

Lecture 4.2

Vision

Cogs17 * UCSD

Visual Crossover

Left Visual Field

Right Visual Field



**RVF to Left Eye
connects to
Ipsi-Lateral Brain**

**LVF to Right Eye
connects to
Ipsi-Lateral Brain**

Optic nerve

Optic chiasm

Lateral
geniculate

**RVF to Right Eye
connects to
Contra-Lateral Brain**

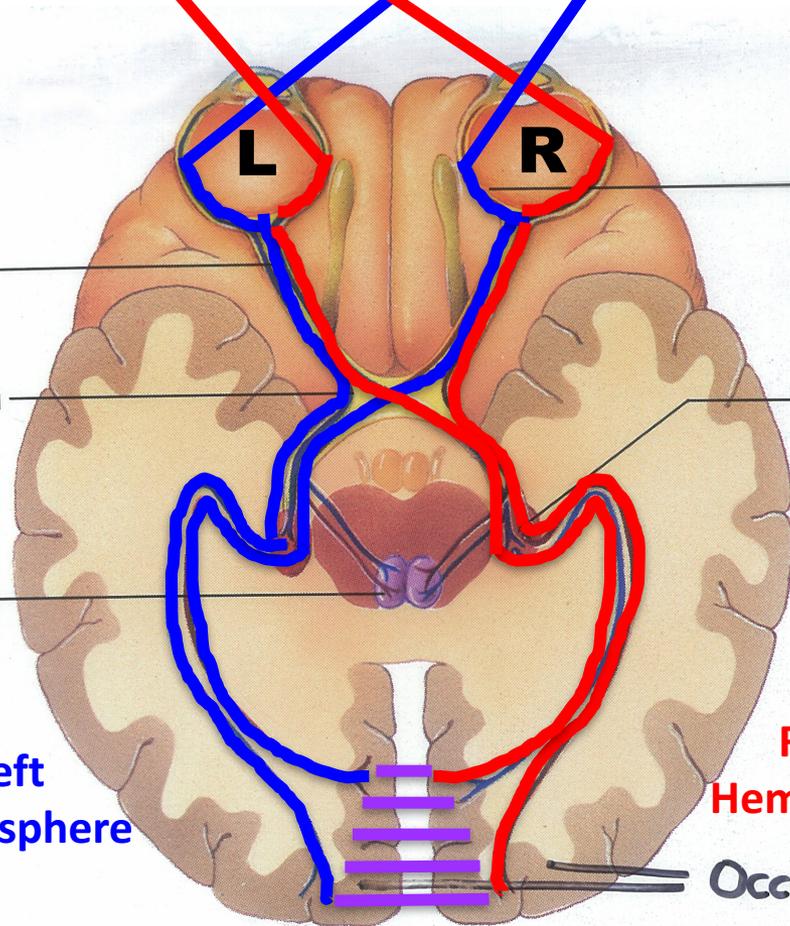
**LVF to Left Eye
connects to
Contra-Lateral Brain**

Left
Hemisphere

Right
Hemisphere

Occipital Cortex

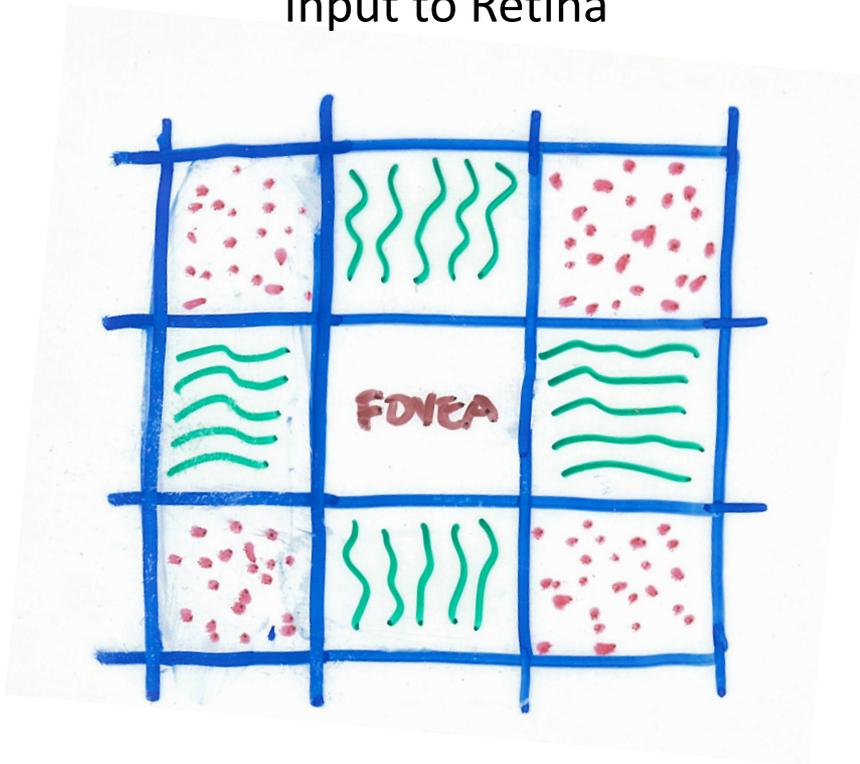
Only after reaches Cortex, is visual field info combined via Corpus Callosum



Magnification

in Visual Cortex (V1)

Input to Retina



Topological

(preserves spatial relationships)

Map of input in V1



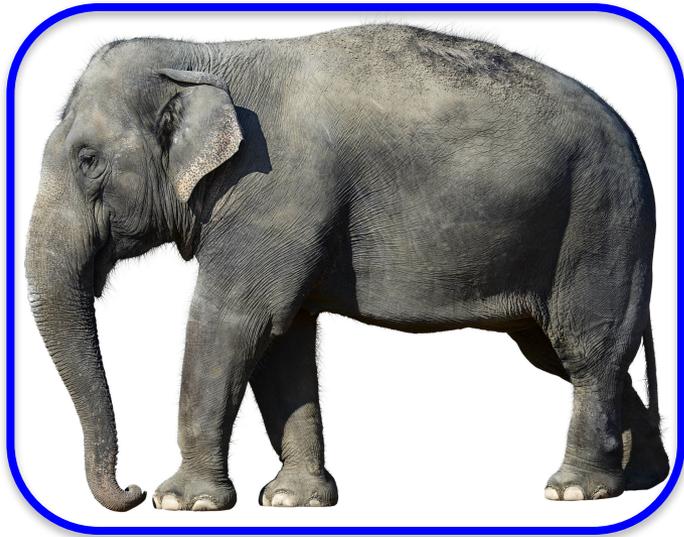
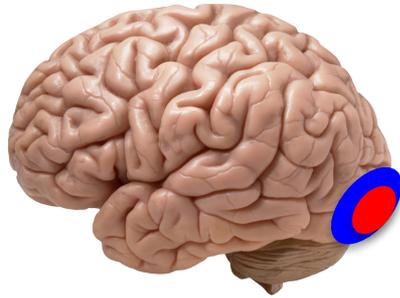
But ABSOLUTE size is not maintained

Fovea is greatly (80X) **Magnified**

Visual Imagery

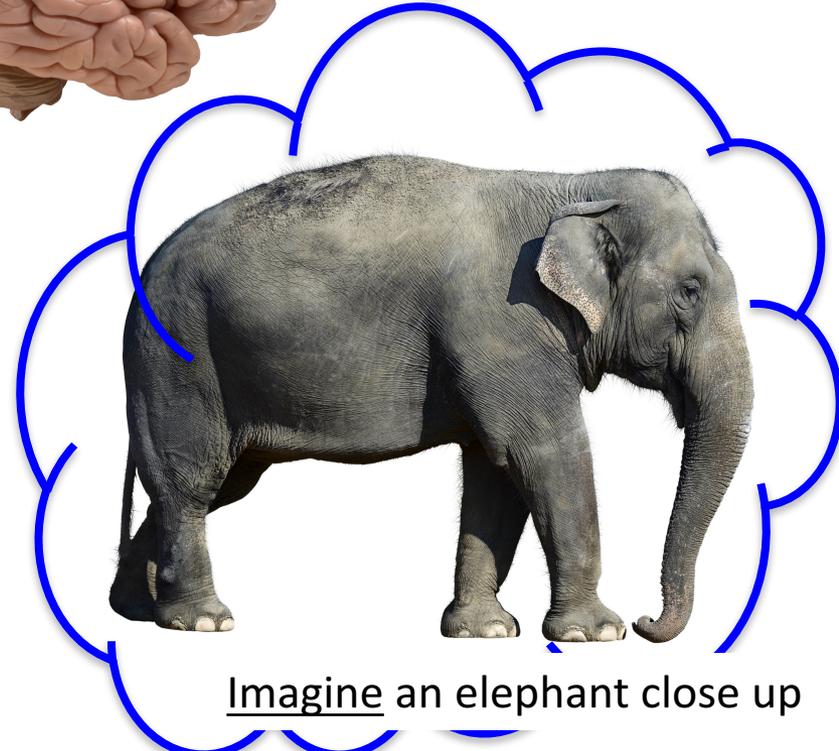
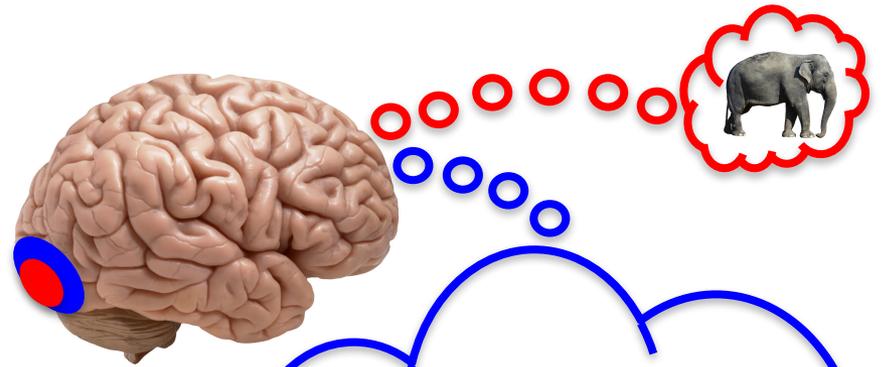
Activates some of the same areas as actual visual perception

See an elephant far away



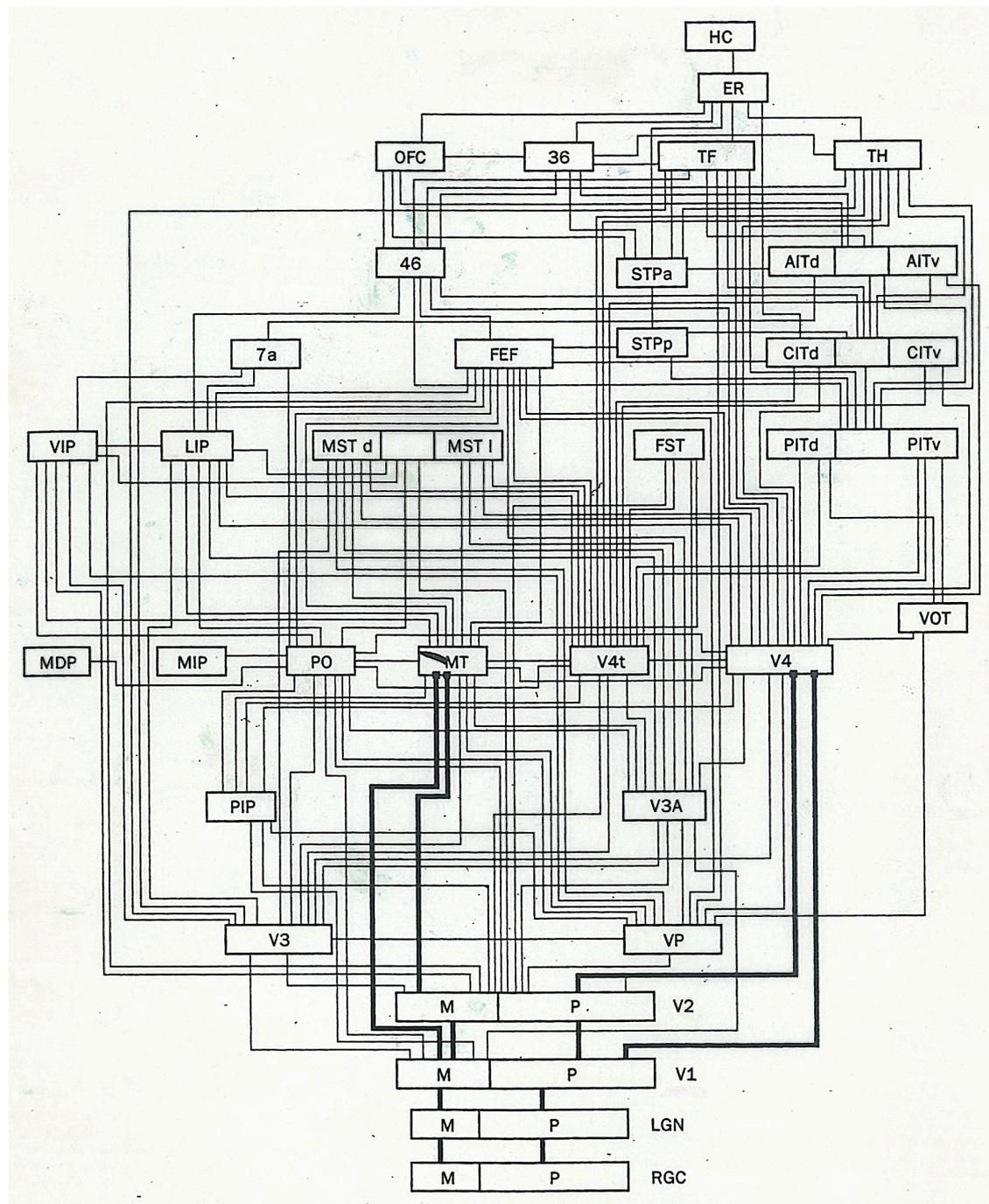
See an elephant close up

Imagine an elephant far away

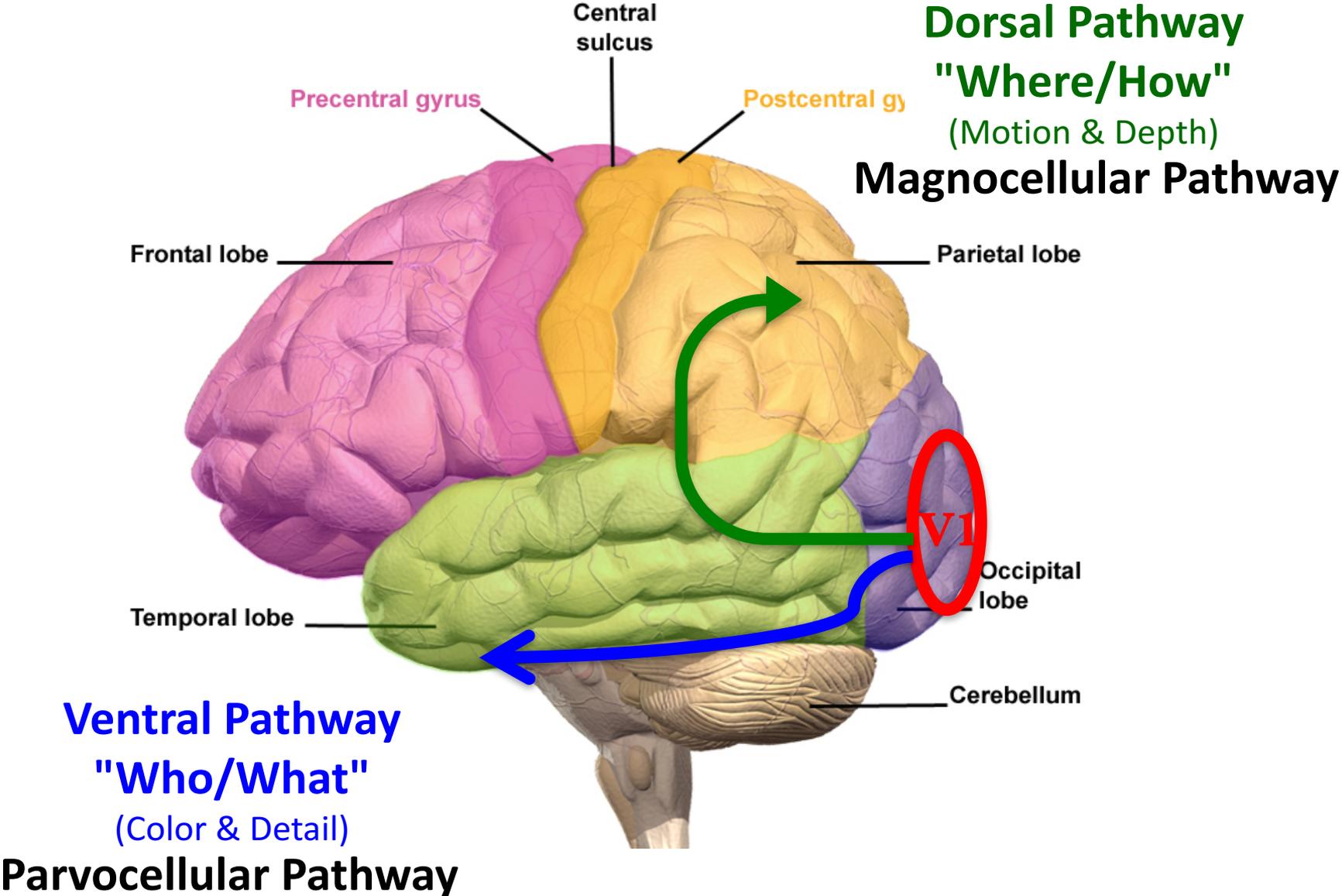


Imagine an elephant close up

Visual Pathways



Visual Pathways



Visual Pathways

begin in Retina

Cone
in Fovea

Rods & Cones
in Periphery

Parvocellular
Pathway

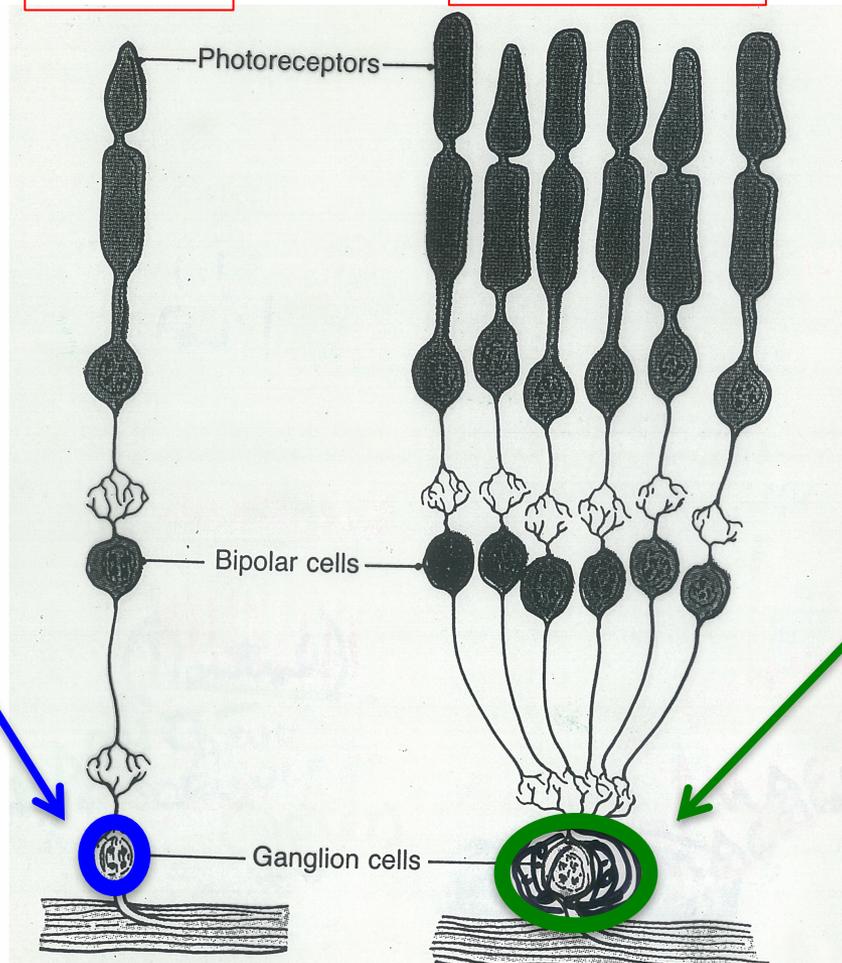
Magnocellular
Pathway

Parvocellular
(SMALL)
Ganglions

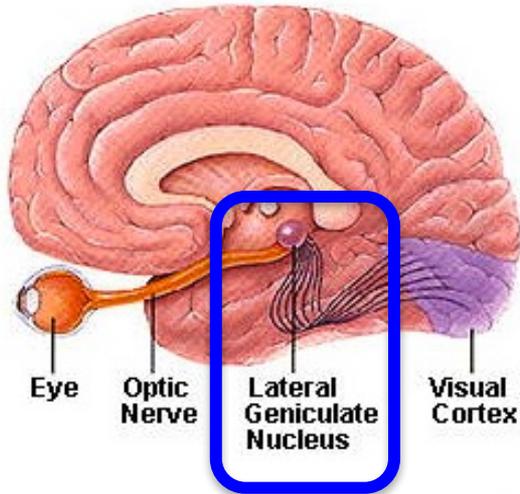
Magnocellular
(LARGE)
Ganglions

From
Low Convergence
(1:1) Cones

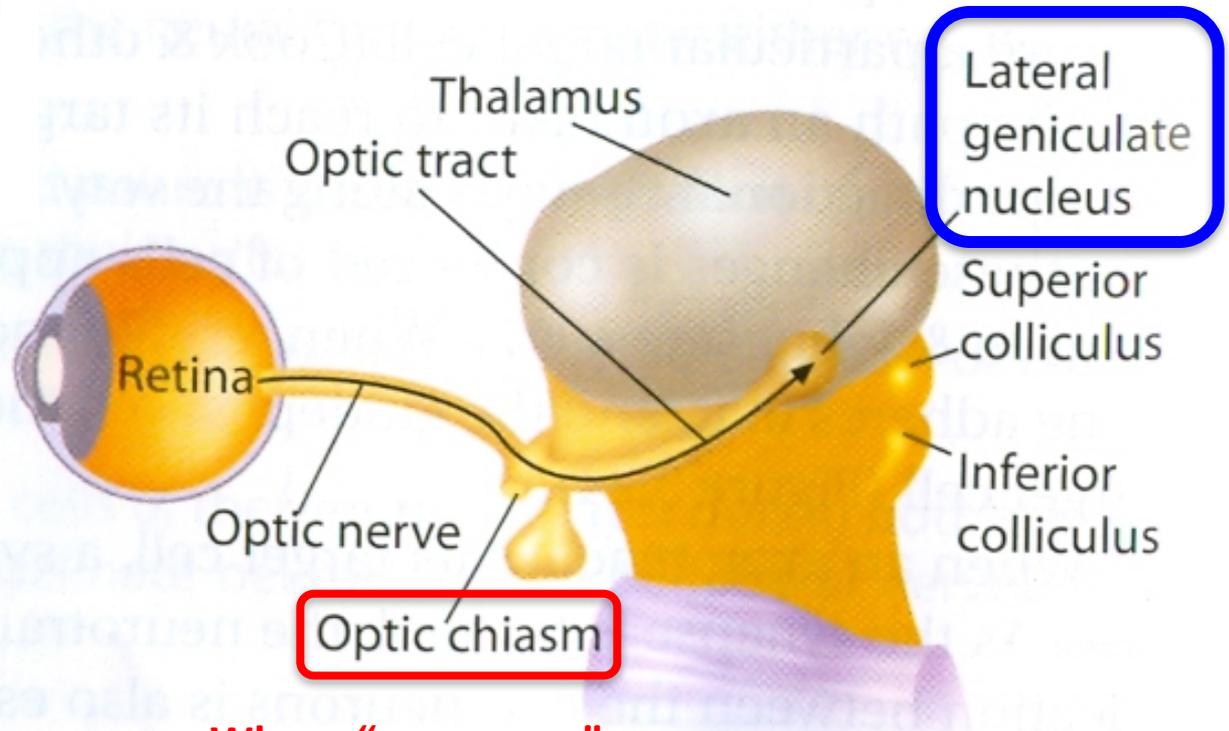
From
High Convergence
(Many:1) Rods



Visual Pathways



Optic Nerve
(Axons of Ganglions)
to **LGN**
(Lateral Geniculate Nucleus)
of Thalamus



