

PCA, Decoding, and Early Vision

Neuro120 Review Section 5

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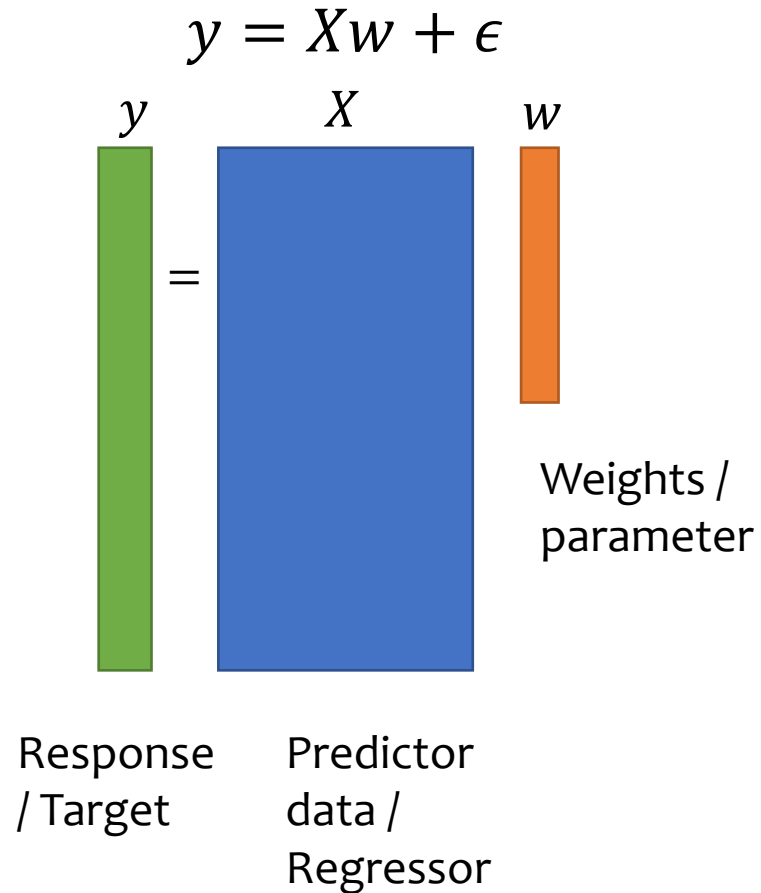
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Outline

- Neural Decoding (P2)
 - Math: Linear regression
- Dimensionality reduction (P1)
 - Math: PCA
- Model of early vision (P3)
 - Math: DoG kernel, Convolution, Padding etc.

Linear Regression (P2)

- Our model



- Given data and target => weight



- Given data and weight => “predicted” response

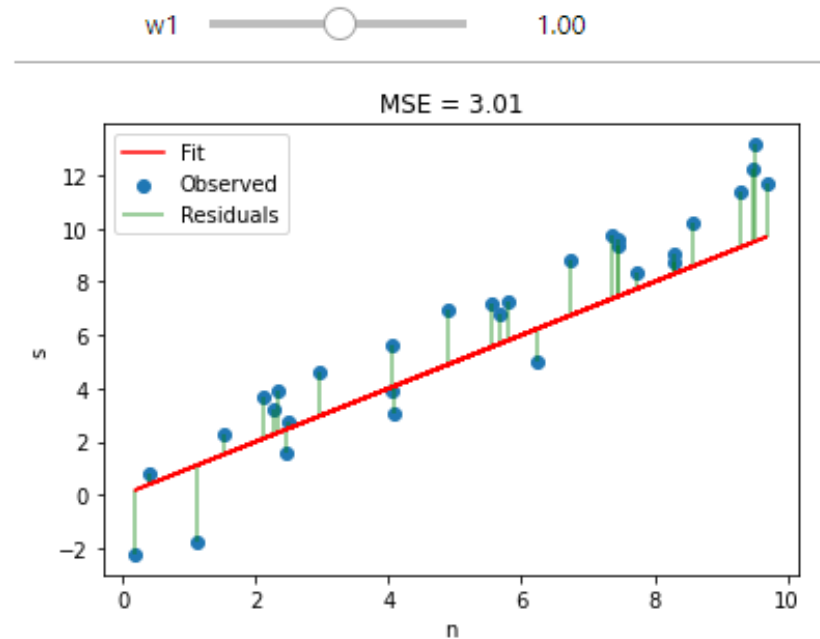


Linear Regression (P2)

- How do you get the w ?
 - General method: set an error function, minimize prediction error.
 - Gradient descent=> Deep learning

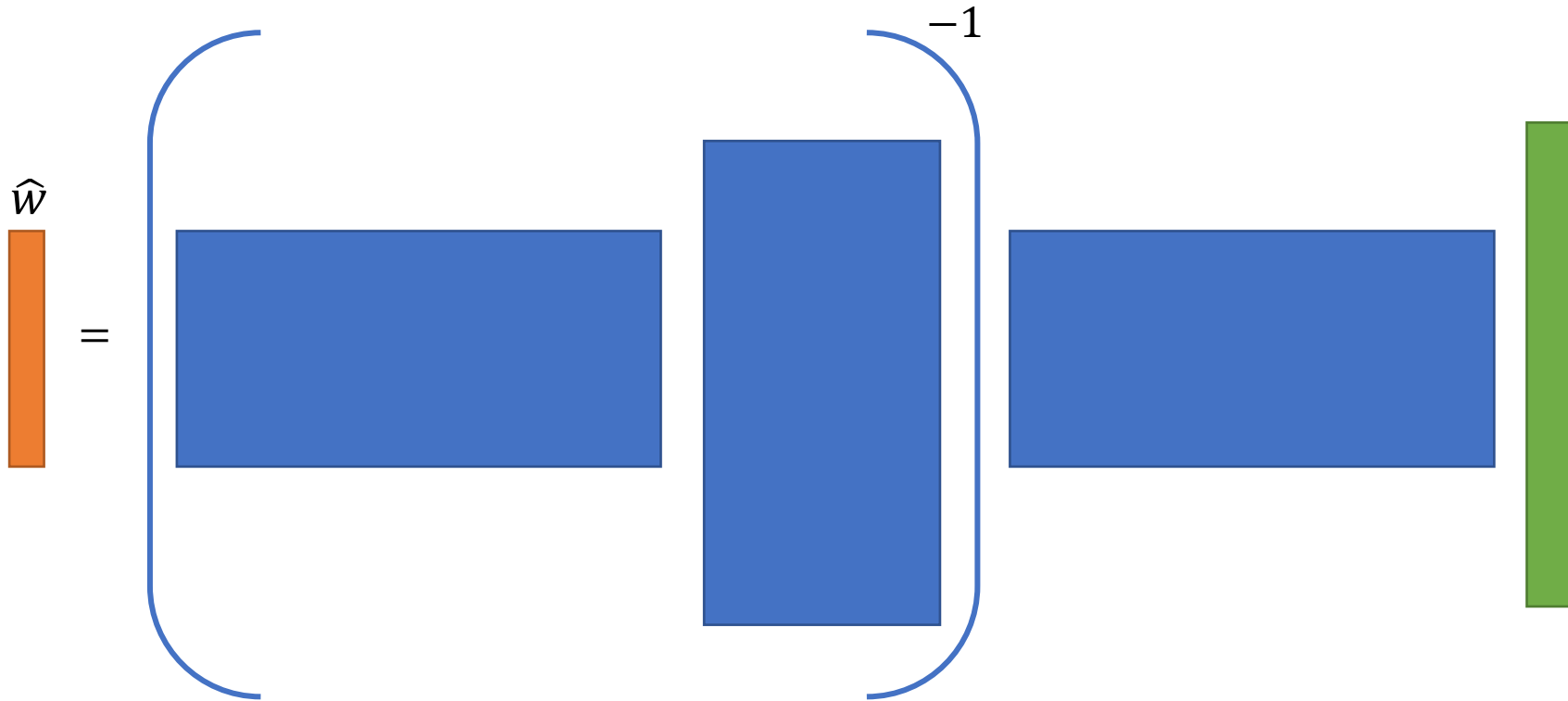
$$\arg \min_w \|Xw - y\|_2^2$$

- Few cases: analytical solution!



Solution to Ordinary Least Square

$$\hat{w} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$



Quick way to “derive” the equation.

If $y = Xw$

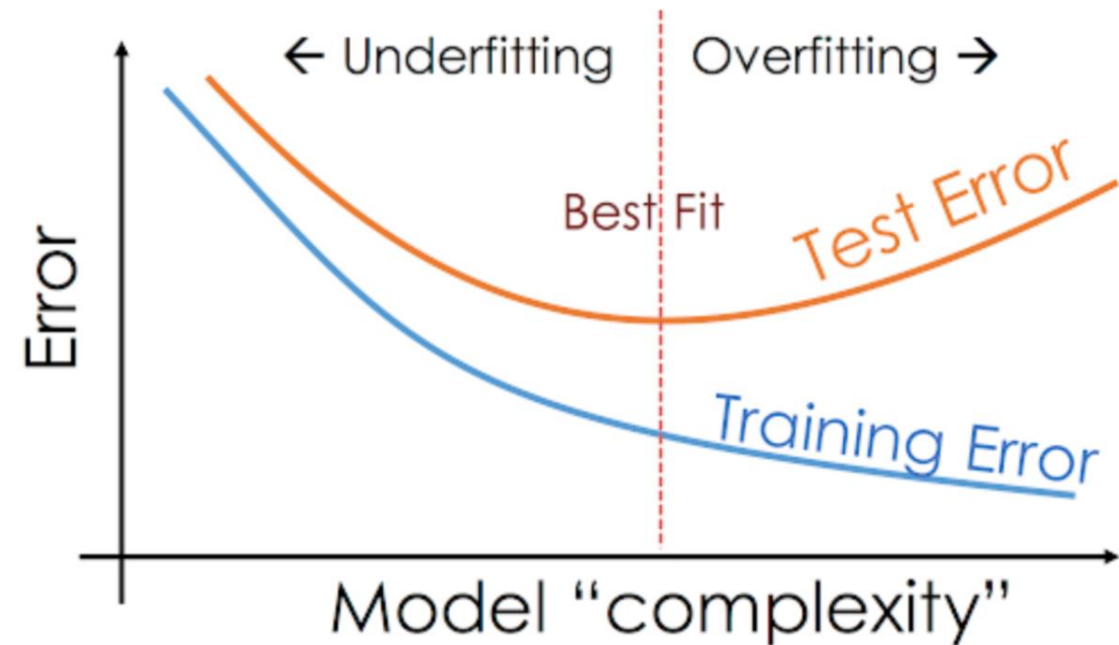
Then,

$$X^T y = X^T X w$$
$$w = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

$$\hat{w} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

Importance of Train-Test Split

- Why do we separate the test set?
 - Test error do not always follow training error.
 - Key for model / parameter selection (not showed)
 - What about PCA ?



Meta-note on devising analysis methods

LNP, Regression, PCA, deep learning ...

