

# Architecture and models of the brain eye saccadic movement circuitry

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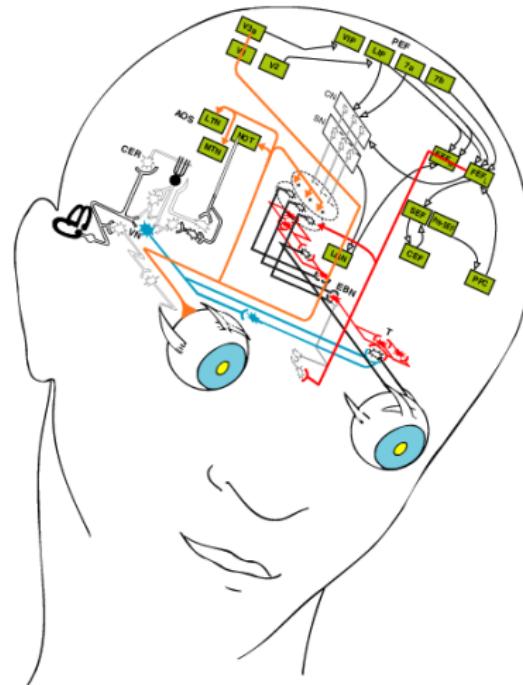
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# Oculomotor Movements

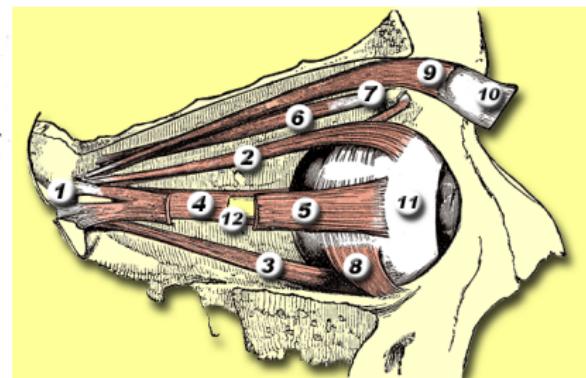
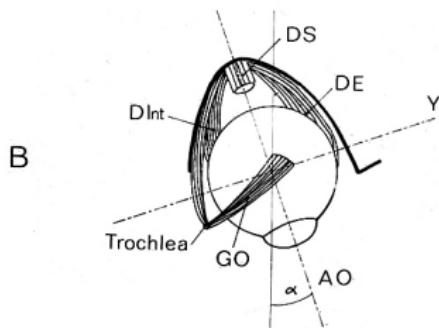
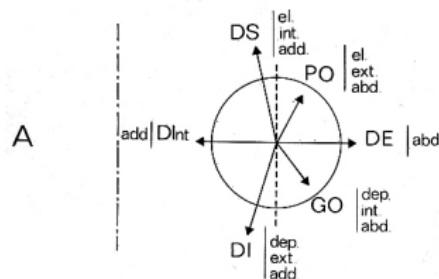


Numerous circuits, at all the levels of the CNS.

Repertoire of movements / repertoire of (relatively) distinct systems :

- Stabilization :
  - Vestibulo-ocular reflex (VOR),
  - Opto-kinetic reflex/nystagmus (OKN).
- Fovea-specific :
  - Saccades,
  - Smooth pursuit.
- Vergence.

# Extra-ocular muscles organization



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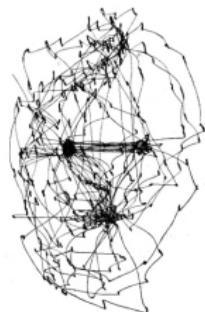
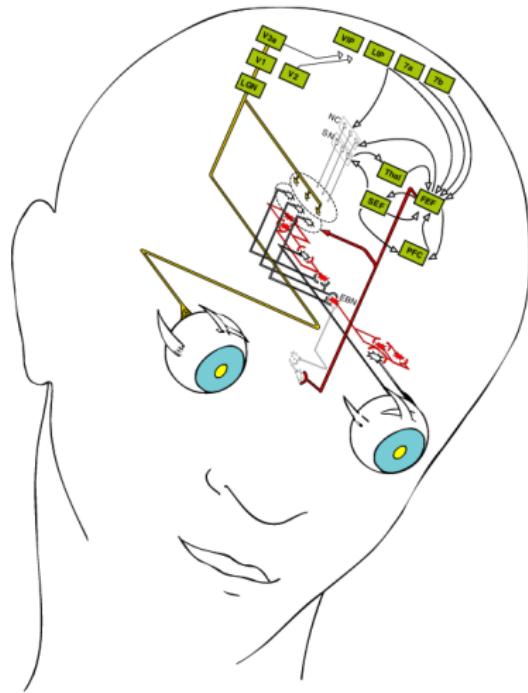
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# Saccades



(Yarbus, 1967)

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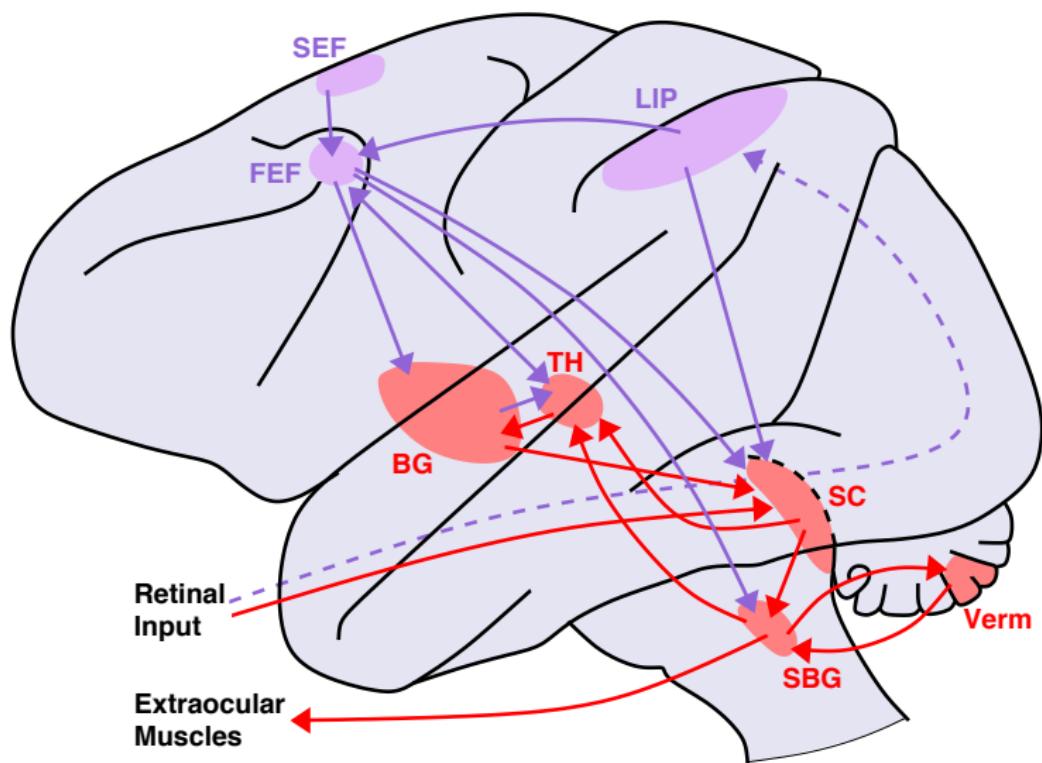
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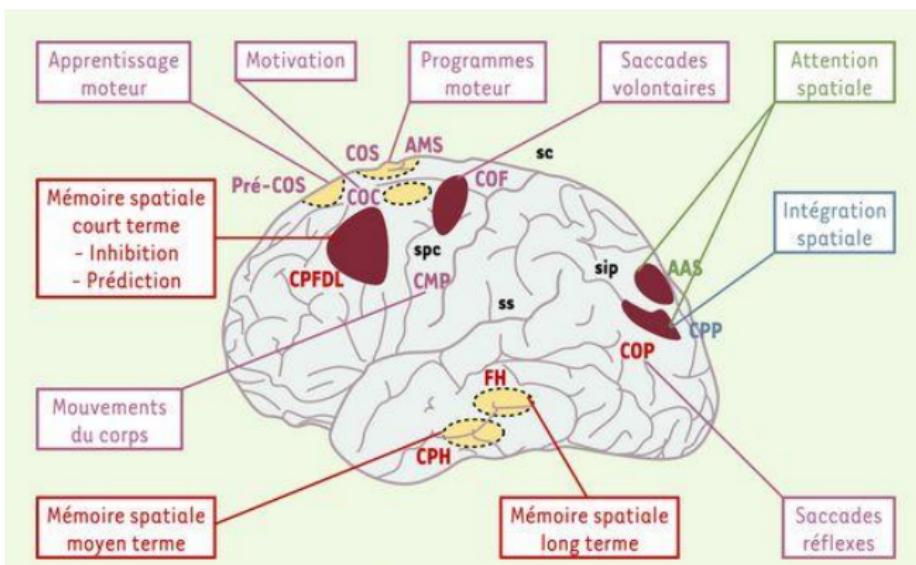
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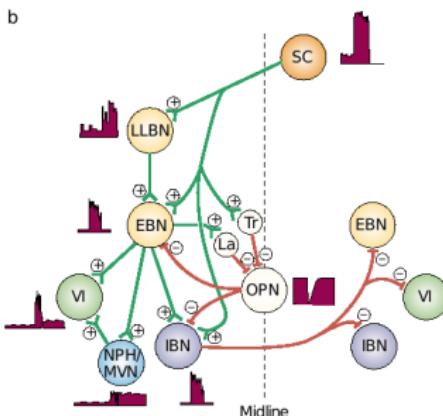
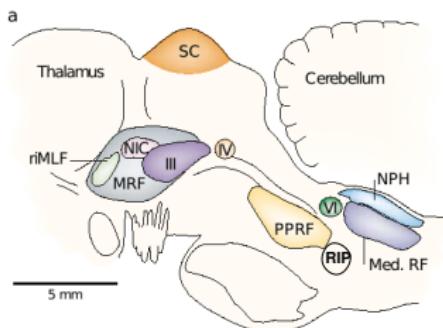
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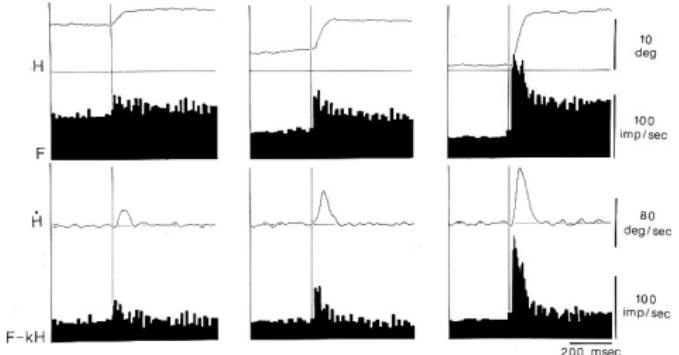
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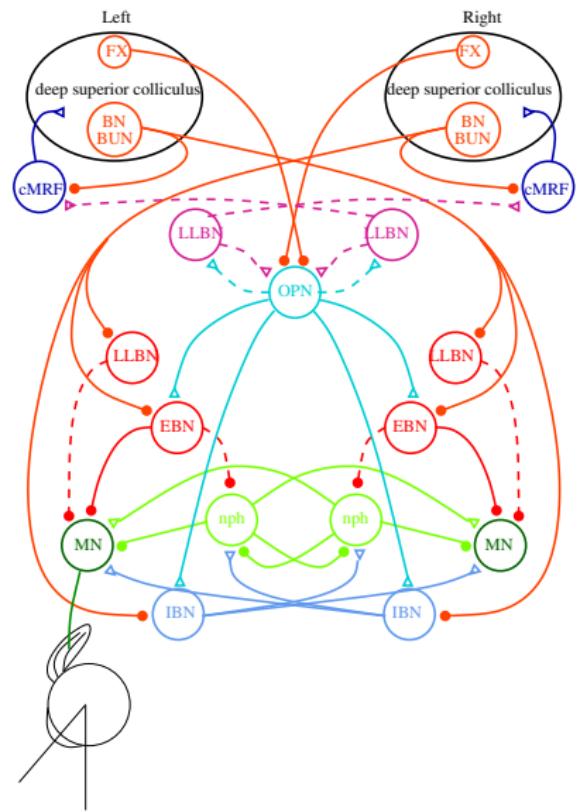
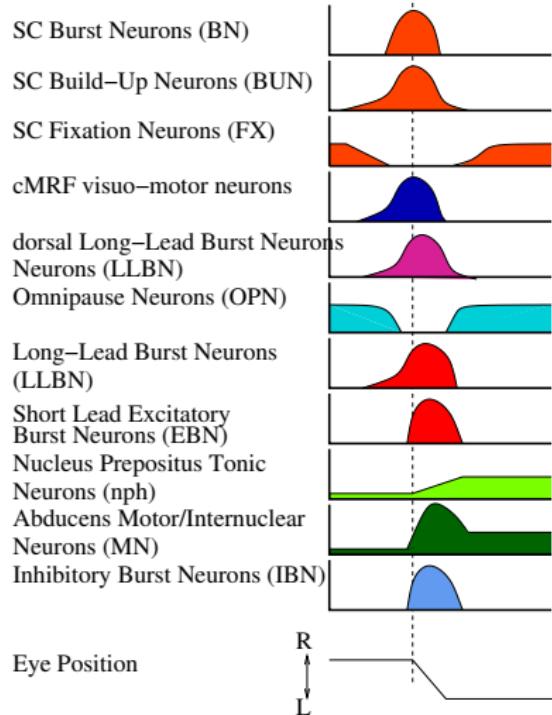