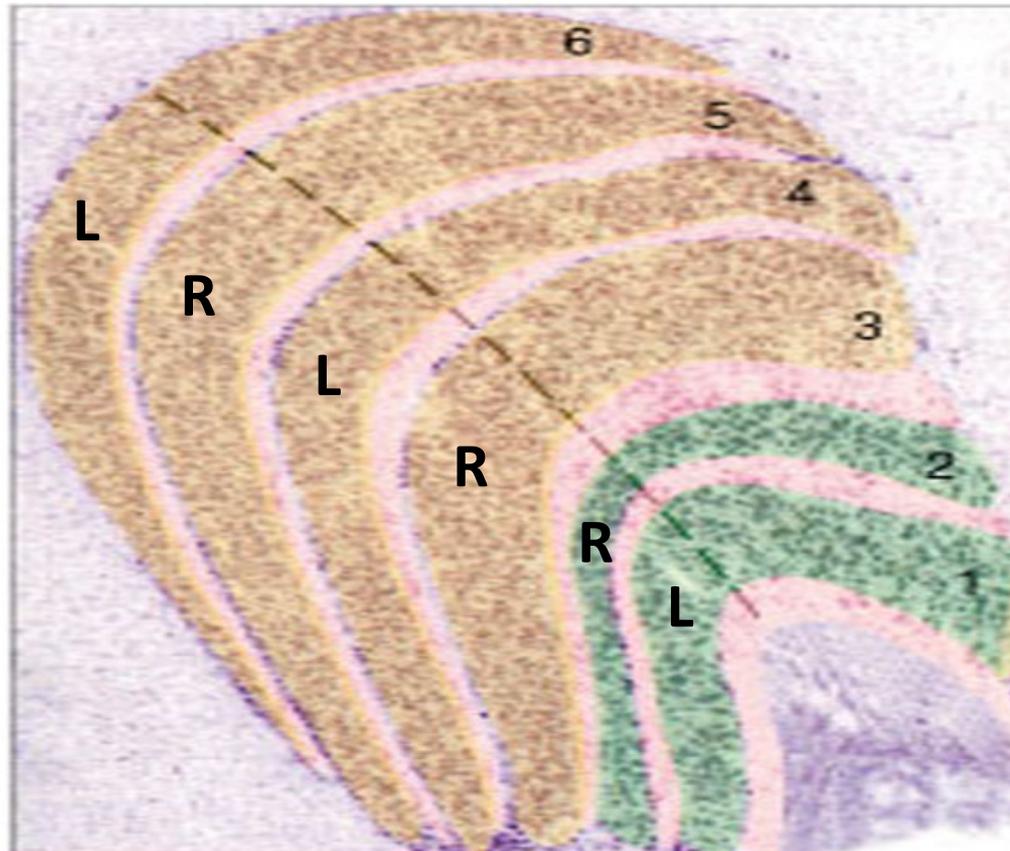
Where "cross-over" occurs

LGN

Lateral Geniculate Nucleus of the Thalamus

6 layers

**Parvocellular
Pathways
- Layers 3-6**



Also organized
by which EYE
(L or R)
is dominant
In layer

**Magnocellular
Pathways
- Layers 1 & 2**

Some axons along the
Magnocellular Pathway
go first to the

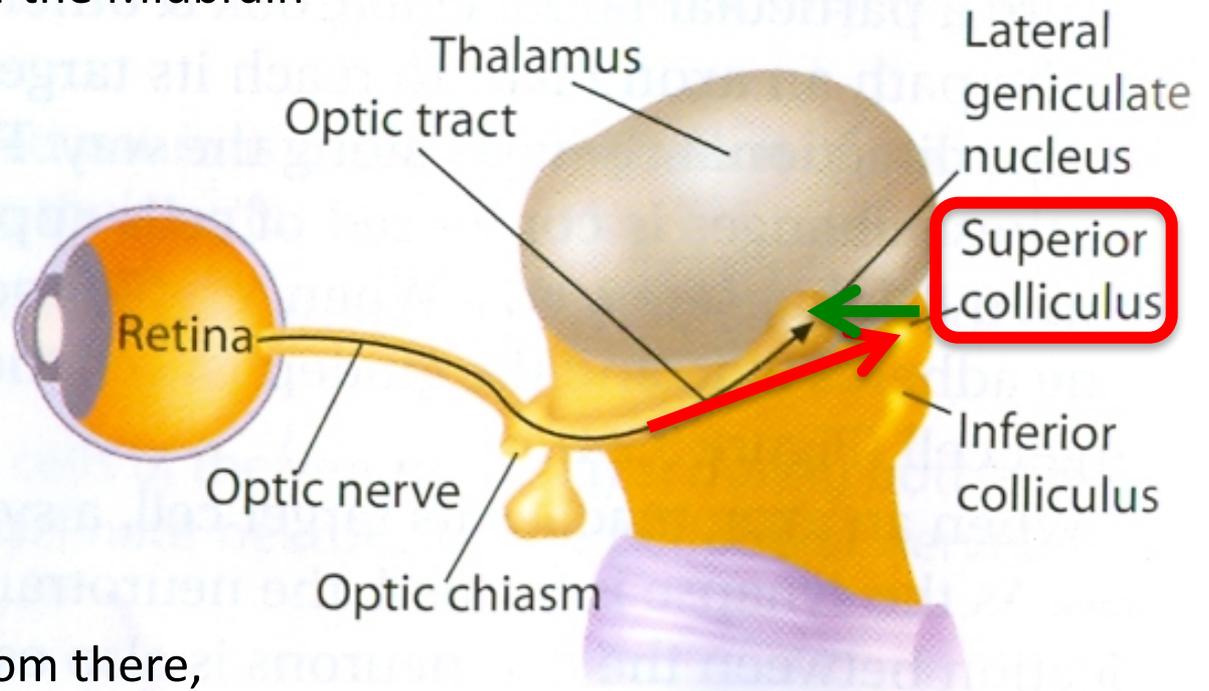
Superior Colliculus

in the Tectum of the Midbrain

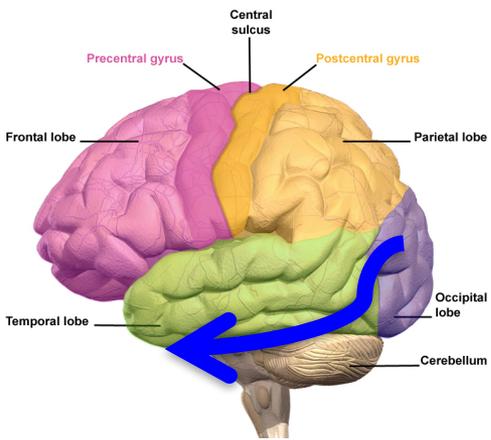
Used in Colliculi
to map location of
visually moving stimuli

Implicated in
“Blindsight”

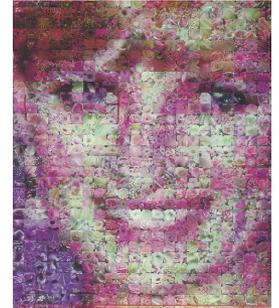
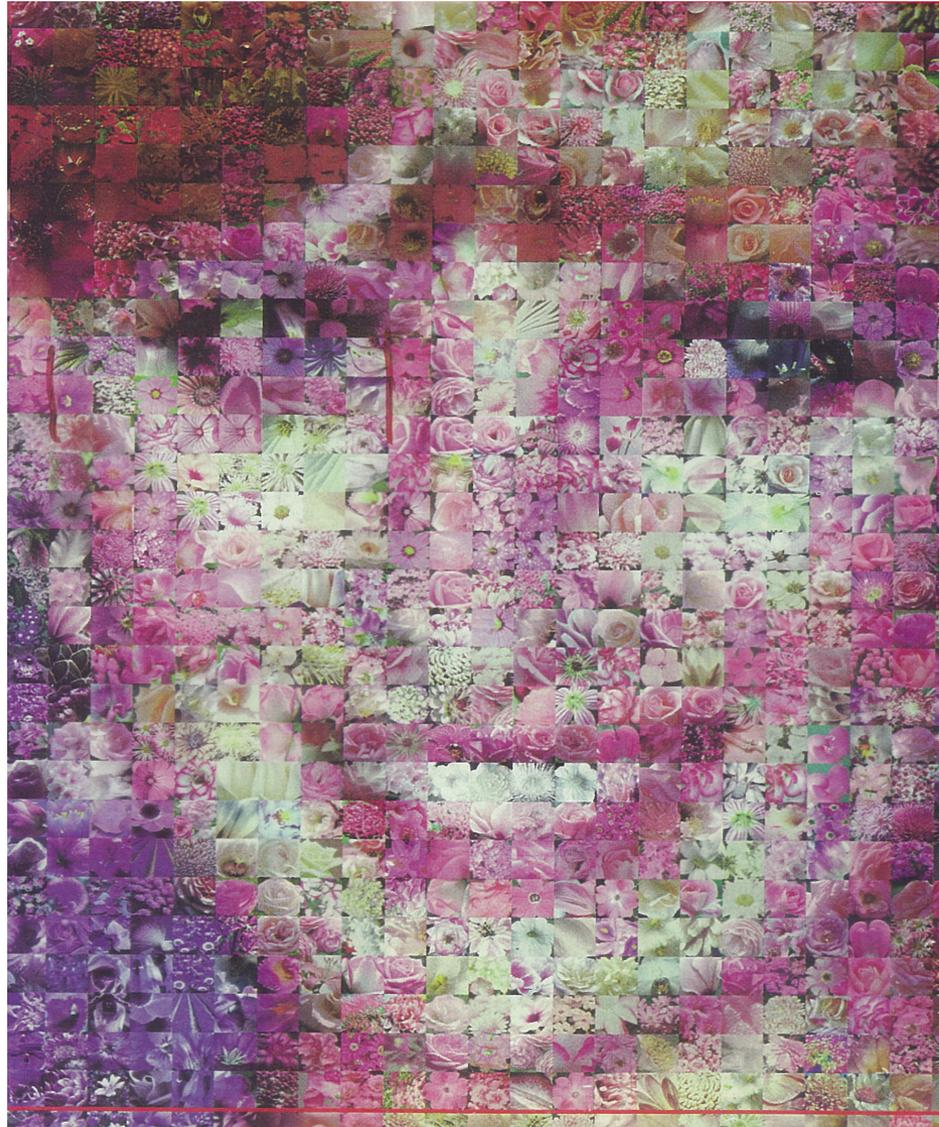
From there,
this sub-pathway goes on
to the **LGN**



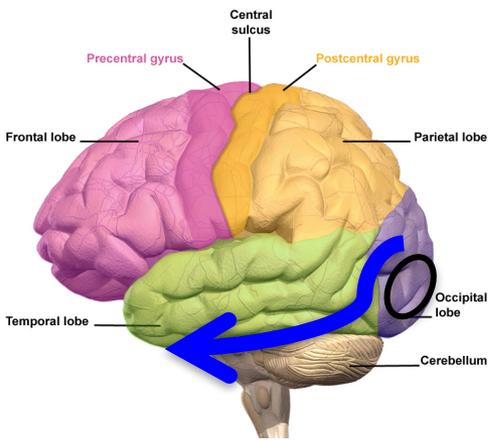
Parvocellular Pathway



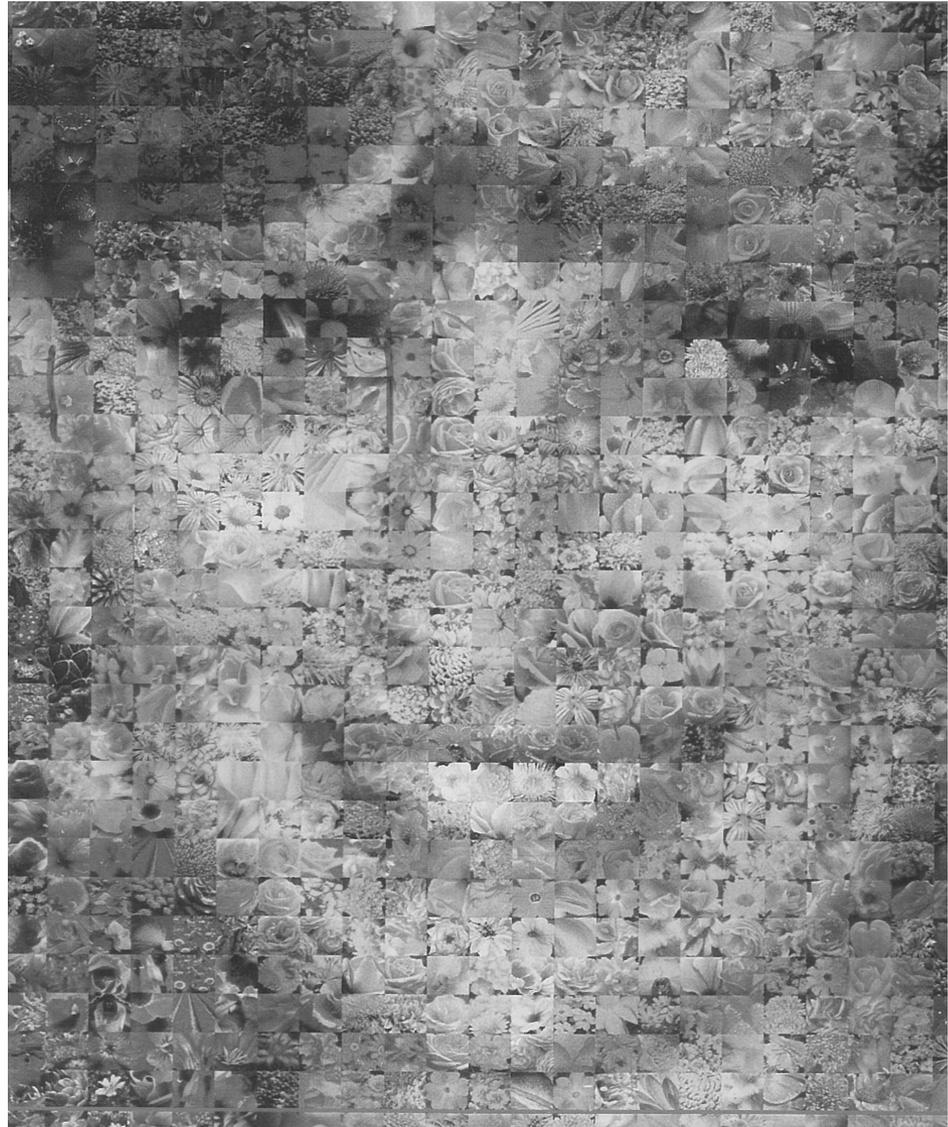
Color
&
Detail



Parvocellular Pathway - **DETAIL**

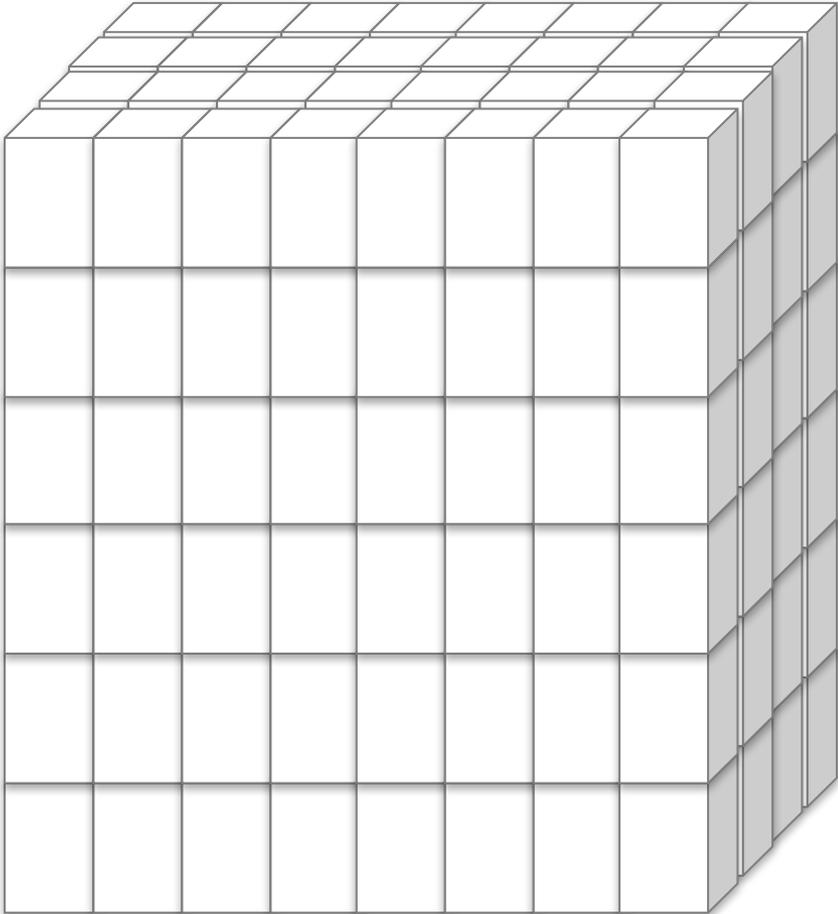


Includes
“Simple Cells”
(Bar Detectors)
In **V1**



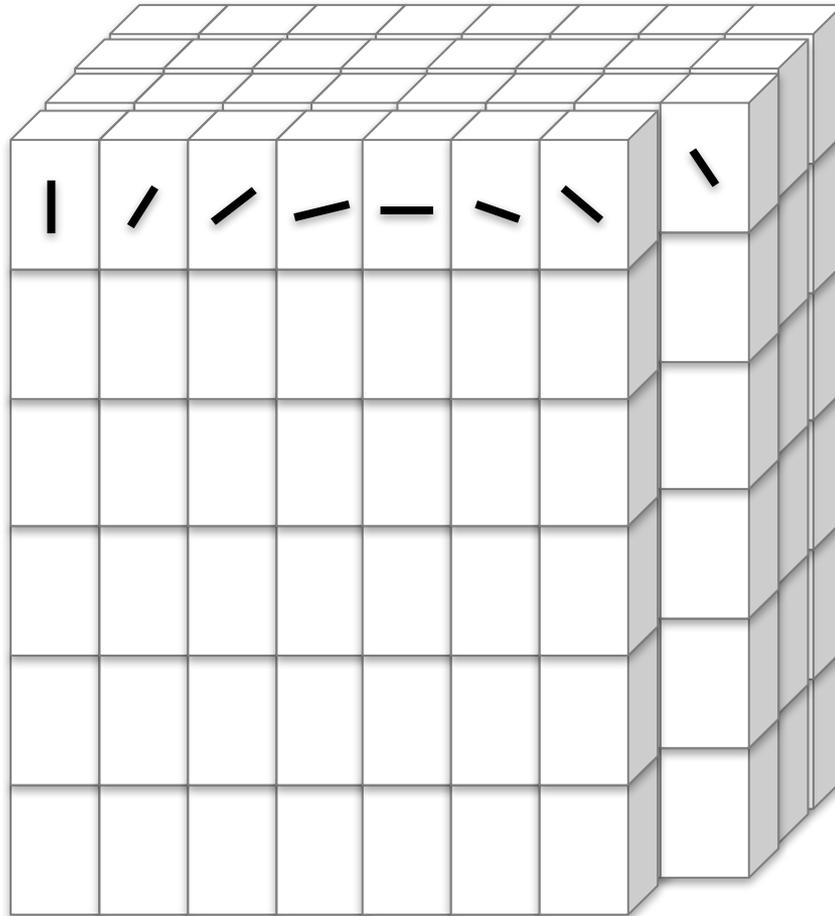
Columnar Organization in V1

6 Layered
Cortex



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Column =
Cells in all
6 layers that
respond to same
“preferred” stimulus

In this case,
lines of a
particular
Orientation

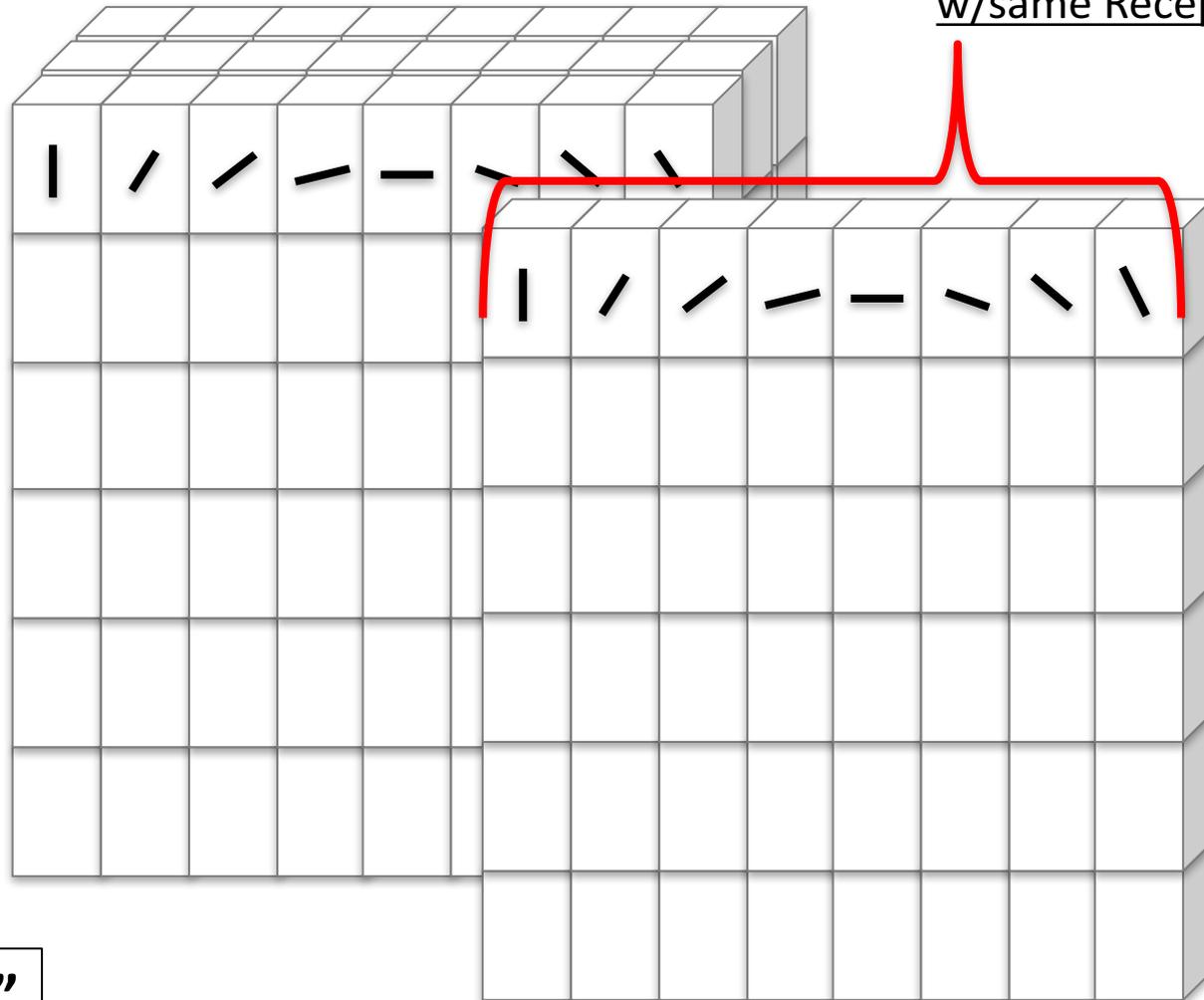
“Simple Cells”

Columnar Organization in V1

Hypercolumn =

One set of orientation columns
w/same Receptive Field

6 Layered
Cortex



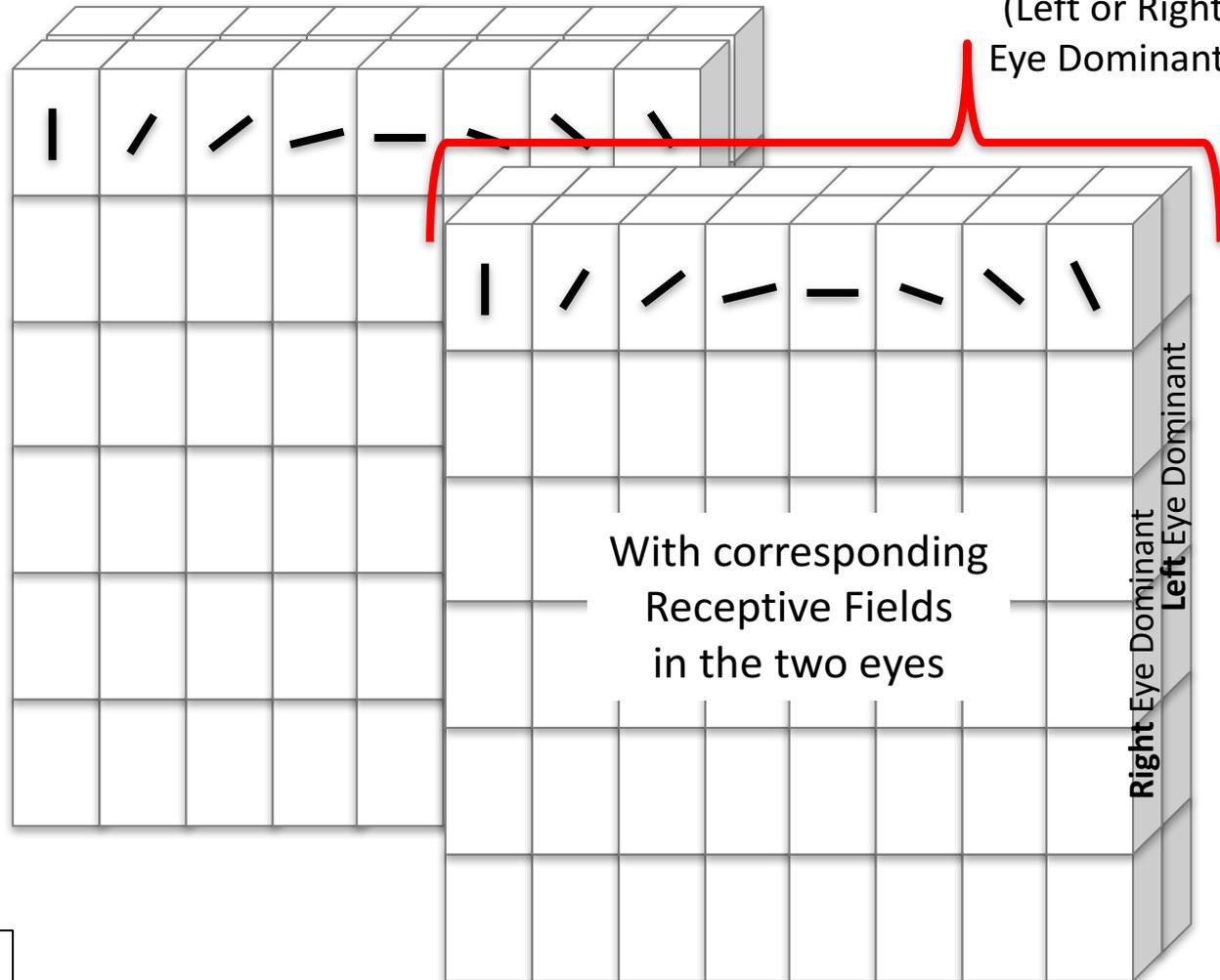
“Simple Cells”

Columnar Organization in V1

Hypercolumns

come in pairs
(Left or Right
Eye Dominant)

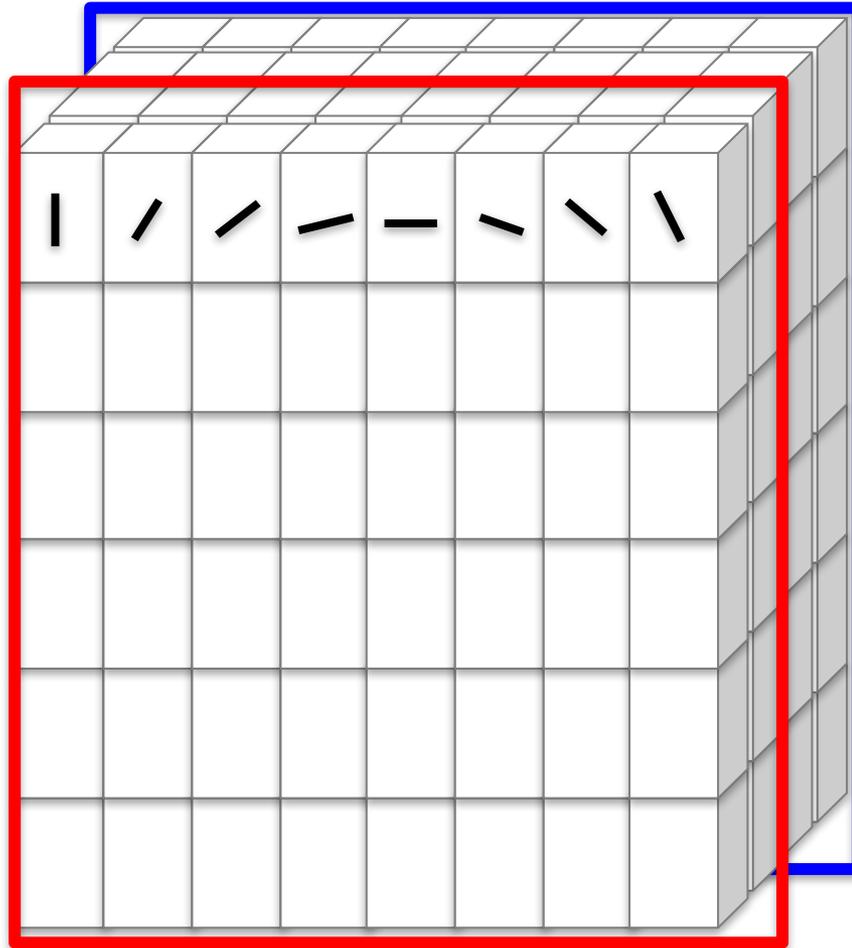
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Columnar Organization in V1

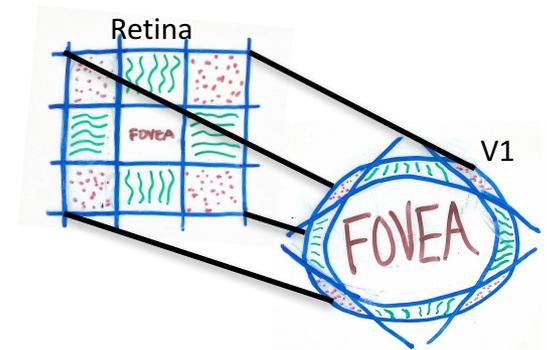
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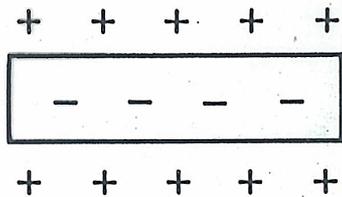
“Simple Cells”

