Modeling Adult Visual Function

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Surround modulation



Many types of contextual interactions are known

Surround modulation



Proposed model circuit



From Schwabe et al. (2006): **High-threshold** inhibitory interneurons Long-range excitatory lateral connections Long-range excitatory feedback connections

LESI circuit



From Law & Bednar (2006): **High-threshold** inhibitory interneurons Long-range excitatory lateral connections No feedback connections yet

Effective lateral inhibition



Excitatory activity

(Law & Bednar 2006)



Inhibitory activity

At high contrasts, the activity in the inhibitory sheet has wider radius than the activity in the excitatory sheet.

Result: Acts like Mexican-hat lateral interaction function, but using long-range excitatory connections.

Self-organization thus works as usual (since Hebbian learning is dominated by the high-contrast inputs), but circuitry is correct and low-contrast behavior can be correct.

Stable development

Standard LISSOM



Homeostatic no-shrinking laminar LISSOM

If the manual thresholds of standard LISSOM are replaced with homeostatic plasticity, excitatory radius shrinking can be eliminated. Result: map shape remains stable over time.

(Law & Bednar 2006)

The Tilt Aftereffect (TAE)



- Bias in orientation perception after prolonged exposure
- Allows model structure to be related to adult function

TAE in Humans and LISSOM



- Direct effect for small angles
- Indirect effect for larger angles

 Model perception: vector average of orientations

 Human, model match closely

TAE Adaptation in LISSOM

+

+

Adaptation

Direct

ndirect







10[°]

Histogram

difference

60[°]

- Adaptation: More inhibition, but no net change in perception
- Direct effect: More inhibition for angles <10°
 - Perception shifts from 10 to 14°
- Indirect effect: Less inhibition for angles <60°
 - Perception shifts from 60 to 58°

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Input

McCollough effect test pattern



Before adaptation, this pattern should appear monochrome

Adaptation pattern



Stare alternately at the two patterns for 3 minutes, moving your gaze to avoid developing strong afterimages

McCollough effect



(McCollough 1965)

After adaptation:

- Vertical bars should be slightly magenta
- Horizontal bars should be slightly green
- The effect should reverse if you tilt your head 90° , and disappear if you tilt 45° .

McCollough effect: data



 Effect measured in humans at each angle between adaptation and test

 Strength falls off smoothly with angle



-andisman & Ts'o 2002)



LISSOM Color V1 Model



- Input: RGB images
- Decomposed into Red, Green channels (no blue in central fovea, Calkins 2001)
- Processed by color opponent retinal ganglia

LISSOM OR + Color map



- Orientation map similar to animal maps
- Color-selective cells occur in blobs
- Each blob prefers either red or green

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Calculating McCollough Effect

- Perceived color estimated as a vector average of all units
- Vector direction: + for red-selective units, for green-selective units
- Weighted by activation level and amount of color selectivity

Result is a number from extreme red (positive) to extreme green (negative), with approximately 0 being monochrome.

Model McCollough Effect



Compared with human



Summary

- LISSOM can be compatible with actual circuit
- May explain surround modulation
- Afteffects arise from Hebbian adaptation of lateral inhibitory connections
- The same self-organizing processes can drive both development and adaptation: both structure and function
- Novel prediction: Indirect effect due to weight normalization

McCollough Effect



Is the effect still present?

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