

# Brain Intelligence and Artificial Intelligence

## 人脑智能与机器智能

### Lecture 2 – Visual System

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# Lecture 1 Recap

1. BI inspires AI.
  - I. Biological neuron → Artificial neuron
  - II. Animal vision → CNN
2. AI helps understand BI.
  - I. Neural / Behavioral data analysis
  - II. Explain the necessity of observed brain structures or functions
  - III. Resemblance between BI and AI
3. Levels/scales: molecular, synapse, neurons, networks, maps, system, CNS
4. Learning in the brain vs Learning in AI

# **Reverse-engineer the brain**

to understand the design principles of brain

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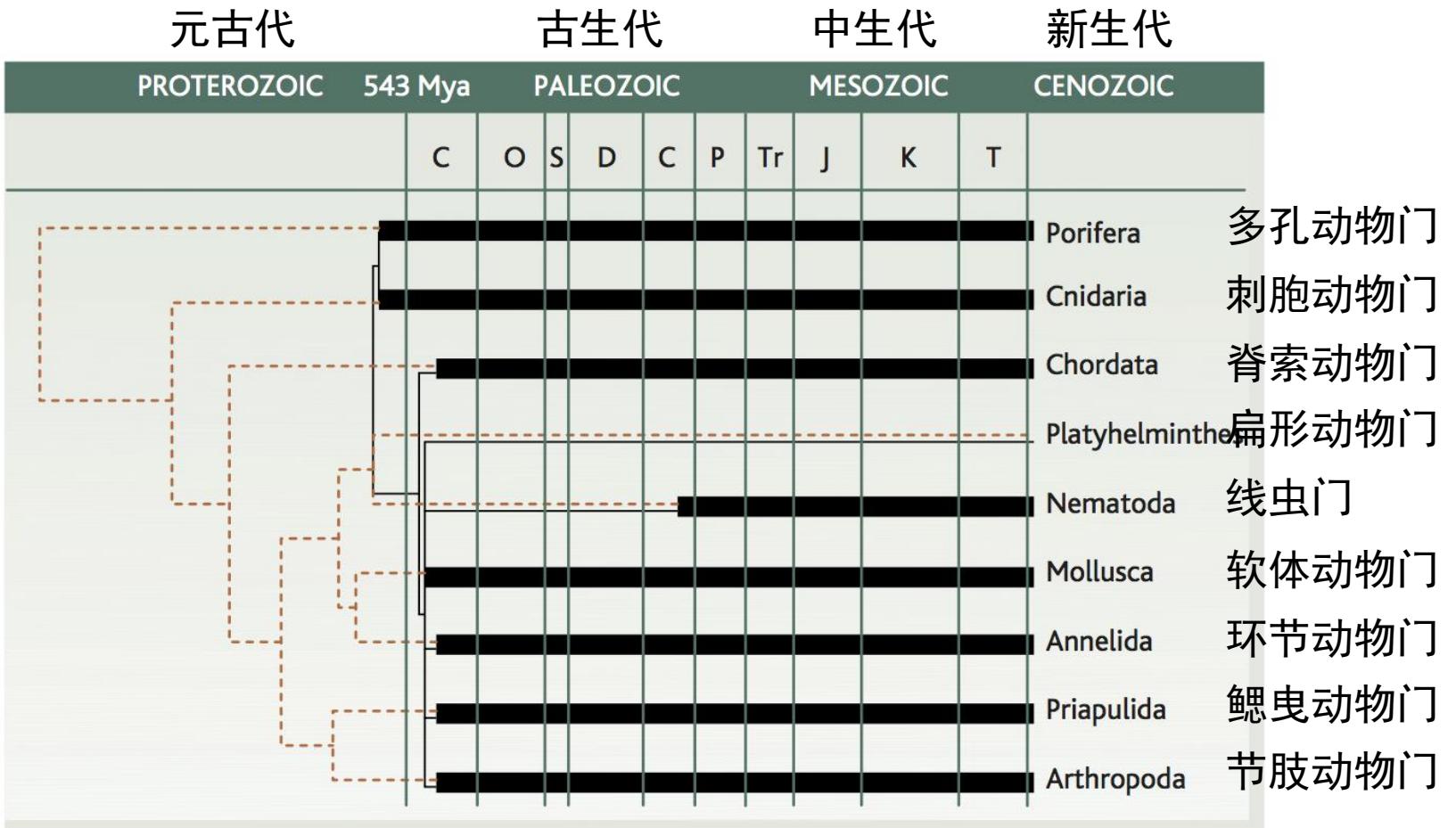
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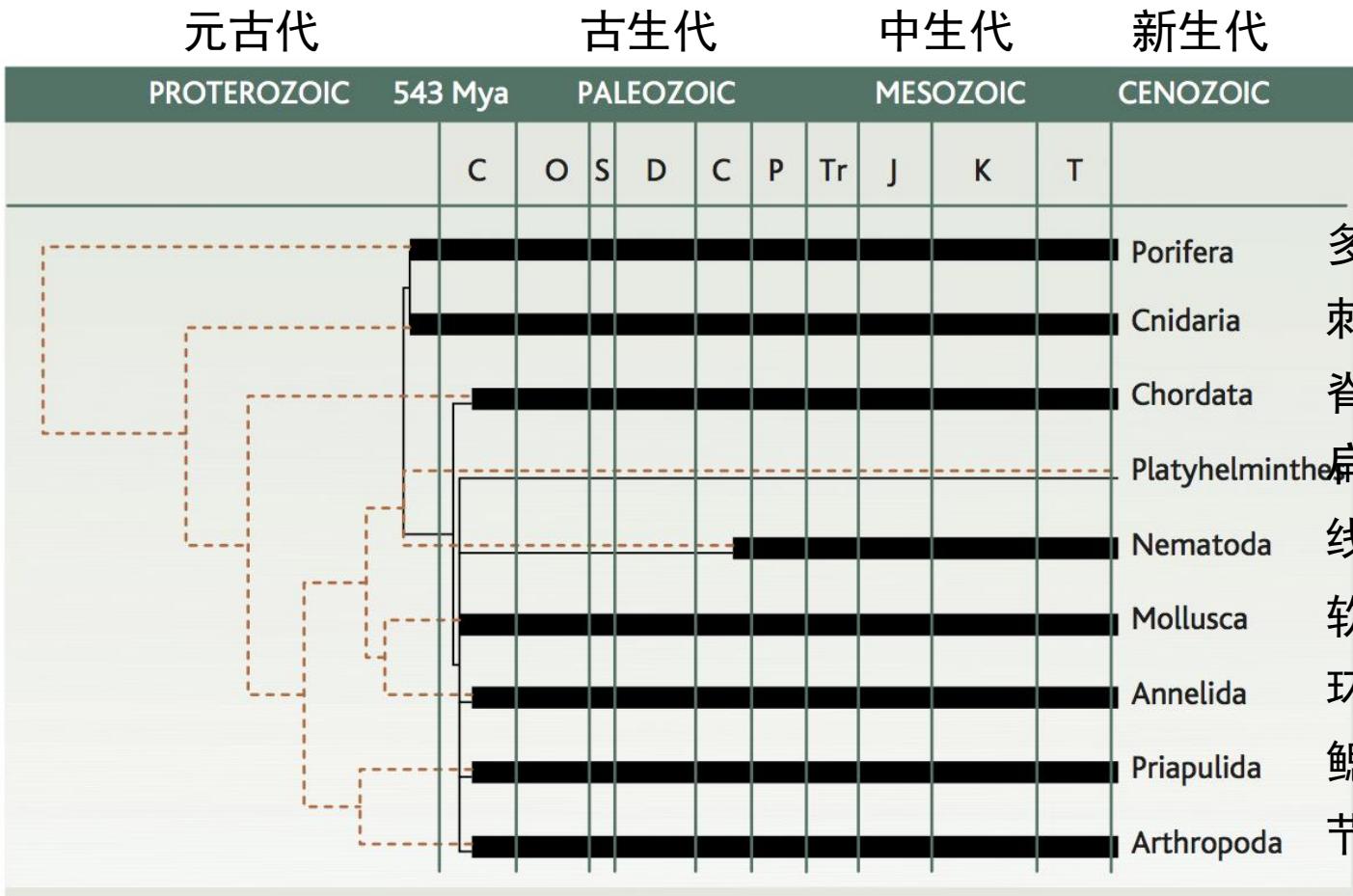
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1. Evolution of the eye
2. Function of the visual system
3. Structure of the eye
4. Photoreceptors
5. Information integration by ganglion cell
6. **Visual pathways**: photoreceptors, interneurons, ganglion cells, LGN, V1, ventral/dorsal streams...
7. Some discussions about **BI & AI in visual system**

# Animal Evolution

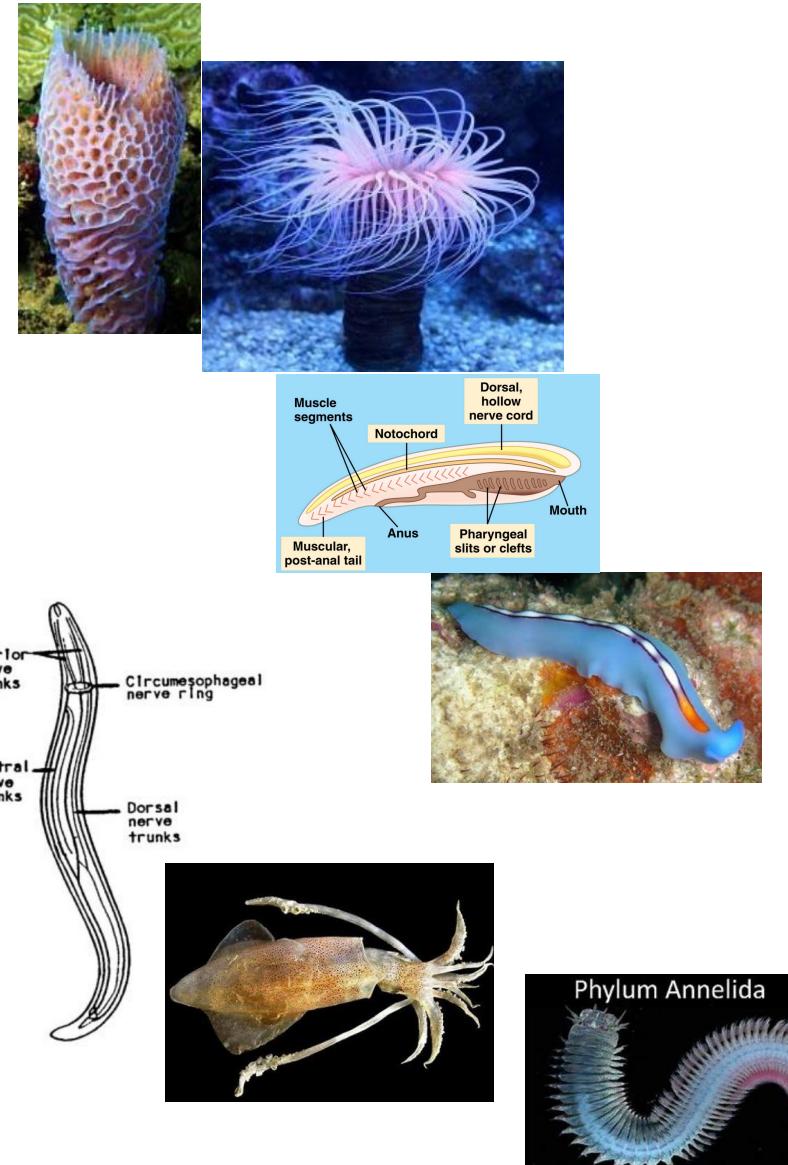


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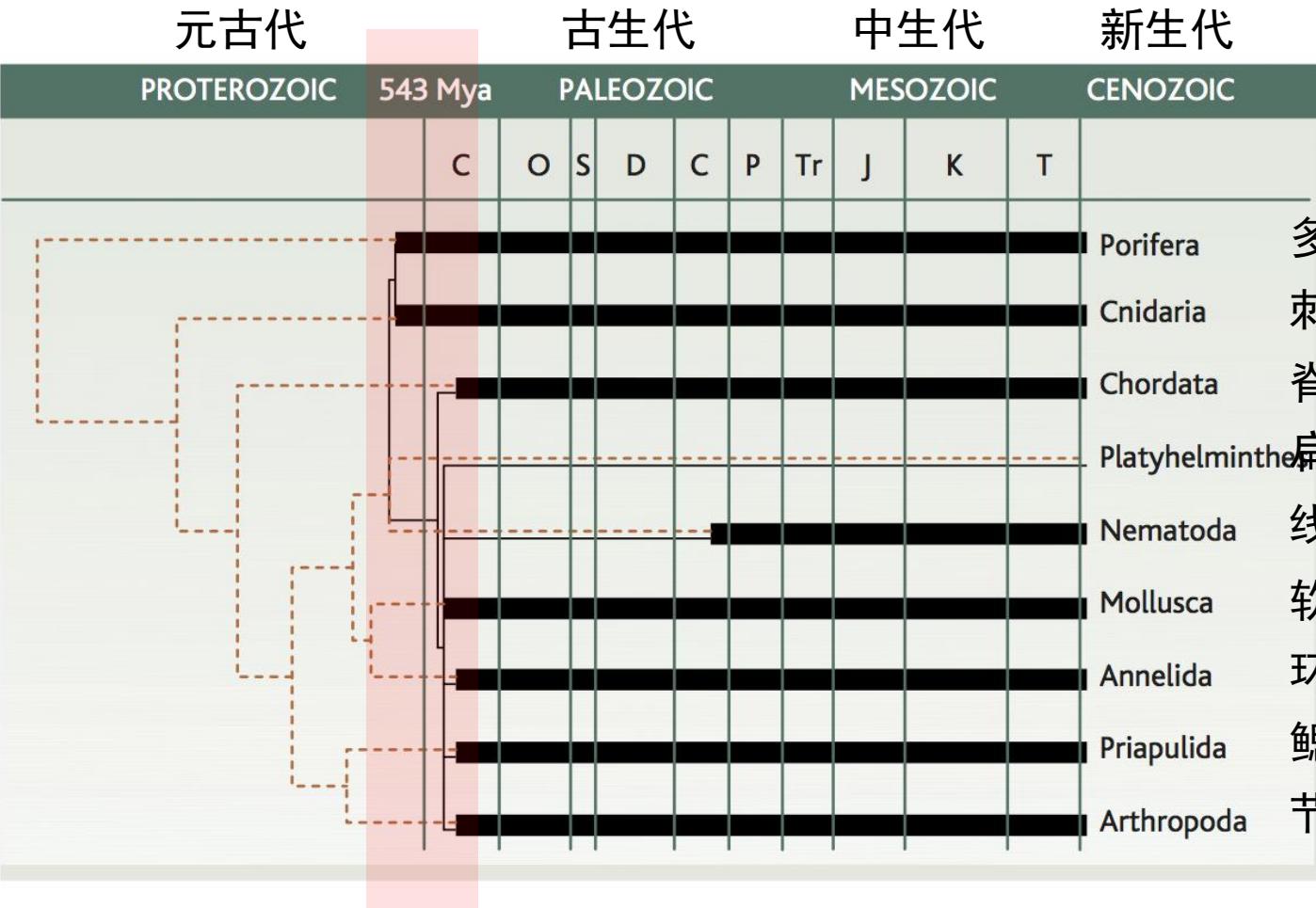
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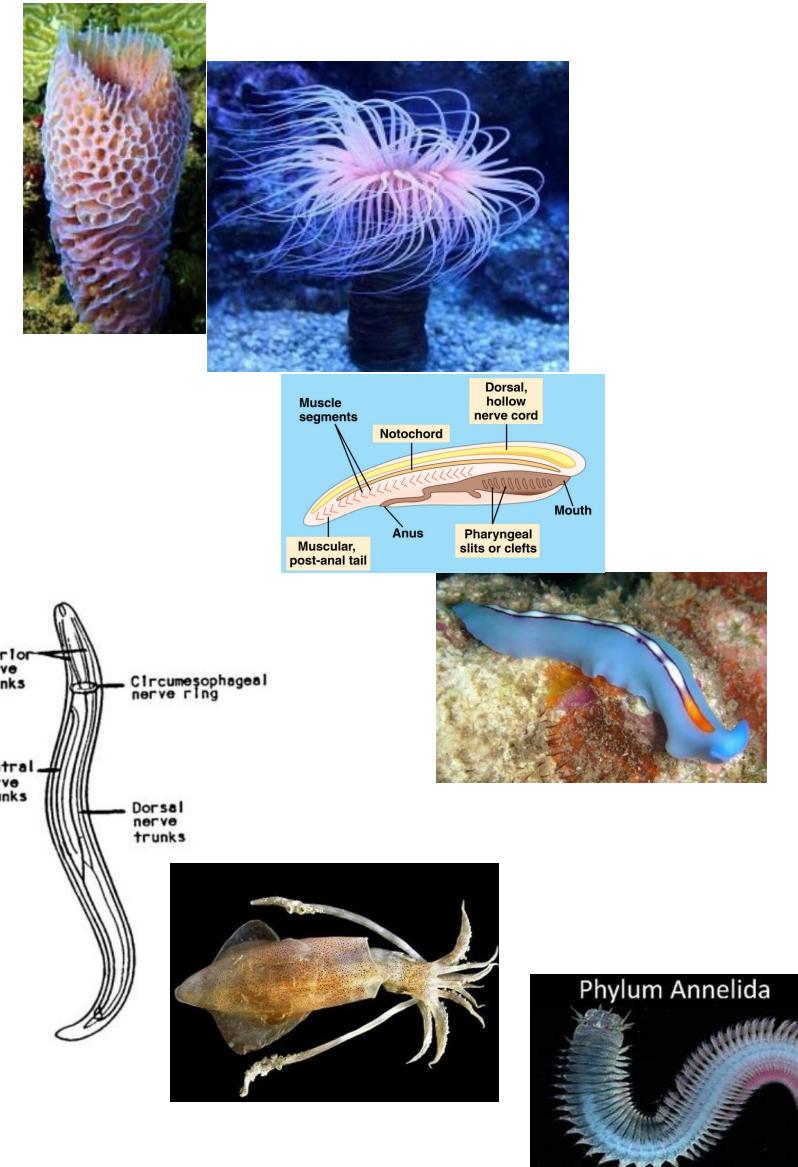
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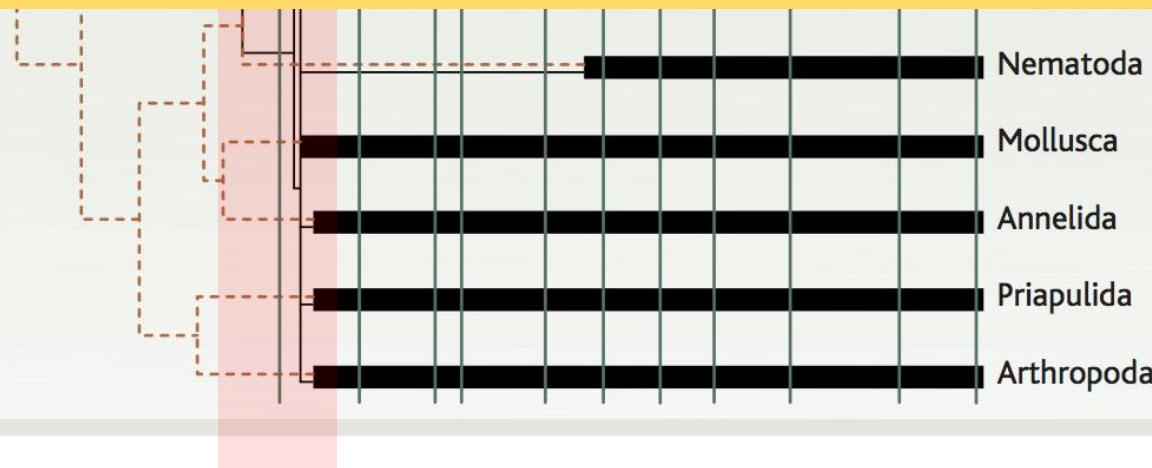


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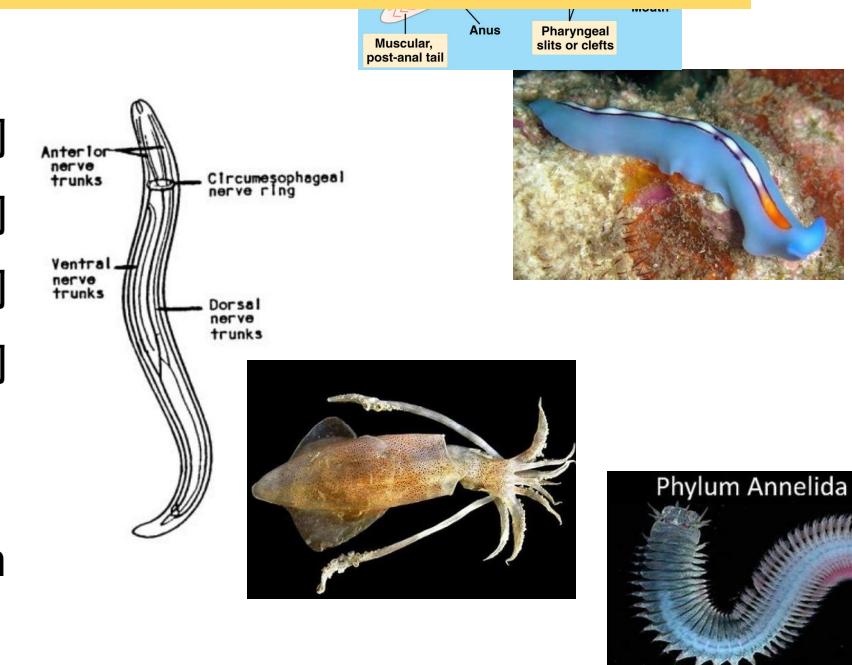
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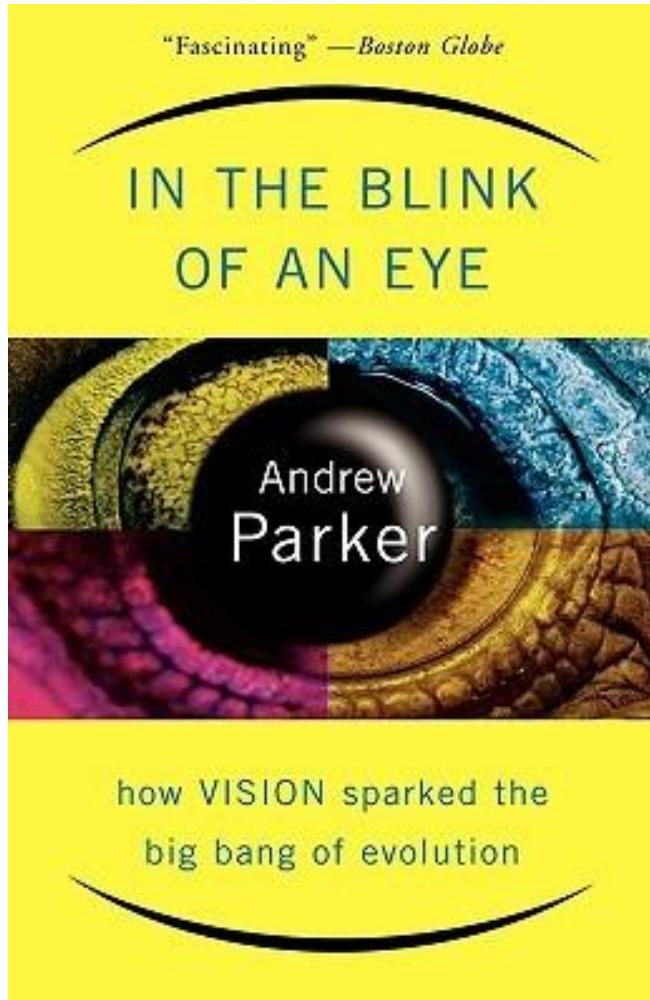


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# Evolution of the Eye



Andrea Parker  
In the Blink of an Eye

Eyes first appeared approximately 543 million years ago during the Cambrian period—the geological period that marks the rapid increase in biodiversity.

Oxford zoologist Andrew Parker proposed “Light Switch Theory”, suggesting that it was **the development of vision** in primitive animals that caused the explosion.

Precambrian creatures were **unable to see**, making it impossible to find friend or foe.

With **the evolution of the eye**, the size, shape, color, and behavior of animals was suddenly revealed for the first time. Once the lights were "turned on," all animals had to **either adapt or die**, and in a geological instant, the world became a very different place.