- MN : oculomotor (III), trochlear (IV) and abducens (VI) nuclei
- EBN , IBN :
  - H : paramedian pontine reticular formation (PPRF), medullar reticular formation (Med. RF)
  - V : Rostral interstitial nucleus of medial longitudinal fasciculus (riMLF), nucleus of the posterior commissure (nPC)
- TN :
  - H : nucleus prepositus hypoglossi (NPH), medial vestibular nucleus (MVN),
  - V : nucleus interstitial of Cajal (NIC)
- OPN : nucleus raphe interpositus (nRIP)



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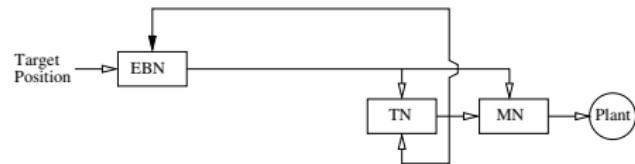
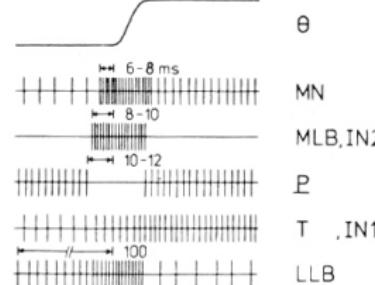
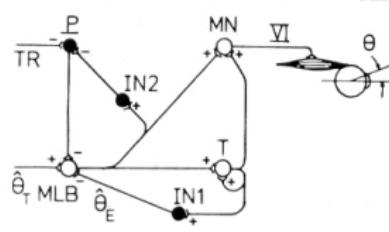
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# (Robinson, 1975)

Feedback control of the saccade (as perturbed saccades have correct metrics).

Fig 1. Robinson's gated bang-bang saccadic control system

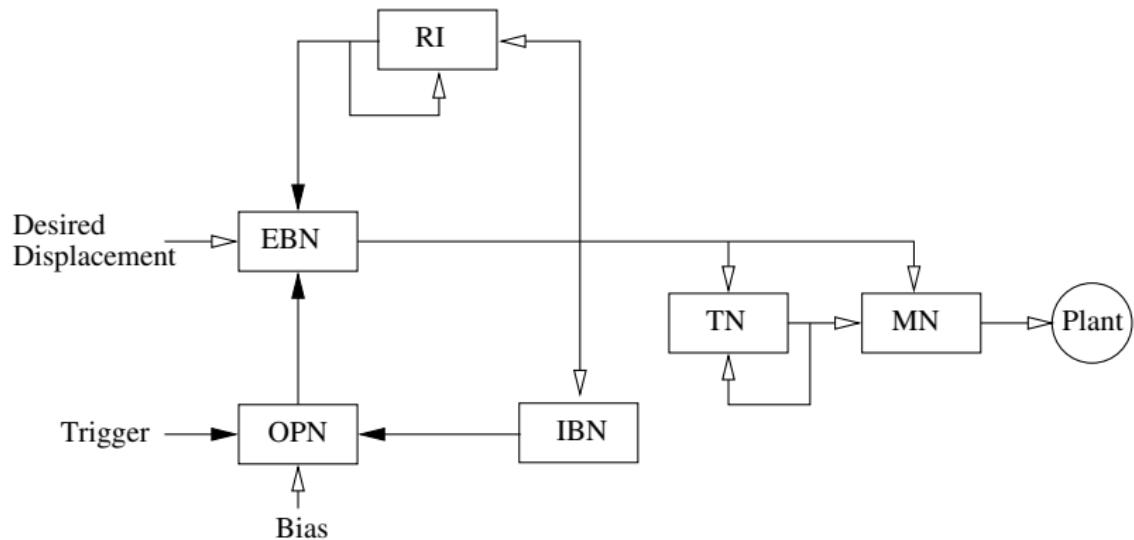


Problems :

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- Oblique saccades.

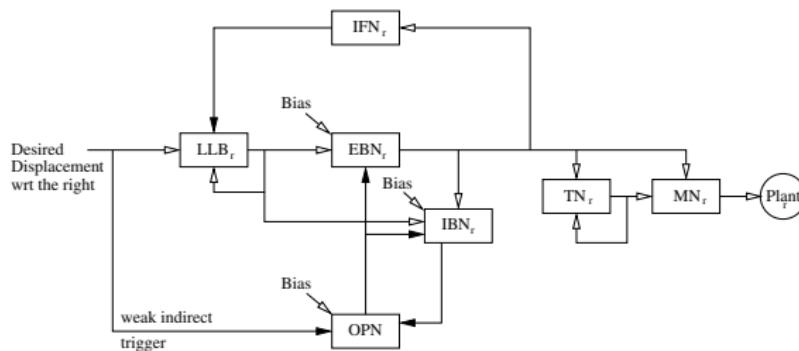
# (Jürgens et al., 1981)

Retino-centric coordinates : resettable integrator



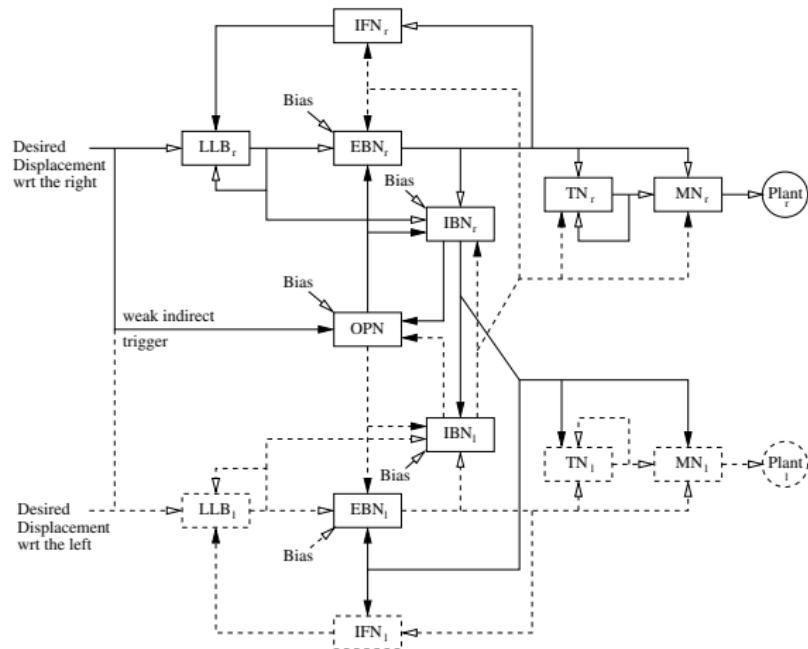
Where is the RI ?

# (Scudder, 1988)



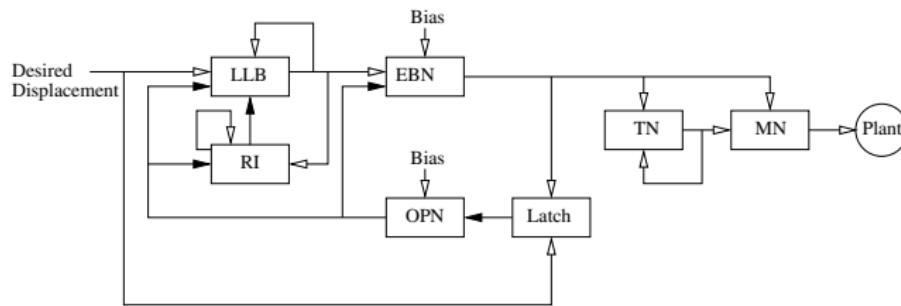
- Changed order of operations (integration in LLB and subtraction)
- RI changed in IFN
- Resumed saccades after OPN stimulation
- Straight oblique saccades
- Pb with staircase saccades

# (Scudder, 1988)



- Antagonist control

# (Moschovakis, 1994)



- Upward generator : RI !
- Reset specified (OPN),
- Keeps Scudder's model good properties.

