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Lecture 1

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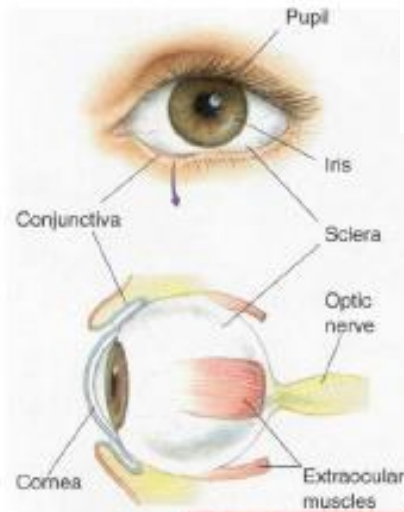
The visual pathways

humans and primates depend on vision a lot more than mice which is reflected in our brain

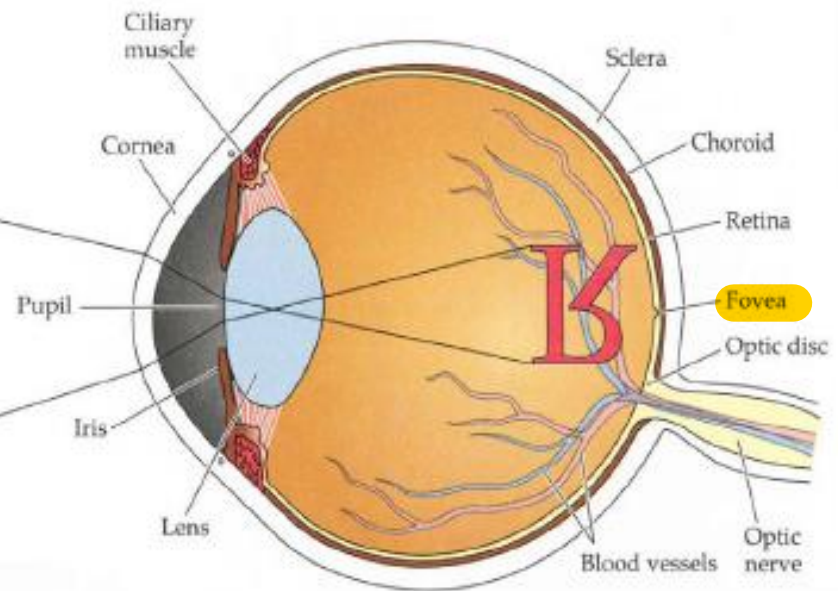
we have two eyes



Anatomy of the eye



R



fovea: very high density of photoreceptors: the apt we use to look at something

optic disc: no photoreceptors, since we have all the nerves going there, so no place for photoreceptors

retina also compresses the info and works as a thinking organ

Basic retinal circuitry

blood arteries are behind RT so they can get lots of energy and nutrients because the release lots of neurotransmitters

photons are captured at RT that change membrane potential and release an electrical signal etc.

inside light goes all the way to here before it hits the photoreceptors.

Receptor terminals (RT)

Horizontal cells (H)

talk in chemical signals

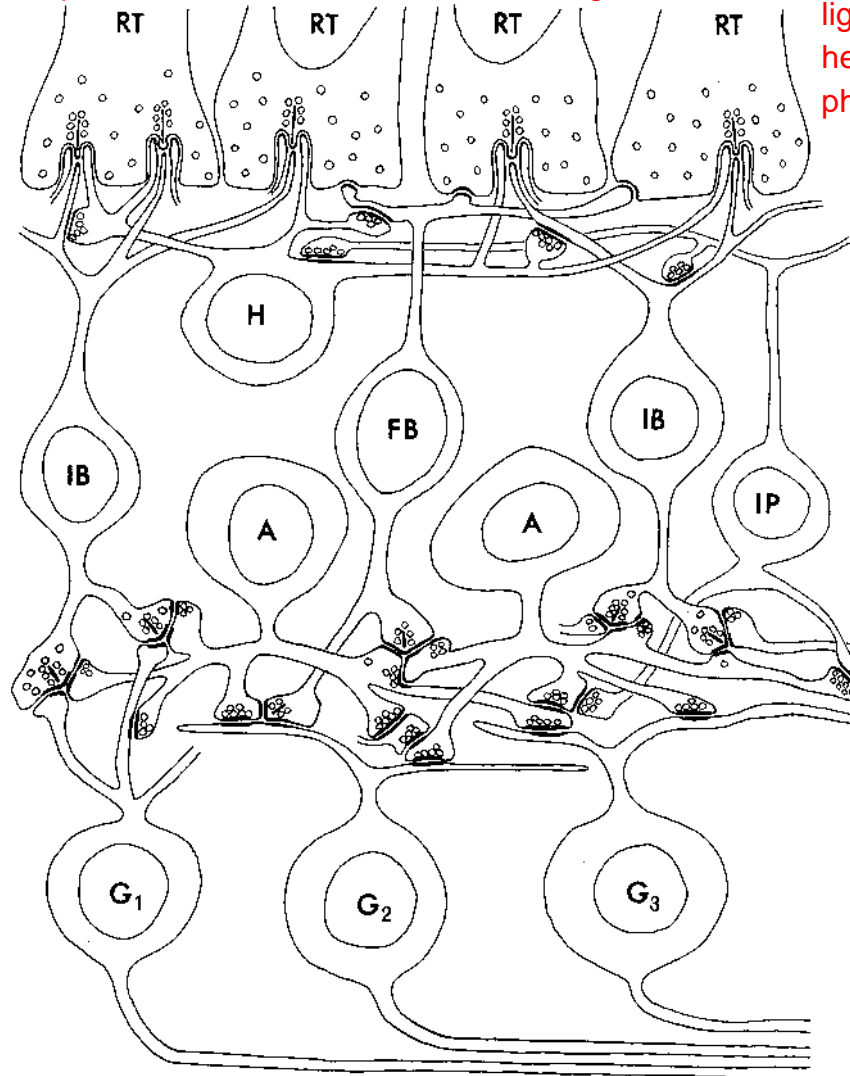
Bipolar cells (B)

Amacrine cells (A)

Ganglion cells (G)

here electric potential again

Optic nerve



this inbetween tissue is transparent and lets the photon through but not perfectly though

the fovea is much thinner and has hardly any in between tissue which leads to really good vision

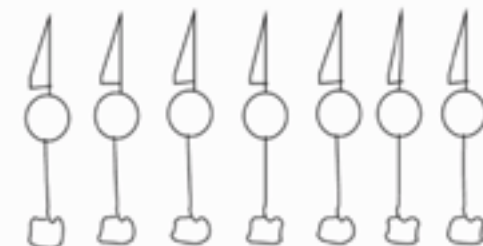
outside world: here comes the world

outside

Dowling, 1987 (Fig 3.17)

spot of light

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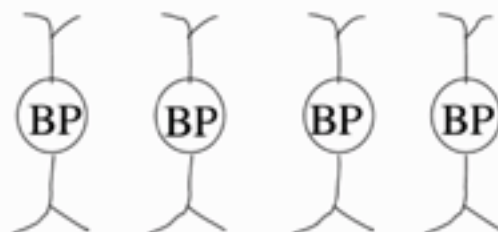


Photon Noise

Transduction Noise

Channel Noise

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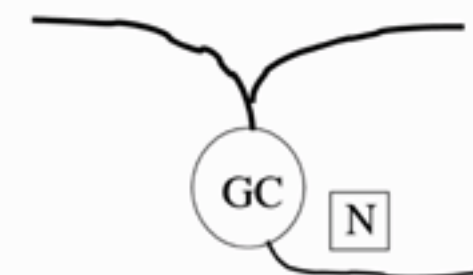


Synaptic Noise

(from Berntson & Taylor, 2003)

Channel Noise

N N N N



Synaptic Noise

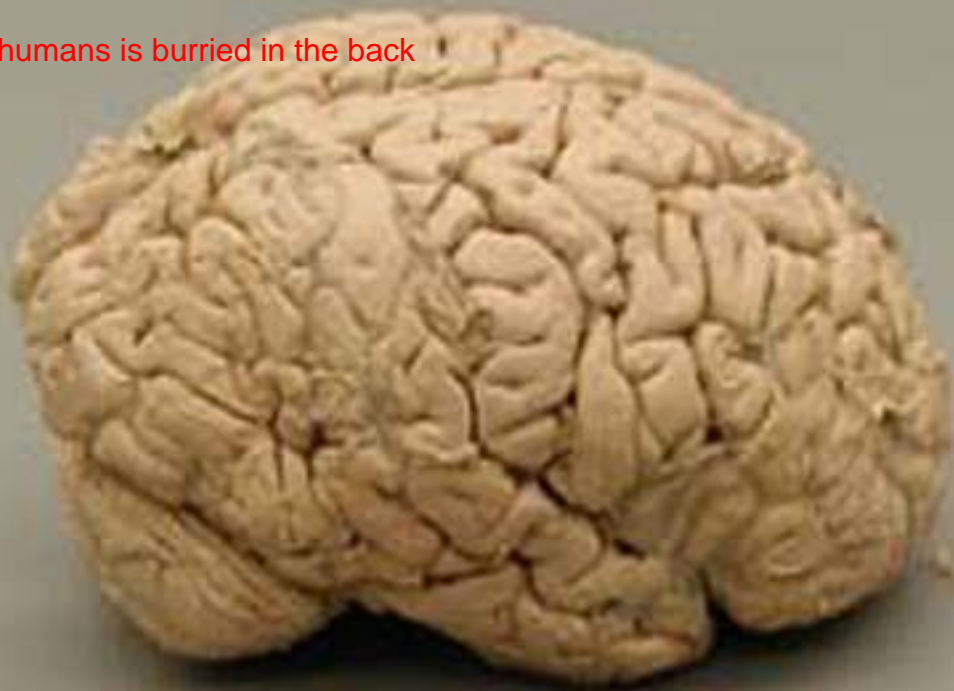
Dendritic Morphology

(from van Rossum et al, 2003)