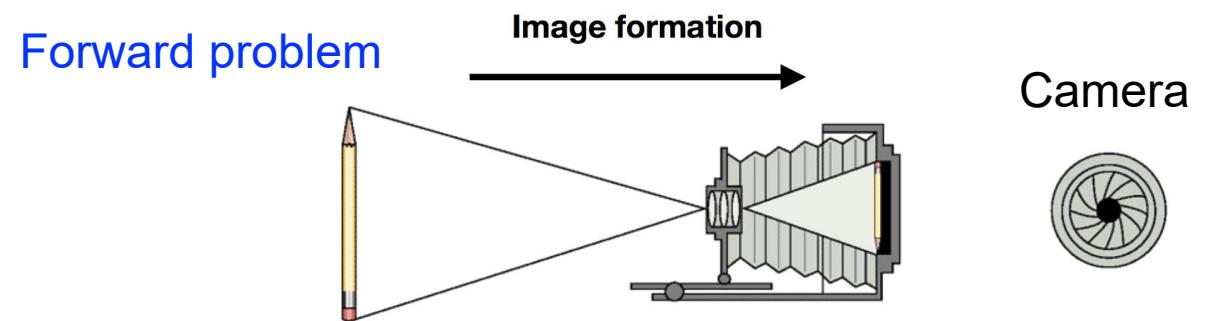
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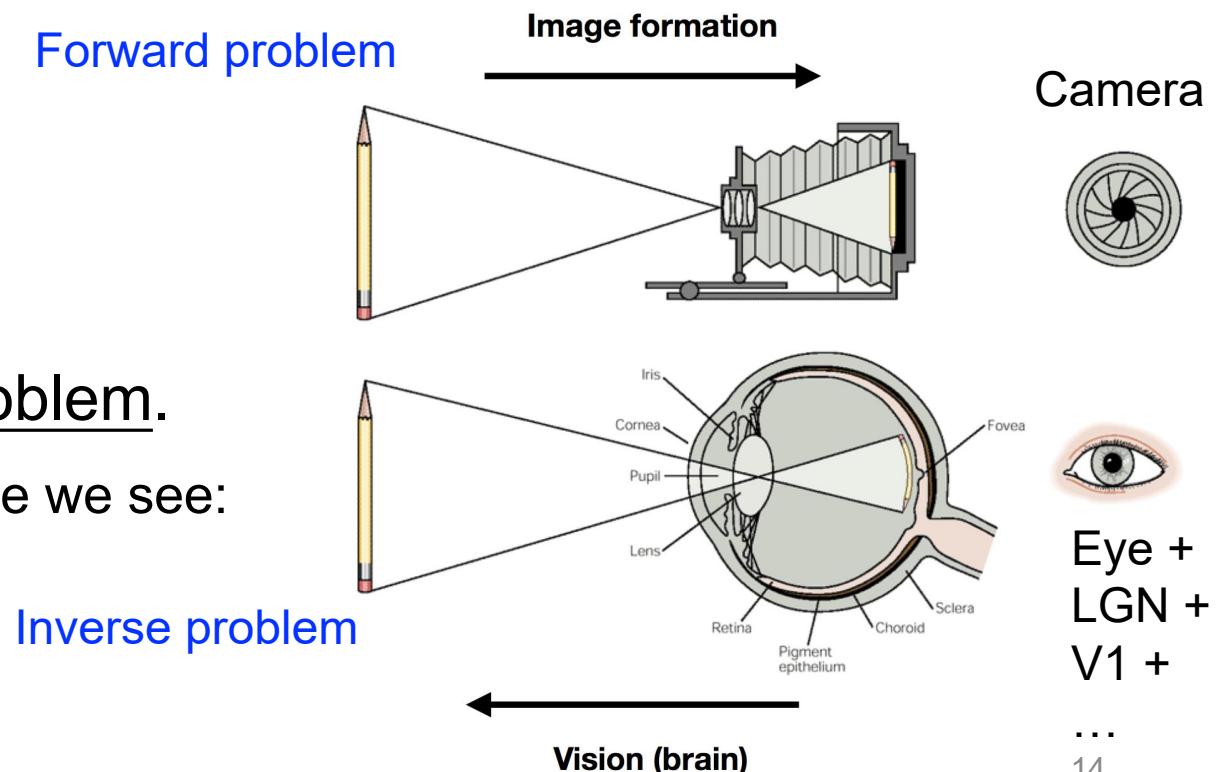
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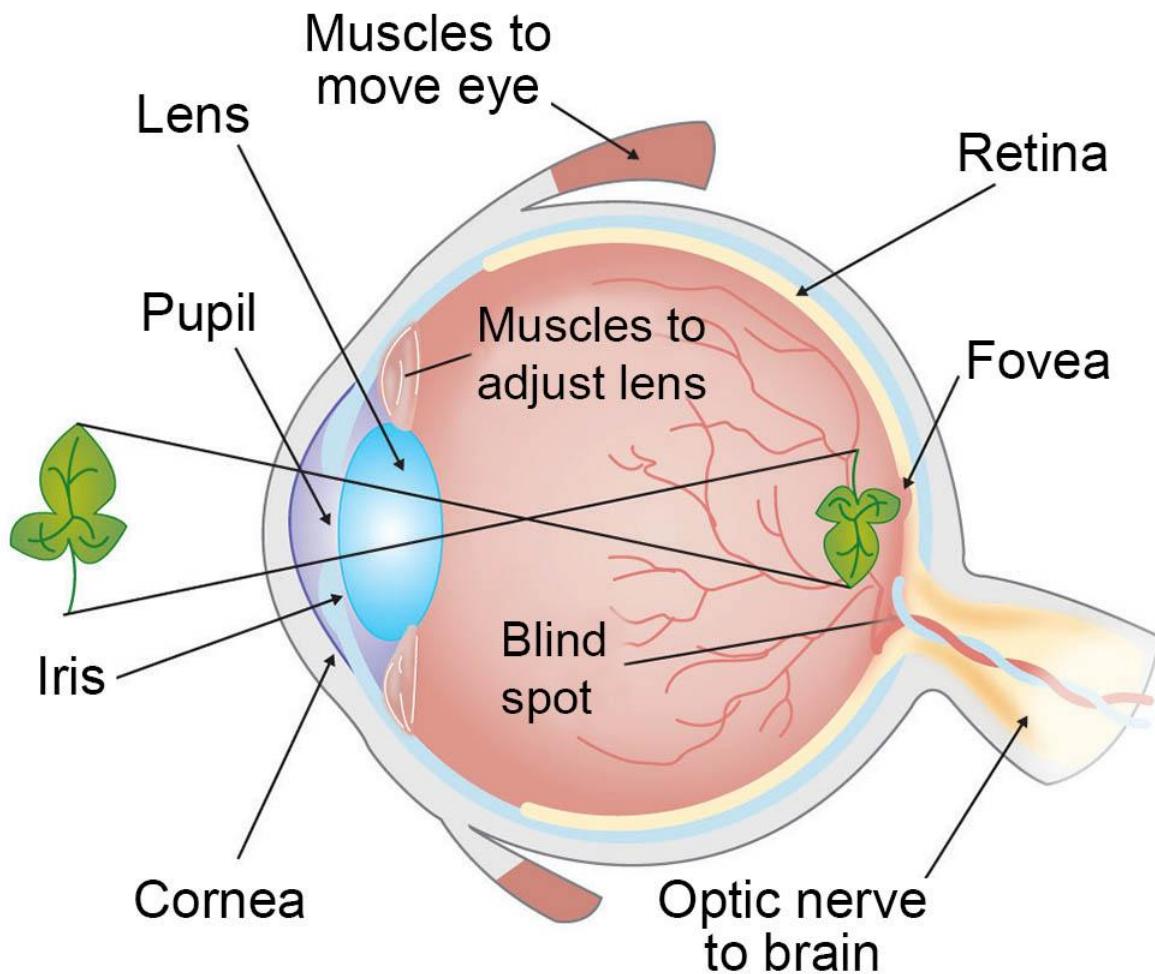
The visual system solves the inverse problem.

Based on the neural activity, to **infer** the image we see:

- Detect
- Process
- Interpret



# Structure of the Eye



**Lens + Cornea**: help focus light onto the eye, like camera **lenses**.

Photoreceptors (感光细胞) in **Retina**: convert light energy into neuronal activity, like camera **sensors**.

**Pupil**: to adjust based on illumination of light, like **aperture** of the camera.

**Optic nerve**: transmit the image signal to the brain, like camera **electronics**.

Eye can **clean itself**, by producing tears, blinking.

Eye can even **repair itself** in the event of modest damage to its optic.



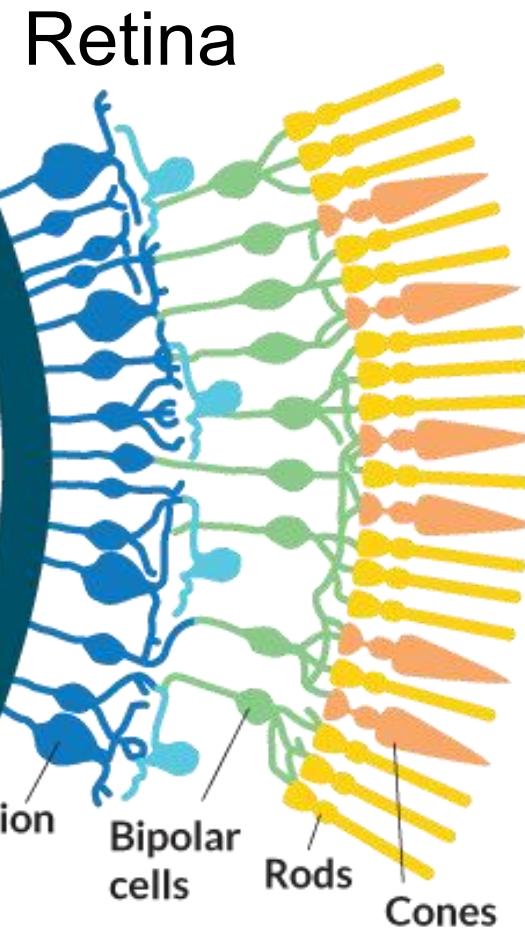
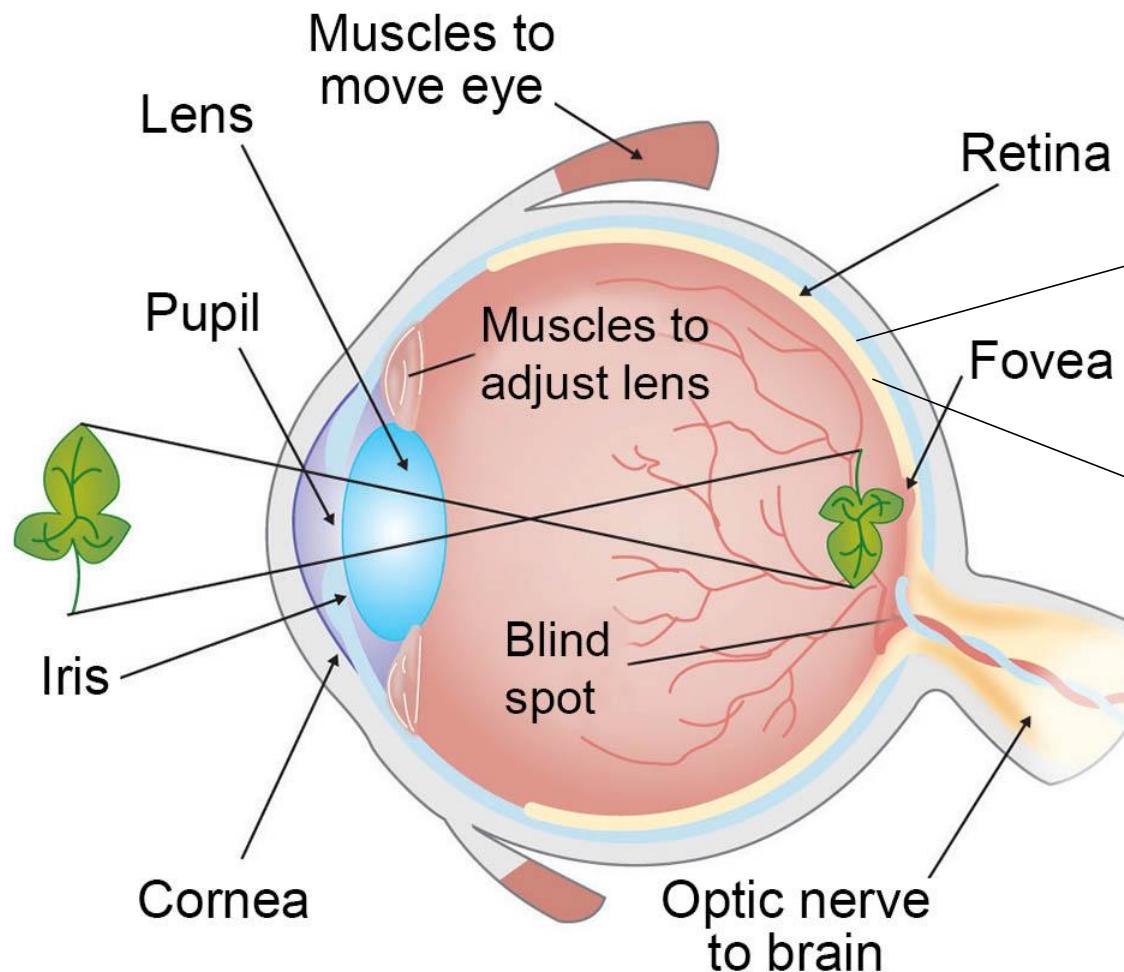
including many lenses  
arrayed across the eye.

The structures of the eye  
are **different** across  
species.

The insects has many  
**lenses** arrayed across  
the eye.

Not all animal have  
**retinas** like ours.

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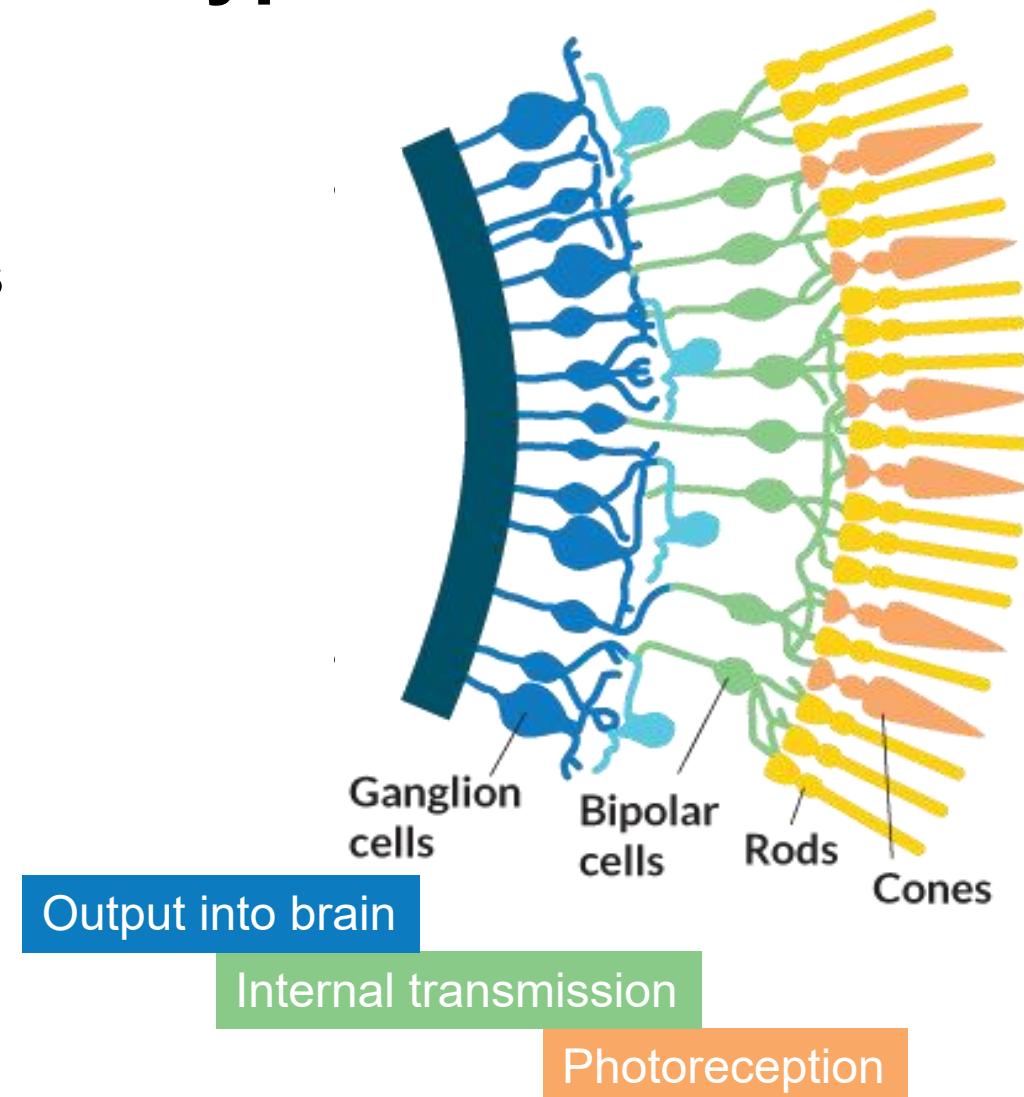


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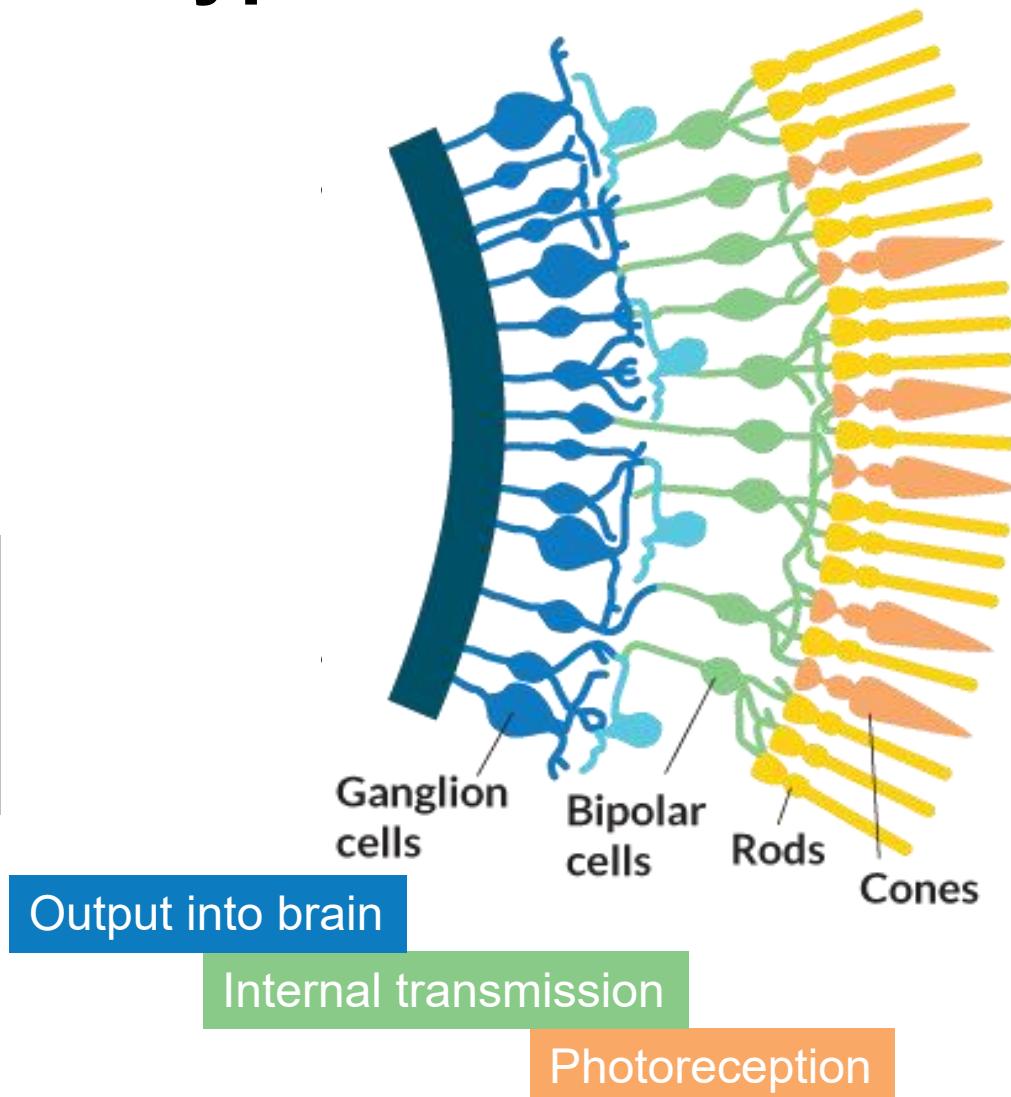
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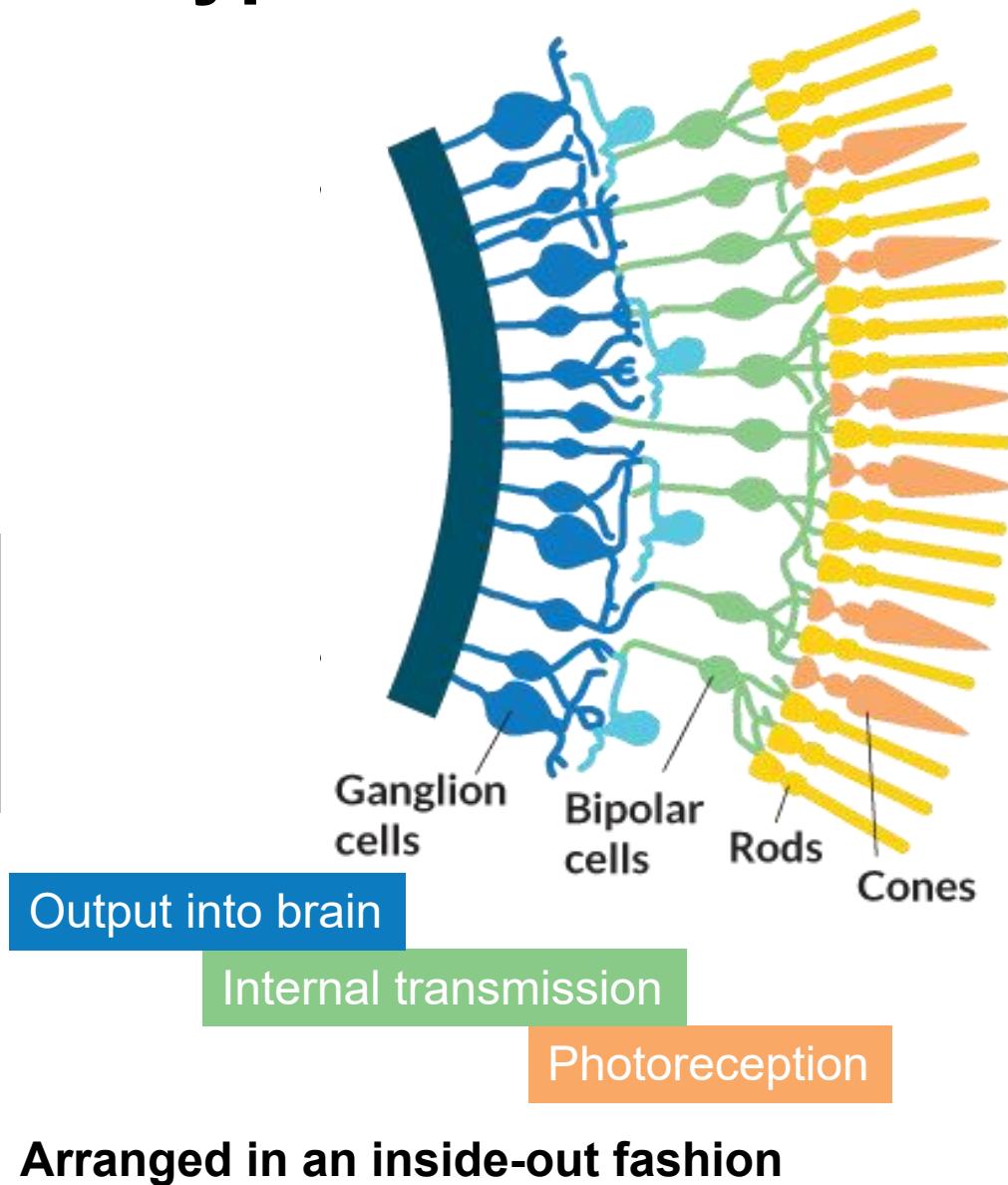
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**We do not know.**  
But I personally believe it is well designed.



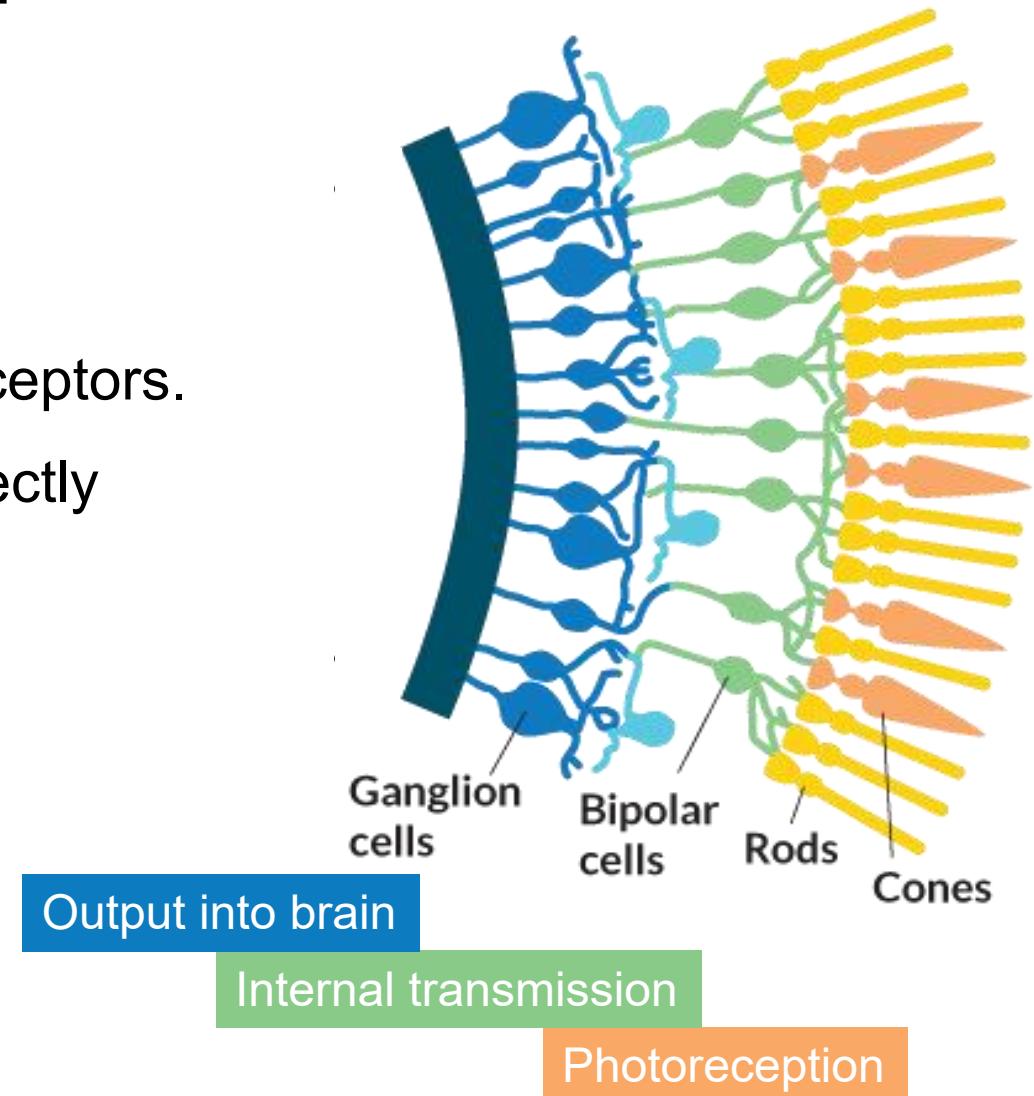
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In 2002, scientists found a **new** type of photoreceptors.