# What if the feedback was somewhere else ?

- Where are the RI? Are there RI?
- The SC could be part of the feedback mechanism (we'll discuss that soon).
- The Cerebellum could play a role in the feedback control of saccades! (Lefèvre et al., 1998)

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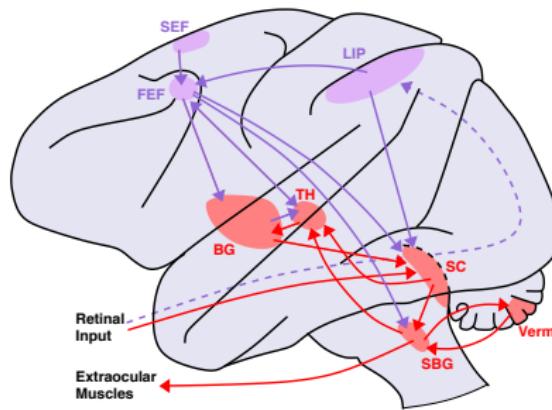
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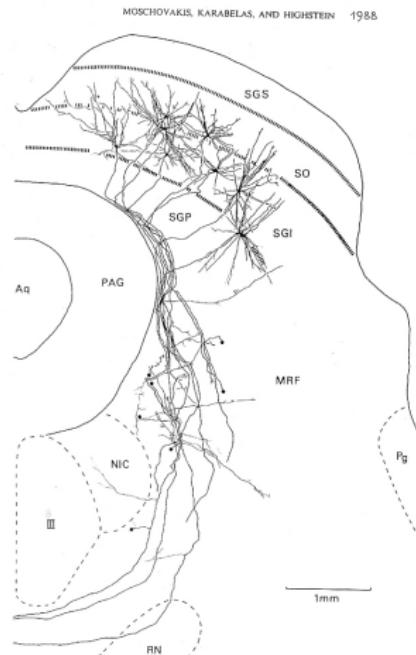
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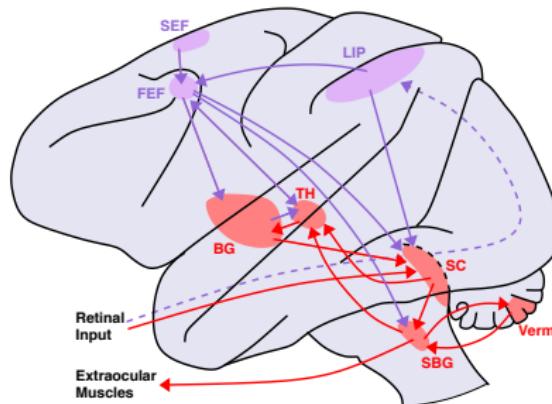
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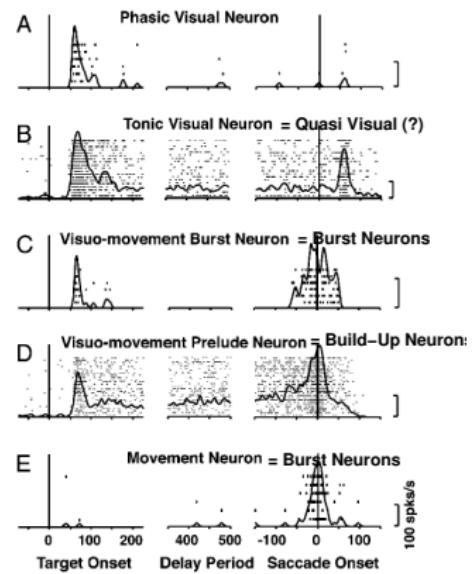
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- Visu-motor neurons (VMB/VMP)
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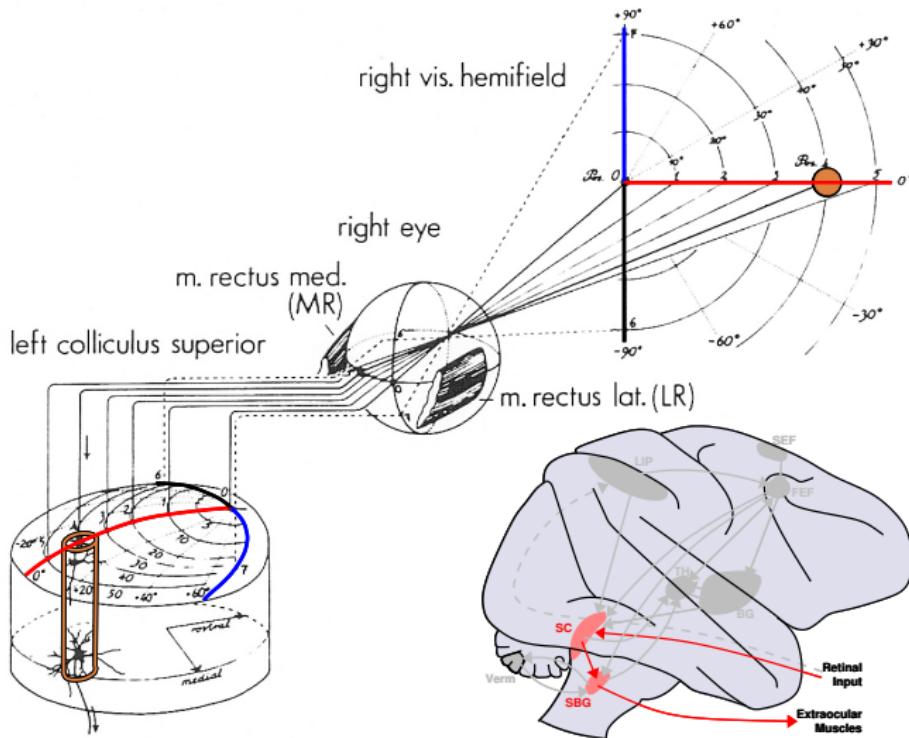
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F : Arm Movement Neurons (Werner, 1993)

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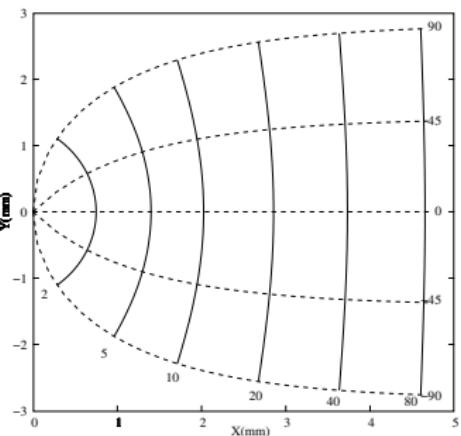
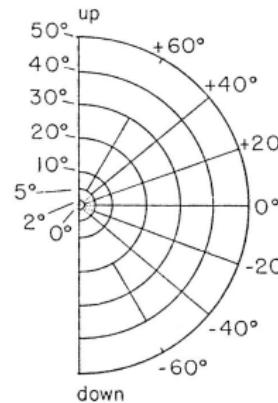
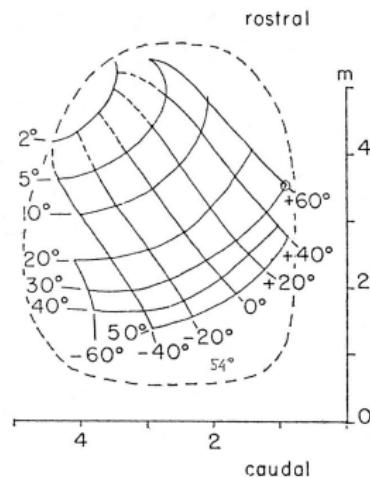
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# Logarithmic maps

Macaque (Robinson, 1972 ; Ottes et al., 1986)

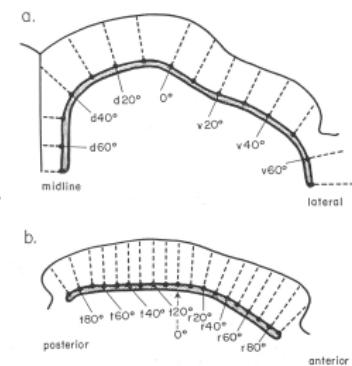
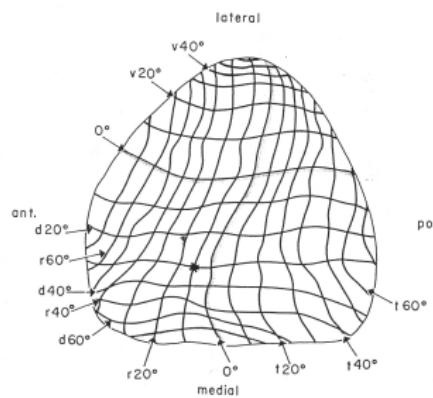
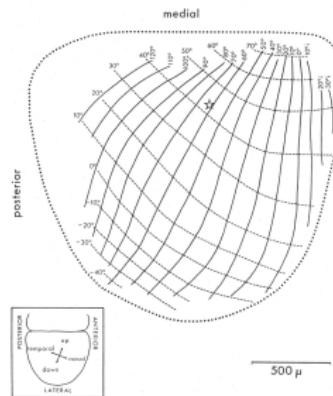


$$\frac{X}{B_X} + i \frac{Y}{B_Y} = \ln\left(\frac{z + A}{A}\right), \text{ with } z = \alpha + i\beta$$

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# Linear maps

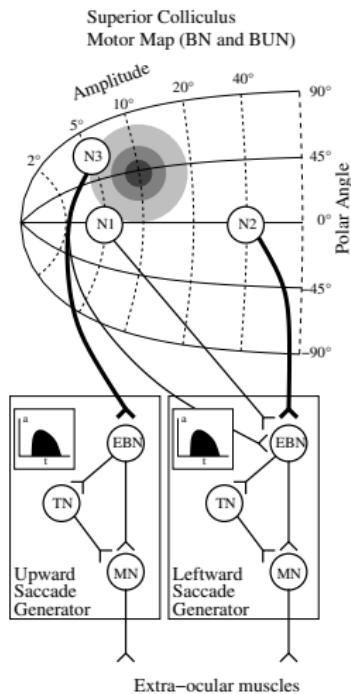
Mouse (Dräger & Hubel, 1976), Rat (Siminoff et al., 1966)



$$\alpha = X/b_X \text{ and } \beta = Y/b_Y$$

# Spatio-temporal transformation : the problem

Saccade encoded as :



- SC map : a (stereotyped) bump of activity on a given location,
- SG : two bursts of varying intensities.

STT : How to transform one code into another ?