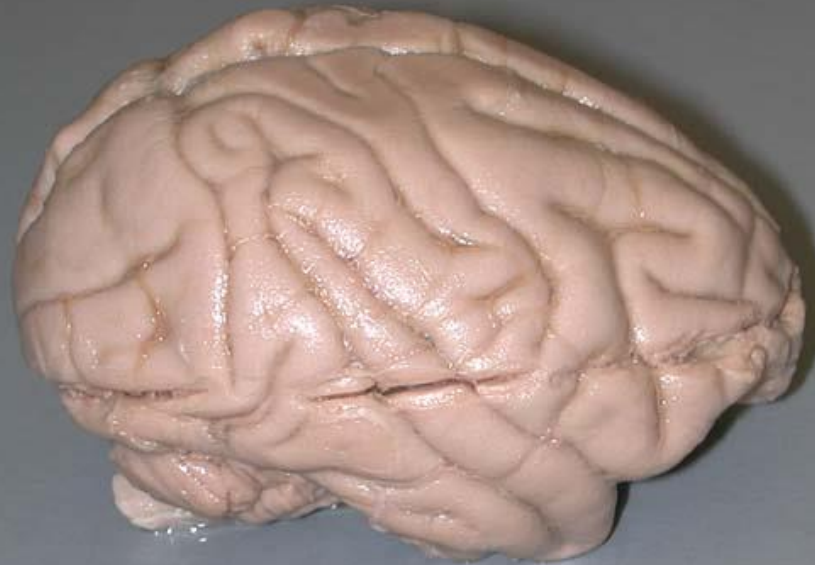
Spike Generator

(from Dhingra & Smith, 2004)

in humans is buried in the back



macace monkey visual cortex on surface of back

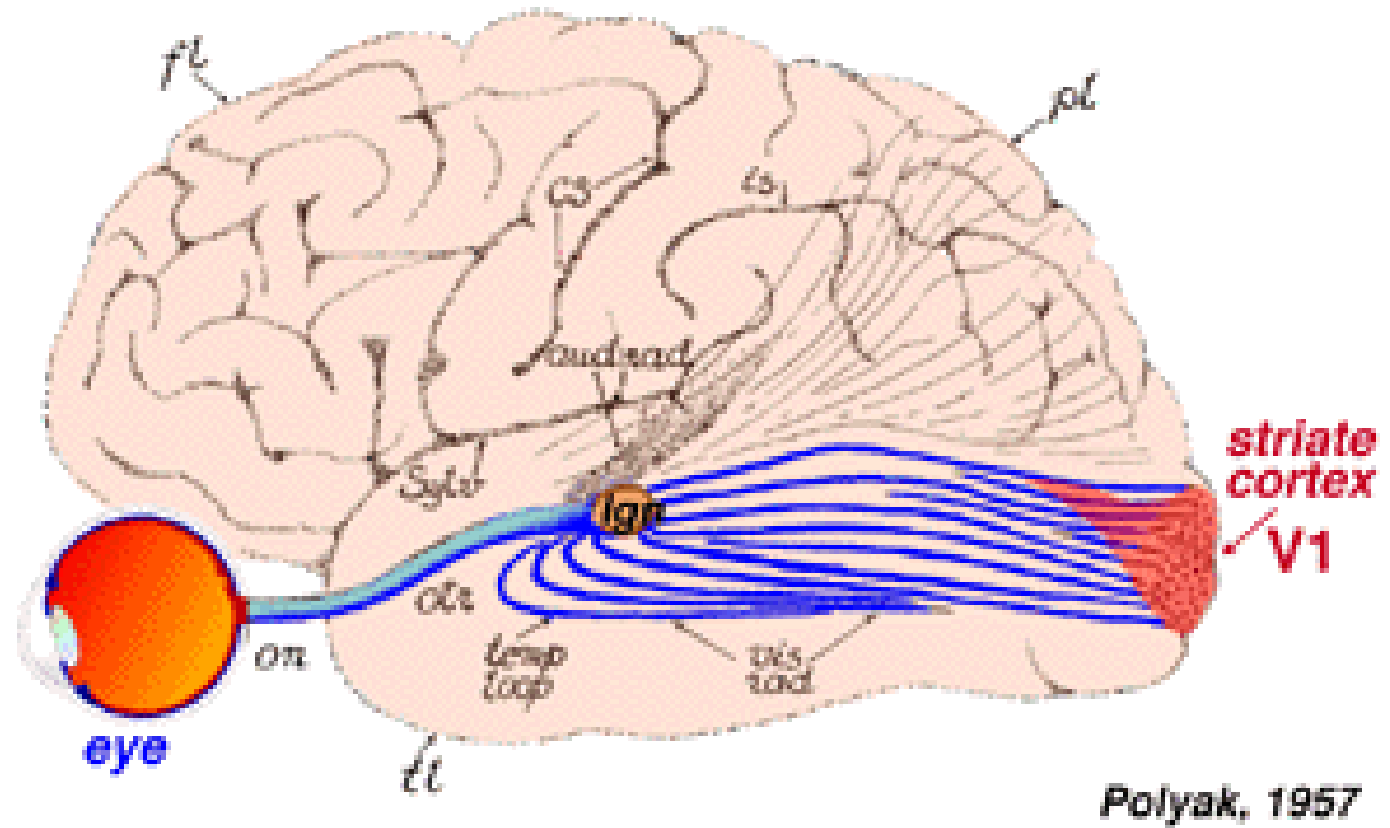


mice brain



cat brain





lgn in thalamus

V1 = primary visual cortex = striate cortex = area 17

Visual field
(retinal image)



(Da Vinci,
1506)