1. Think about what you want, what's the desired properties?
 - Predict output y from input X
2. Formulate it in math, mostly a maximization or minimization problem
 - Minimize the prediction error
 - Here we choose the L2 error: $\hat{w} = \arg \min_w \|y - Xw\|_2^2$
3. Solve it with optimization or algebra
 - Ordinary least square solution: $\hat{w} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$
4. What if 3 fails,
 - Call your mathematician & CS friends ...
 - Go back to 2, reformulate the problem (you cannot want what you want... so want something easier to get)

Forms of Neural Code

- Rate vs Temporal Coding
- Neural Doctrine vs Population Doctrine
 - Functional unit

Mixed Selectivity and Interpretability

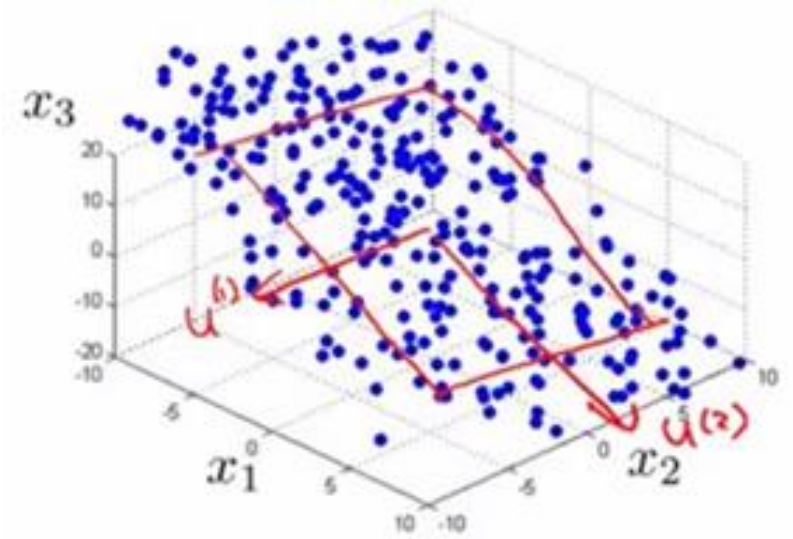
Why Dimension Reduction? (P1)

- Why: Find lower dimension *representation* that
 - Preserve information for analysis, visualization
 - Compress data
 - Assist downstream analysis tasks.
- It's possible because
 - Correlation

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

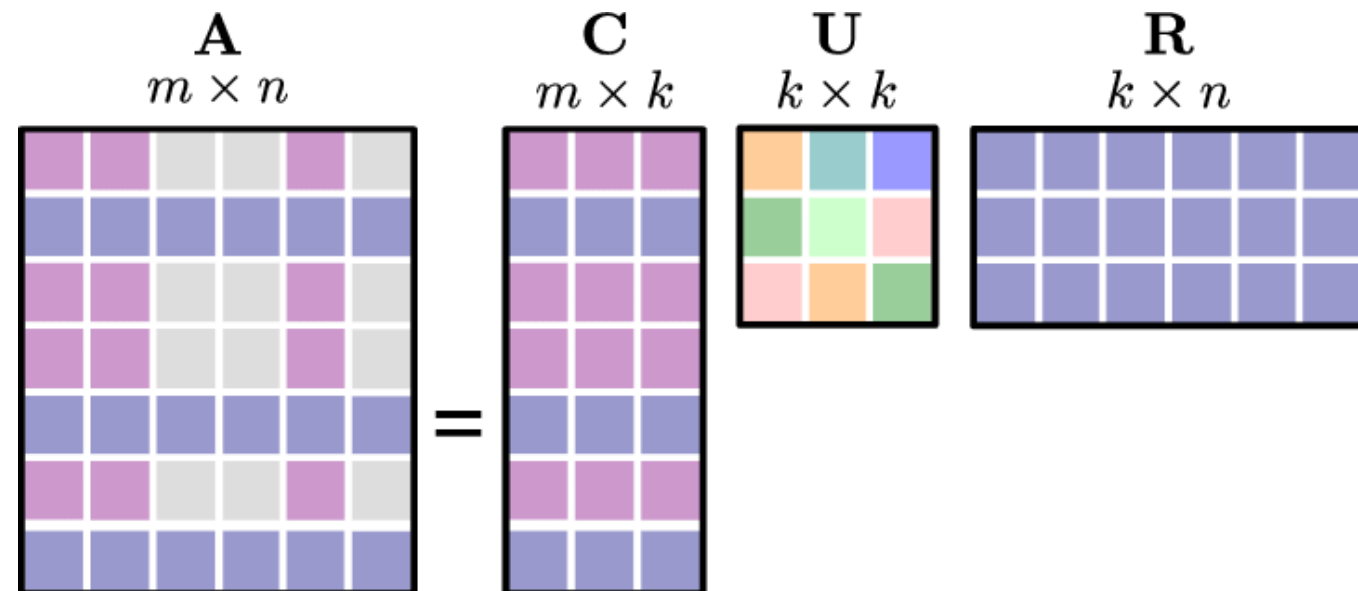
P1

- Multiple views of the same method
 - Optimal embedding of data points (Geometric)
 - Matrix decomposition / Low rank approximation / Data compression (Algebraic)



Advanced methods generalize from these two views

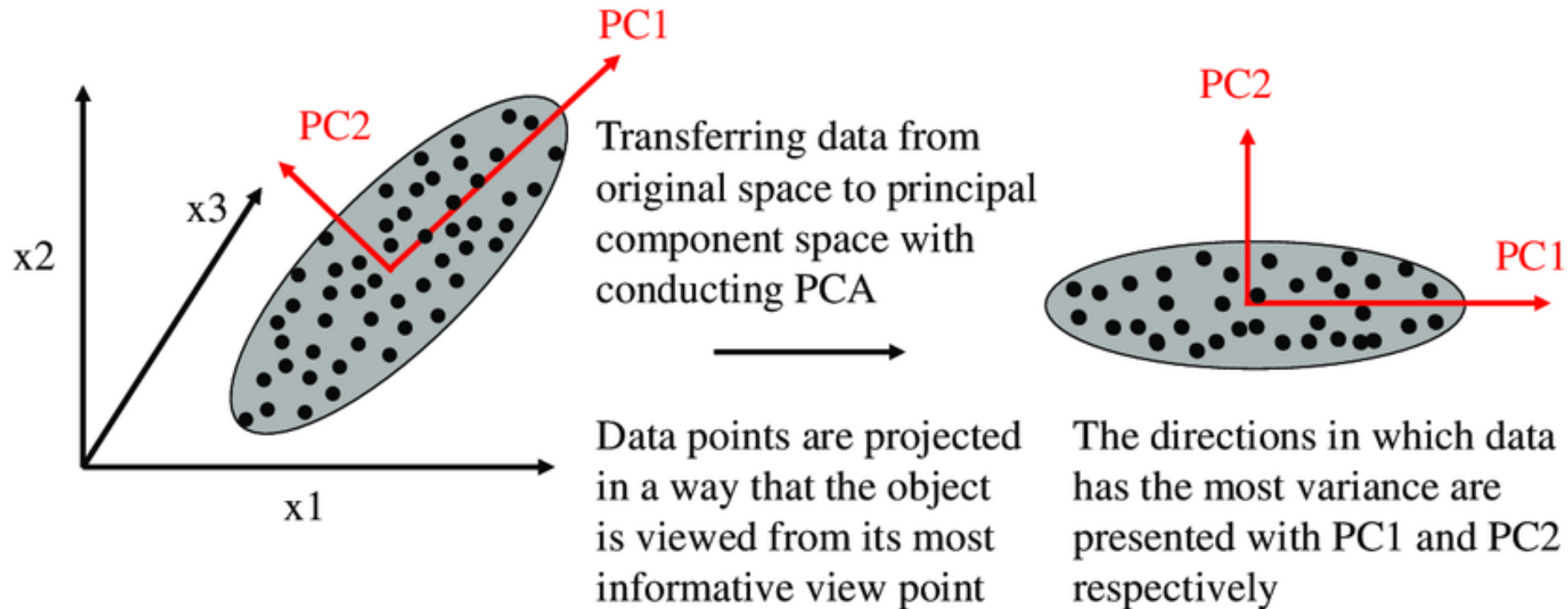
- Geometry: Manifold learning (LLE, Isomap, UMAP, tSNE)
- Algebra: Decomposition (NMF)



Geometric Embedding View

- Problem setup:
 - Find a sequence of directions v_i that preserve the most variance of the data after projection.

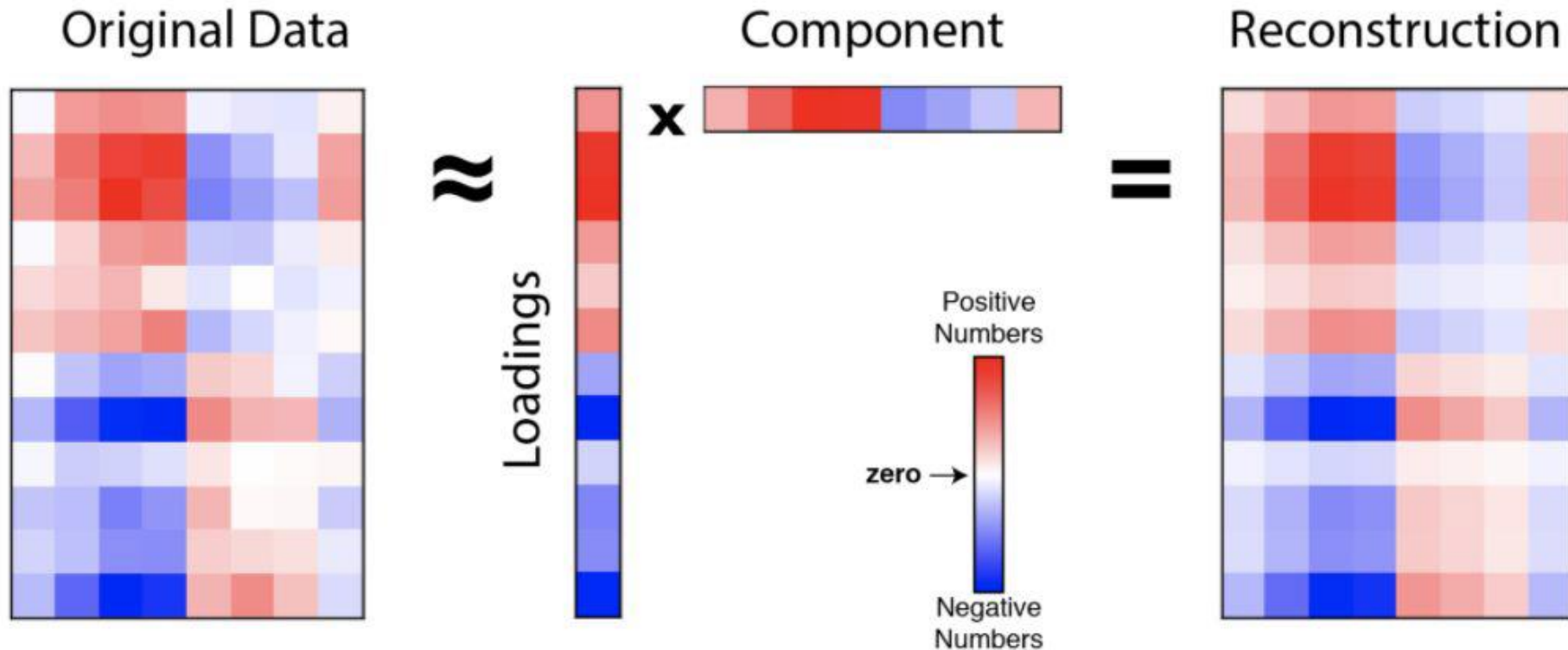
$$\arg \max_v \text{Var}(Xv)$$
$$\arg \max_{v_2} \text{Var}(Xv_2), \text{ given } v_2^T v_1 = 0$$