The newly discovered cells turn light energy directly into brain signals.

The signals govern the body's 24-hour clock.



Berson et al (2002). Phototransduction by Retinal Ganglion Cells That Set the Circadian Clock, *Science*

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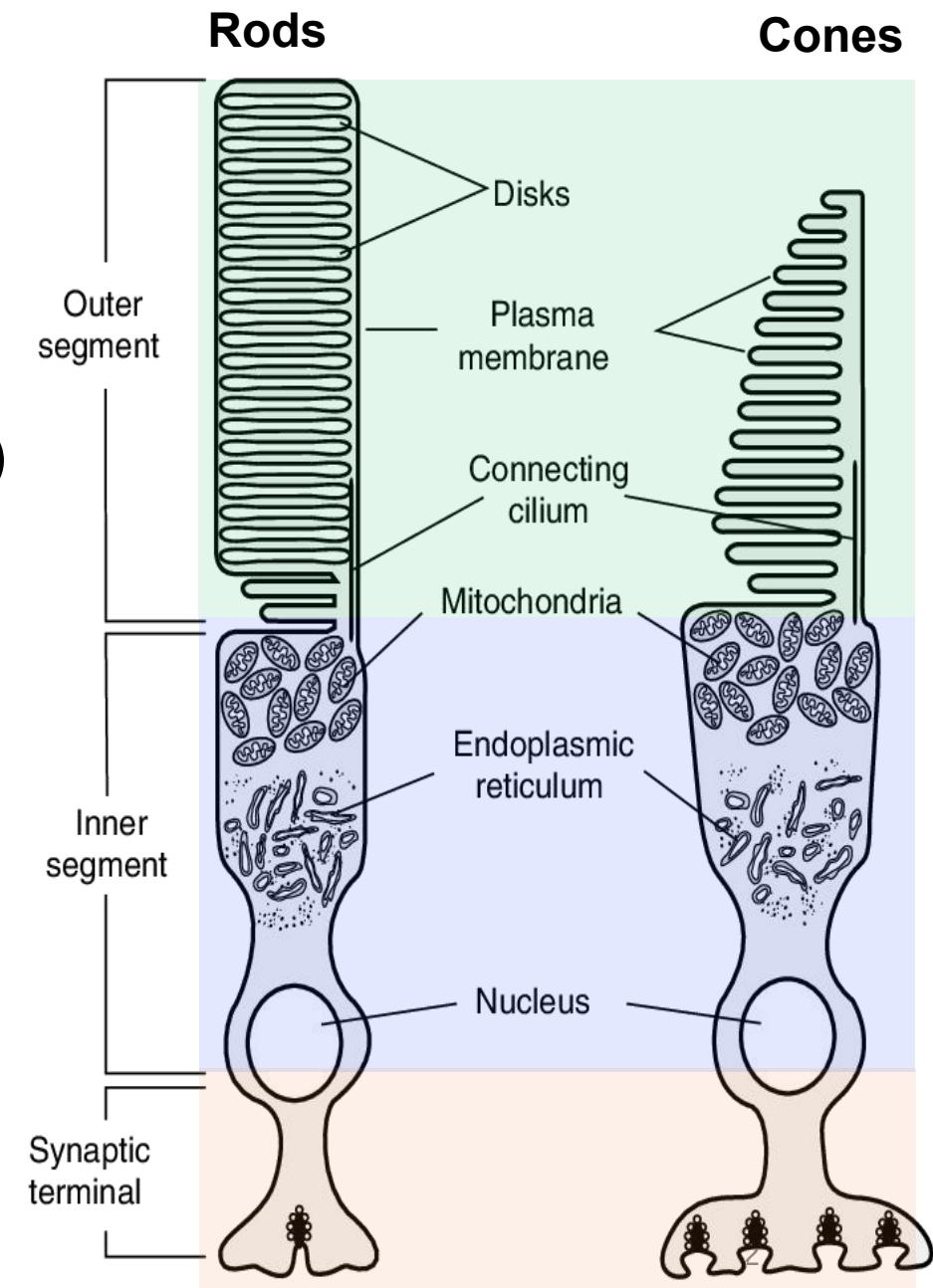
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- Outer segment: Electromagnetic → Chemical
- Inner segment: Chemical → Electrical
- Synaptic terminal: Electrical → Chemical



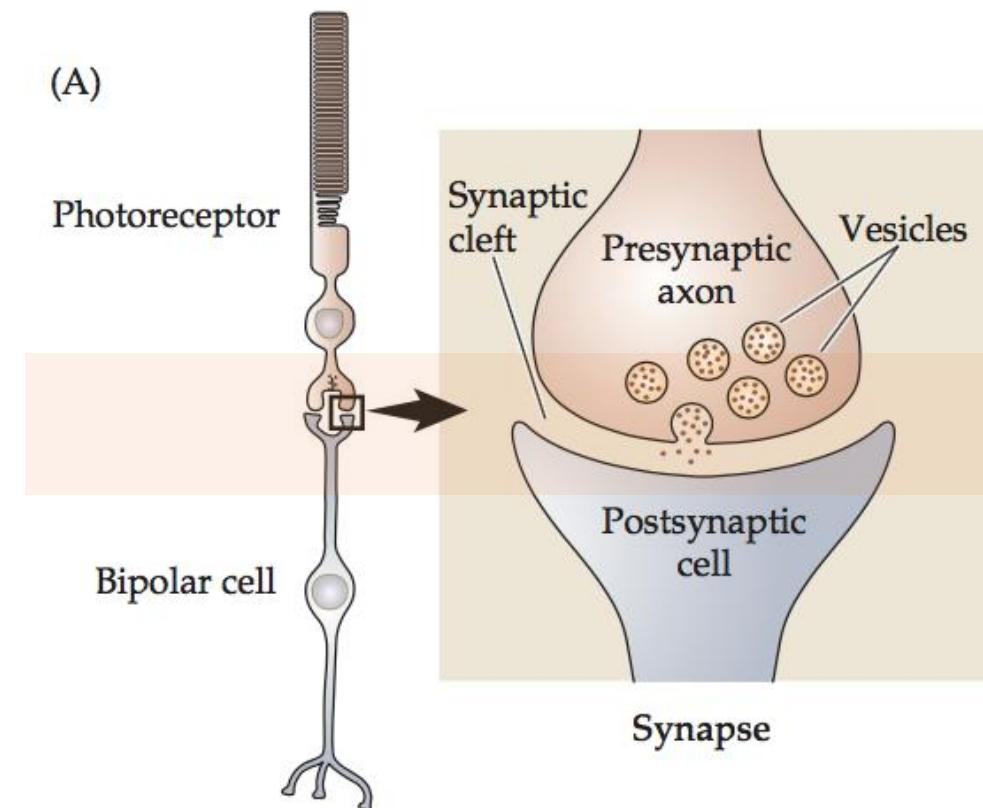
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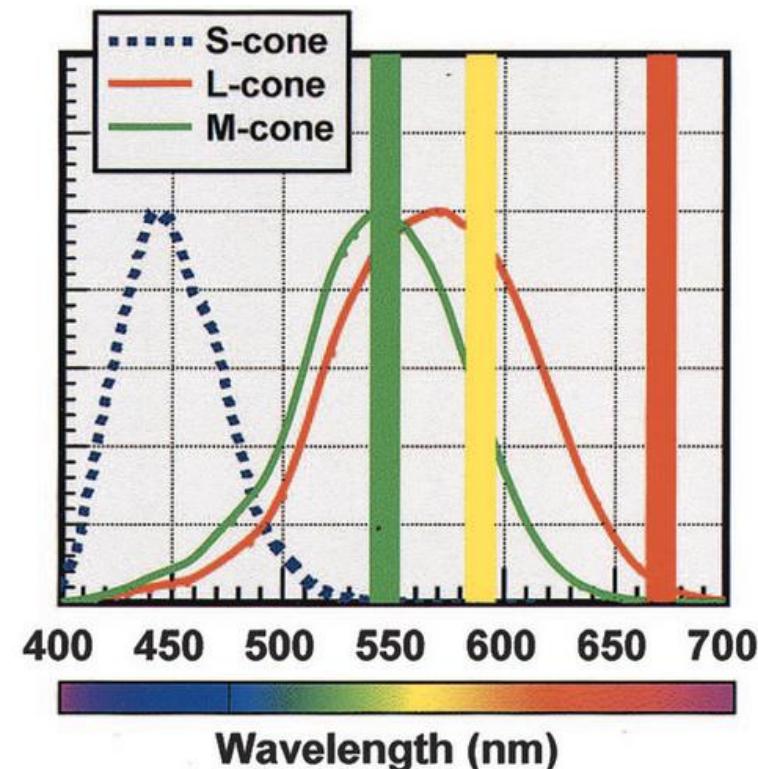
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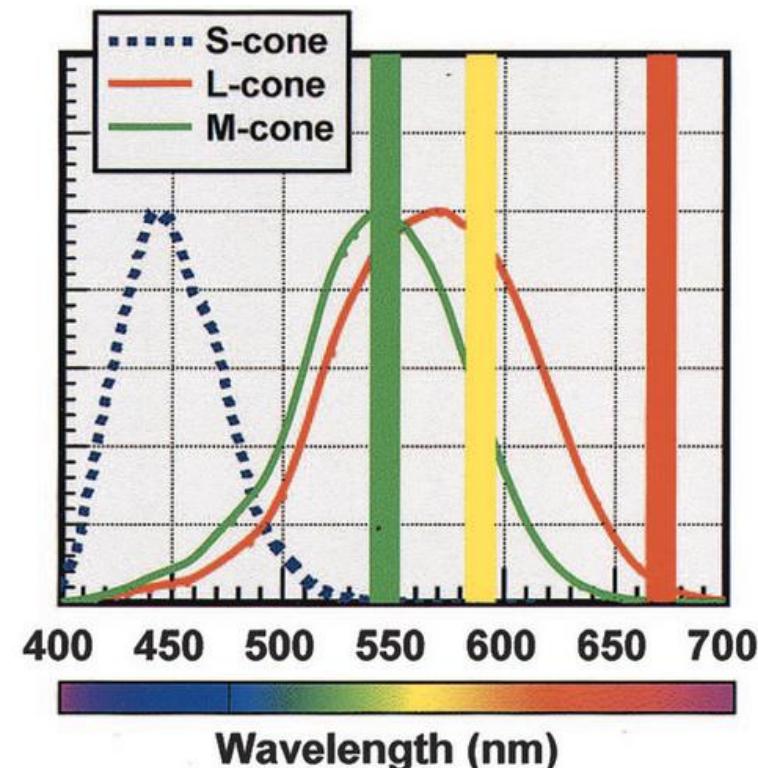
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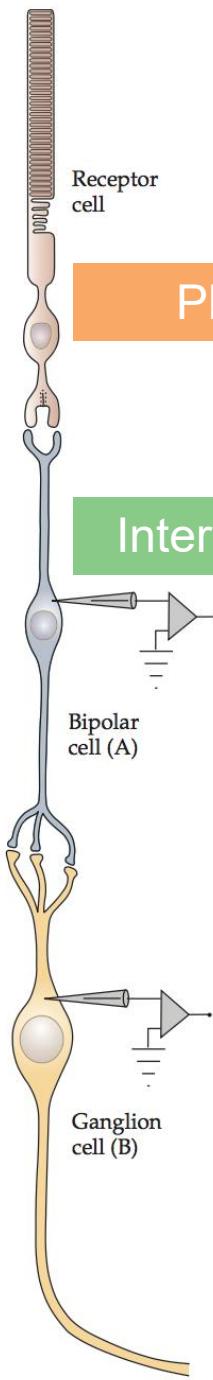
The color represented as a combination of these 3 types of cones, just as the way of **RGB color system**.

Color blindness: Lack one type of cones

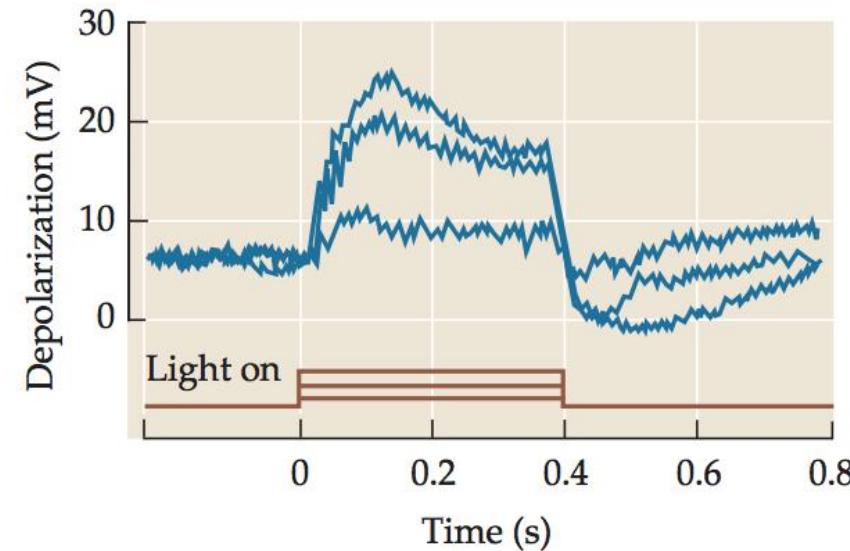
**Red-Green blindness** lacks m-cone.

**Fish and birds** have 4 types of cones used for vision.

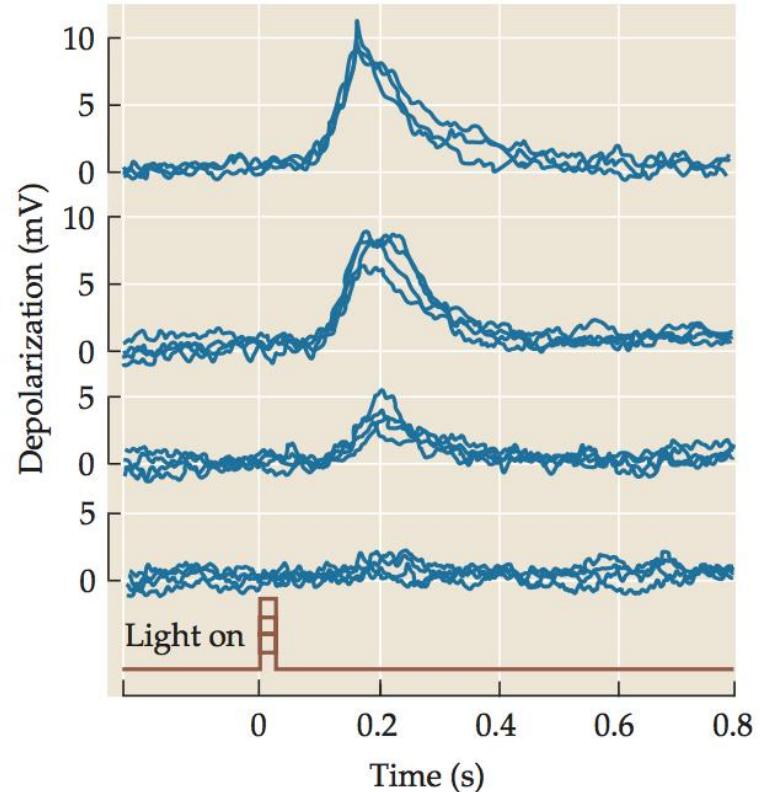
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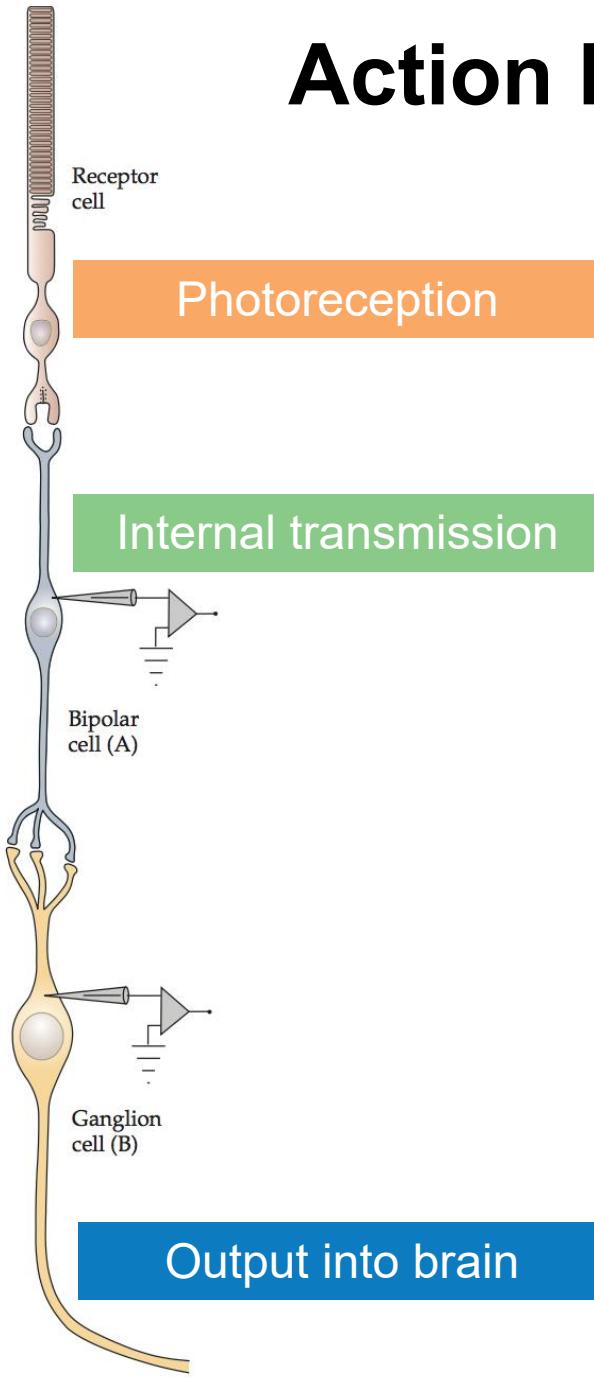


(A) Bipolar cell: graded response to light

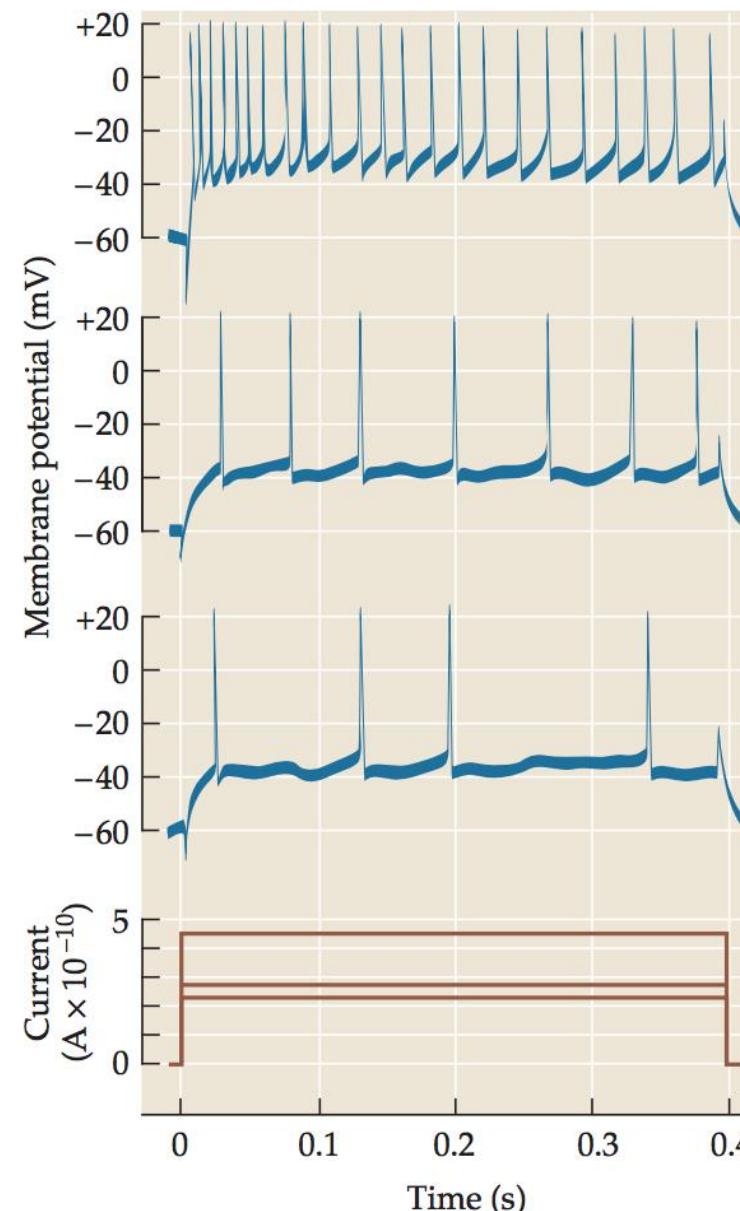


(B) Ganglion cell: graded responses to light





# Action Potentials are generated by Ganglion cells.



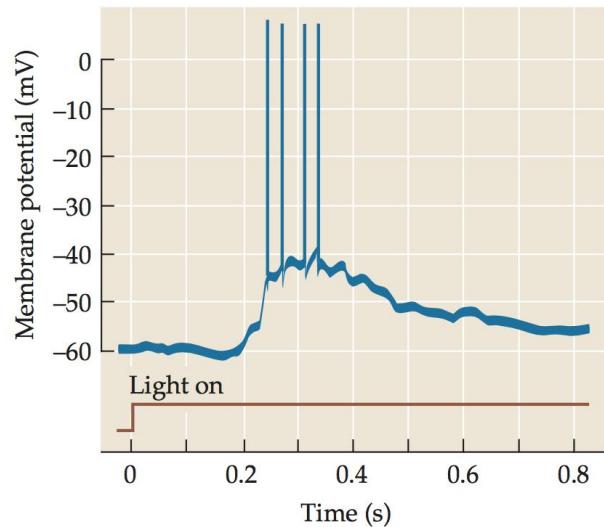
Why action potentials?

- Higher signal to noise ratio
- Travel long distance

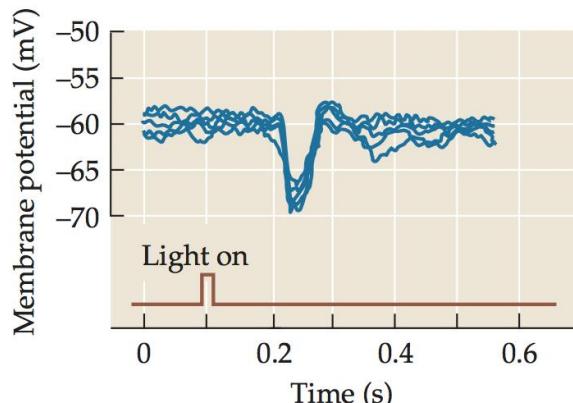
Action potentials are necessary to carry information along the length of a cell.

