Neural coding: Part 3

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More sophisticated recent approaches for characterizing neural properties

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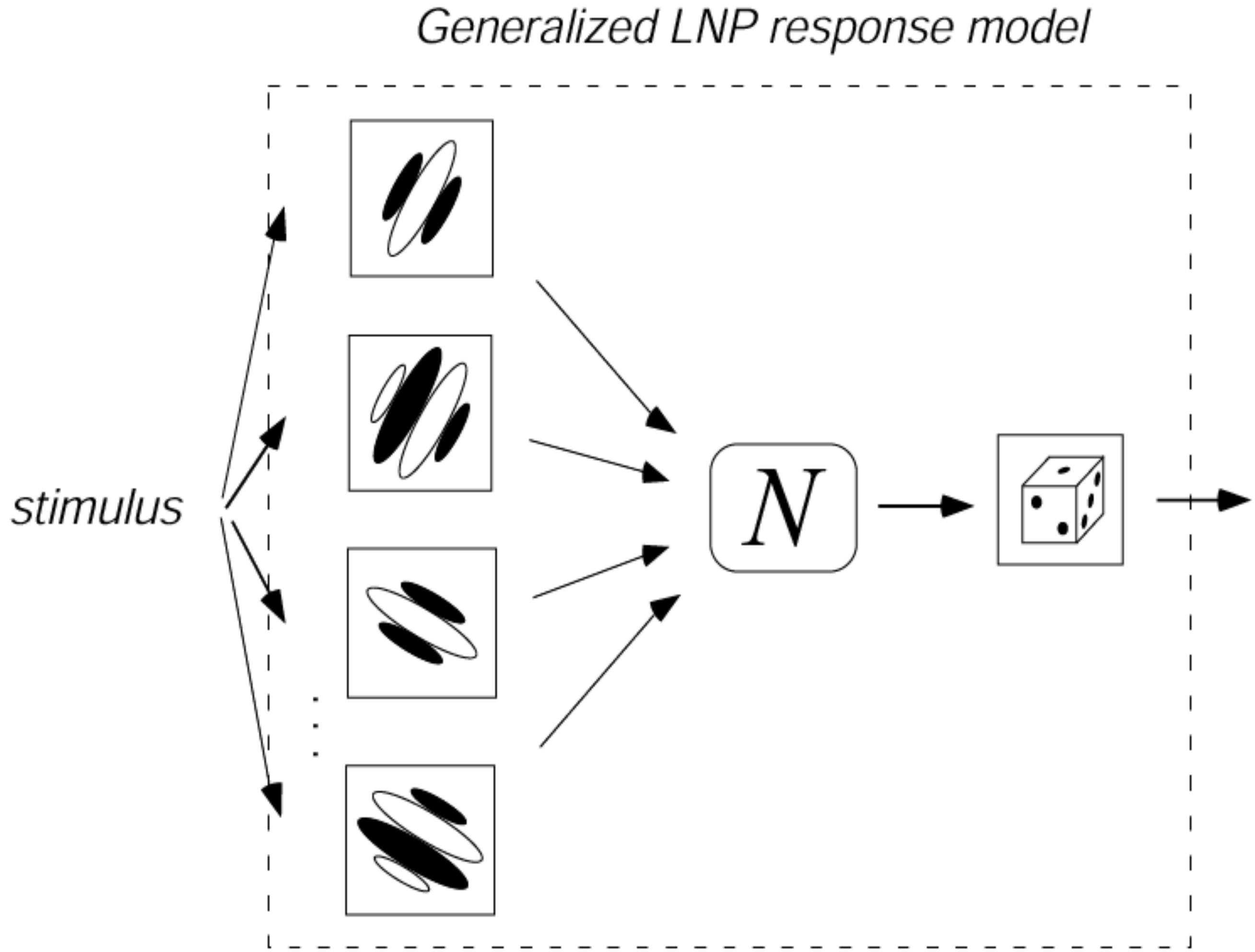

Methods paper on solving with Spike-triggered approaches:
Schwartz, Pillow, Rust, Simoncelli 2006

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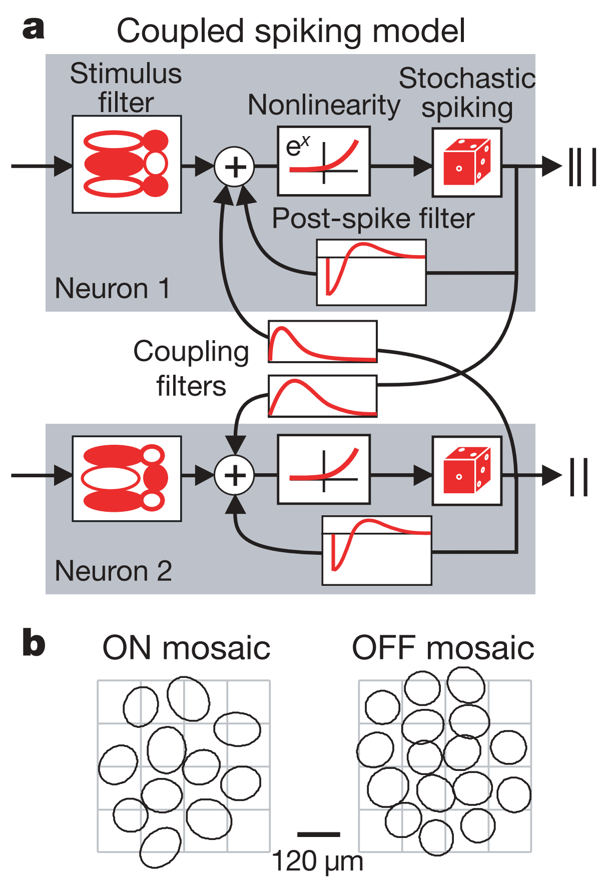

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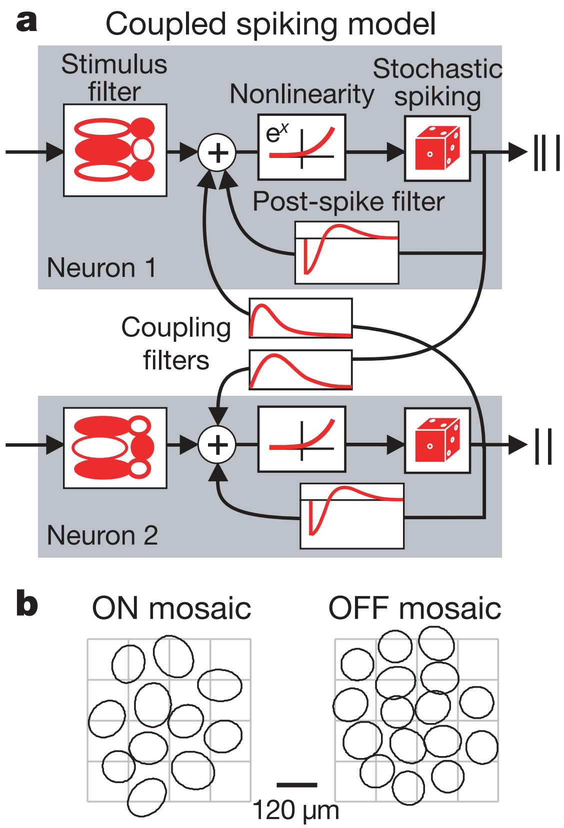

Stimulus filter: spatio-temporal light integration

Post-spiking filter: Voltage-activated currents (time course of recovery after a spike)

Coupling filters: Synaptic or electrical interactions between cells

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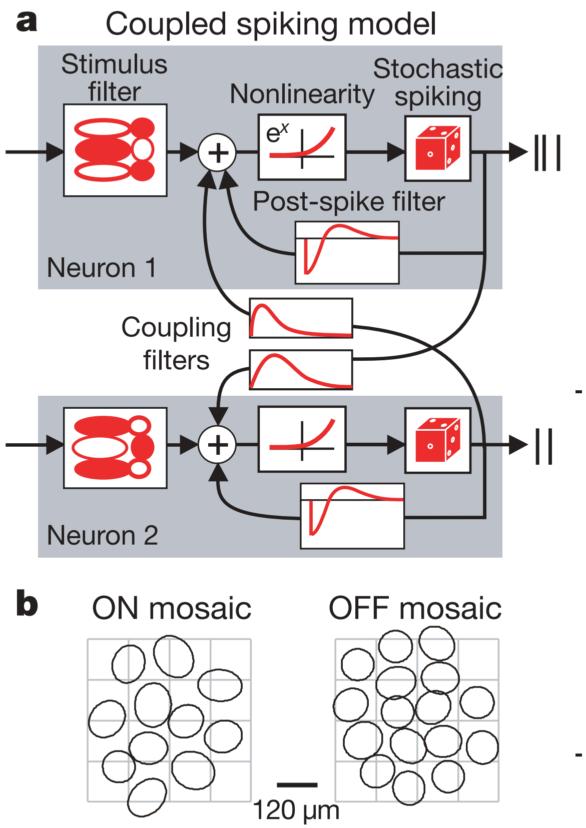

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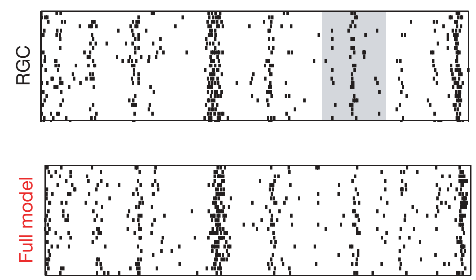