Retinotopic

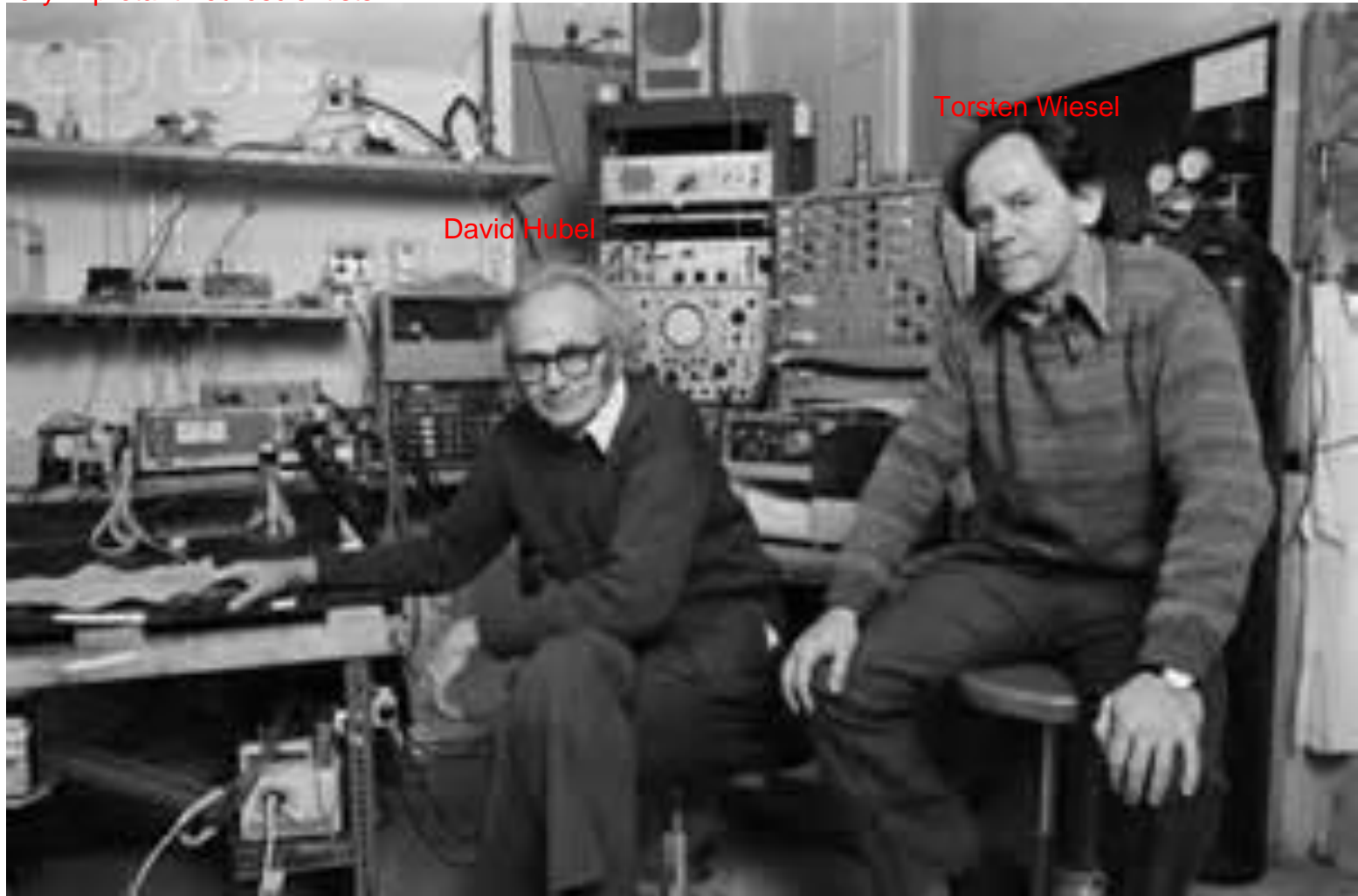
Nonretinotopic

image preserved

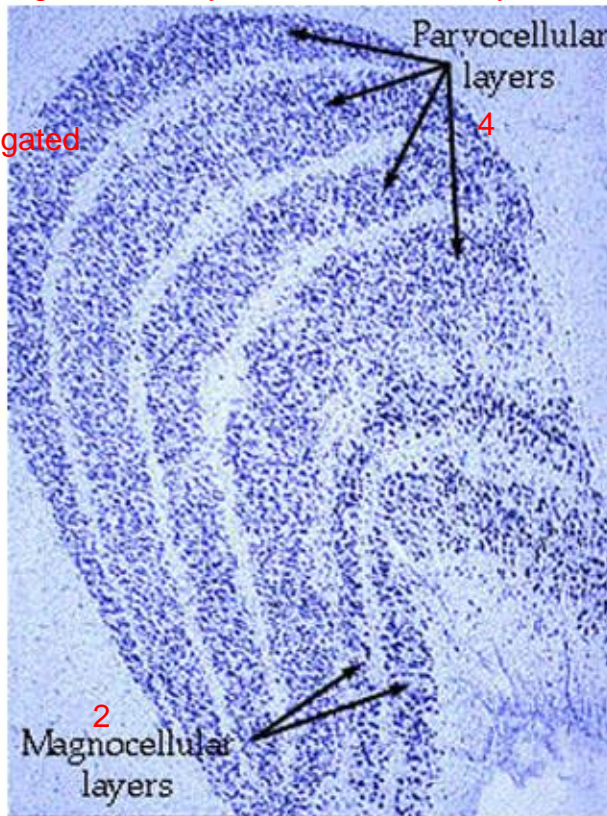
Visual cortex



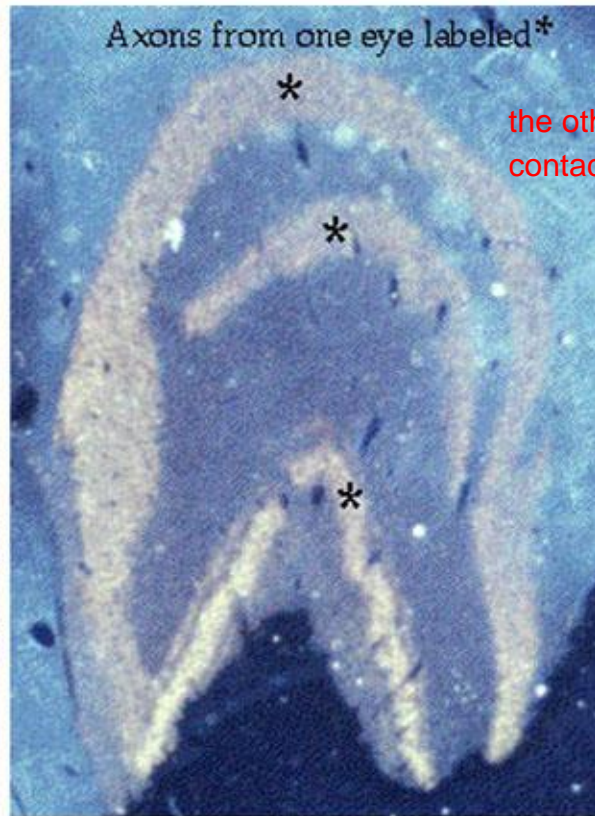
very important neuroscientists



Ign of monkey, made of 6 main layers

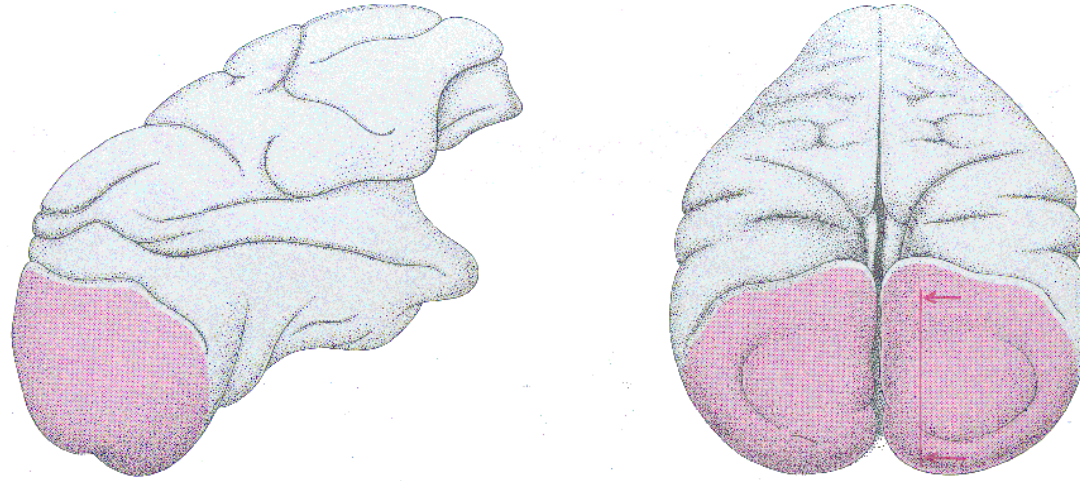


the signals of the eyes
dont mix but are segregated



the other three layers are
contacted by the other eye then

the cell bodies in the lower two layers are bigger and start to segregate
the axons are monocular



The striate cortex (V1)