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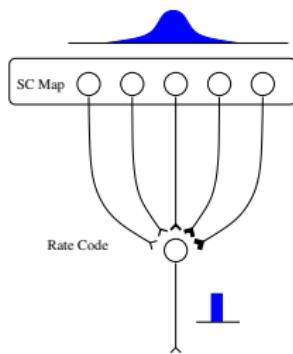
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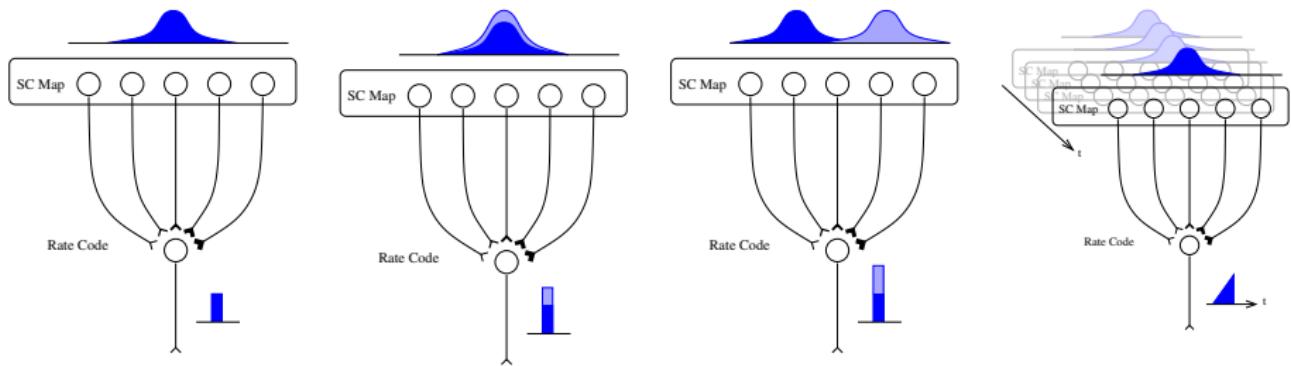
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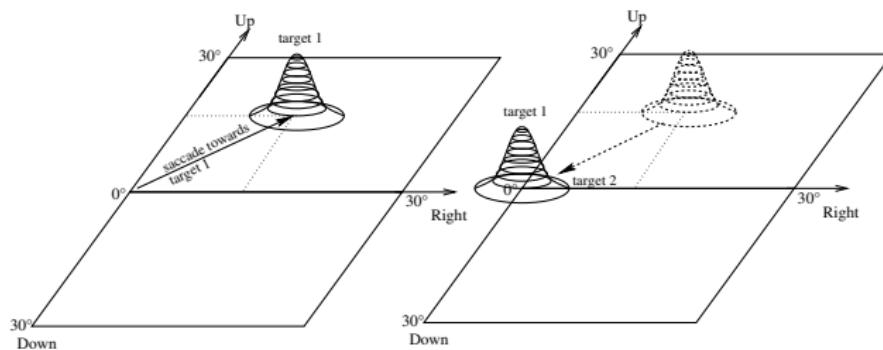
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# SC-in-the-loop

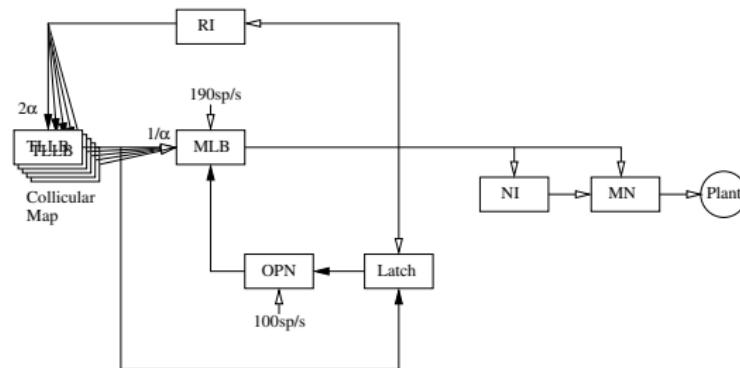
What if the SC was in the feedback loop ?

# (Droulez and Berthoz, 1991)



- “Moving Hills” hypothesis

# (Waitzman et al., 1991)



- “Stationary Decreasing Hill”
- Inspired by correlation results between BN burst decrease and eye trajectory,
- Very similar to a (Jürgens et al., 1981) model.

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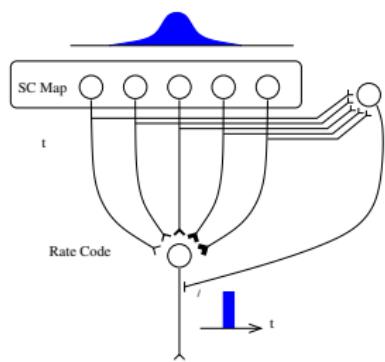
# SC-NOT-in-the-loop

Well, it's probably not...

(Kato, Grantyn, Dalezios, Moschovakis, **THE LOCAL LOOP OF THE SACCADIC SYSTEM CLOSES DOWNSTREAM OF THE SUPERIOR COLICULUS**, Neuroscience, 143 (2006) 319 –337)

# STT : normalized weighted sum

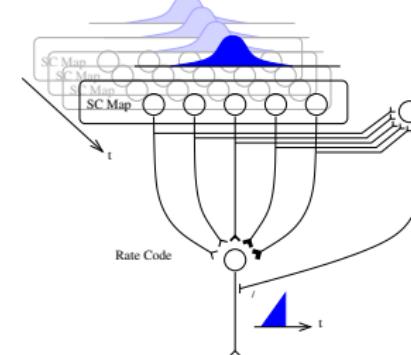
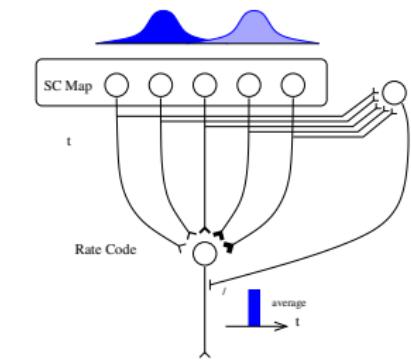
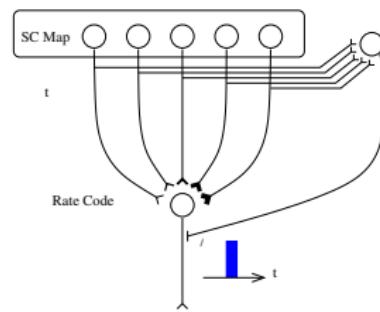
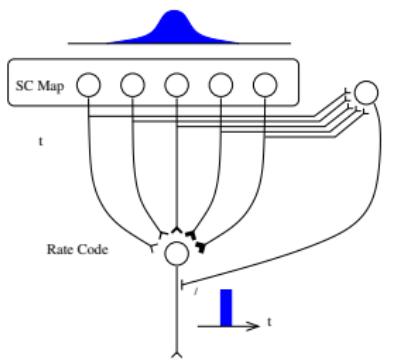
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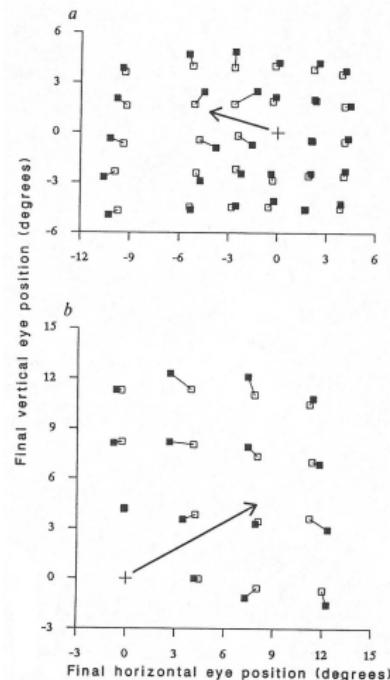
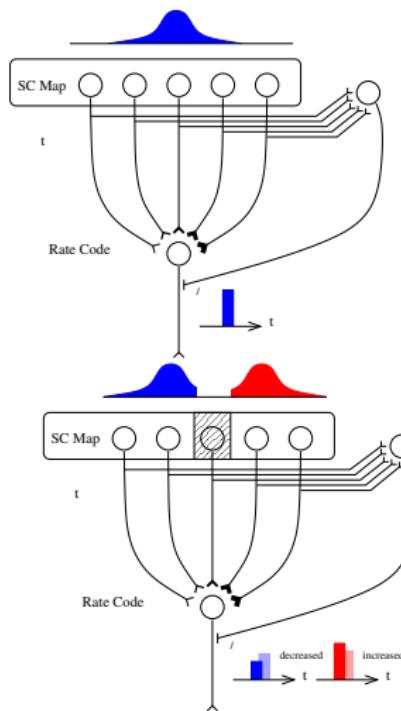
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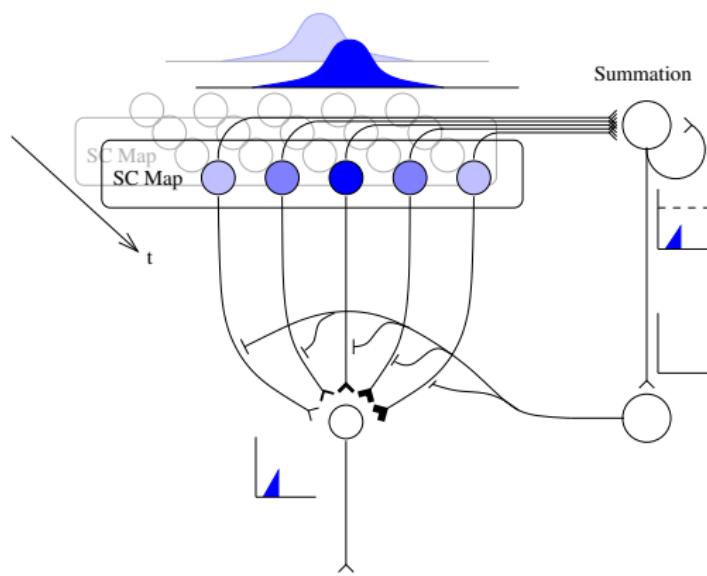
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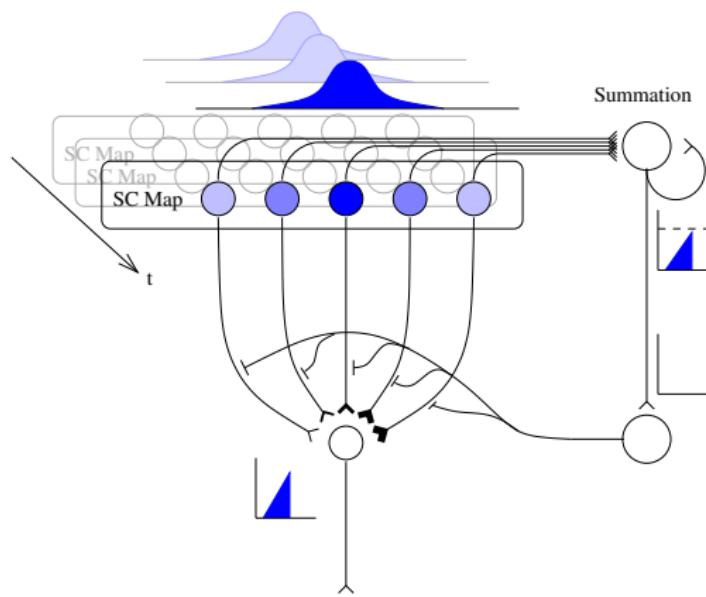
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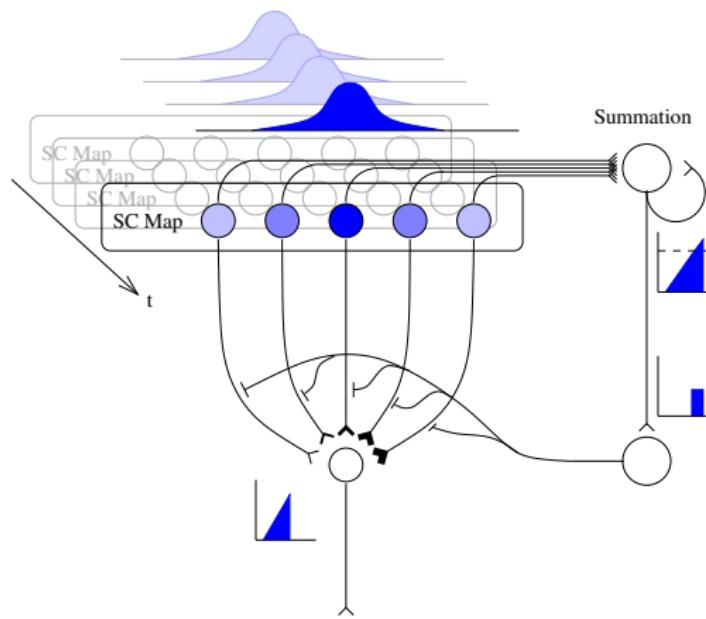
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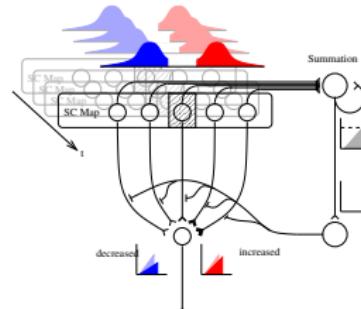
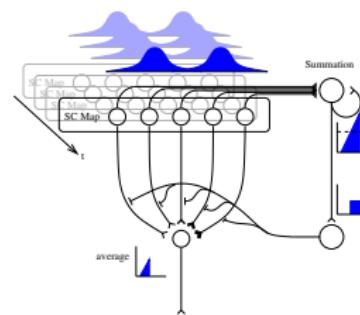
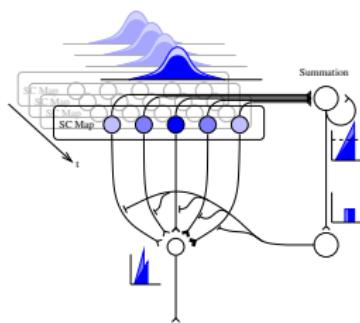
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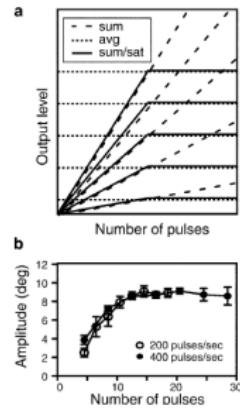
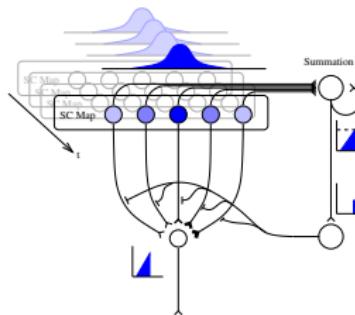
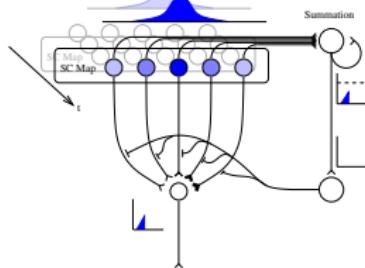
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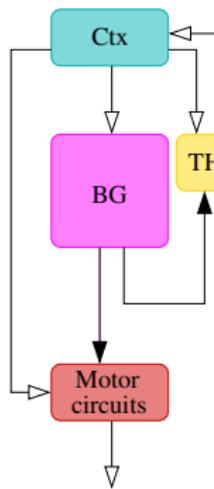
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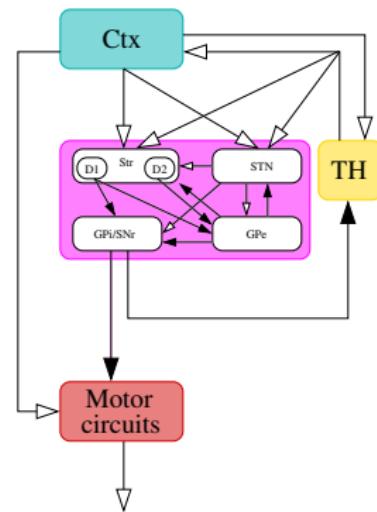
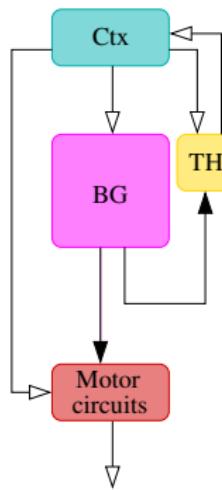
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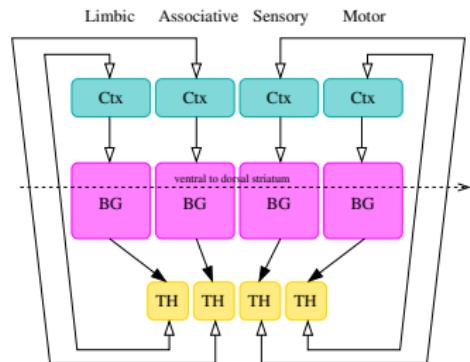
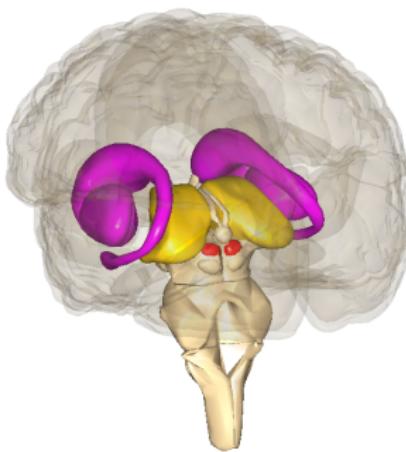
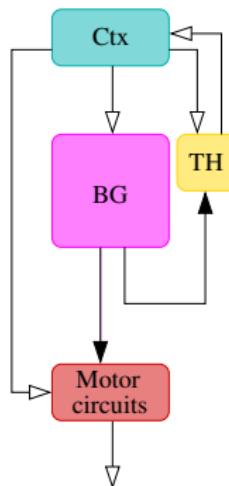