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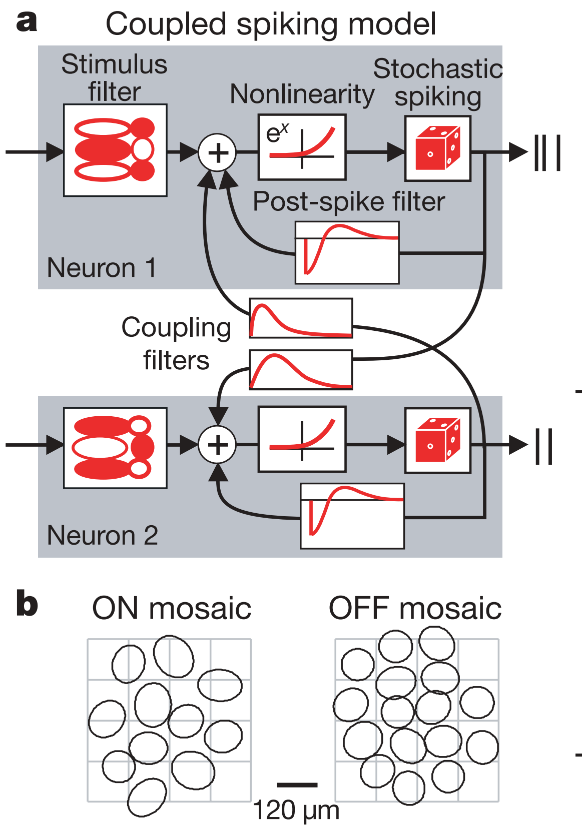

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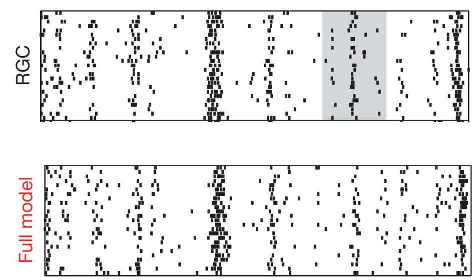
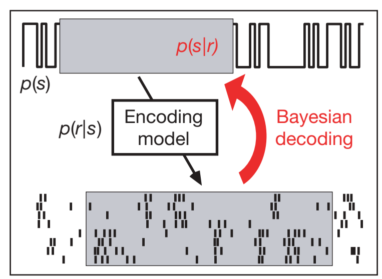


- Opposite direction: from spike train model, predict input stimuli



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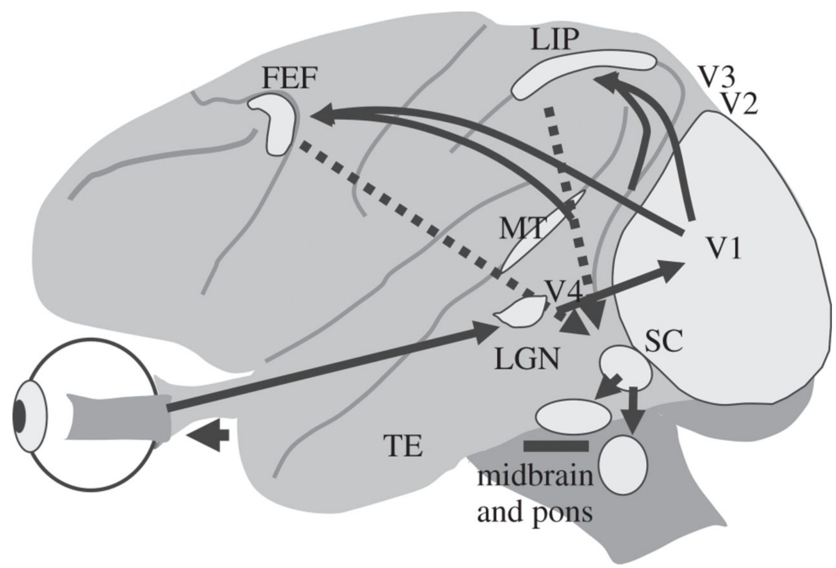
Beyond vision: LIP neurons



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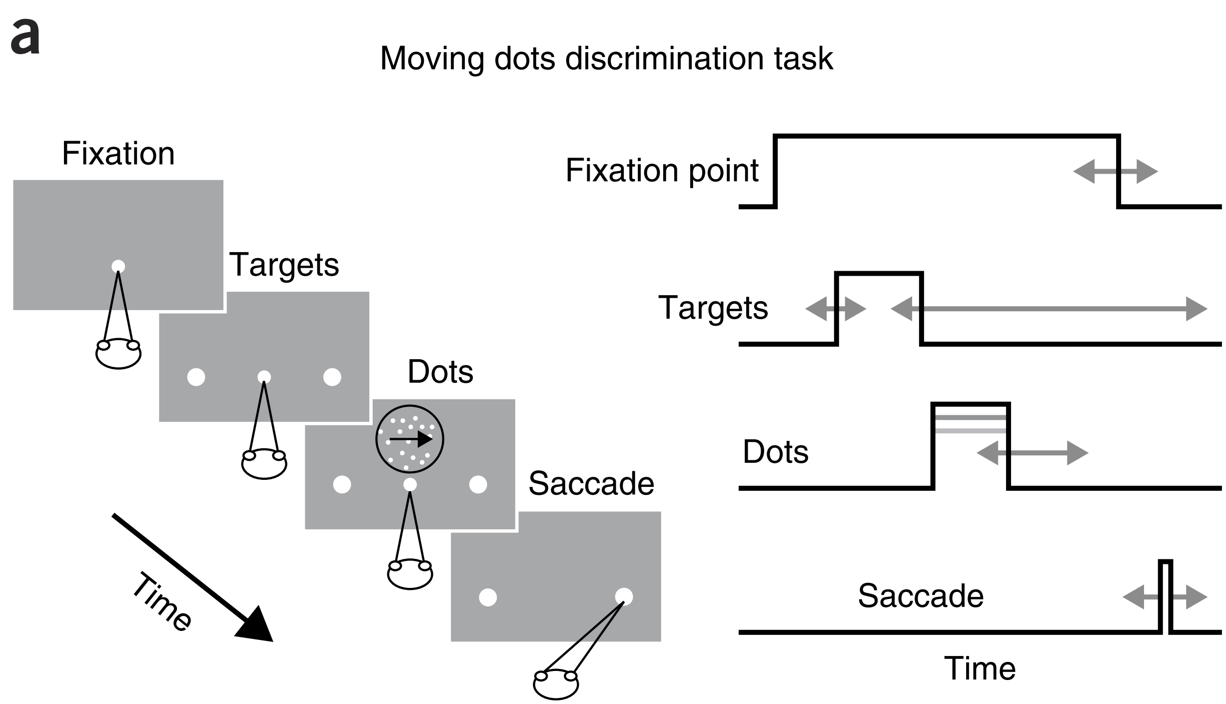
Encoding and decoding in parietal cortex during sensorimotor decision-making

Decision making



Task: move eyes in direction of target

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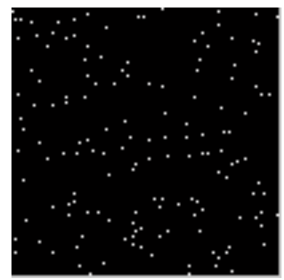
Decision making