the border is very clear to other cortical regions

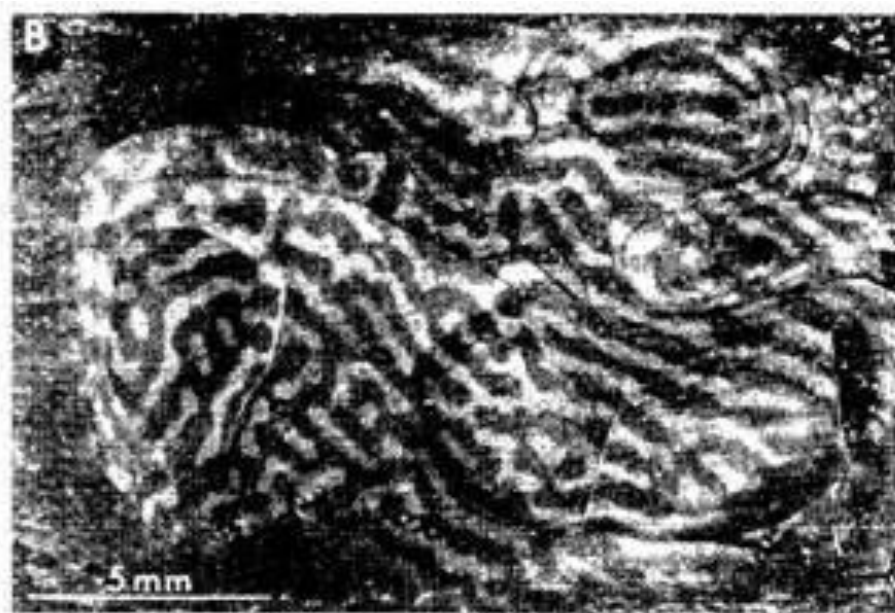
primary visual cortex

since the brain is also folded, V1 is also present inside the brain so to say

cells in the cortex receive signals binocularly:
LGN to V1 is binocular

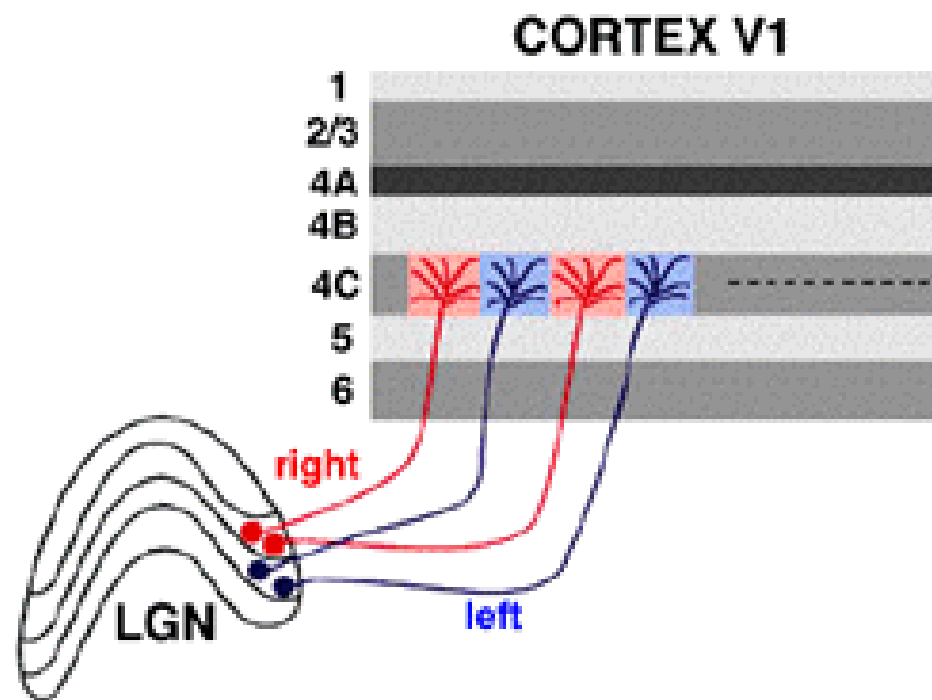
Hubel and Wiesel, 1979

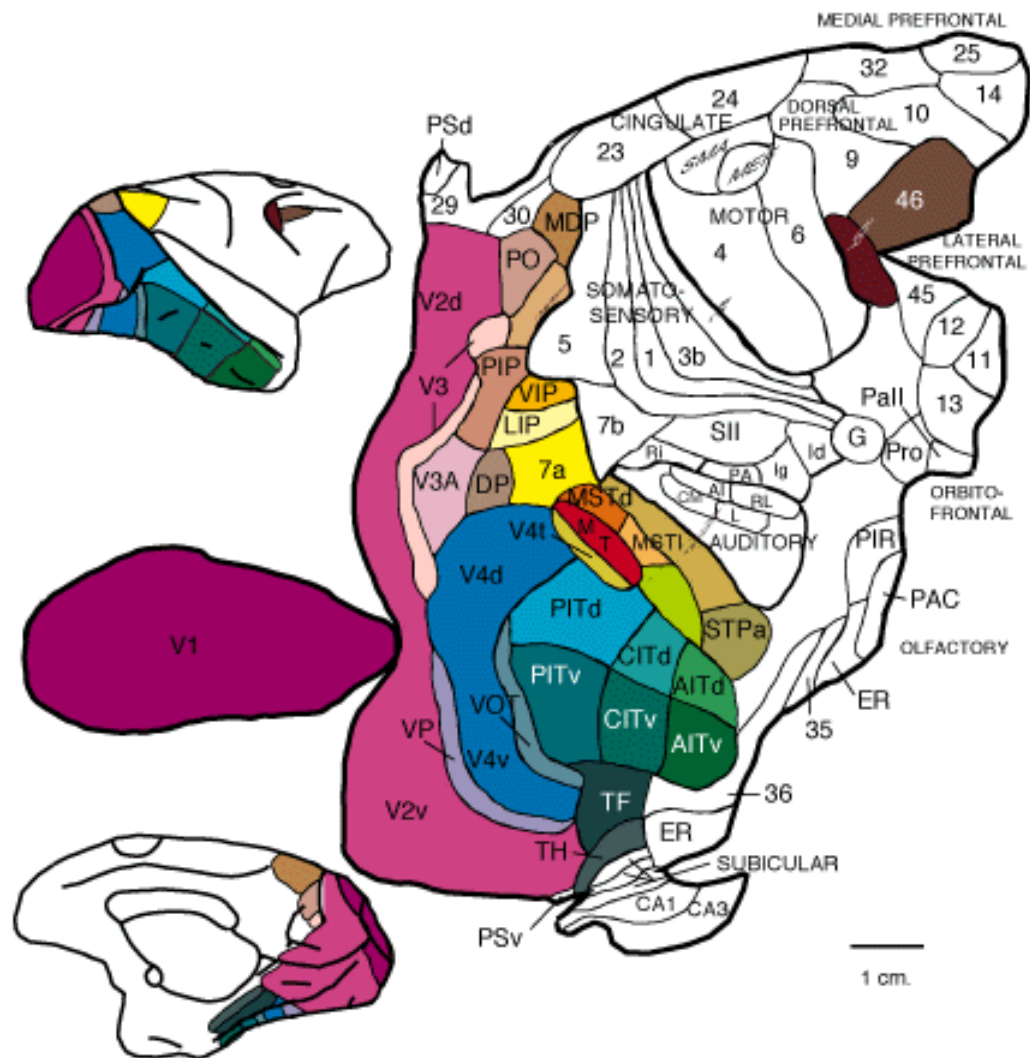




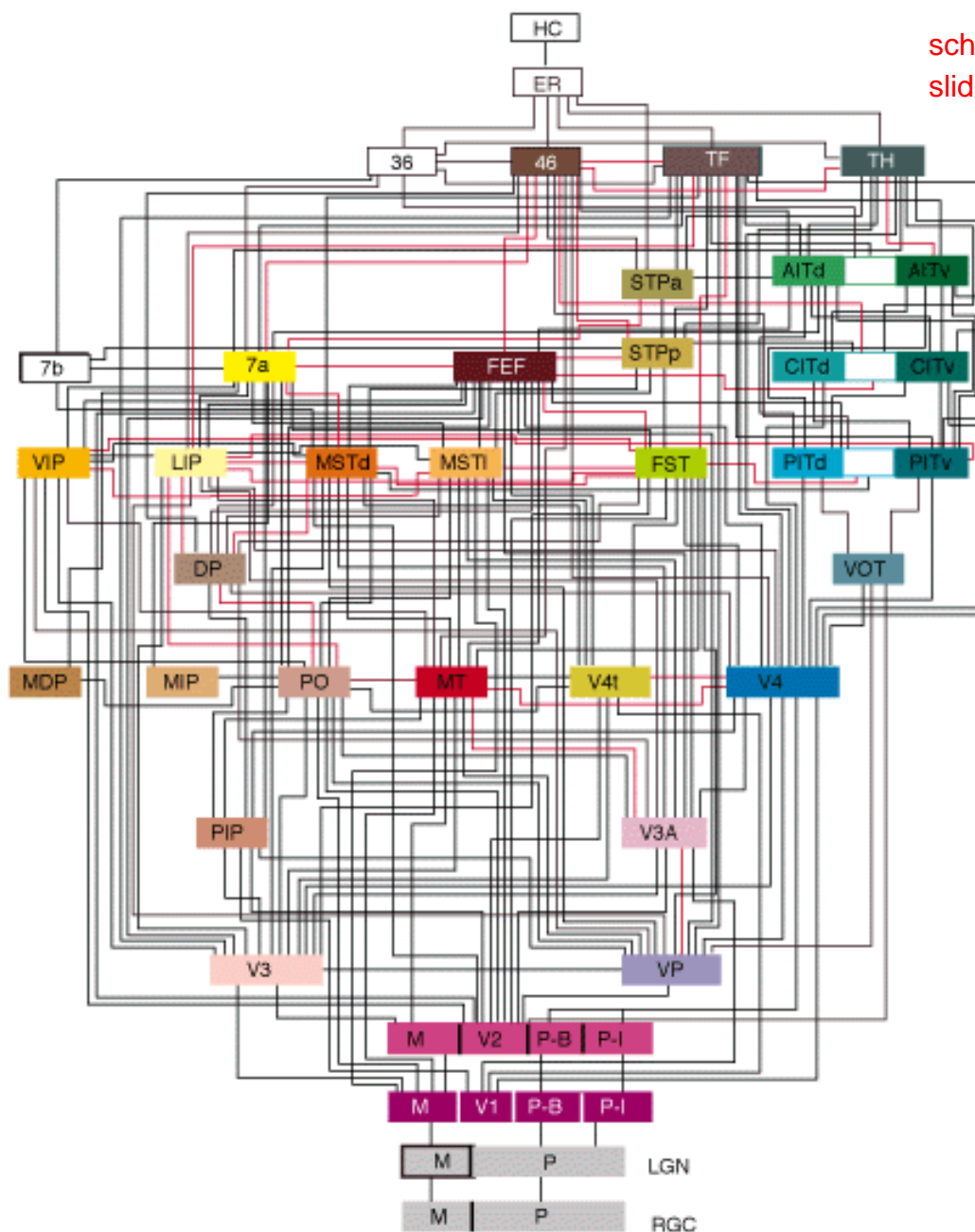
ocular
dominance
stripes

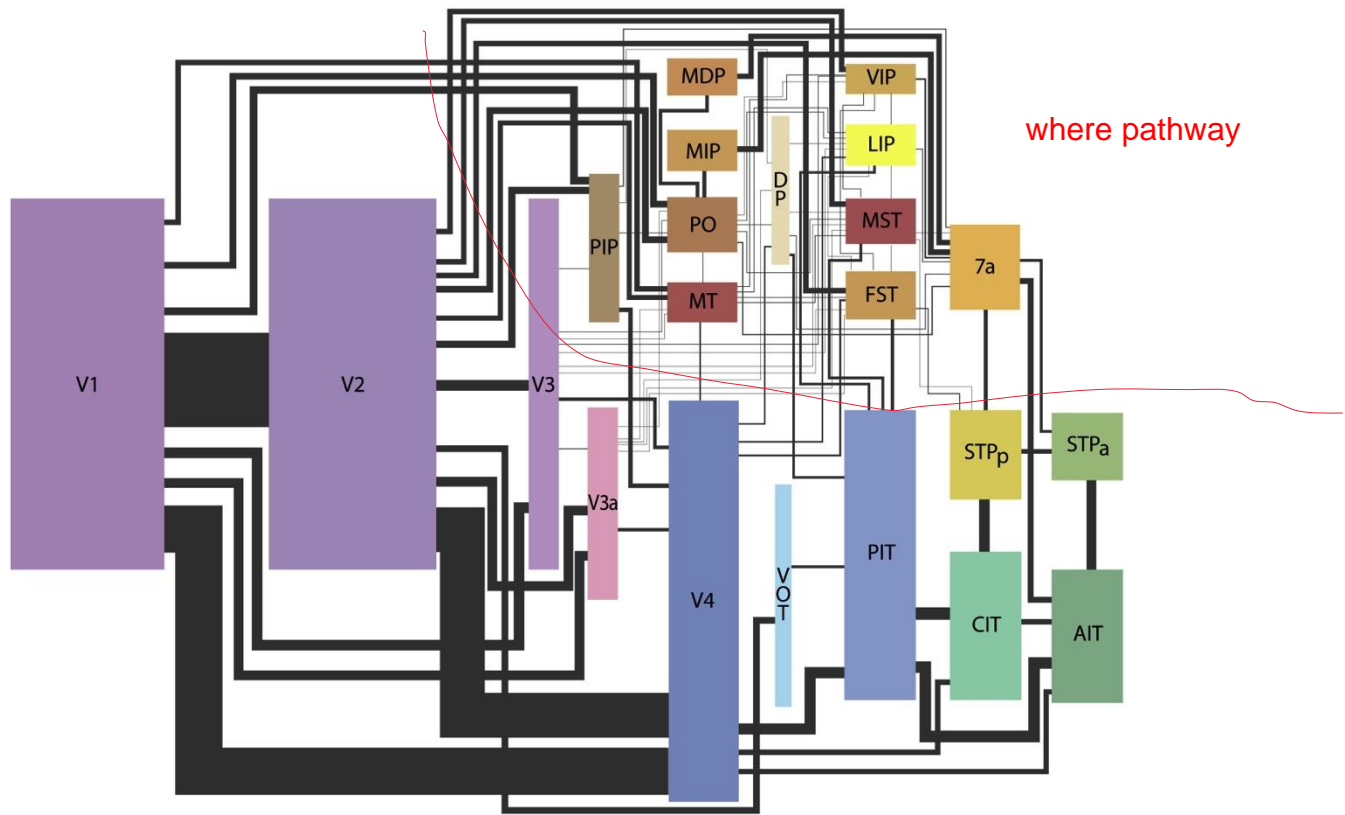






