

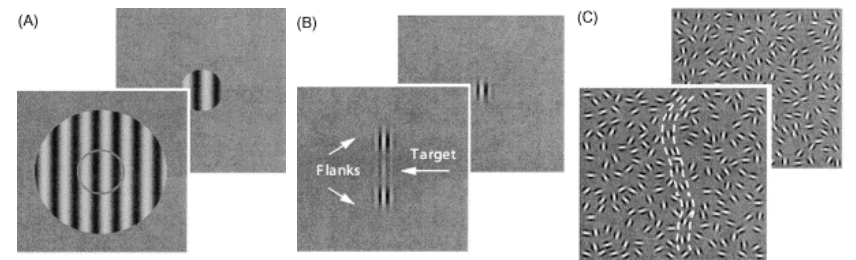
# Modeling Adult Visual Function

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# Surround modulation



Apparent contrast  
reduces

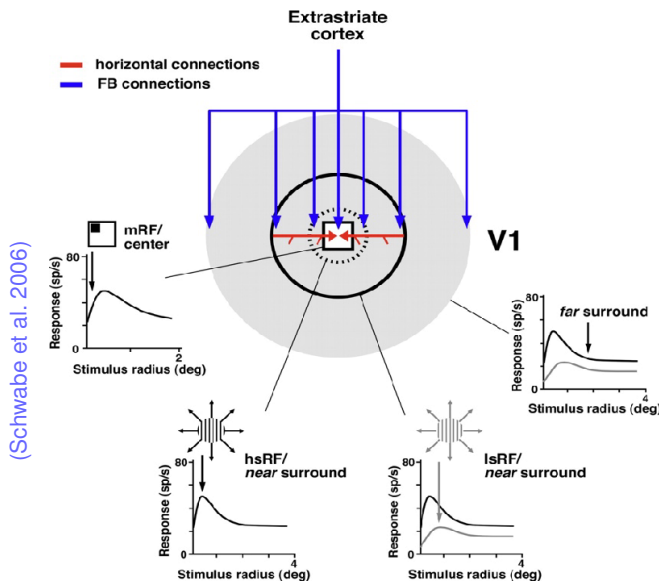
Detection facilitated or  
inhibited

Contour pops out

Many types of contextual interactions are known

(Series et al. 2003)

# Surround modulation

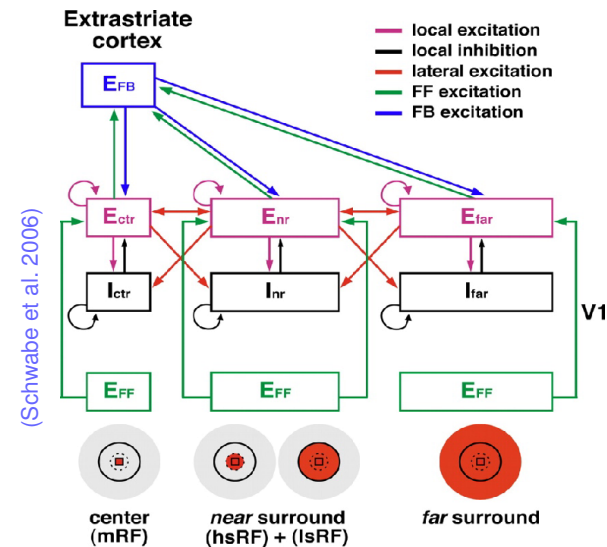


(Schwabe et al. 2006)

Effects depend strongly on contrast (Hirsch & Gilbert 1991), (Weliky et al. 1995) and on distance (Angelucci & Bressloff 2006)

Distance-related effects match both lateral and feedback connections

# Proposed model circuit



(Schwabe et al. 2006)

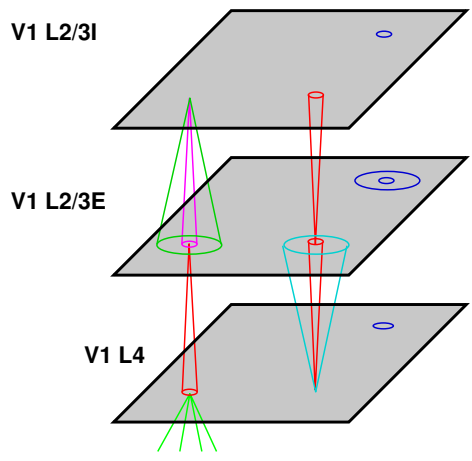
From Schwabe et al. (2006):