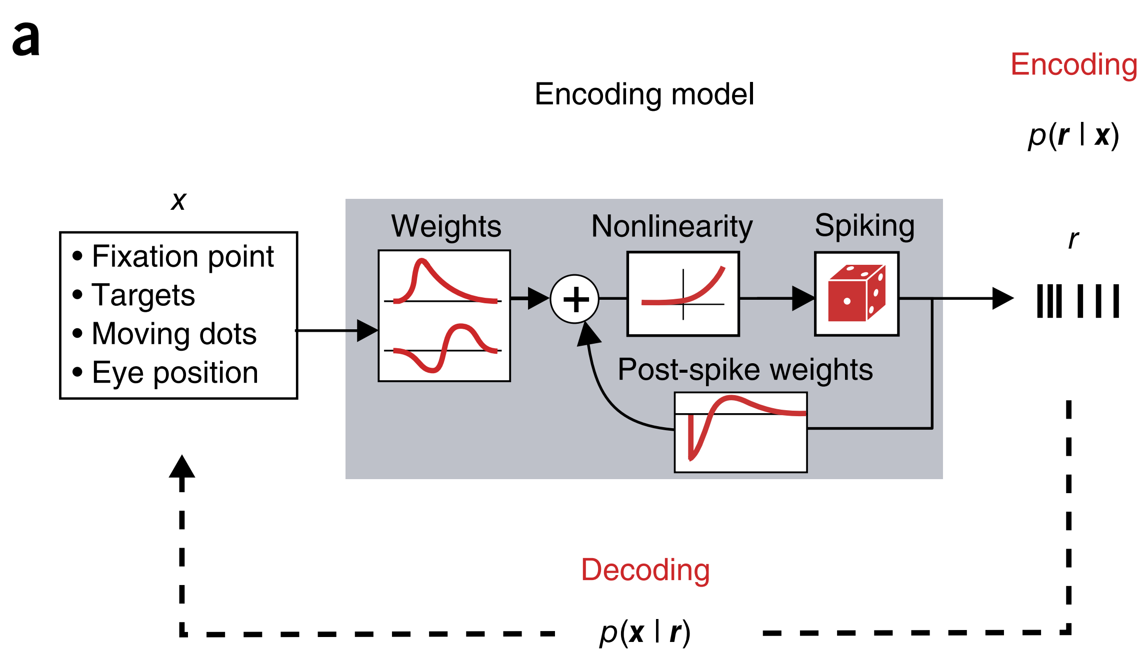
6.4% coherence

51.2% coherence



http://cns.bu.edu/~advait/RDMstimuli.html coherence

Decision making: LIP neurons



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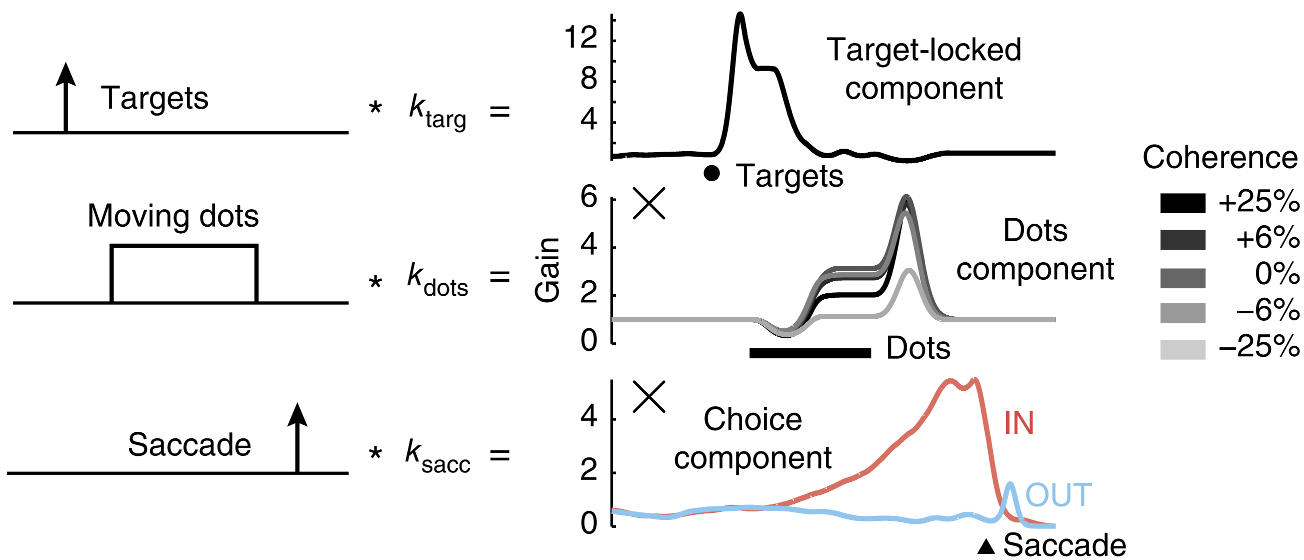

Filters related to three primary tasks: appearance of choice targets, moving dots, saccade

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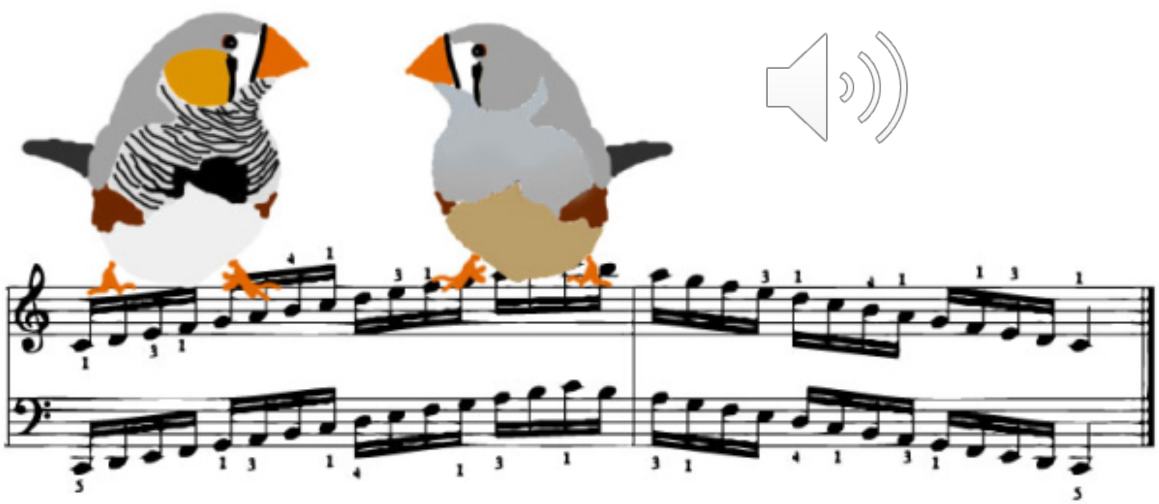
Another example system and coding

Ultra Sparse Song Bird System

Song before learning



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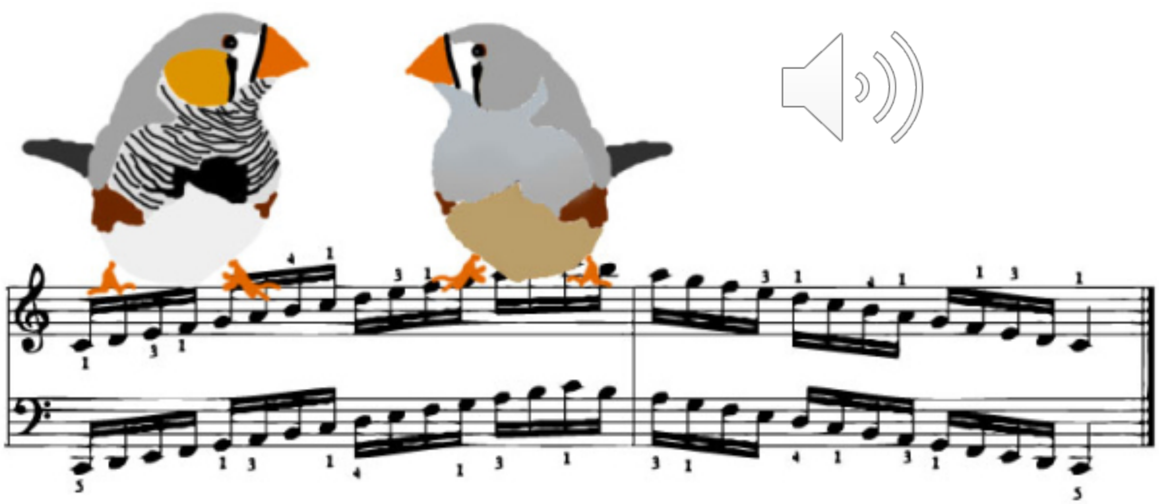

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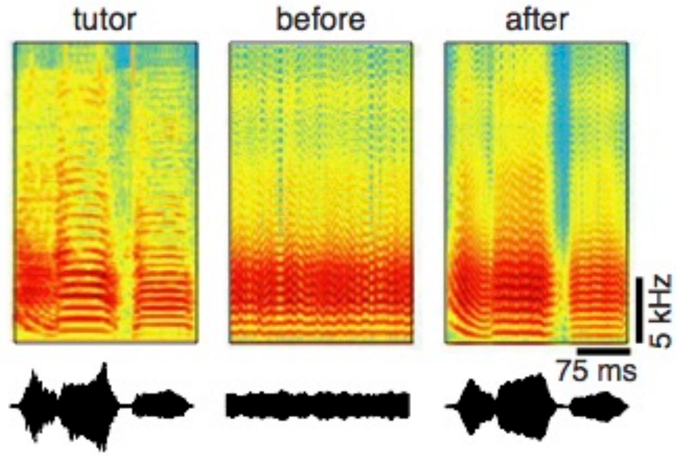

Fiete et al. 2009 review paper

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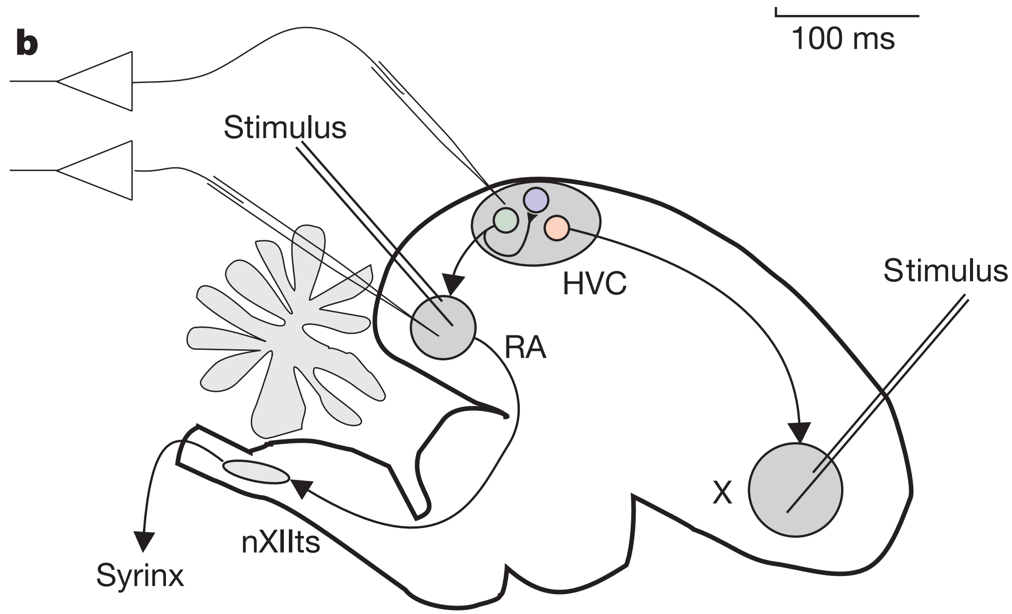