Adjacent Hypercolumn pairs
have adjacent
Receptive Fields in
Retina

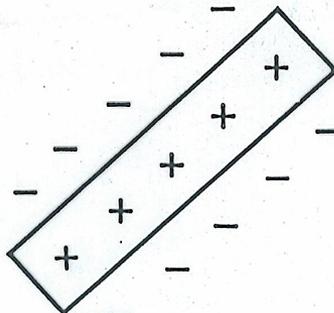
= **Topological**
Map of the Retina
In V1



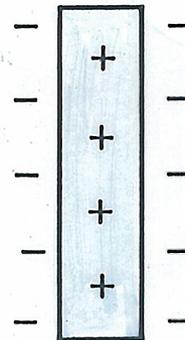
"Simple Cells" aka "Bar Detectors"



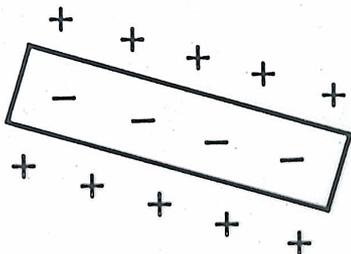
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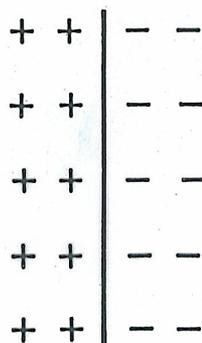
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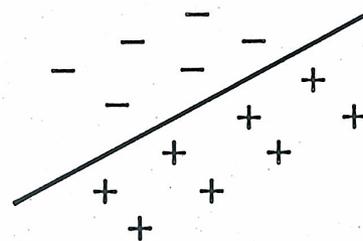
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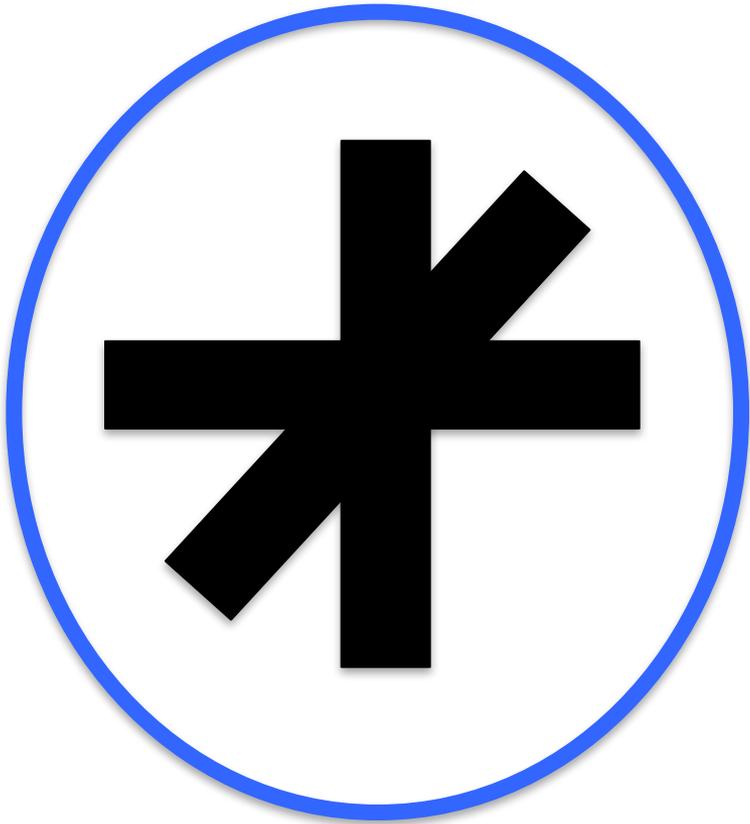
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Simple Cells in V1

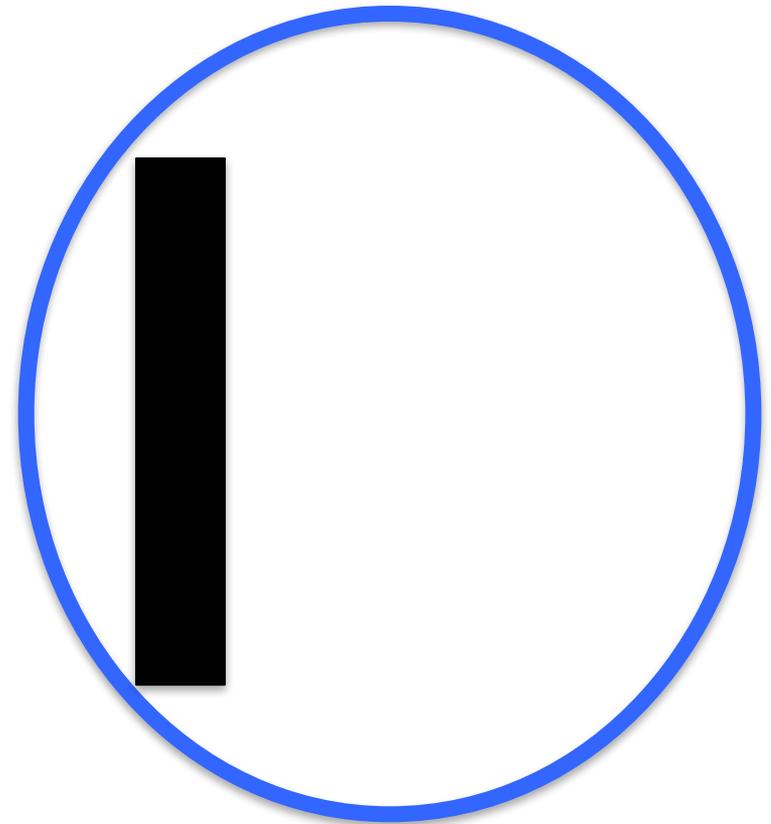
Respond to "bar" in a particular orientation in a given Receptive Field



Receptive Field of Simple Cell
in Retina

"Complex" Cells in V2

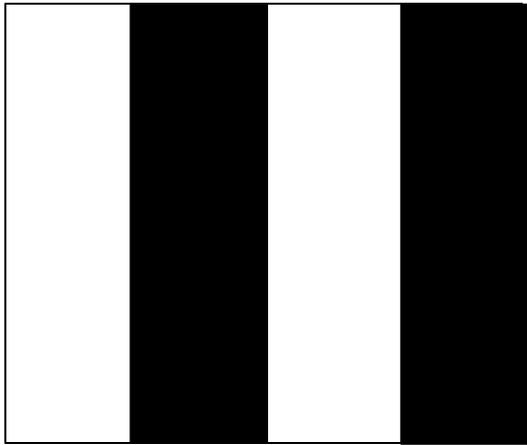
Respond to moving "bar" in particular orientation in given Receptive Field



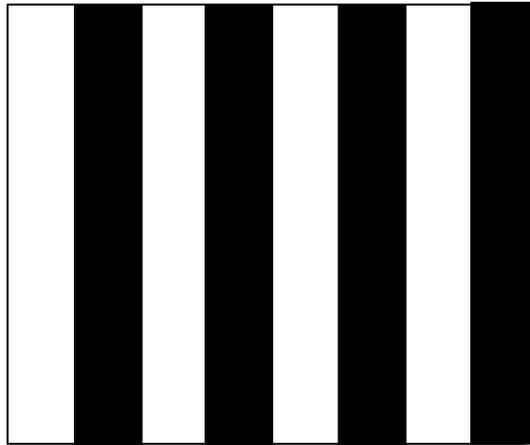
Receptive Field of Complex Cell
in Retina

Spatial Frequency

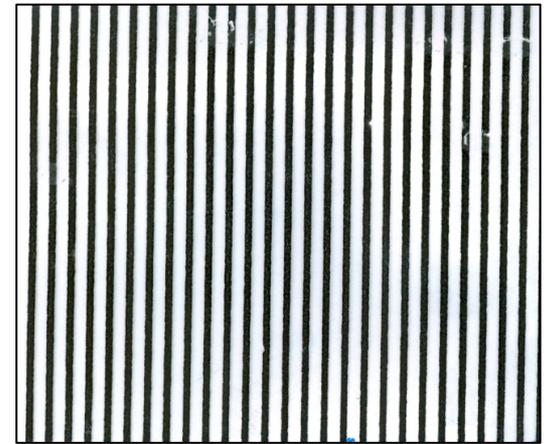
Changes in Contrast / Degree of Retinal Arc



LOW
Spatial Freq



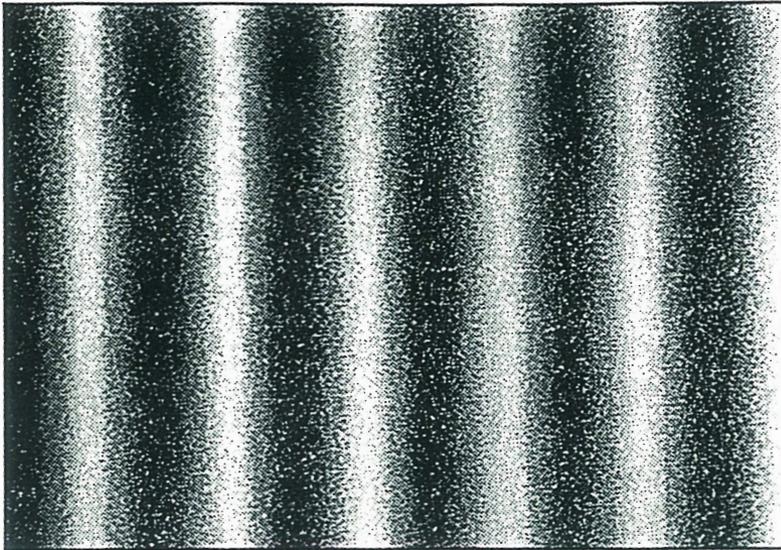
MEDIUM
Spatial Freq



HIGH
Spatial Freq

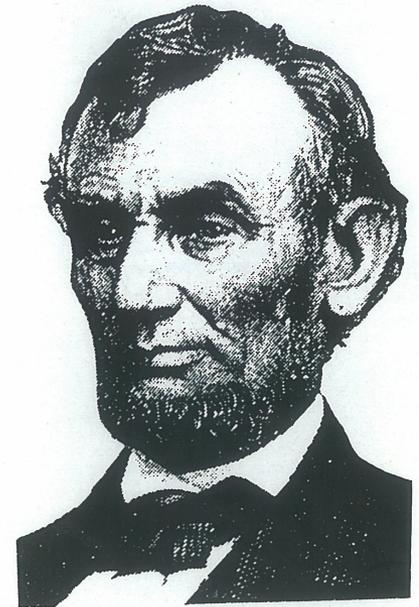
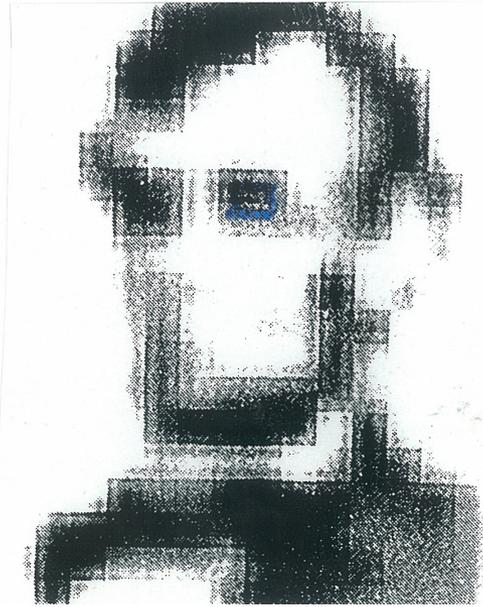
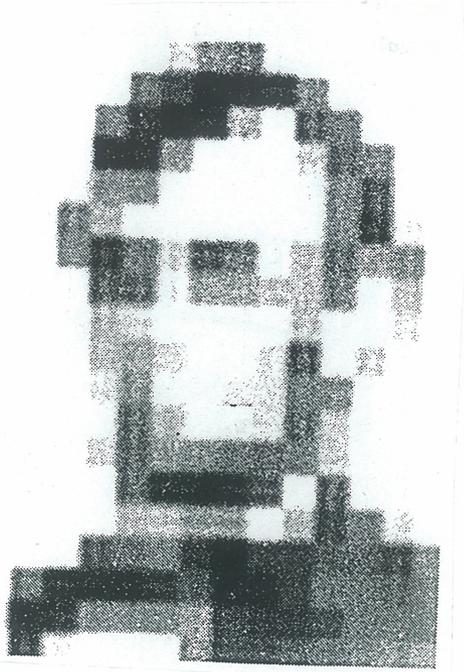
Spatial Frequency

(a) Sine-wave grating



Actually, the ideal stimulus
is usually a
Sine Wave Gradient
which gradually shifts
from dark to light to dark,
at different spatial frequencies

Spatial Frequency Channels



What is this???

Given this stimulus...



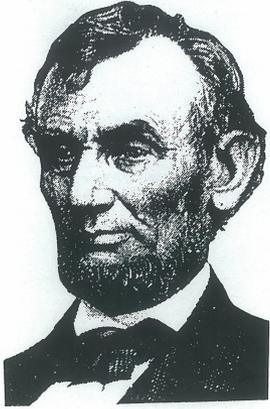
Spatial Frequency Channels



High
Spatial
Frequency
gradients

Simple cells
simultaneously
respond to different
Spatial Frequencies
at different orientations
from a given
image on Retina

Given this stimulus...



Spatial Frequency Channels



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Medium

Spatial
Frequency
gradients

Given this stimulus...



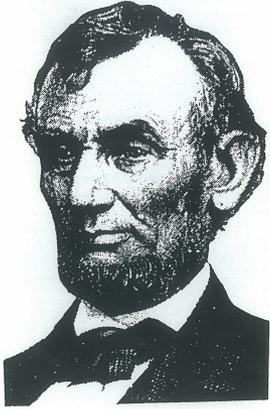
Low
Spatial
Frequency
gradients

Spatial Frequency Channels

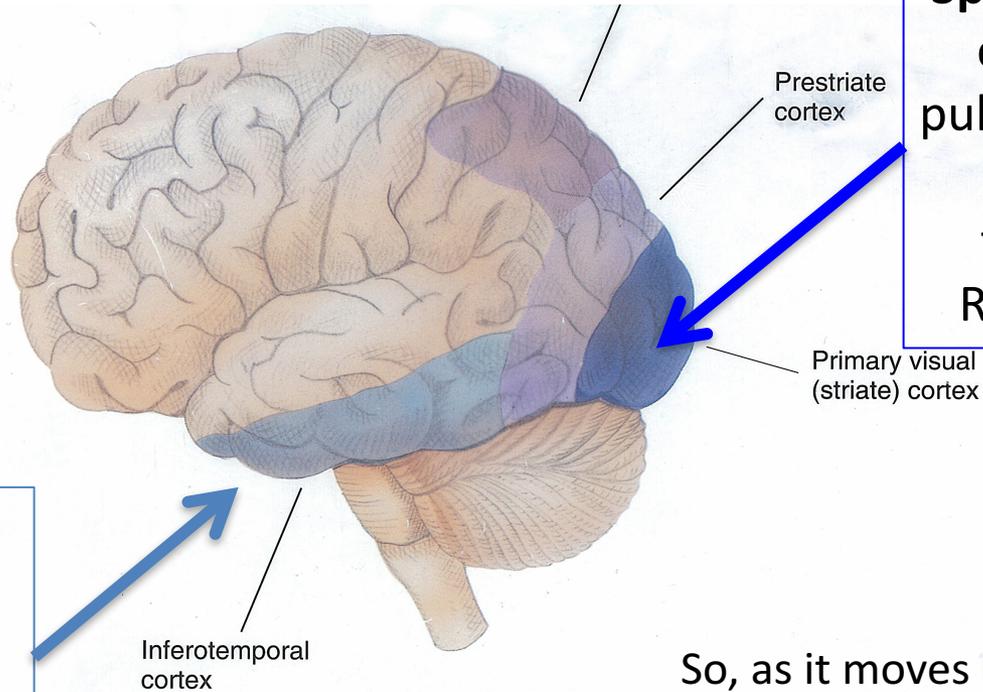


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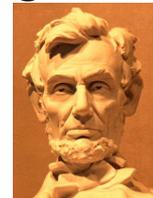
Spatial Frequency Channels



Spatial Frequency channels in V1 pull out sets of SFs, low to high, from affected Receptive Fields

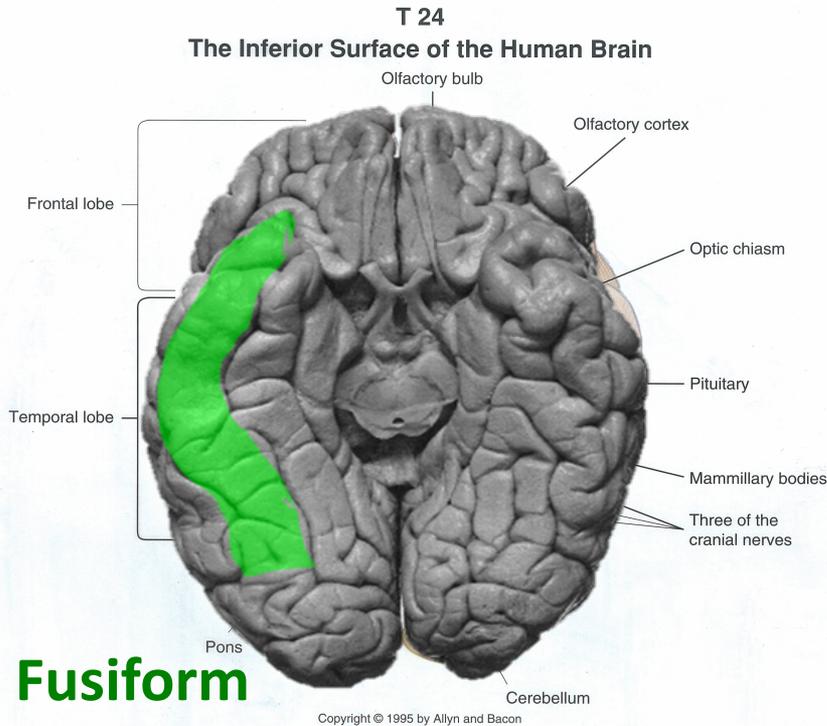
While circuits in **Inferior Temporal** respond to (enable recognition of) face as a whole.

So, as it moves up pathway, info is "reassembled", but in an abstract (relational) way, so almost any version of face can be recognized



Fusiform Gyrus

Face recognition in Inferior Temporal (IT) Cortex



Posterior Coronal Section

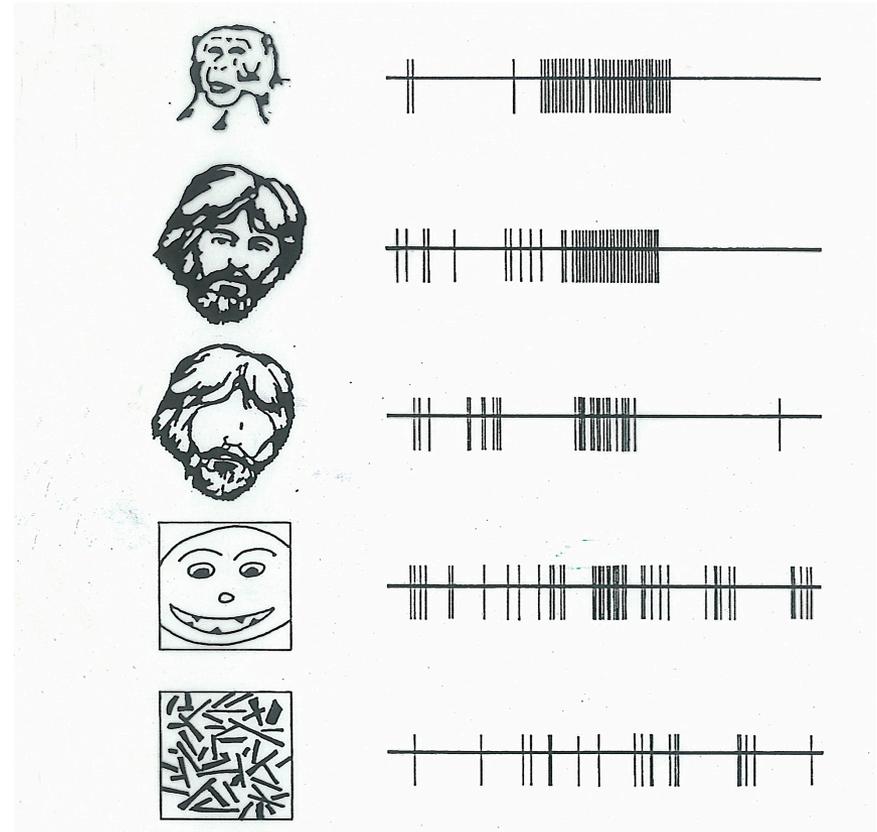
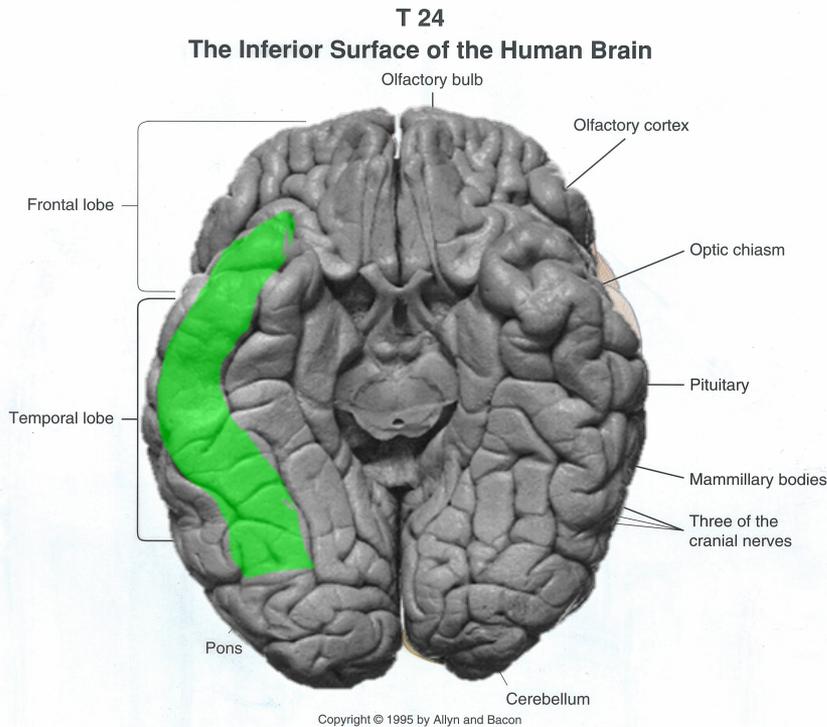
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Prosopagnosia

- Inability to recognize faces

Fusiform Gyrus

Face recognition in Inferior Temporal (IT) Cortex



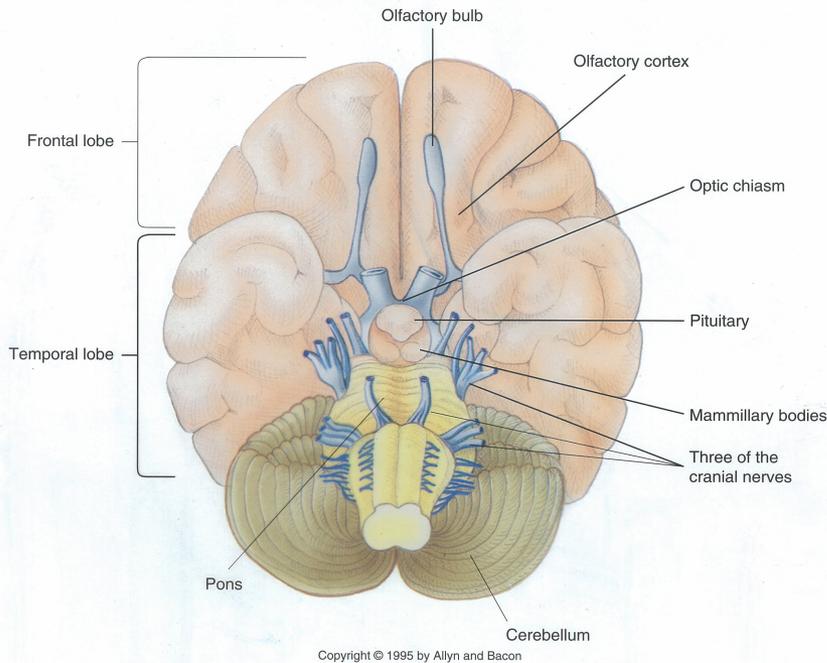
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Other “Complex” Cells in Inferior Temporal

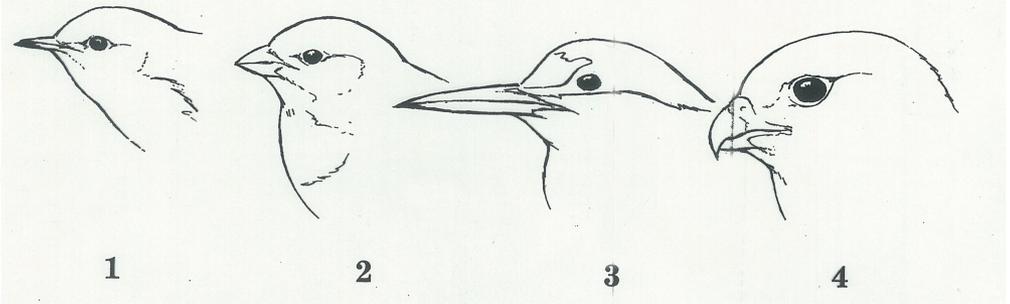
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The Inferior Surface of the Human Brain



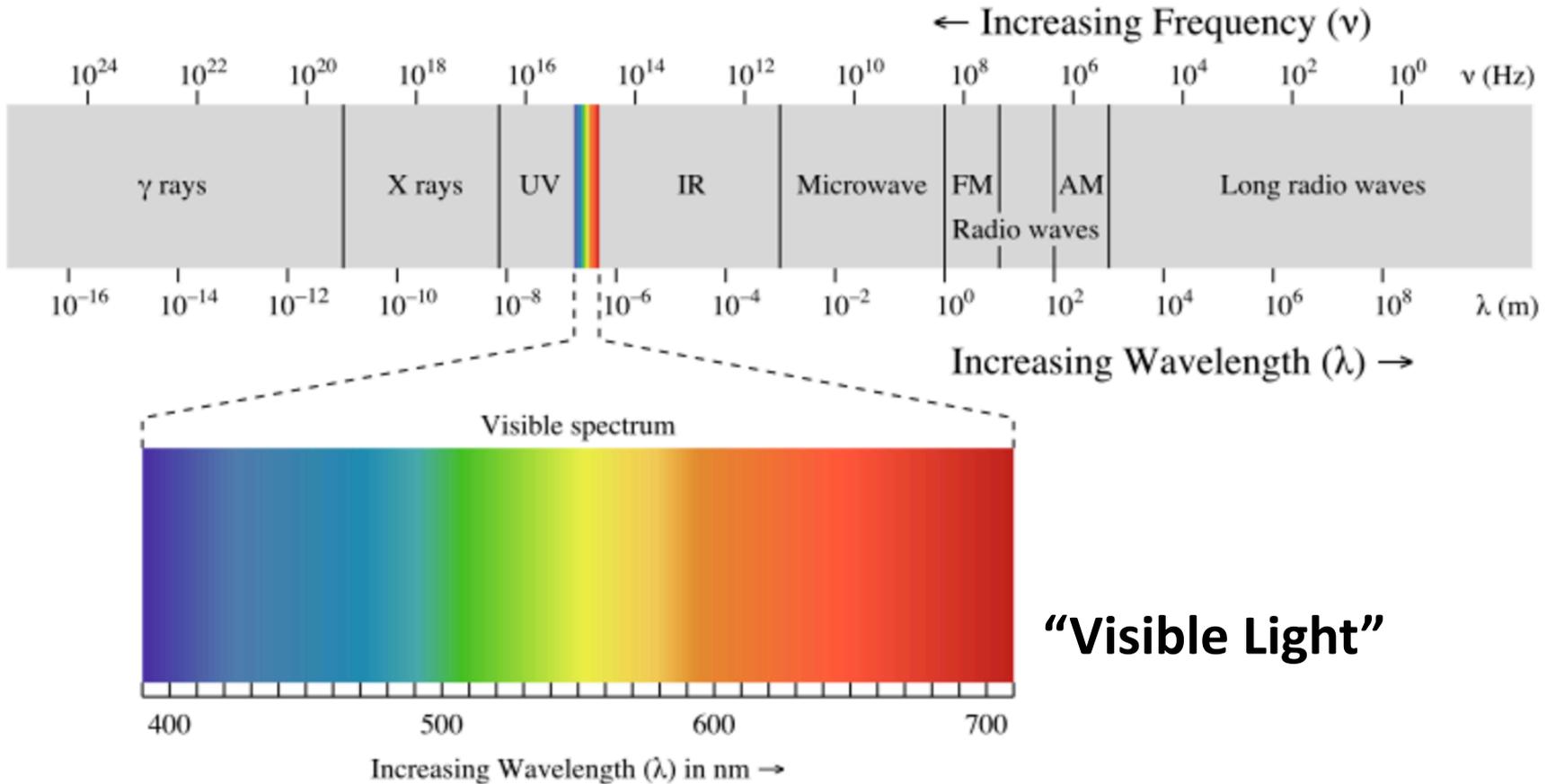
For visual recognition of other learned distinctions

What Shape Is Its Bill?