High-threshold inhibitory interneurons

Long-range excitatory lateral connections

Long-range excitatory feedback connections

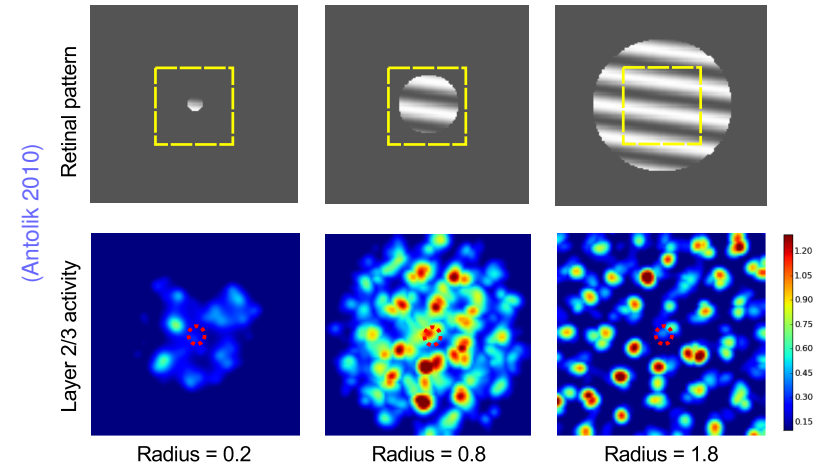
# GCAL-based SM model



- GCAL-based circuit for surround modulation
- Separate inhibitory interneurons
- Long-range excitatory lateral connections
- Separate simple and complex cell layers
- No feedback connections; not published yet (Philipp Rudiger)

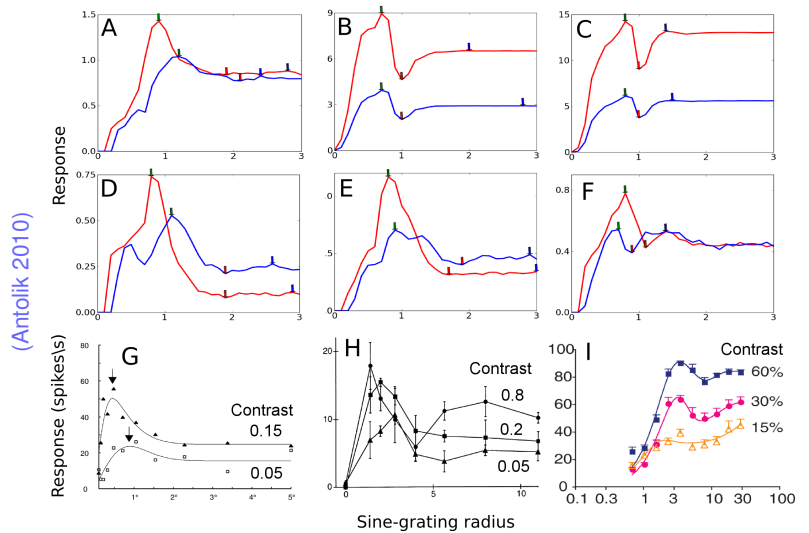
(Antolik 2010; Antolik & Bednar 2015)

# SM model size tuning



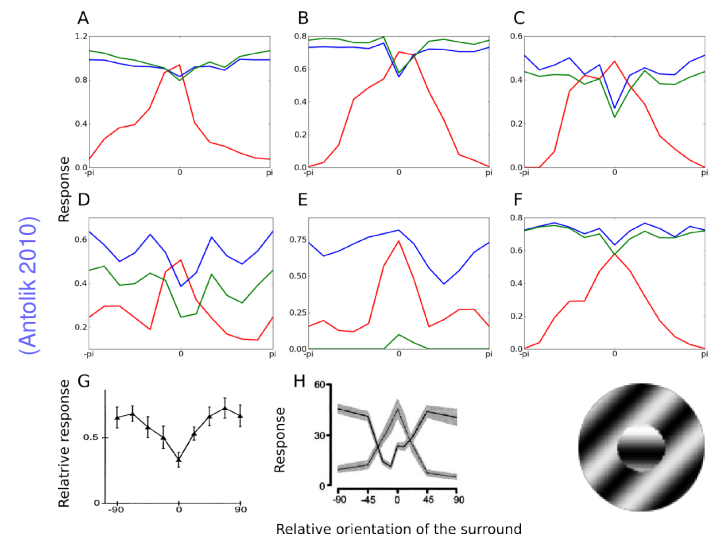
Single-unit response to larger patterns typically increases, then decreases as inhibition is recruited