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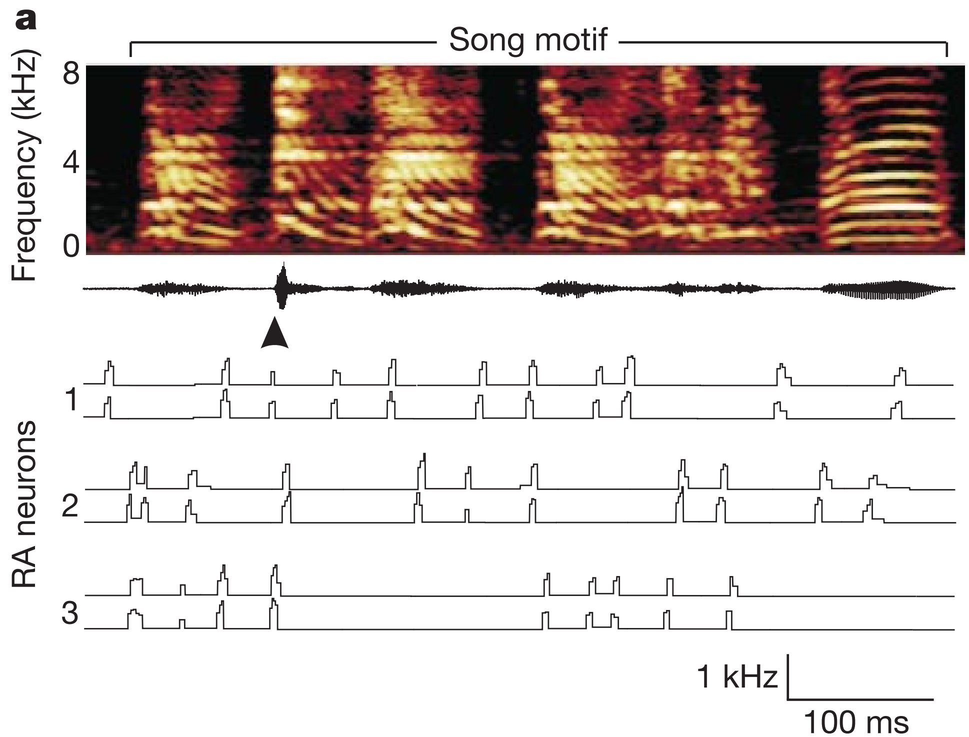
HVC neurons connect to RA neurons, which control muscles

Songbird



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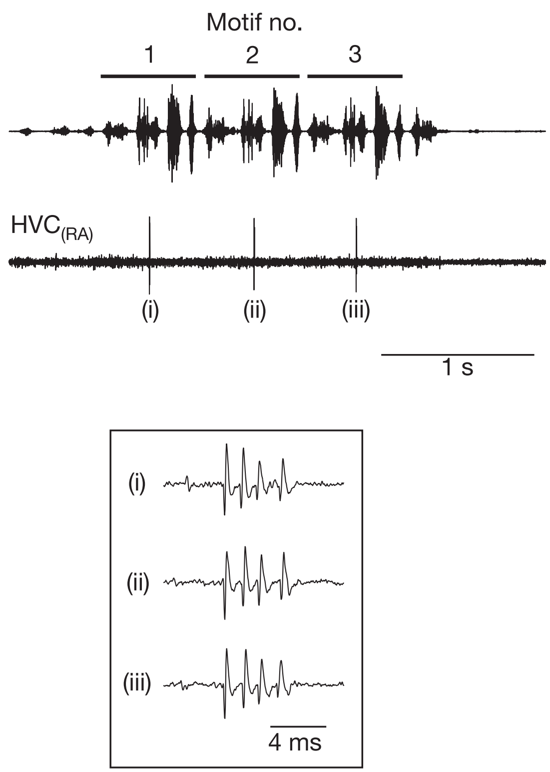
RA neurons fire at multiple times during a song

Songbird



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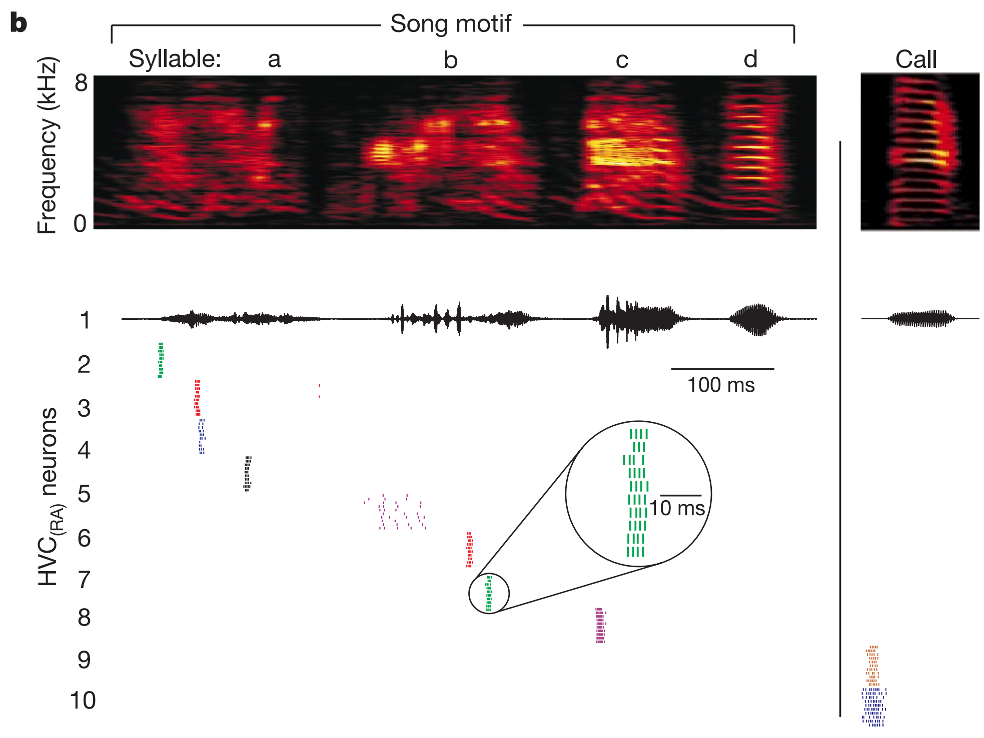

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We'll look at modeling work, and also introduce network modeling approaches…

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800 RA neurons

2 Output Neurons
(number of vocal
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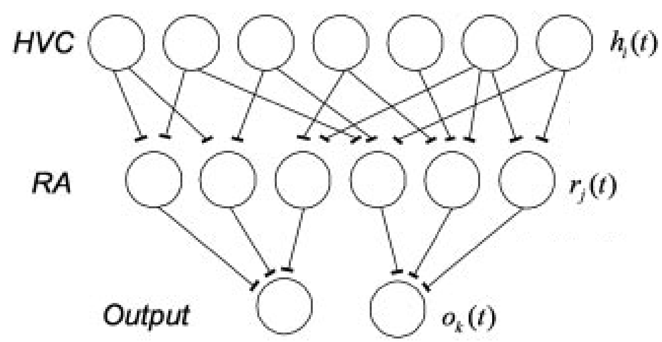
7 in real system)



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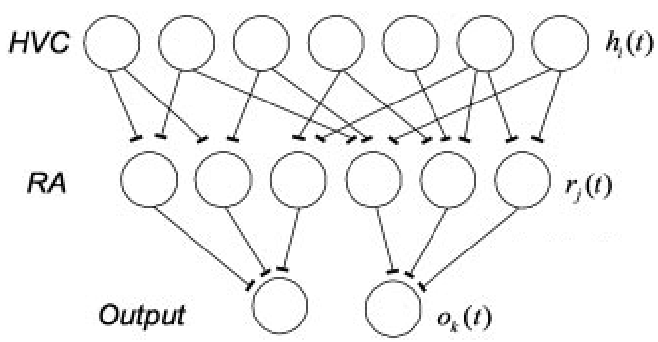

Input known

Hidden

Desired output known

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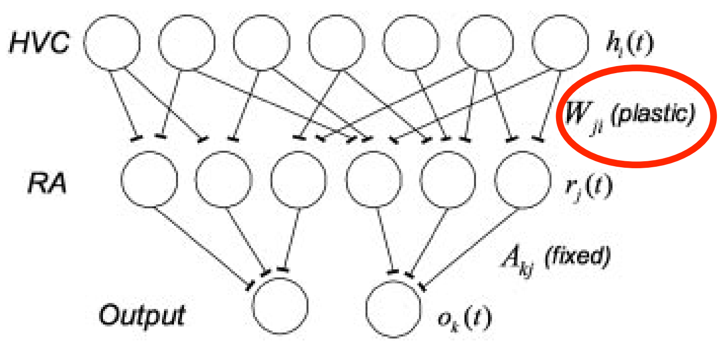

