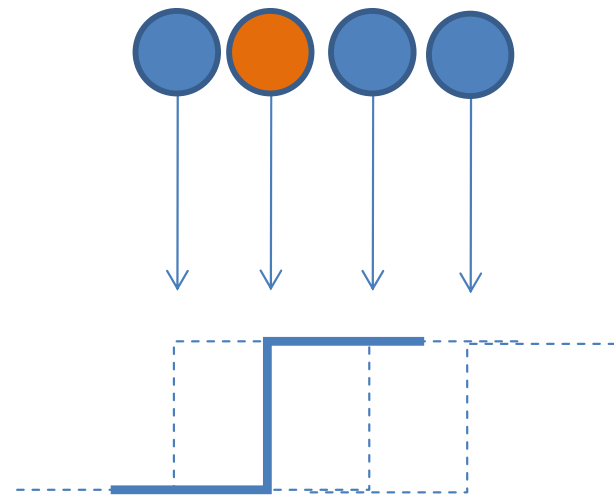
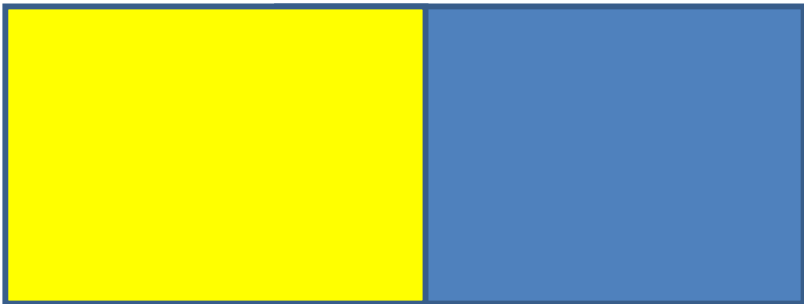
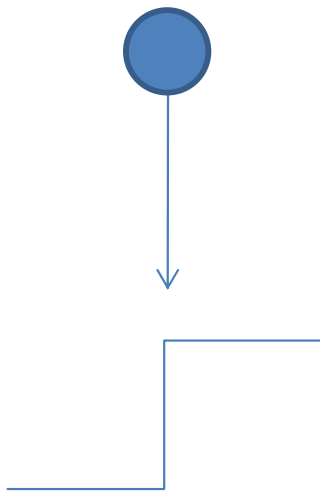
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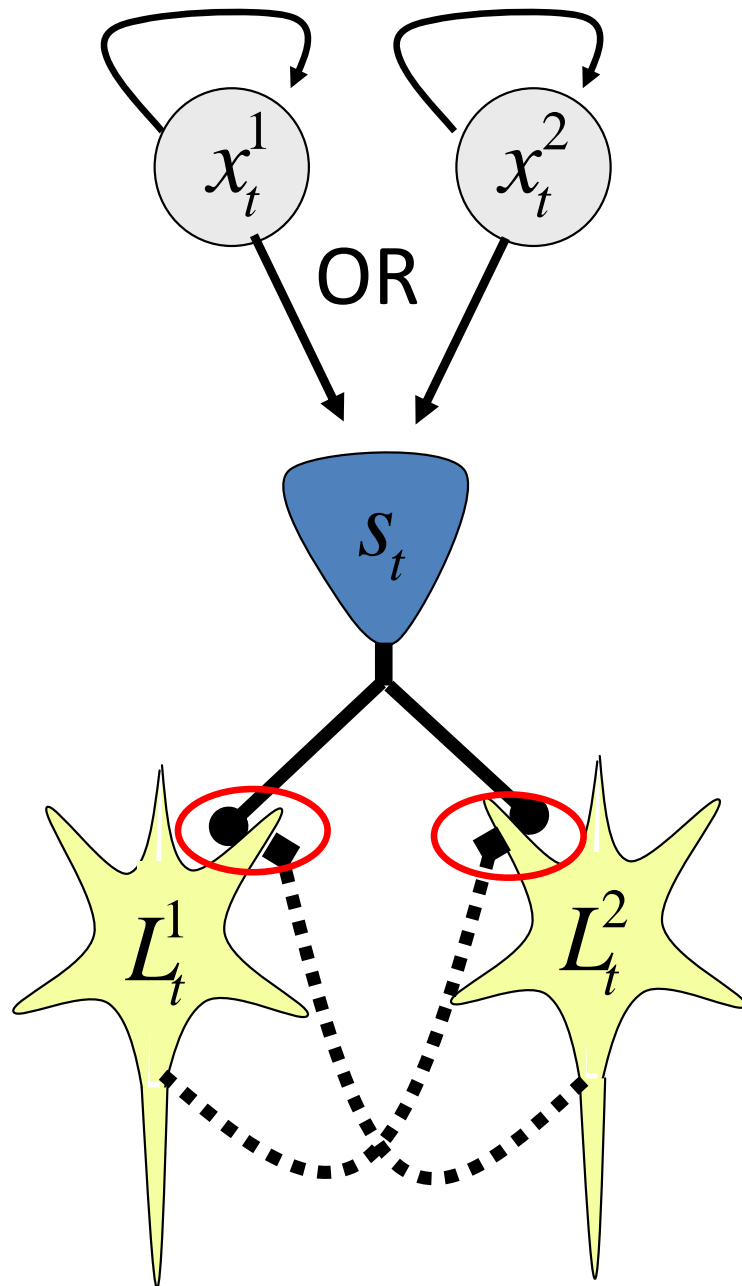


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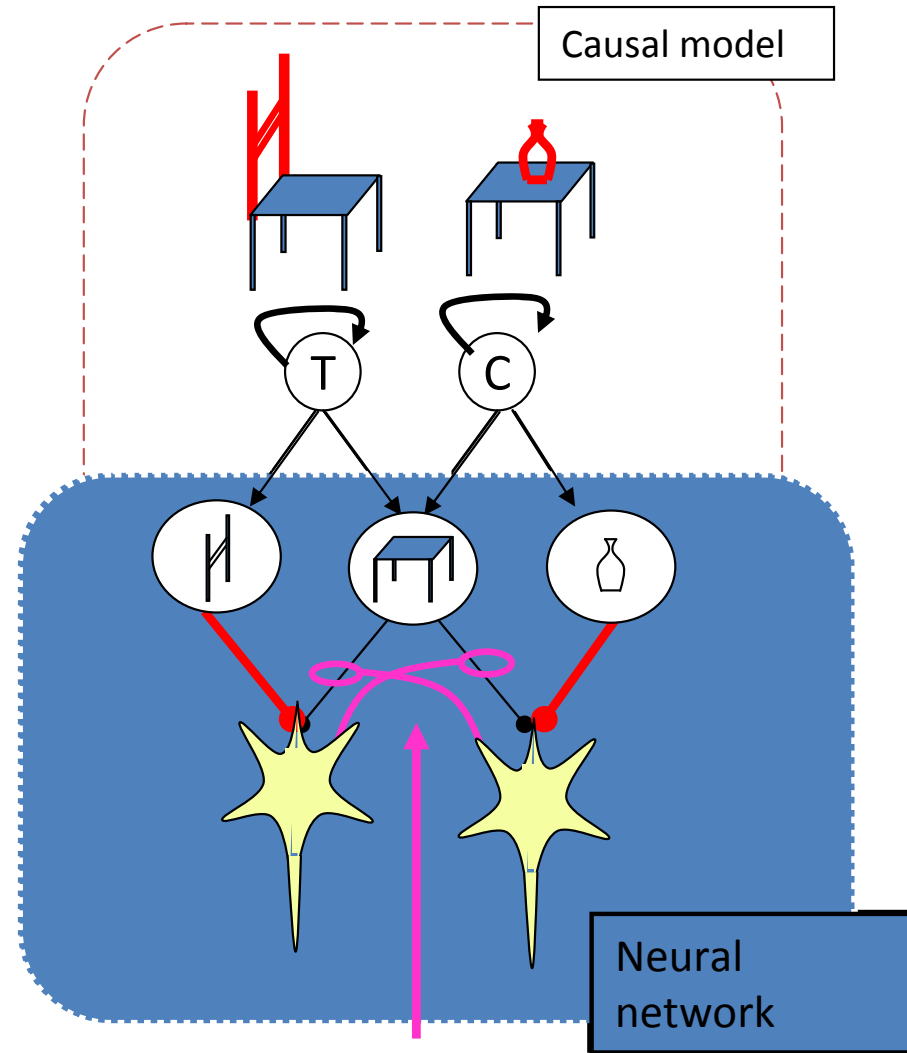
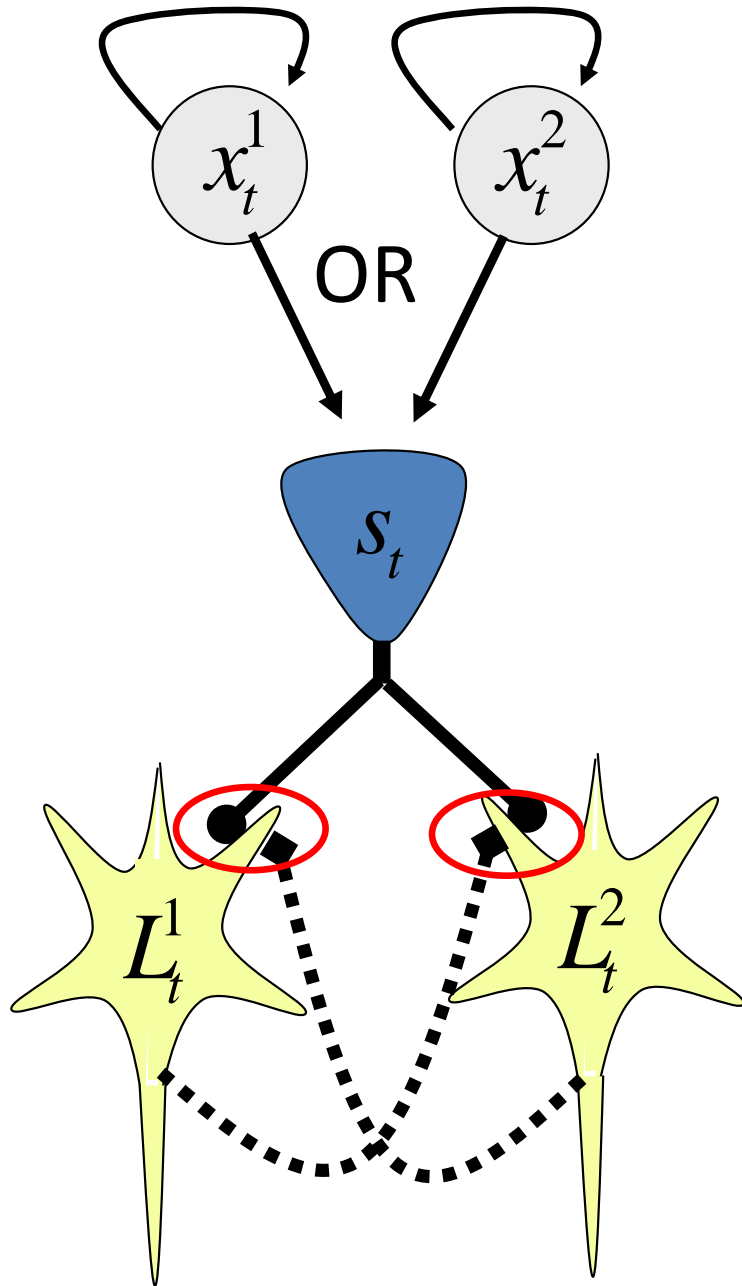
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Causal inference to solve ambiguities