# Diversity in size tuning



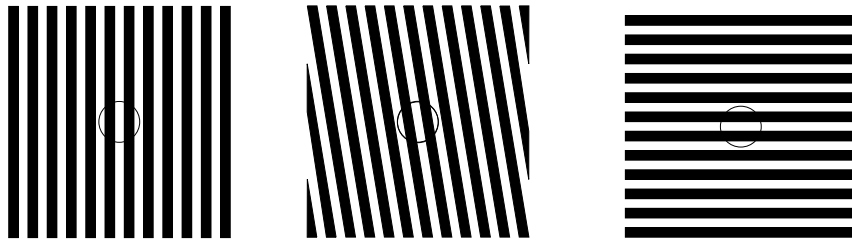
Model matches both typical and unusual size tuning responses

# Diversity in OCTC tuning



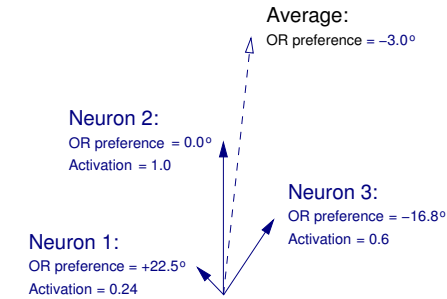
Model matches both typical and unusual orientation-contrast tuning types

# The Tilt Aftereffect (TAE)



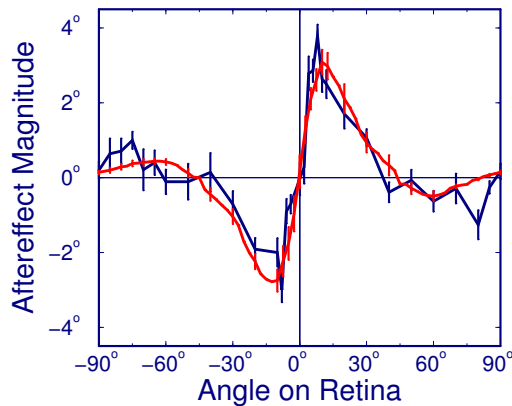
- Bias in orientation perception after prolonged exposure
- Allows model structure to be related to adult function
- Classic explanation: “fatigue” – activated neurons get tired, shifting the population average away

# Measuring perceived orientation



- Assumption: perception based on population average
- Vector average good for cyclic quantities
- Use average to decode perception, before and after adaptation

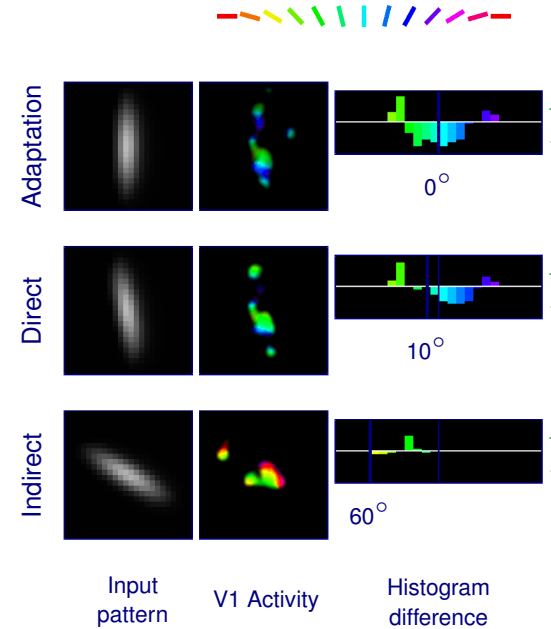
# TAE in Humans and LISSOM



■ Mitchell & Muir 1976  
 ■ HLISSOM

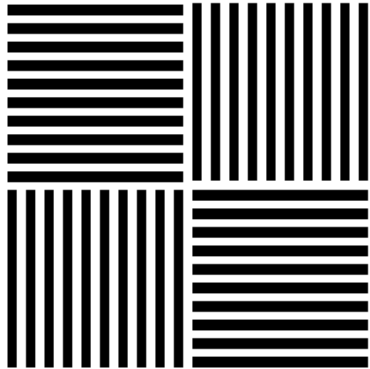
- Direct effect for small angles
- Indirect effect for larger angles
- Null effect at training angle
- Human, model match closely