# Information Integration by Ganglion Cell

(A) Excitatory synaptic potentials

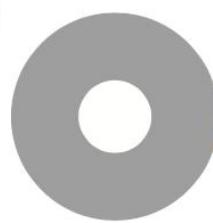


(B) Inhibitory synaptic potential

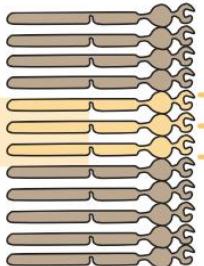


Pattern of  
illumination  
of retina

(A)

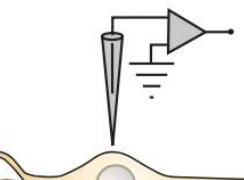


Illumination of  
photoreceptors



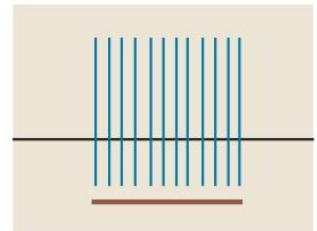
On-center cells

Ganglion cell

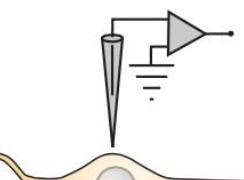
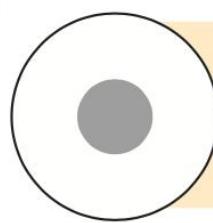


Excitation

Ganglion cell  
response

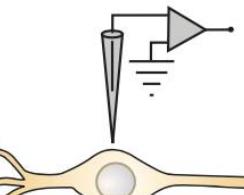
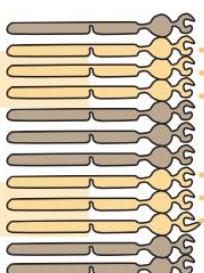
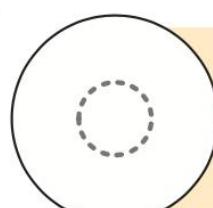


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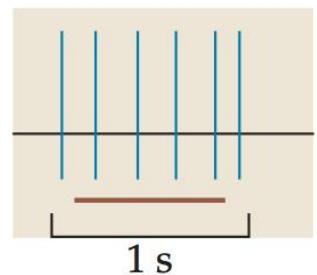
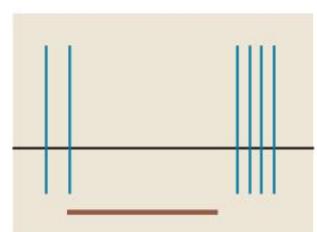


Inhibition

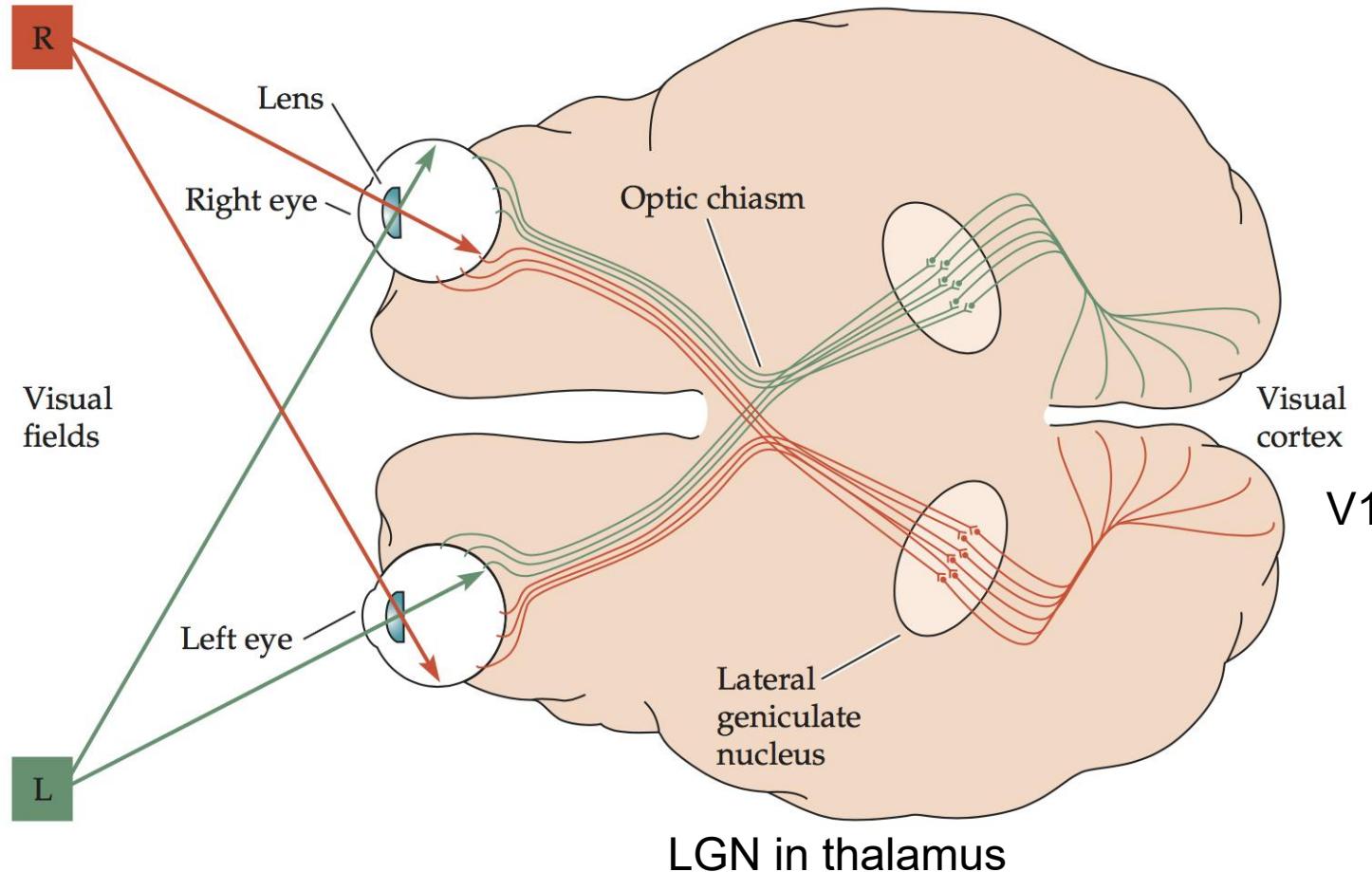
(C)



Excitation  
and inhibition



# Visual pathways: from the eye to the cerebral cortex

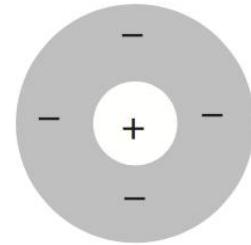


- Rods, cones
- Interneurons
- Ganglion cells
- Optic fiber
- LGN
- V1
- Ventral / dorsal pathways

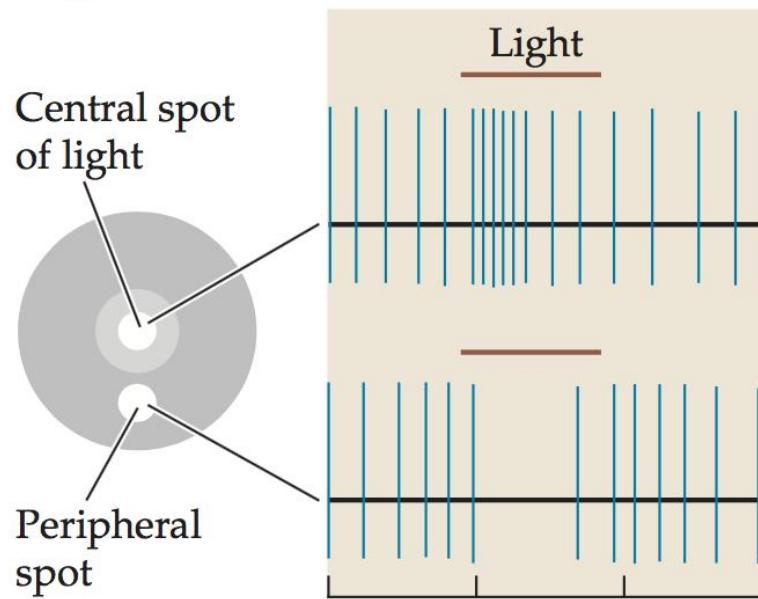
# Ganglion Cells

## On-center cells

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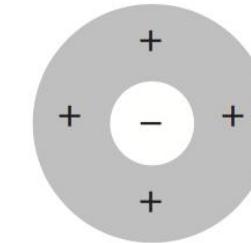


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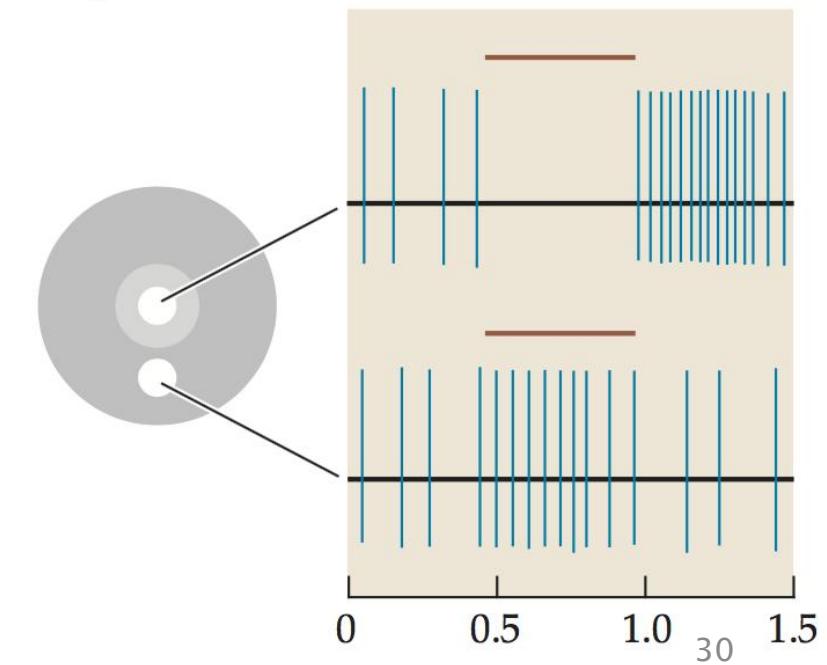


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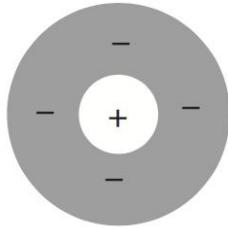


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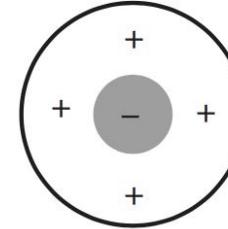


# LGN Cells

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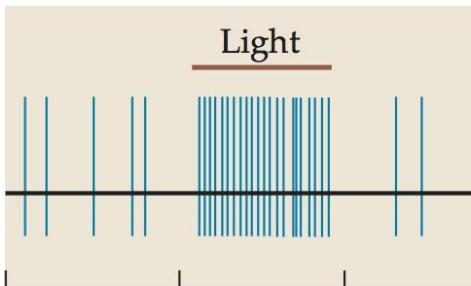
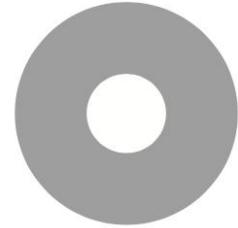


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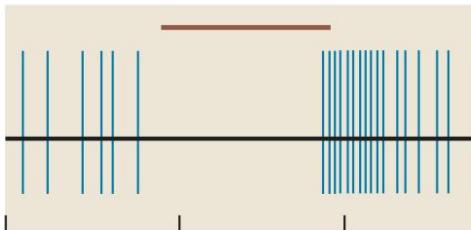
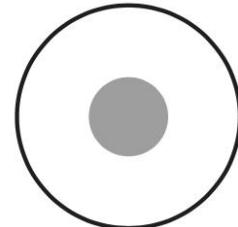


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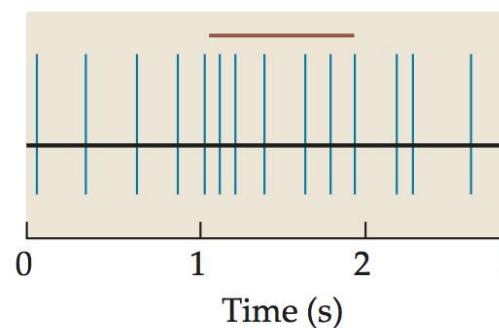
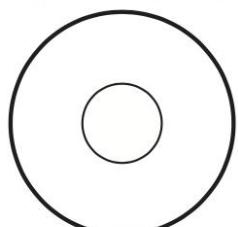
Central illumination



Annular illumination

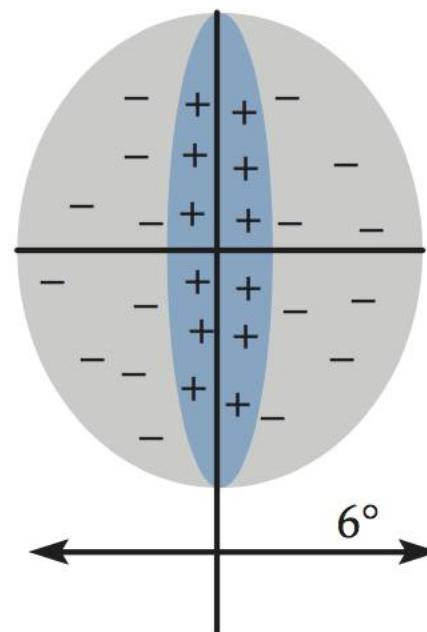


Diffuse illumination

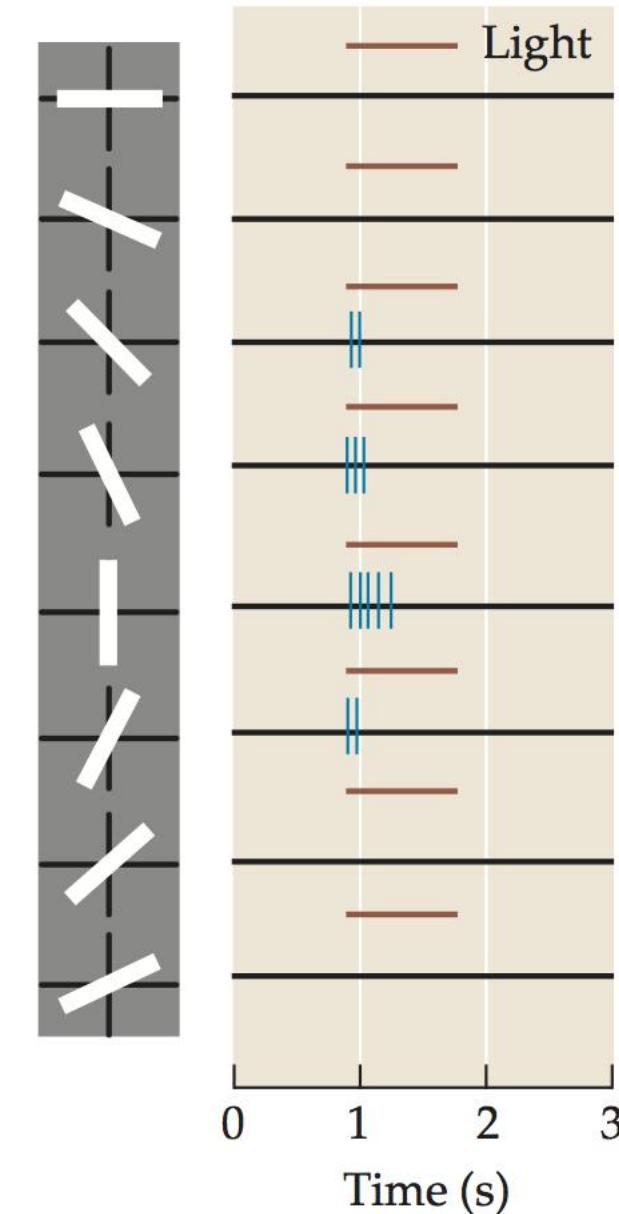


# A Simple Cell in Cat's Striate Cortex (V1)

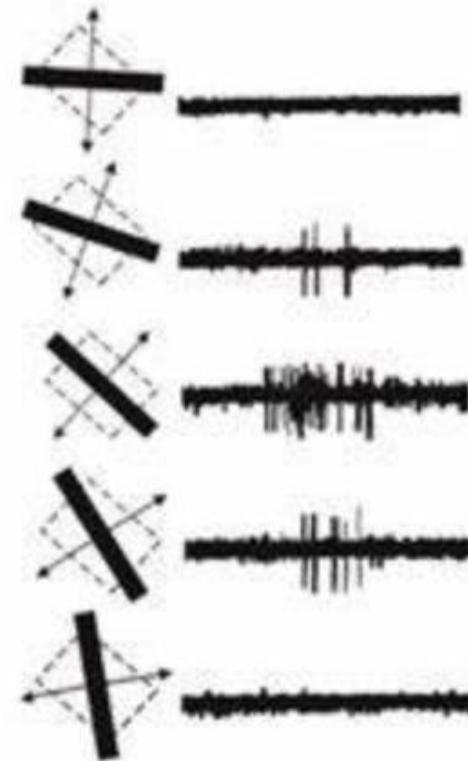
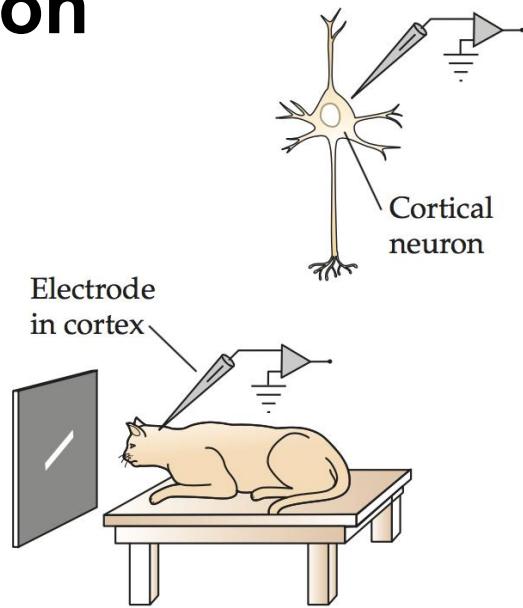
(B) Receptive field



(C) Importance of orientation of bar of light

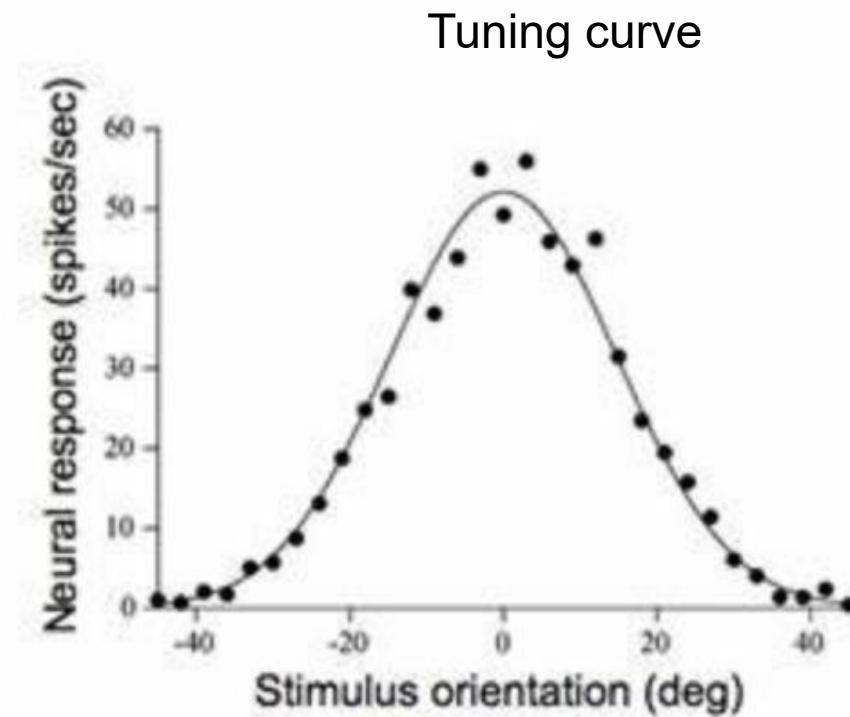


# V1 neuron



David H. Hubel &  
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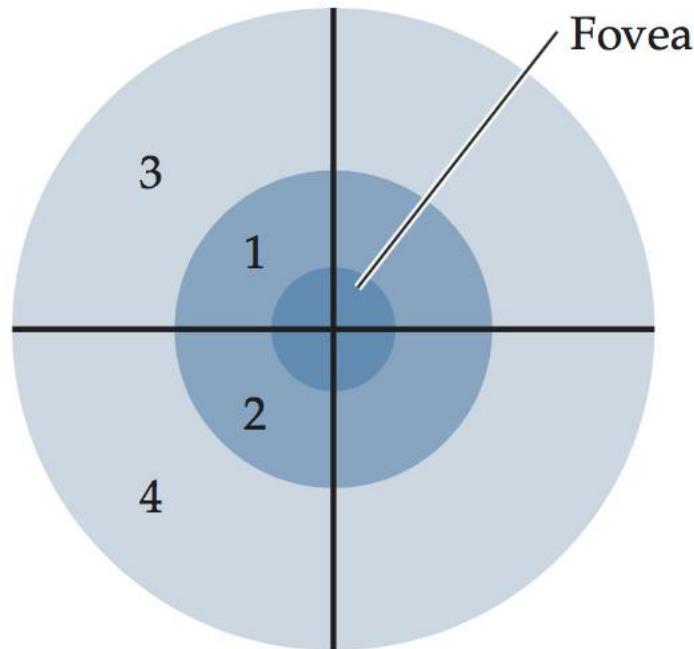
Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1981



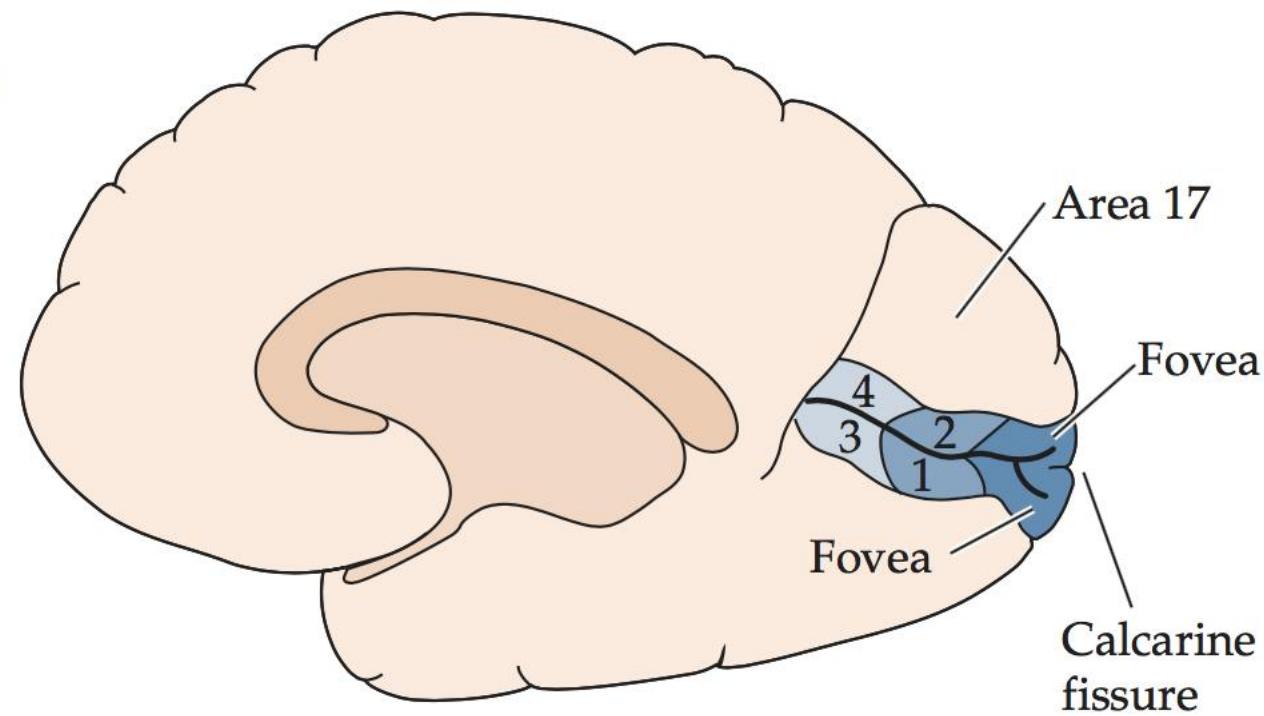
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# Visual Field Map of the Cortex

(A) Left visual field

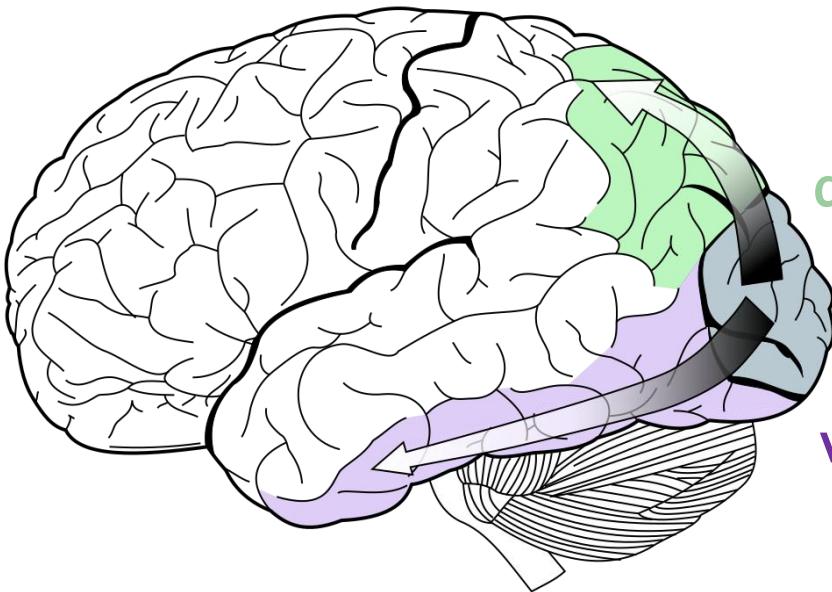


(B) Right primary visual cortex



# Perceptual integration

-- the **dorsal** and **ventral** streams



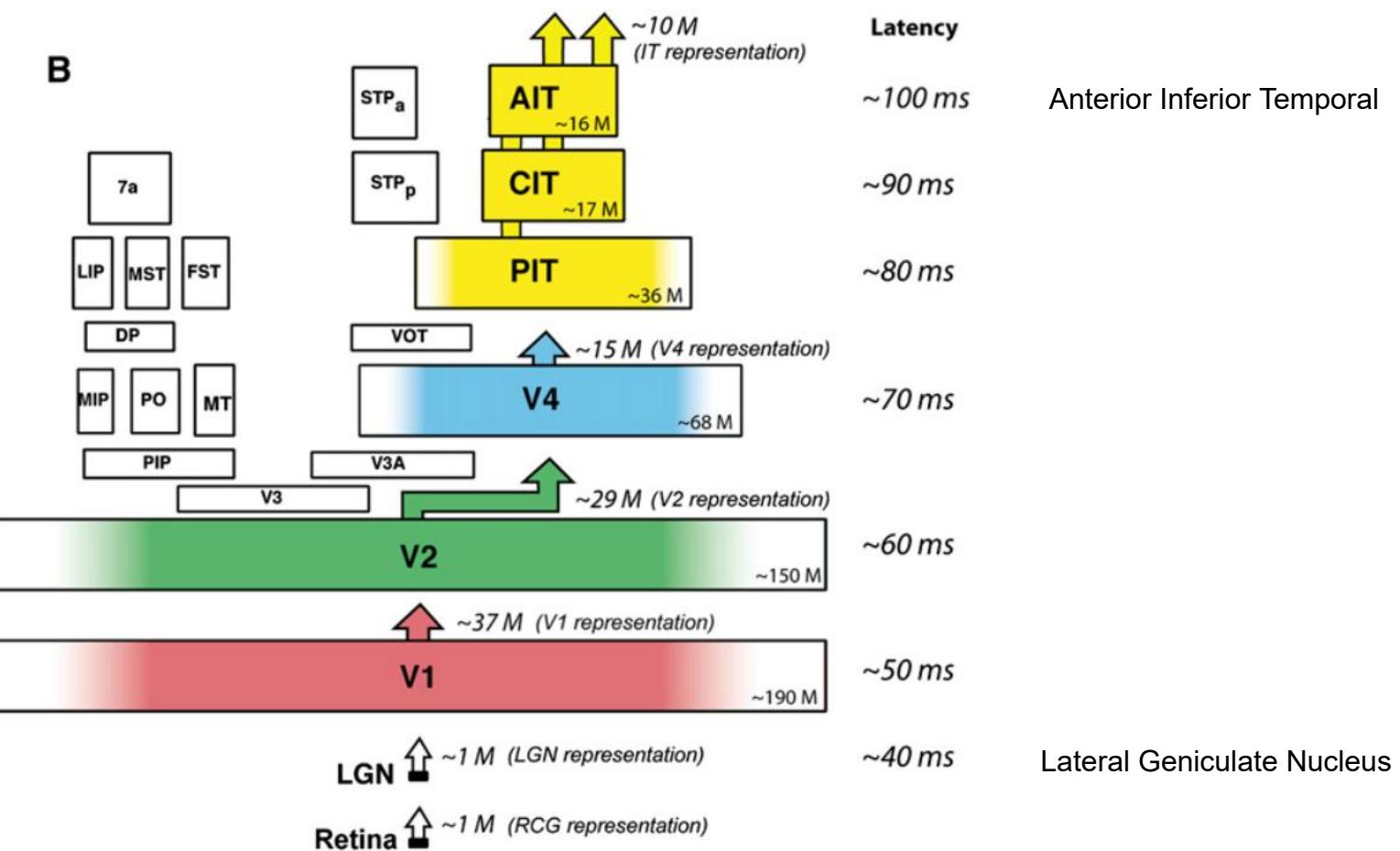
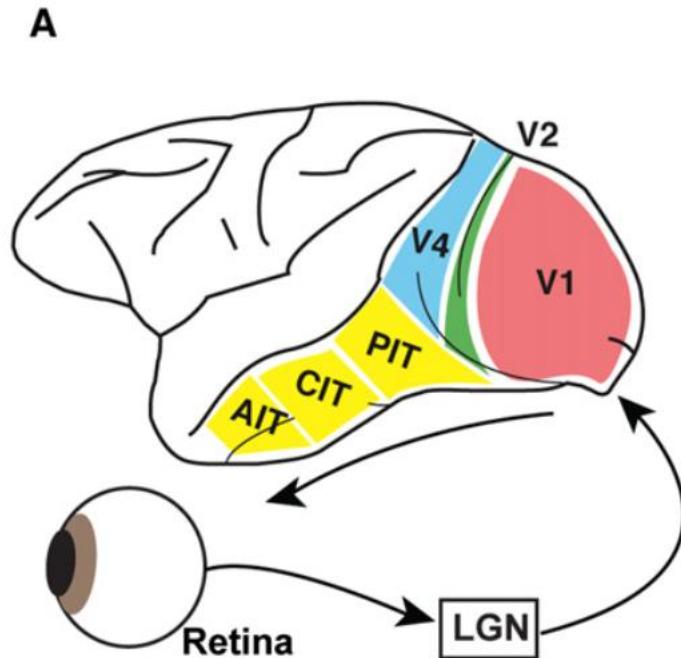
**dorsal** 'where' pathway