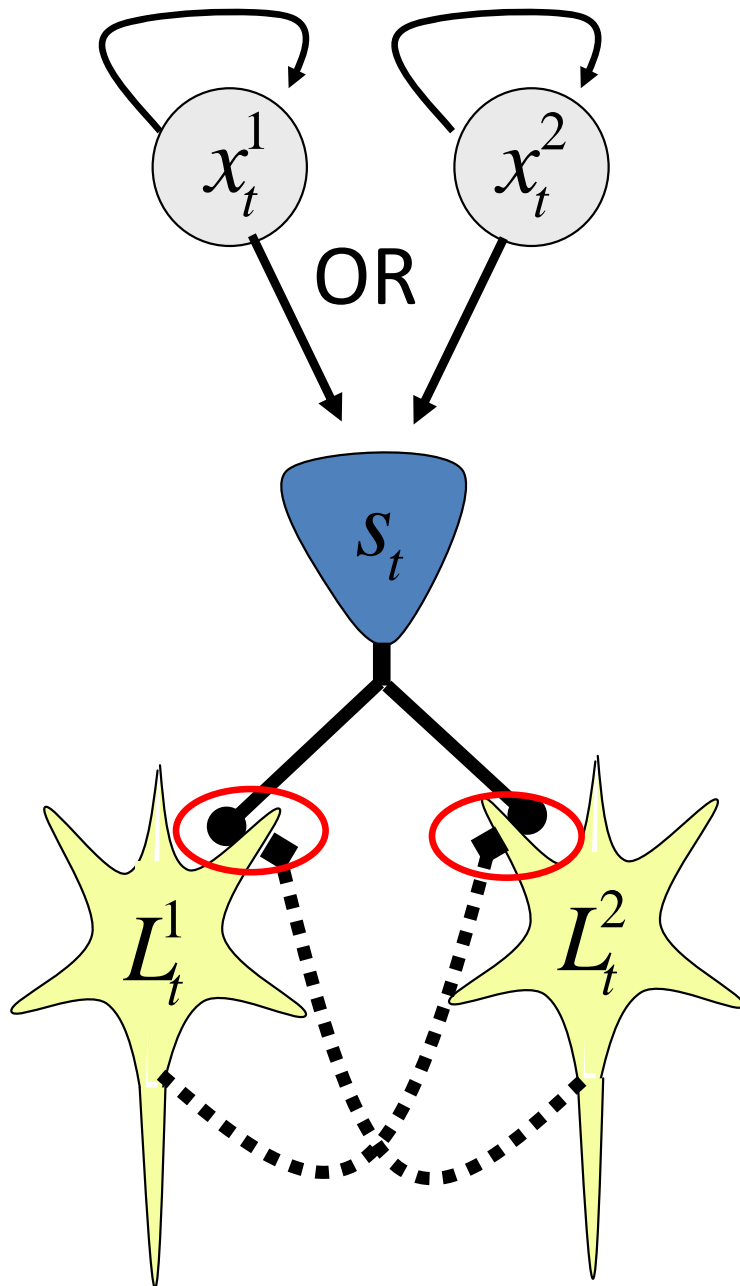


Input targeted divisive inhibition



Input targeted inhibition performs
Explaining away

Input targeted divisive inhibition

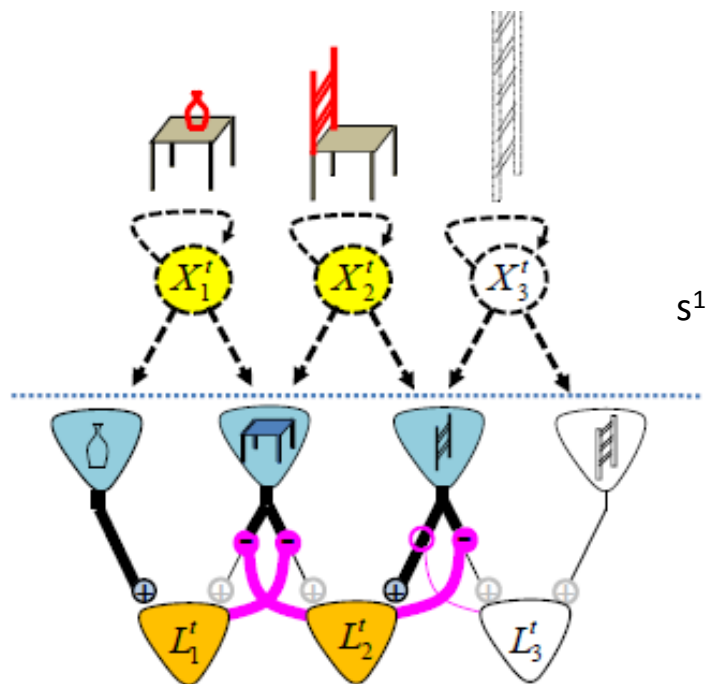


$$\frac{\partial L_j}{\partial t} = \varphi'(L_j) + \sum_i w_{ij}^t s_t^i$$

$$w_1^t = \log \left(\frac{q_o + q_1 + p(x_t^2 = 1 | \mathbf{s}) q_2}{q_o + p(x_t^2 = 1 | \mathbf{s}) q_2} \right)$$

Prediction by the context

Input targeted divisive inhibition (ITI)

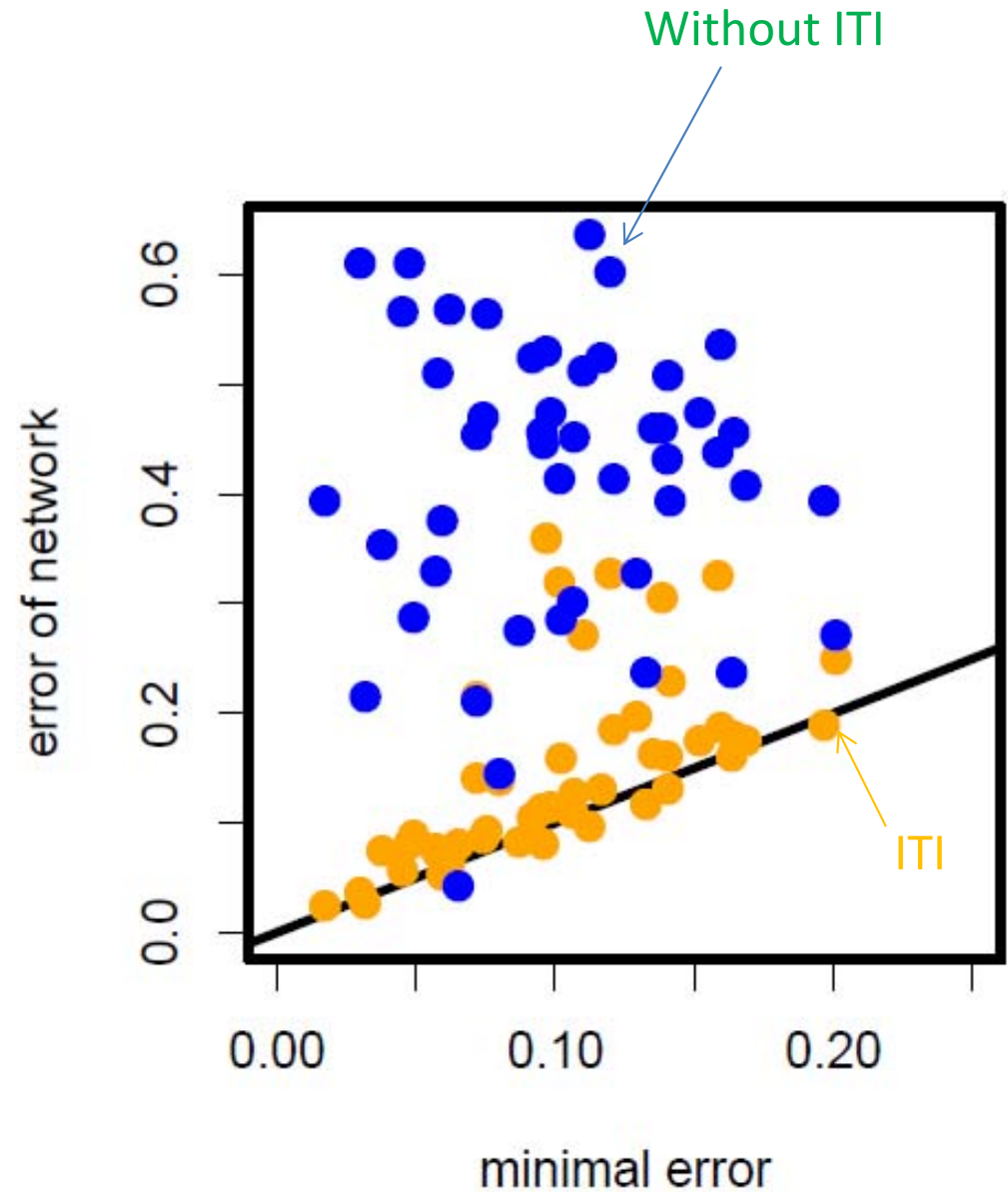
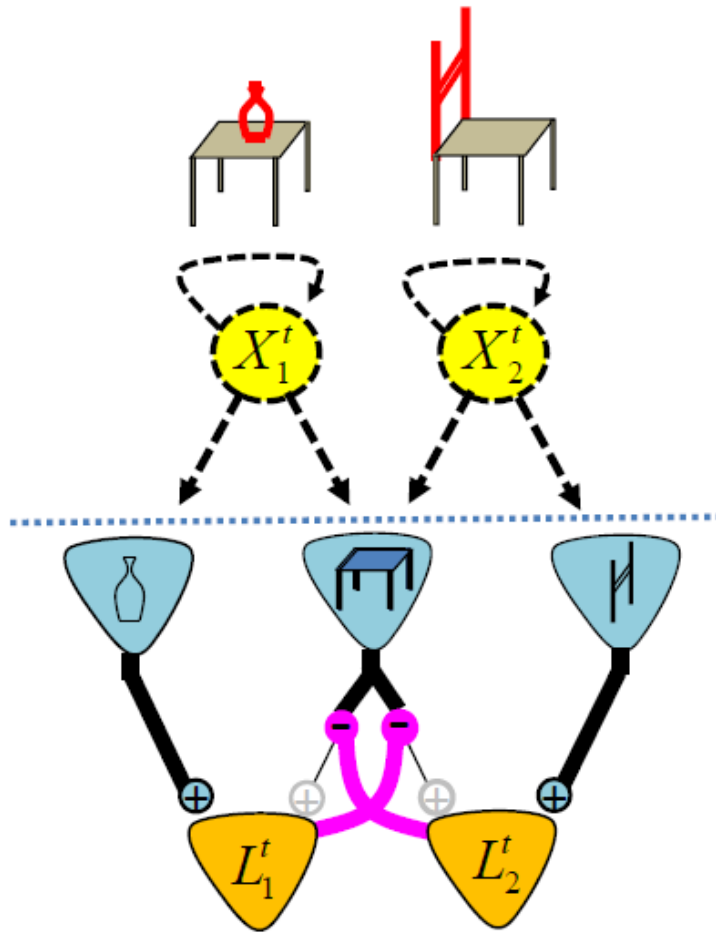


$$\frac{\partial L_j}{\partial t} = \varphi'(L_j) + \sum_i \frac{w_{ij}}{1 + \sum_{k \neq j} w_{ik} p_k(t)} s_t^i - \theta$$

Contextual prediction

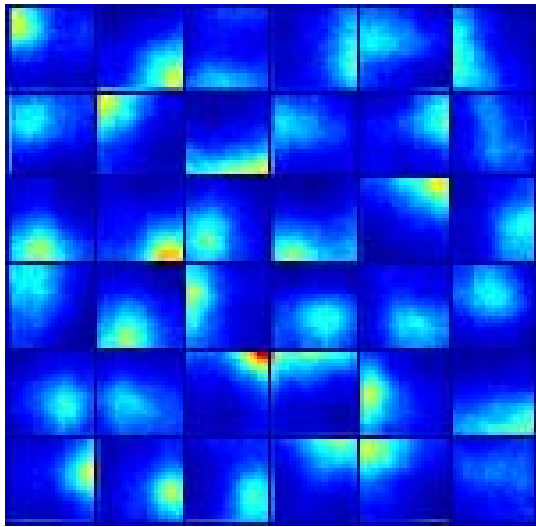
$$p_k(t) = \frac{e^{L_k}}{1 + e^{L_k}}$$

Importance of ITI for object detection



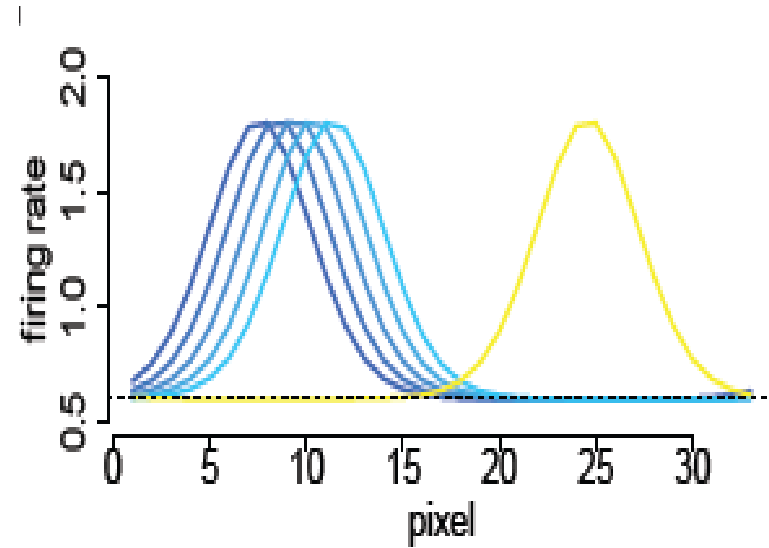
Implication for sensory receptive fields