Is it small and fine like a warbler's (1); stout and short like a seed-cracking sparrow's (2); dagger-shaped like a tern's (3); or hook-tipped like that of a bird of prey (4)?



Electromagnetic Radiation Spectrum

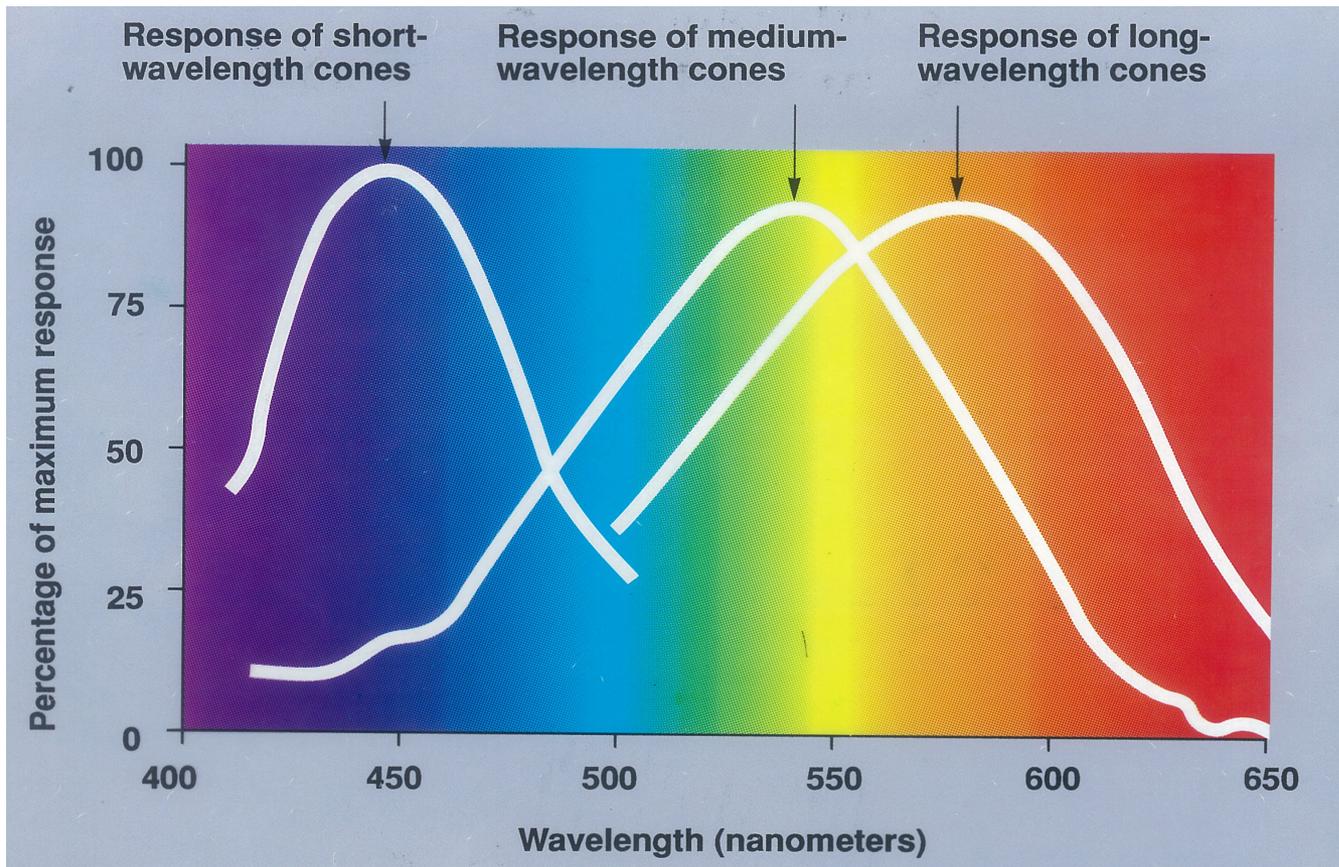
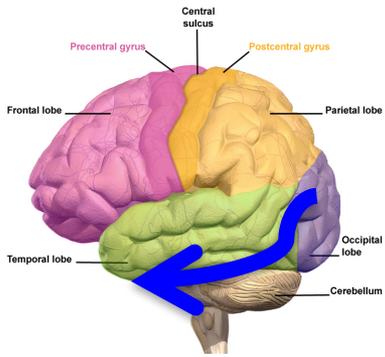


Trichromatic Color Vision

Three Cone Types

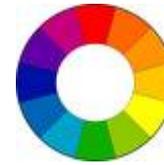
-- each with its own type of Opsin

-- each responsive to a different range of wavelengths



Wavelength = λ

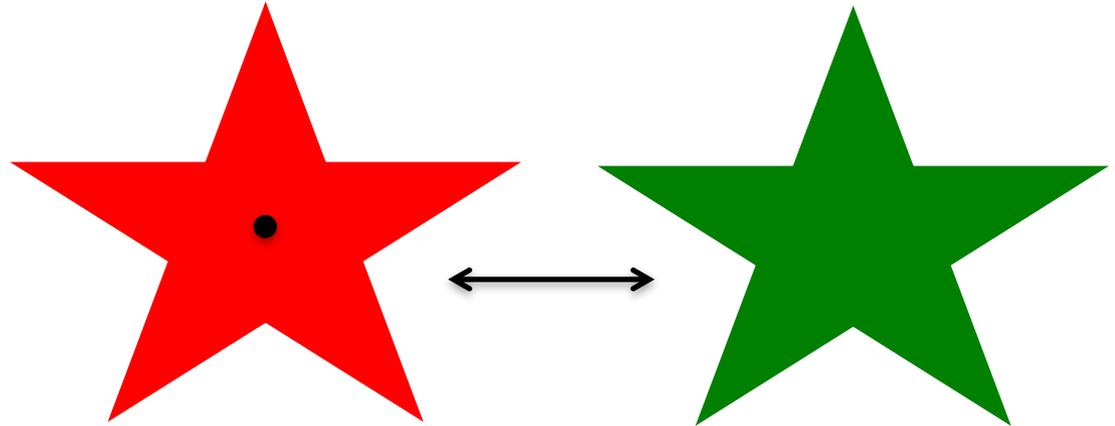
Color Opponency



After-Images

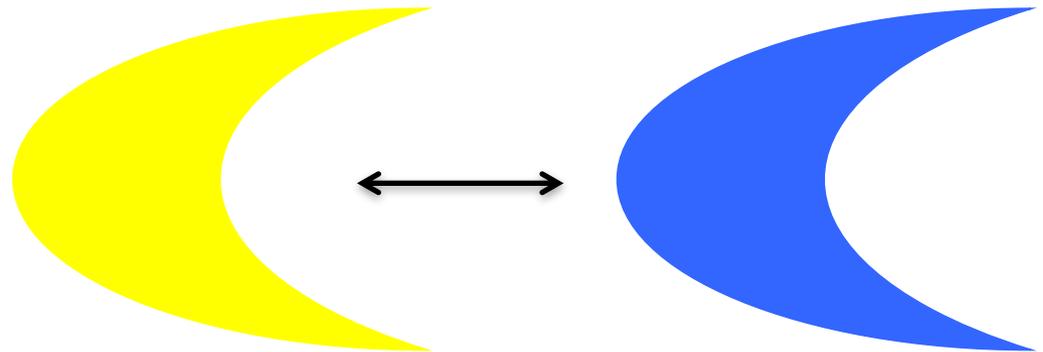
Adapt to **Red**,
will see **Green** afterimage

Adapt to **Green**,
See **Red**

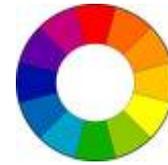


Adapt to **Yellow**,
will see **Blue** afterimage

Adapt to **Blue**,
See **Yellow**



Color Opponency

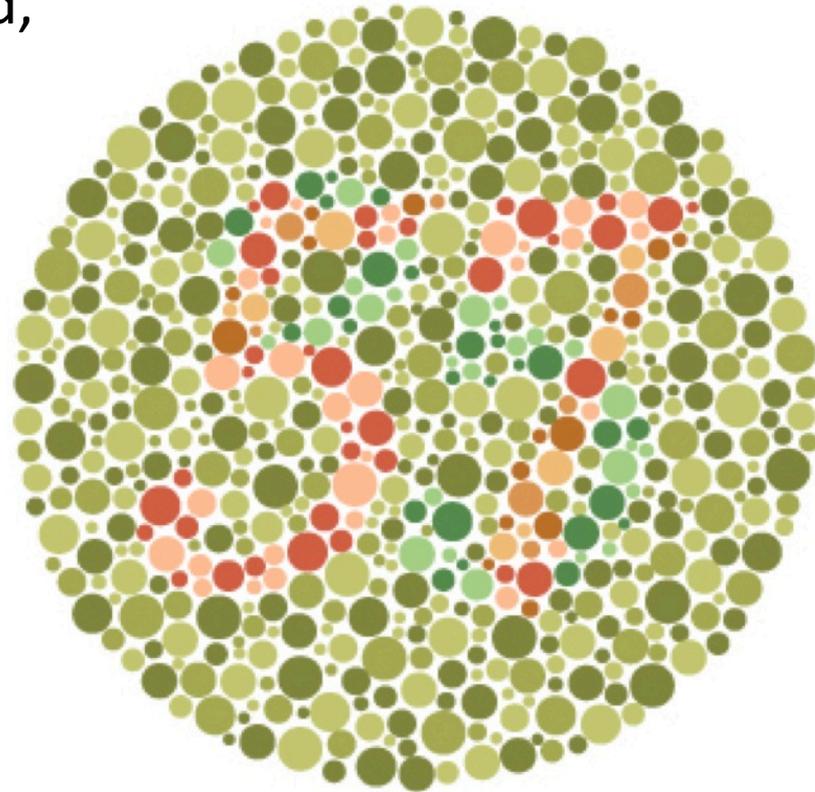


When people are color blind,
they will be blind to

Red & **Green**

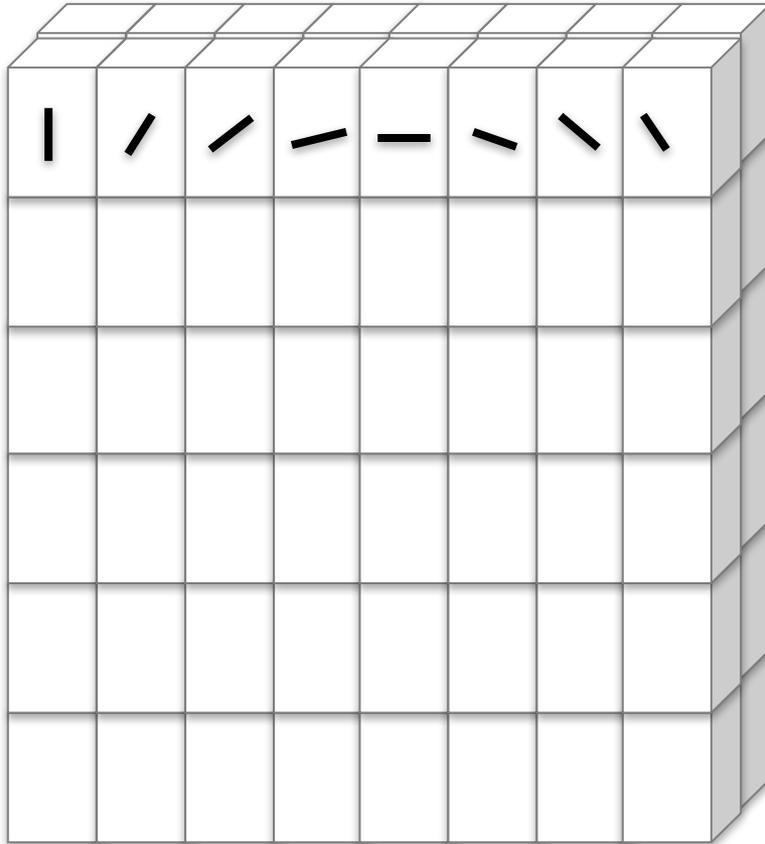
or to

Yellow & **Blue**



Color "**Blobs**" in V1

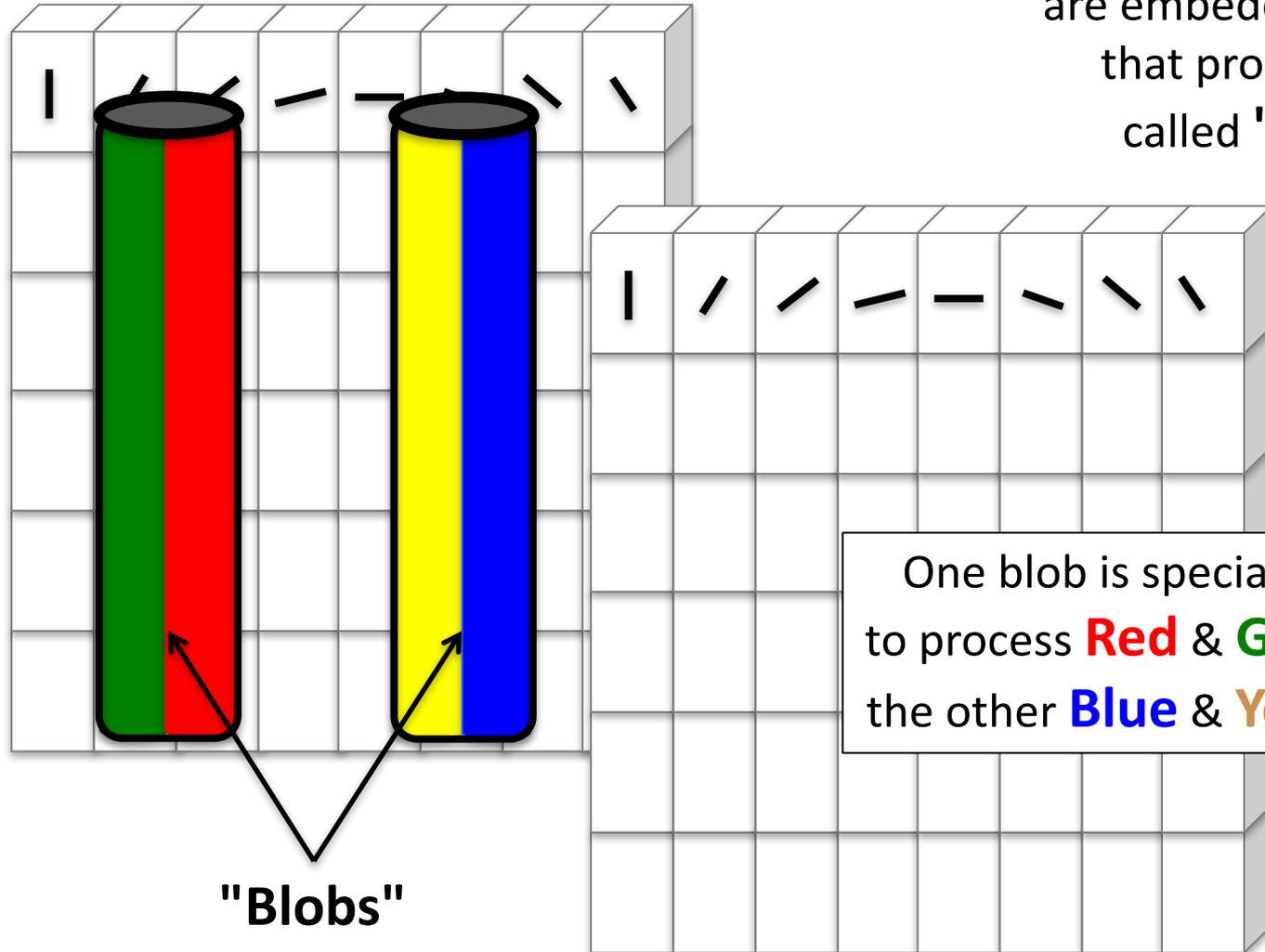
6 Layered
Cortex



Within each pair of
Hypercolumns
are embedded columns
that process color
called "**Blobs**"

Color "Blobs" in V1

6 Layered
Cortex

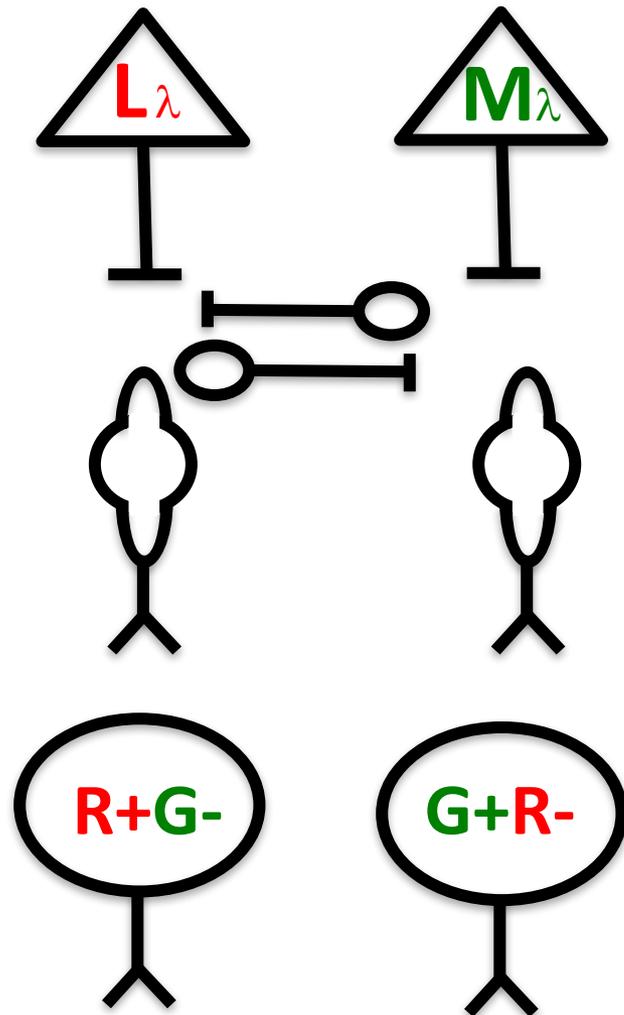
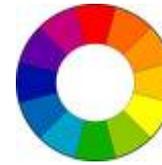


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Hypercolumns
are embedded columns
that process color
called "**Blobs**"

One blob is specialized
to process **Red** & **Green**,
the other **Blue** & **Yellow**

"Blobs"

Color Opponency



Long/Medium
Wavelength
Cones

Horizontal "C" Cells
(Lateral Inhibitors)

Bipolars

Opponent Cells
(Ganglions)

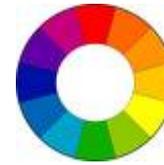
R+G-

Turned on by Red,
off by Green

G+R-

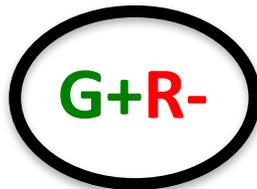
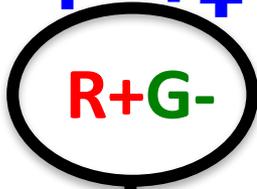
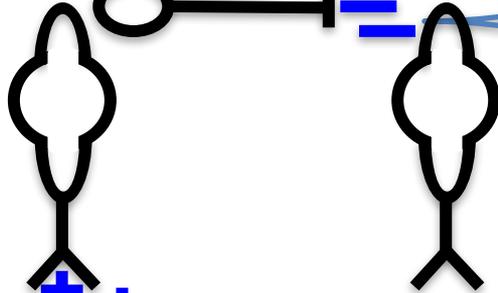
Turned on by Green,
off by Red

Color Opponency



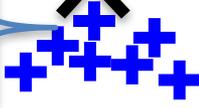
This C Cell is inhibited from firing

In absence of inhibition, C Cells spontaneously fire, inhibiting neighboring Bipolars

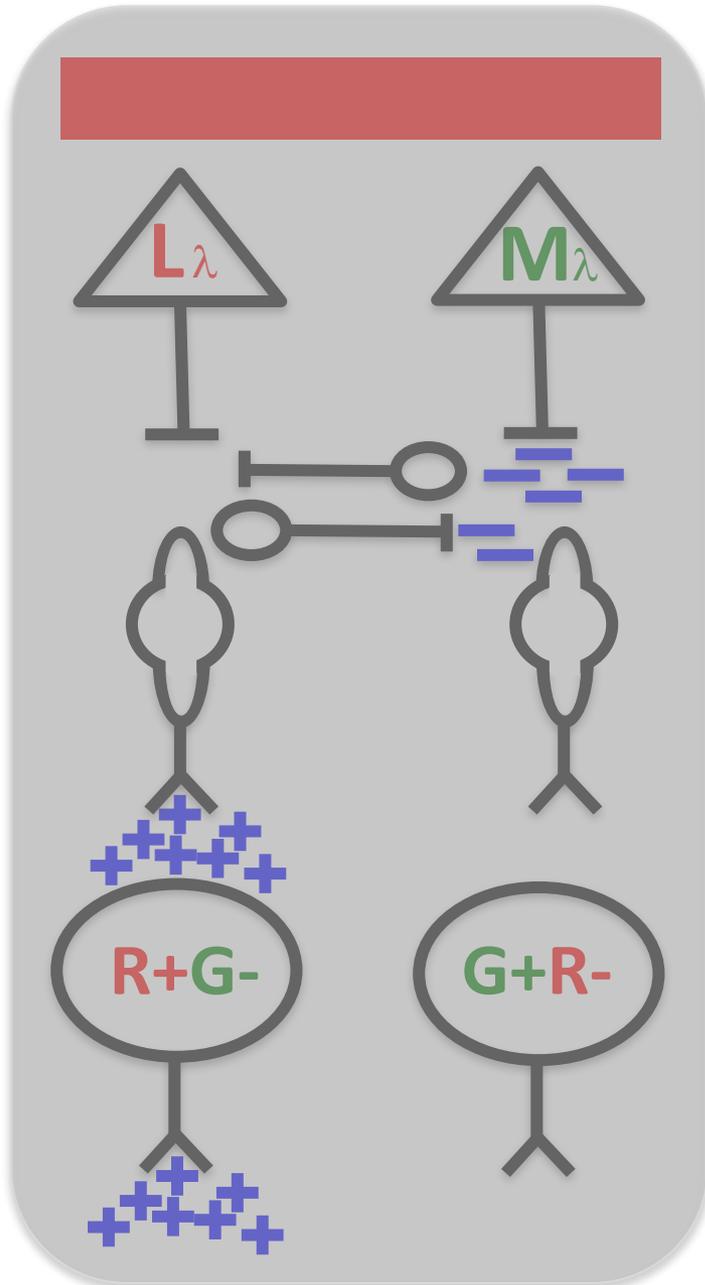
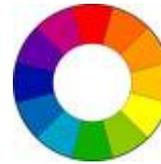


R+G-
Turned ON
by Red

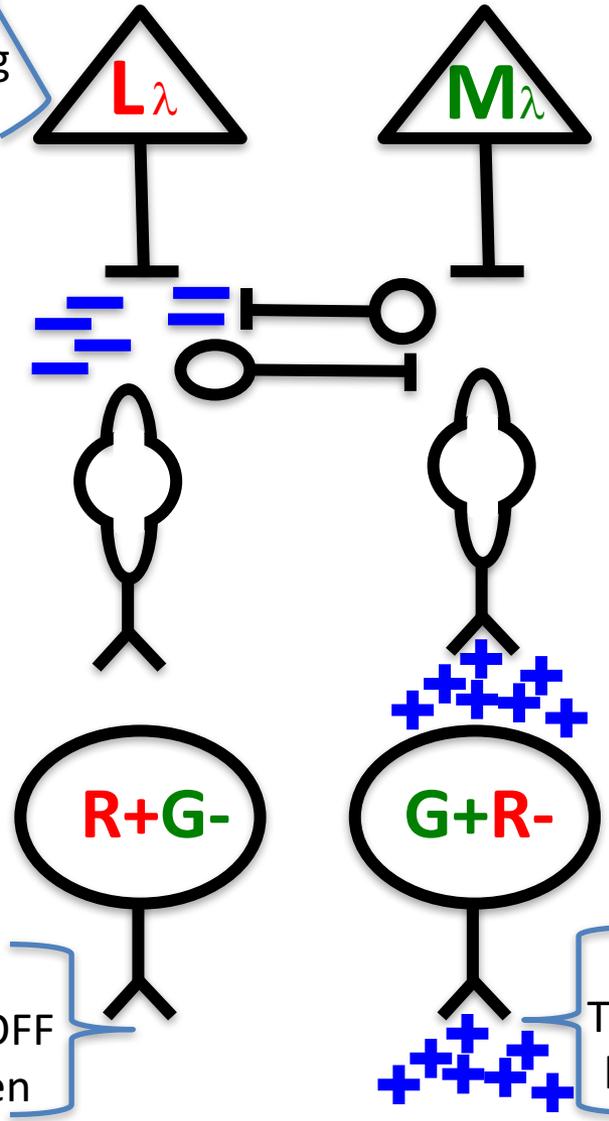
G+R-
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Color Opponency



