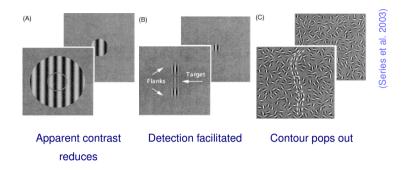
### **Modeling Adult Visual Function**

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## **Surround modulation**

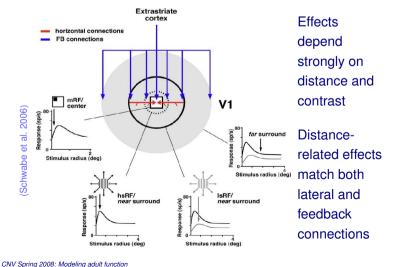


Many types of contextual interactions are known

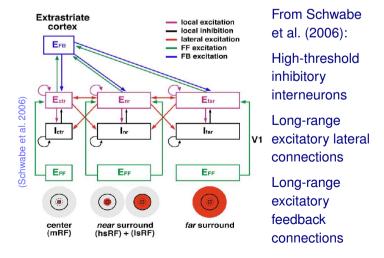
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#### **Surround modulation**



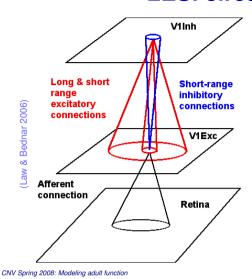
### **Proposed model circuit**



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#### **LESI** circuit



From Law & Bednar (2006):

High-threshold inhibitory interneurons

Long-range excitatory lateral connections

No feedback connections yet

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#### **Effective lateral inhibition**



**Excitatory activity** 



Inhibitory activity

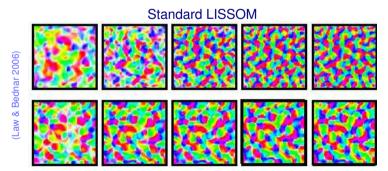
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At high contrasts, the activity in the inhibitory sheet has wider radius than the activity in the excitatory sheet.

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.

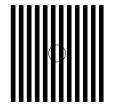
## **Stable development**



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.

#### The Tilt Aftereffect (TAE)



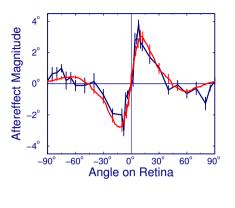




- Bias in orientation perception after prolonged exposure
- Allows model structure to be related to adult function

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#### **TAE in Humans and LISSOM**



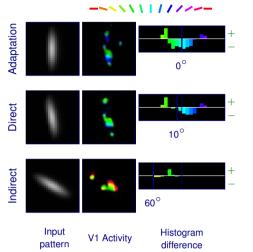
Mitchell & Muir 1976

HLISSOM

- Direct effect for small angles
- Indirect effect for larger angles
- Model perception: vector average of orientations
- Human, model match closely

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### **TAE Adaptation in LISSOM**

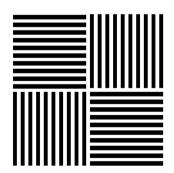


- Adaptation: More inhibition, but no net change in perception
- Direct effect: More inhibition for angles <10°
  - Perception shifts from 10 to 14°
- Indirect effect: Less inhibition for angles < 60°
  - Perception shifts from 60 to 58°

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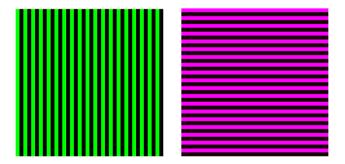
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## McCollough effect test pattern



Before adaptation, this pattern should appear monochrome

## **Adaptation pattern**

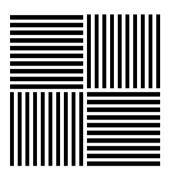


Stare alternately at the two patterns for 3 minutes, moving your gaze to avoid developing strong afterimages

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#### **McCollough effect**



(McCollough 1965)

After adaptation:

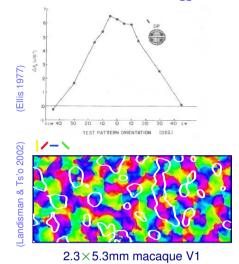
- Vertical bars should be slightly magenta
- Horizontal bars should be slightly green
- The effect should reverse if you tilt your head 90°, and disappear if you tilt 45°.

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#### McCollough effect: data



- Effect measured in humans at each angle between adaptation and test
- Strength falls off smoothly with angle
- V1 is earliest possible substrate

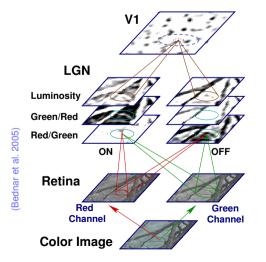
   first area showing

  OR selectivity; has color map

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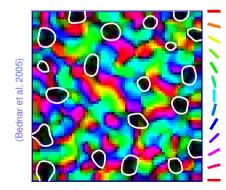
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#### **LISSOM Color V1 Model**



- 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

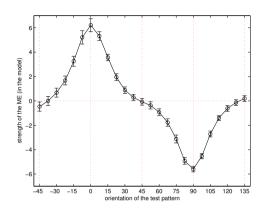
Result is a number from extreme red (positive) to extreme green (negative), with approximately 0 being monochrome.

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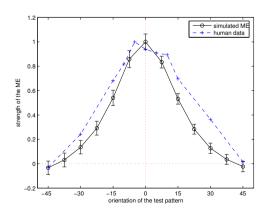
### **Model McCollough Effect**



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# **Compared with human**

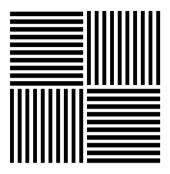


#### **Summary**

- LISSOM can be compatible with actual circuit
- May explain surround modulation
- Afterfects 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

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#### **McCollough Effect**



Is the effect still present?

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