schematic representation of the
slide before

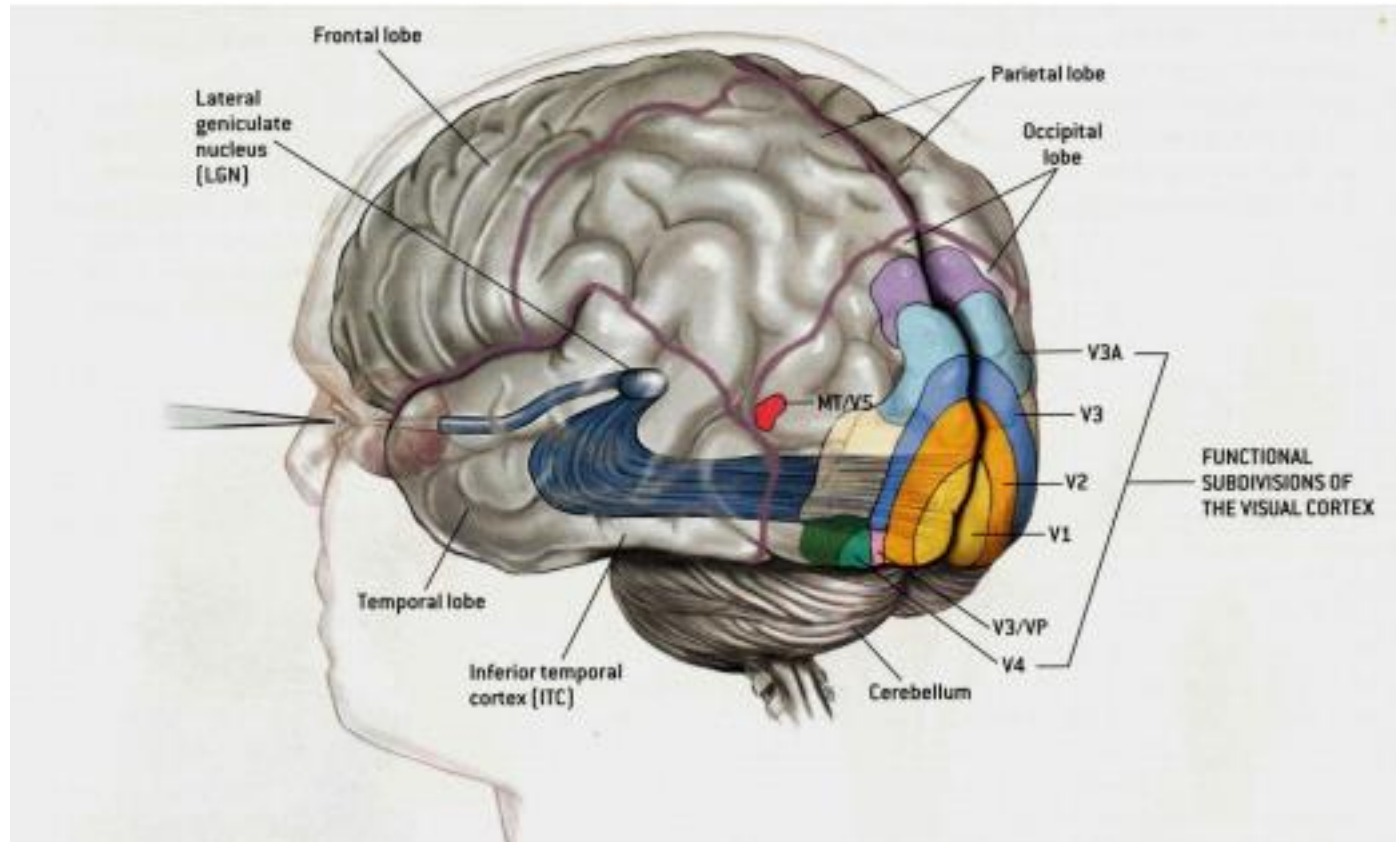




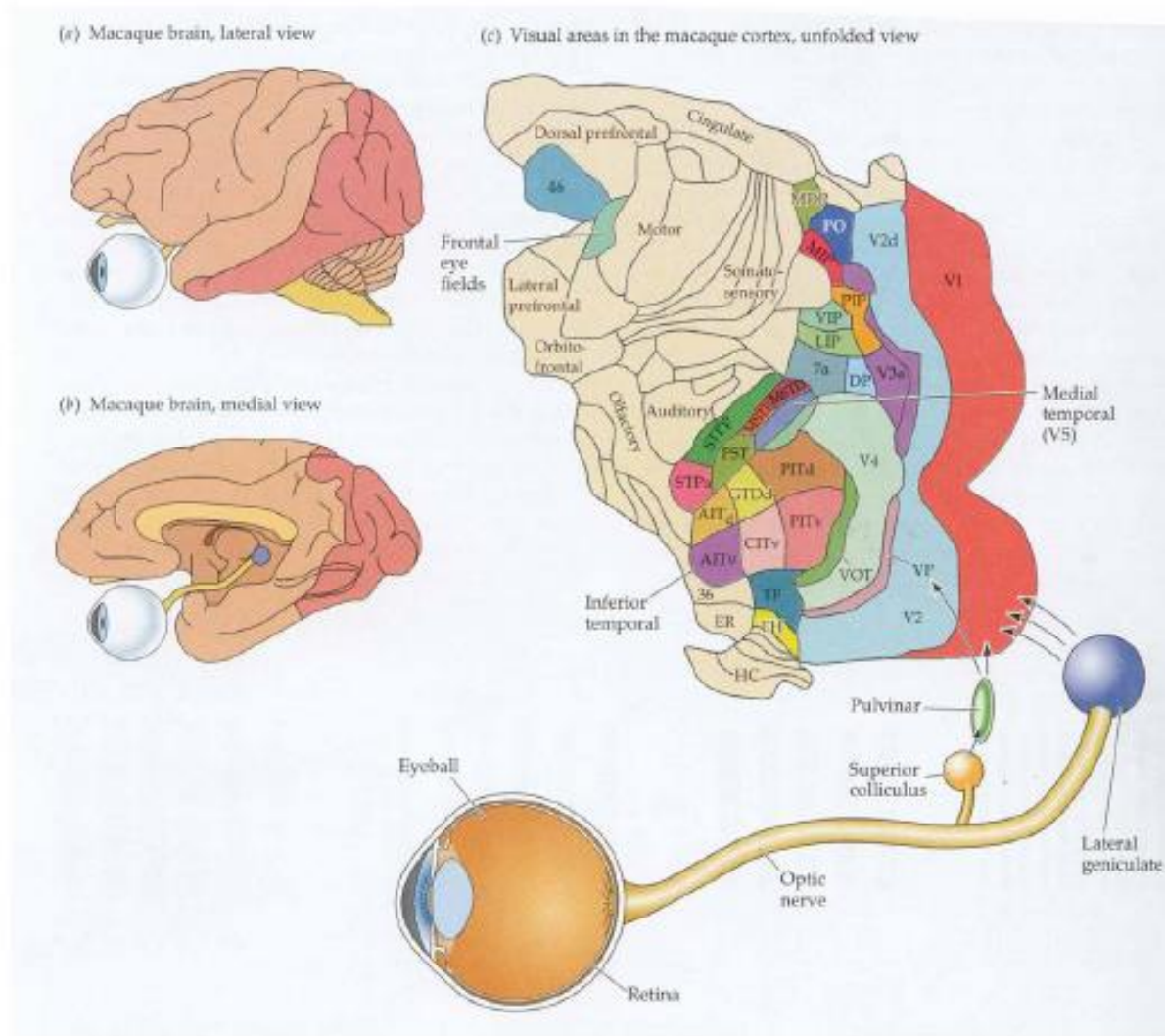
where pathway

what pathway

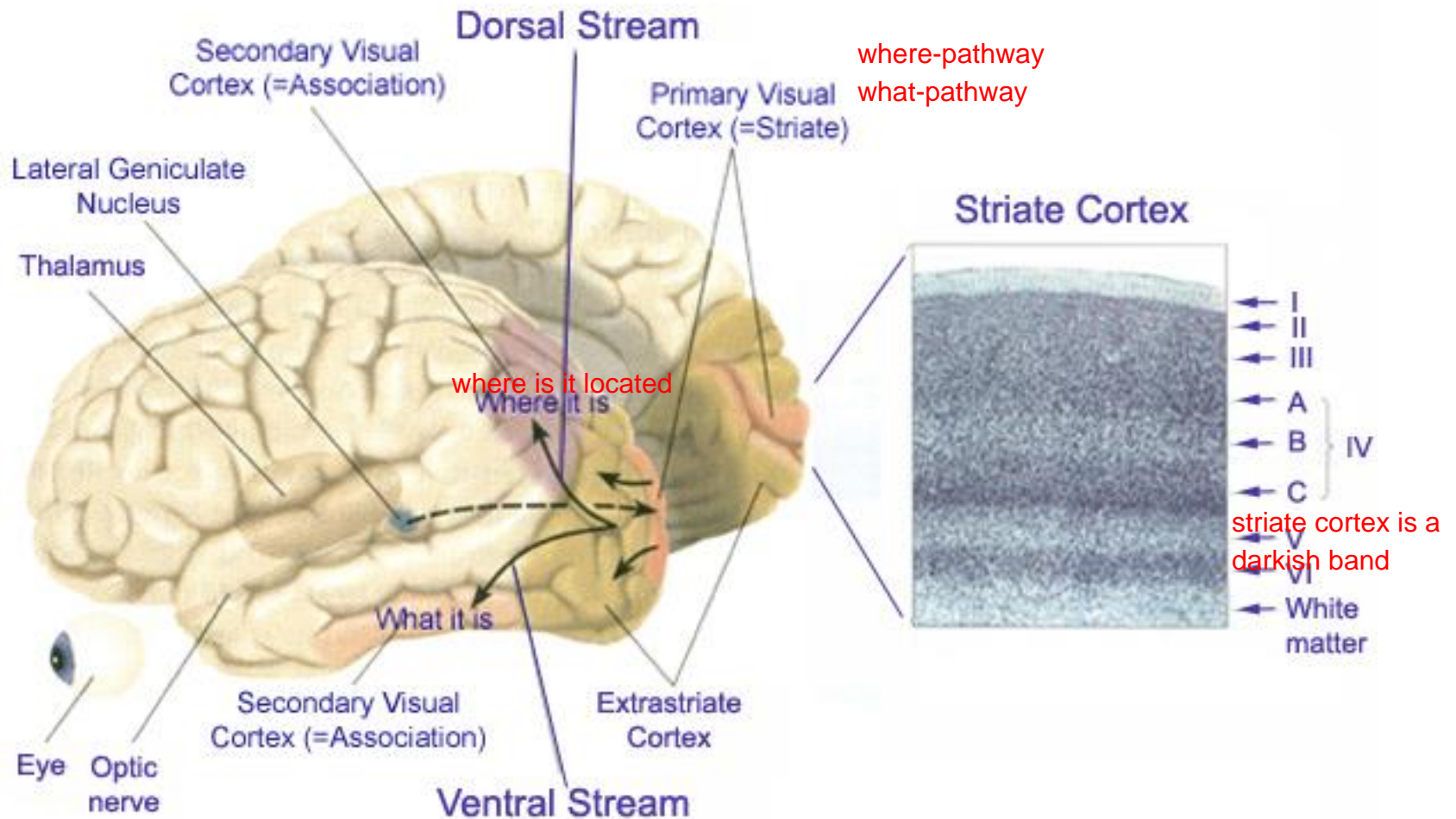
the visual is inside embedded in the calcarian sulcus (so it's like folded inside)



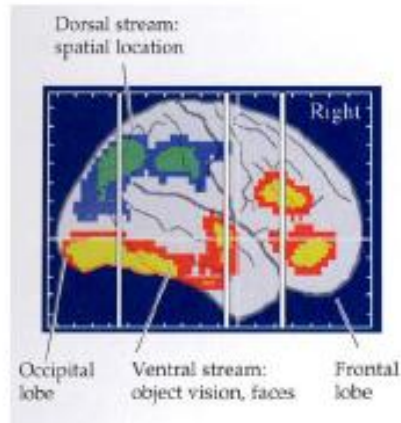
Extrastriate cortex



Human extrastriate cortex

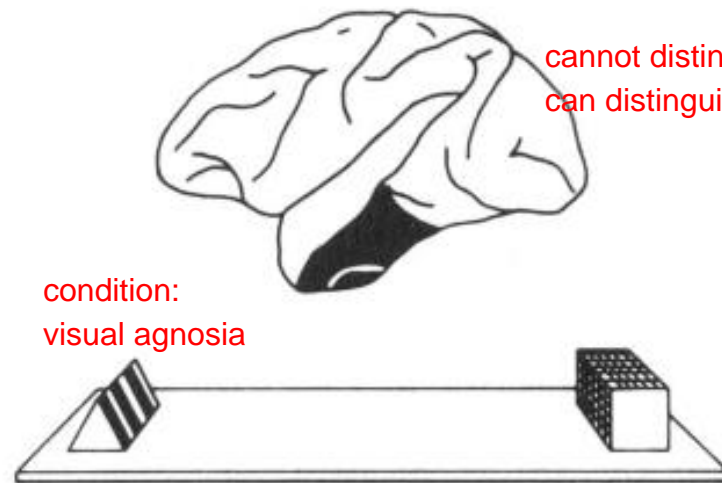


capgvas syndrome - emotional connection to sensory input disconnected