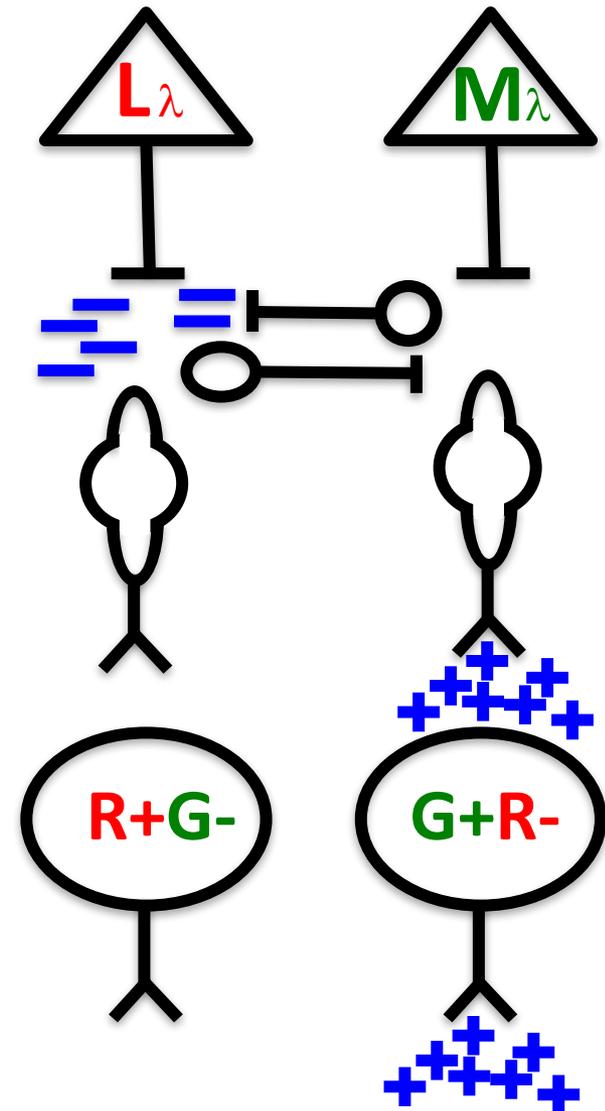
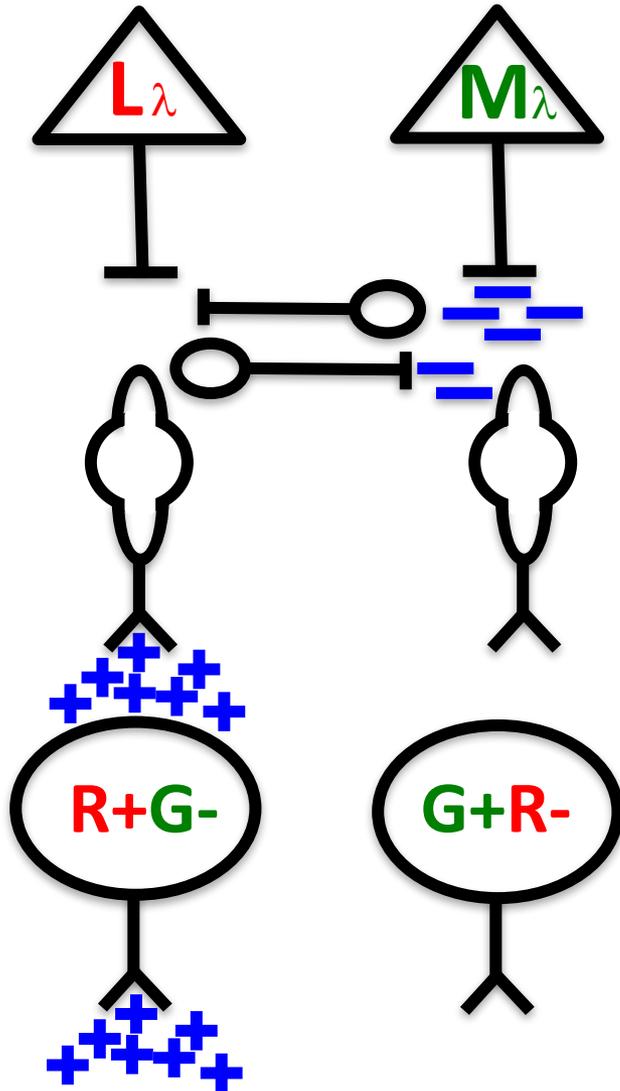
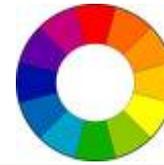
Same circuit, responding to GREEN



R+G-
Turned OFF
by Green

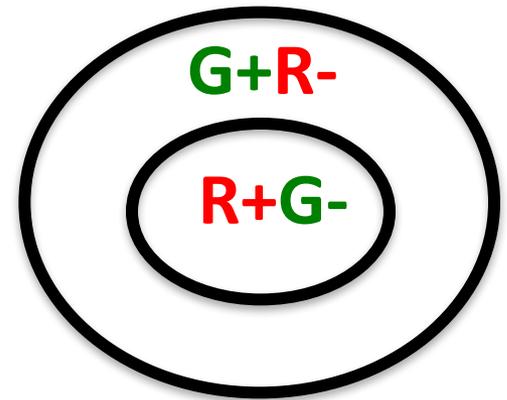
G+R-
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Color Opponency



Double Opponent Cell

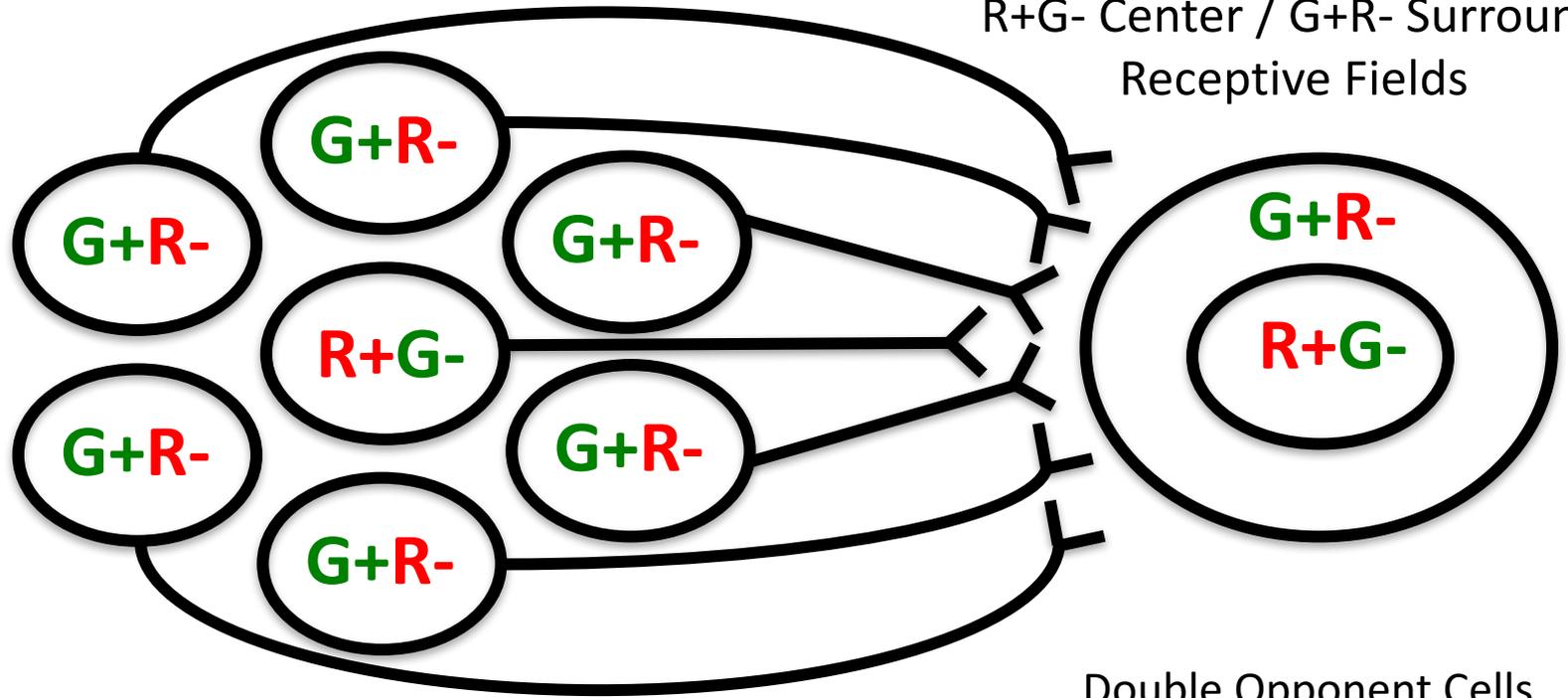
Most have
R+G- Center / G+R- Surround
Receptive Fields



Double Opponent Cells
in Striate Cortex (V1)

Double Opponent Cell

Created by the convergence of
Opponent Cells from LGN



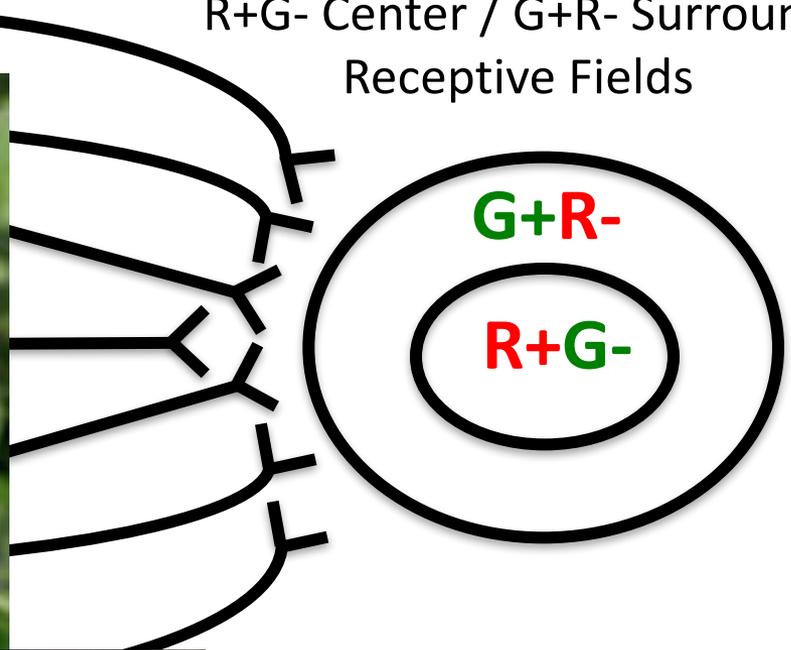
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Double Opponent Cells
in Striate Cortex (V1)

Double Color Opponent Cell

Created by the convergence of Opponent Cells from LGN

Most have R+G- Center / G+R- Surround Receptive Fields



Optimal Stimulus – Ripe Fruit!



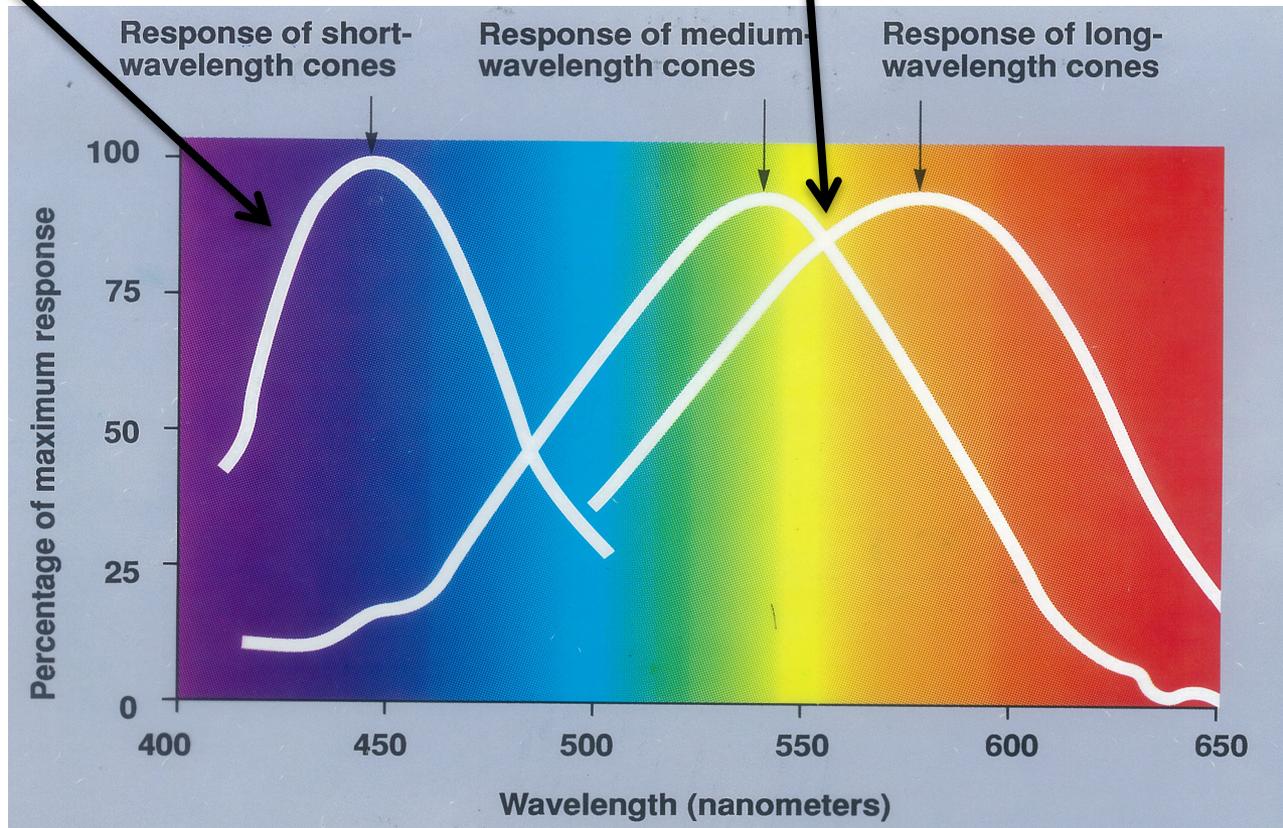
Double Opponent Cells in Striate Cortex (V1)

Color Opponency

Blue / Yellow opponency works much the same way as Red / Green

Short wavelength cones
are set in opposition to...

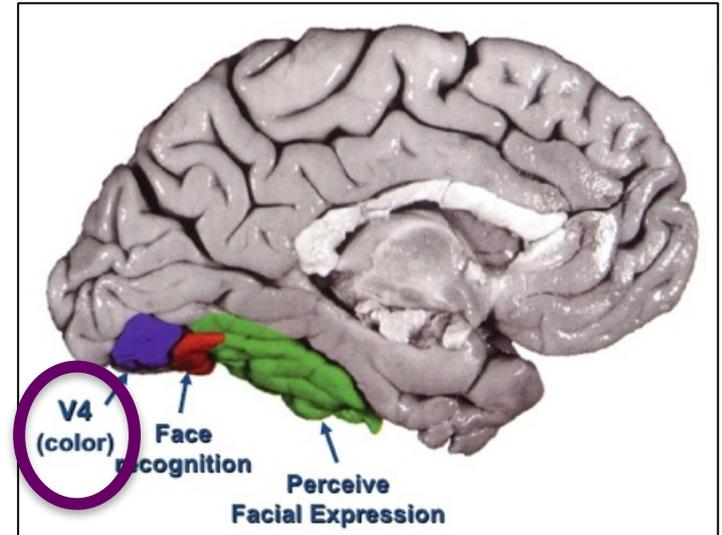
...Medium+Long wavelength cones
when they respond equally,
as they do to yellow light.



Color Constancy



Color Constancy

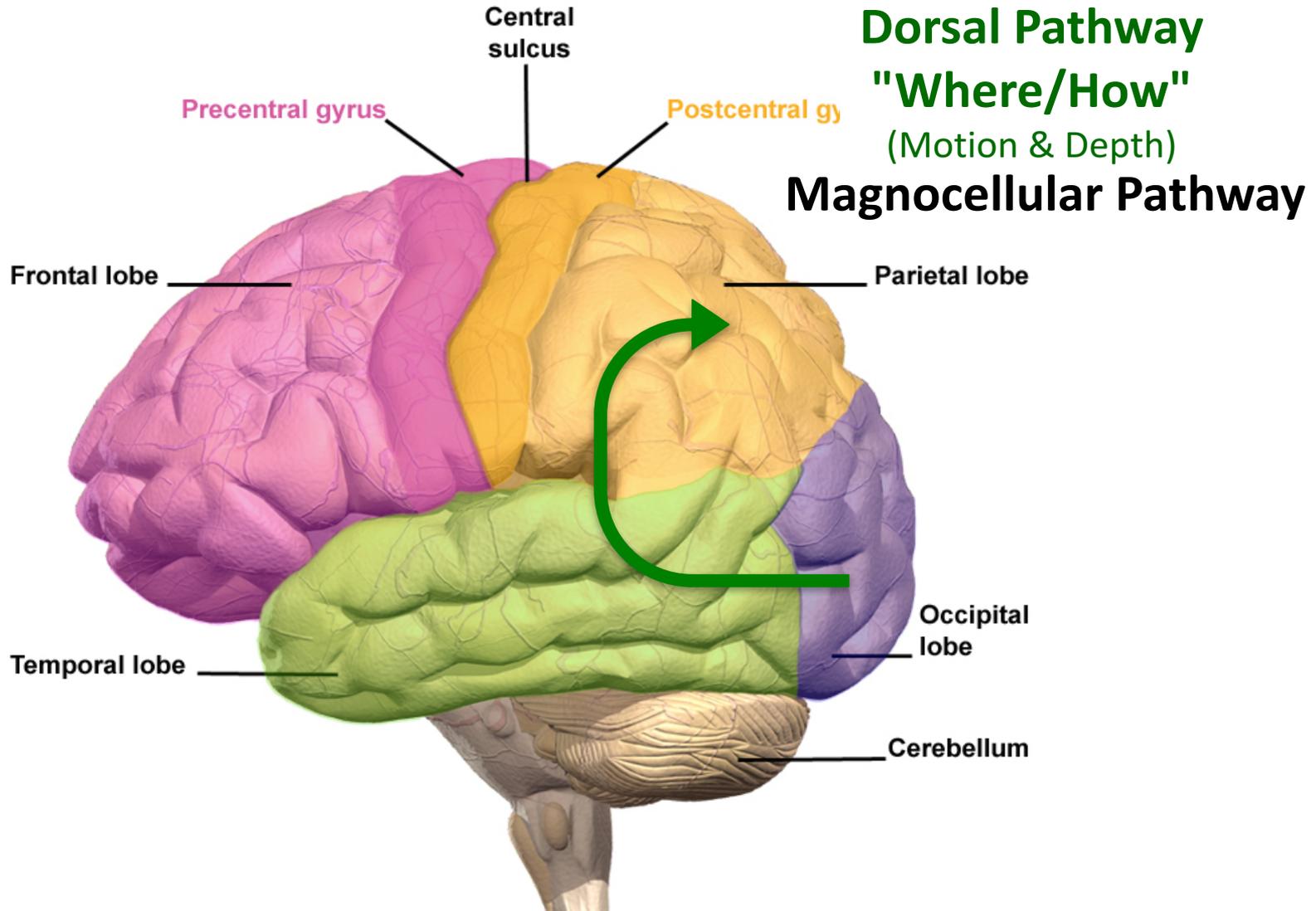


V4

detects & filters out
overall tint of scene

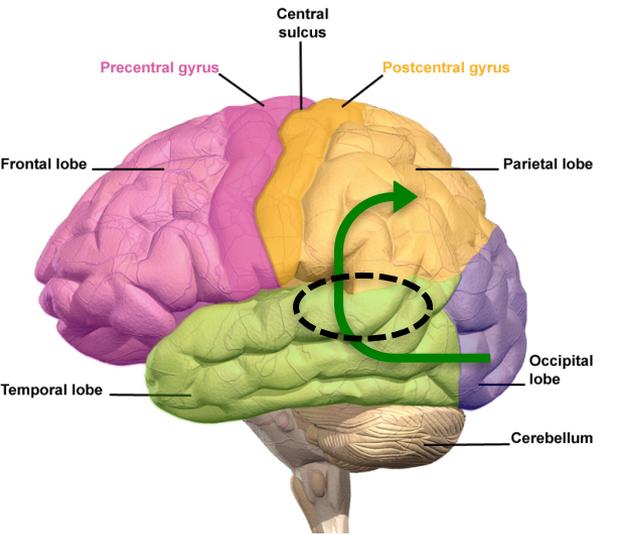
Enables recognition of
color under varying
lighting conditions
= **Color Constancy**

Magnocellular Pathway



MT (Medial Temporal)

Along "*Where/How*"
Visual pathway to Parietal

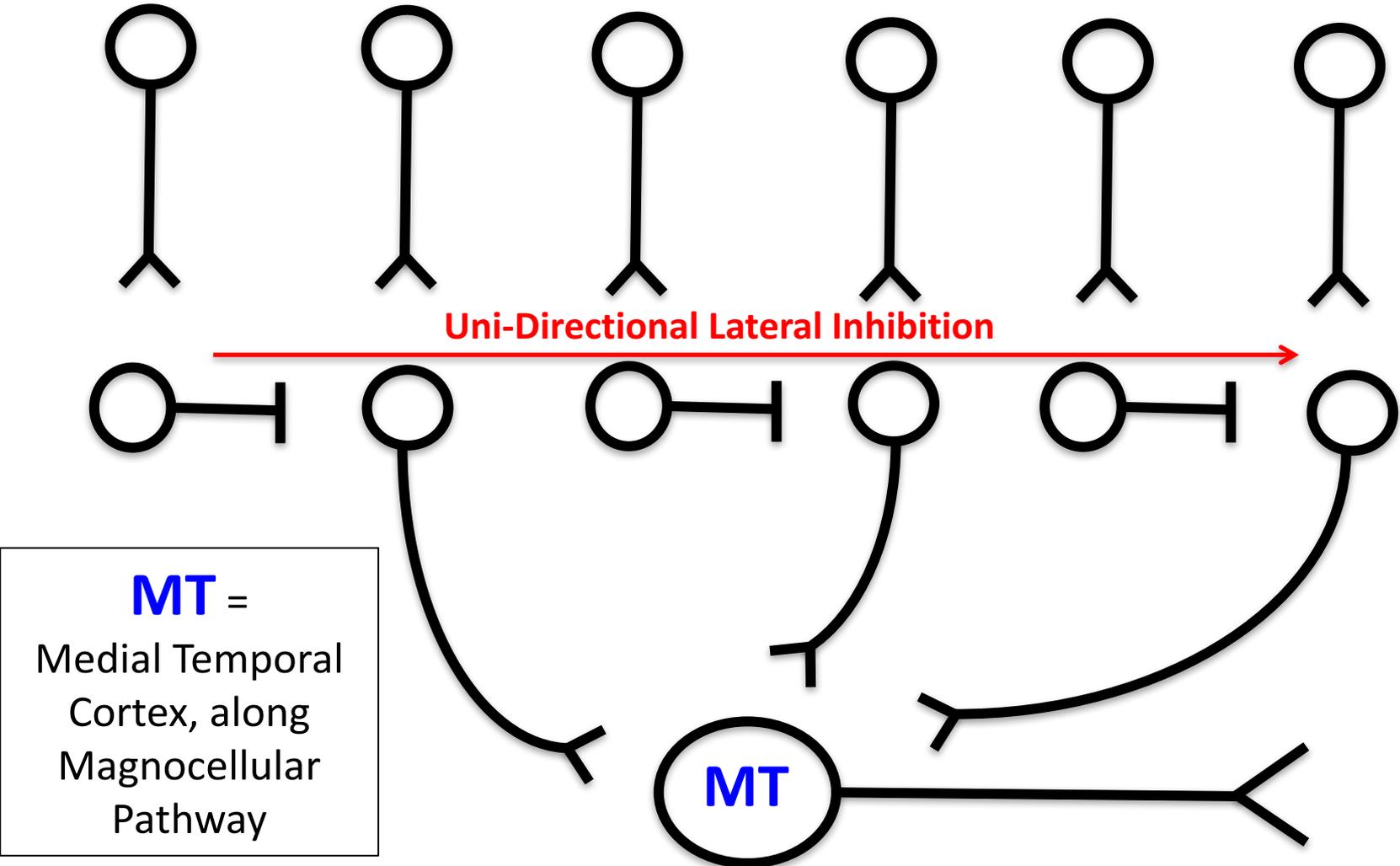


(- - - - = Medial, NOT on outer surface)



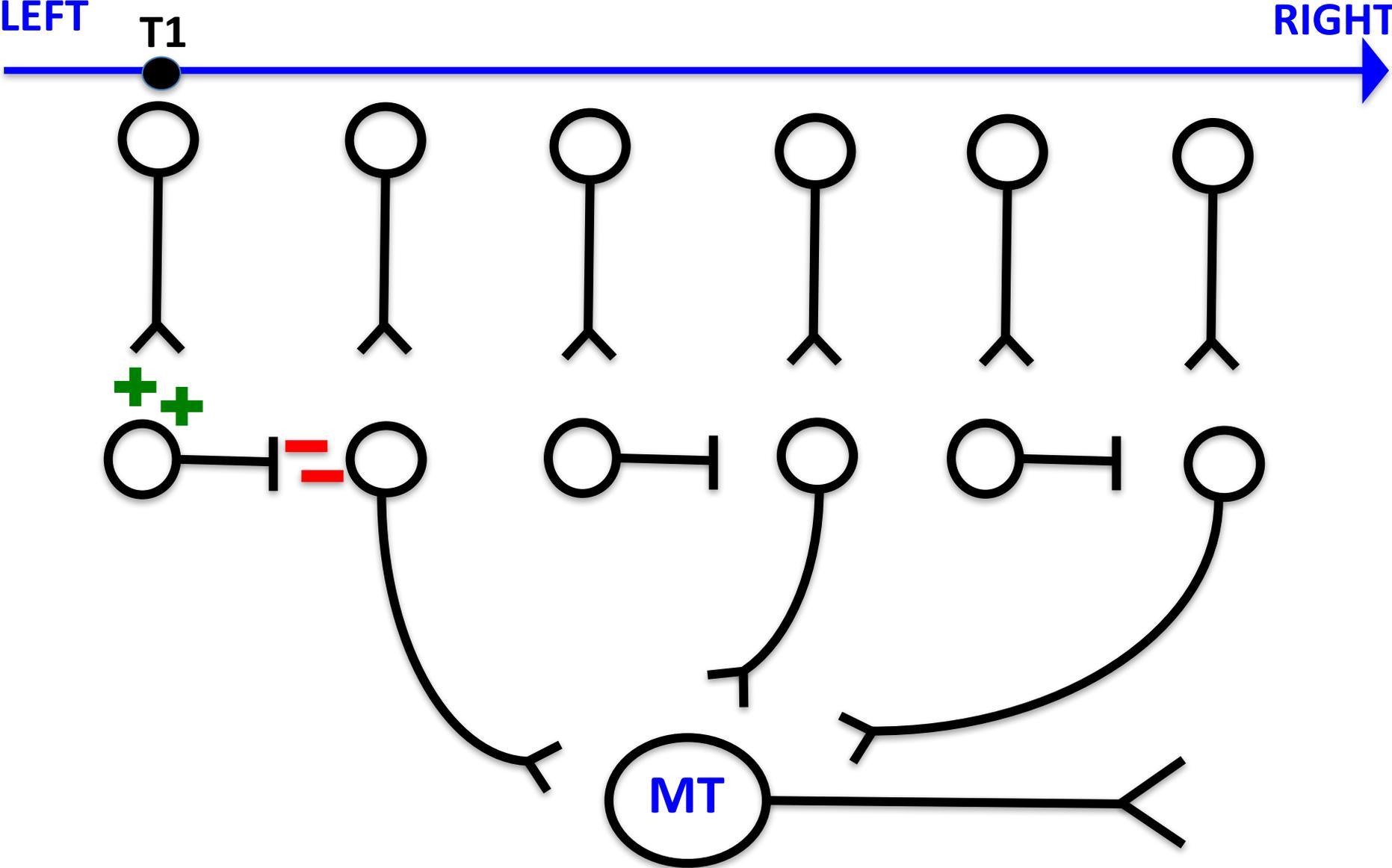
Includes Direction-Sensitive
Motion Detectors