# TAE Adaptation in LISSOM



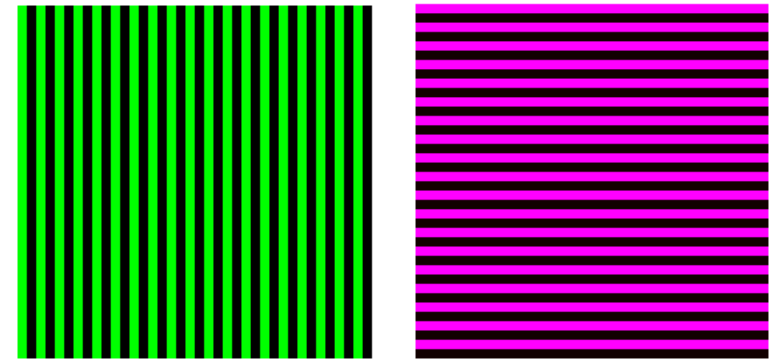
- **Null at zero:** More inhibition, but no net change in perception
- **Direct effect:** More inhibition for angles  $< 10^\circ$ 
  - Perception shifts from 10 to  $14^\circ$
- **Indirect effect:** Less inhibition for angles  $< 60^\circ$ 
  - Perception shifts from 60 to  $58^\circ$
- Due to synapses, not tired neurons!

## McCollough effect test pattern



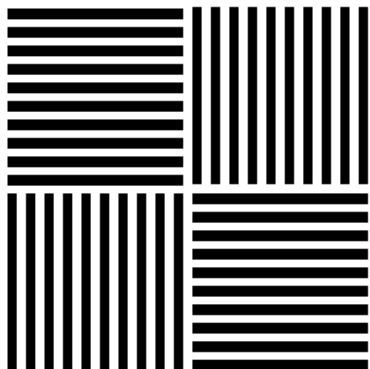
Before adaptation,  
this pattern should  
appear monochrome

## Adaptation pattern



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

## McCollough effect

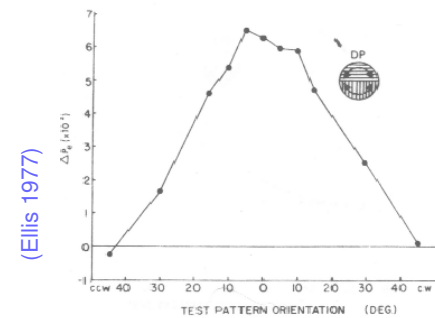


(McCollough 1965)

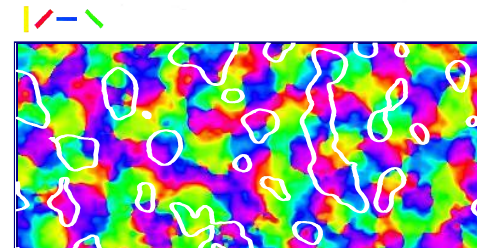
After adaptation:

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

## McCollough effect: data



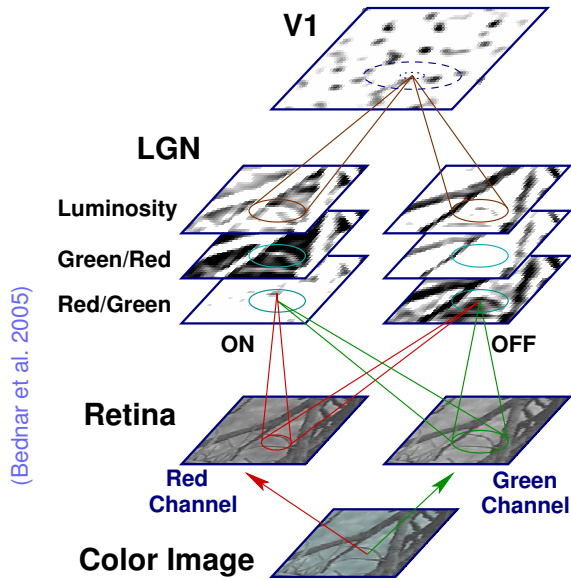
(Ellis 1977)