Causal fields learnt from natural movies

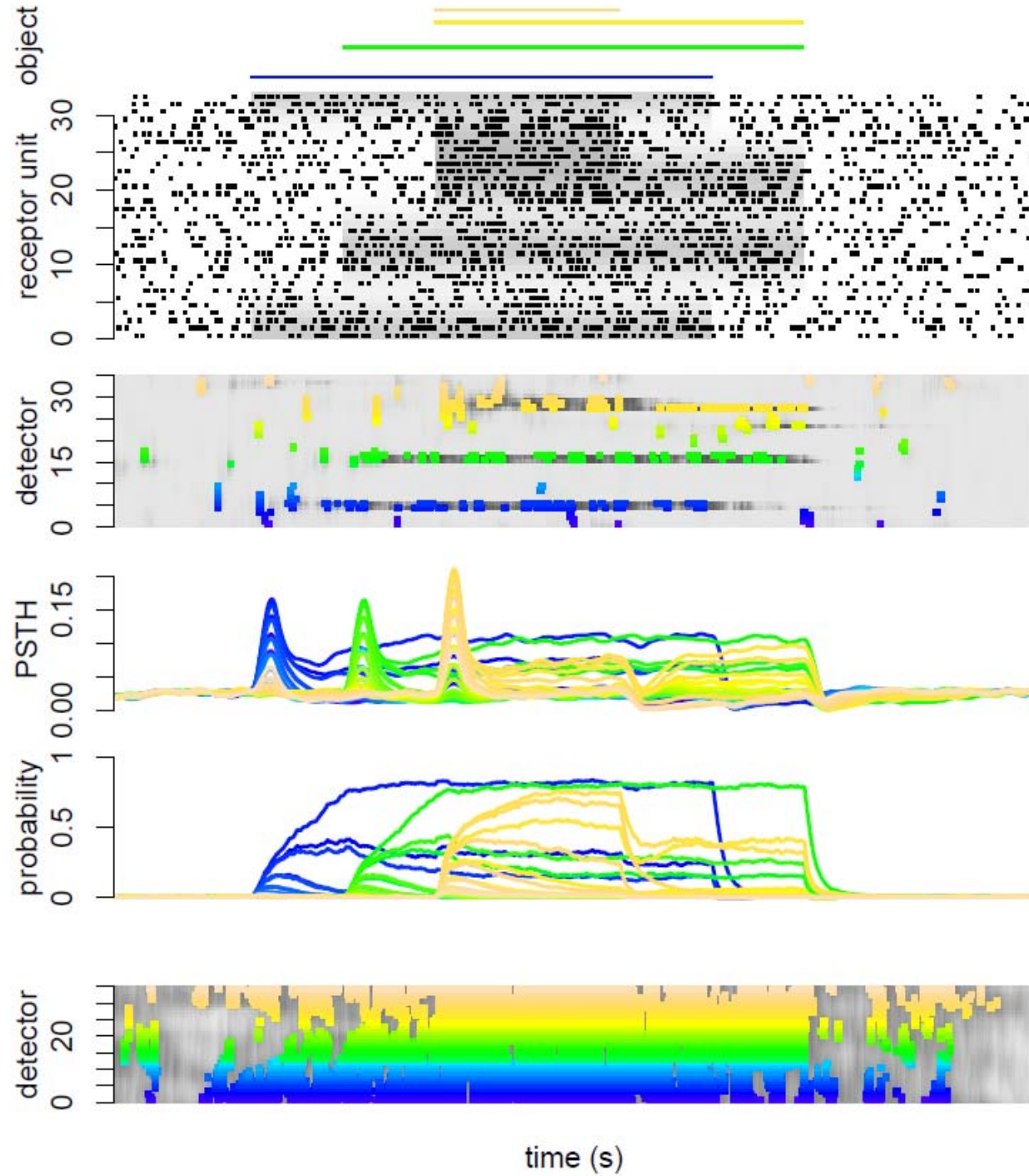
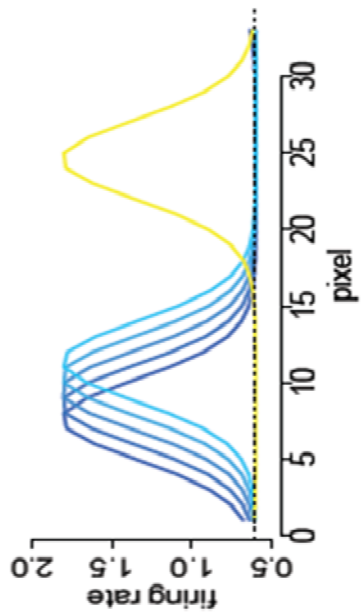


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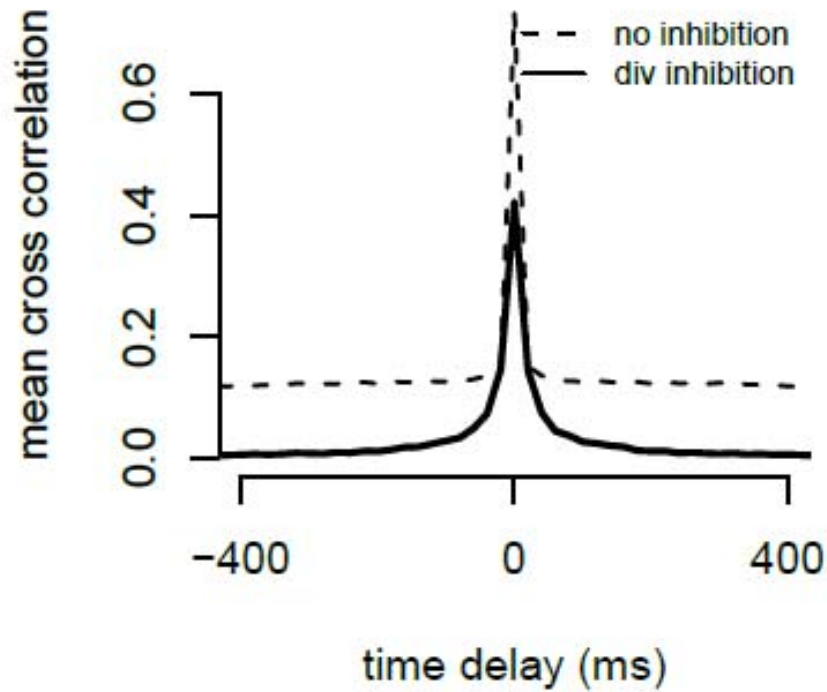
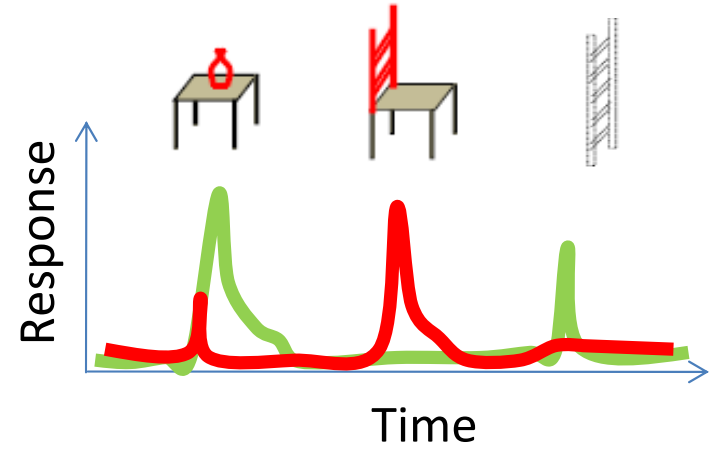
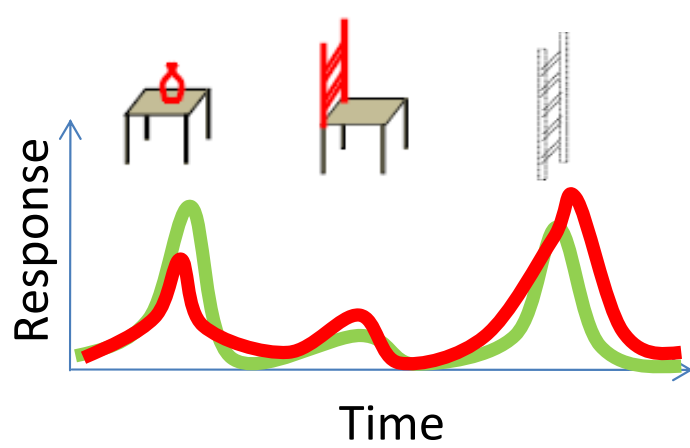
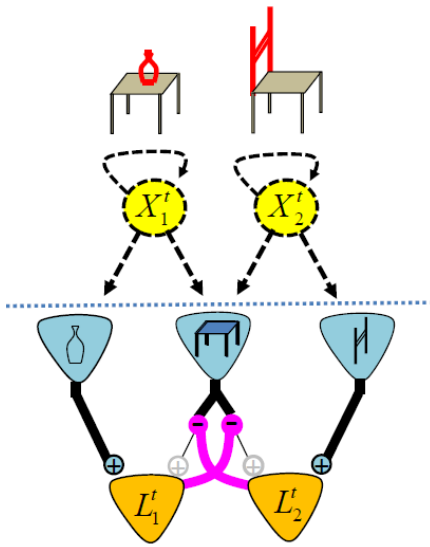
Model causal fields



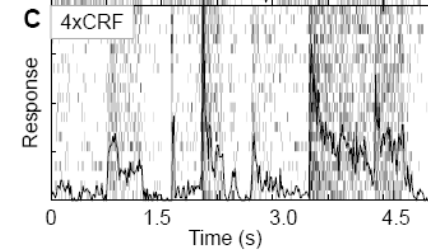
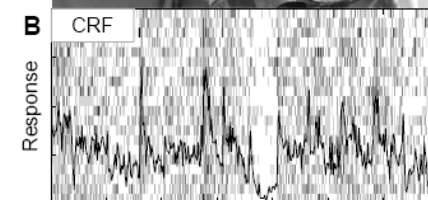
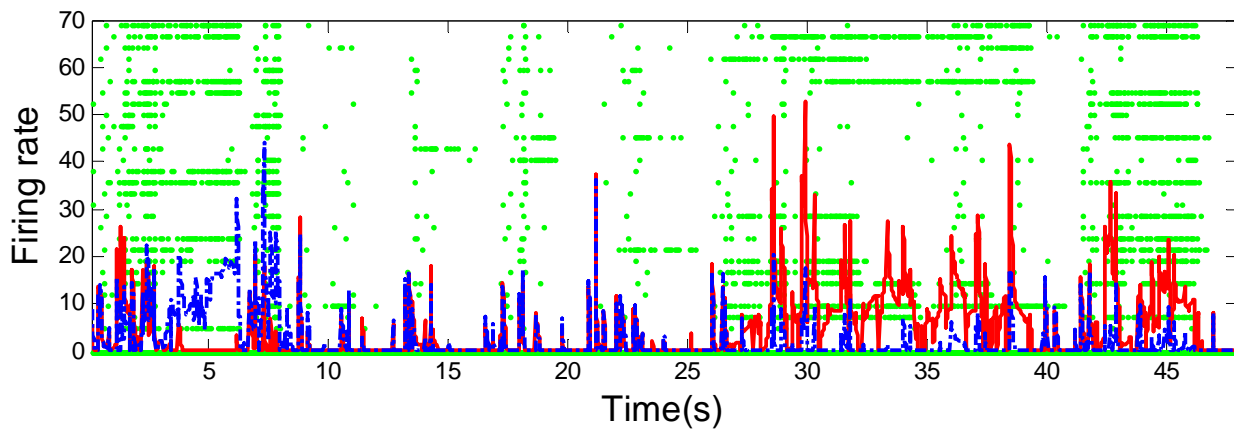
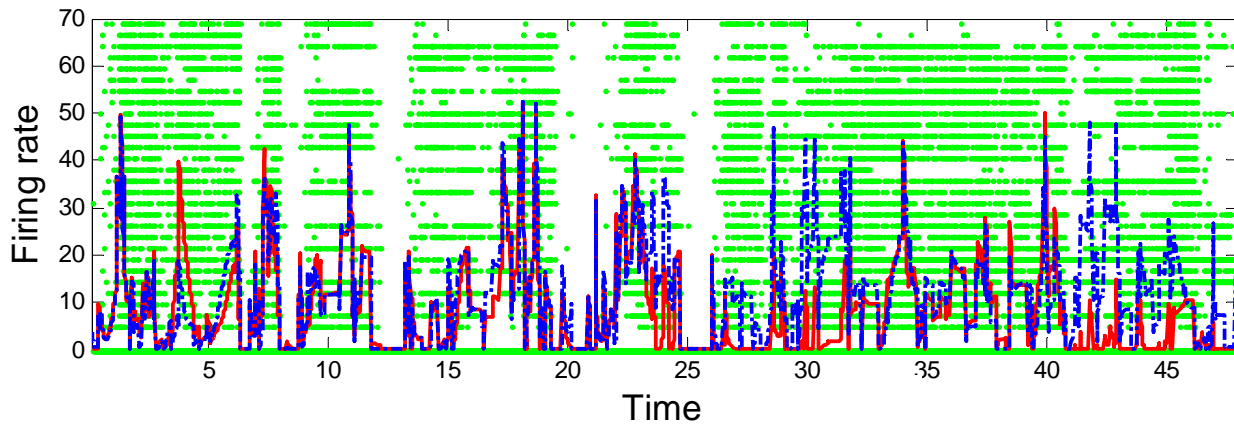
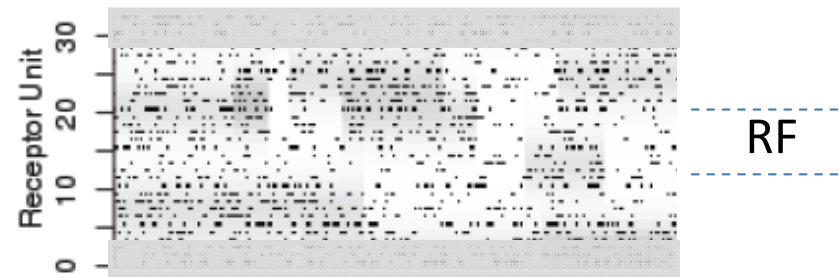
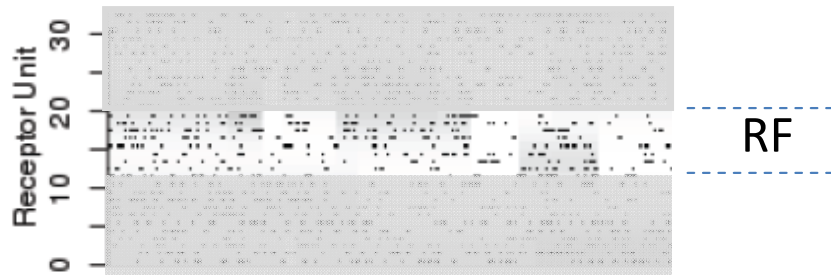
Response to natural scenes