Direction-Sensitive Motion Detector Circuit in MT

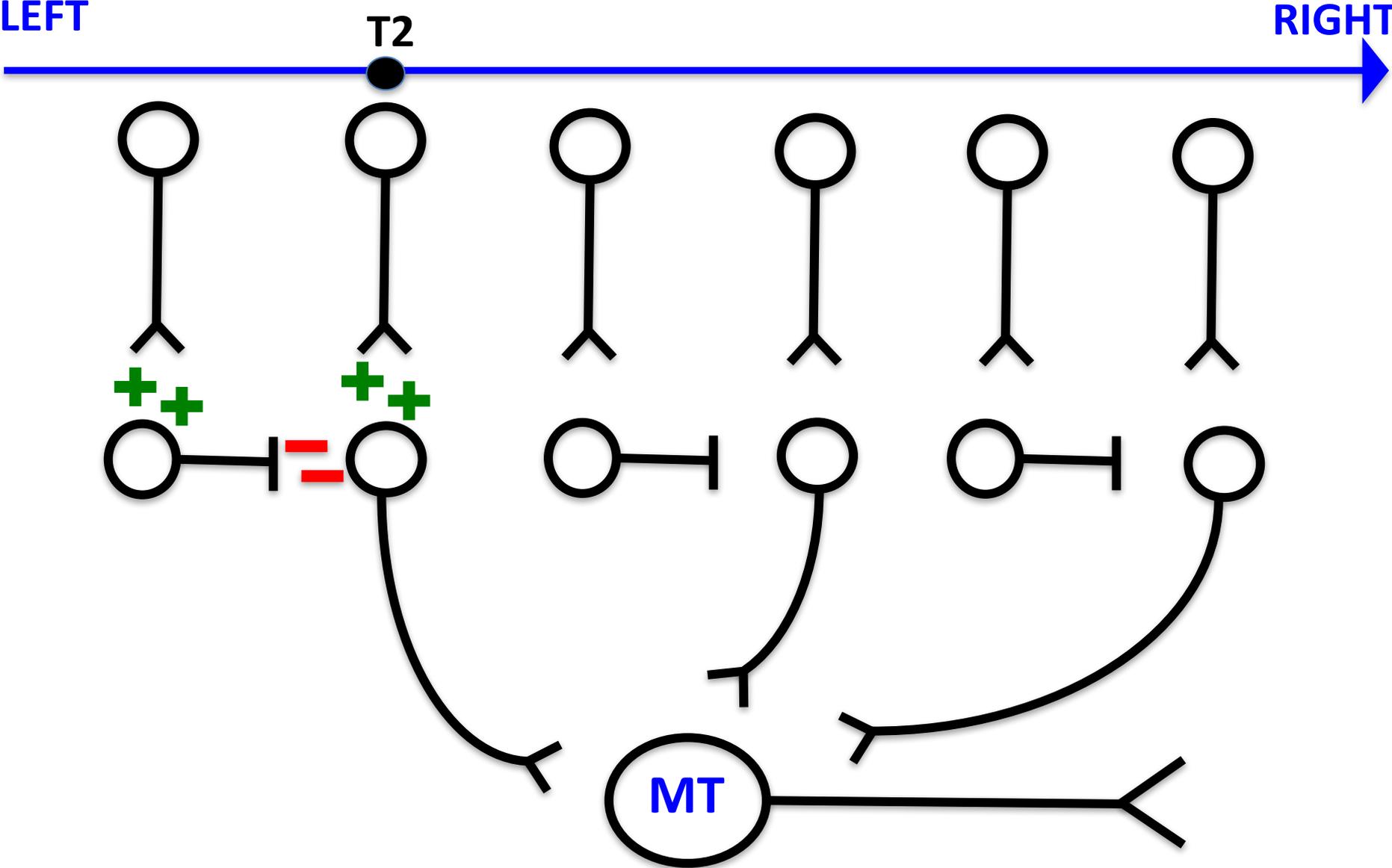


MT =
Medial Temporal
Cortex, along
Magnocellular
Pathway

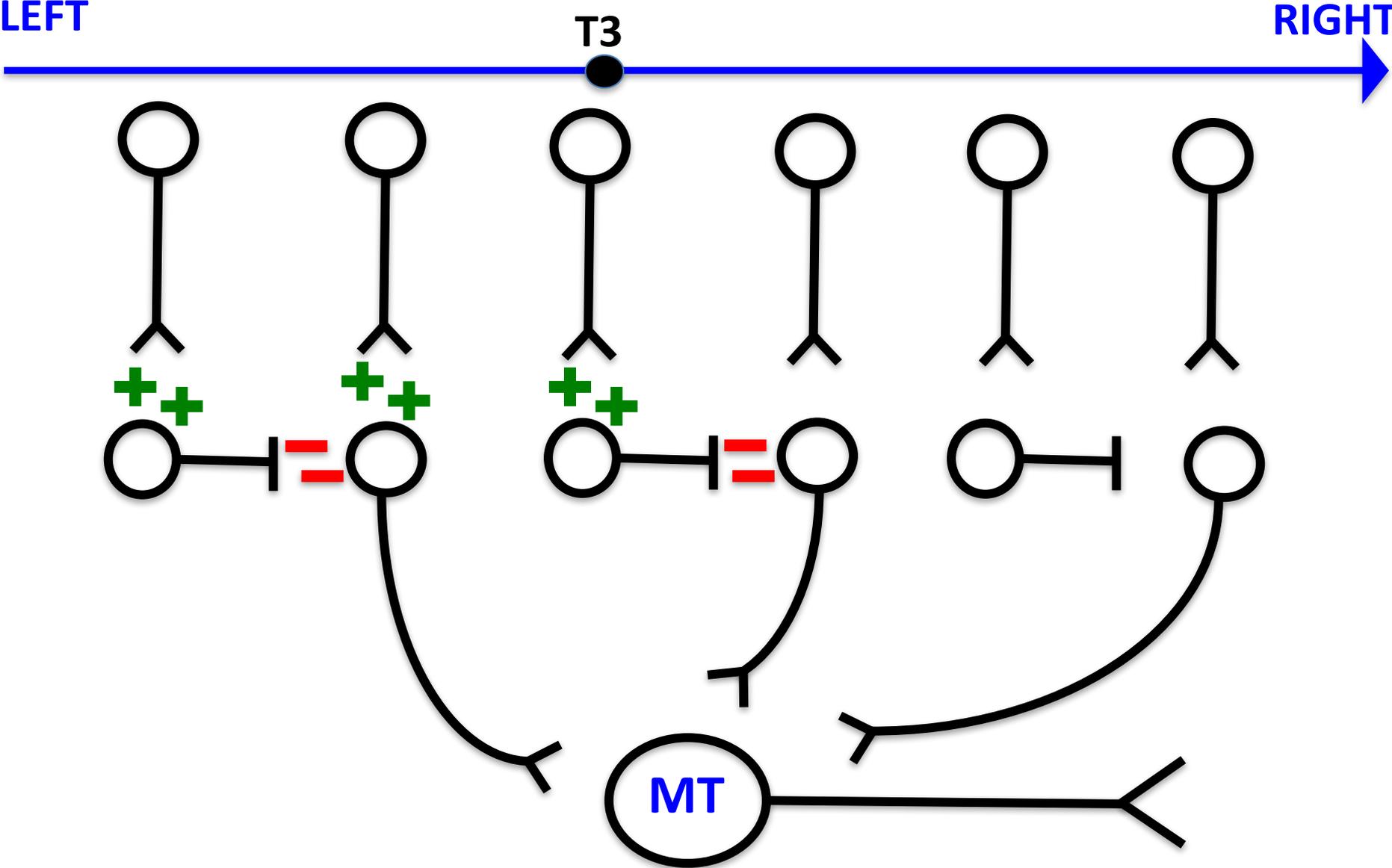
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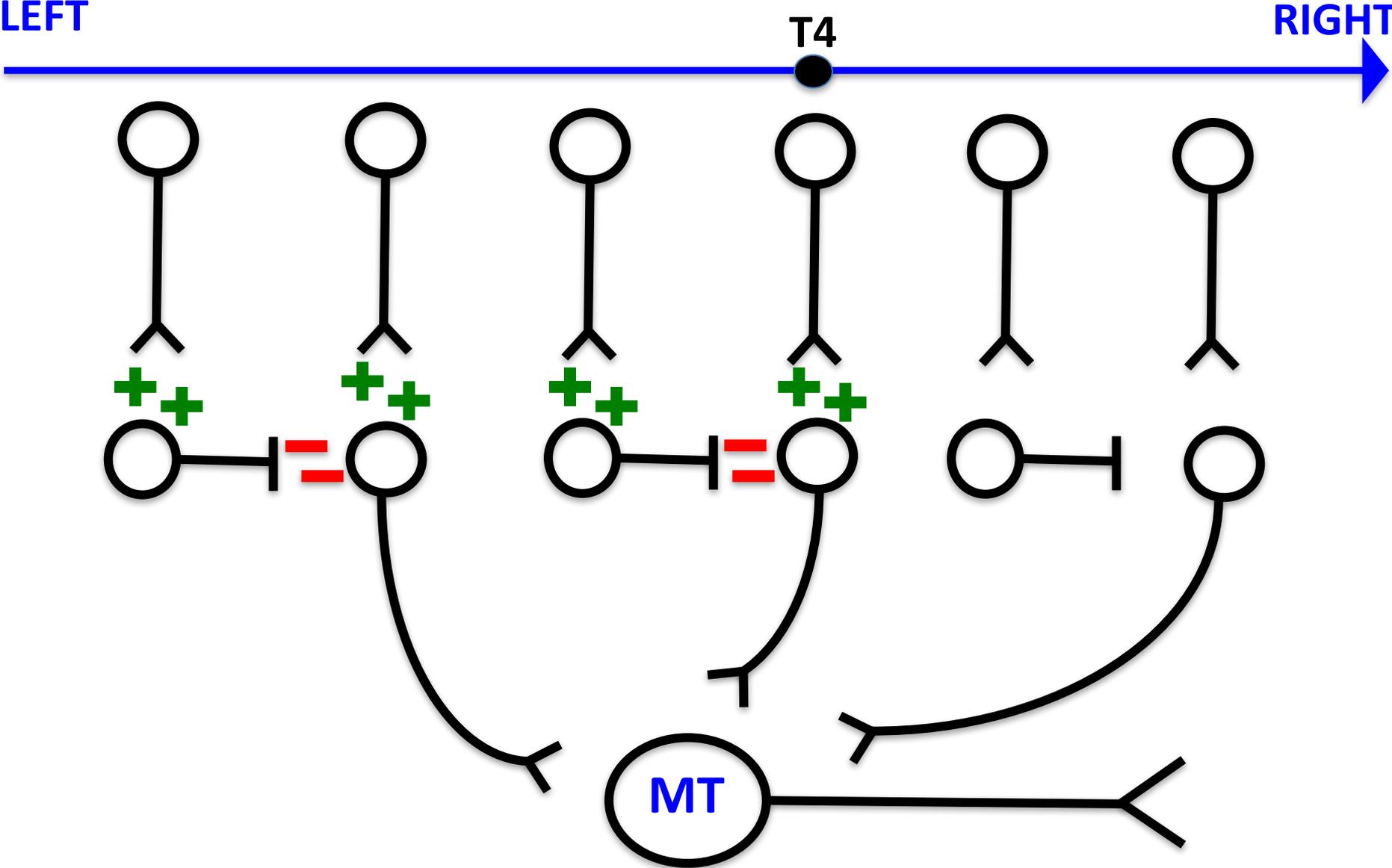
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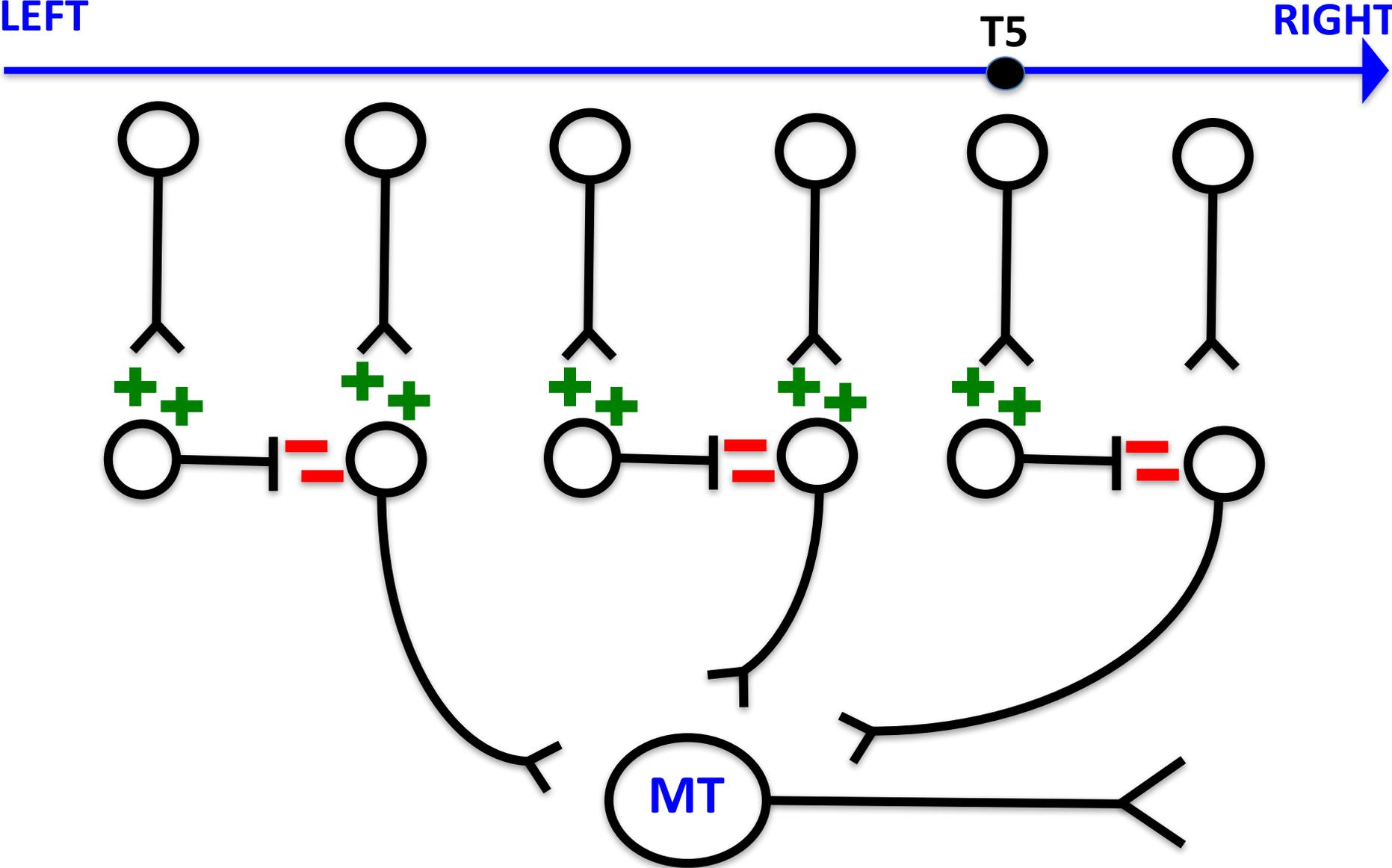
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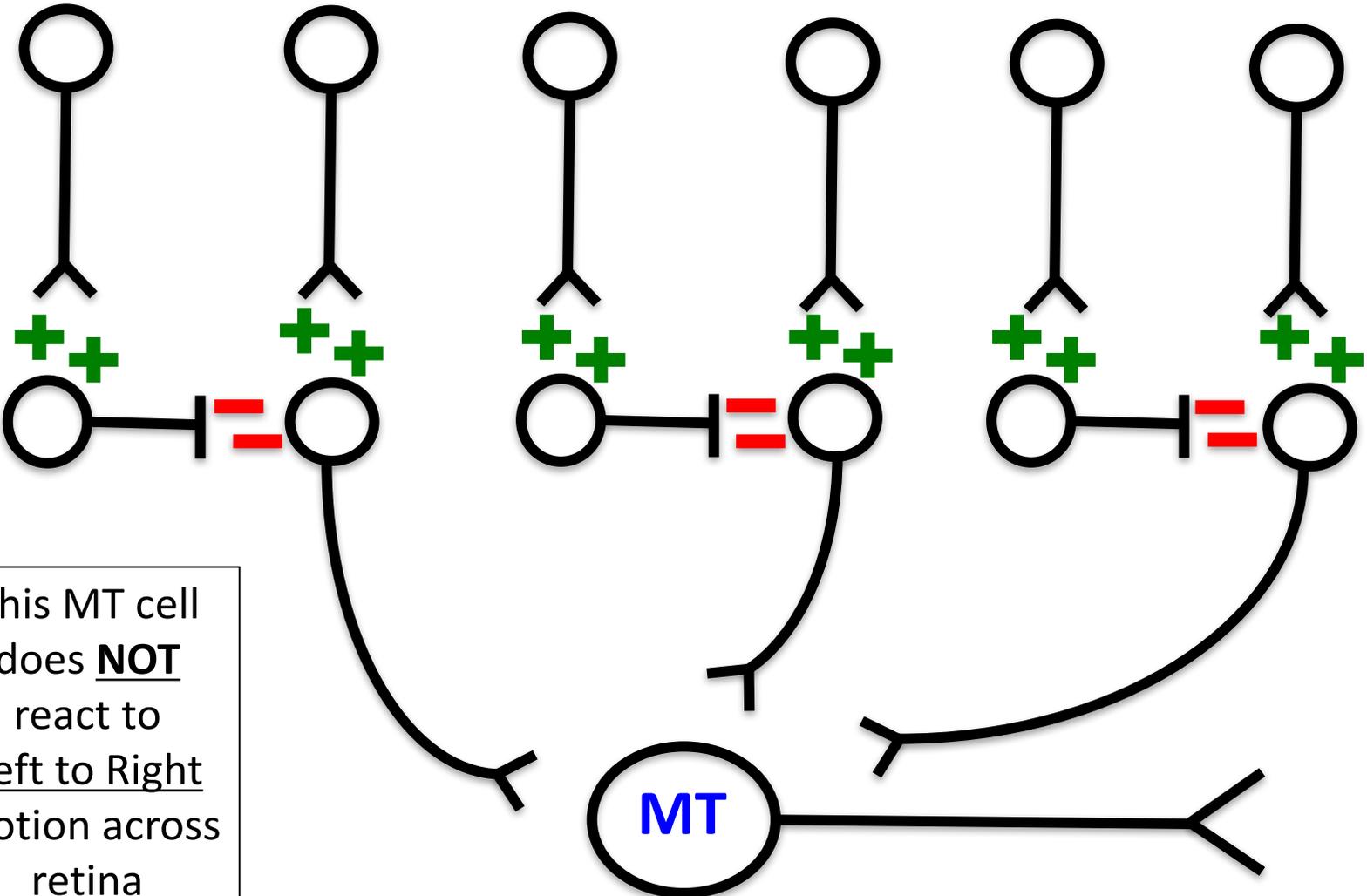