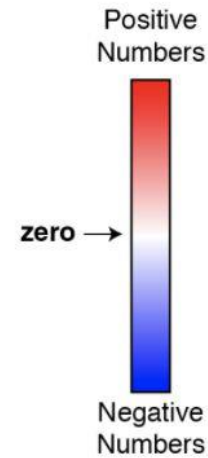
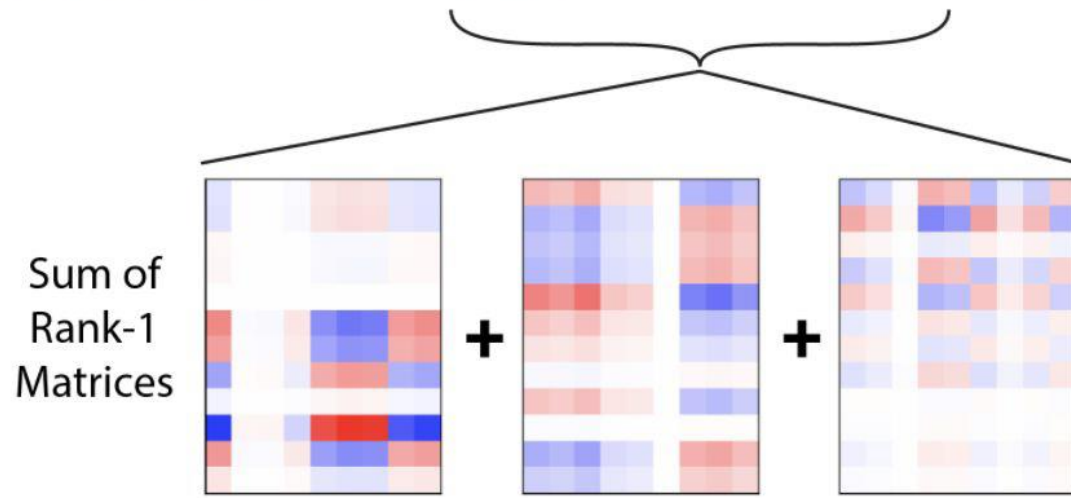
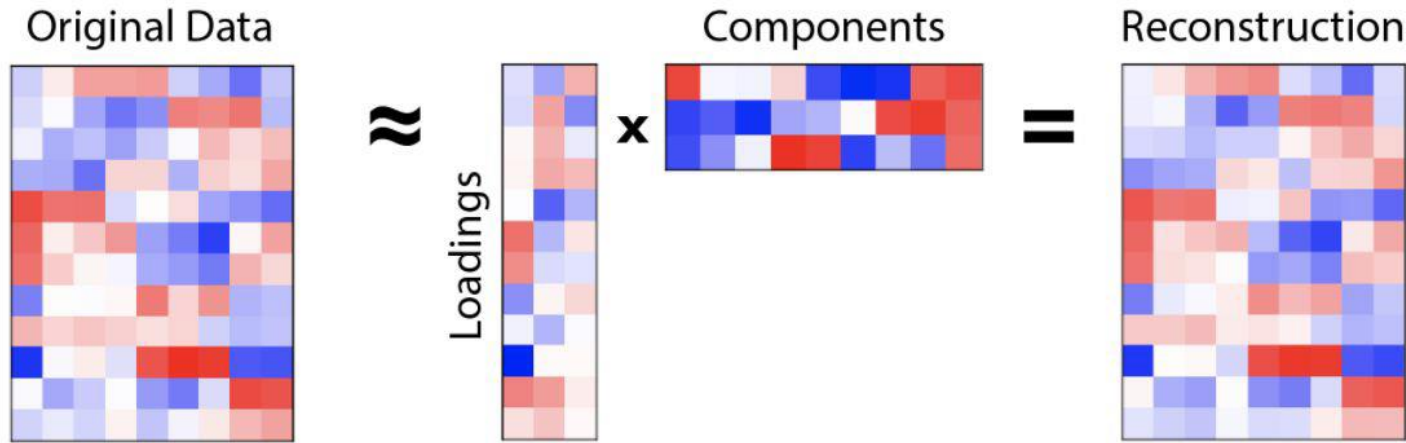
Matrix Decomposition / Approximation / Compression View

- Problem setup:
 - Find basis that make the reconstruction on this basis closest to original data.

$$\arg \min_{K,V} \|X - KV^T\|_F^2, V^T V = I$$



Matrix Decomposition / Approximation



Rank of reconstructed data = number of components

Solution to PCA

- Eigen decomposition of $X^T X$
 - $X^T X = V\Lambda V^T$, V is orthogonal basis, Λ is diagonal.
- Singular value decomposition of X
 - $X = U\Sigma V^T$, U, V are orthogonal basis, Σ is diagonal.
- Results
 - The eigenvectors / singular vectors $V = [v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots]$ provide the 1st to last principal components.
 - **Eckart-Young-Mirsky theorem:** Best rank r approximation of a matrix comes from the top r singular vectors.

$$X \approx \sum_i \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$$

Meta-note on devising analysis methods

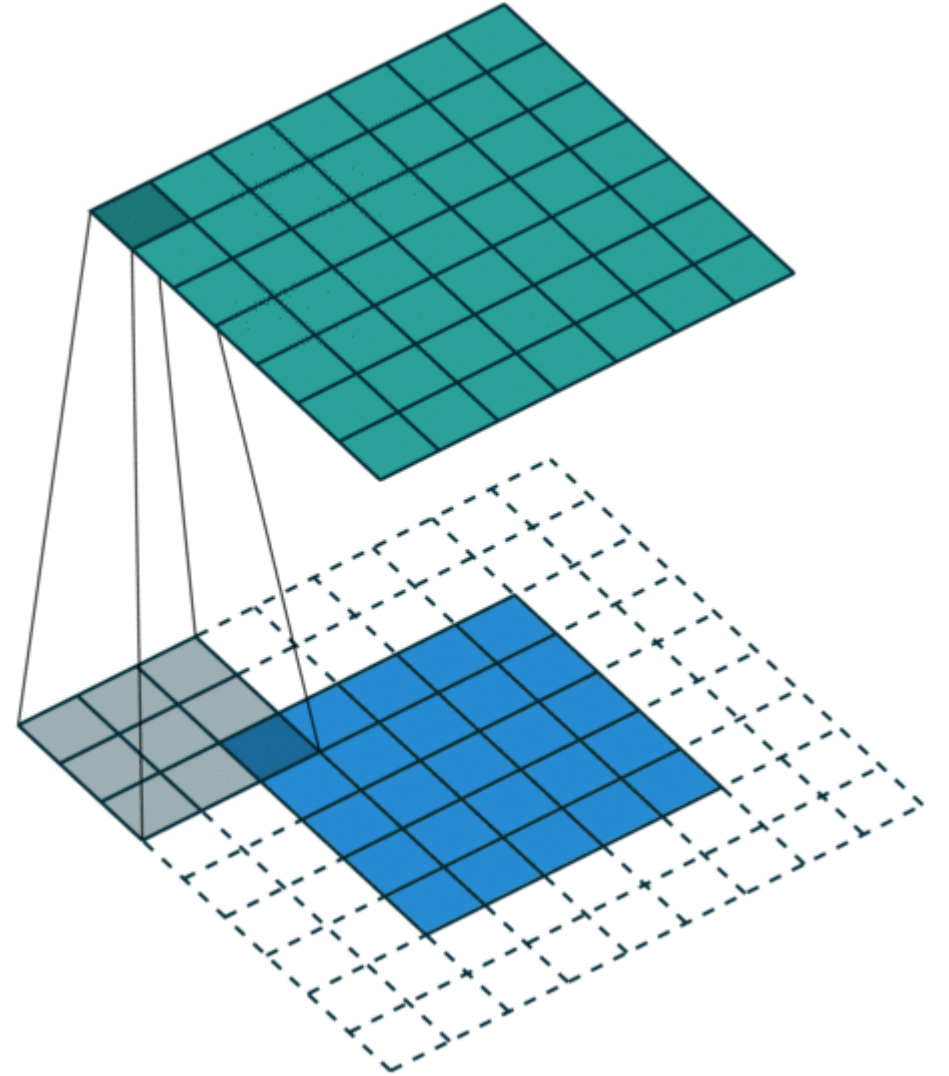
Regression, PCA, LNP, deep learning ...

1. Think about what you want, what's the desired properties?
 - Want a “good” low-dim basis / subspace
2. Formulate it in math, mostly a maximization or minimization problem
 - Minimize residue, maximize variance: $\arg \max_v \text{Var}(Xv)$,
 - $\arg \min_{K,V} \|X - KV^T\|_F^2$
3. Solve it with optimization or algebra
 - Solution to PCA: SVD of $X \Rightarrow$ basis V

Connection between Linear Regression and PCA?