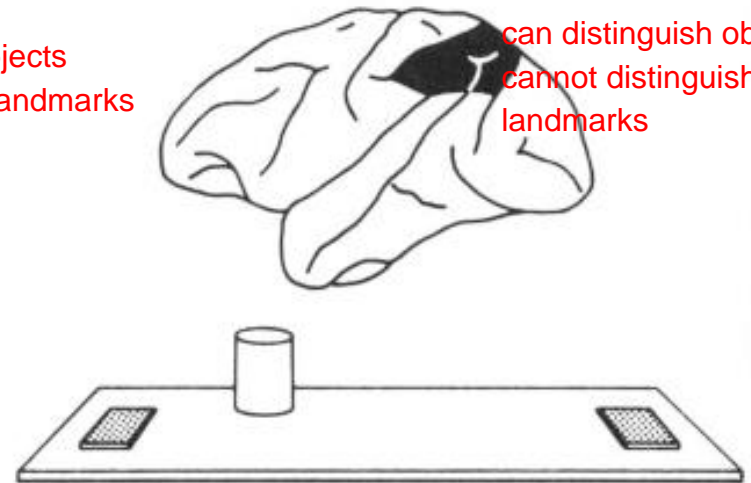
What and Where

depending where the lesion was, they had different problems and couldn't deal with the specific task properly



condition:
visual agnosia

Object Discrimination



can distinguish objects
cannot distinguish with
landmarks

Landmark Discrimination

condition: neglect: cannot make sense of spatial (own body or external) organization of hemifield (visual field) or other parts of the body