Direction-Sensitive Motion Detector Circuit in MT

LEFT

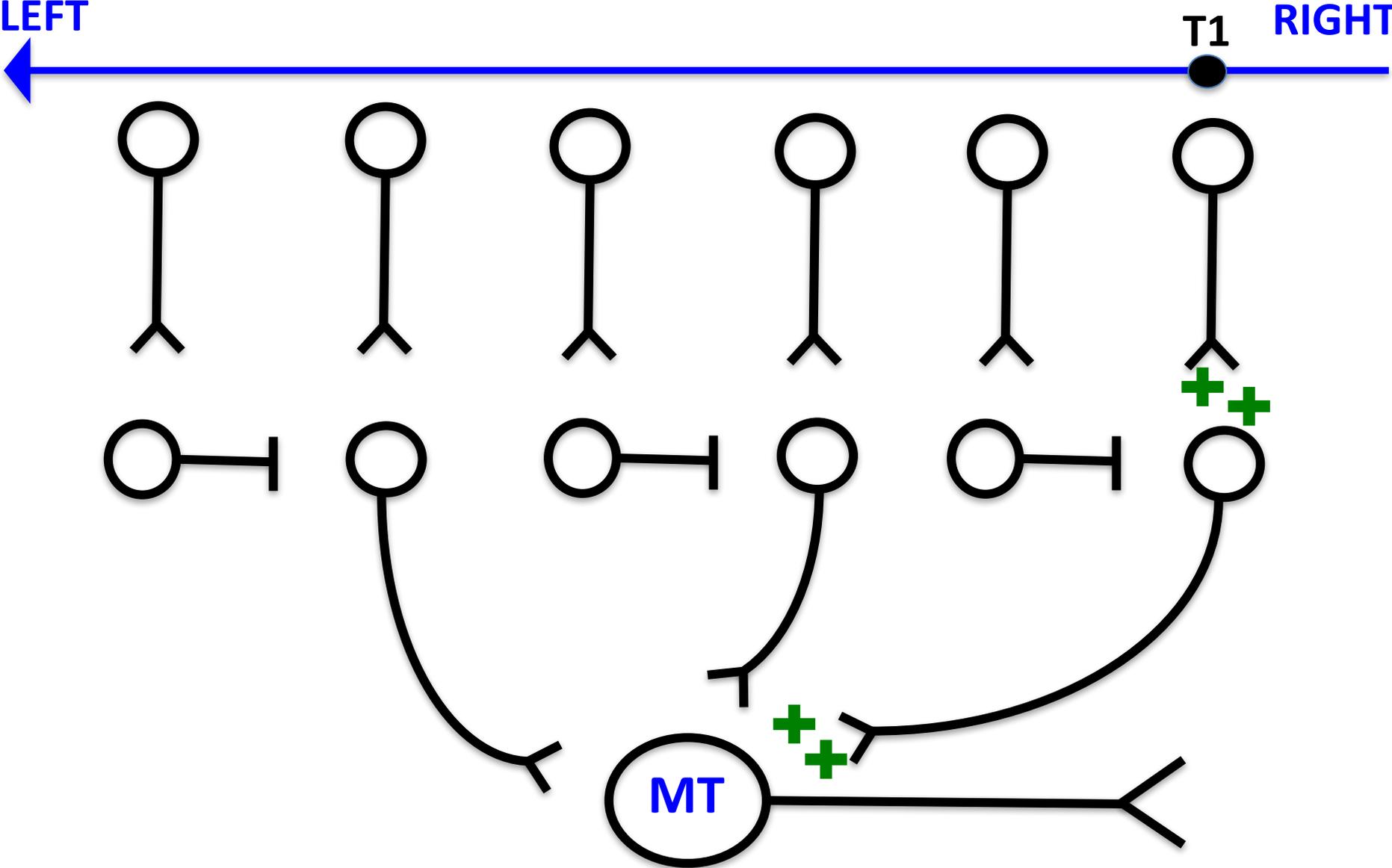
T6

RIGHT

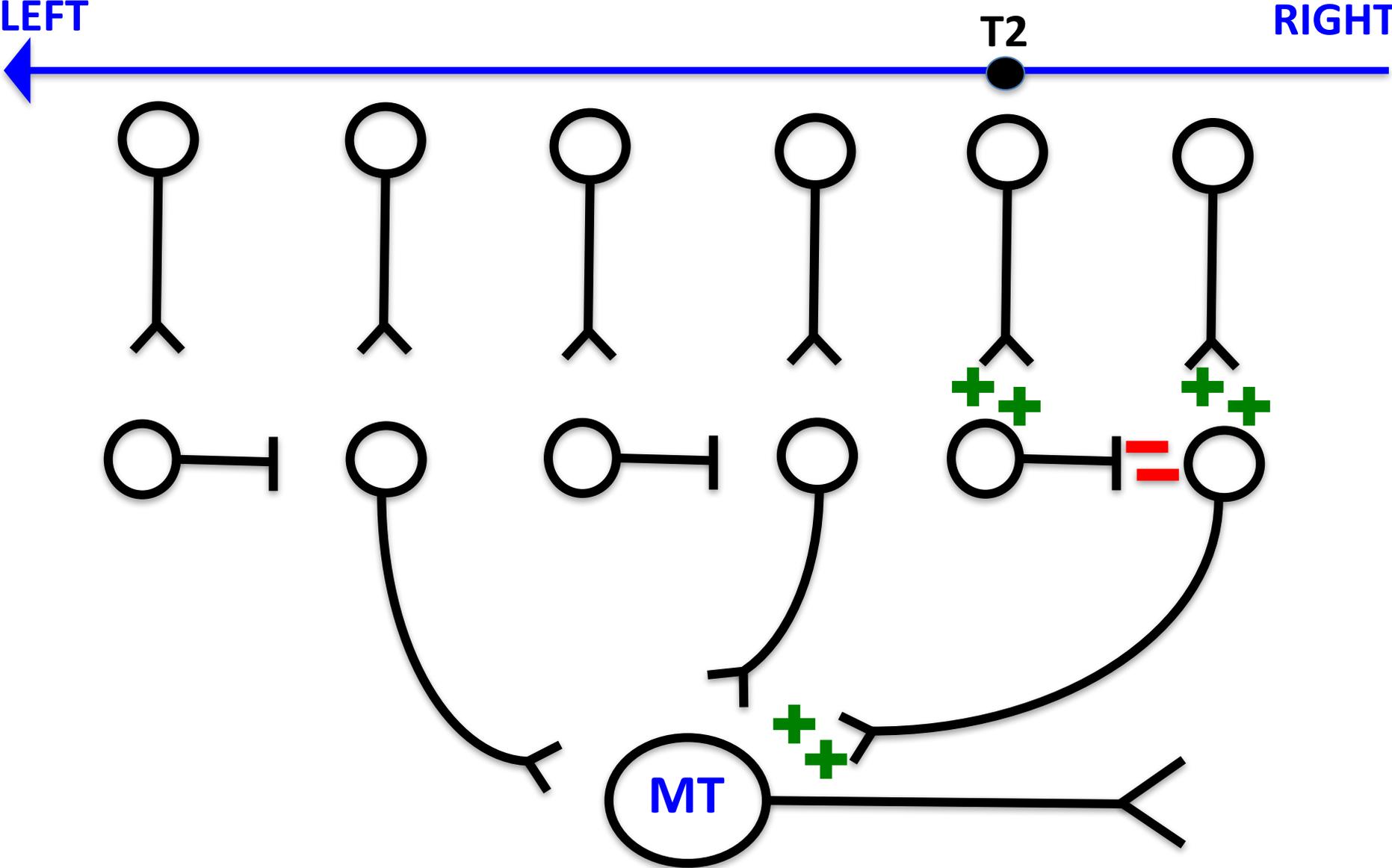


This MT cell does **NOT** react to Left to Right motion across retina

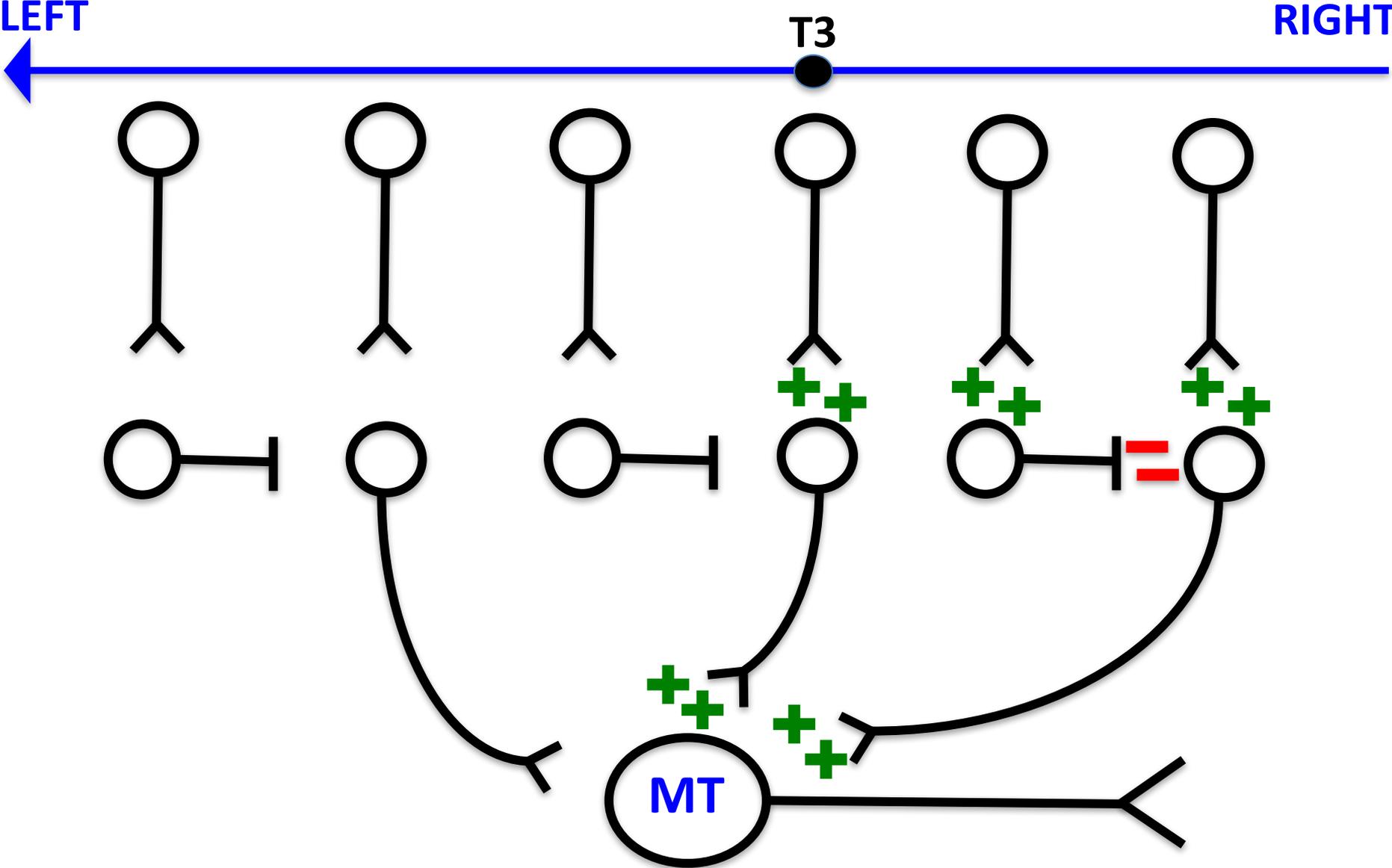
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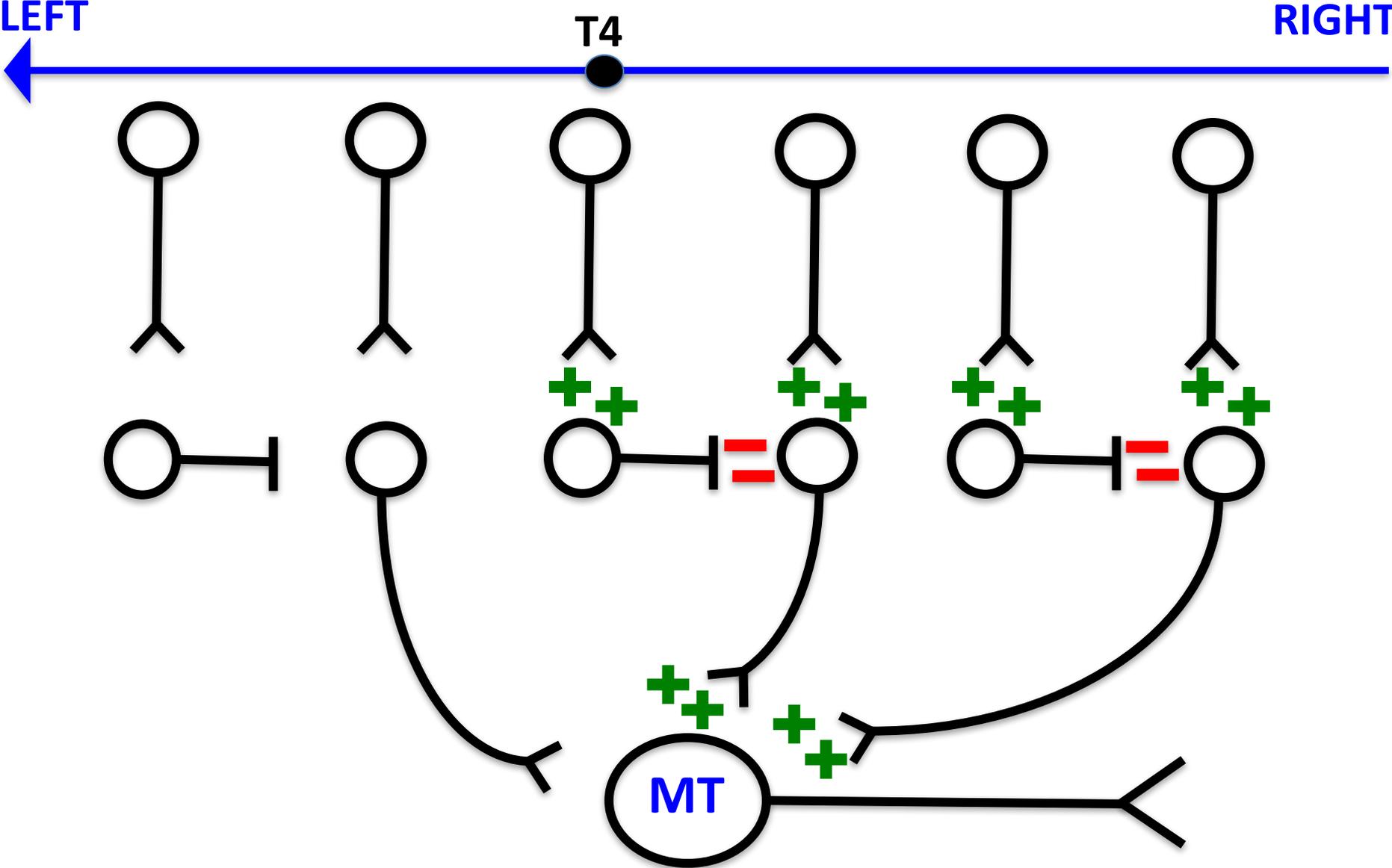
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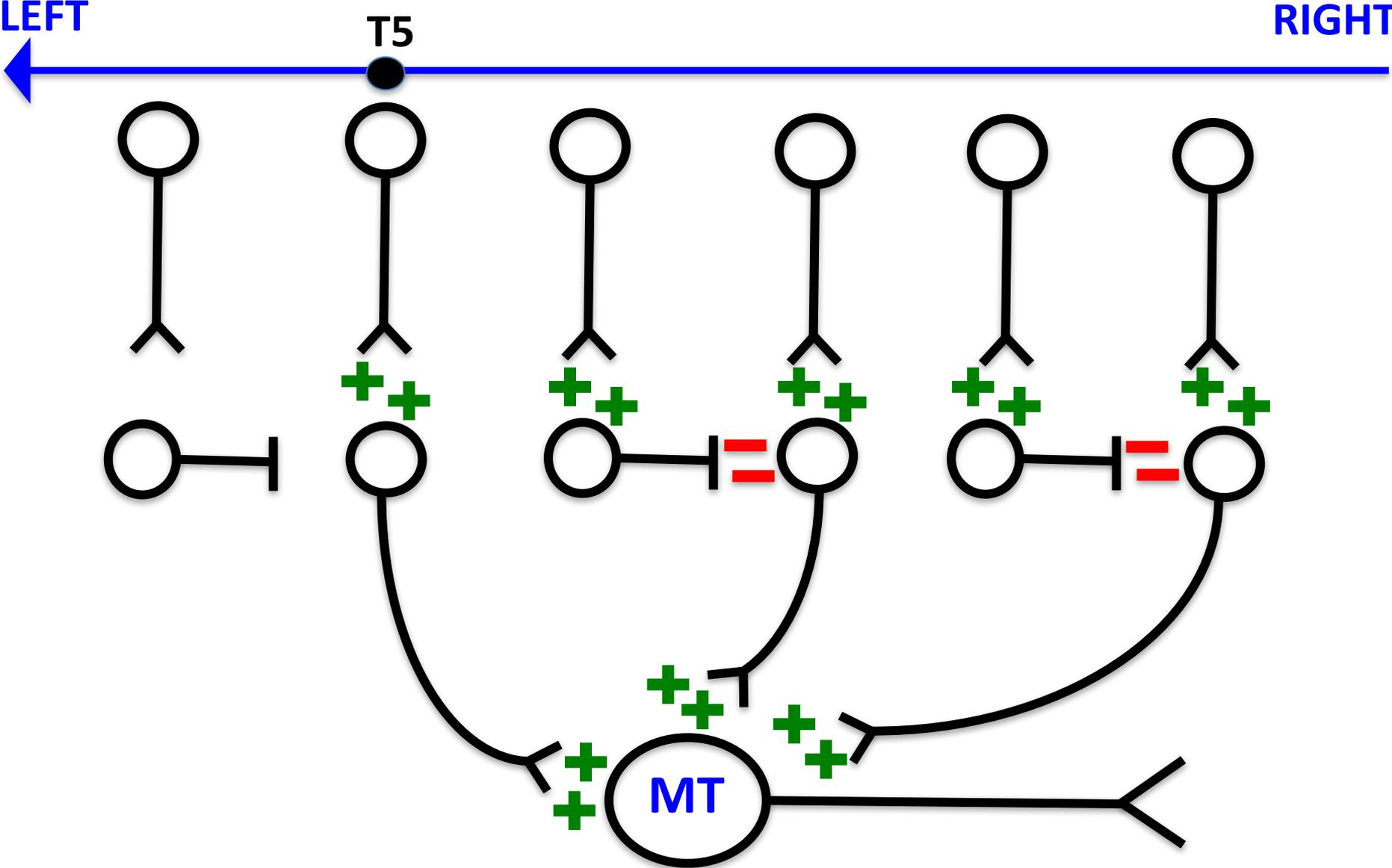
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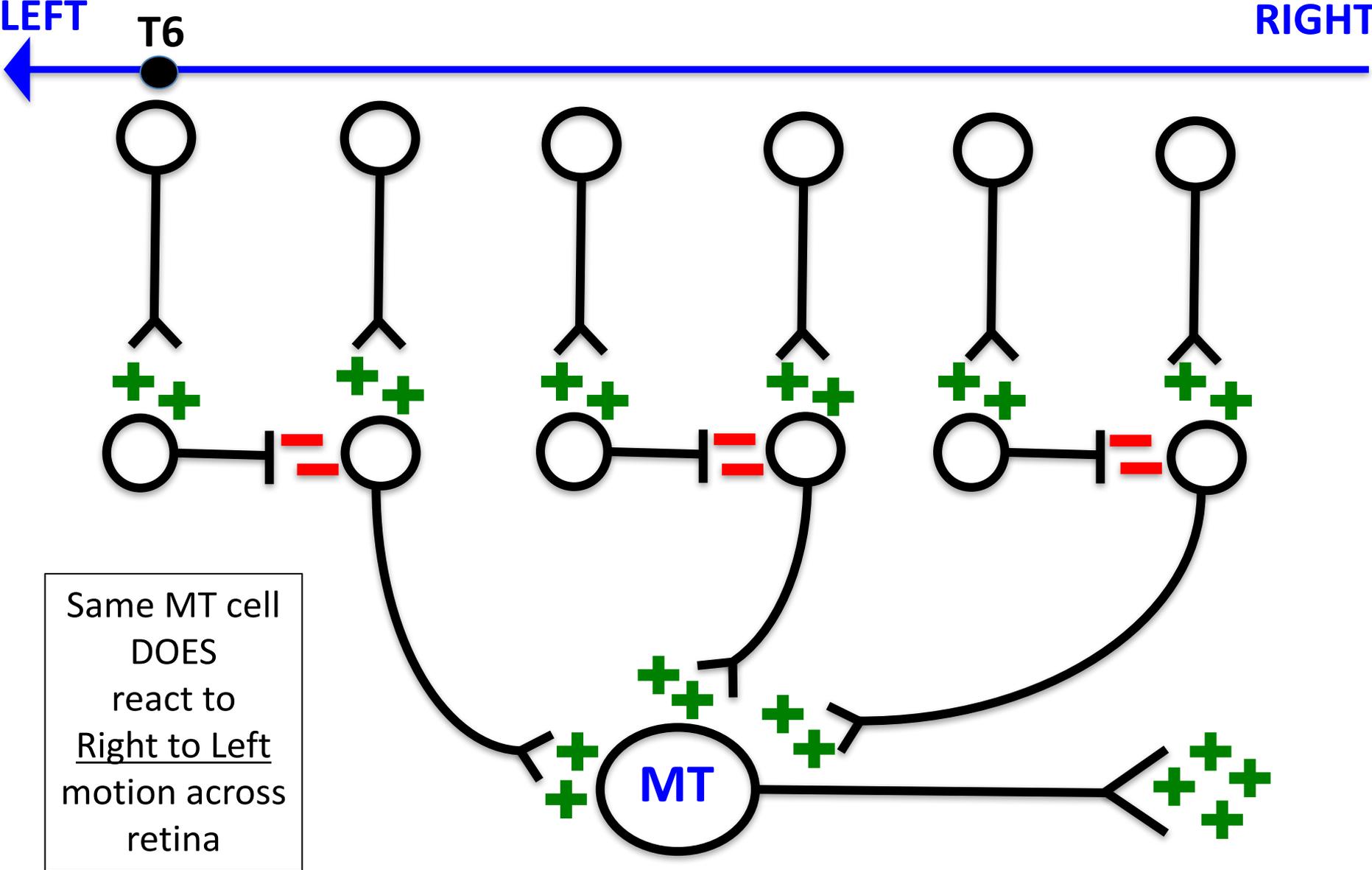
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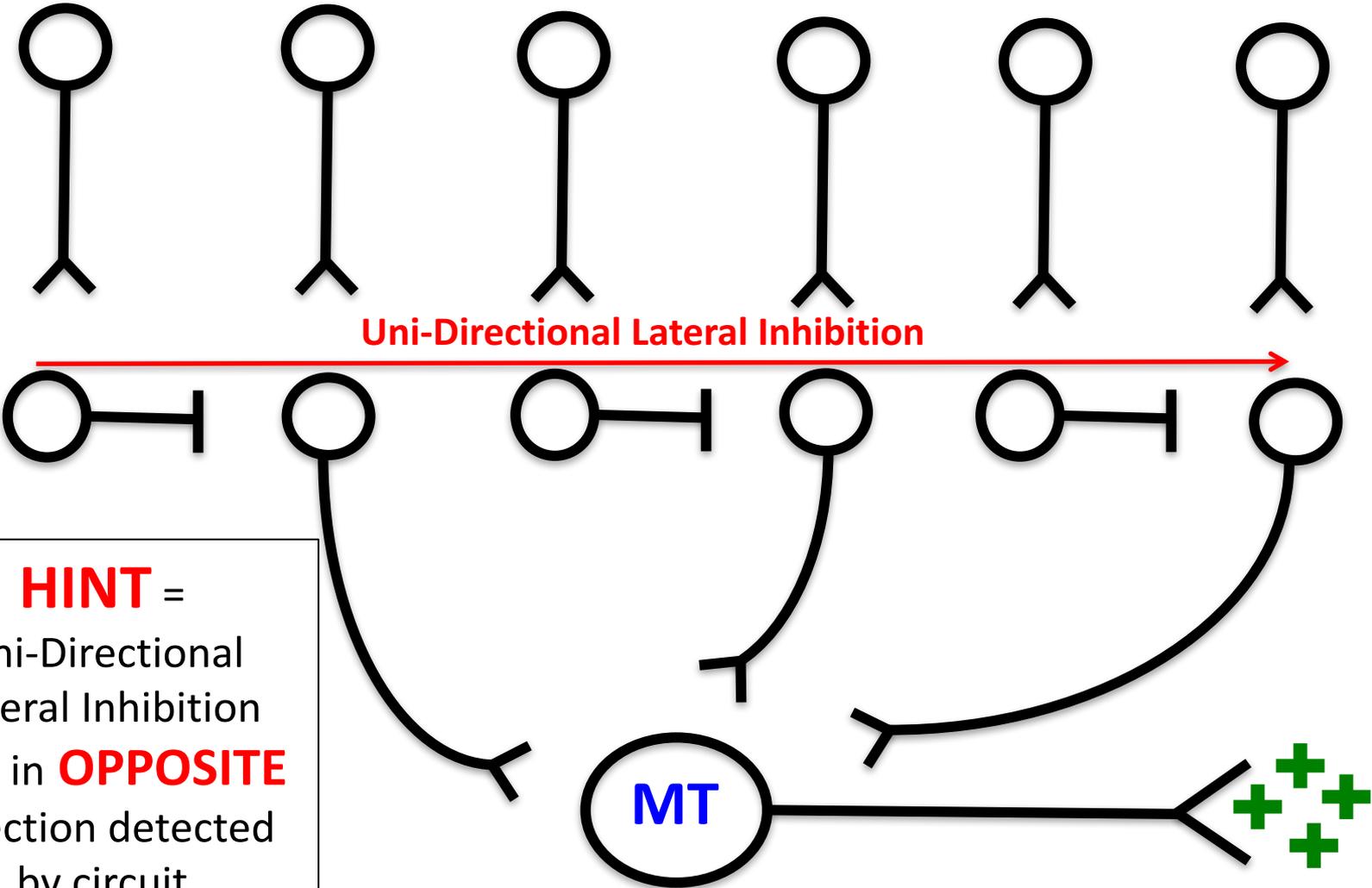
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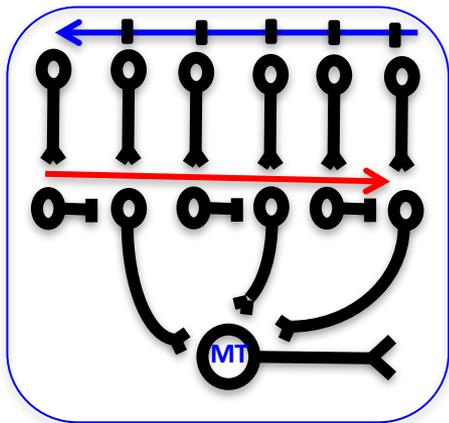
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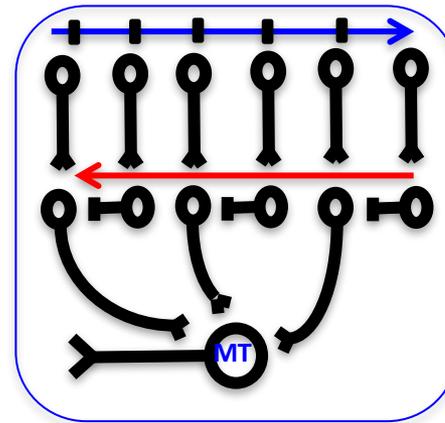
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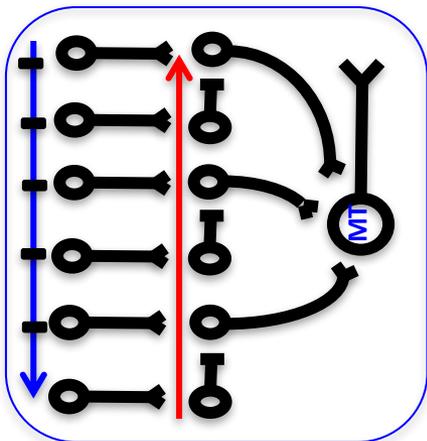
Direction-Sensitive Motion Detector Circuit in MT



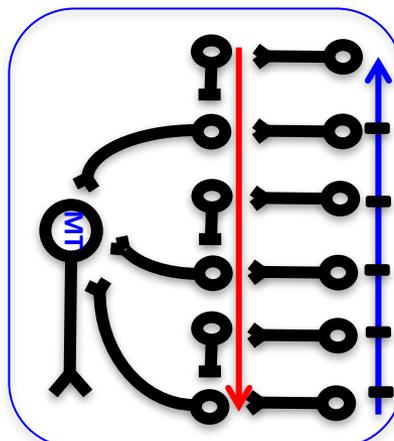
Detects motion
RIGHT to LEFT



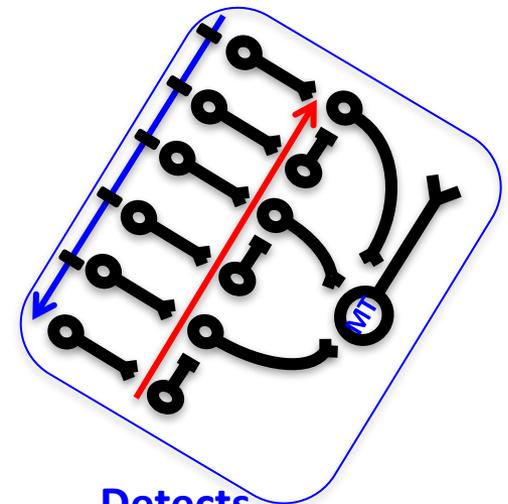
Detects motion
LEFT to RIGHT



Detects
motion
DOWNWARD

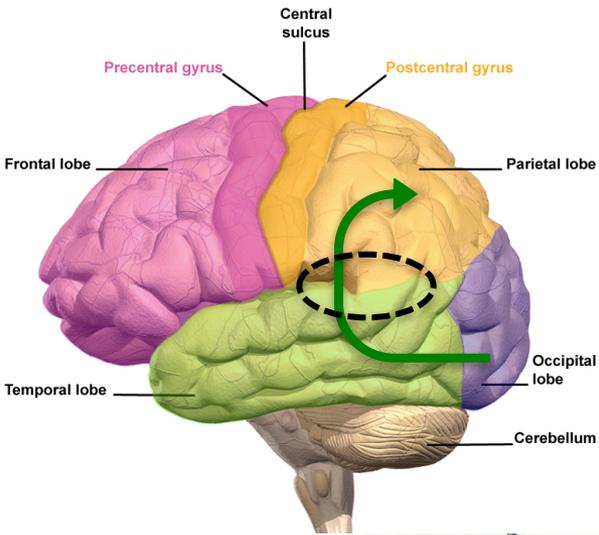


Detects
motion
UPWARD



Detects
motion
DIAGONALLY
DOWN

Etc...