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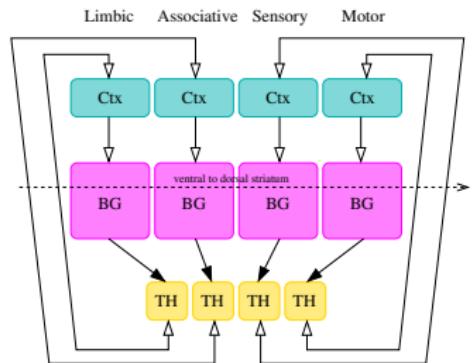
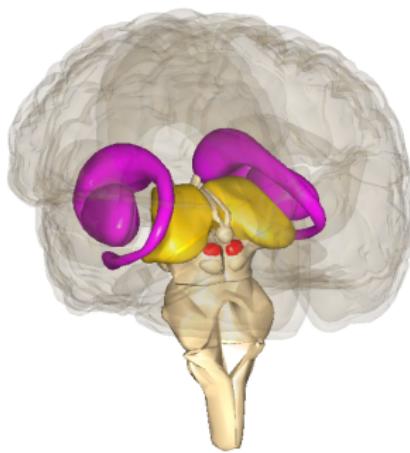
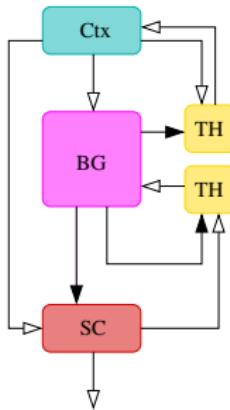
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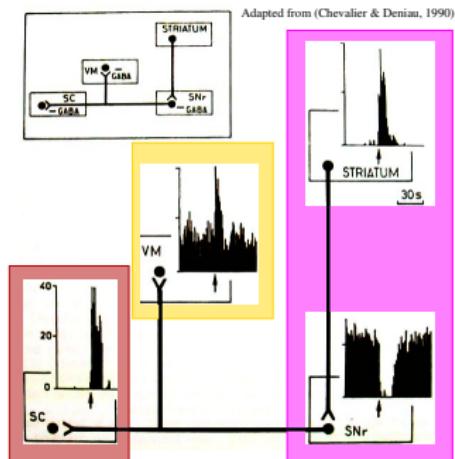
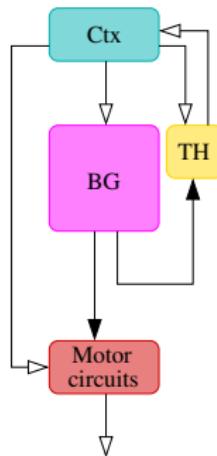
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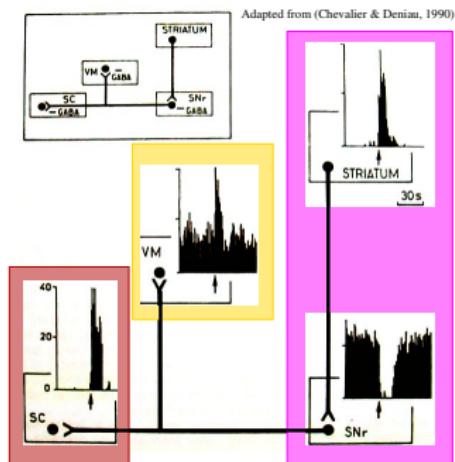
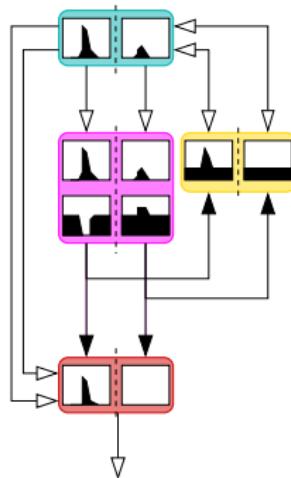
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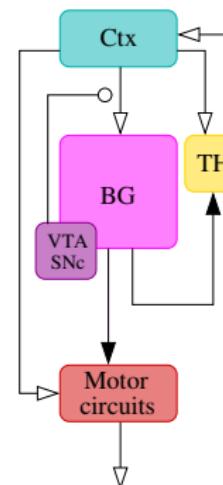
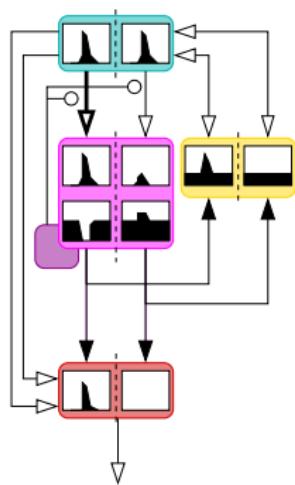
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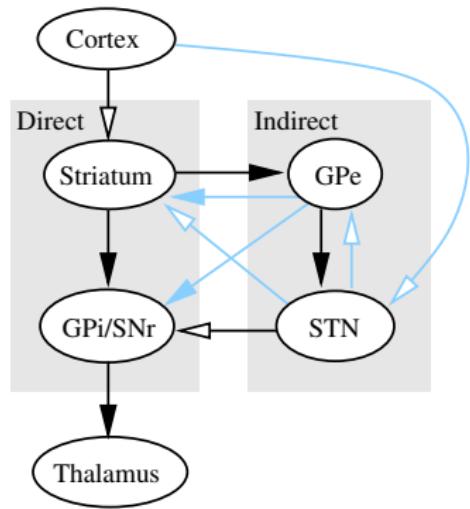
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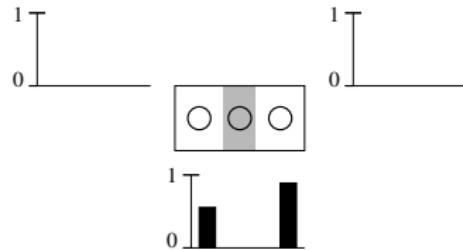
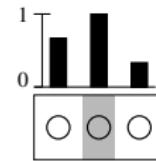
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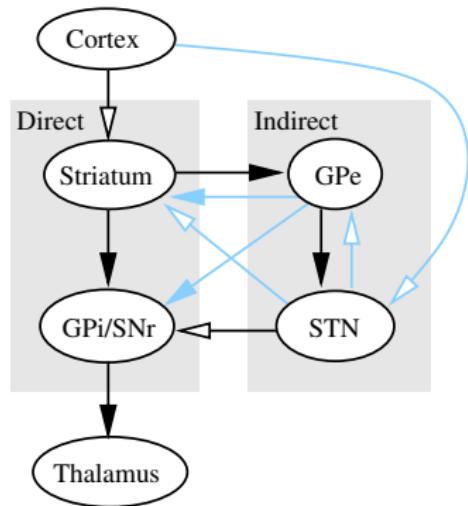
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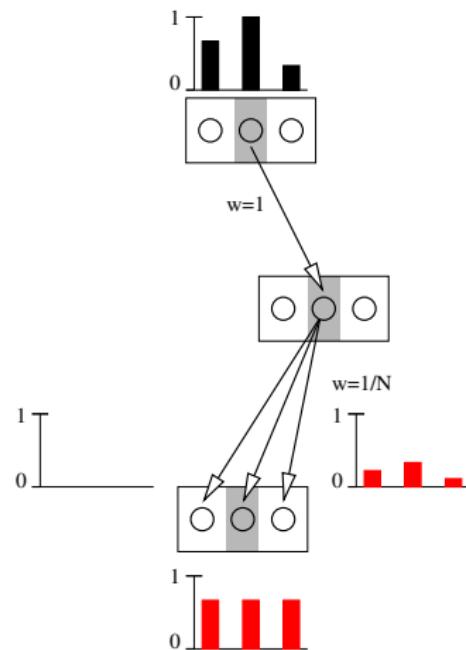
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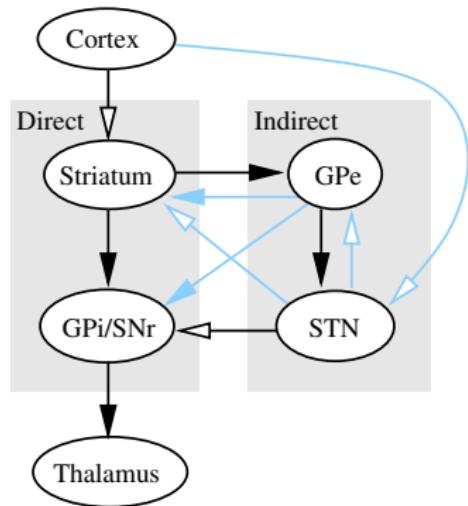
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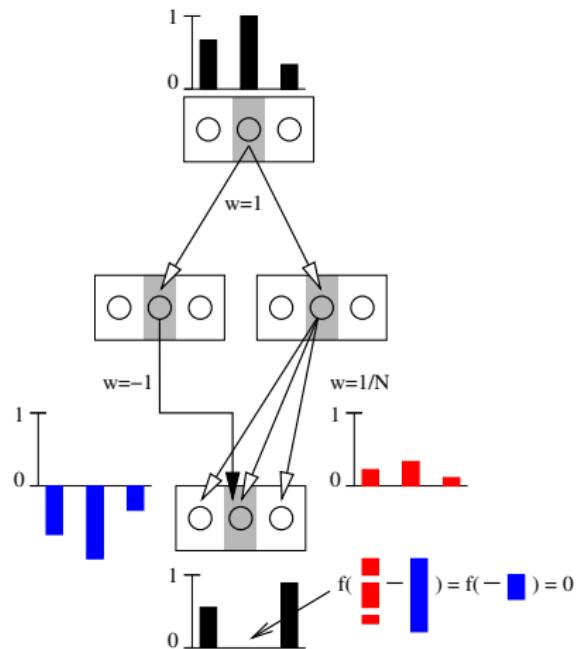
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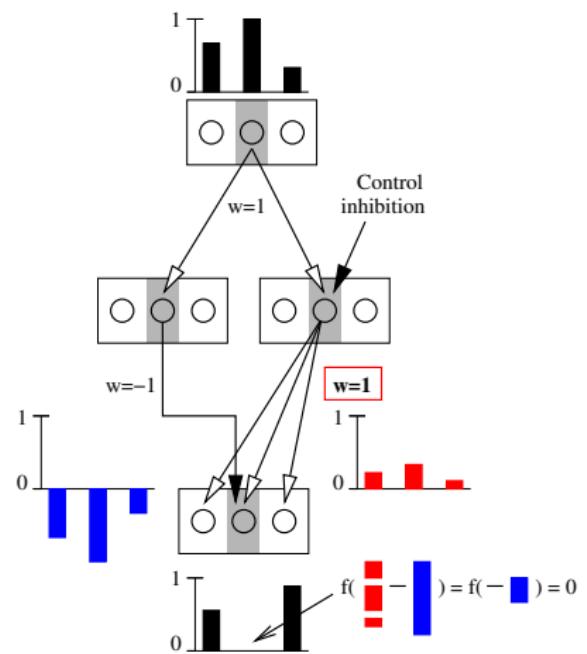
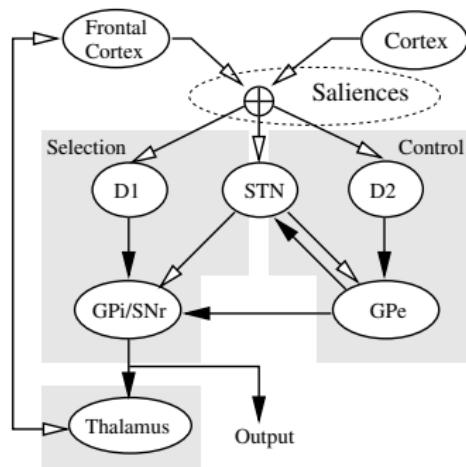
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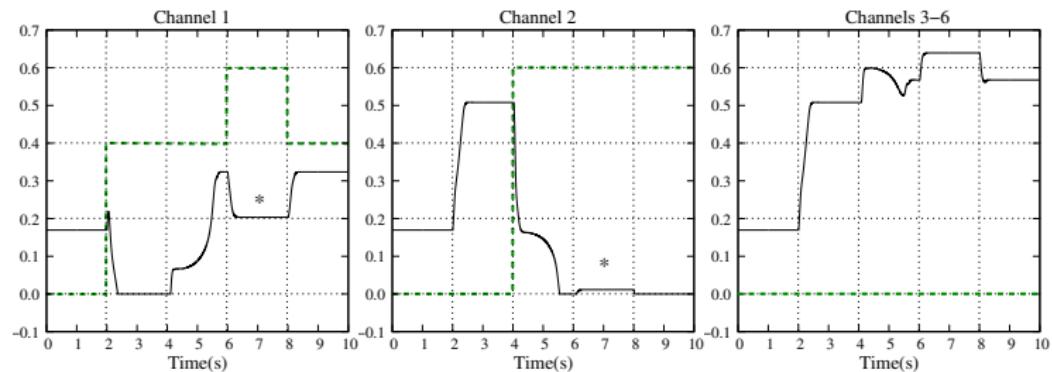