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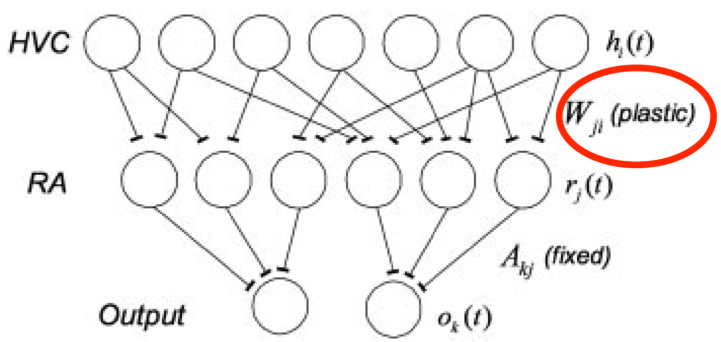

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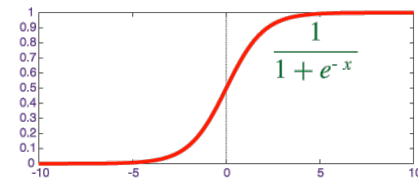

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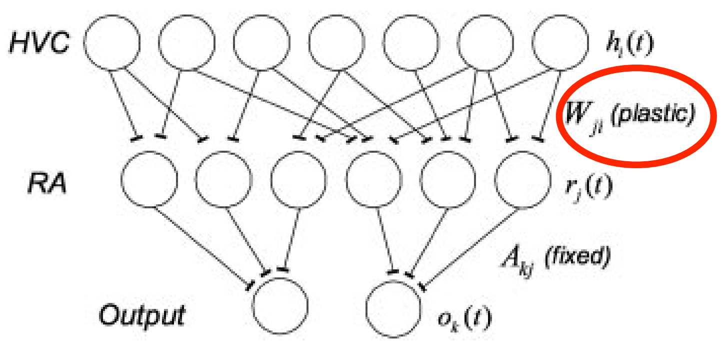

sigmoid

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Sigmoid curve

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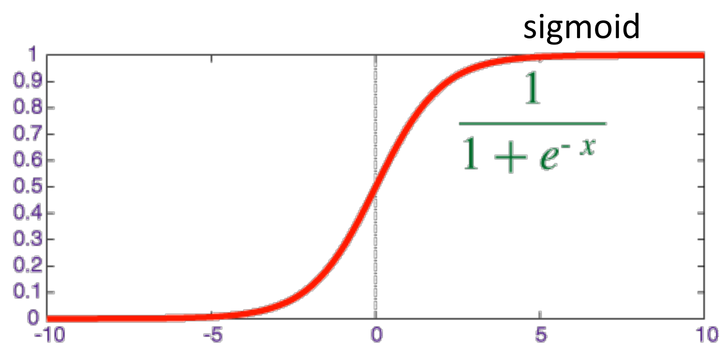

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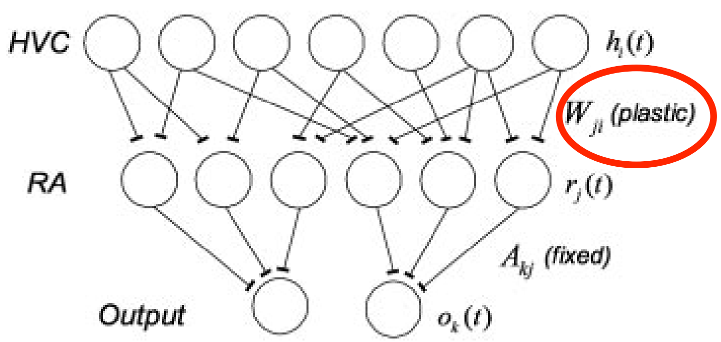

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Back Propagation: 1970s; Rumelhart, Williams, Hinton, Nature, 1986; and prominent again today in deep networks

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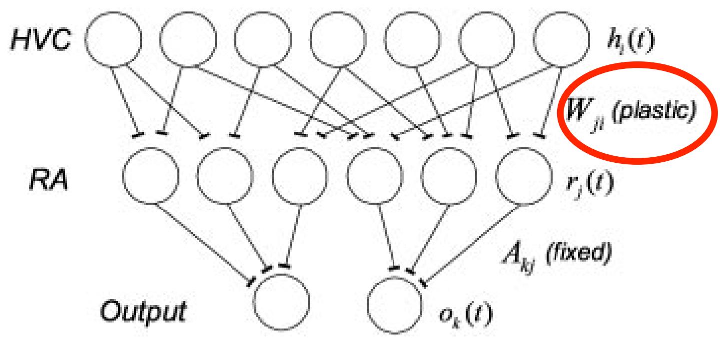

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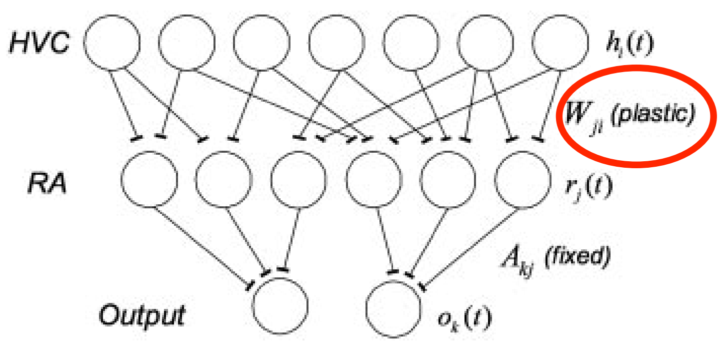

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Back propagation:

- Compare current outputs with correct desired answer to get error
- Update weights by small step down gradient

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Back propagation

Error:

$$C = \int_0^T dt \sum_{k=1}^{N_o} [\mathrm{d}_k(t) - o_k(t)]^2$$

Back Propagation Gradient descent:

$$\Delta W_{ji} = -\eta \frac{\partial C}{\partial W_{ji}} = \eta \int_0^T \mathrm{d}t \sum_{k=1}^{N_o} 2[\mathrm{d}_k(t) - o_k(t)] A_{kj} f_j' h_i$$

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Do sparse HVC responses help learning??

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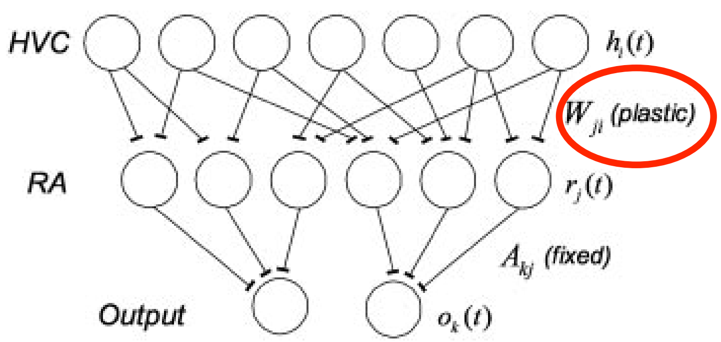

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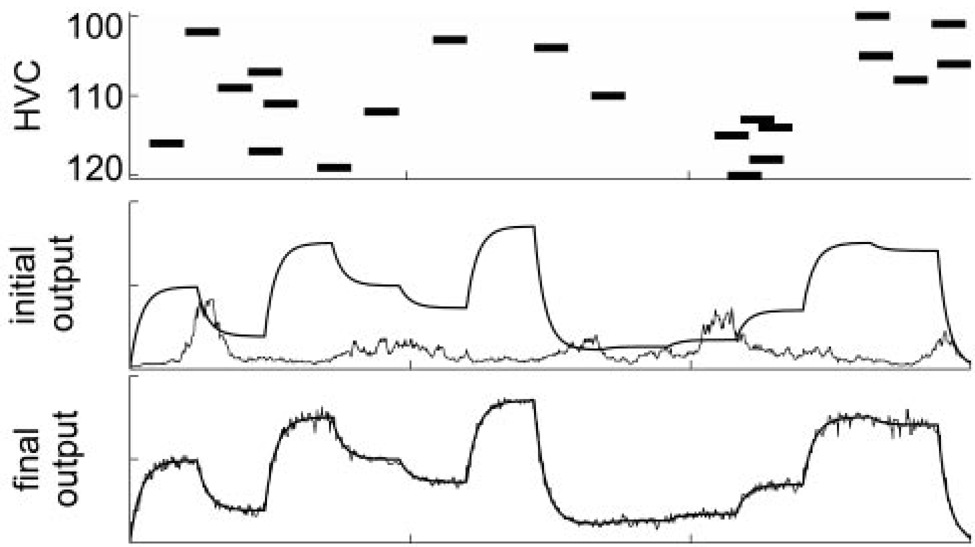

20 HVC neurons each bursting once

Initial versus desired

HVC units, initial network output and final network output matching desired output