Convolution (P3 b-e)

- Which form of multiplication it is, between kernel and patch?
 - Dot (vector dot). Or element wise product and sum
- How to deal with borders?
 - Padding with “pseudo values”.
 - (“valid” parameter in `convolve2d``)

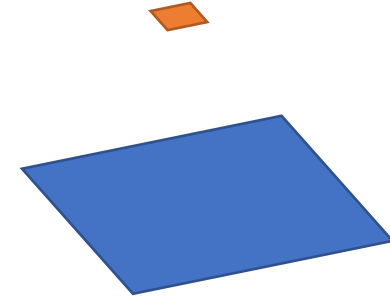


Convolution vs Linear Nonlinear Model

(P3 c vs e)

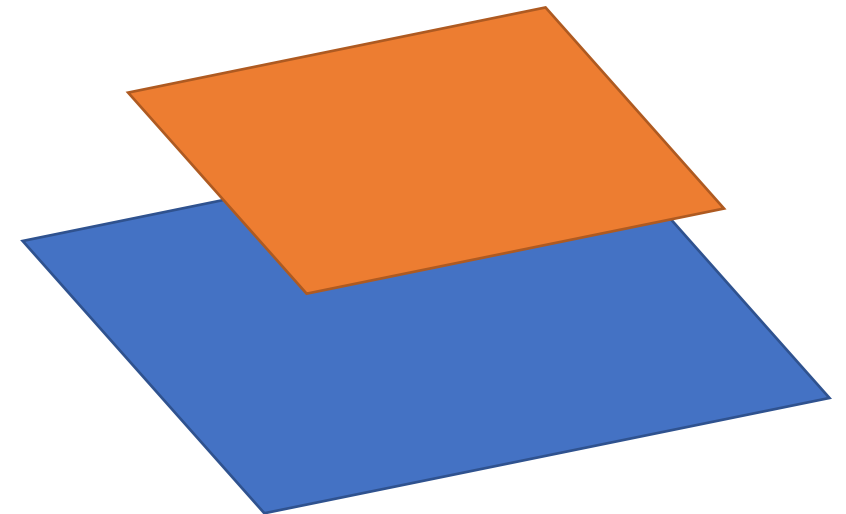
- Linear Nonlinear Model:

- Image Patch \rightarrow Scalar output
- One neuron linearly combine / weight the patch in the RF



- Convolution:

- Image Patch \rightarrow “feature map” / image output
- Population of neurons with same property processing / responding to the whole image



Vision

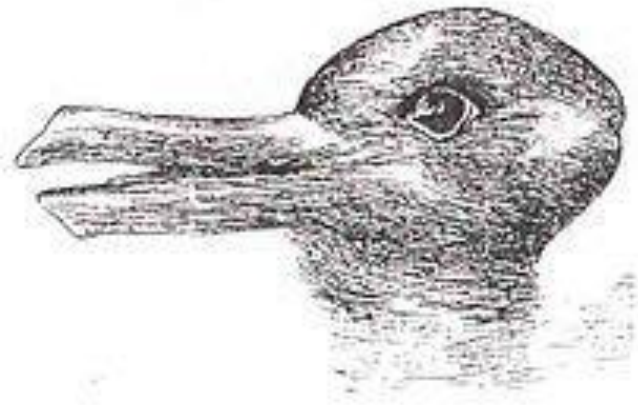
Vision is important

- It affords so many functions (visual question answering):
 - Object recognition
 - Face identification
 - Physical inference
 - Social inference
 - Reconstruct events from static images



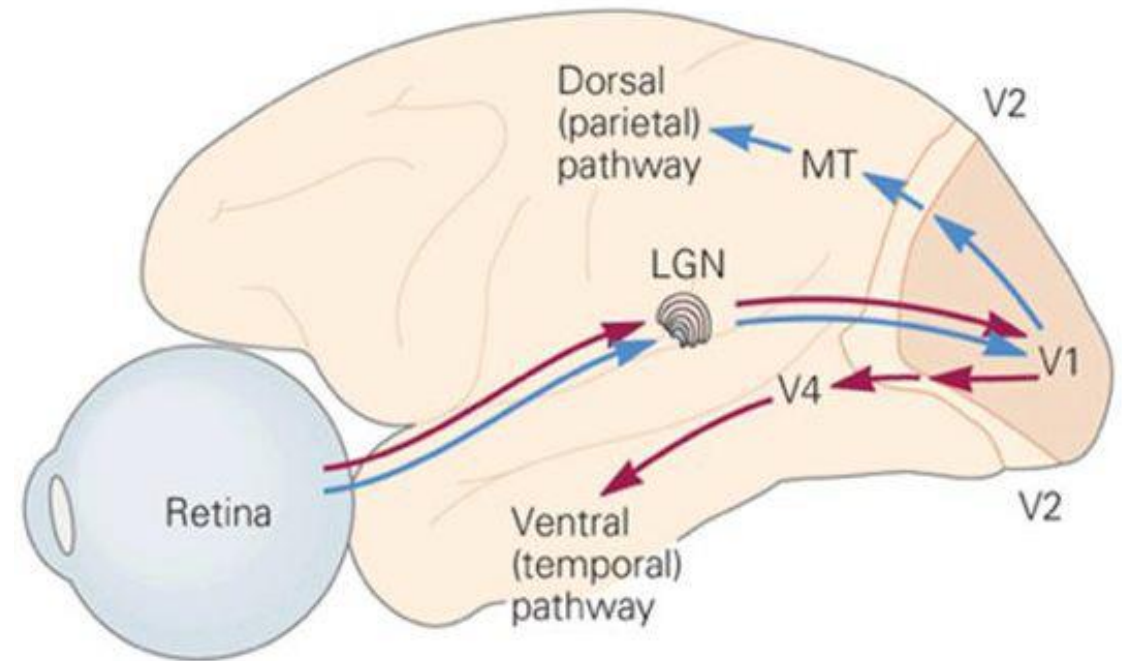
Vision is complex

- Active sampling aspect of vision
- Influence from internal models / prior / belief / cognitive state.
 - More than mapping stimuli → response.
- It's an “Illusion”.