((prosopagnosia: cannot recognize faces)

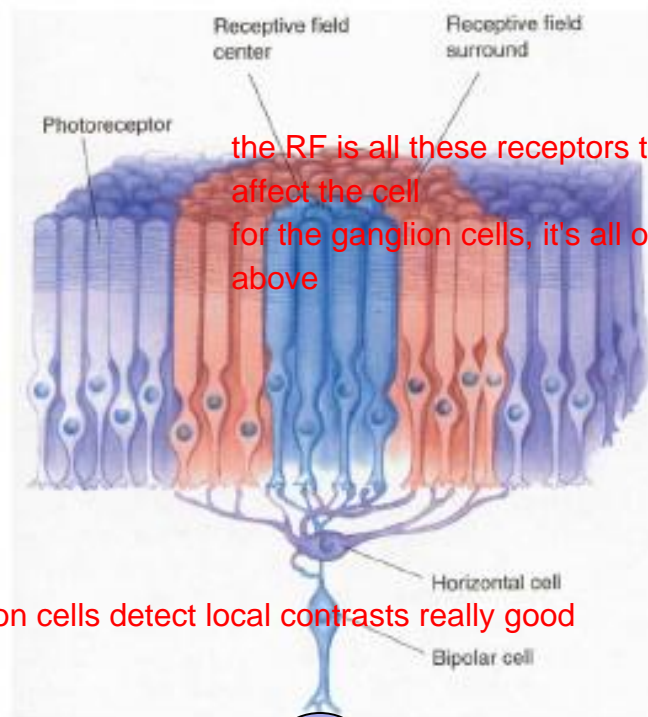
Ungerleider and Mishkin, 1982

A very important concept: The receptive field (RF)

The RF of a cell is the region of visual space in which light can affect (increase or decrease) the cell's firing frequency. resp its activity or is state

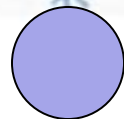
extremely important slide to be understood (will occur for the rest of course all the time)

The Receptive Field



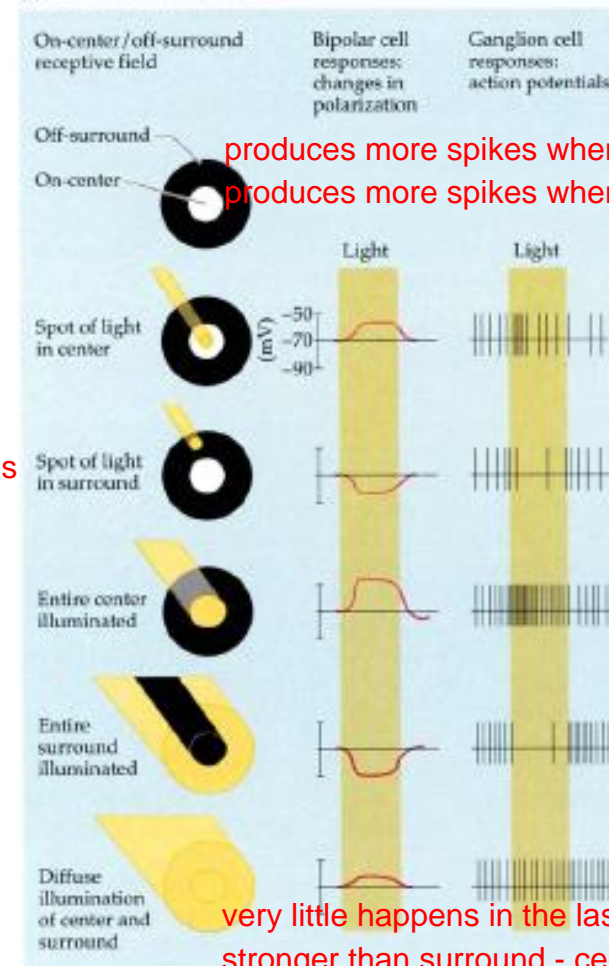
the RF is all these receptors that affect the cell
for the ganglion cells, it's all of the cells above

ganglion cells detect local contrasts really good



Ganglion cell

(a) An on-center / off-surround cell



produces more spikes when light turned off (periph)
produces more spikes when light turned on (center)

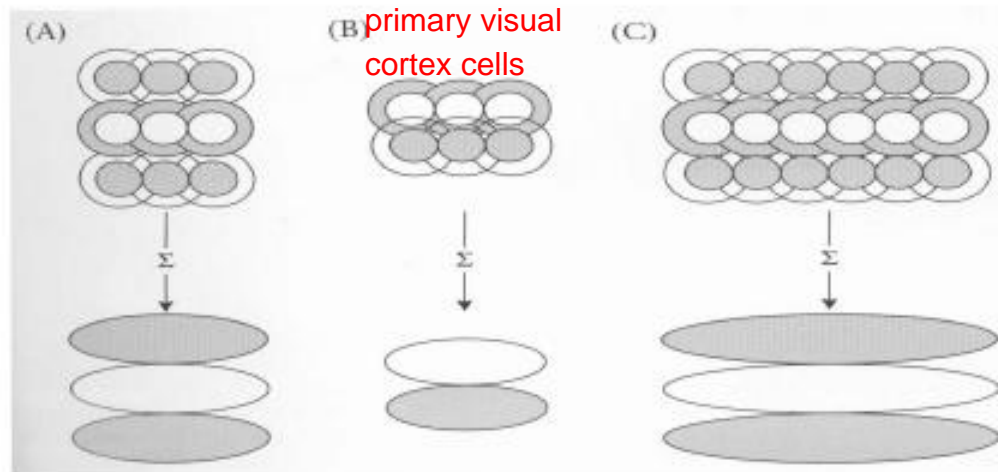
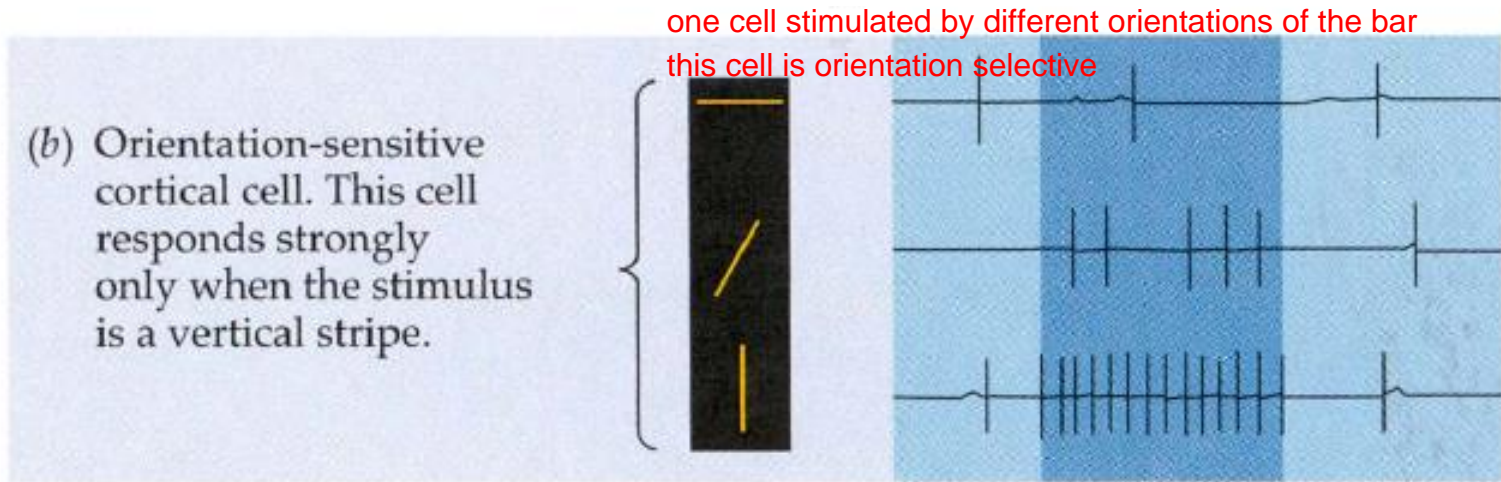
center - depolarization

peripheral - hyperpola

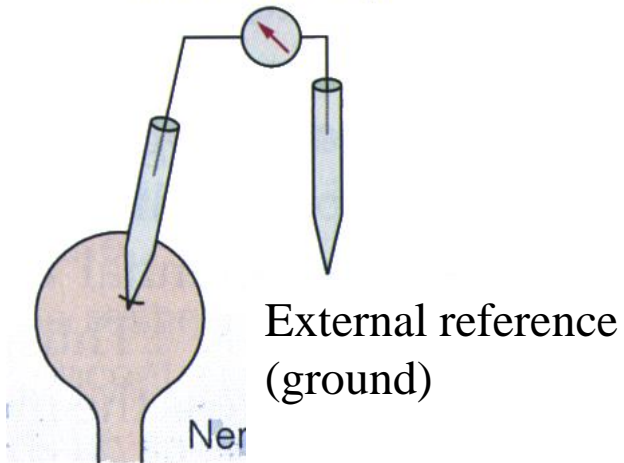
very little happens in the last case - the center
stronger than surround - center dominates