MST (Medial Superior Temporal)

Includes "Optic Flow" Detectors

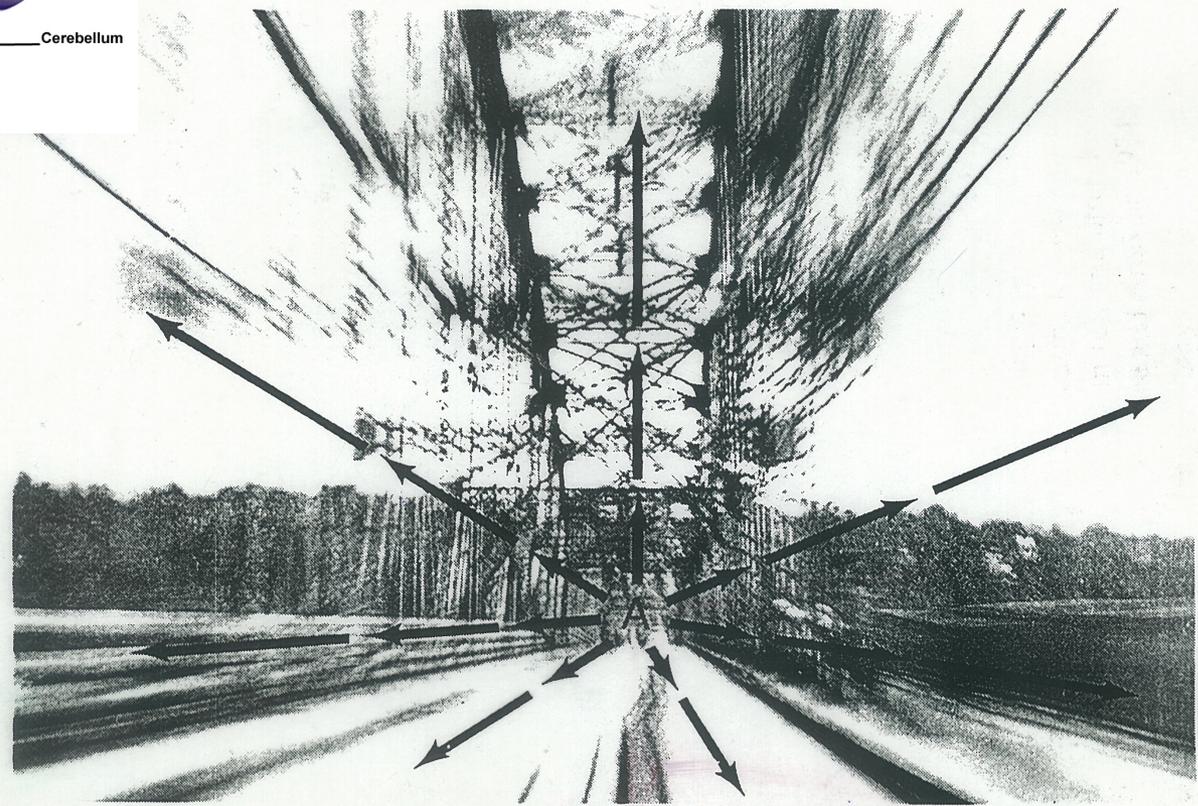
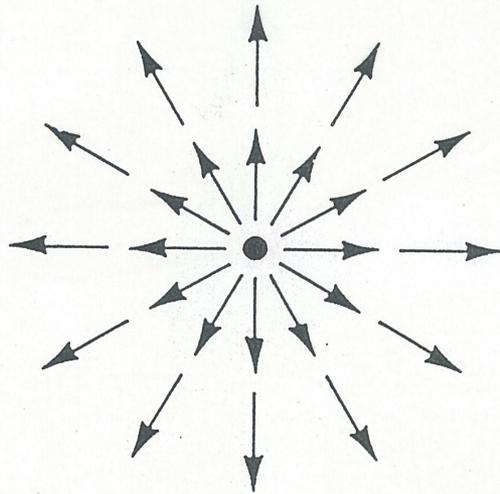


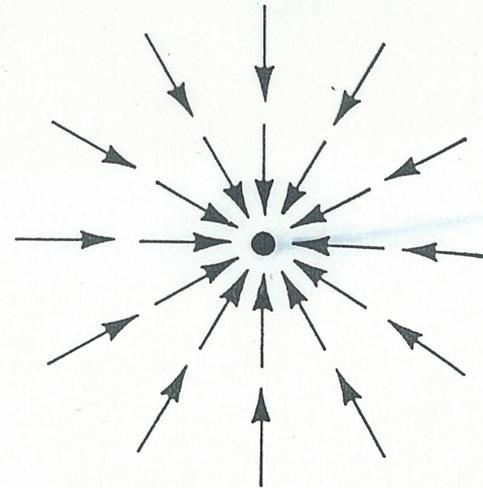
FIGURE 8.49 The flow of the environment as seen from a car speeding across a bridge toward point A. The flow, shown by the arrows, is more rapid closer to the car (as indicated by the increased blur) but occurs everywhere except A, the focus of expansion, toward which the car is moving. (Also see Figure 8.48a)

Optic Flow Detectors in **MST**



Forward
movement

(a)



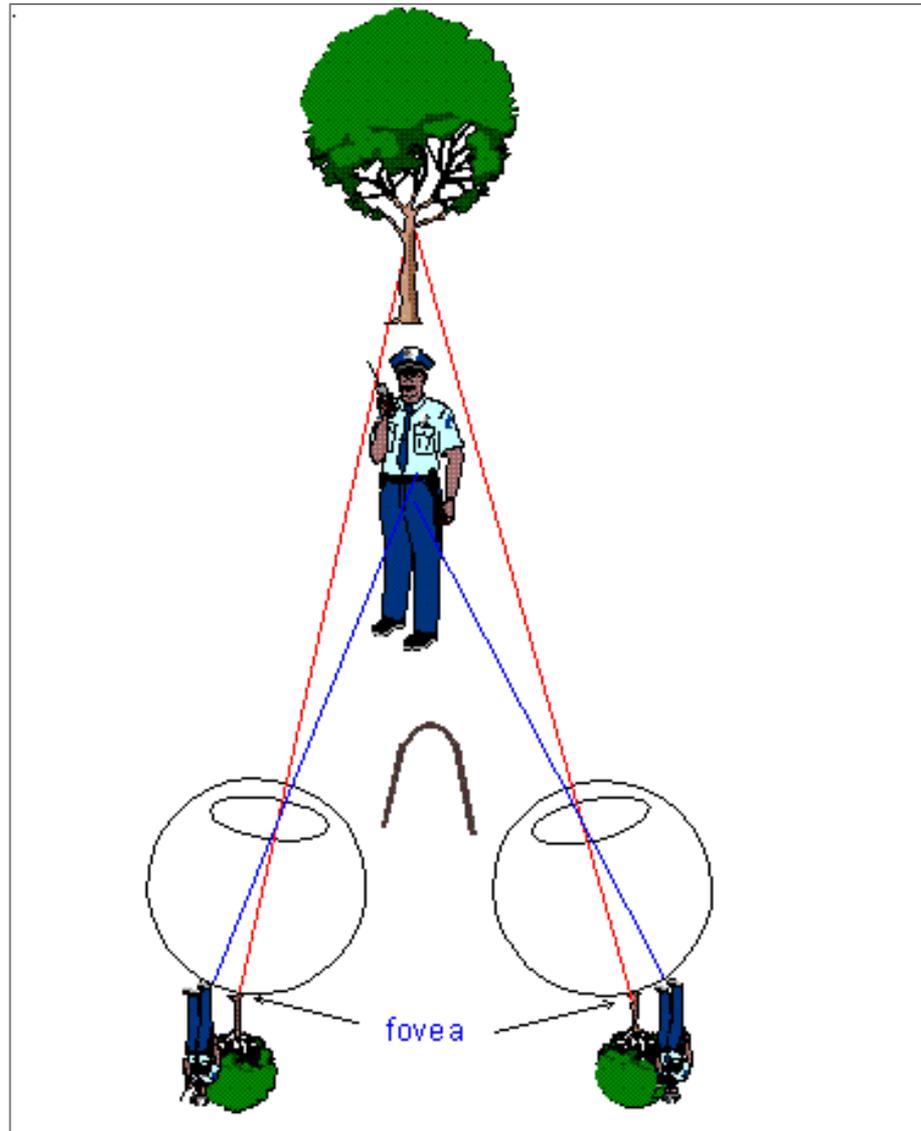
Backward
movement

(b)

FIGURE 8. 48 Flow patterns that occur (a) when we move forward and (b) when we move backward.

Binocular Disparity

Used for
Depth Perception

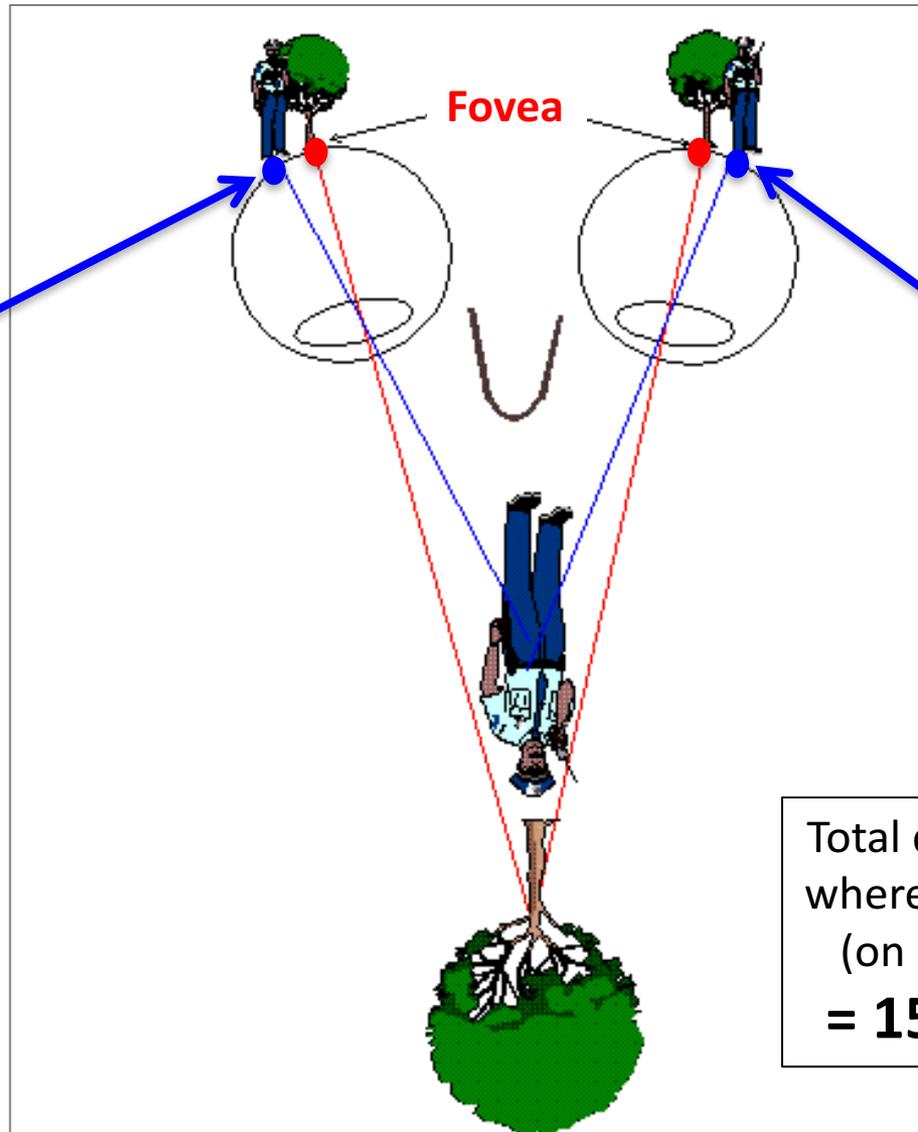


Part of WHERE
In the
“Where/How”
Pathway

Binocular Disparity

When focused on tree...

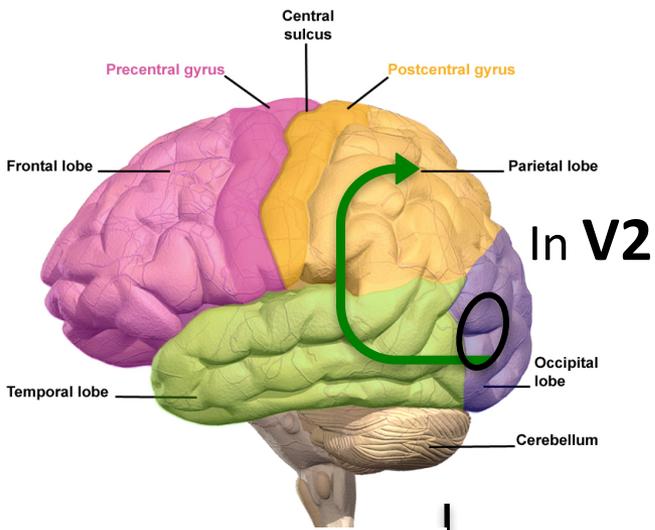
Closer
policeman falls
(~ 15°) to
Right of Fovea
in Left Eye



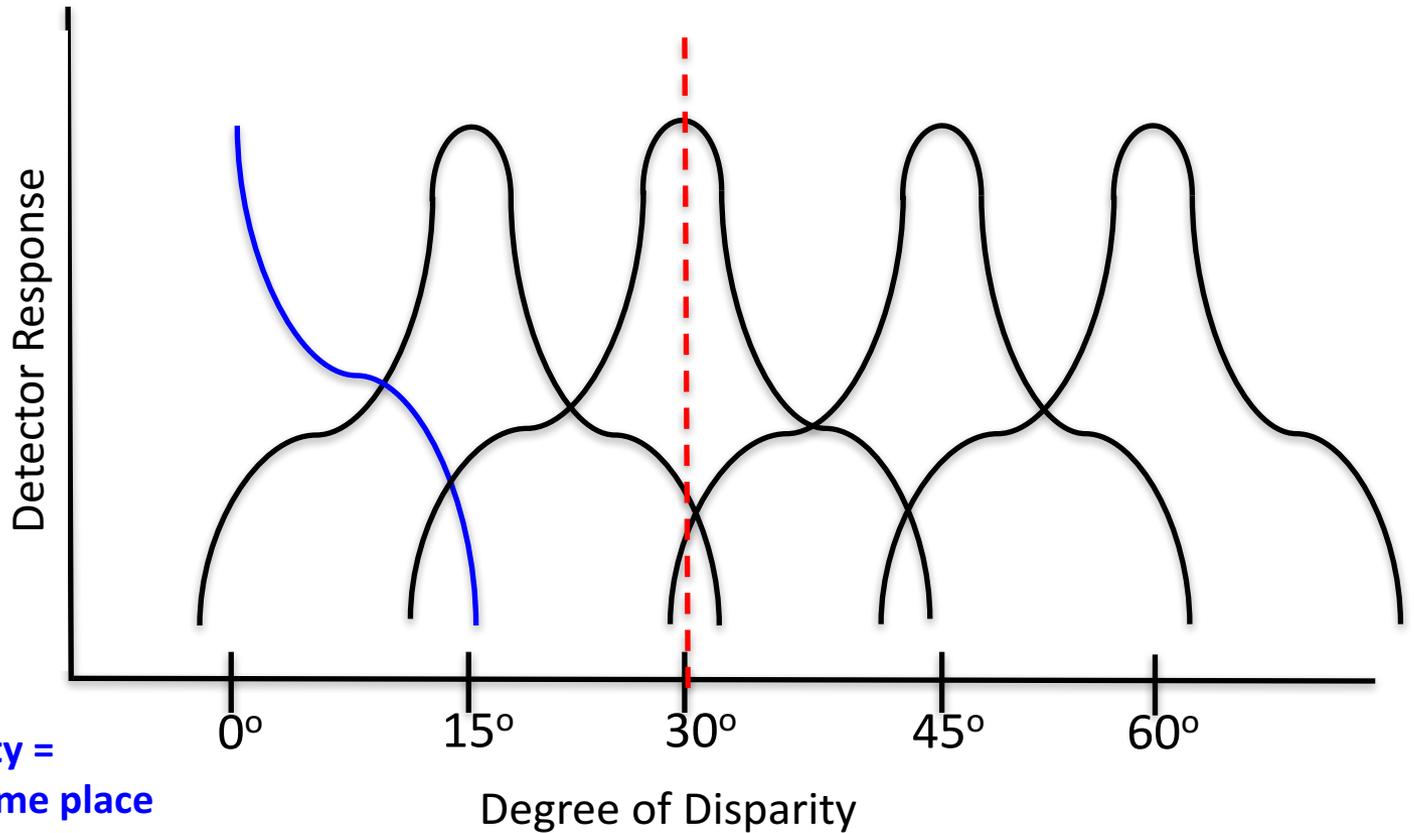
Same
policeman falls
(~ 15°) to
Left of Fovea
in Right Eye

Total disparity between
where closer object falls
(on right vs. left eye)
= 15° + 15° = 30°

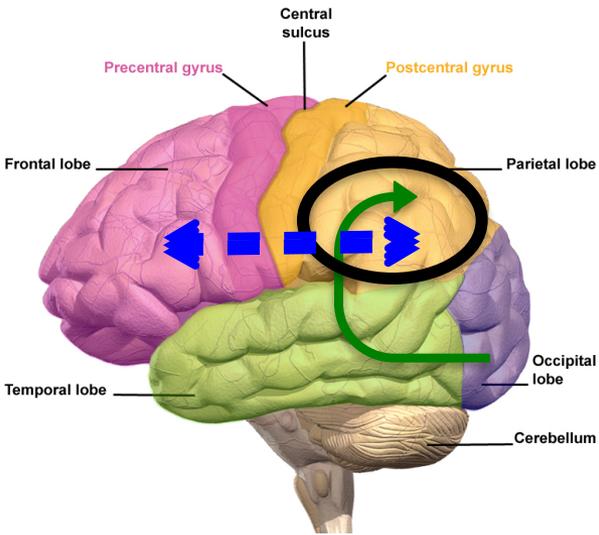
Disparity Detectors



Each detector has a “preferred” disparity to which it responds the most, but also responds to other, overlapping disparities



(0° disparity =
Images fall on same place
on both Retinas)



Higher Parietal Cortex

Dorsal Visual Pathway "Where/How"
 - integrated w/ Tactile & Proprioception

Activity reverberates
 w/Premotor Cortex,
 to shape
 how hand approaches



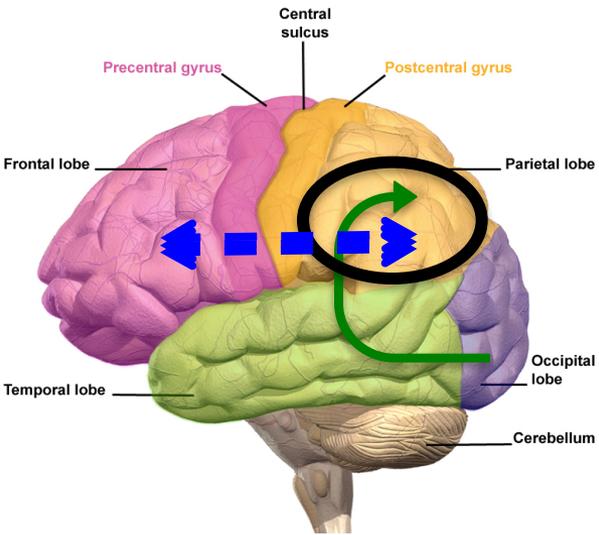
In **AIP**
 (Anterior Inter-Parietal)
Canonical Cells
 Respond to "affordances"
 of objects



Higher Parietal Cortex

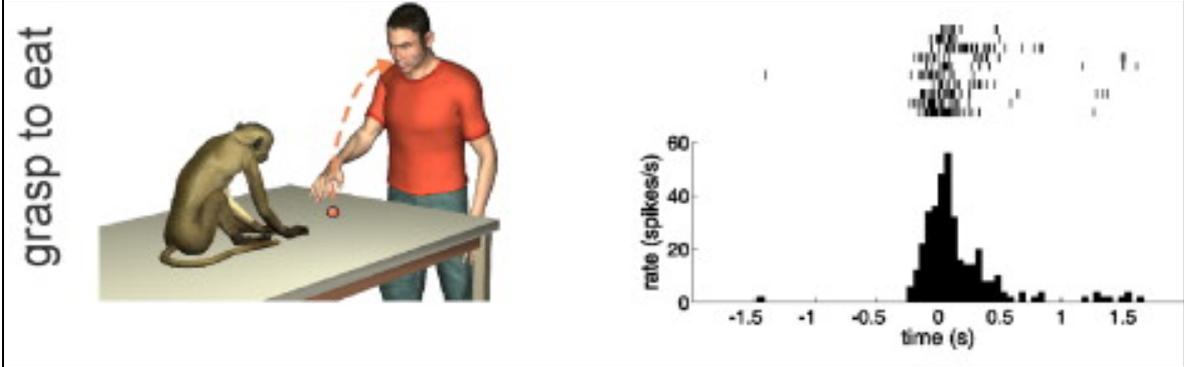
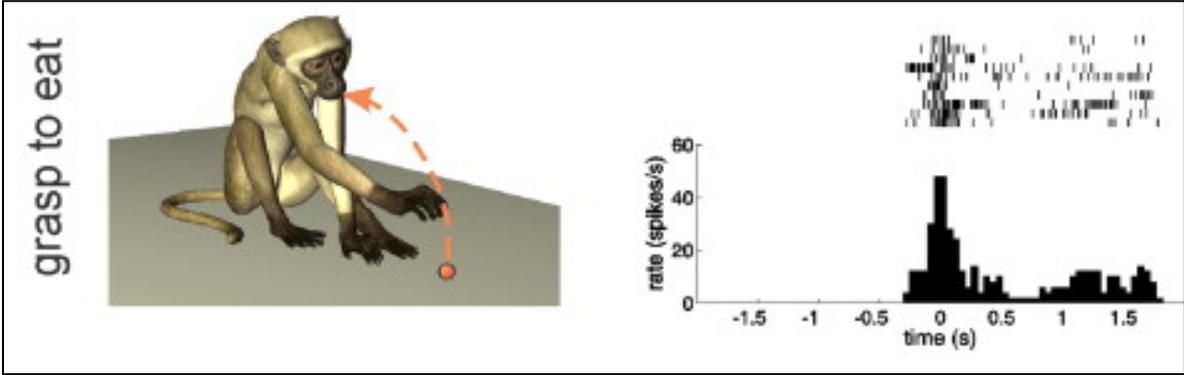
Mirror Cell System

Respond to seeing self,
or other,
perform and action.

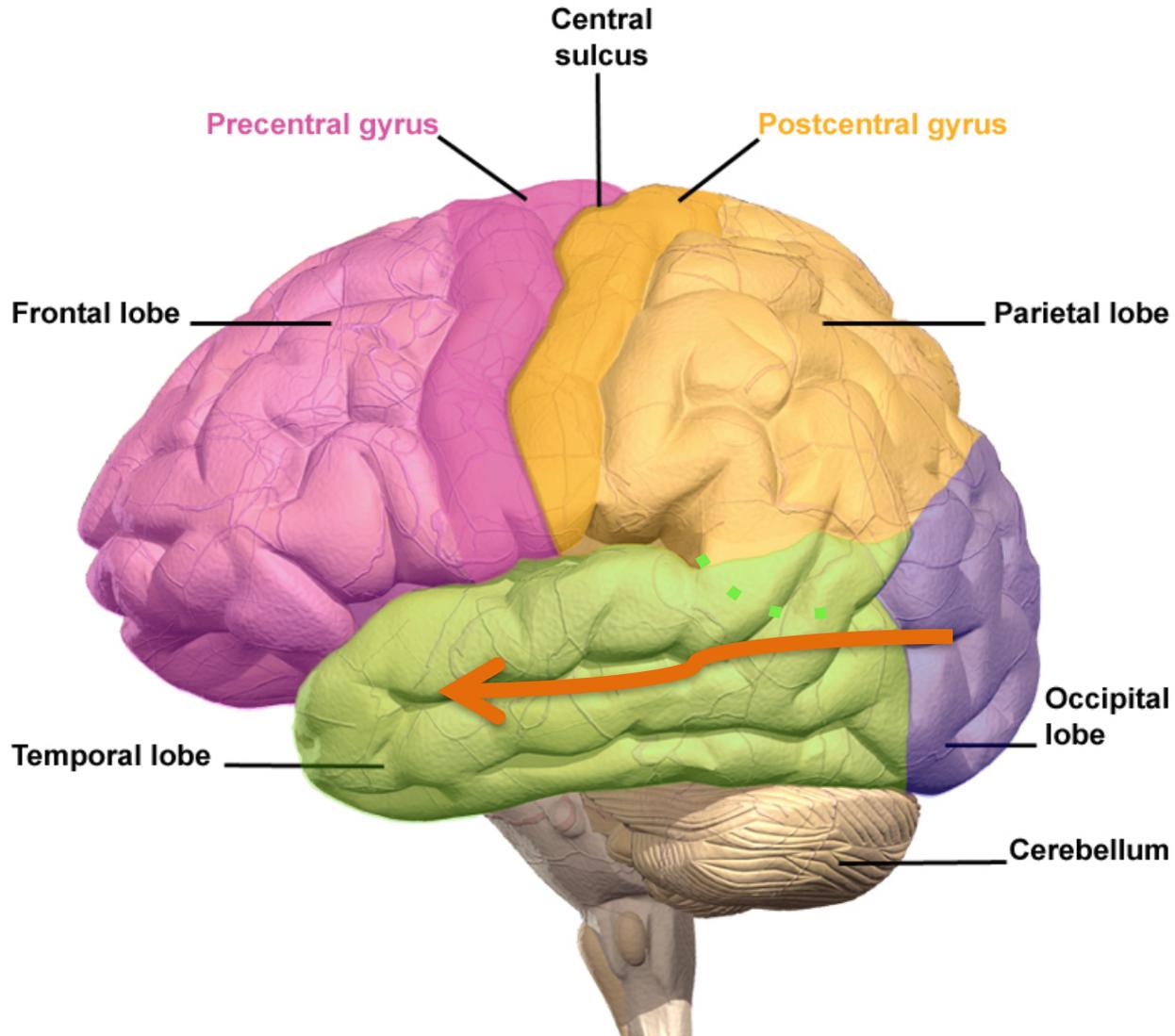


Activity reverberates
with Mirror Cells in
Premotor Cortex

Promotes Imitation

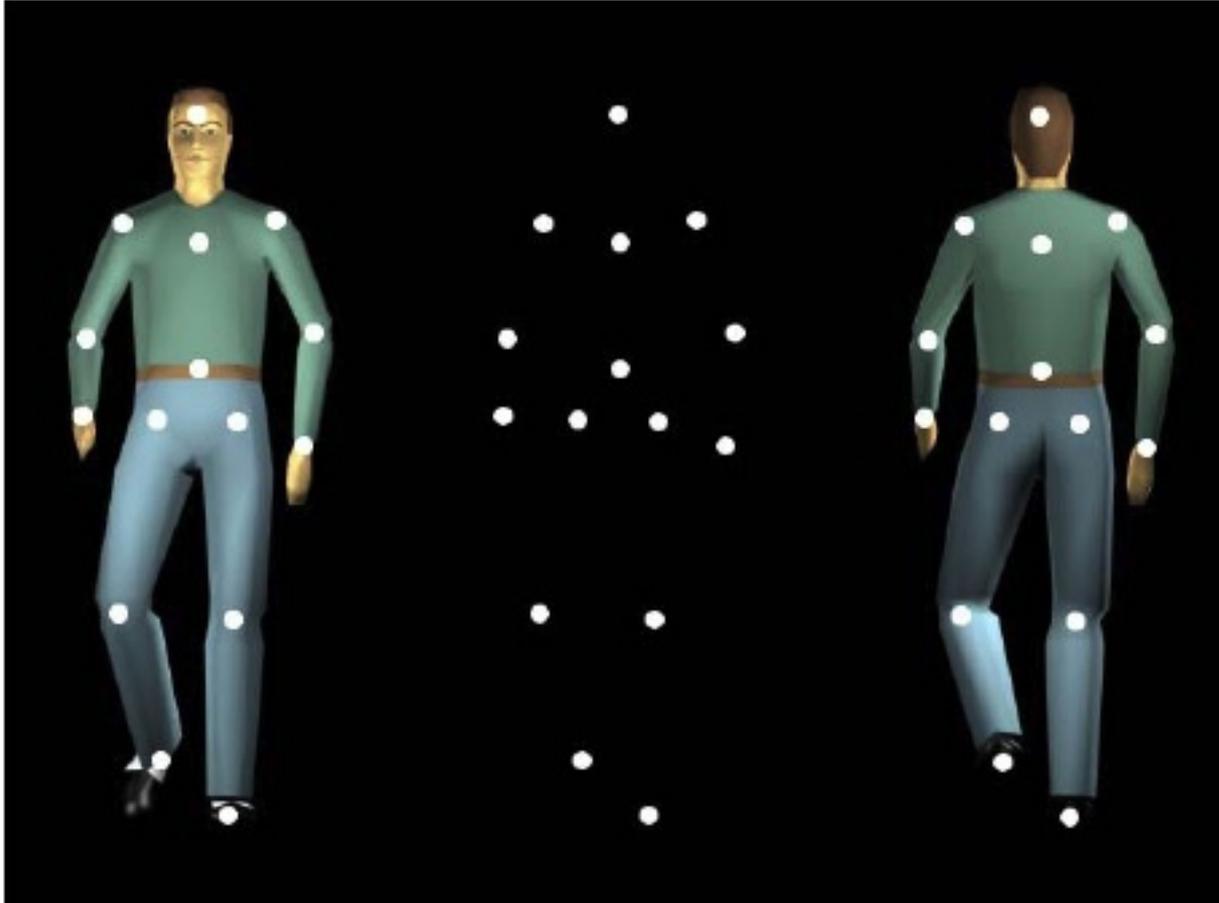


Visual Pathways



S T S
Superior
Temporal
Sulcus
(Biological
Motion)

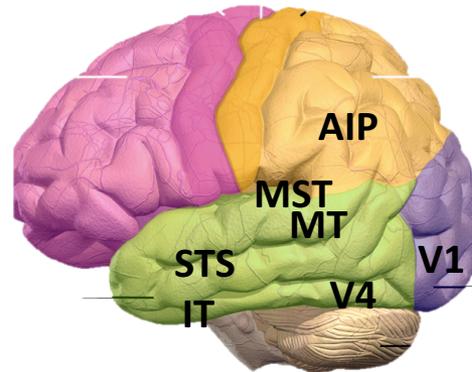
STS (Superior Temporal Sulcus) Biological Motion



<http://www.biotionlab.ca/Demos/BMLwalker.html>

Modularity & the Binding Problem

- **Module** = Brain area specialized for particular function
 - e.g. MT, MST, STS, V1, V4, Fusiform Gyrus, etc . . .



- If each feature (color, shape, location , motion, etc) is coded along an INDEPENDENT pathway, how is it we perceive coherent whole?

= The “Binding Problem”

- **Answer??**
 - Perhaps a TEMPORAL solution?
 - i.e. Synchronized cell assemblies, across different brain regions, when inputs originate from same stimulus