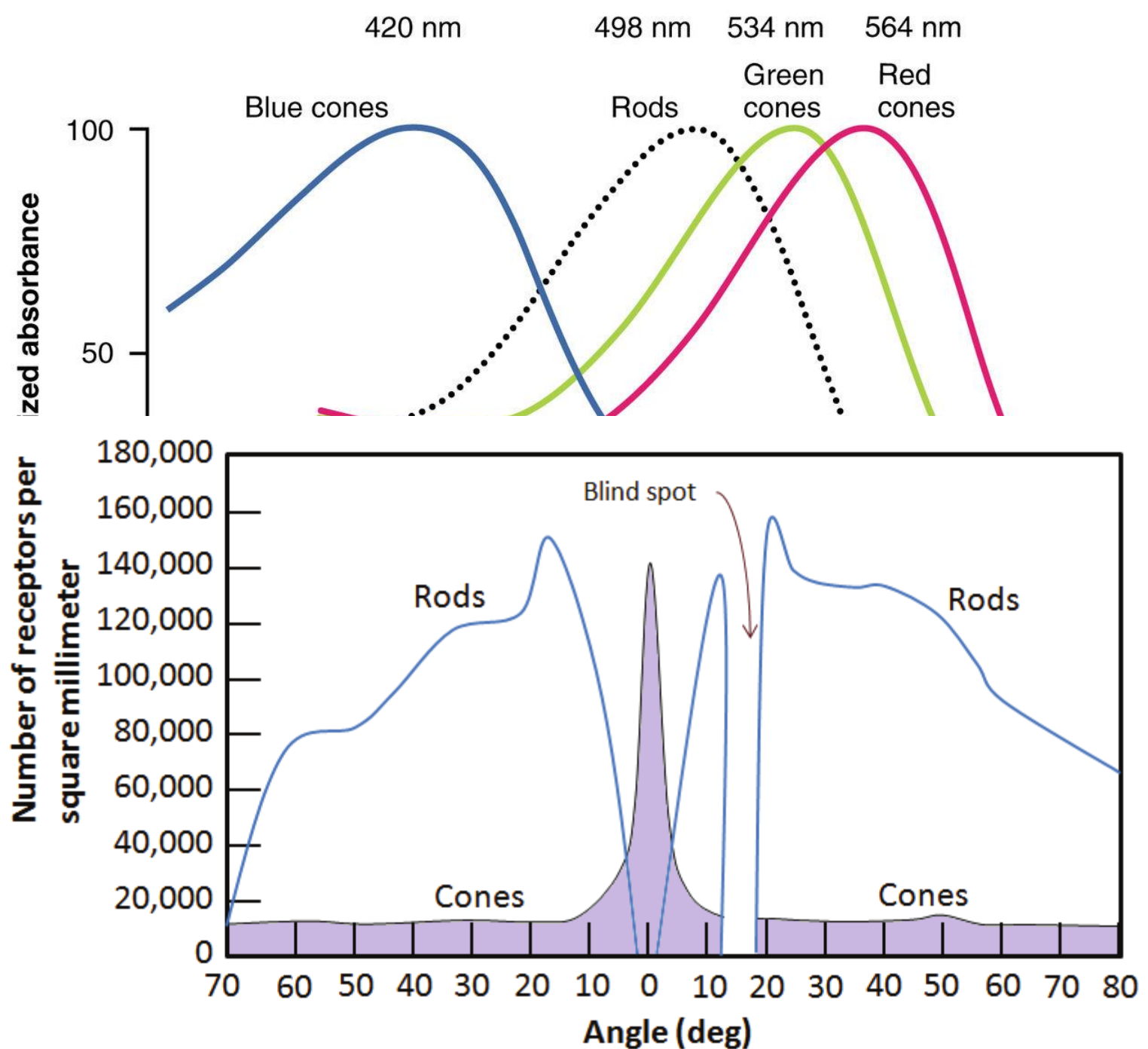
Early Vision

- Retina -> LGN -> V1

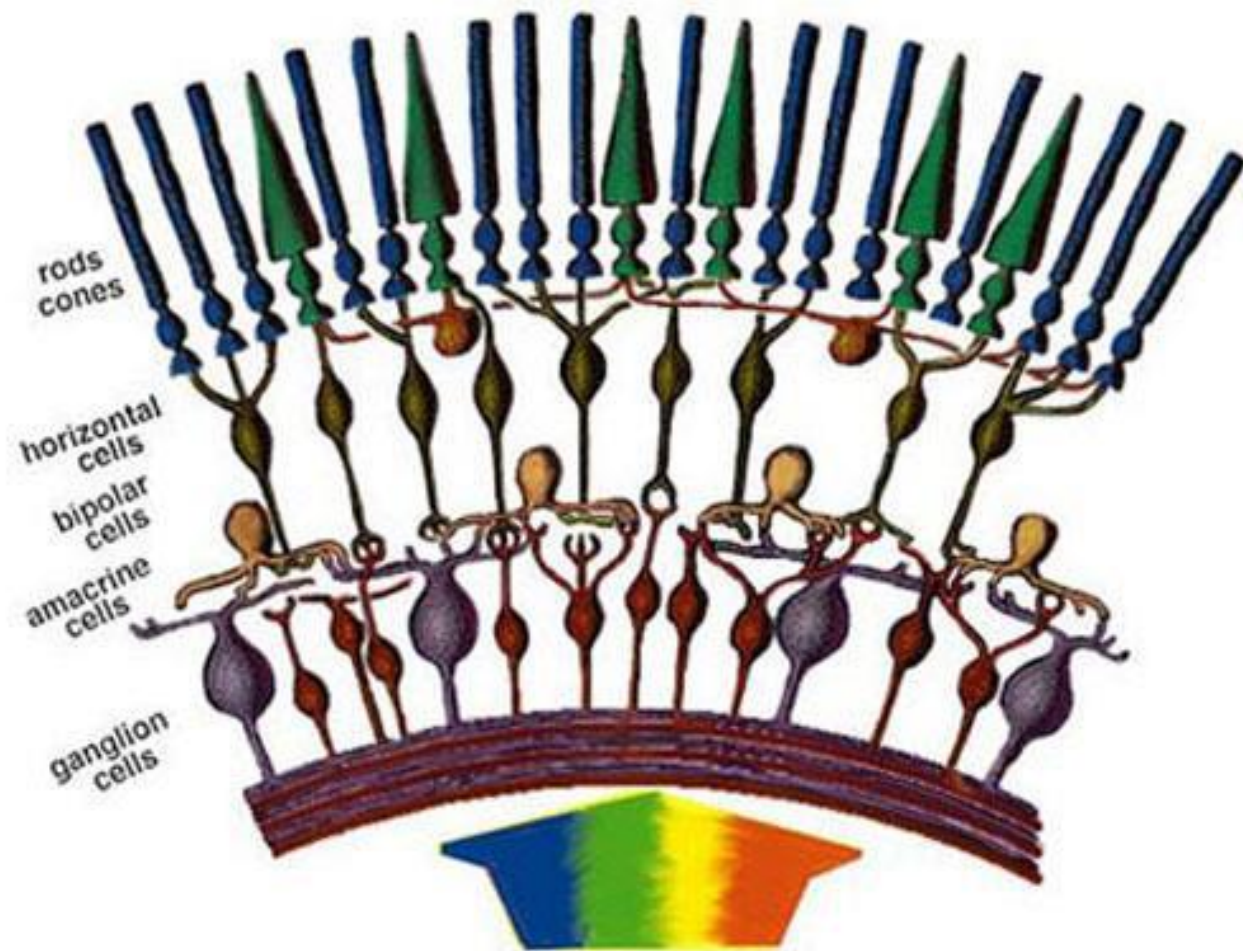
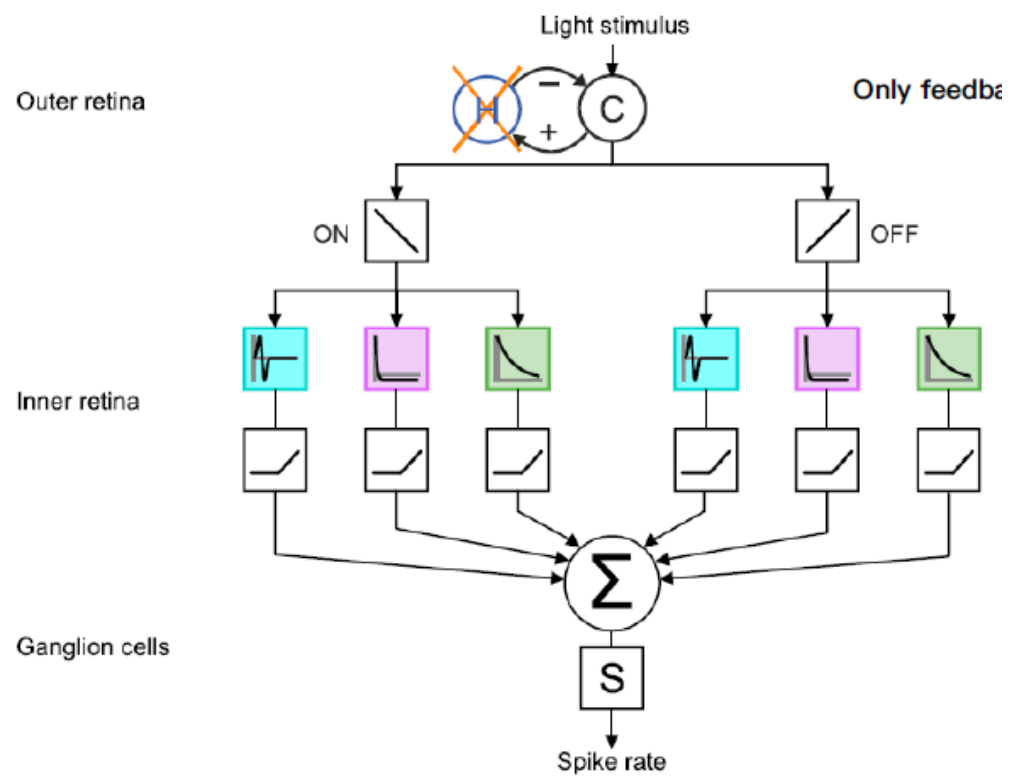


Photoreceptors

- Rods and Cones
 - Cones: S, M, L
 - Rods:
- Spatial distribution ~ eccentricity

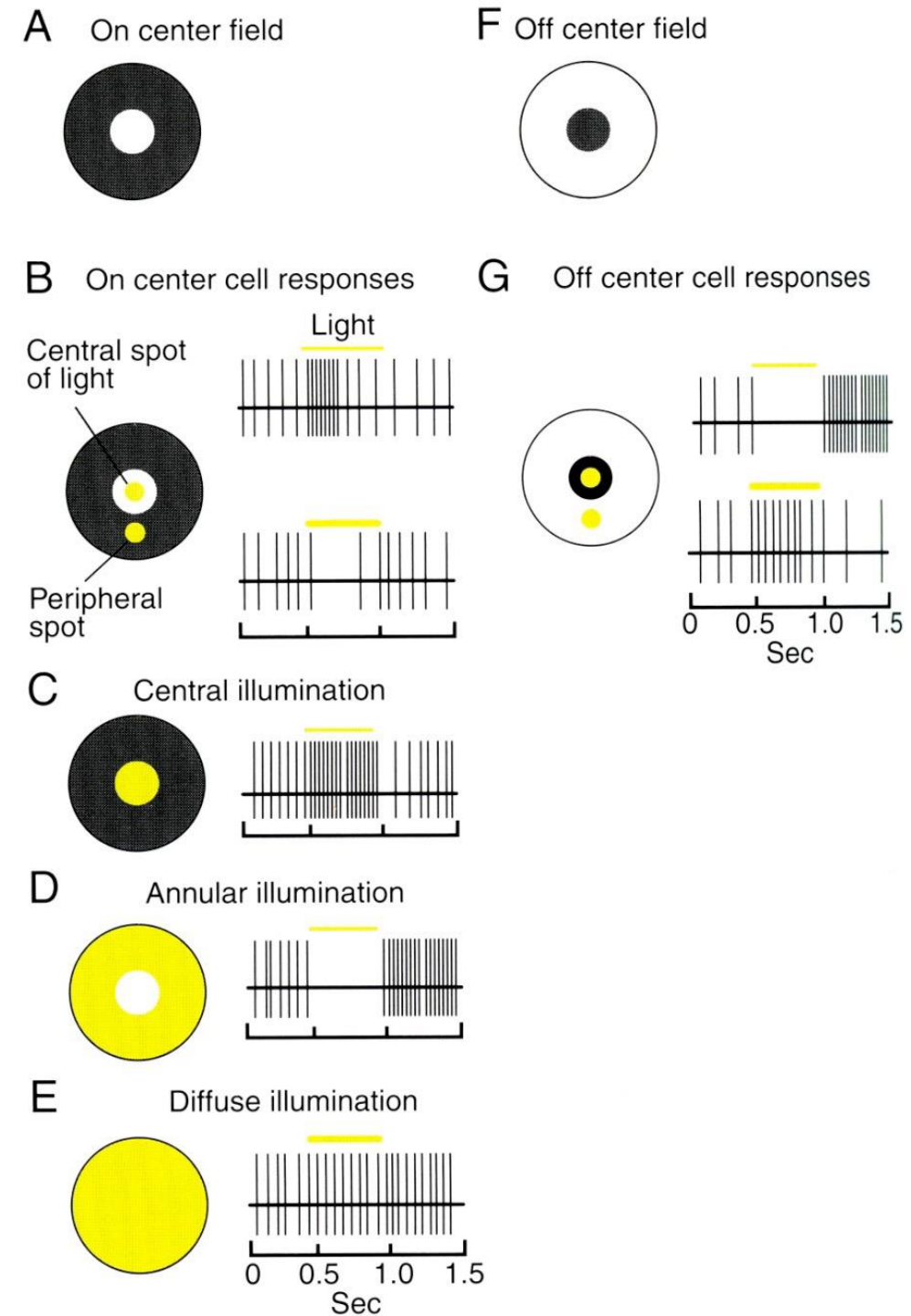


Some complicated retinal circuitry...



Response Properties of RGCs

- Spatial filtering: Center surround RF
- Temporal filtering: ON or OFF



Major Cell Types of RGC

Parvo-Cells

- *(aka Midget RGC)*
- More numerous (70%)
- Smaller receptive fields
- Higher spatial resolution
- Static/slow change, Low temporal frequency
- Low contrast sensitivity
- Chromatic information

P (ON, OFF)

1-2 pairs at each sampling locus

Magno-Cells

- *(aka Parasol RGC)*
- Less numerous (10%)
- Larger receptive fields (3-fold)
- Lower spatial resolution
- Rapid change, High temporal frequency
- High contrast sensitivity
- Achromatic

M (ON, OFF)

1-2 pairs at each sampling locus

K-Cells

- (8%)
- Bistratified
- Spatial-, temp properties overlap with M, P

Quote from Marge Livingstone:
“Your color vision system is slow from the start!”

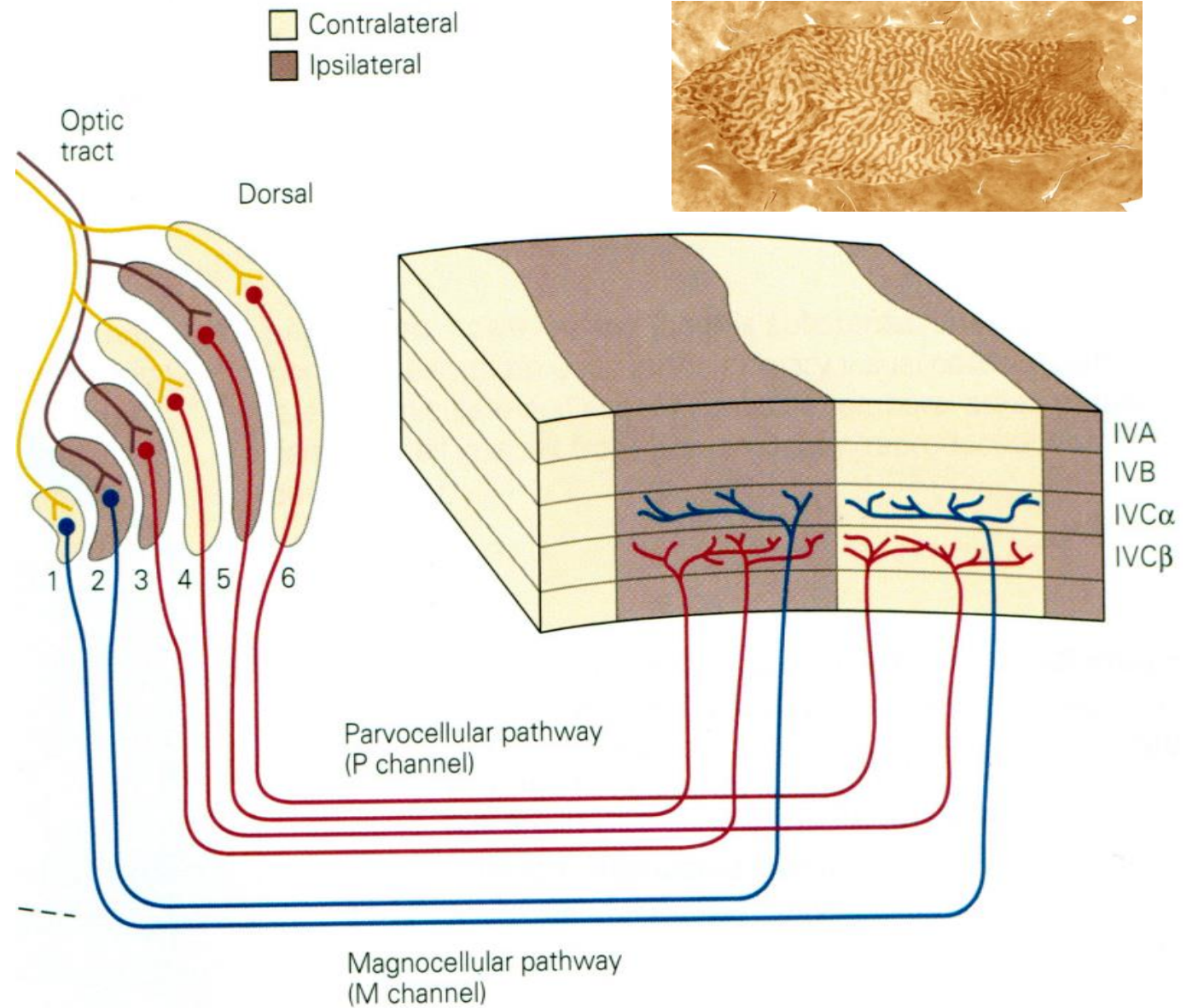
“Your color vision is of lower spatial resolution.”