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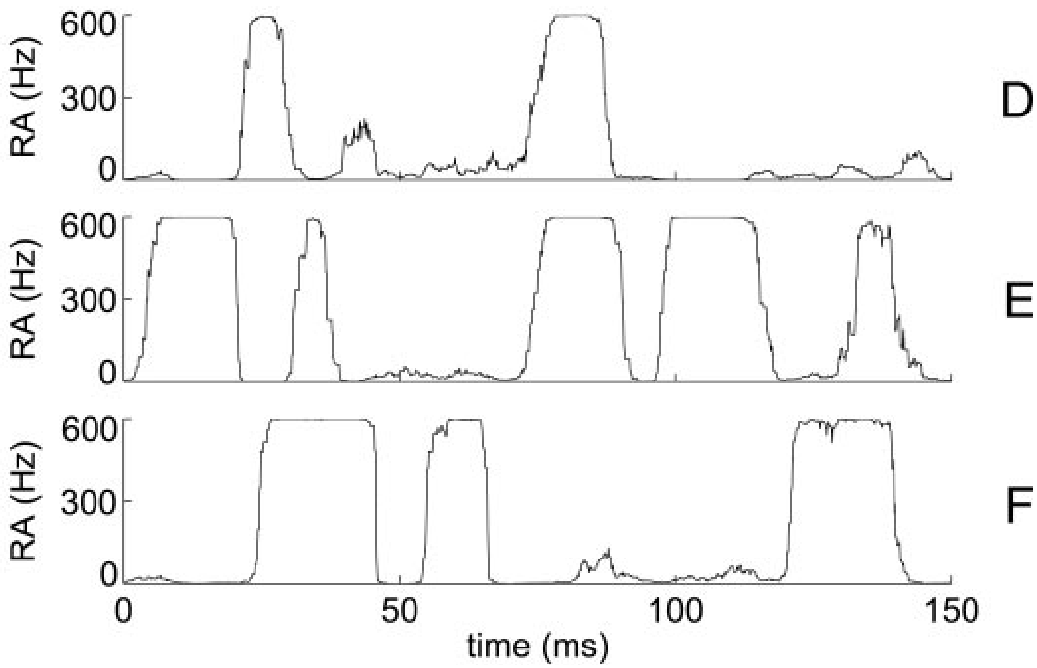

3 RA units after learning

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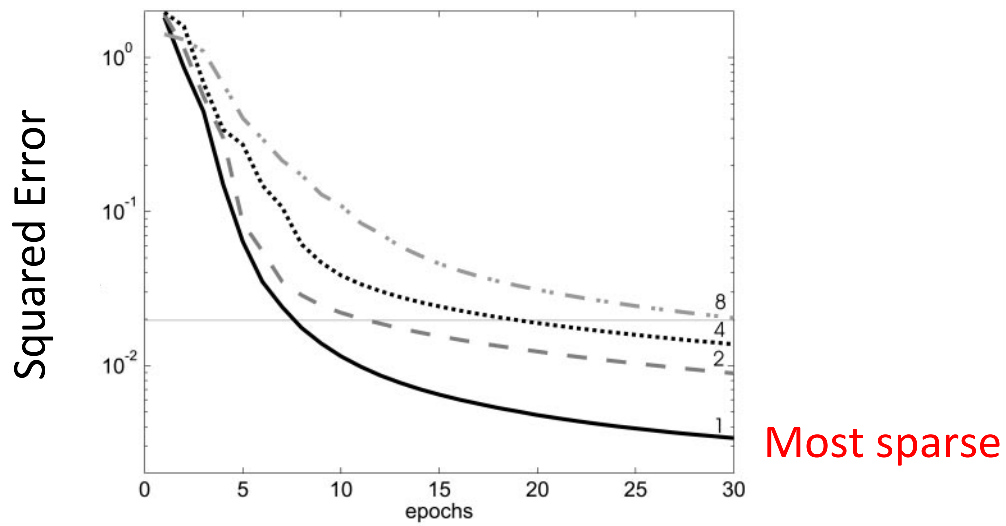

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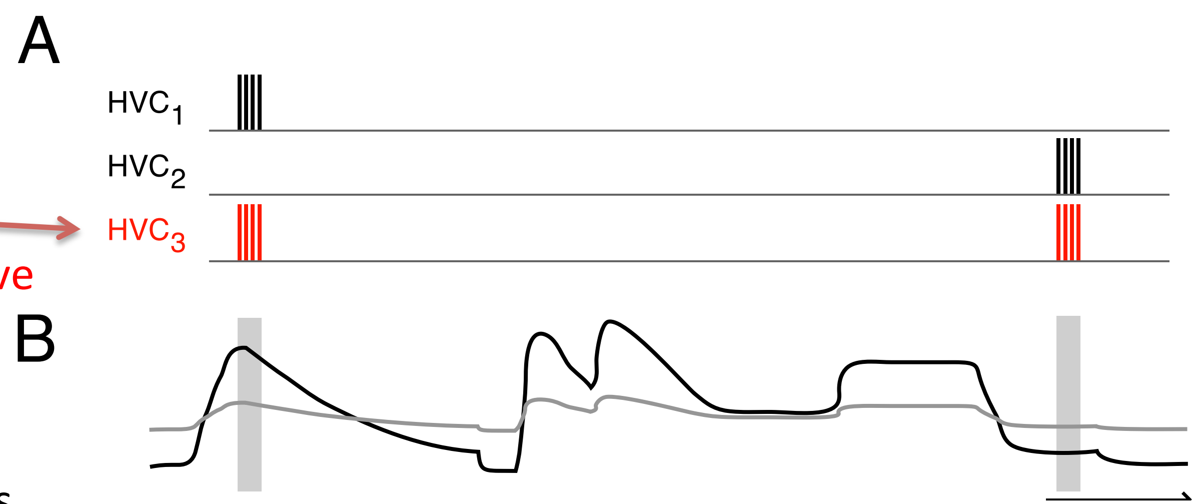
Mixed
(neuron active
twice)



Tutor versus
pupil outputs

Fiete et al. 2009, review

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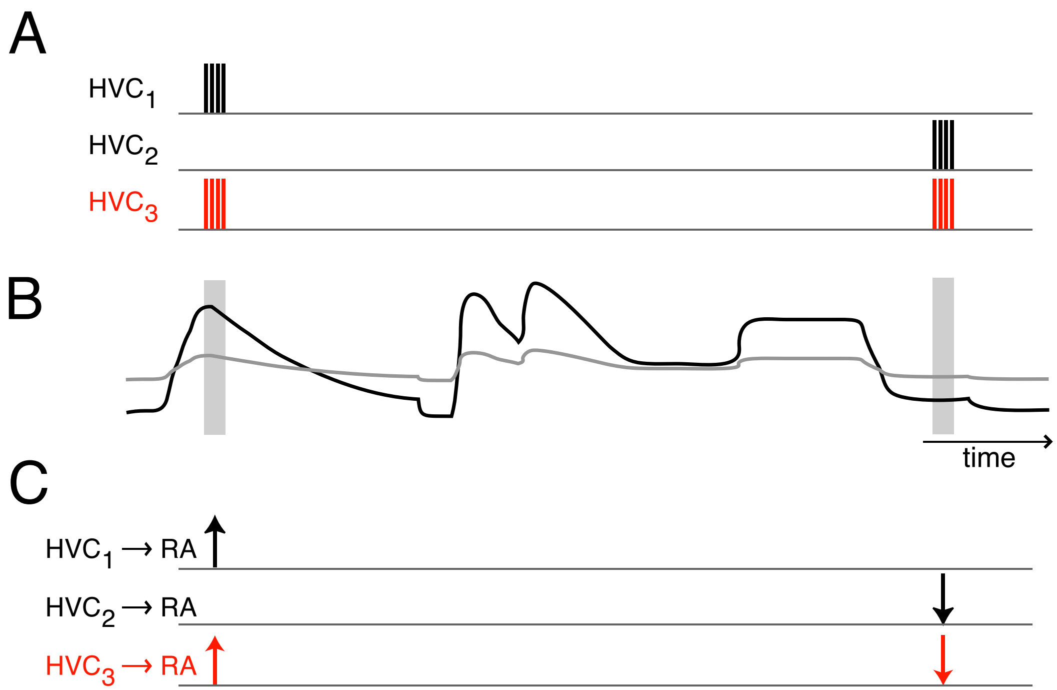

Synapse should be strengthened and weakened -> Conflicting demands causes slowdown of learning

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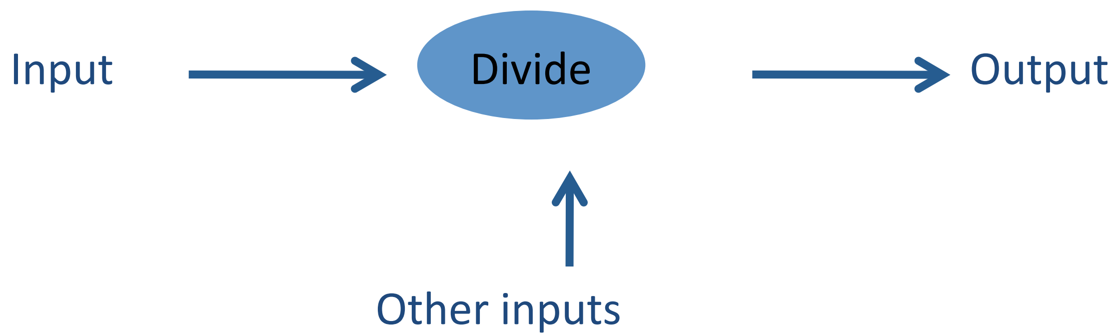
Canonical computations in the brain??