&

**ventral** 'what' pathway

- the motion & spatial location
  - V1, V2, V3, MT (V5), MST & inferior parietal cortex
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- the detailed features, form & object identity
  - V1, V2, V4 & inferior temporal areas

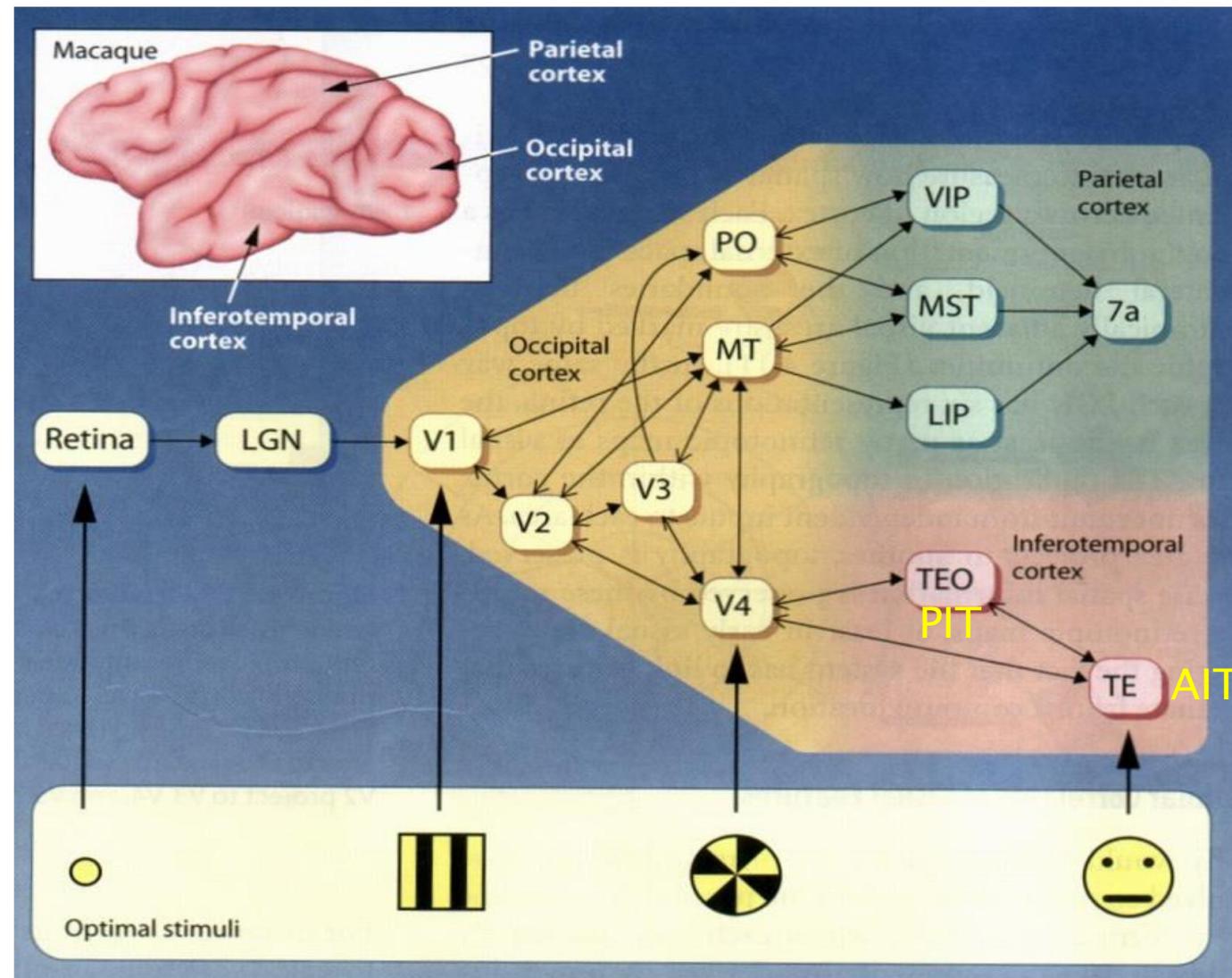
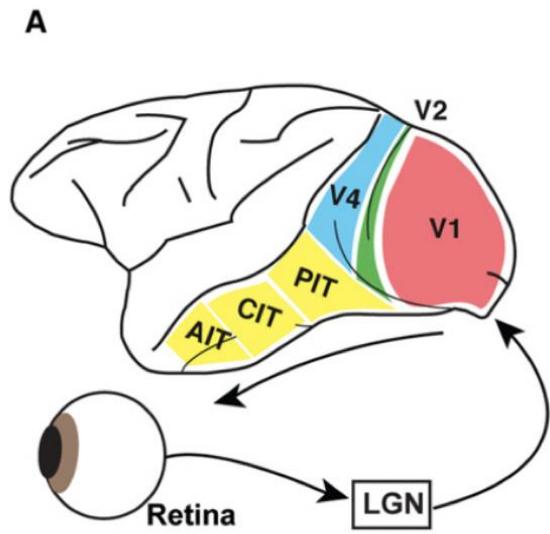
# The Ventral Visual Pathway: for object recognition



(A) Ventral stream cortical area locations in the macaque monkey brain, and flow of visual information from the retina.

(B) Each area is plotted so that its size is proportional to its cortical surface area (Felleman and Van Essen, 1991). Approximate total number of neurons (both hemispheres) is shown in the corner of each area (M = million). The **approximate dimensionality** of each representation (number of projection neurons) is shown above each area, based on neuronal densities (Collins et al., 2010), layer 2/3 neuronal fraction (O'Kusky and Colonnier, 1982), and portion (color) dedicated to processing the central 10 deg of the visual field (Brewer et al., 2002). Approximate median response latency is listed on the right (Nowak and Bullier, 1997; Schmolesky et al., 1998).

# Along the Ventral Visual Pathway, feature extraction from simple to complex.



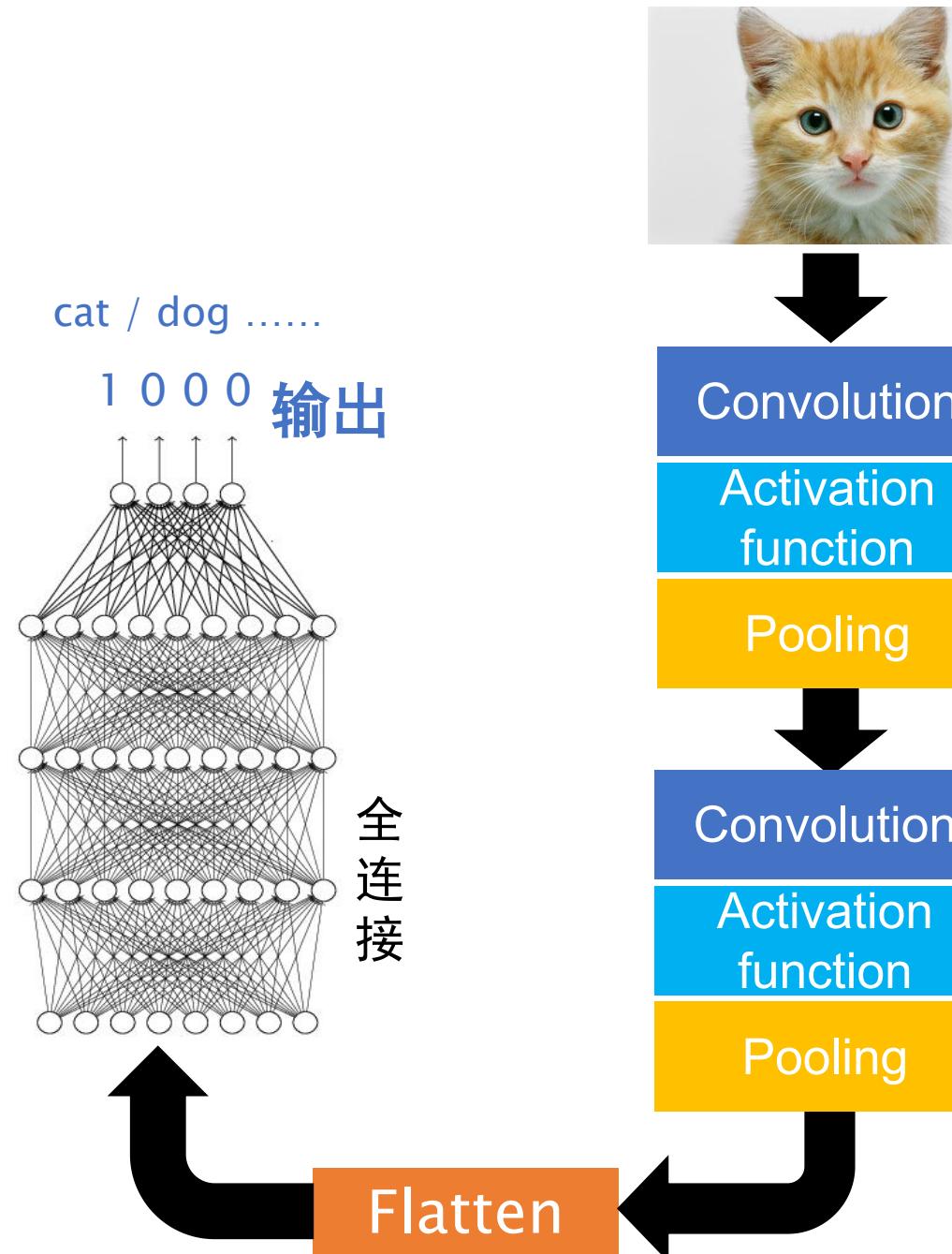
# 深度学习简介

## 深度学习的一些基本概念

- 训练**有监督学习**模型，需要大量的(**输入,输出**)数据pair
- 构造一个**损失函数**
- 通过**Gradient Descent****更新参数**，使得损失函数最小化
- DL的**学习**过程，就是使损失函数最小的过程。最佳的参数，得到最小的损失

## 深度学习的主要研究内容

- 数据(input, output)
- 模型(网络架构)
- 损失函数(如何定义损失)
- 学习算法(如何优化损失)



输入

These blocks can  
repeat many times

### Some Activation Functions

1. Binary Step Function
2. Sigmoid / Logistic
3. TanH / Hyperbolic Tangent
4. Softmax
5. ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit)
6. Leaky ReLU
7. Parametric ReLU
8. ...

# The encoding / decoding model

External world (image, sound ... stimuli)



Neural data ( $10^{12}$  neurons,  $10^2$  brain regions)



Cognitive process

Senses (感觉)

Motion (运动)

Emotion (情绪)

Attention (注意力)

Cognition (认知)

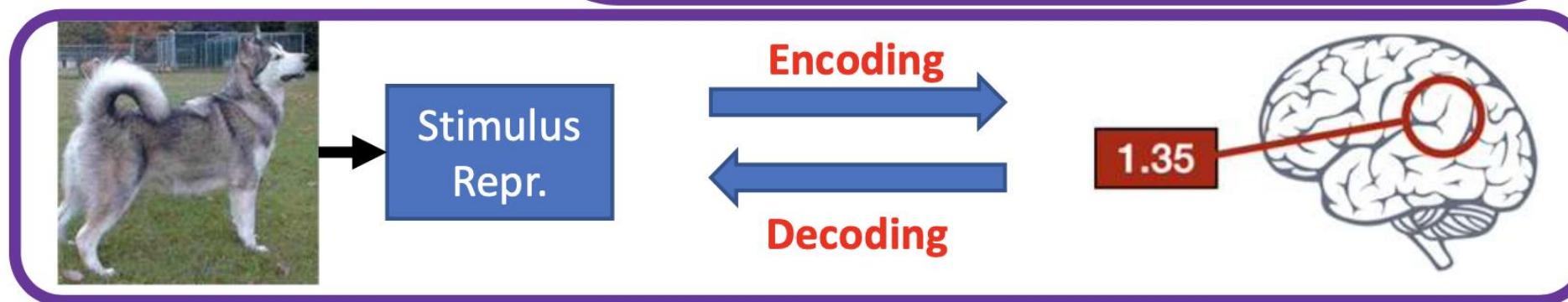
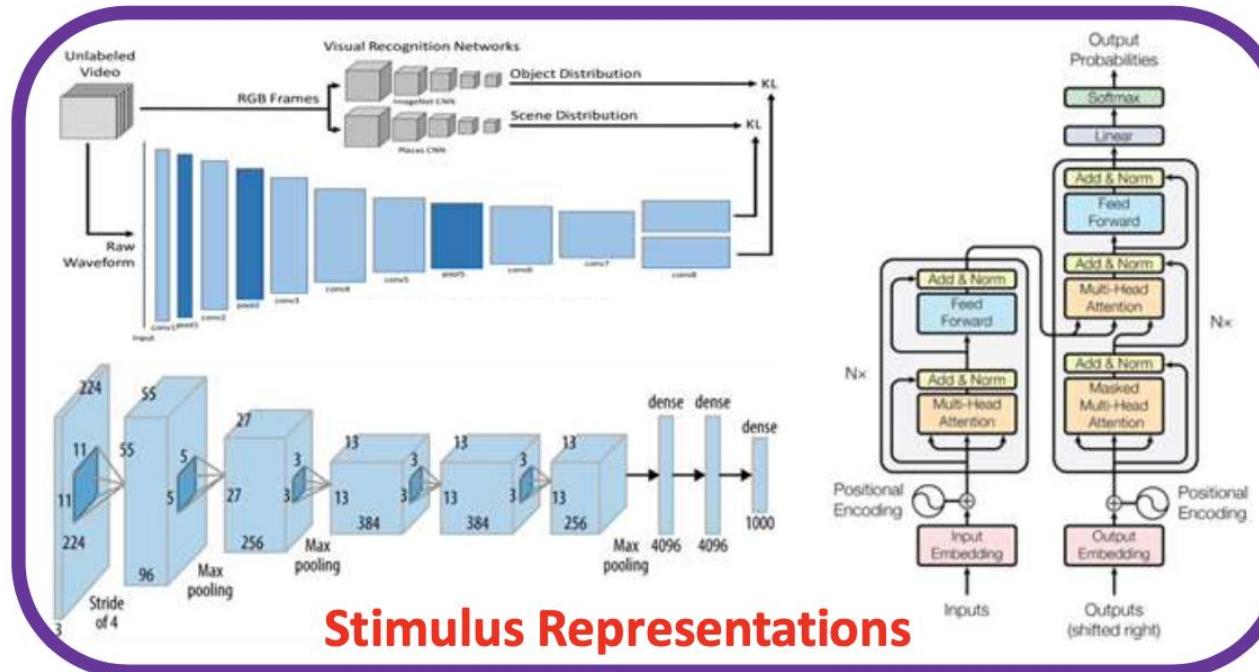
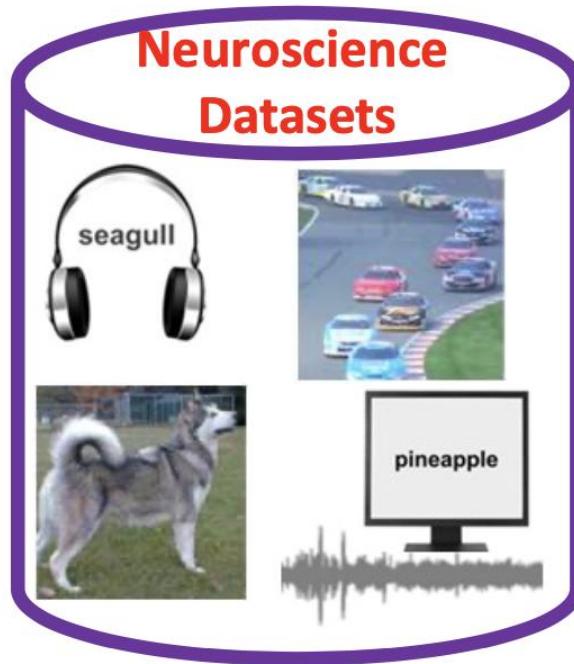
**Neural encoding model:  $dx/dt = f(x, u)$**

- Given the input  $u$ , and current neural data  $x(t)$ , predict the future dynamics  $x(t+1)$

**Neural decoding model:  $s = g(x)$**

- Given neural data  $x$ , decode the cognitive state  $s$
- Brain-computer interfaces (BCI)** largely rely on the neural decoding model.
- There are various approaches for neural decoding, depending on the design of task, the brain areas involved, etc.

# Brain encoding / Brain decoding



# 数据集

## stimulus–neural data

# 刺激表征模型

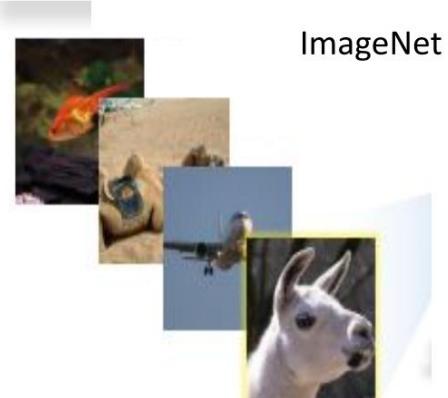
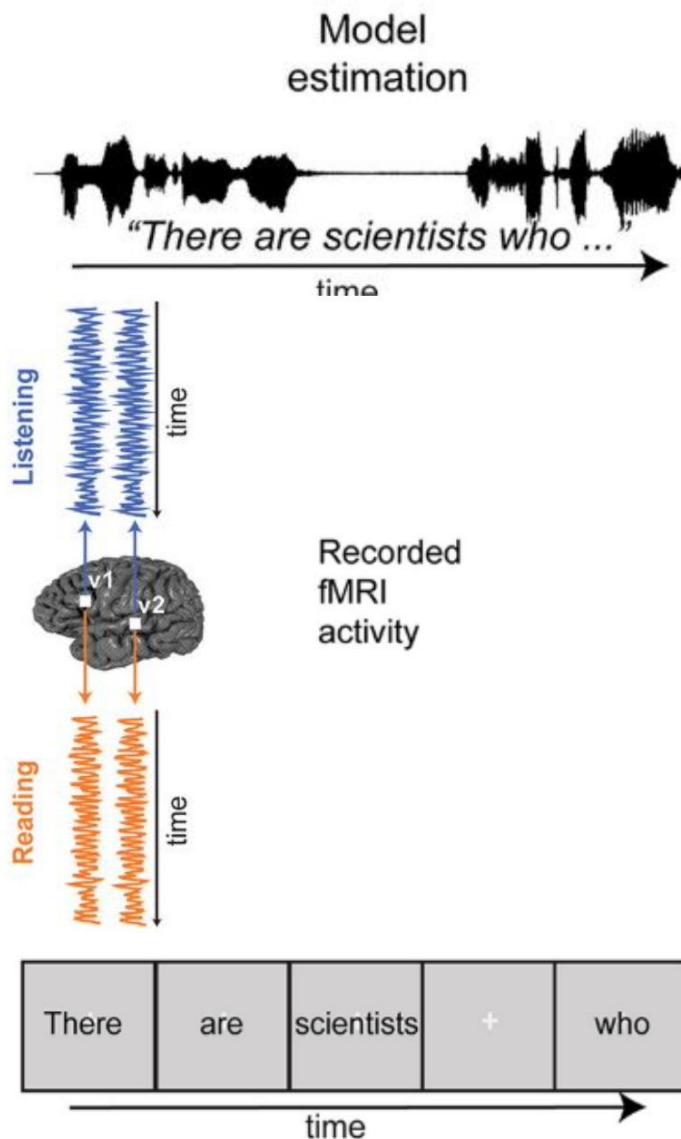
stimulus-->vector

# 编码模型

## 刺激表征-->神经信号

**解码模型**  
神经信号-->刺激表征

# Naturalistic Brain Dataset



SSfMRI-1250 Images      VIM-1 1870-Images

自然刺激材料

文本  
图片  
音频  
视频

刺激类型  
特定语义  
特定情绪  
特定视觉特征

# Naturalistic Brain Dataset

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Visual	Subset Moth Radio Hour	[Deniz <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	fMRI	English	Reading 11 stories	9	Passive reading and Listening
		[Thirion <i>et al.</i> , 2006]	fMRI	-	Viewing rotating wedges (8 times), expanding/contracting rings (8 times), rotating 36 Gabor filters (4 times), grid (36 times)	9	Passive viewing
	Vim-1	[Kay <i>et al.</i> , 2008]	fMRI	-	Viewing sequences of 1870 natural photos	2	Passive viewing
	Generic Object Decoder	[Horikawa and Kamitani, 2017]	fMRI	-	Viewing 1,200 images from 150 object categories; 50 images from 50 object categories; imagery 10 times	5	Repetition detection
	BOLD5000	[Chang <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	fMRI	-	Viewing 5254 images depicting real-world scenes	4	Passive viewing
	Algonauts	[Cichy <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	fMRI/ MEG	-	Viewing 92 silhouette object images and 118 images of objects on natural background	15	Passive viewing
	NSD	[Allen <i>et al.</i> , 2022]	fMRI	-	Viewing 73000 natural scenes	8	Passive viewing
Audio	THINGS	[Hebart <i>et al.</i> , 2022]	fMRI/ MEG	-	Viewing 31188 natural images	8	Passive viewing
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	Narratives	[Nastase <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	fMRI	English	Listening 27 diverse naturalistic spoken stories. 891 functional scans	345	Passive Listening
	Natural Stories	[Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2020]	fMRI	English	Listening Moth-Radio-Hour naturalistic spoken stories.	19	Passive Listening
Video	The Little Prince	[Li <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	fMRI	English	Listening audiobook for about 100 minutes.	112	Passive Listening
	MEG-MASC	[Gwilliams <i>et al.</i> , 2022]	MEG	English	Listening two hours of naturalistic stories. 208 MEG sensors	27	Passive Listening
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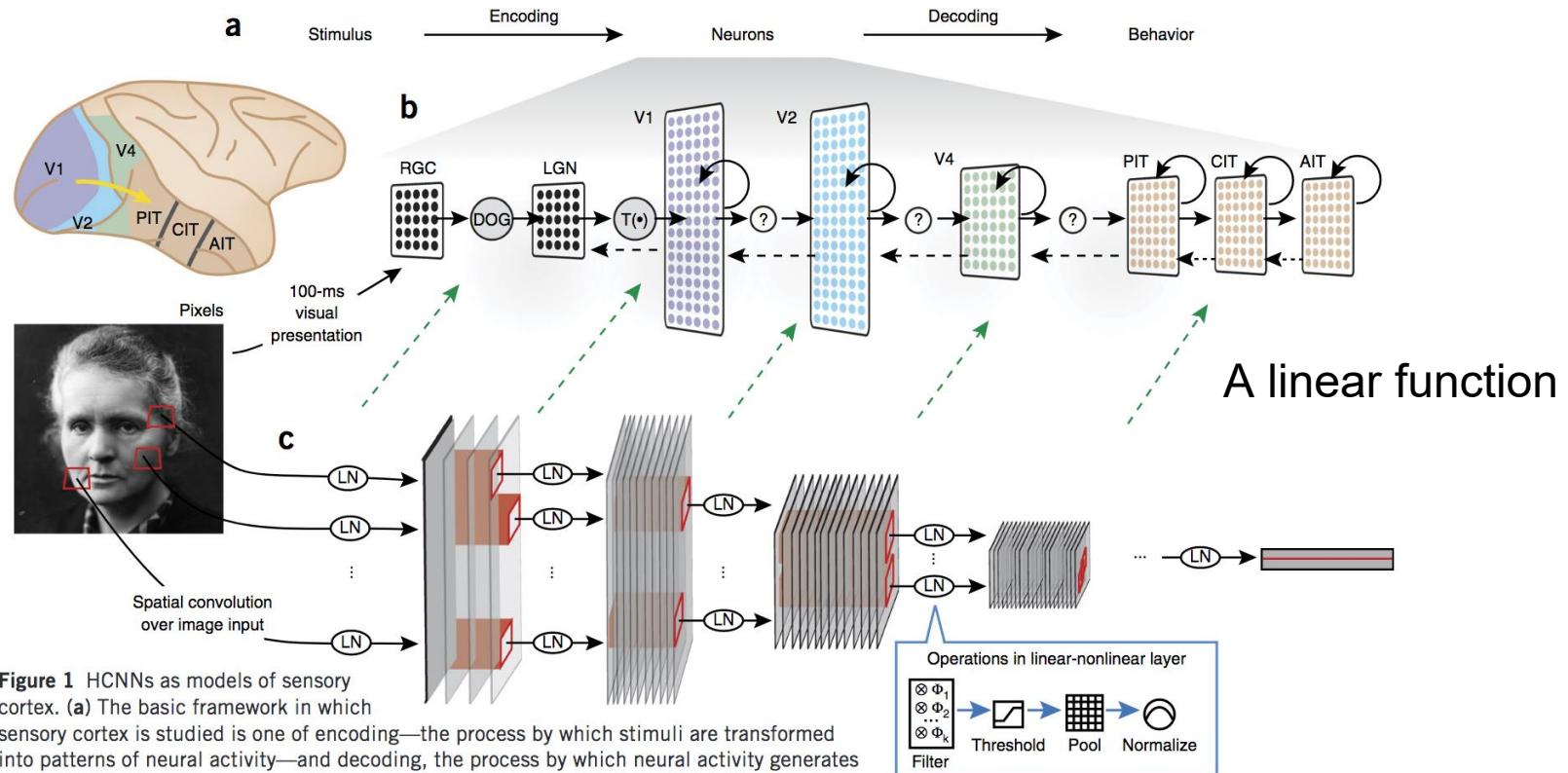
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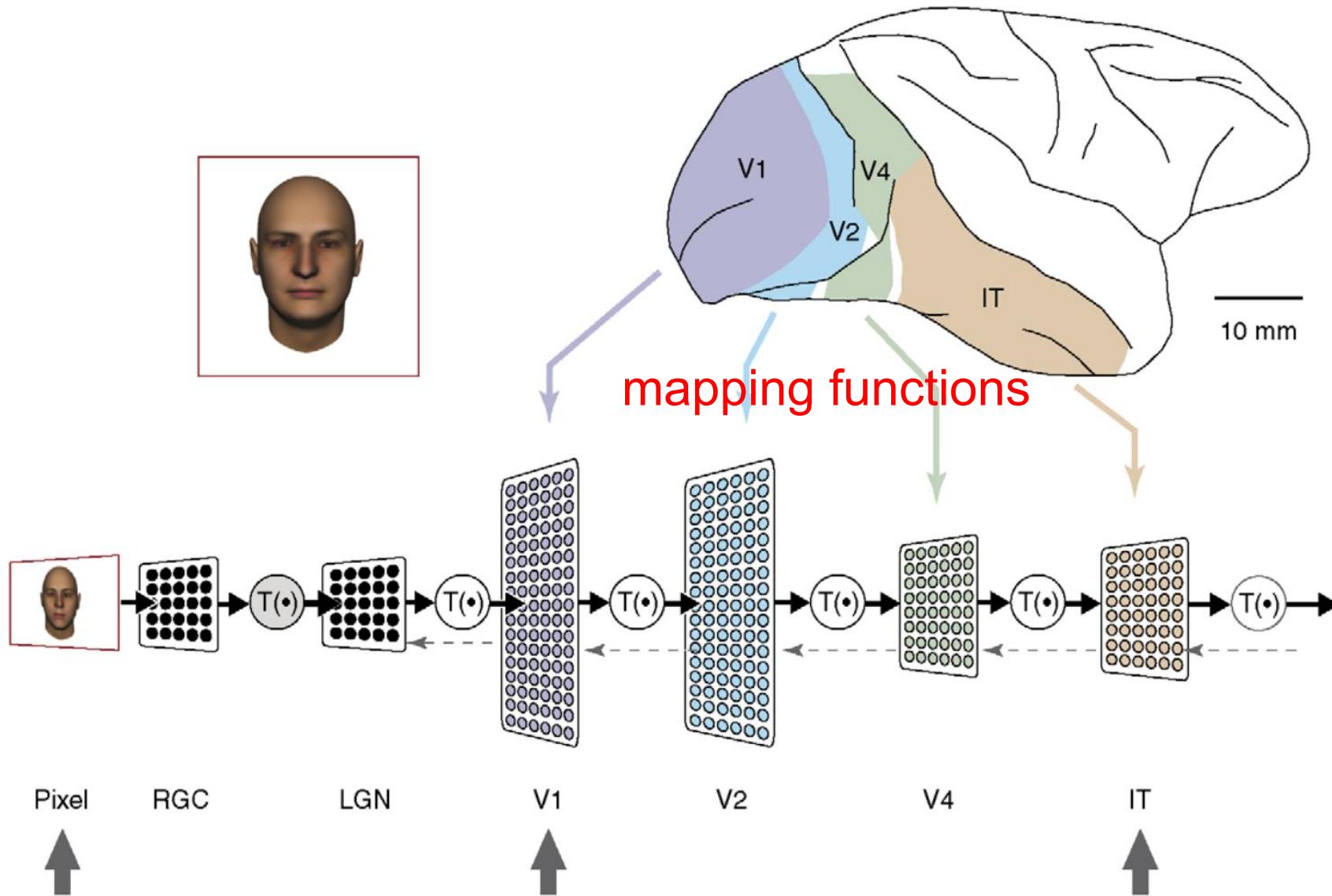
**Can we predict the neural signals  
based on the input image?**