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# GPR Model (Gurney et al., 2001)



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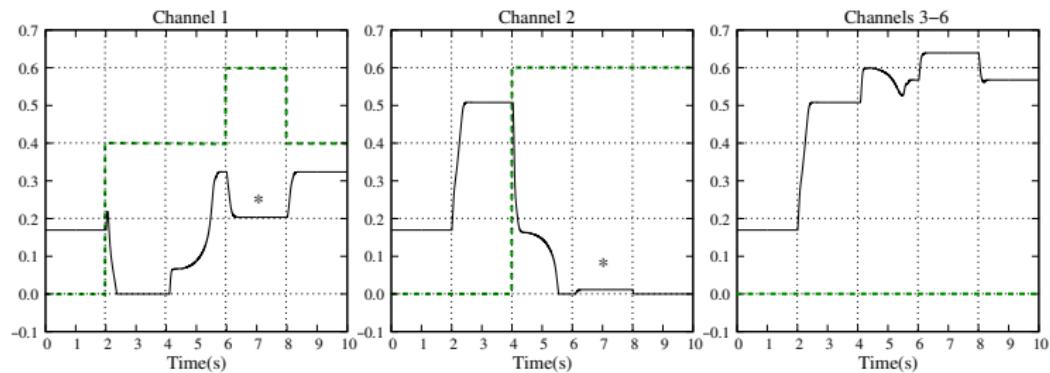


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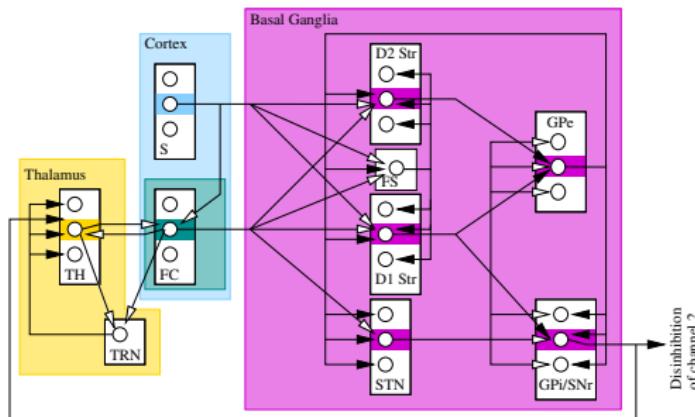
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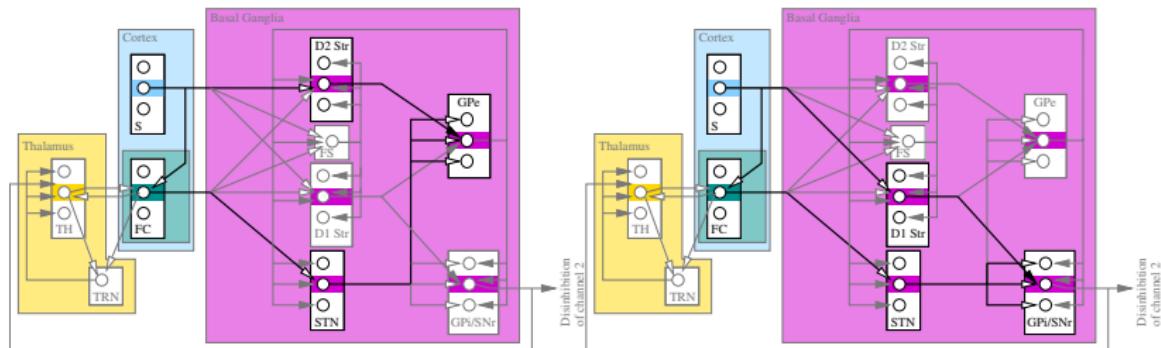
# Contracting Basal Ganglia (CBG) Model (Girard et al., 2008)



- Includes previously ignored connexions.
- Amplificatory thalamo-cortical loop.
- Selective amplification in the frontal cortex, strict selection of the subcortical targets.
- Numerous internal loops : stability ?

