## Motion perception and pursuit eye movements

## Topics:

1. The responses of neurons to motion in various brain regions.
2. Mechananisms for creating motion-selective neurons.
3. The effects of brain lesions on motion perception.
4. Structure from motion.
5. Apparent motion.
6. Metacontrast and brightness masking.
7. Optokinetic nystagmus
8. The accessory optic system
9. Summary

Neuronal responses to motion in cortex

## Method for stimulating V1 RFs with moving targets



Response of an S1 cell in striate cortex to drifting bars


## Response of an S2 cell in striate cortex to drifting bars



Response of an $S 2$ cell in striate cortex to drifting bars


Summary of cell types in V1


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# Neuronal responses to motion in MT and MST 

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The effect of picrotoxin on direction selectivity in retina


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Picrotoxin acts on GABA receptor channels．For mechanism of action see Newland and Cull－Candy，J．Physiol；1992，447，191－2132．h

Simple inhibitory model with spatial specificity
spatially specific inhibition


## A conceptual scheme for types of motion



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## Neuronal responses in MST to various types of motion

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## Specificity of directional attributes in MST

40\% of the cells respond to all three types of motion $30 \%$ of the cells respond to two types of motion
$20 \%$ of the cells respond to one type of motion

## Neural mechanisms of directional specificity

# The effects of lesions on 

## motion perception

## Motion detection

## Motion detection in in intact, V4 and MT blocked regions



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Flicker detection in in intact, V4 and MT blocked regions


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## Structure from motion

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# Apparent motion 

The jumping disk

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## THE BASIC BISTABLE QUARTETS DEMO

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2 to 1 diameter ratio

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# THE INFLUENCE OF SIZE ON THE PERCEIVED DIRECTION OF APPARENT MOTION 

3.5 to 1 diameter ratio

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## THE INFLUENCE OF PROXIMITY

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## Why we see wheels rotate backwards in the movies

## A wheel rotating slowly



## A wheel rotating rapidly

## Slow rotation



## Rapid rotation



Frame 1


Frame 2

## Metacontrast

## Disk-ring sequence



## Simultaneous presentation

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## Sequential presentation



## Disk and ring and disk alone side

 by side shown four times

# cycling disk and ring with 

equal cycle times

## Brightness masking

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## Brightness masking and metacontras $\dagger$

## Brightness masking

1. Effect declines with increasing interstimulus interval
2. Does not occur interocularly
3. Mostly due to differential conduction velocity in retina


## Metacontrast

1. U shaped function
2. Continues to occur interocularly
3. Physiology unclear but linked to motion perception


## Schematized RGC cell response to brightness masking



Target and mask with two interstimulus
intervals


## Optokinetic nystagmus

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## Optokinetic nysgtagmus after APB injected into the right eye

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# The effect of APB on optikinetic nyustagmus in monkey 

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## Optokinetic response in normal and immobilized eye

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## Motion analysis in the accessory optic system

Prime axes of the retinal ganglion cells of Dogiel that feed into the accessory optic system


## Major Pathways of the Accessory Optic System (AOS)

Velocity response of AOS neurons $=0.1-1.0$ $\mathrm{deg} / \mathrm{sec}$ of AOS RGCs in rabbit $=7 \mathrm{~K}$ out of 350 K


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