Image → neural activity



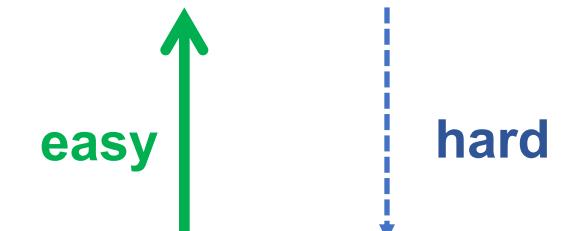
**Figure 1** HCNNS as models of sensory cortex. (a) The basic framework in which sensory cortex is studied is one of encoding—the process by which stimuli are transformed into patterns of neural activity—and decoding, the process by which neural activity generates behavior. HCNNS have been used to make models of the encoding step; that is, they describe the mapping of stimuli to neural responses as measured in brain. (b) The ventral visual pathway is the most comprehensively studied sensory cascade. It consists of a series of connected cortical brain areas (macaque brain shown). PIT, posterior inferior temporal cortex; CIT, central; AIT, anterior; RGC, retinal ganglion cell; LGN, lateral geniculate nucleus. DOG, difference of Gaussians model;  $T(\bullet)$ , transformation. (c) HCNNS are multilayer neural networks, each of whose layers are made up of a linear-nonlinear (LN) combination of simple operations such as filtering, thresholding, pooling and normalization. The filter bank in each layer consists of a set of weights analogous to synaptic strengths. Each filter in the filter bank corresponds to a distinct template, analogous to Gabor wavelets with different frequencies and orientations; the image shows a model with four filters in layer 1, eight in layer 2, and so on. The operations within a layer are applied locally to spatial patches within the input, corresponding to simple, limited-size receptive fields (red boxes). The composition of multiple layers leads to a complex nonlinear transform of the original input stimulus. At each layer, retinopy decreases and effective receptive field size increases. HCNNS are good candidates for models of the ventral visual pathway. By definition, they are image computable, meaning that they generate responses for arbitrary input images; they are also mappable, meaning that they can be naturally identified in a component-wise fashion with observable structures in the ventral pathway; and, when their parameters are chosen correctly, they are predictive, meaning that layers within the network describe the neural response patterns to large classes of stimuli outside the domain on which the models were built.

# Biological neural representation resembles to the artificial neural representation.



## Technical limits

Low-dimensional  
neuron recordings



High-dimensional  
CNN feature maps

DiCarlo and Cox, TiCS, 2007

# Brain score: how well existing models explain the neural data

<http://www.brain-score.org/#leaderboard>

## Sort by average score

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1	efficientnet-b0 <i>Tan et al., 2019</i>	.442	.215	.317	.556	.547	.573		
2	efficientnet-b6 <i>Tan et al., 2019</i>	.435	.263	.295	.563	.541	.513		
3	efficientnet-b2 <i>Tan et al., 2019</i>	.434	.213	.317	.569	.547	.526		
4	efficientnet-b4 <i>Tan et al., 2019</i>	.434	.228	.286	.575	.543	.535		
5	CORnet-S <i>Kubilius et al., 2018</i>	.417	.294	.242	.581	.423	.545	.747	.747
6	vgg-19 <i>Simonyan et al., 2014</i>	.408	.347	.341	.610	.248	.494	.711	.711
7	resnet-50-robust <i>Santurkar et al., 2019</i>	.408	.378	.365	.537	.243	.515		
8	resnet-101_v1 <i>He et al., 2015</i>	.407	.266	.341	.590	.274	.561	.764	.764
9	vgg-16 <i>Simonyan et al., 2014</i>	.406	.355	.336	.620	.259	.461	.715	.715
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densenet-169 <i>Huang et al., 2016</i>	.404	.281	.322	.601	.274	.543	.759	.759
resnet-50-pytorch <i>He et al., 2015</i>	.399	.289	.317	.600	.259	.528	.752	.752
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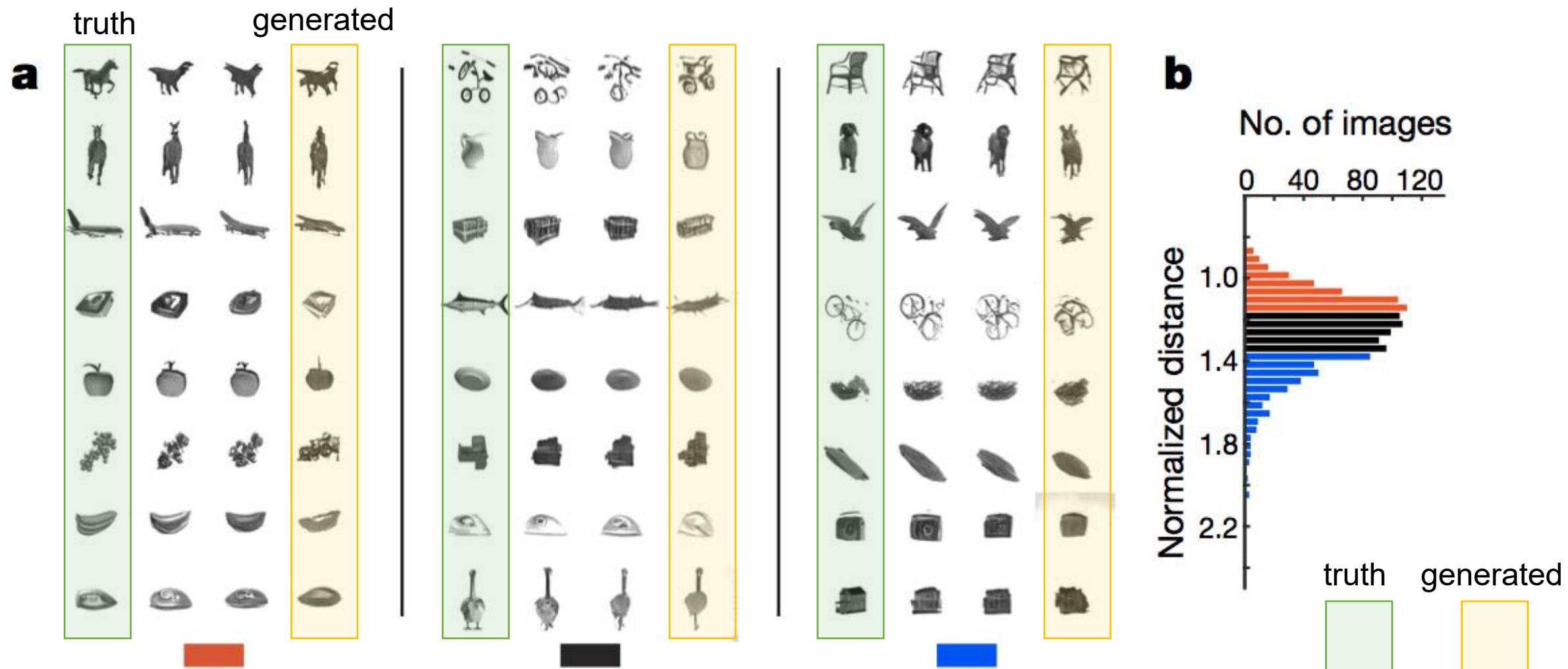
**Q2:**

**Can we reconstruct the image  
based on neural signals?**

**neural activity → image**

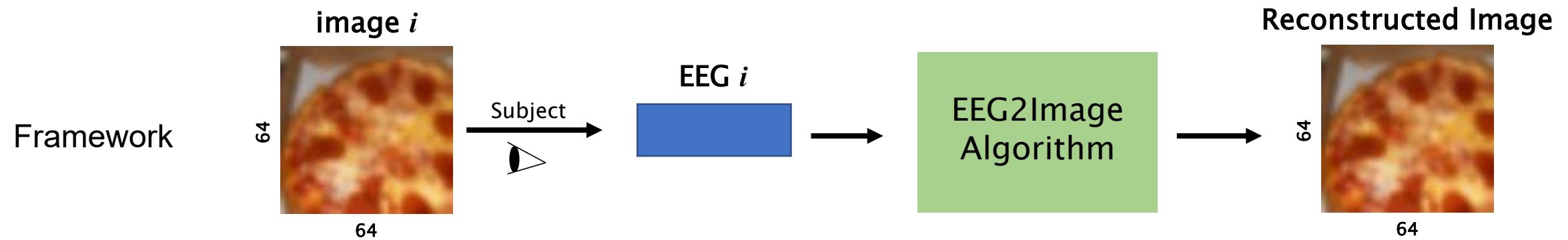
We will show you some detailed studies/algorithms in the following weeks.

# Reconstruct images based on IT neuronal activity via GAN

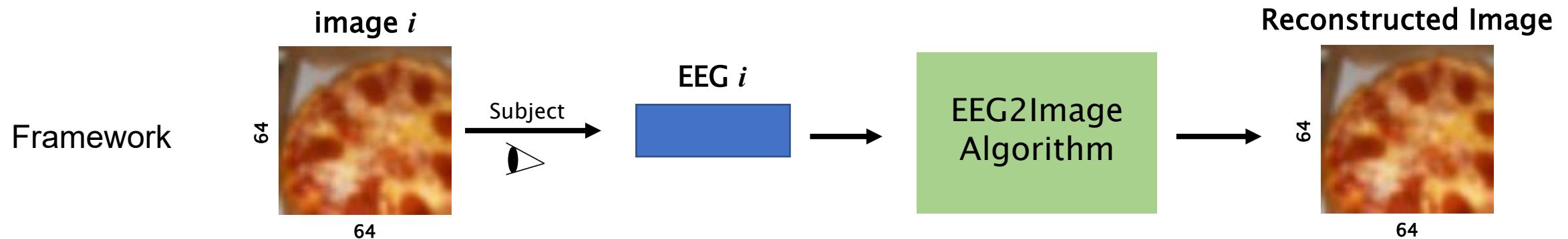


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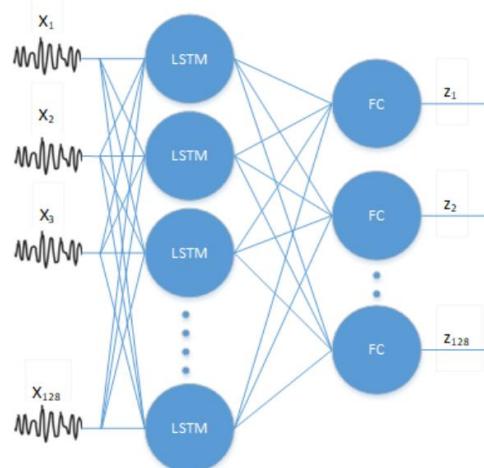
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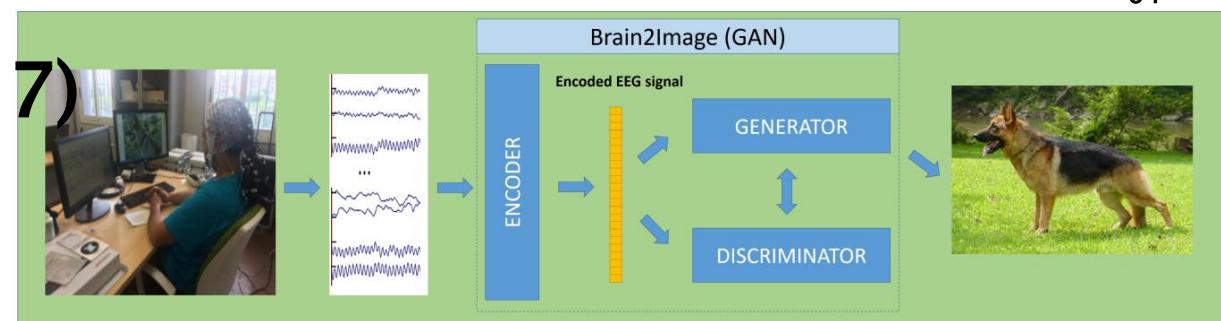
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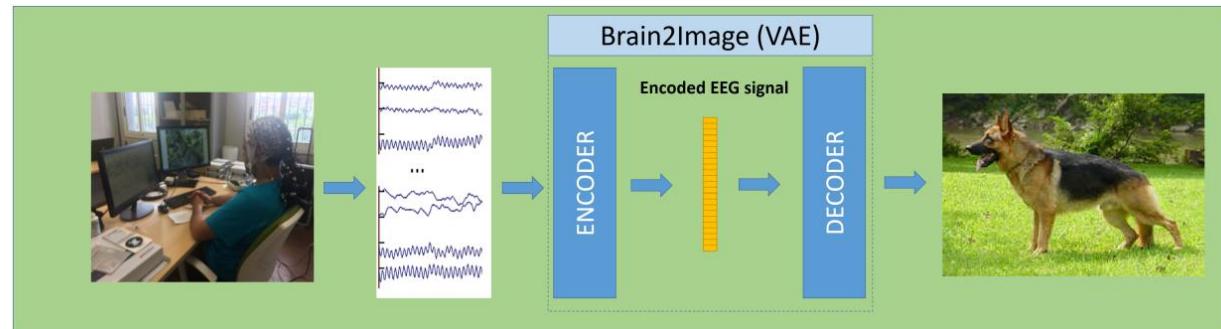
The first work (ACMMM 2017)



GAN version

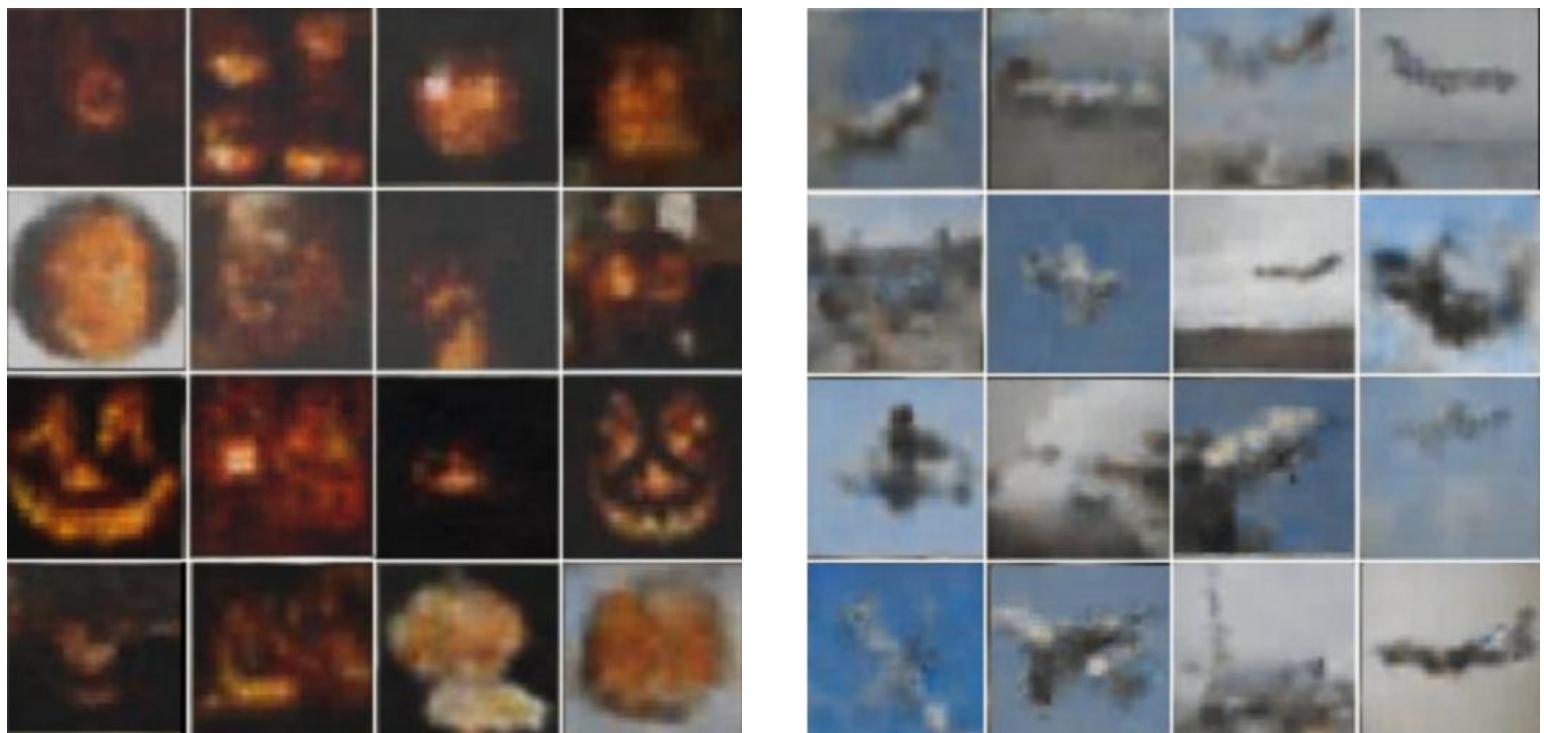
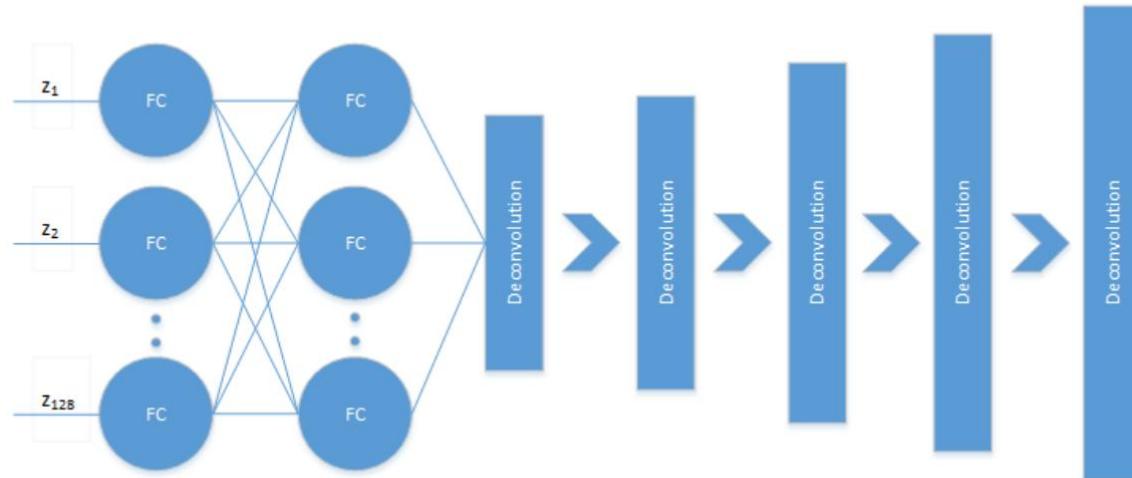


VAE version



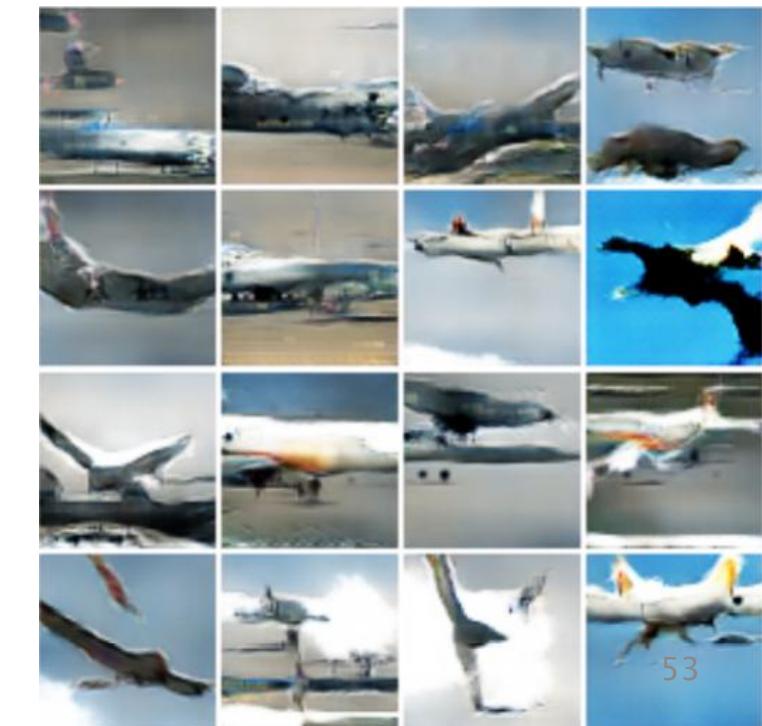
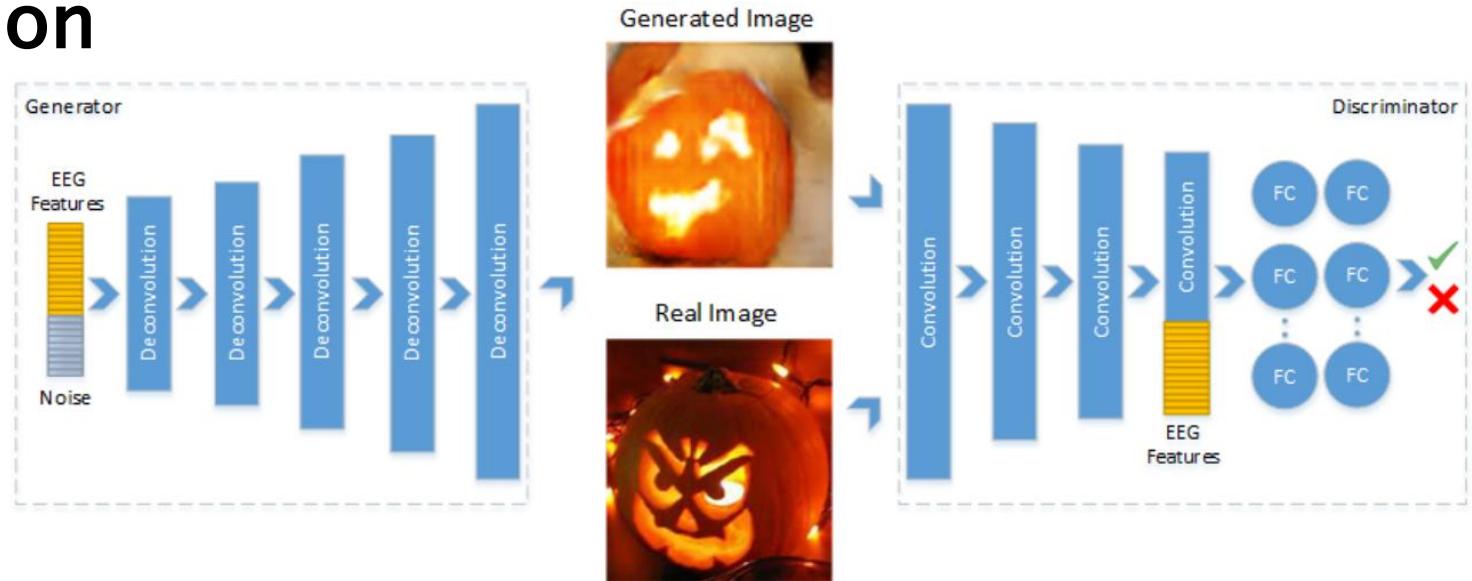
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# Brain2image: VAE version