2.3 × 5.3mm macaque V1

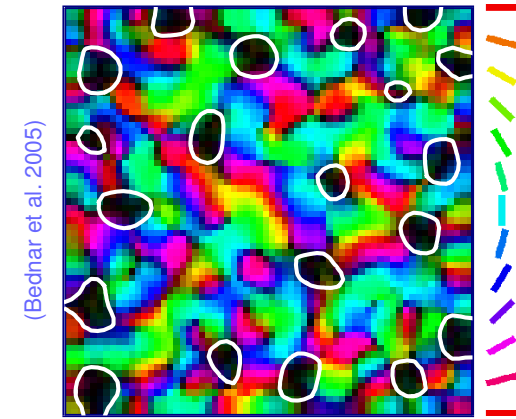
- Effect measured in humans at each angle between adaptation and test
- Strength falls off smoothly with angle
- V1 is earliest possible substrate – first area showing OR selectivity; has color map

# LISSOM RG Color V1 Model



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

# LISSOM OR + Color map



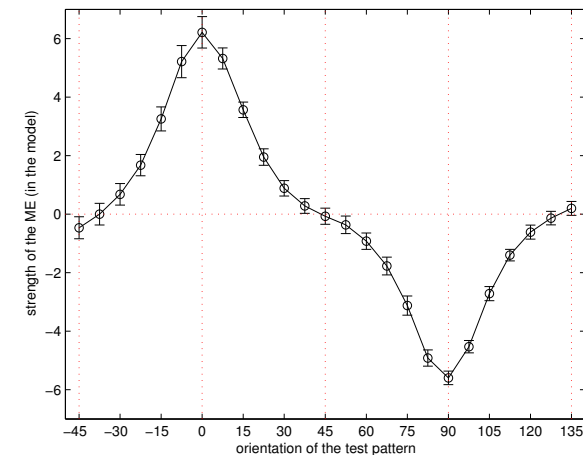
- Orientation map similar to animal maps
- Color-selective cells occur in blobs
- Needs study of preferences of neurons in each blob

# Calculating McCollough Effect

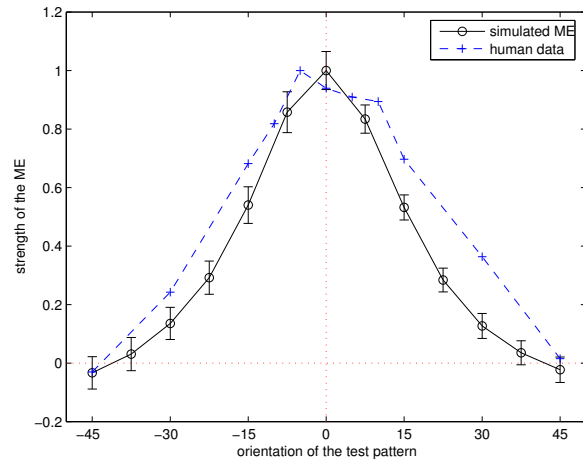
- Perceived color estimated as a vector average of all units
- Vector direction: + for red-selective units, - for green-selective units
- Weighted by activation level and amount of color selectivity

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

# Model McCollough Effect



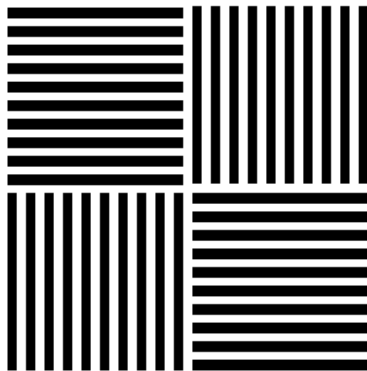
# Compared with humans



# Summary

- GCAL can be compatible with actual circuit
- Reproduces surprising features of surround modulation
- Aftereffects arise from Hebbian adaptation of lateral connections
- The same self-organizing processes can drive both development and adaptation: both structure and function
- **Novel prediction:** Indirect effect due to weight normalization
- Project: details of wiring for inverted Mexican Hat

# McCullough Effect



Is the effect still present?

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