Decorrelation of natural scenes

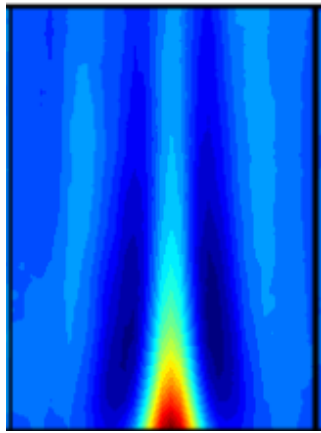


Selectivity relies on context from the entire scene

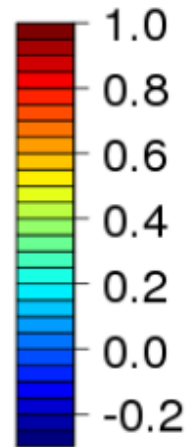
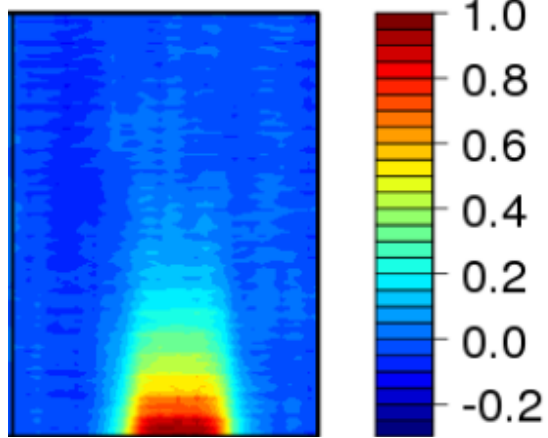


Coarse-to-fine changes in RF over time

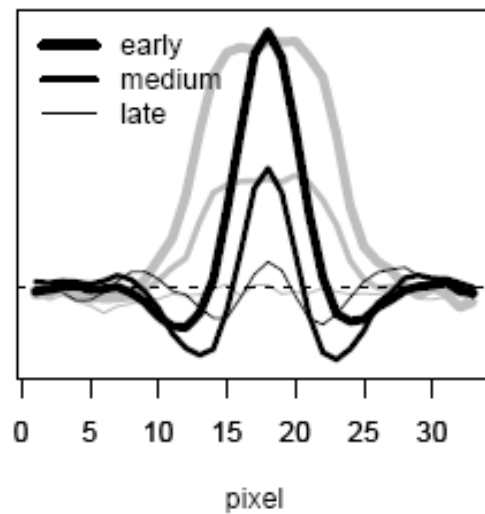
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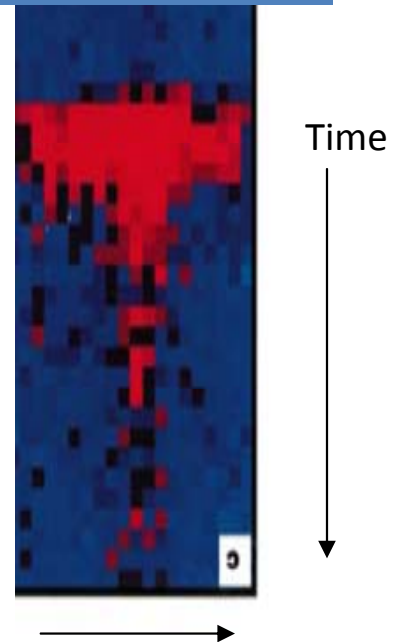
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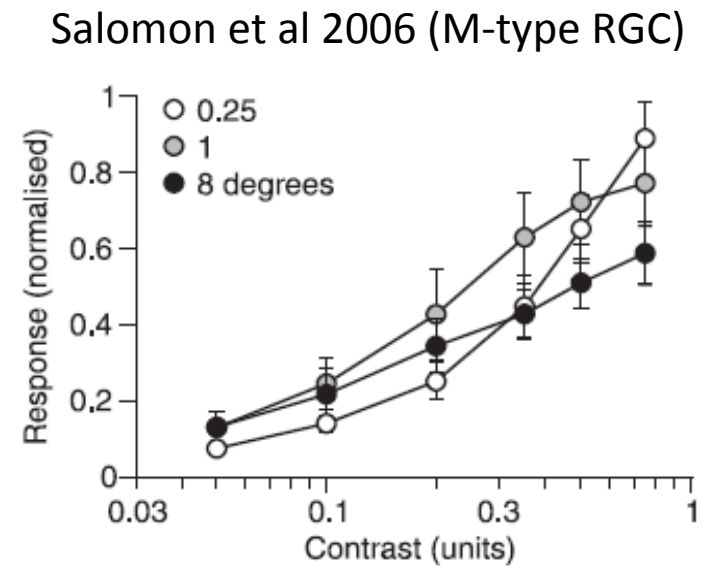
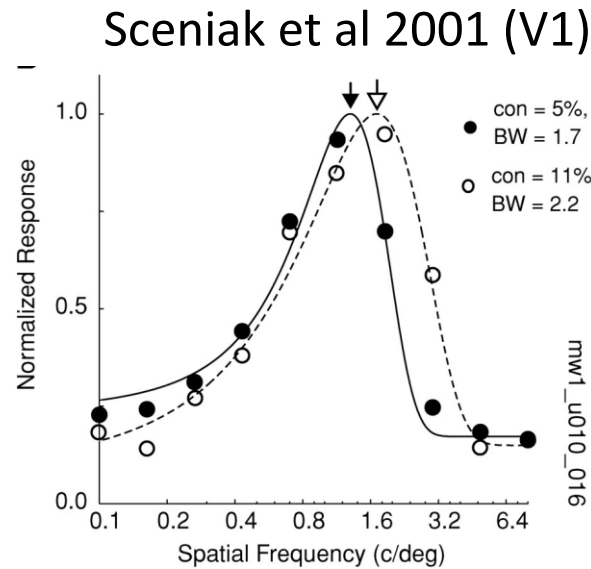
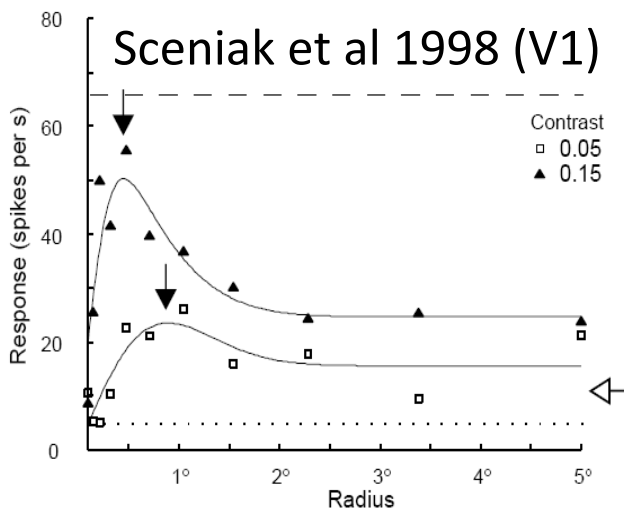
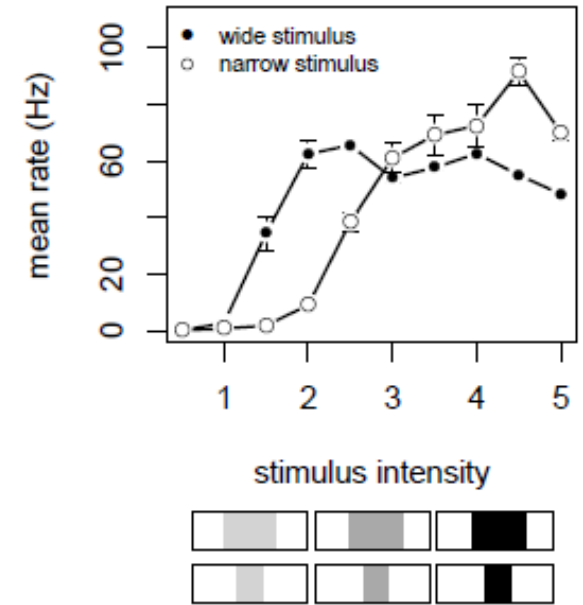
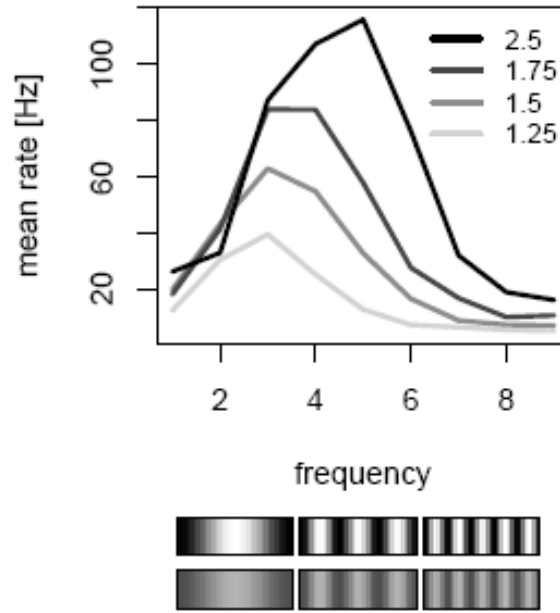
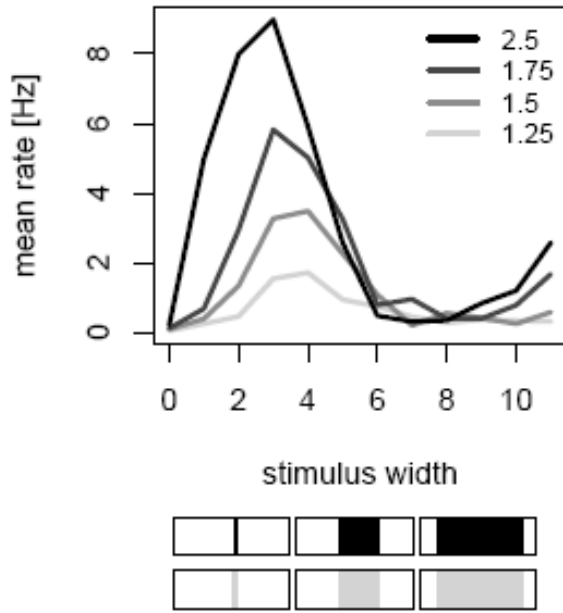
Ringach and Malone, 2006



Woergoetter et al 1998

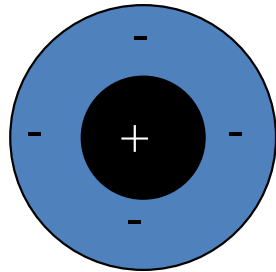


Coarse to fine changes as a function of input reliability



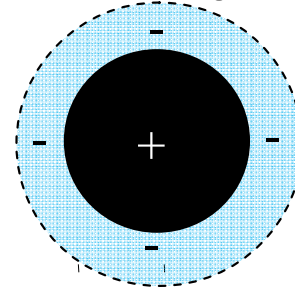
Coarse to fine changes as a function of input reliability