“Motion system does not know color.”

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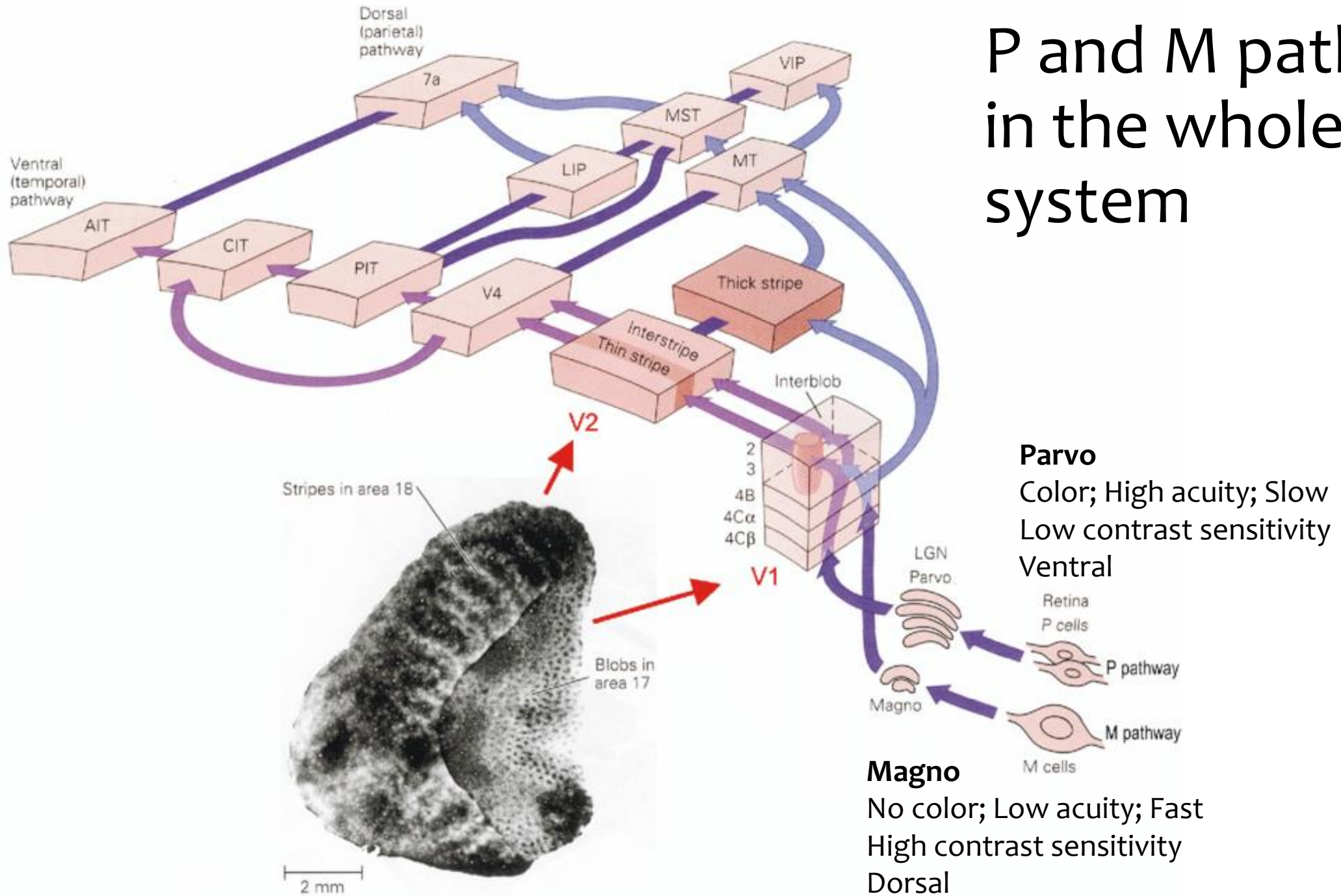
P,M channel are fed forward in parallel.

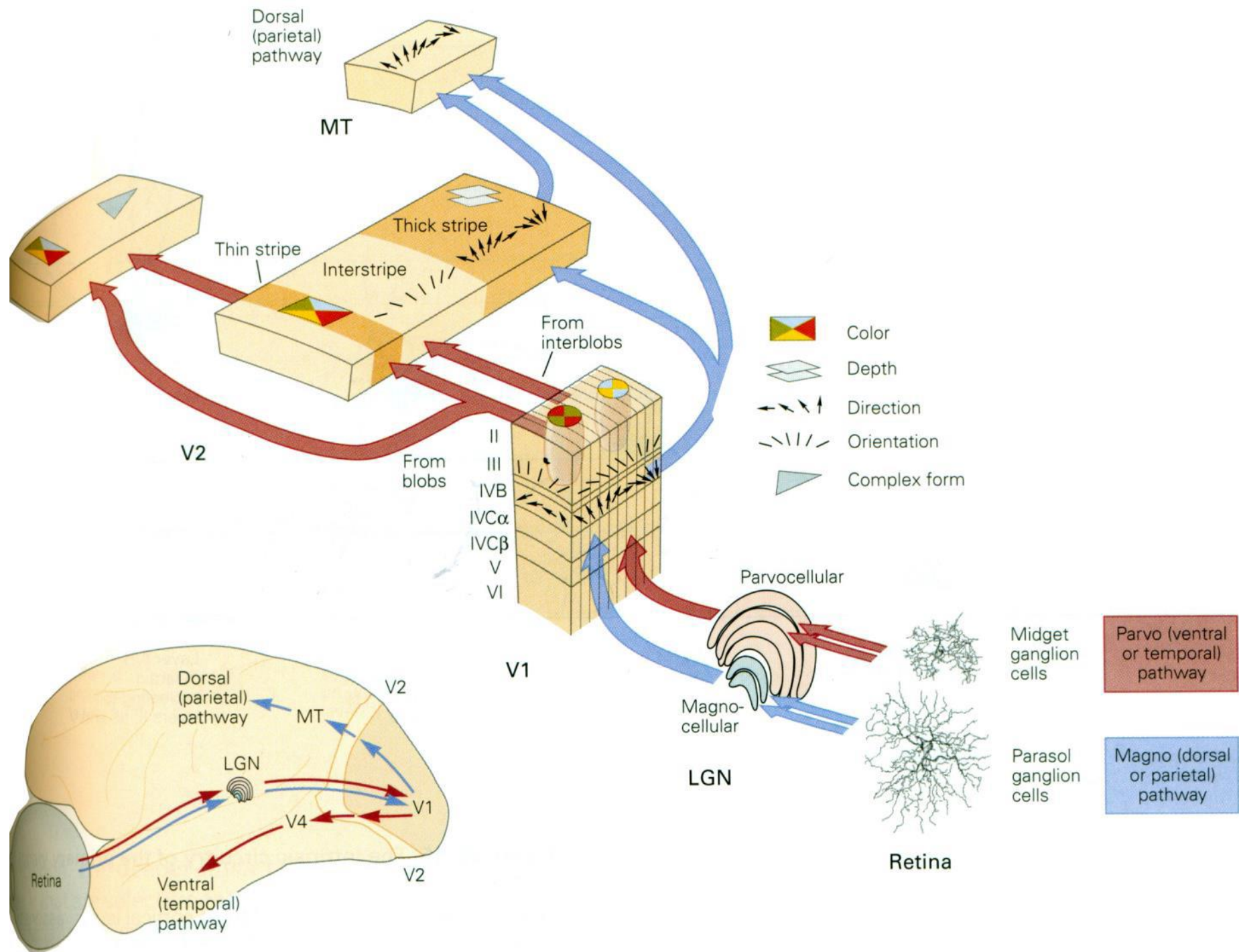
Eye-specific layers terminate in ocular dominance columns (bands)