fire's strongly when light is turned off

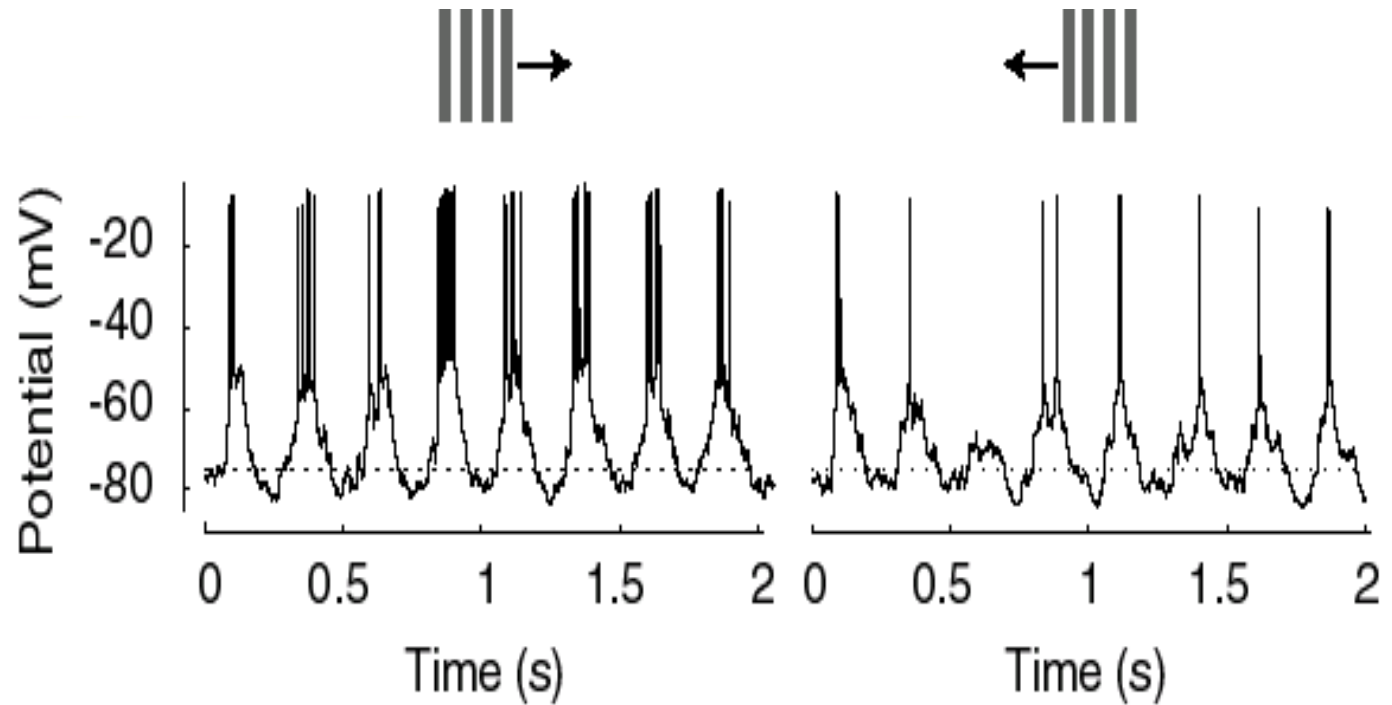
Cortical receptive fields



Voltage amplifier
and oscilloscope



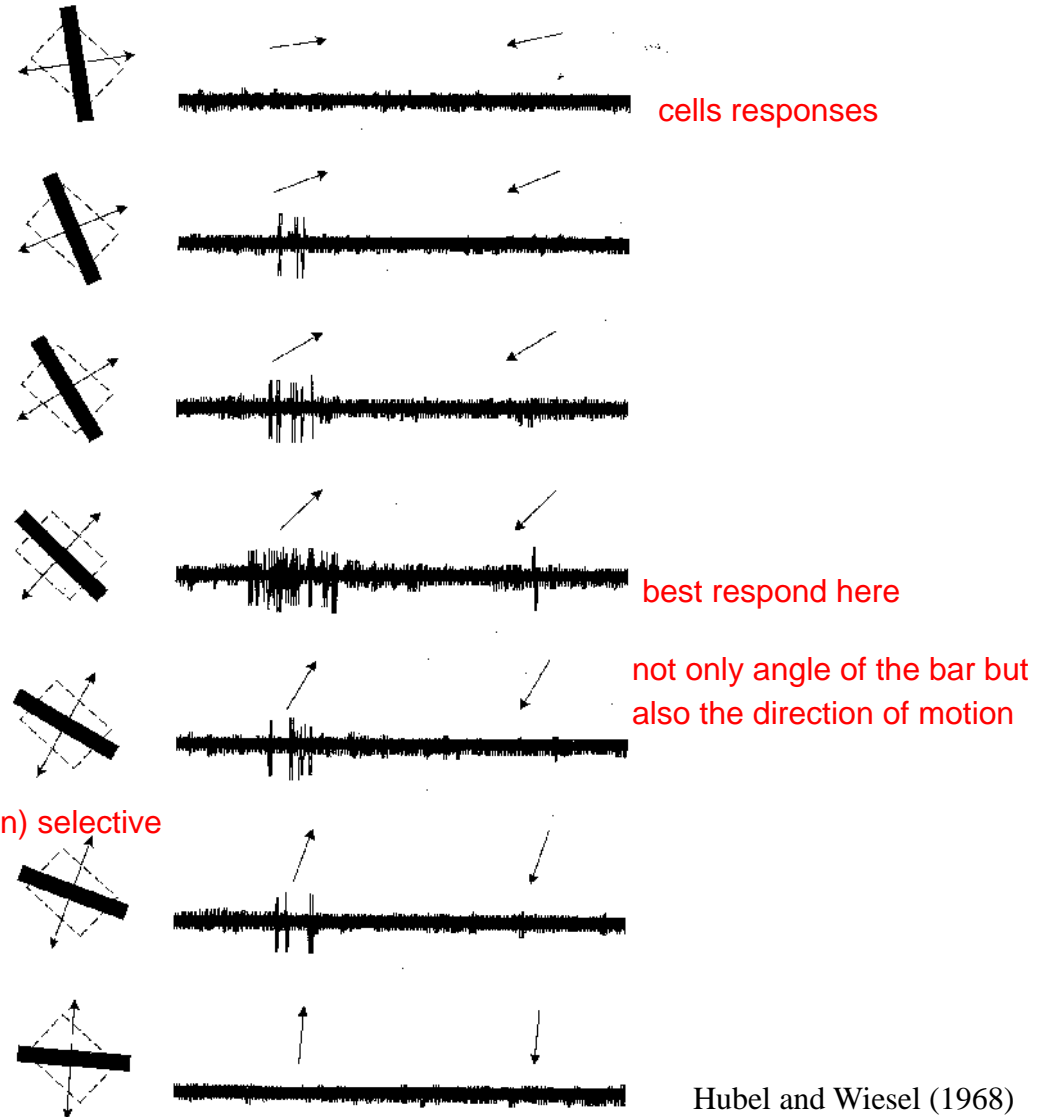
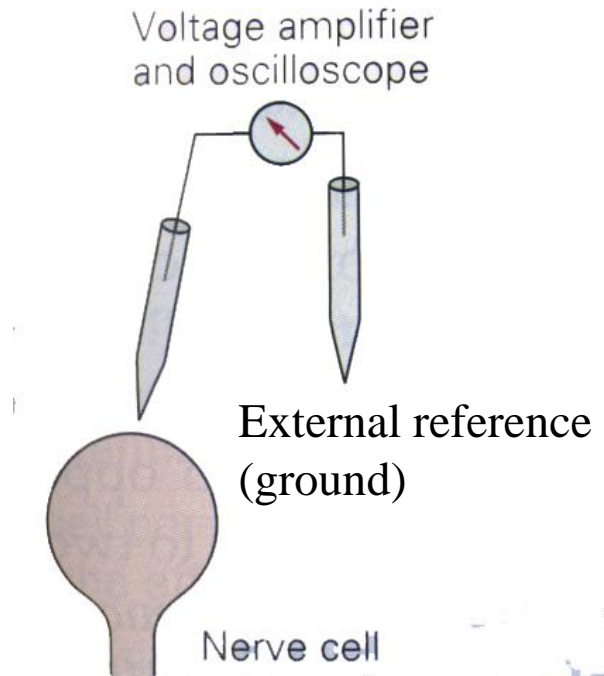
Intracellular recordings



Extracellular recordings

Selectivity for stimulus orientation and direction in area V1:

in V1 vast majority of cells is orientation selective
 only around 20% also respond to direction of motion in a particular case
 80% does not care which direction object moves
 in other cortical areas, this can change:
 in parietal cortex, many cells are direction selective



this one is cell is orientation (angle) and direction (of motion) selective

(Sihl's patient - look up on internet
 she saw the world as a series of
 static images
 had no information of motion -
 couldnt cross street, pour water in
 glass)

Hubel and Wiesel (1968)
 in Wandell (1995)