High contrast,
long integration



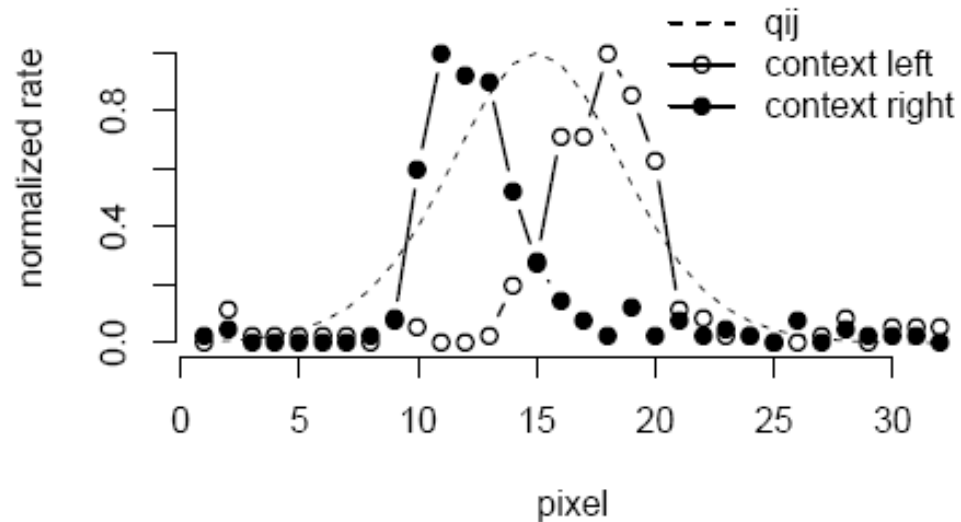
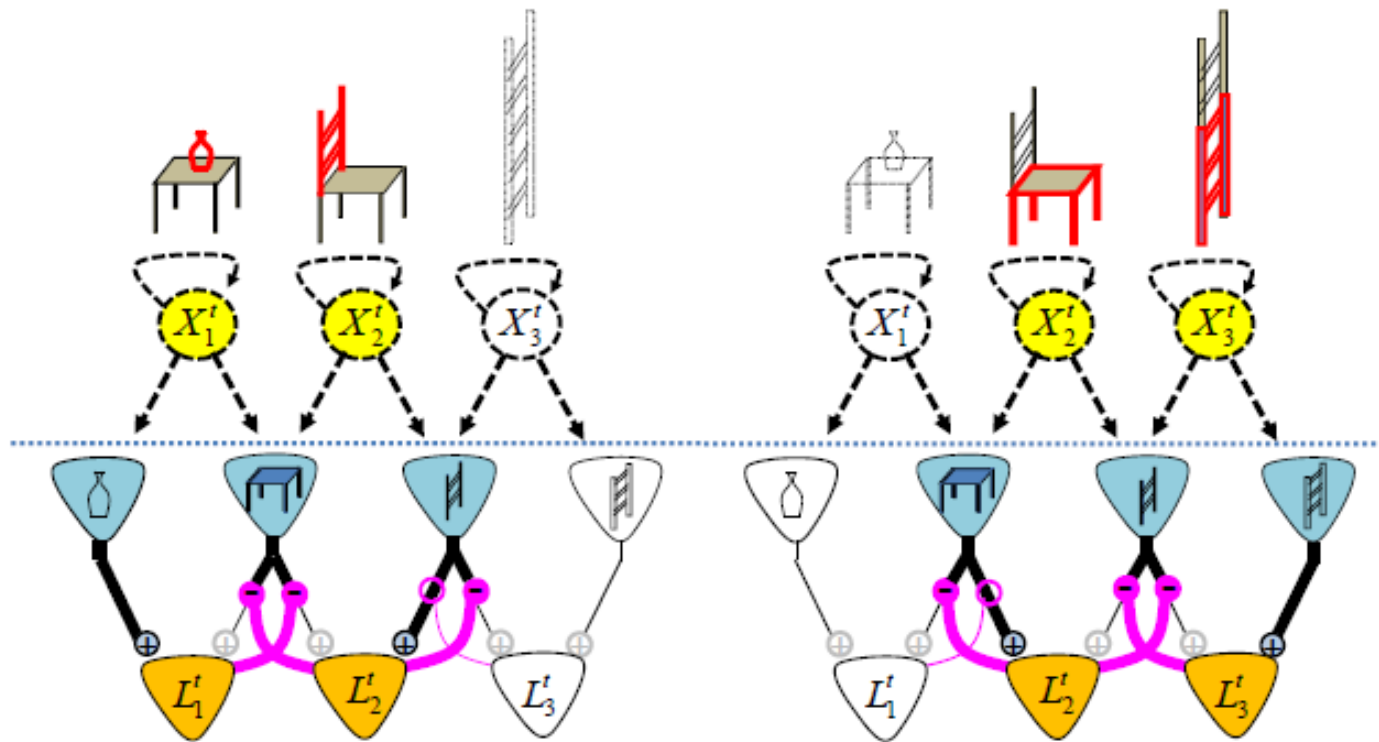
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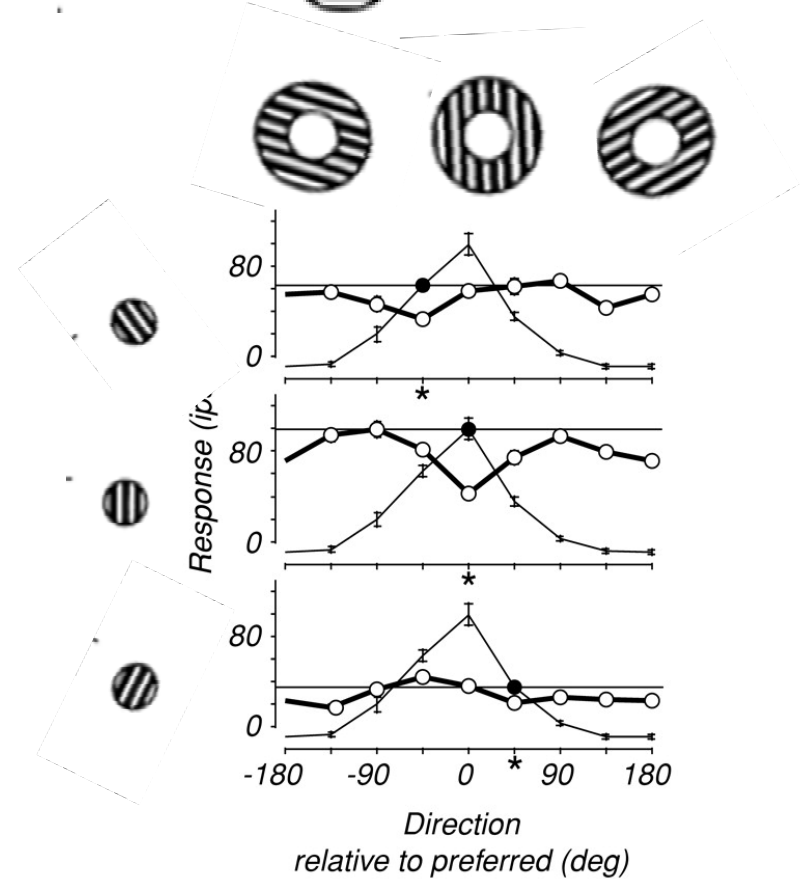
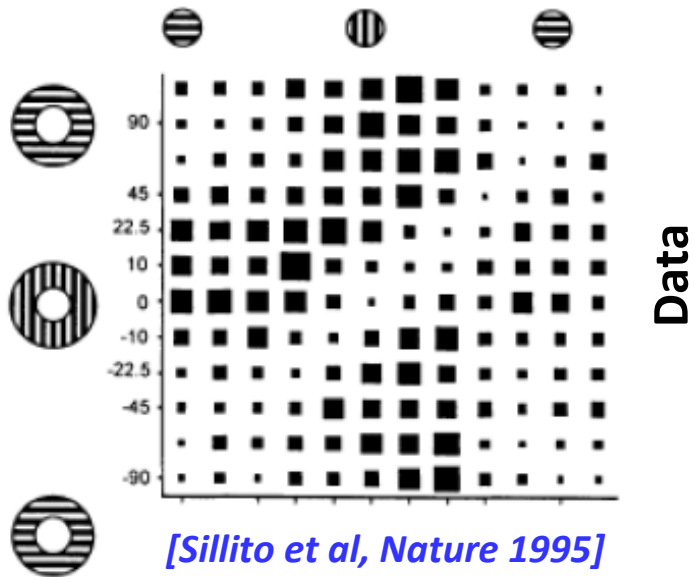
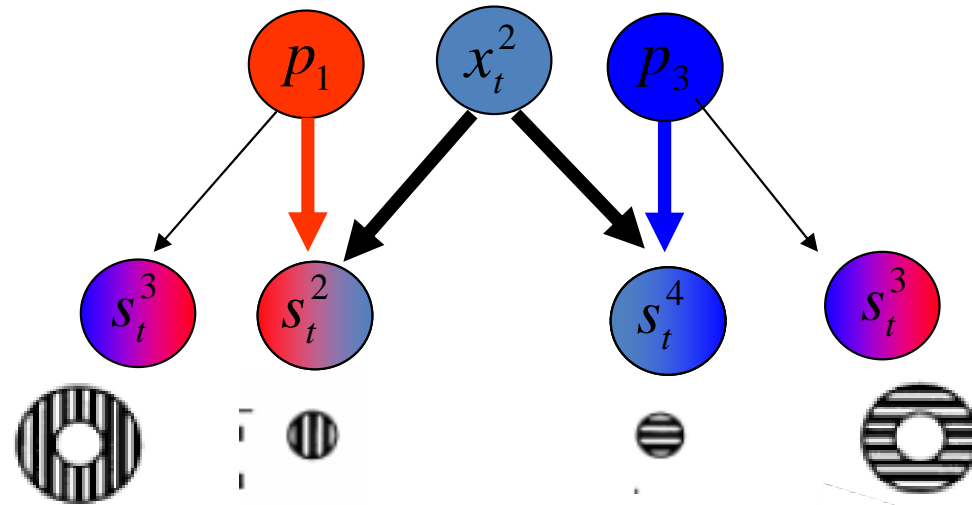


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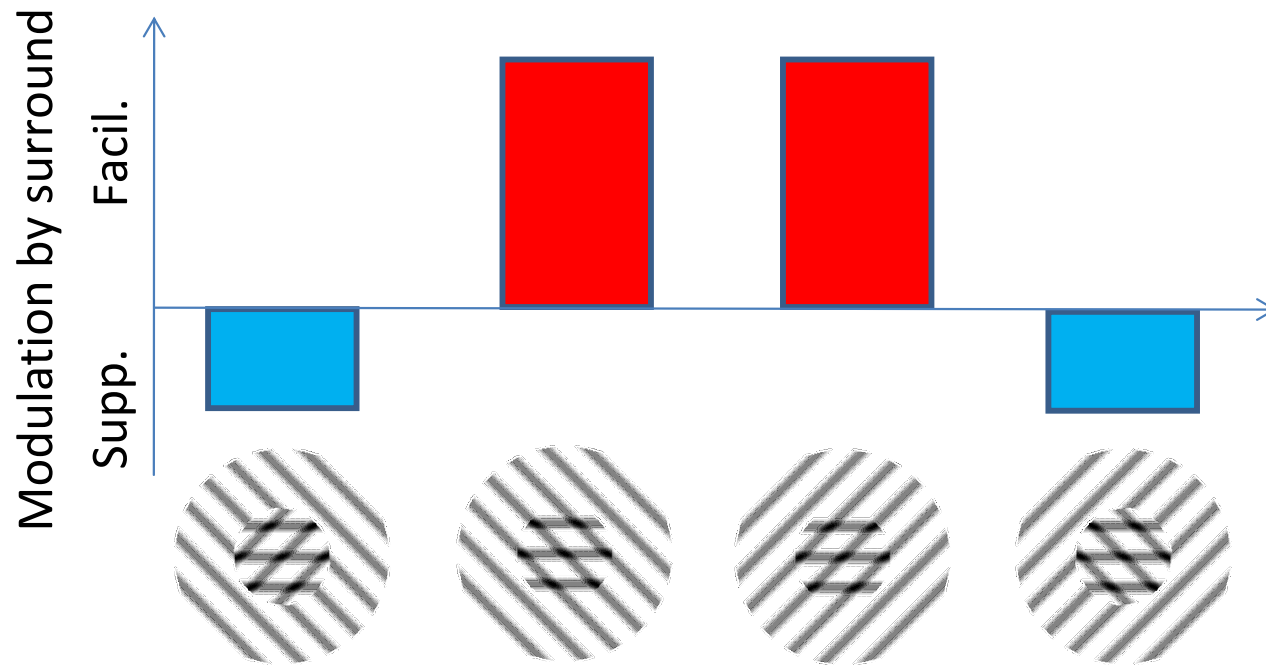
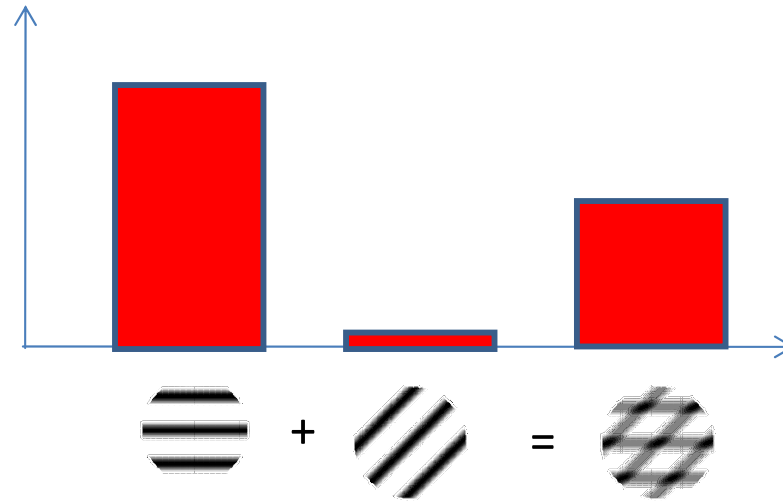
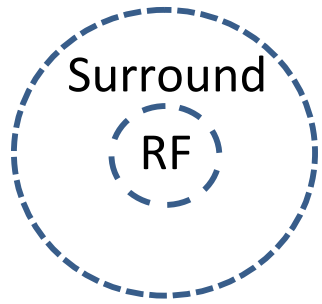
The surround reshapes the receptive field