Divisive normalization model



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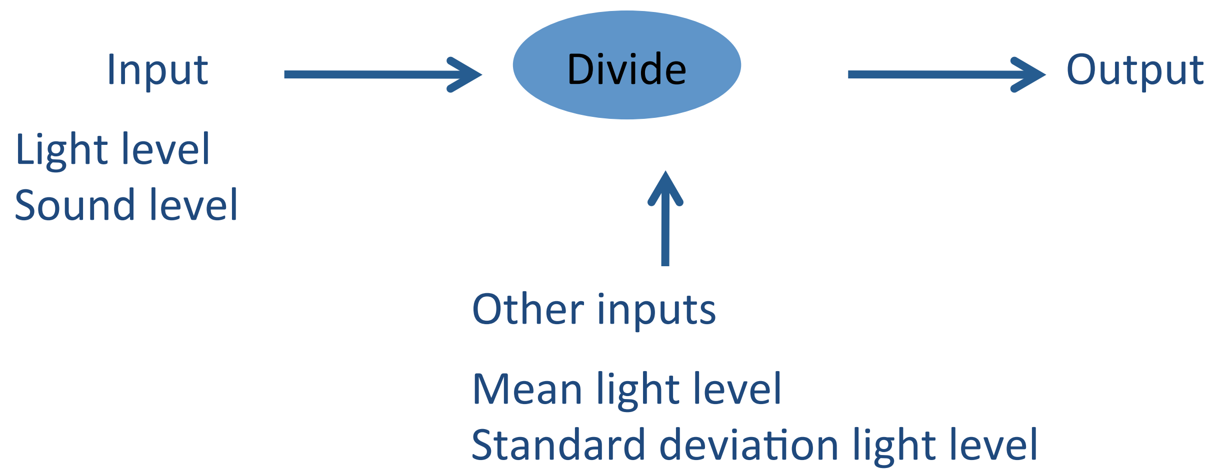

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Simple version of descriptive model:

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K corresponds to illumination, contrast,

sound intensity, etc.

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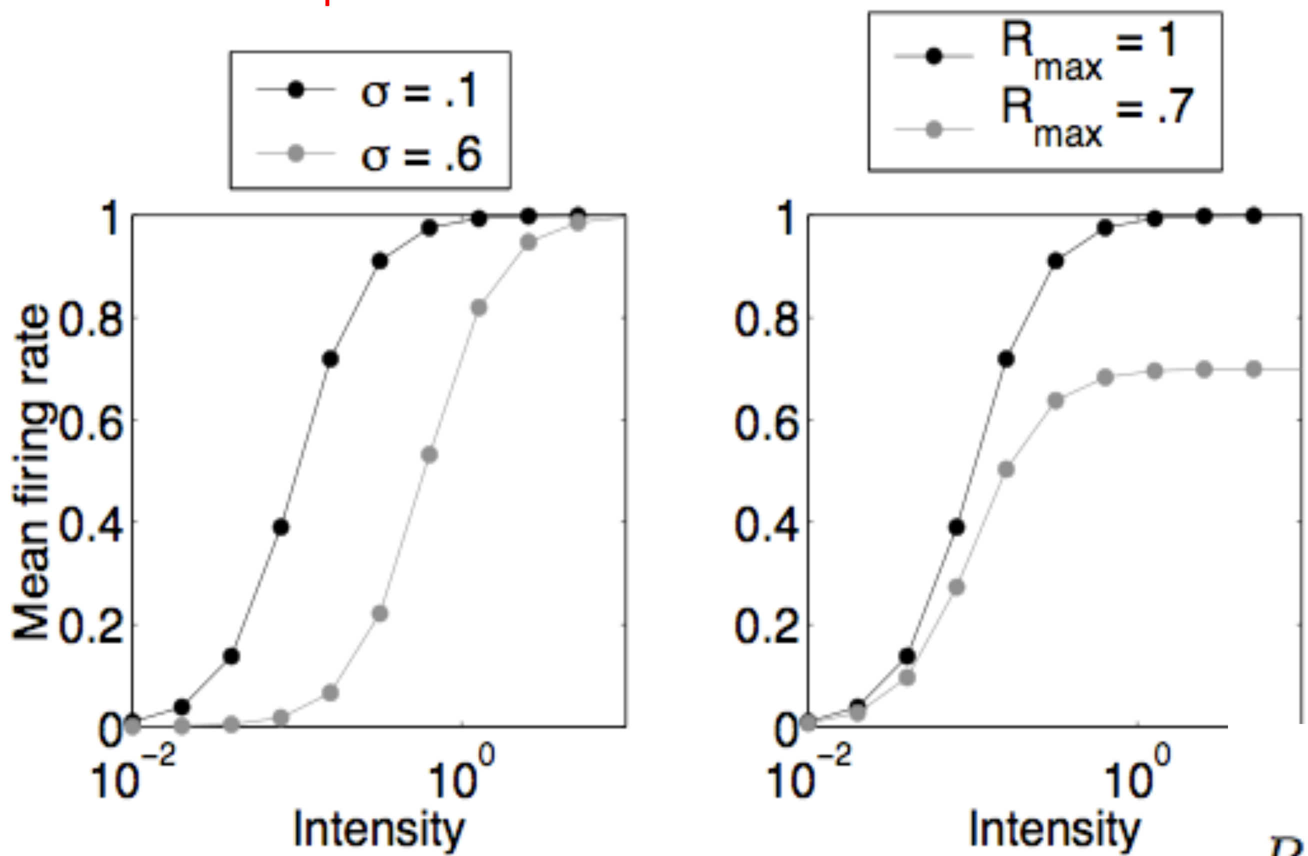

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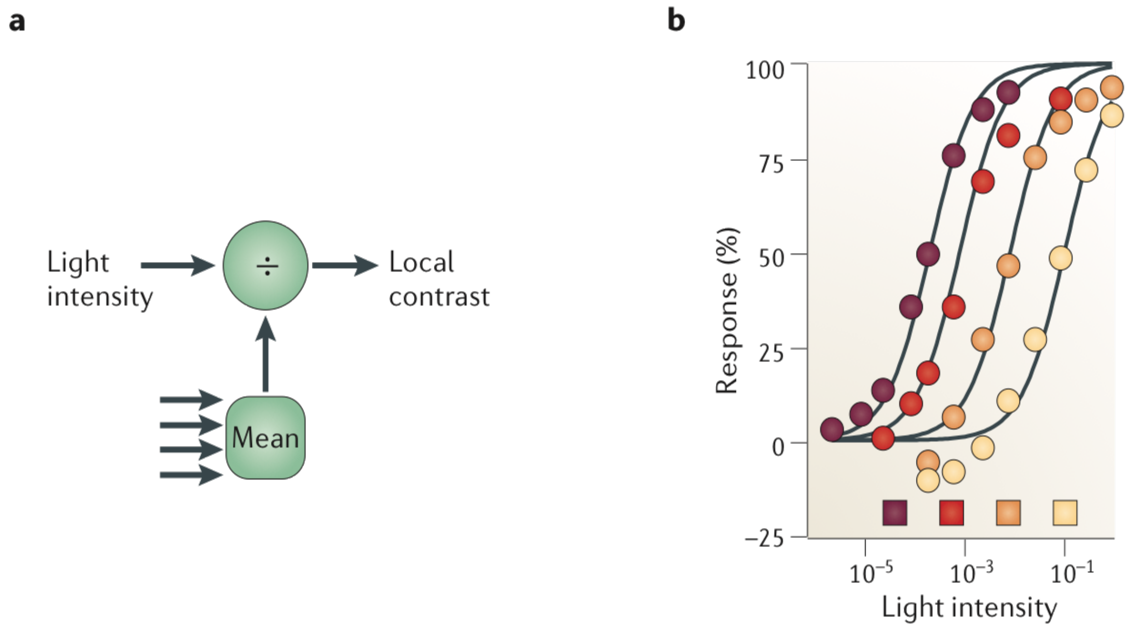
Figure 1.3. Behavior of Naka-Rushton equation. Left, The Naka-Rushton equ tion for a constant $R_{max} = 1$ and variable σ. Note that higher values of σ shift the response curve to the right on a log axis. Right, The Naka-Rushton equation for a constant $\sigma = .1$ and variable R_{max}. Note that lower vales of R_{max} reduce the saturation level of the response curve.