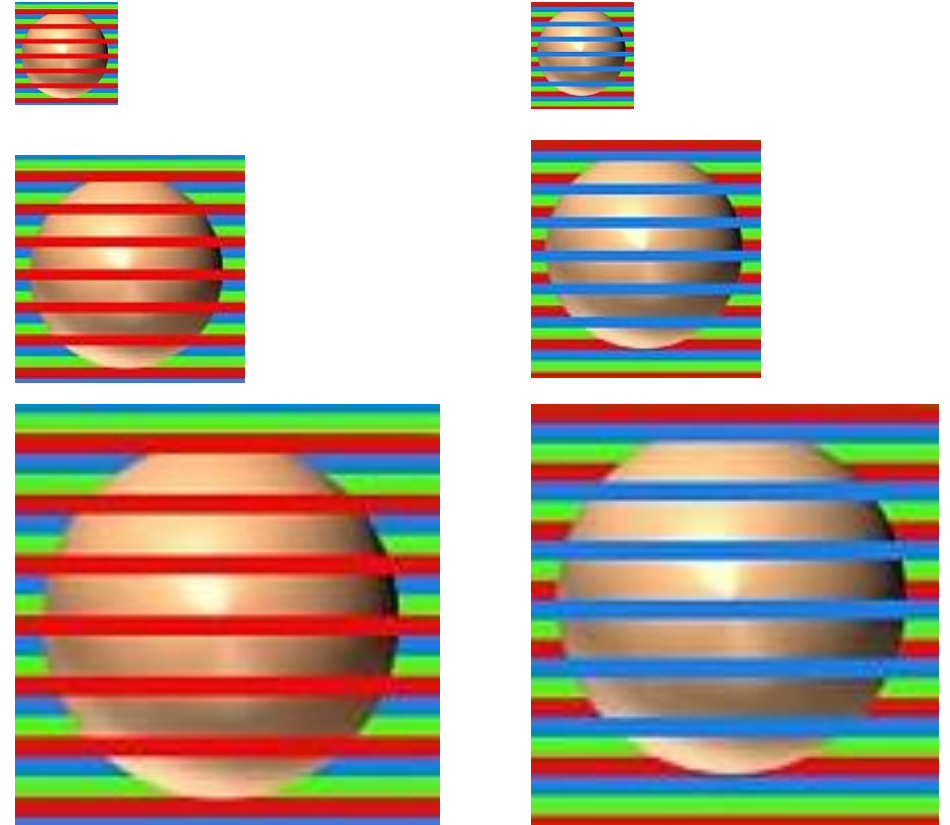
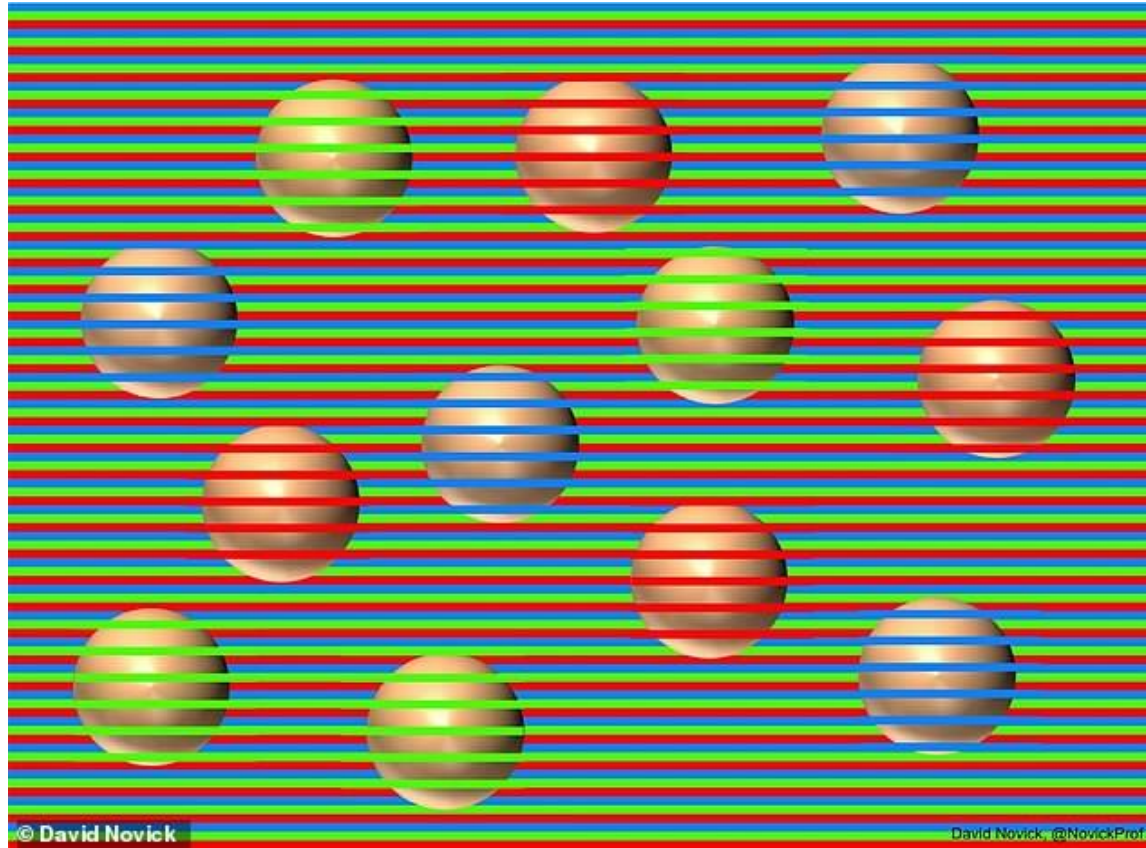
From lecture slides of Andreas Burkhalter

P and M pathway in the whole visual system

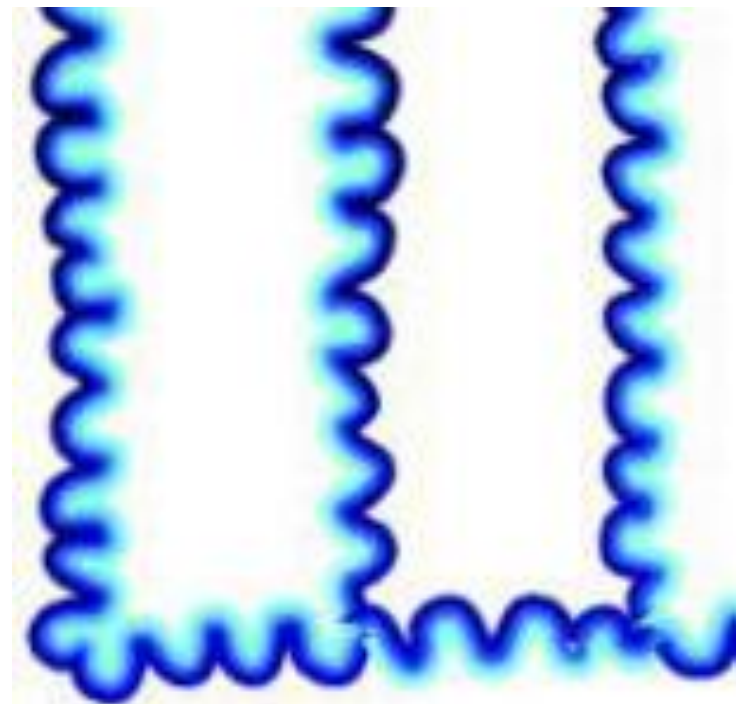
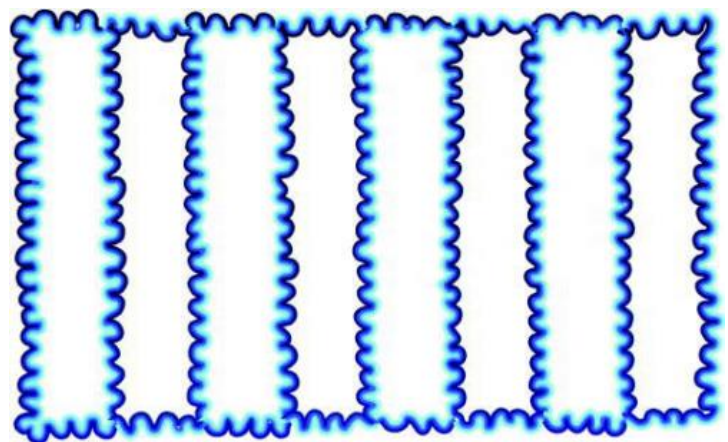


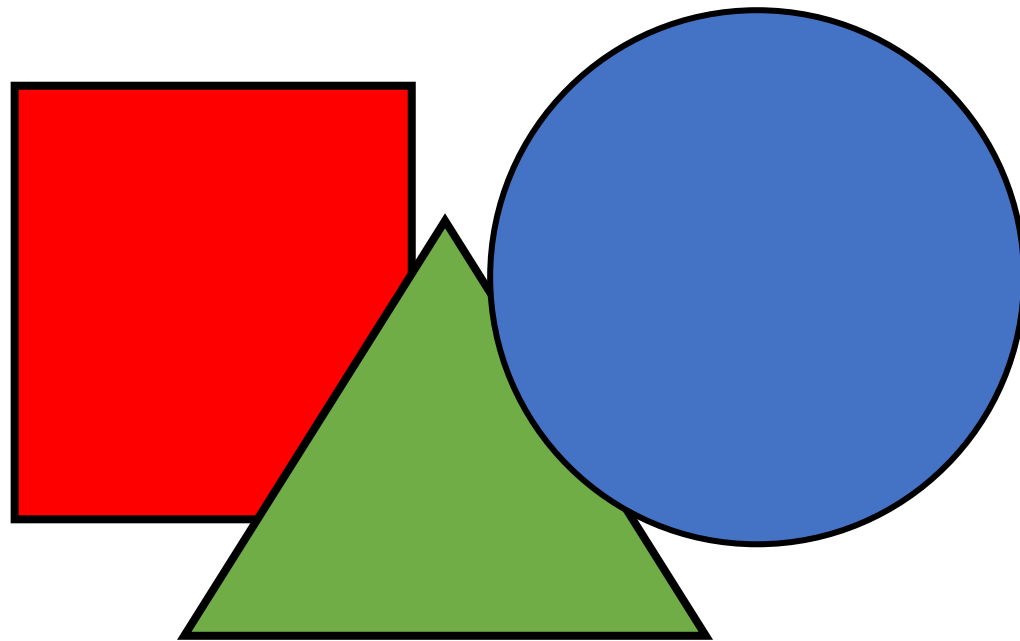


Color vision with lower resolution...