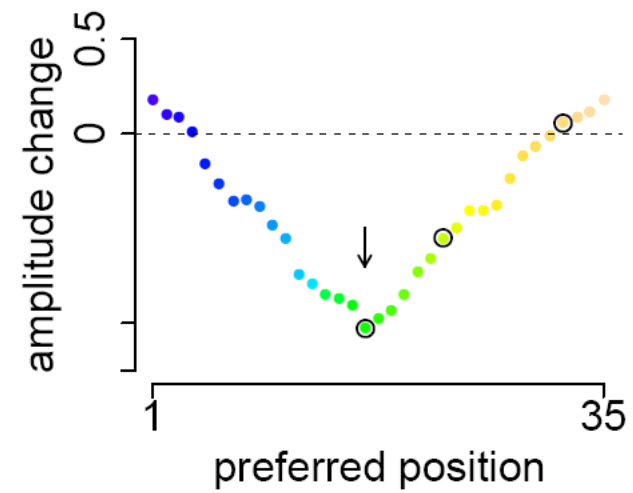
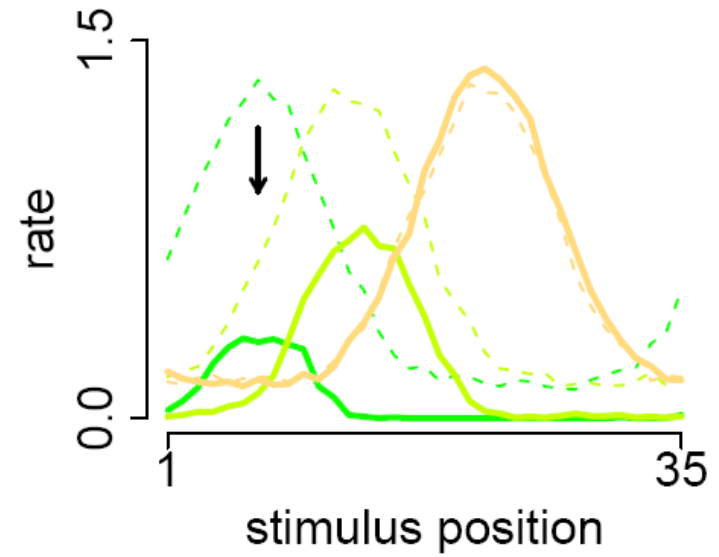
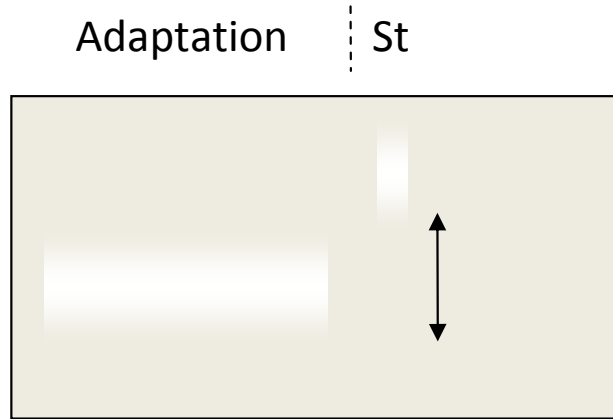
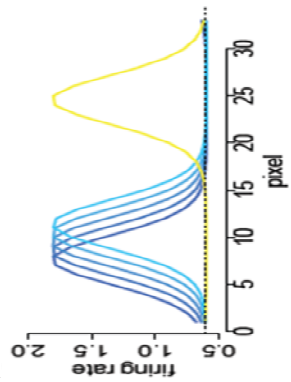
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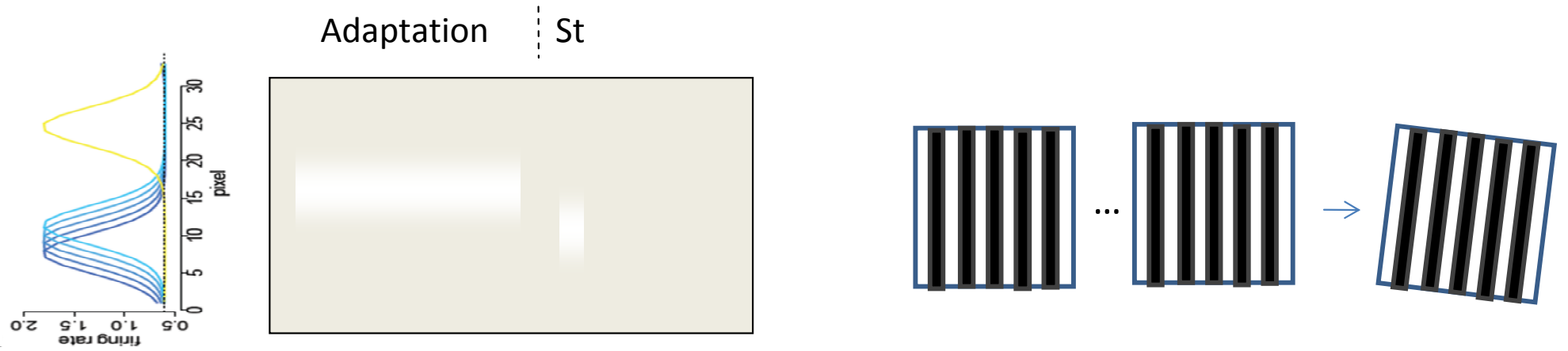
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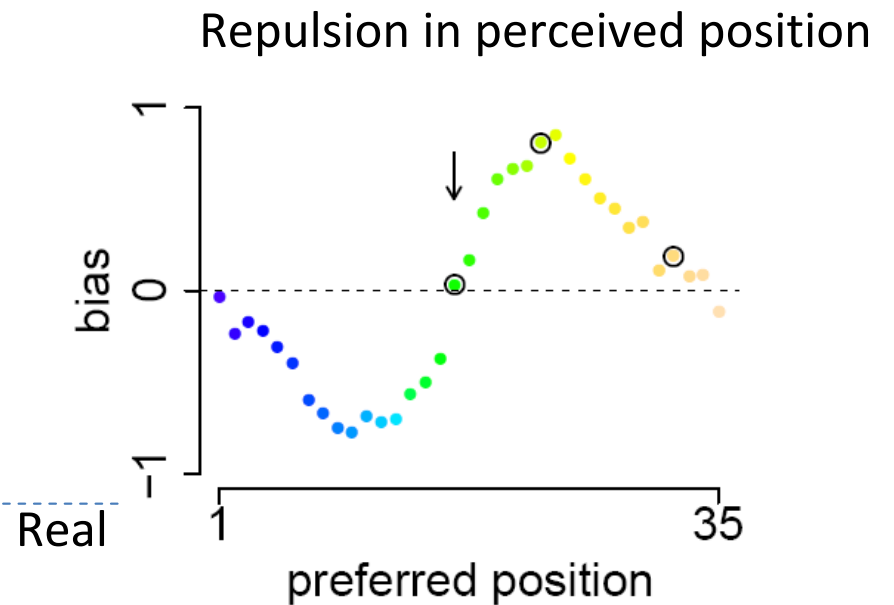
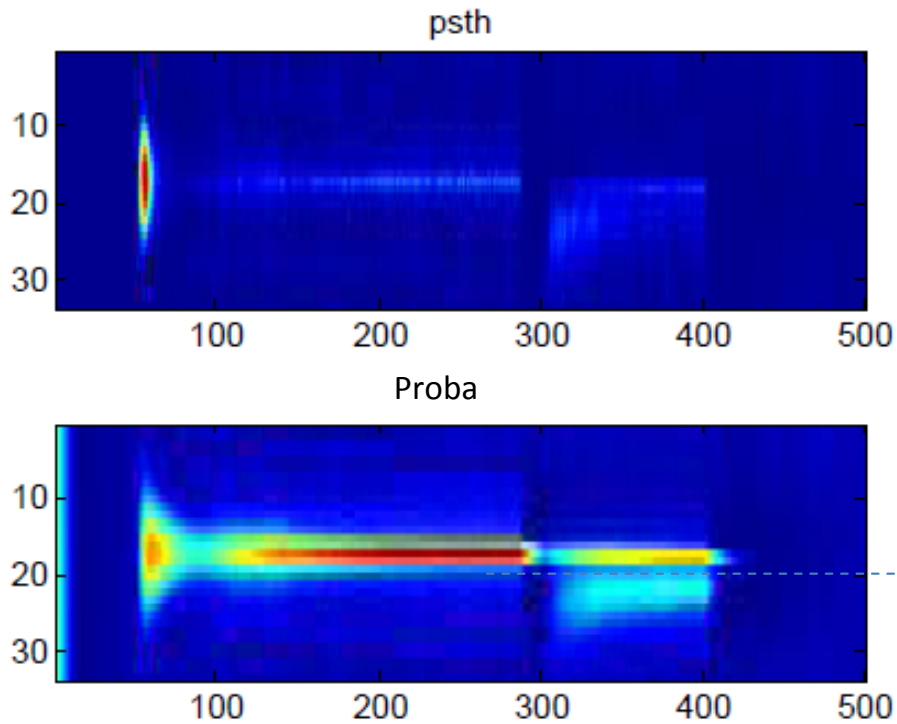
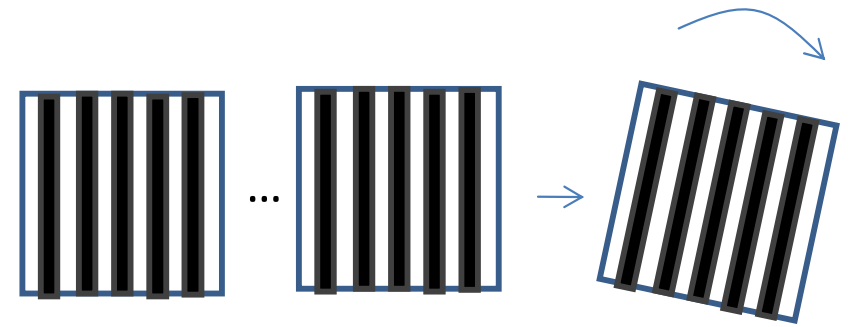
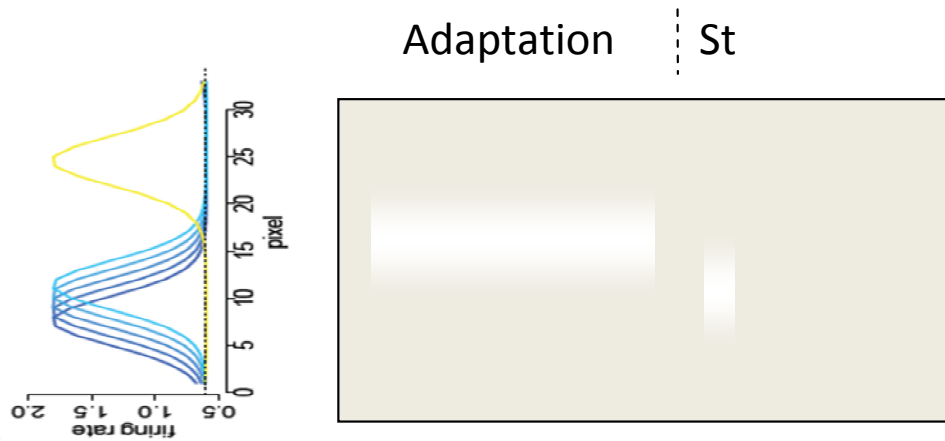
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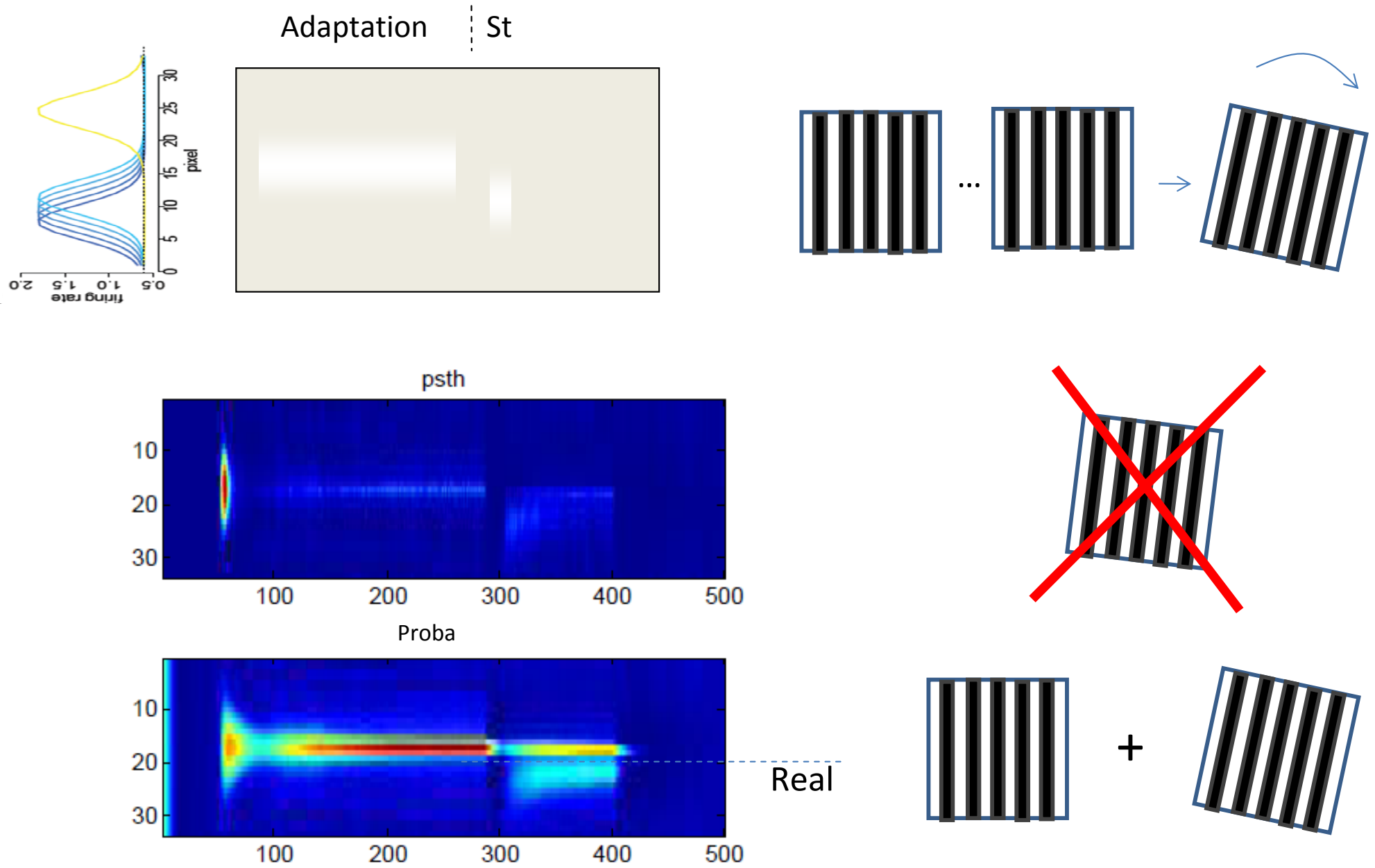
Effect of temporal surround: Perceptual bias away from adapted position