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# Brain2image: GAN version



# A work in IJCAI 2019

Idea:  
Guide EEG decoding via pre-trained CNN representation

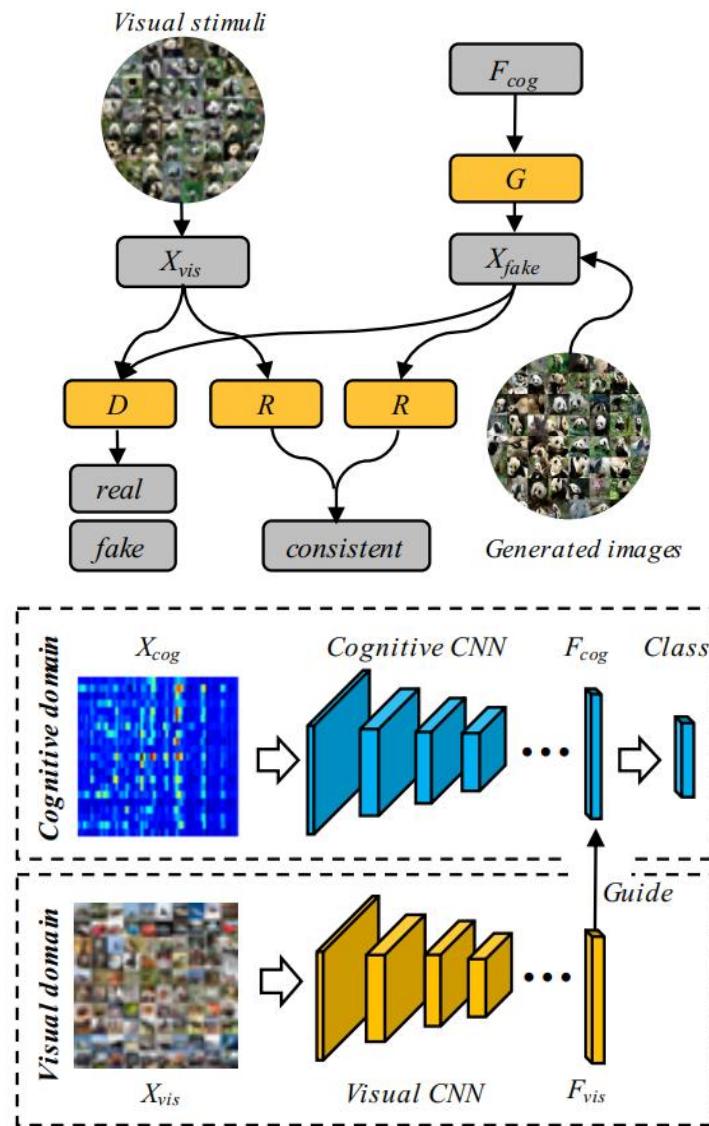


Figure 3: Visual-guided EEG classification.

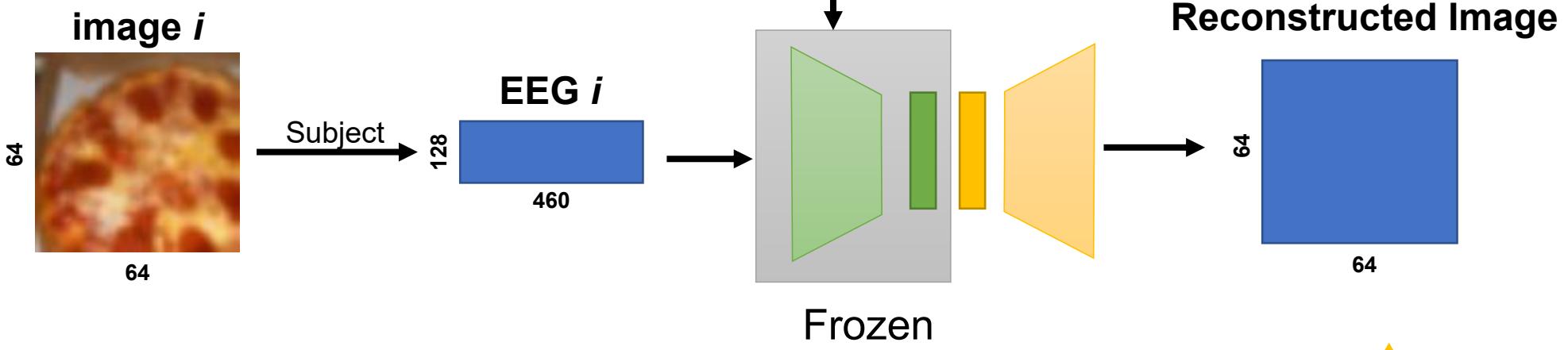
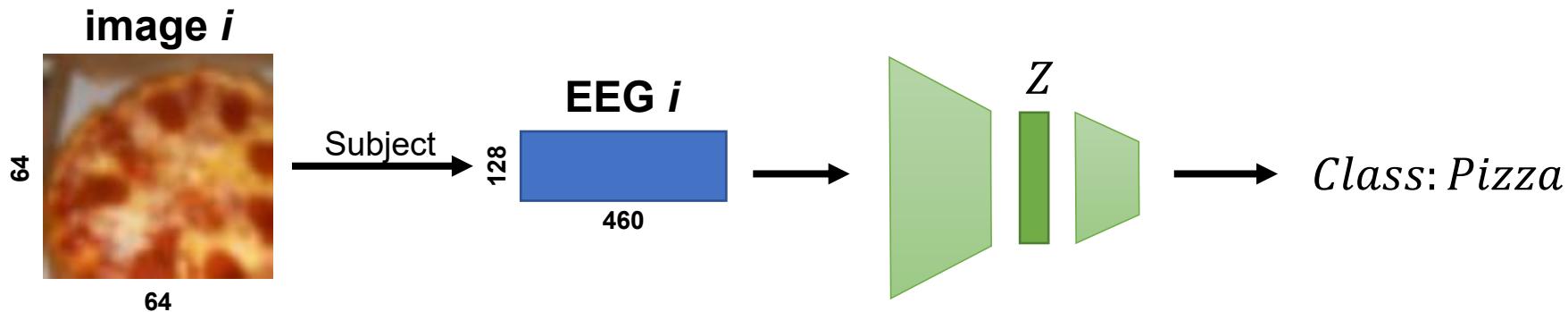
#1 Classification:  $L = - \sum_{j=1}^N y_j \log S_j + (F_{cog} - F_{vis})^2$   
#2 Loss\_d:  
perceptual loss:  $\| f(X_{vis}) - f(X_{fake}) \|_2^2$   
f in the first FCN layer  
semantic loss: softmax cross entropy

Core idea:  
Make EEG features more **similar to** pre-trained CNN features



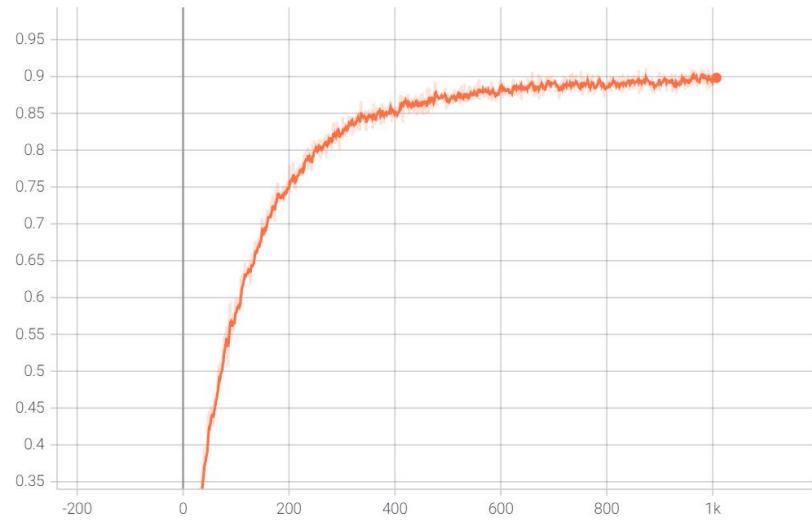
# NCC lab tried to replicate the results. But ....

## Our attempt 1

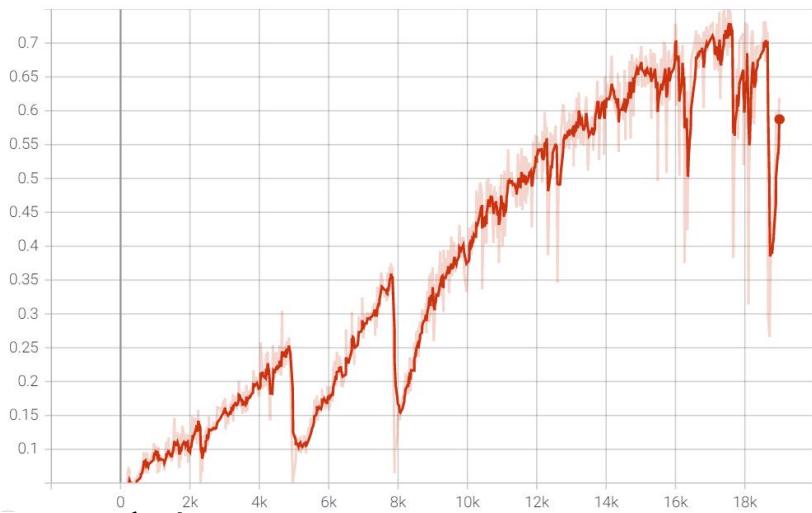


# Attempt 1: Results

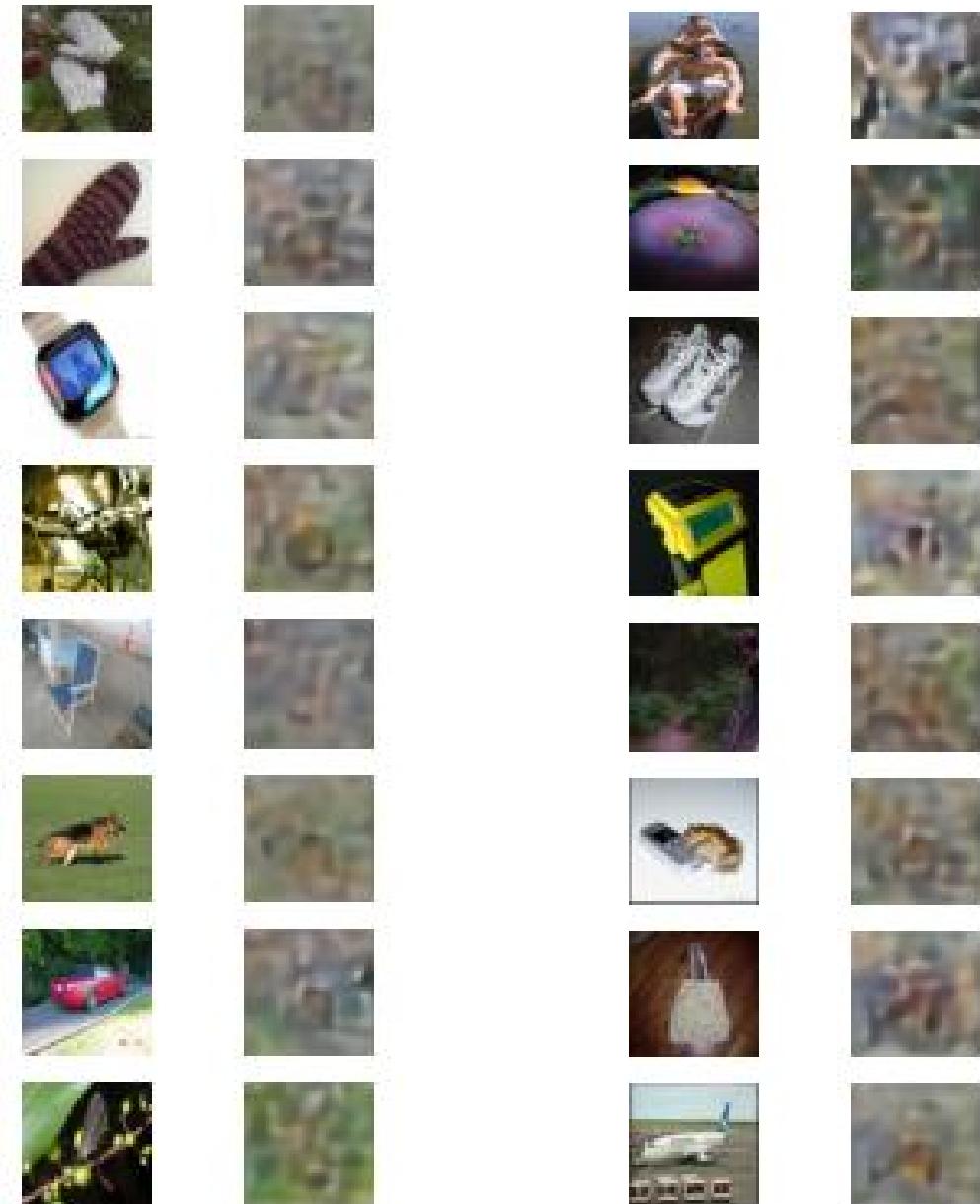
EEG classification accuracy using CNN encoder



EEG classification accuracy using LSTM encoder



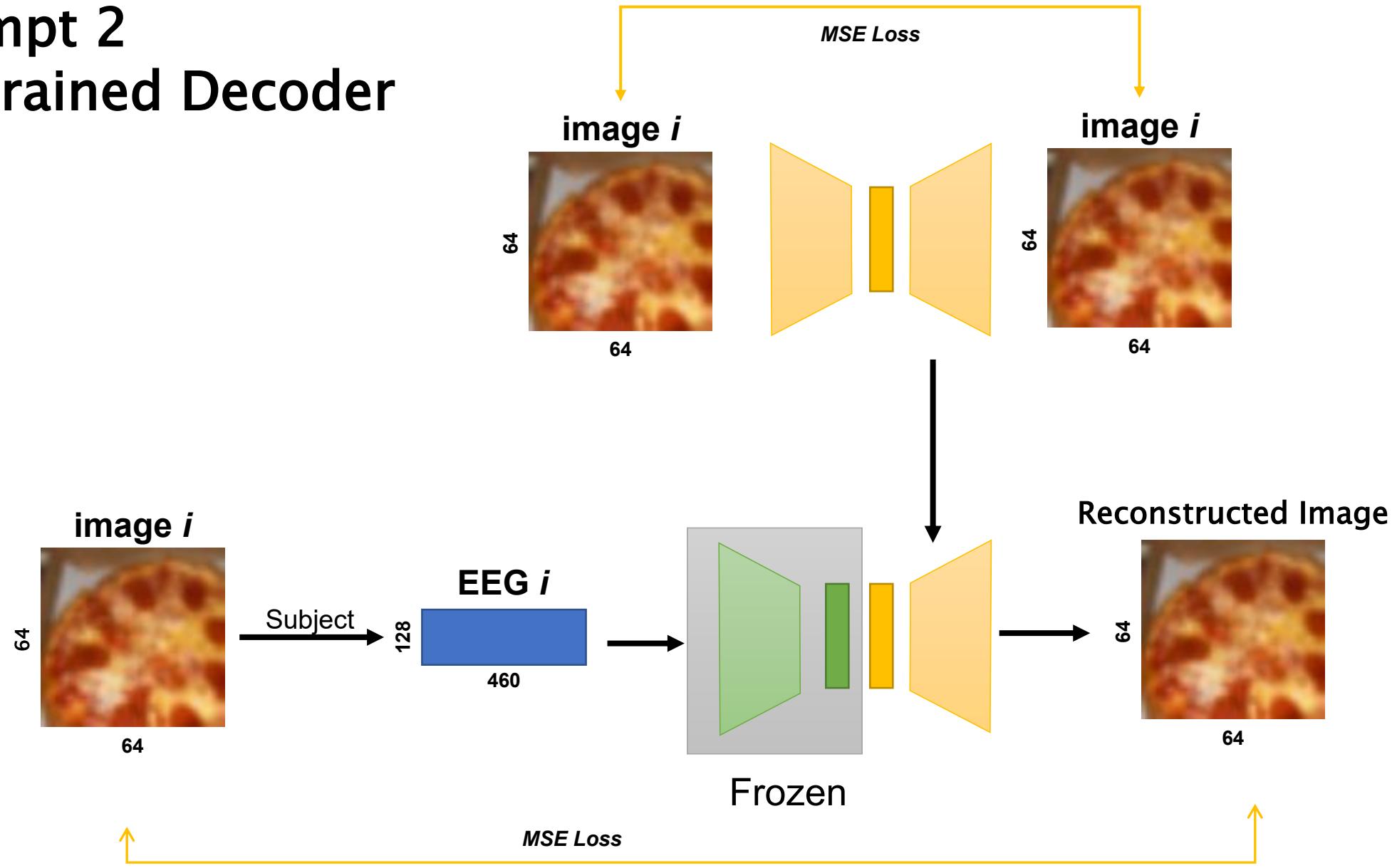
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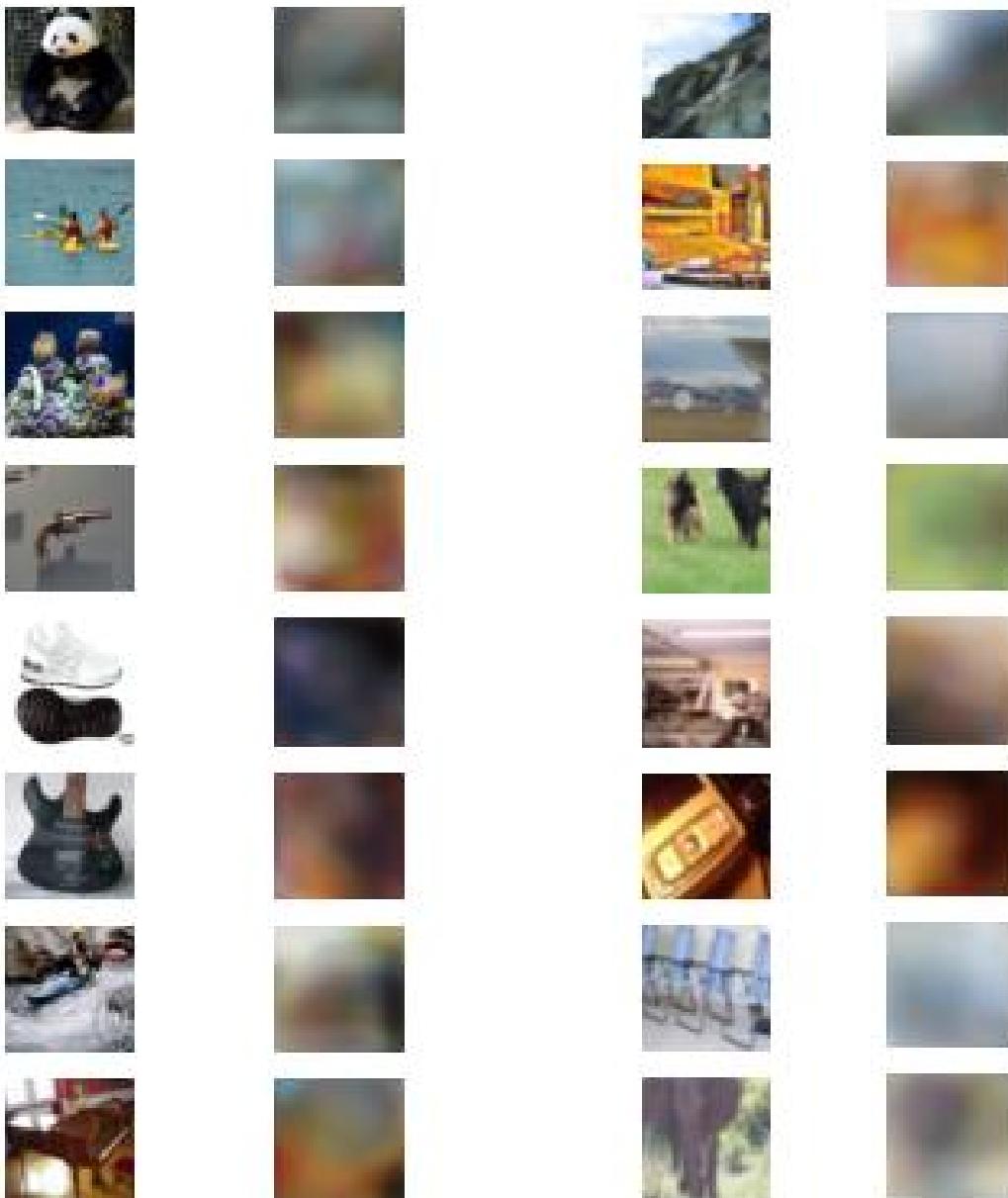
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# Attempt 2 Pre-trained Decoder



# Attempt 2: Results

Autoencoder: Image to Image



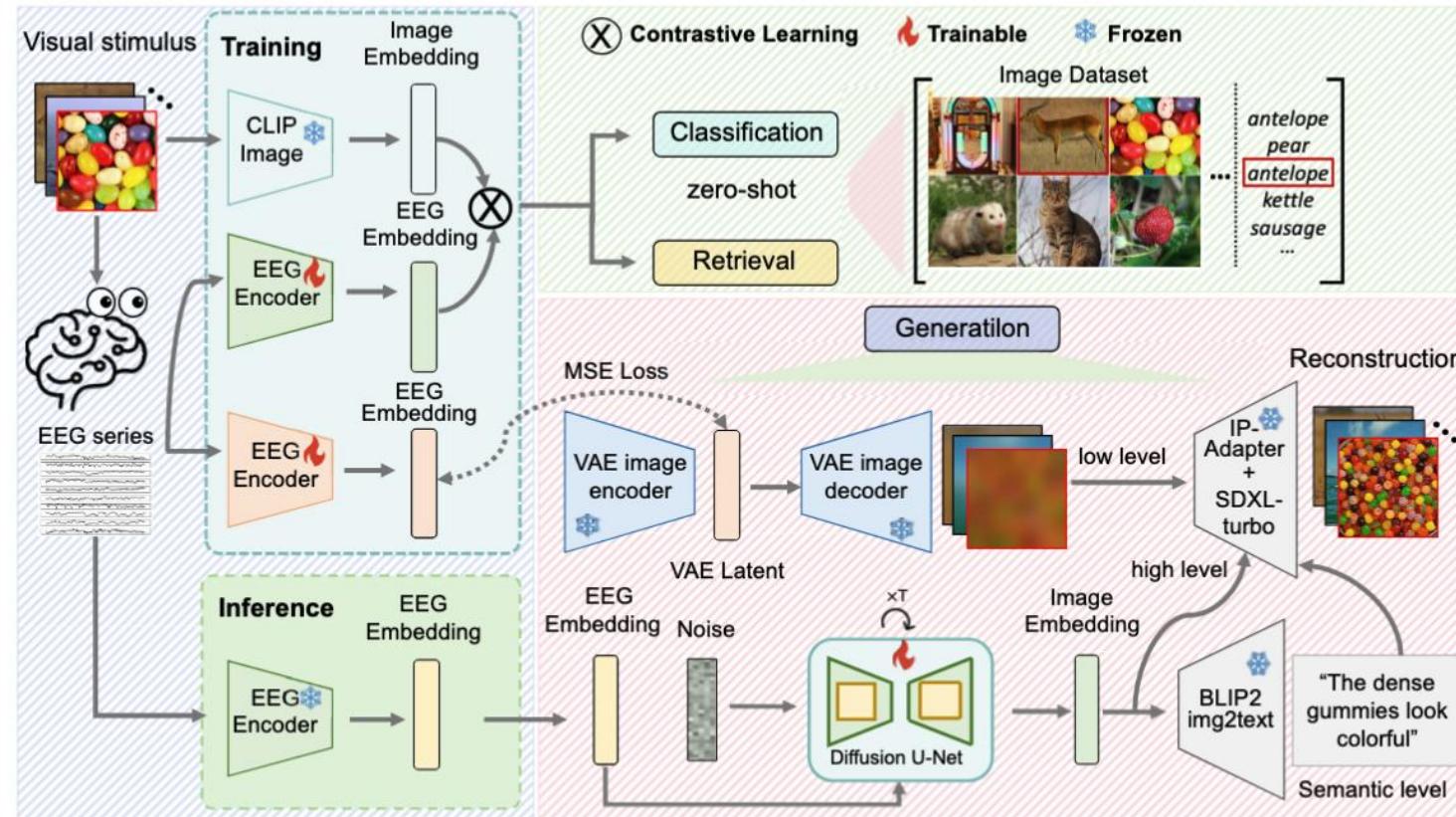
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Overfitting  
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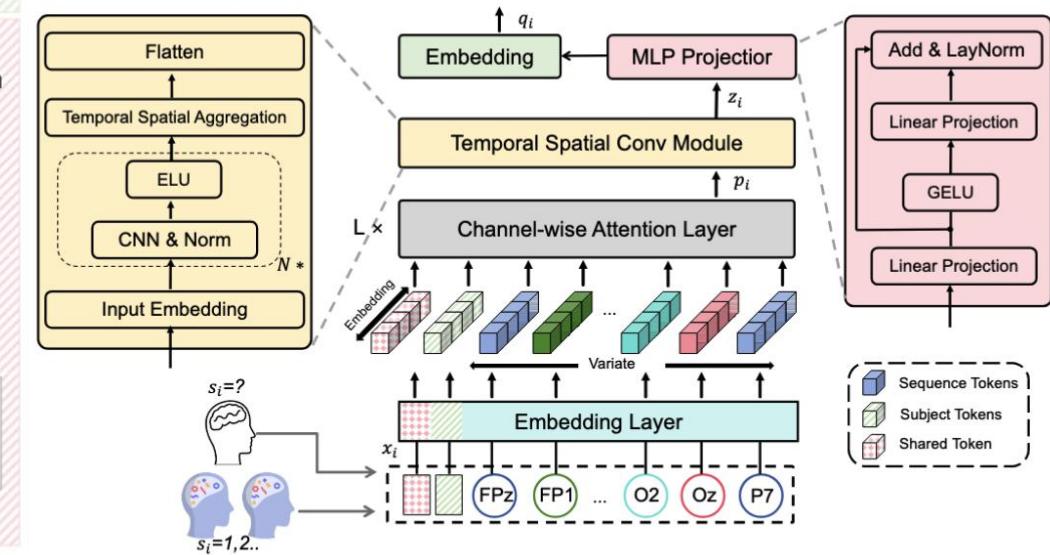
# Attempt 3 EEG encoder (ATM)-CLIP Alignment



