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An Adaptive and Heterodyne Filtering Procedure for the Imaging of Moving Objects

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Abstract:

Recent experimental work on the stimulus velocity dependent time resolving power of the neural units, situated in the

highest order

optic ganglion of the blowfly, revealed the at first sight amazing phenomenon that at this high level of the fly

visual system, the time constants of these units which are involved in the processing of neural activity evoked by moving

objects, are -roughly spoken(cid:173) inverse proportional to the velocity of those objects over an extremely wide range.

In this paper

we will discuss the implementation of a two dimensional heterodyne adaptive filter construction into a computer

simulation model. The features

of this simulation model include the ability to account for the experimentally observed stimulus-tuned adaptive temporal

behaviour of time constants

in the fly visual system. The simulation results obtained, clearly show that the application of such an adaptive processing

procedure

delivers an improved imaging technique of moving patterns in the high velocity range. A FEW REMARKS ON THE FLY

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