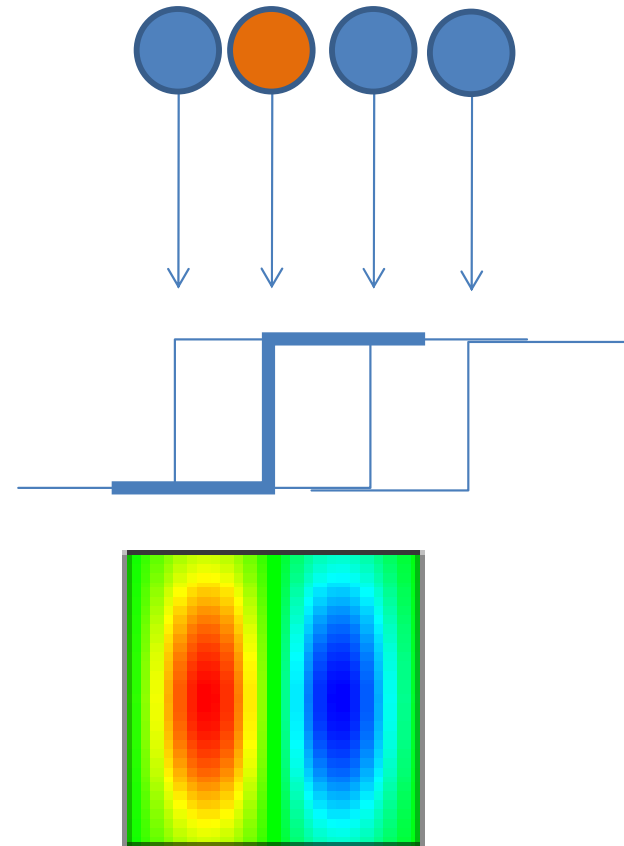
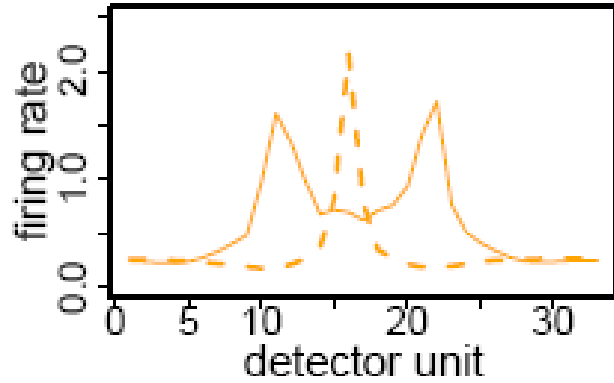
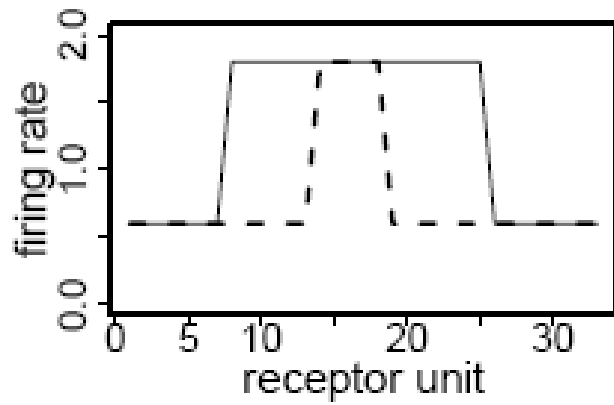
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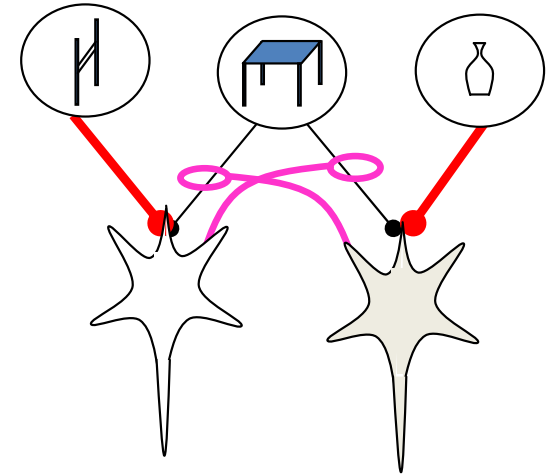
Sensory neurons do not represent local contrast or saliency or novelty



Predictive fields are invariant



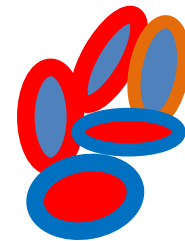
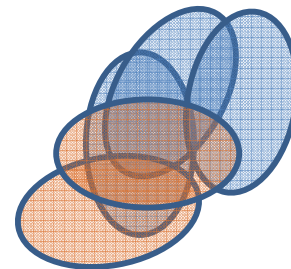
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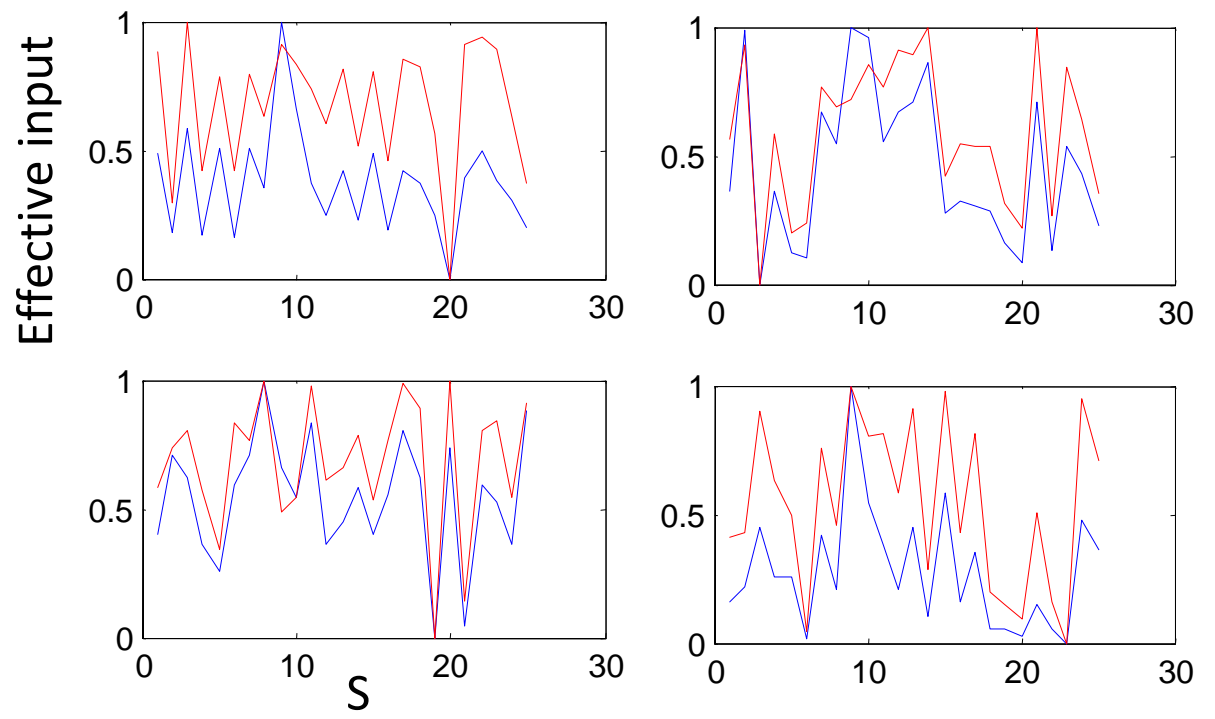
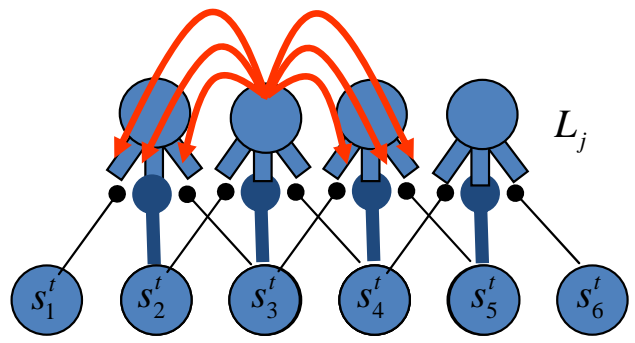
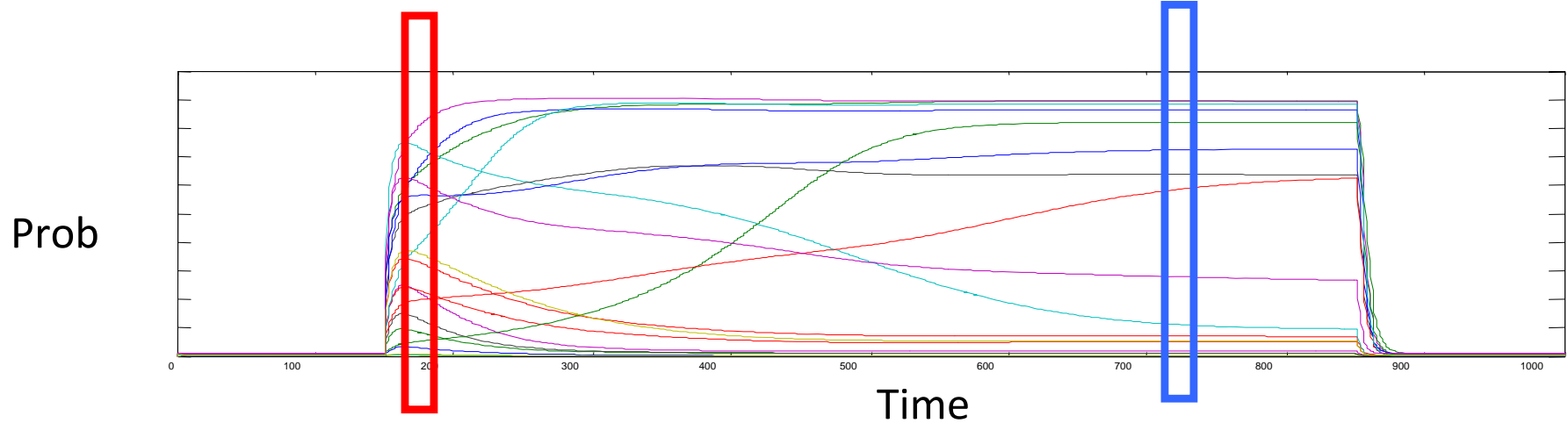
Receptive fields are defined by the context

Predictive fields

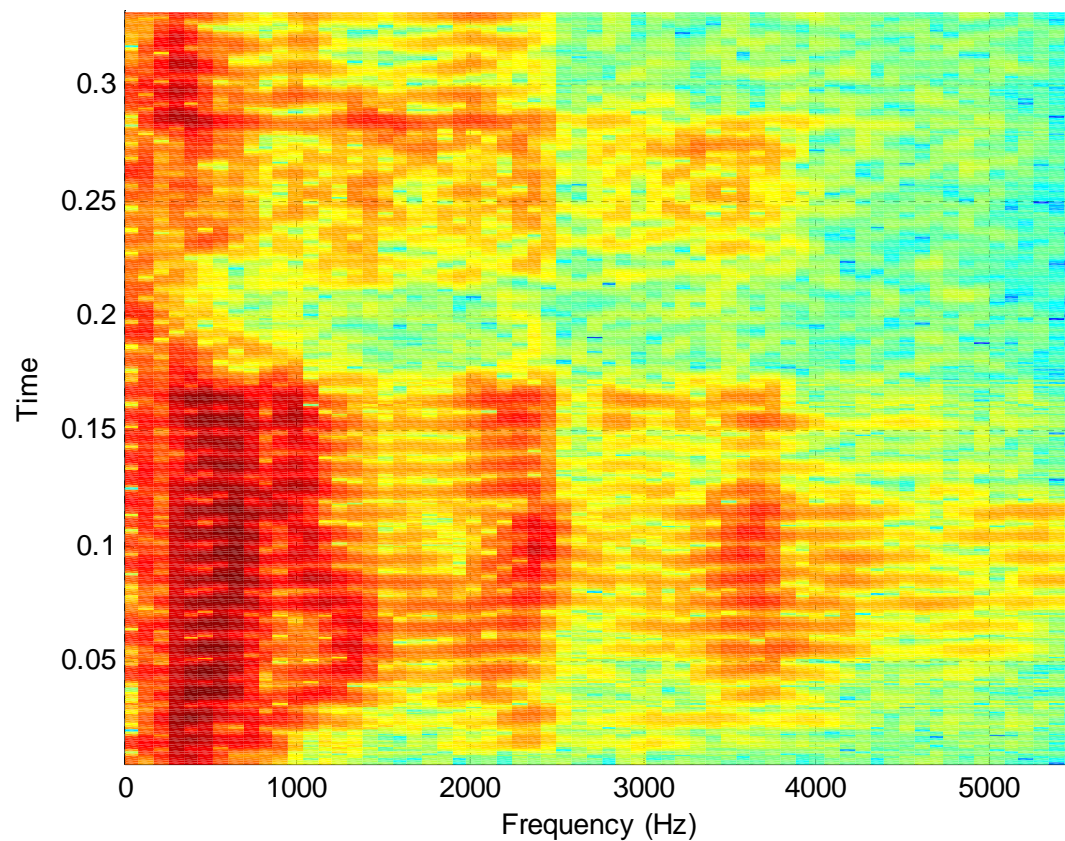
Receptive fields



Dynamic reshaping of receptive fields



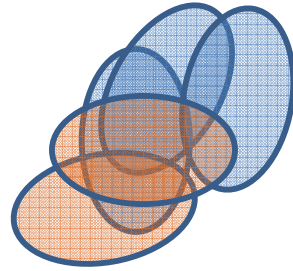
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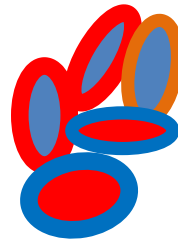
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How can we measure predictive fields?