脑电的编码器与CLIP对齐，利用脑电的表征进行分类和重构



**EEG encoder**  
Adaptive Thinking Mapper (ATM)



# Attempt 3: Results

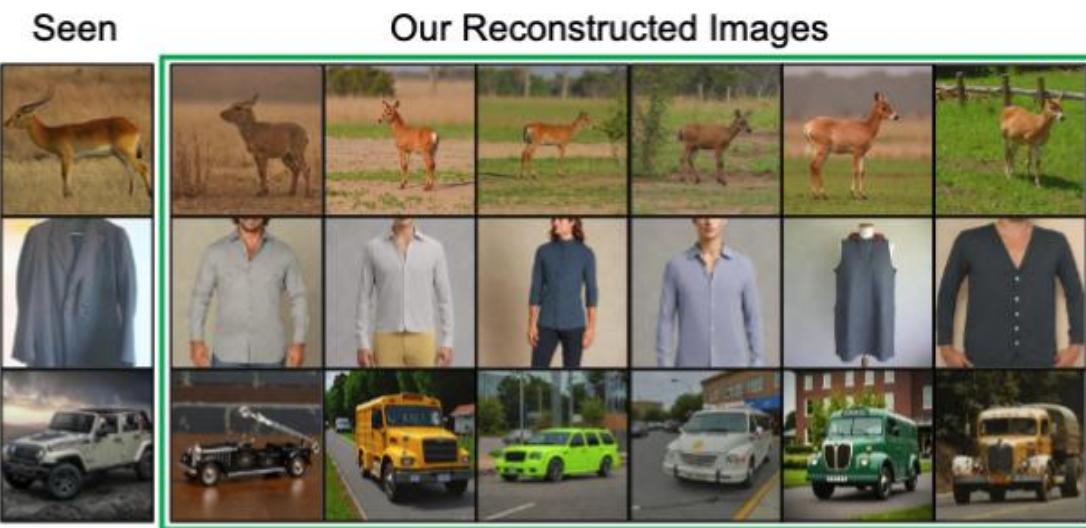
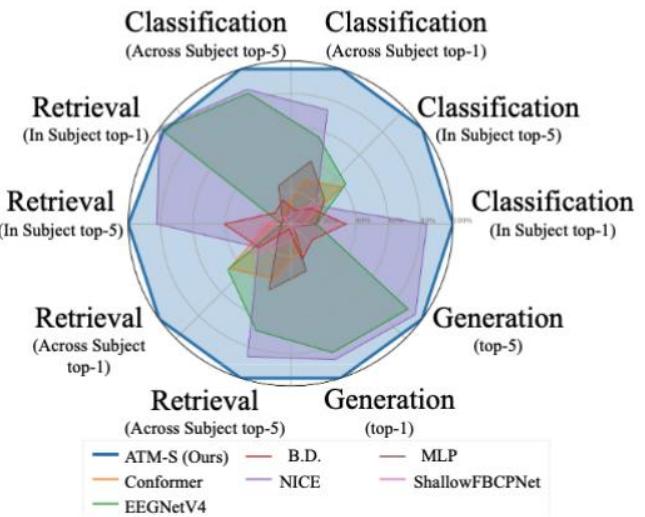
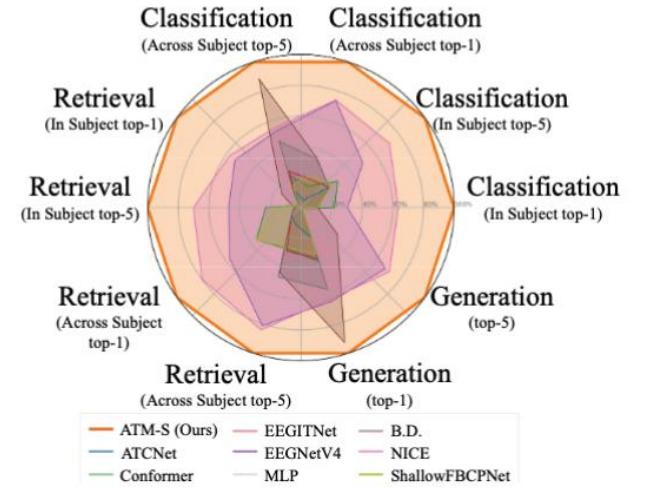


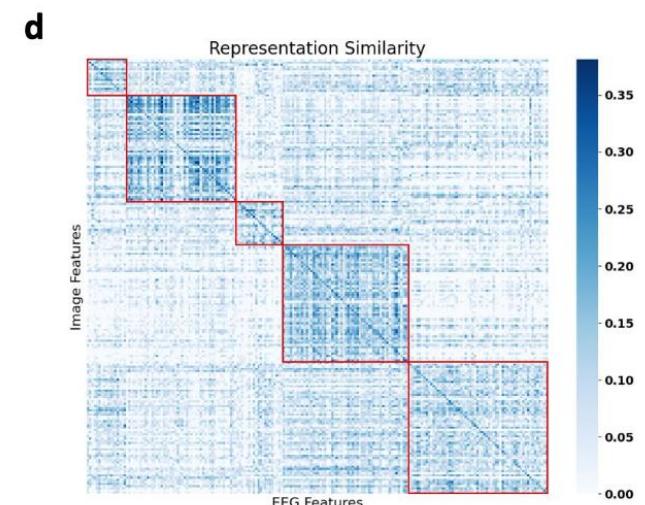
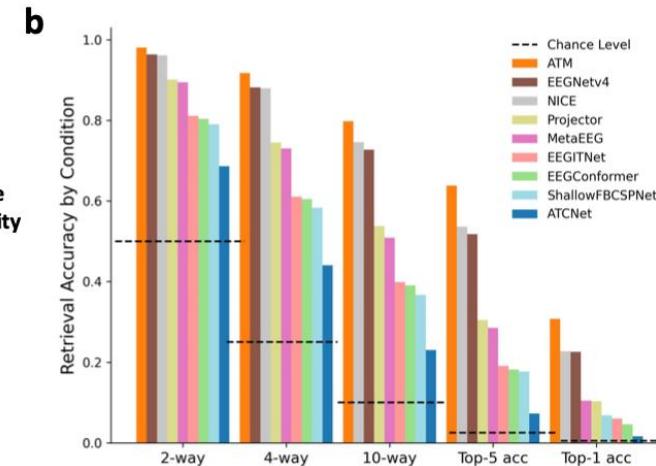
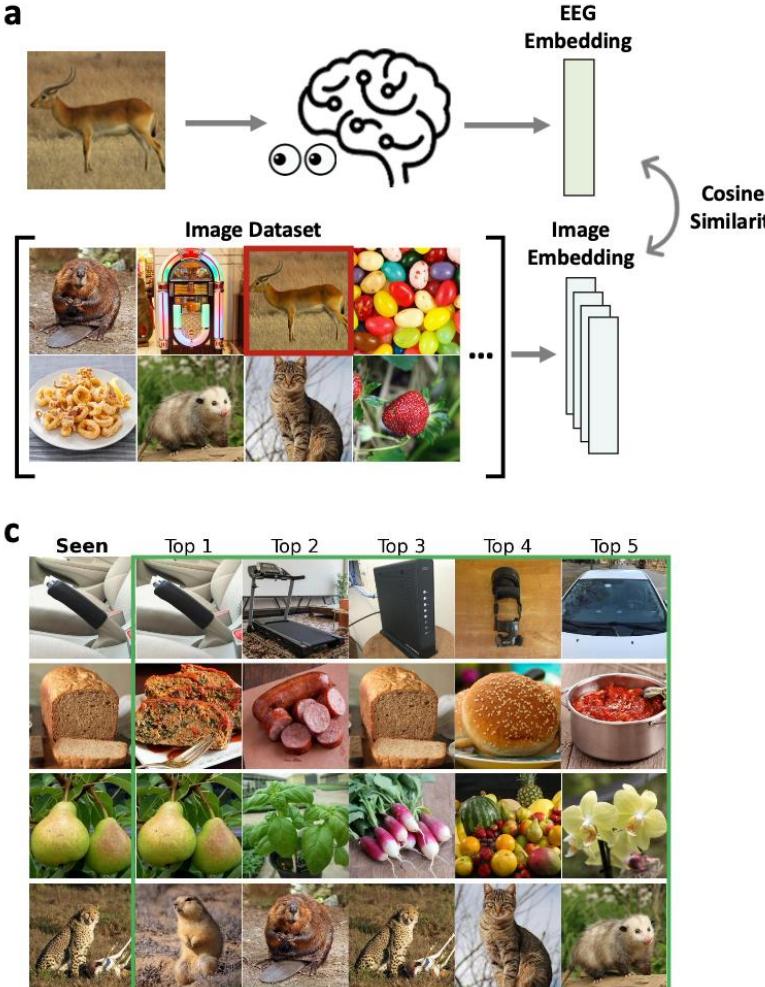
Table 1: Quantitative assessments of the reconstruction quality for EEG, MEG, and fMRI. For detailed explanations of the metrics.

Dataset ↑	Low-level			High-level		
	SSIM ↑	AlexNet(2) ↑	AlexNet(5) ↑	Inception ↑	CLIP ↑	SwAV ↓
NSD-fMRI [4]	0.366	0.962	0.977	0.910	0.917	0.410
NSD-fMRI [33]	0.356	0.942	0.962	0.872	0.915	0.423
NSD-fMRI [41]	0.308	0.917	0.974	0.936	0.942	0.369
THINGS-MEG [4]	0.327	0.695	0.753	0.593	0.700	0.630
THINGS-MEG (averaged) [4]	0.336	0.736	0.826	0.671	0.767	0.584
THINGS-MEG (Ours)	0.340	0.613	0.672	0.619	0.603	0.651
<b>THINGS-EEG (Ours)</b>	<b>0.345</b>	<b>0.776</b>	<b>0.866</b>	<b>0.734</b>	<b>0.786</b>	<b>0.582</b>



# 基于脑电的视觉重构

## 基于脑电的视觉解码

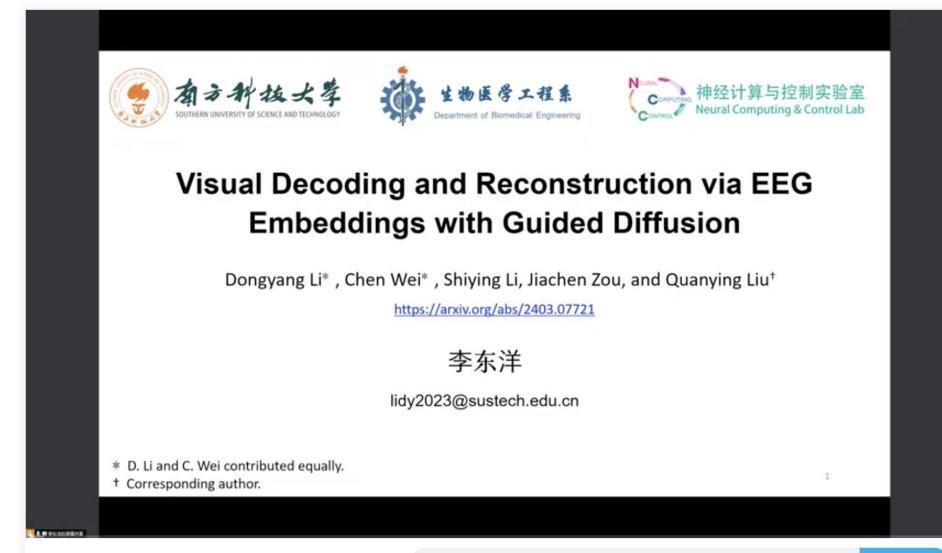


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**Q3:**

**Can BI (e.g. mechanism of visual system) help improve AI's performance?**

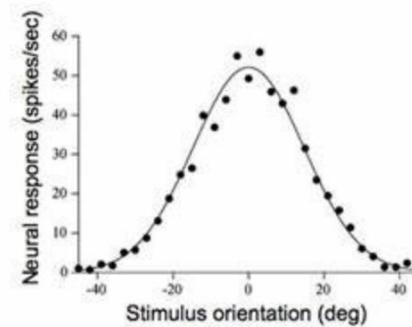
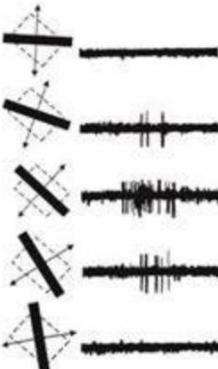
**BI inspires AI**

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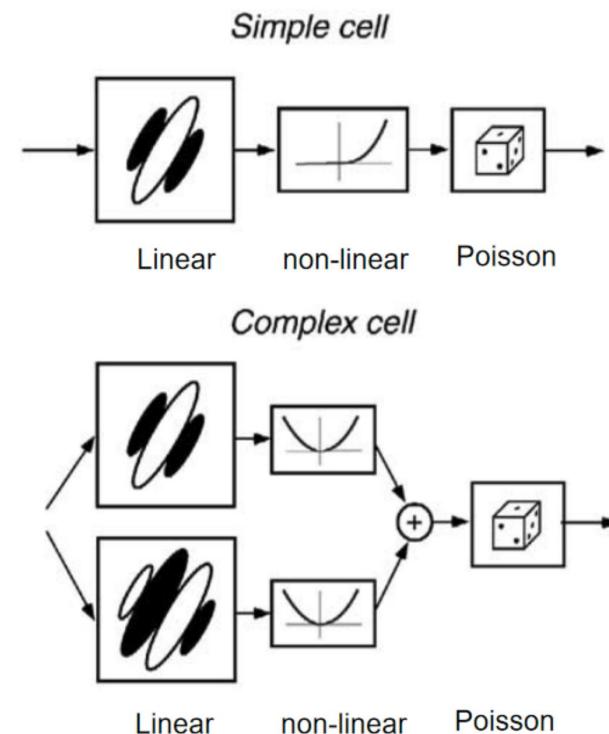
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在V1区中，存在着两种重要的细胞：复杂细胞和简单细胞，它们由Wiesel和Hubel在上世纪60年代共同发现。

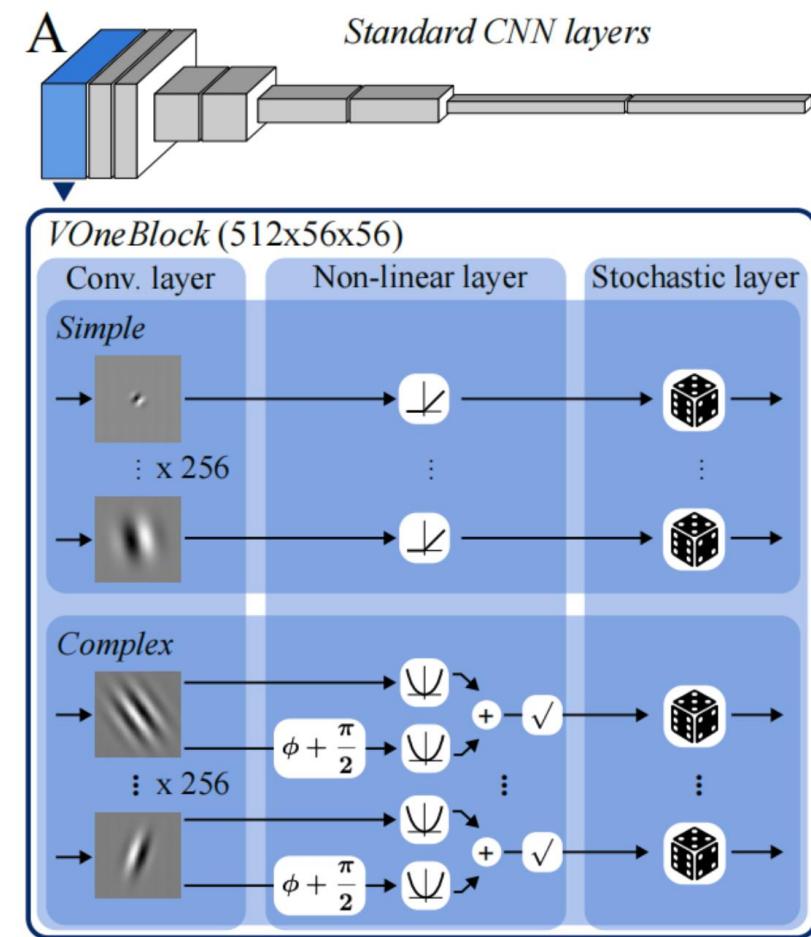
这两种细胞的共同点在于：它们都对具有特定方向、频率和对比度的正弦光栅信号有偏好性



Rust等人在2005年提出了建模简单细胞和复杂细胞的Linear-Nonlinear-Poisson模型 (LNP模型).



在CNN中设计一个V1模块，使得CNN第一层具有大脑V1神经元的性质



# What are the benefits from VOneNet? → Robustness to perturbations

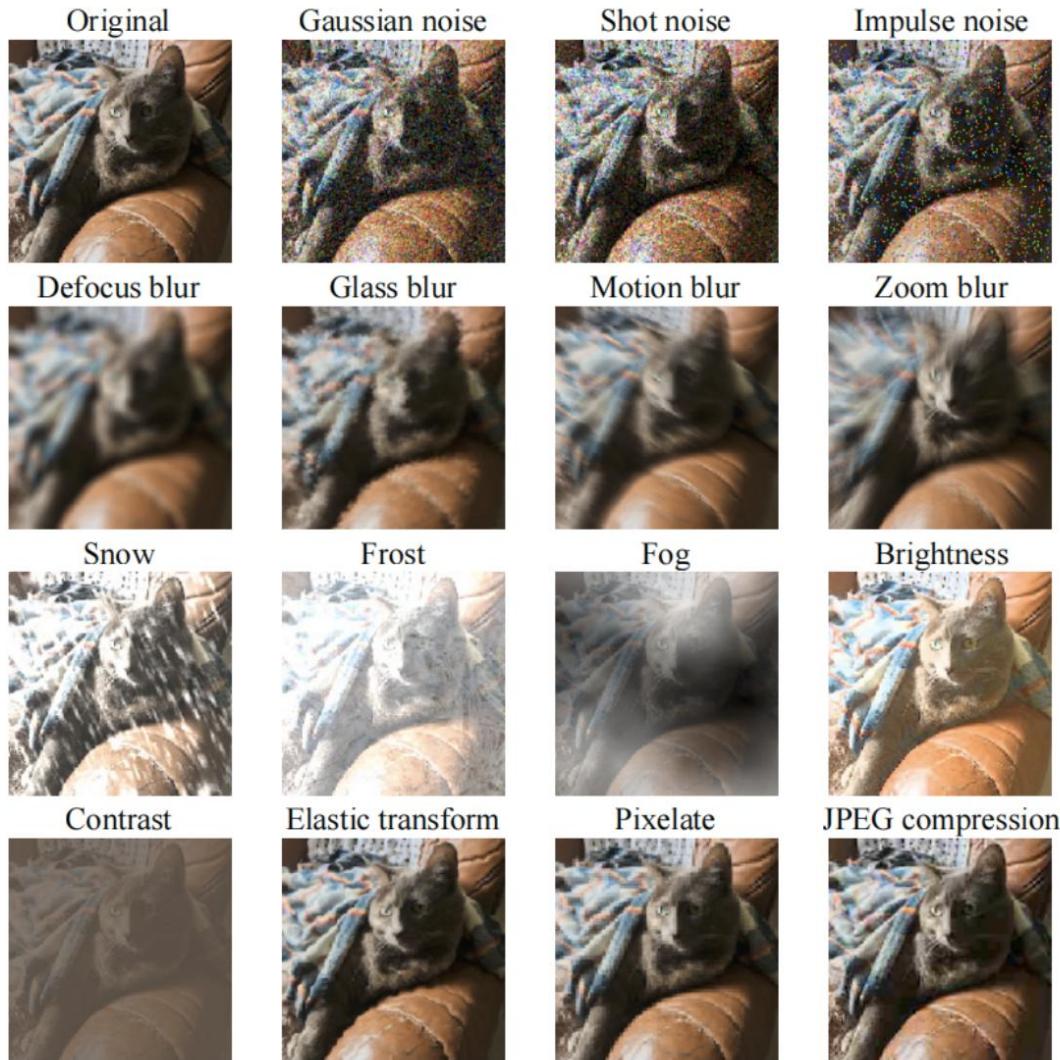
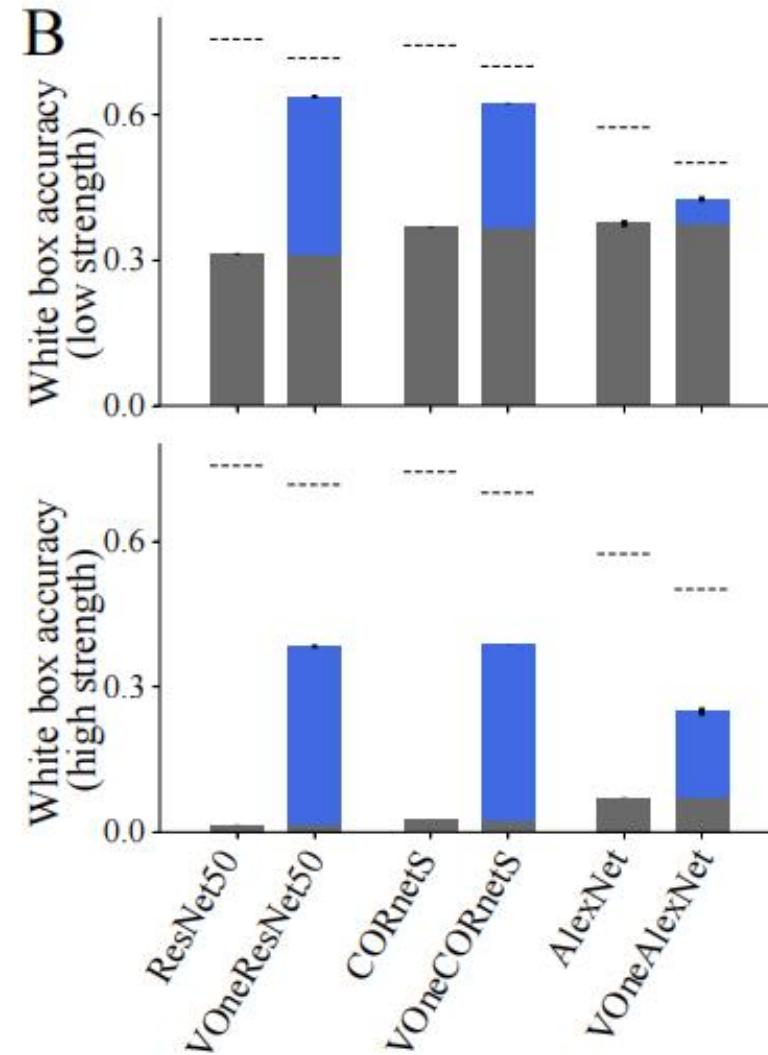


图 3. 十五种不同的图像损坏方式。



## More details

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### / 简介 /

本推文介绍的是2020年发表在NeurIPS的文章“**Simulating a Primary Visual Cortex at the Front of CNNs Improves Robustness to Image Perturbations**”[1]。在文章中，作者提出了一种可衡量CNN人工神经元激活与V1脑区真实的神经元活动之间可解释性的指标“**V1 explained variance**”，并发现了V1 explained variance与视觉模型的对抗鲁棒性成正比关系。基于此发现，作者设计了一种受大脑神经元LNP模型[2]启发的CNN前端组件**VOneBlock**。

实验结果表明，在添加了VOneBlock后，CNN模型对两种常用的图像干扰手段（即white-box attack和image corruption）的鲁棒性都有明显提升。

该VoneNet模型代码见Github: <https://github.com/dicarlolab/vonenet>

# The **Marr's** three levels of explanation

top-down

## Level 1: Computation theory

- What is the problem to be solved?
- What are the inputs and outputs to the computation?
- What is the goal, and what is the logic by which it is carried out?

## Level 2: Algorithmic

- How is the information represented and processed to achieve the computational goal?

## Level 3: Implementation

- How is the computation realized in physical or biological hardware?

Bottom-up

# **Reverse-engineer our visual system**

to understand the design principles of vision

## **Future directions:**

- Design eye-like camera
- Design AI for computer vision
- Explain visual phenomenon
- Explain/Treat visual disease
- Human vision enhancement
- Decode/encode neural signals

# Summary of Lecture 2 – Visual System

0. Marr's three levels of explanation
1. Evolution of the eye
2. Function of the visual system
3. Structure of the eye
4. Photoreceptors
5. Information integration by ganglion cell
6. **Visual pathways**: photoreceptors, interneurons, ganglion cells, LGN, V1, ventral/dorsal streams...
7. Some discussions about **BI & AI in visual system**

# Recommended materials

## Some materials are from the textbook

- From Neuron to Brain (Ch1–Ch3)

## Recommended book

- Principles of Neural Design, by Peter Sterling and Simon Laughlin
- Dapello, J., Marques, T., Schrimpf, M., Geiger, F., Cox, D., & DiCarlo, J. J. (2020). Simulating a primary visual cortex at the front of CNNs improves robustness to image perturbations. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 33, 13073–13087.

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