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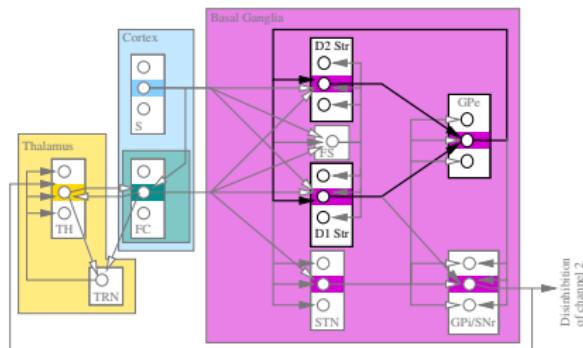
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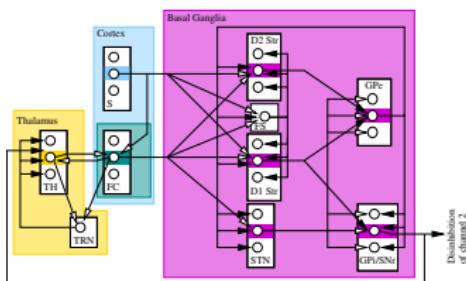
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BG module :

$$((1 + \gamma) w_{D1}^{GPe} w_{GPe}^{D1})^2 + ((1 - \gamma) w_{D2}^{GPe} w_{GPe}^{D2})^2 < 1$$

TH-FC module, if  $w_{TH}^{TRN} = w_{TRN}^{TH}$  :

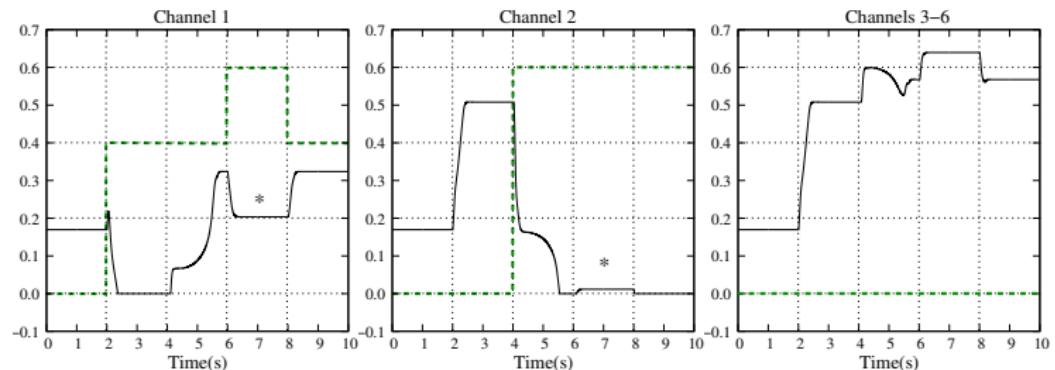
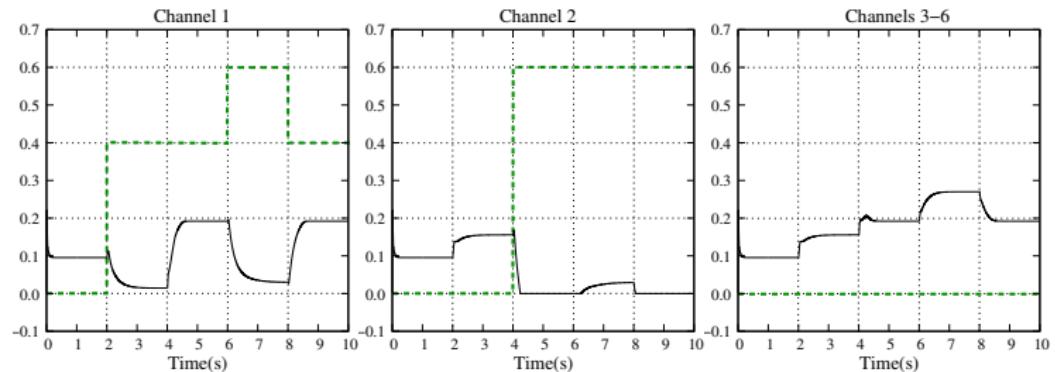
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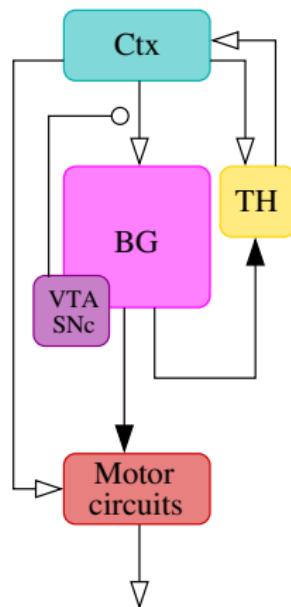
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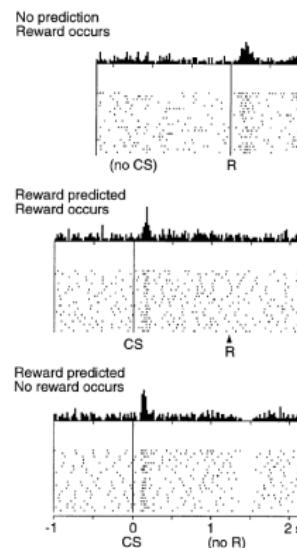
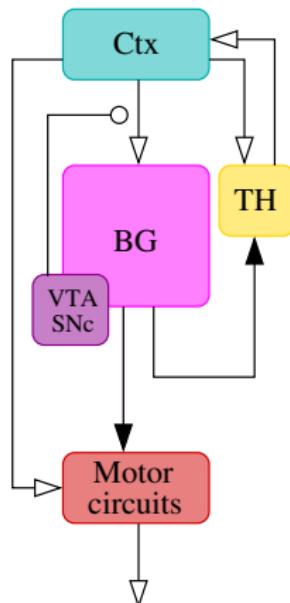


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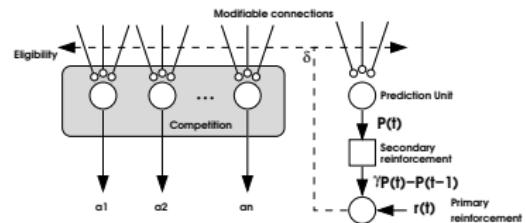
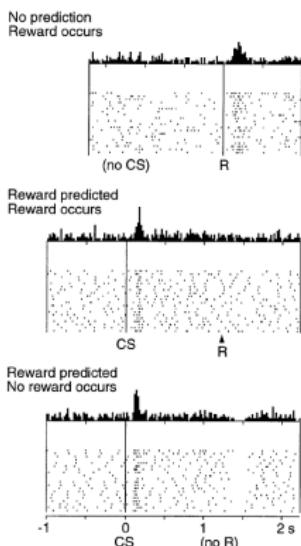
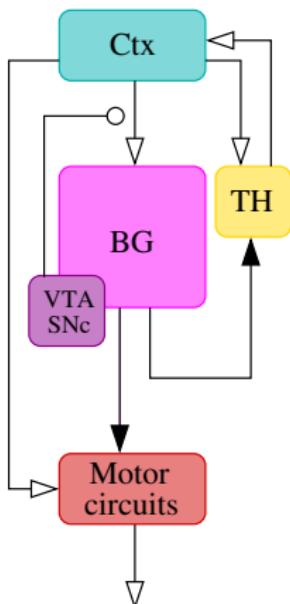


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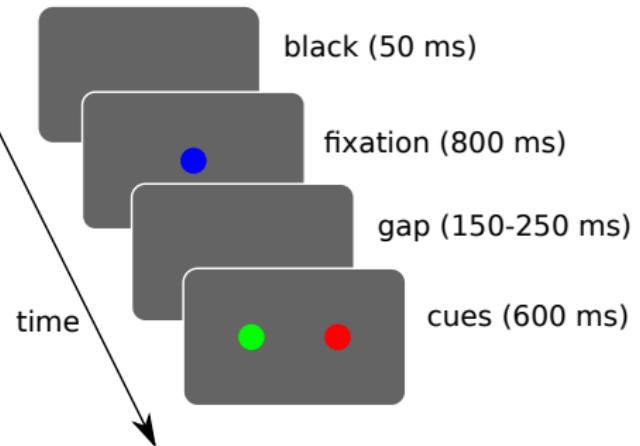
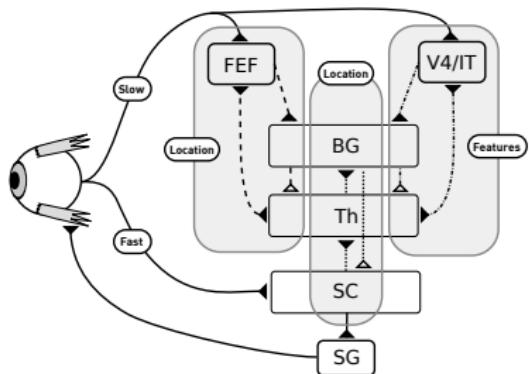


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TD-learning algorithms (V, Q, SARSA...)

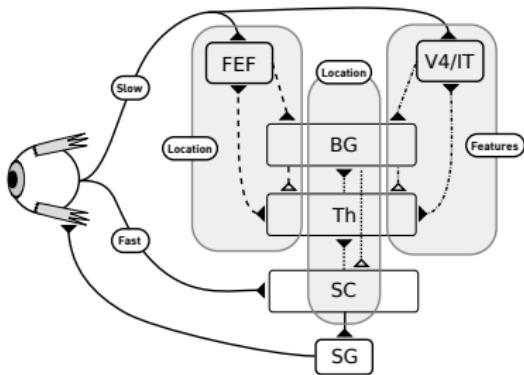
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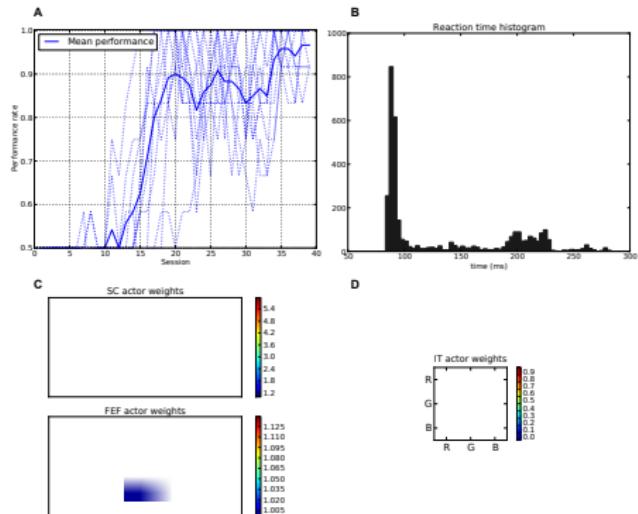