Predictive fields

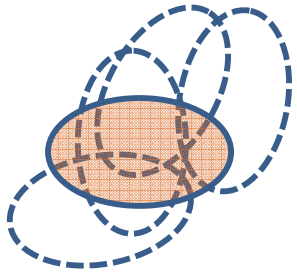


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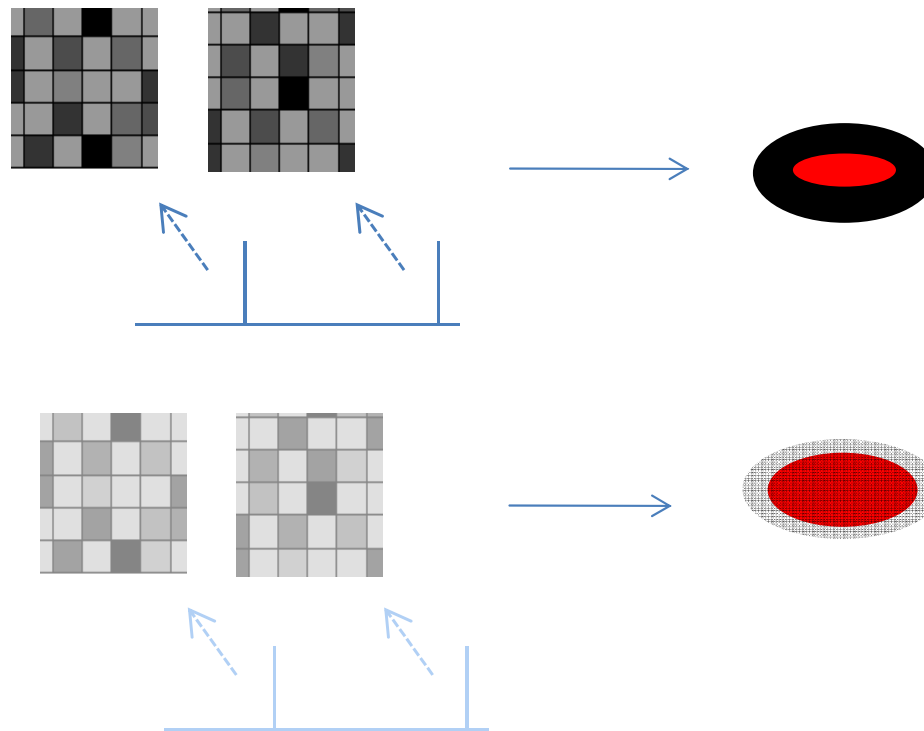


- Low Contrast, subthreshold, short stimuli rather than optimal, high contrast stimuli.
- Measuring subthreshold currents (Patch clamp)
- Selectivity of sustained responses.
- Fit multi-electrode recordings.

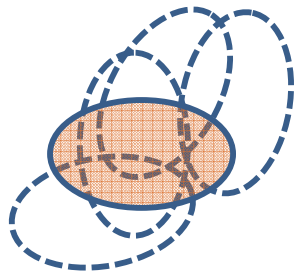
Using low contrast stimuli



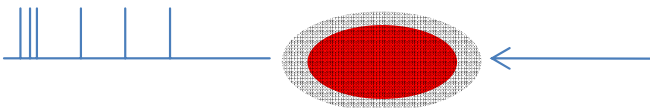
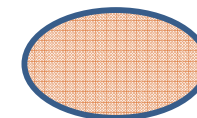
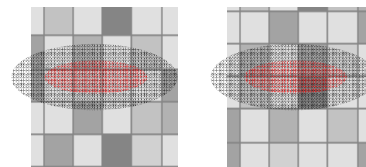
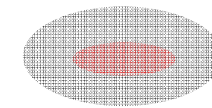
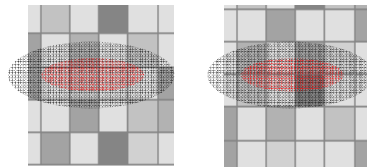
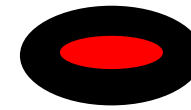
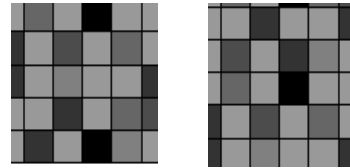
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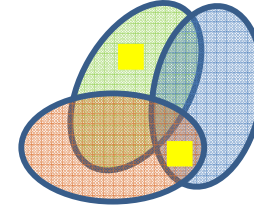
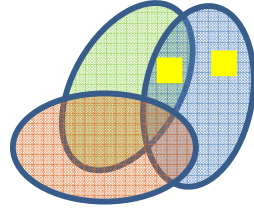
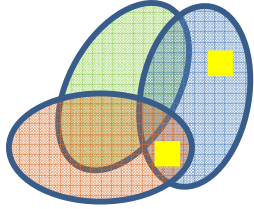
Recursive method for measuring predictive fields



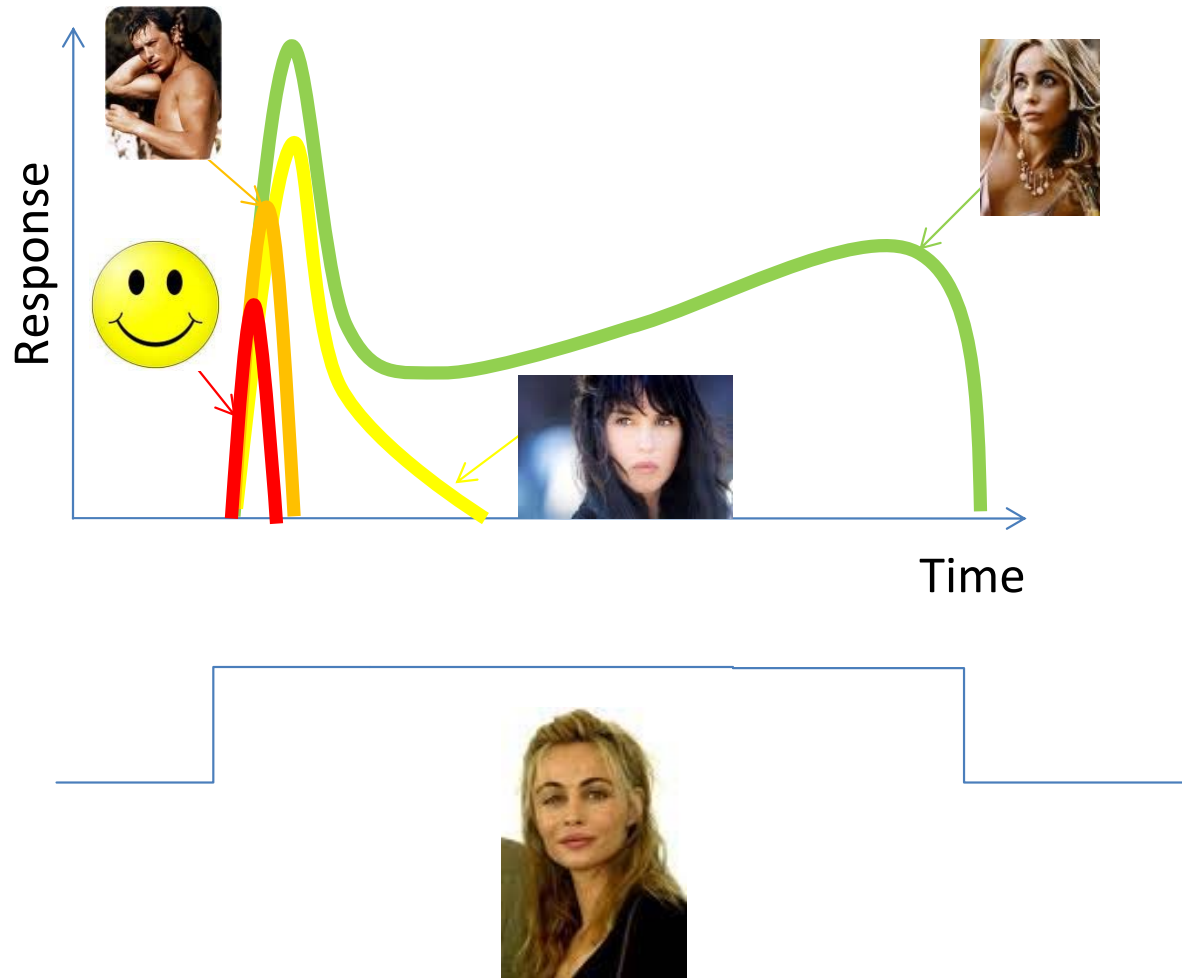
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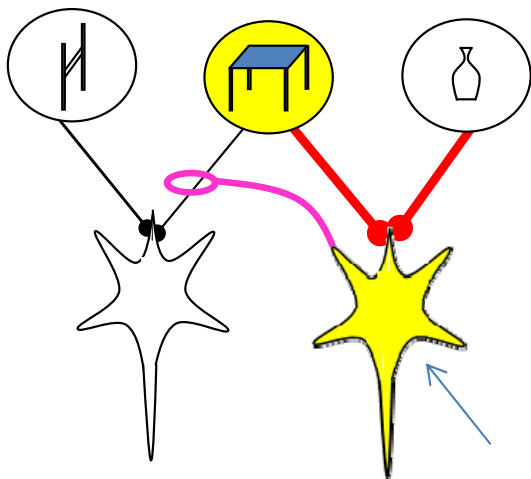
Multi-electrode recordings



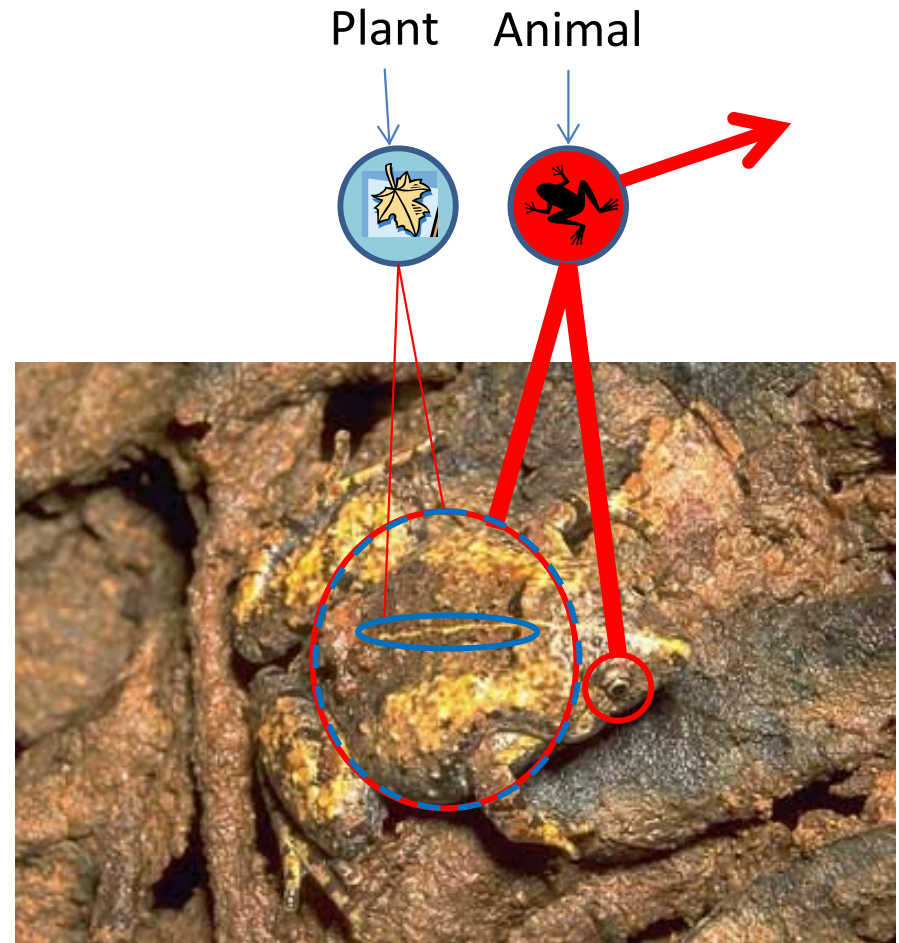
Sustained responses as signature of true selectivity



Expectations redirect sensory flows



Prior for table



Conclusion 2: Normative approach to neurophysiology

- Neural networks are mirror images of underlying causal world models.
- Contextual effects on RFs are signature of perceptual inference.
- Competition (lateral inhibition) is input selective and divisive.
- Perceptual inference is a collective, dynamical process in sensory networks.
- Selectivity of visual cells should be characterized by weak, near threshold stimuli (faint, low contrast, short, noisy) rather than optimal stimuli.
- Future directions: feedback, learning, neural basis of psychiatric disorders.

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