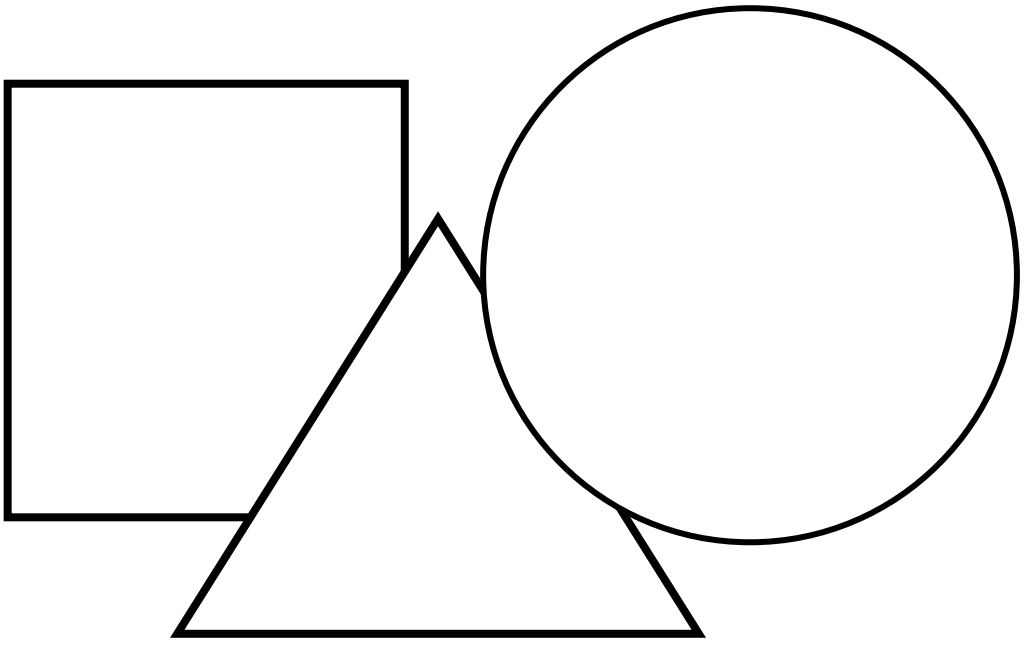


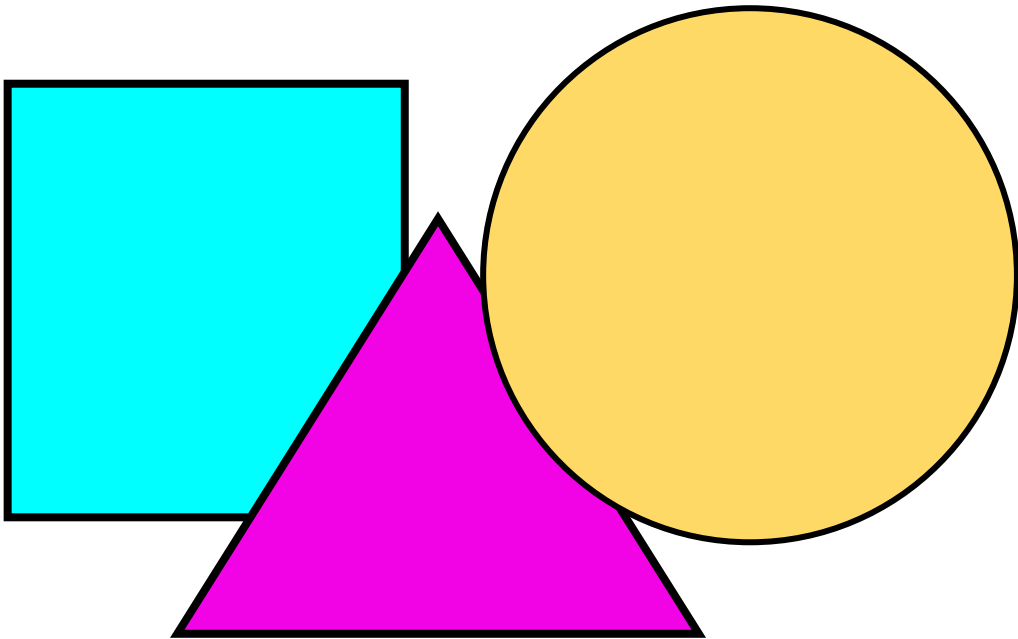
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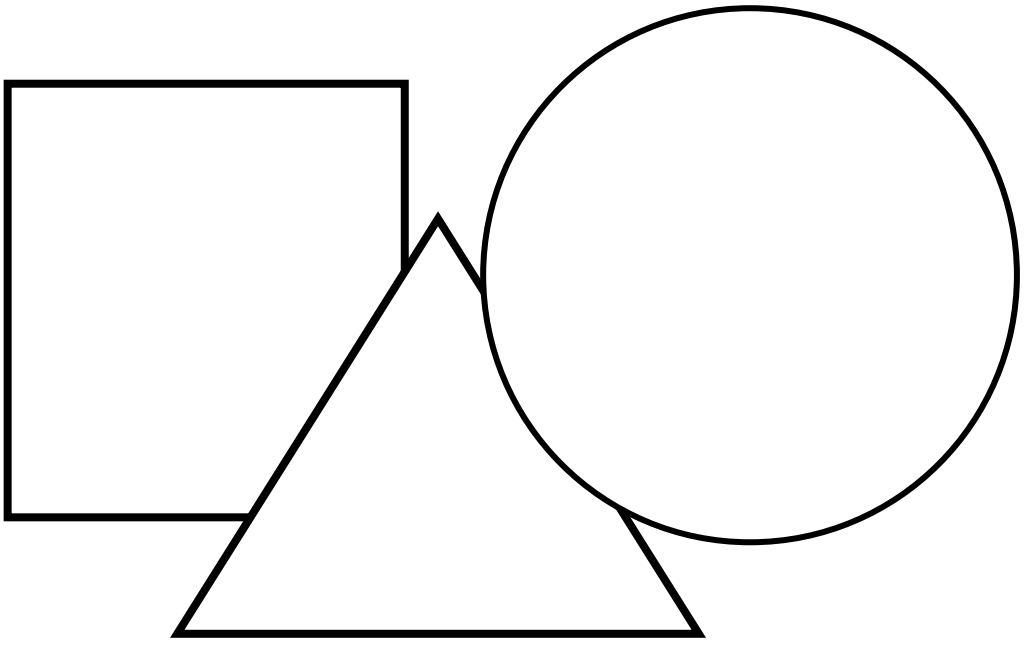


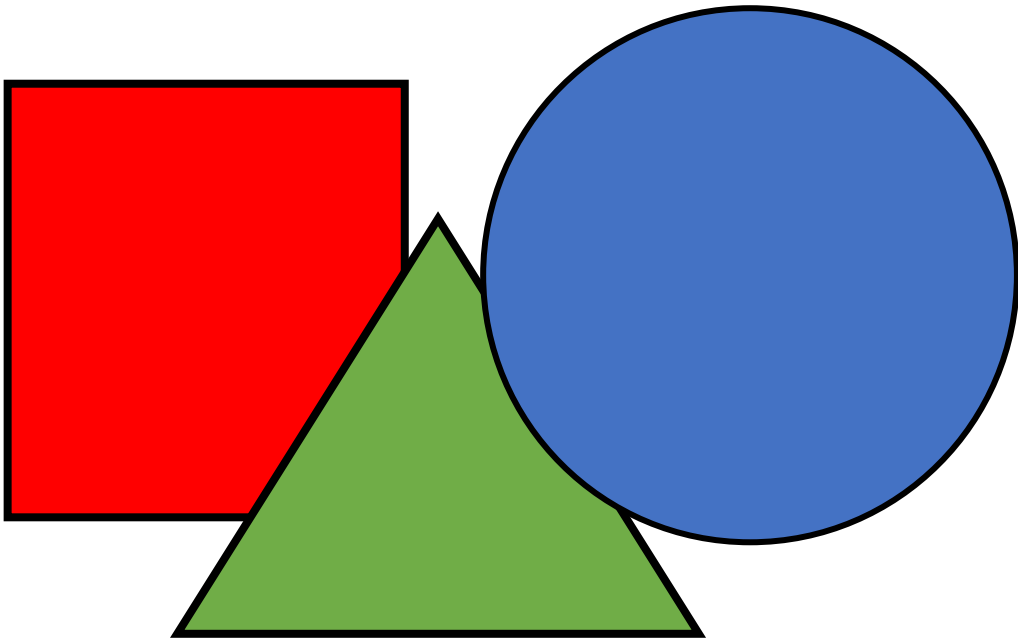


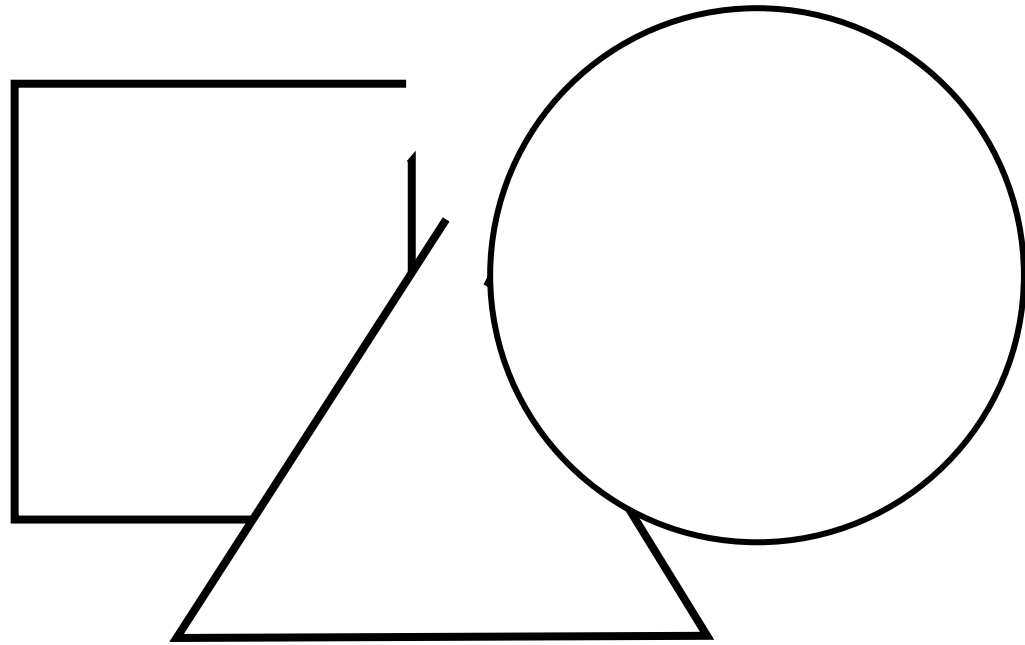
Recreated from Livingstone's
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Neuronal diversity

Photoreceptors



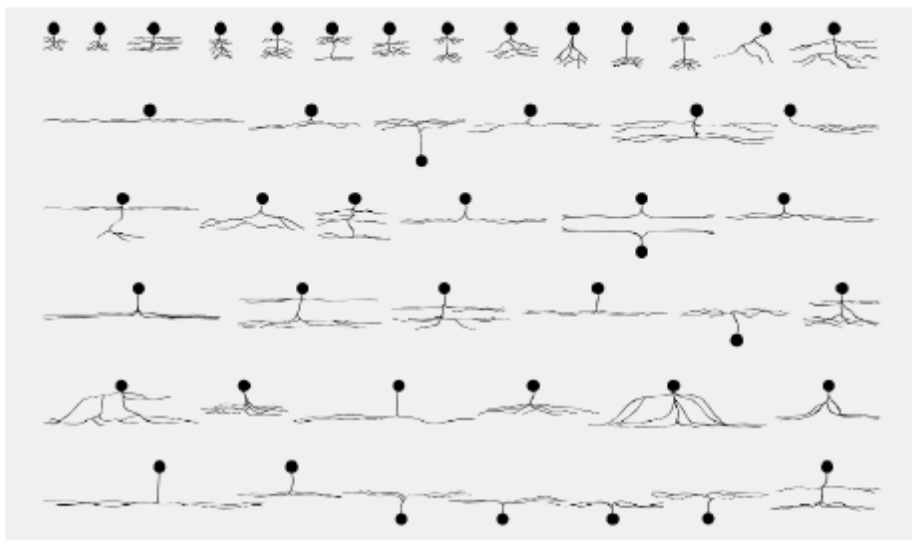
Horizontal cells



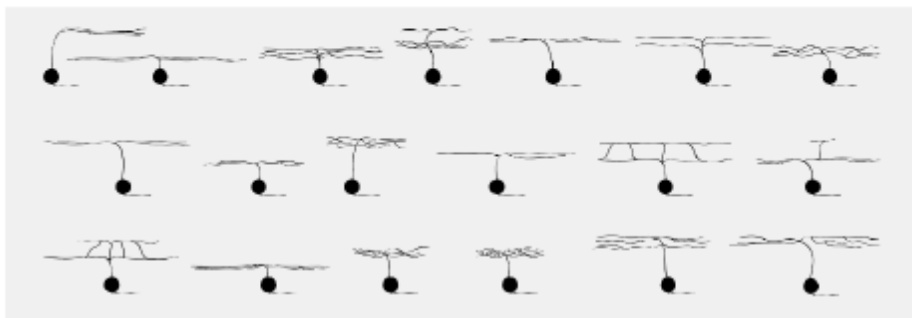
Bipolar cells



Amacrine cells



Ganglion cells



Cell types

3

1

15

>50

>40

RGCs have a great diversity...

Diversity identified by

- Gene expression
- Morphology
- Response property
- Function (computation)

Retina 的 celltype 理解的磁场清楚
! 比其他地方的 circuit 理解的好!

Surround Suppression Implemented by Horizontal Cells