Example: light adaptation



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Light adaptation to mean intensity in the retina
(in figure: turtle cone photoreceptor)
Carandini and Heeger, Nature Review Neuroscience, 2012

Example: primary visual cortex

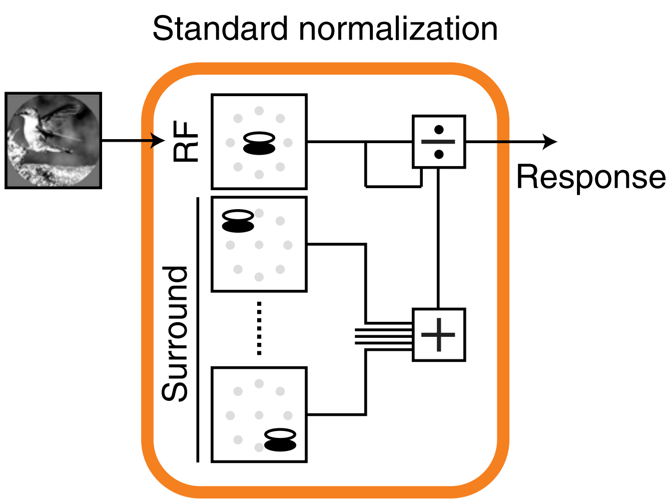
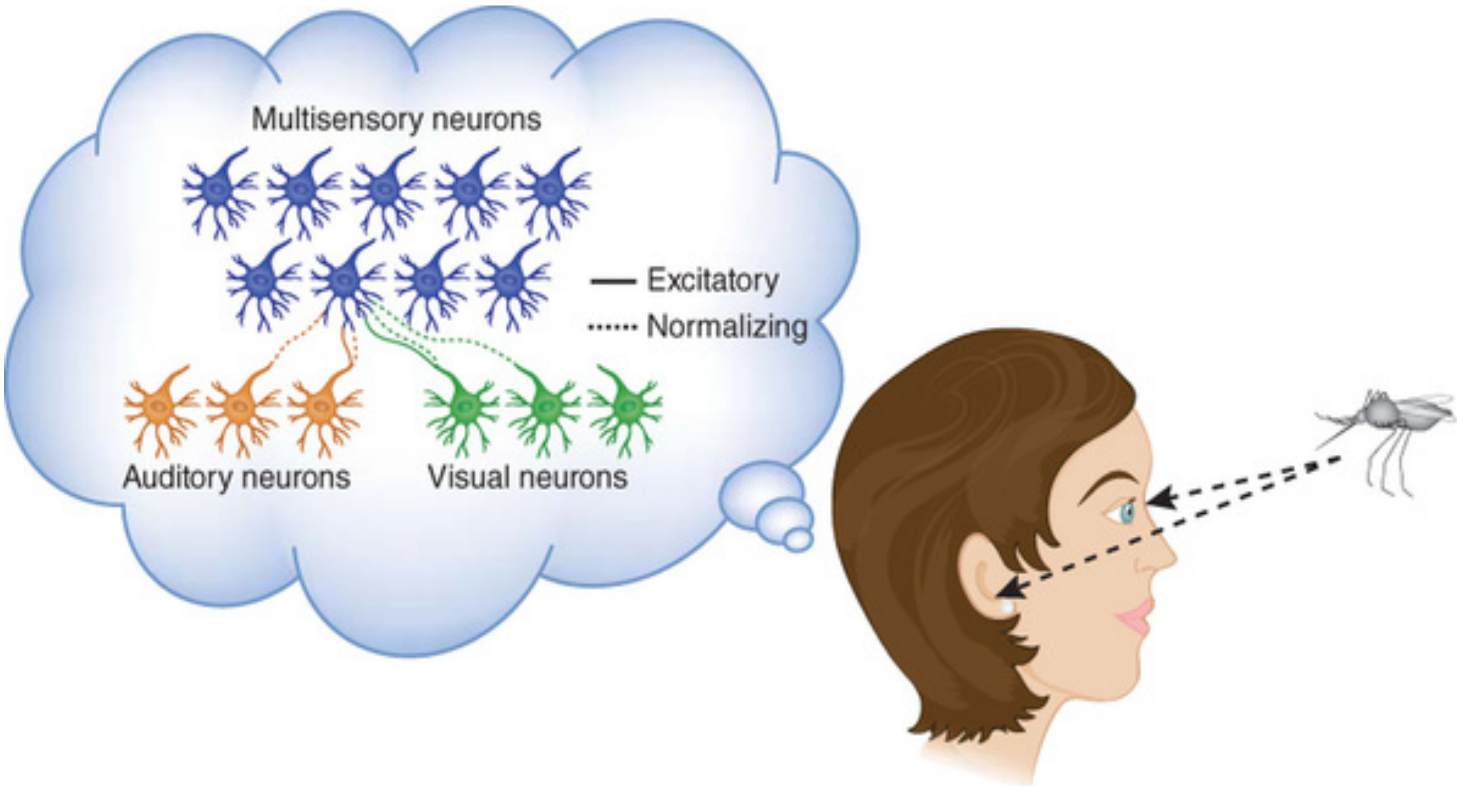


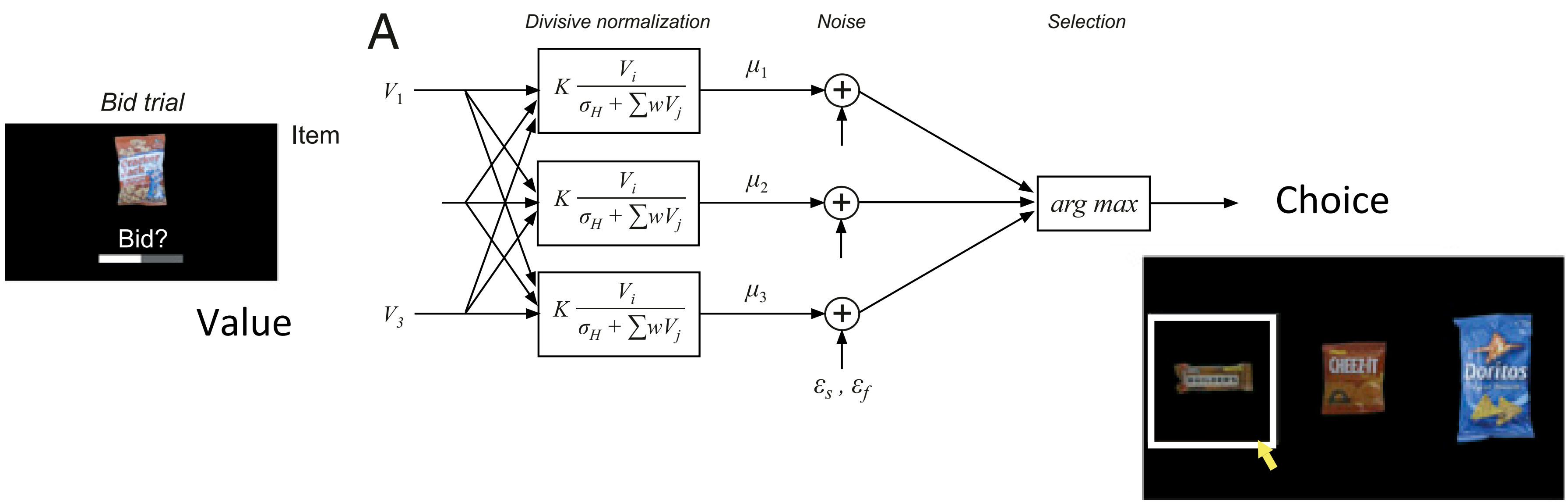
Figure from:
Cagli, Kohn, Schwartz, Nature Neuroscience 2015

Example: multisensory integration



Multisensory integration (eg, can explain change in neural responses with cue reliability)
Ohshiro, Angelaki, DeAngelis, Nature Neuroscience 2011
Figure from Churchland News and Views.

Example: decision making



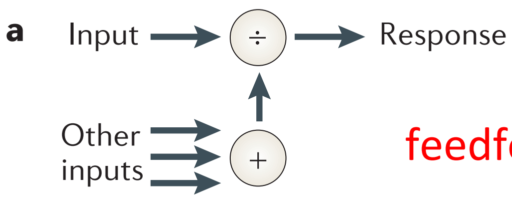
"Context-dependent choice behavior is of particular interest in economics because it violates one of the fundamental assumptions of many rational-choice theories, namely, that decisions reflect absolute valuations assigned to individual options" .. Distractors can reduce or even reverse choice"

Louie, Khaw and Glimcher, PNAS 2013: Normalization is a general neural mechanism for context-dependent decision making

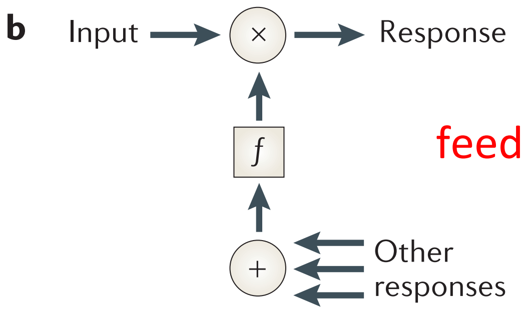
Alterations in Divisive Normalization?

- Rosenberg, Patterson, Angelaki, PNAS 2015: A computational perspective on autism
- Tibber MS, et al. (2013) Visual surround suppression in schizophrenia. Front Psychol 4:88.
- Betts LR, Taylor CP, Sekuler AB, Bennett PJ (2005) Aging reduces center-surround antagonism in visual motion processing. Neuron 45(3):361–366

Mechanism of divisive normalization model



feedforward



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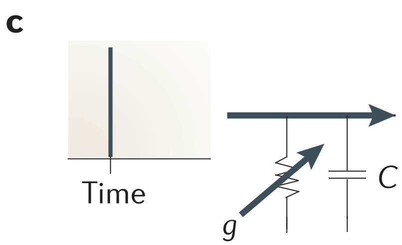

Resistor-capacitor
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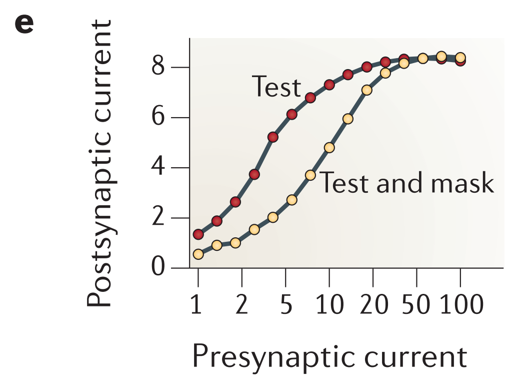

Synaptic depression

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