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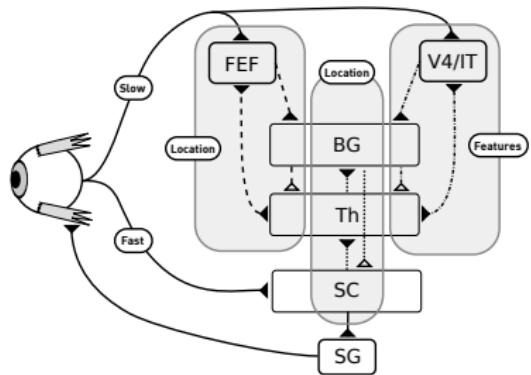


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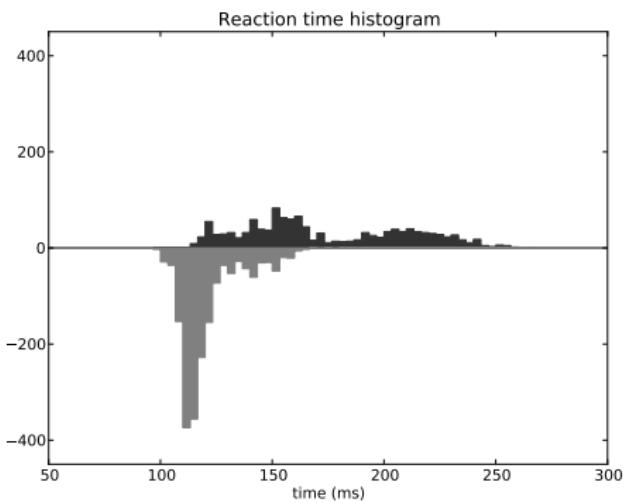


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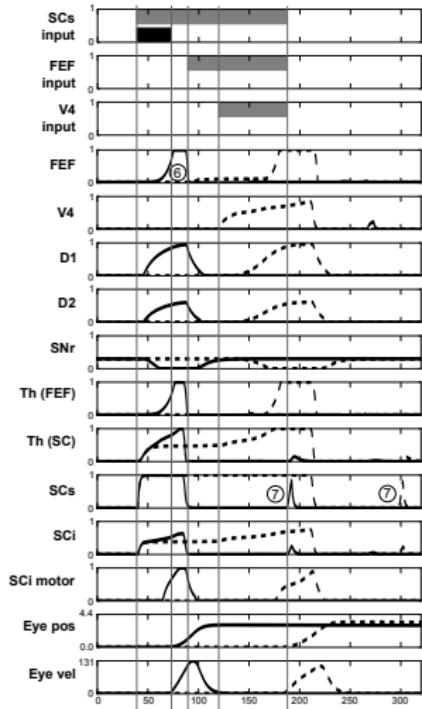
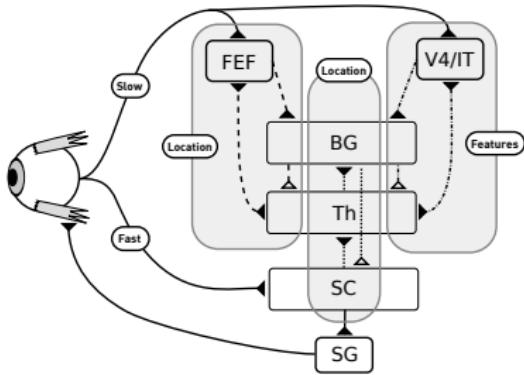


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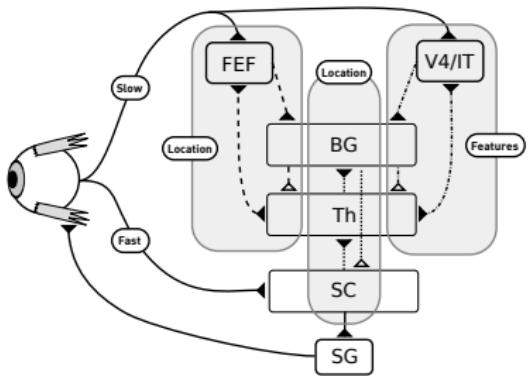
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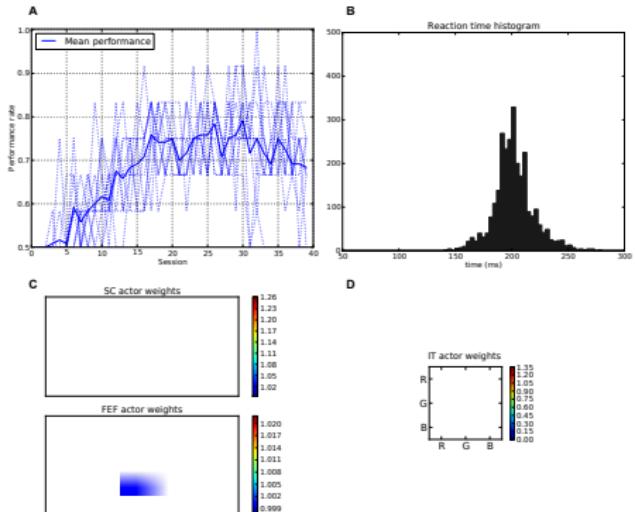


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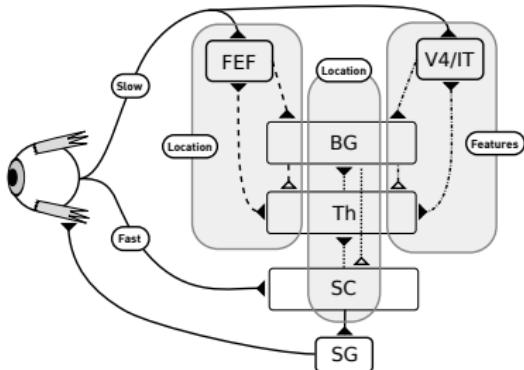


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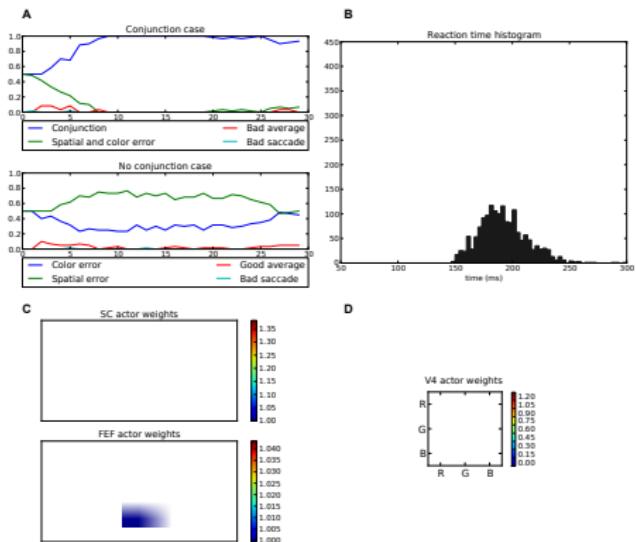


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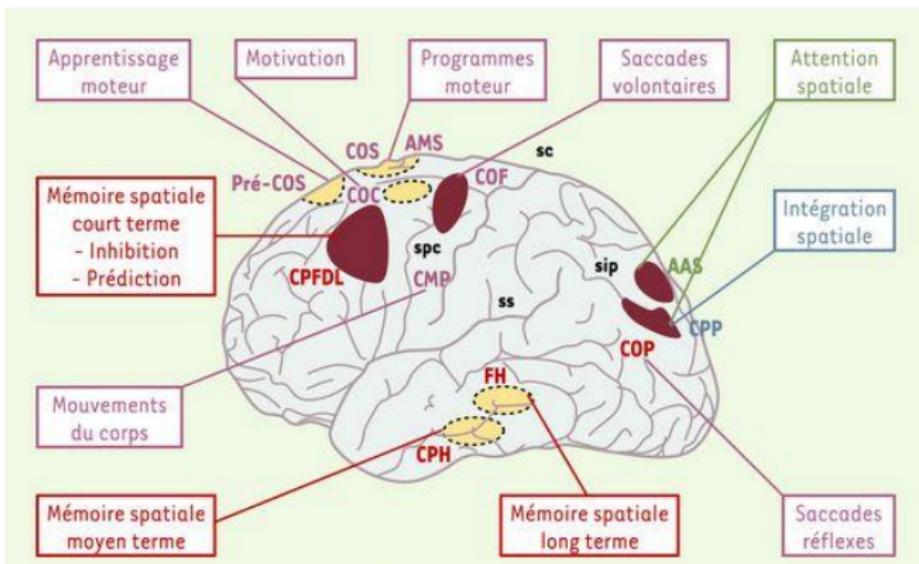
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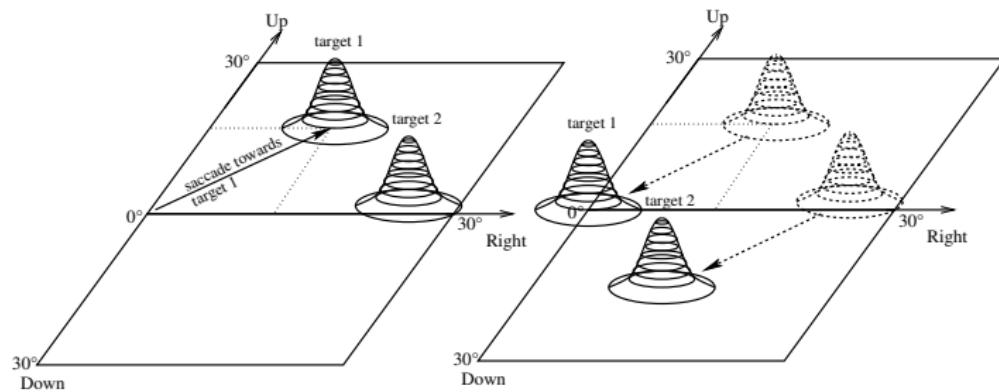
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# Multiple cortical regions involved



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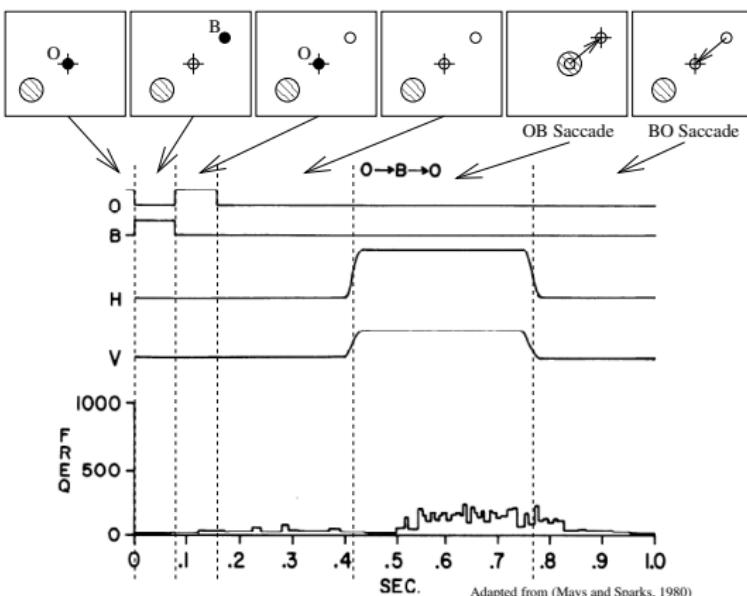


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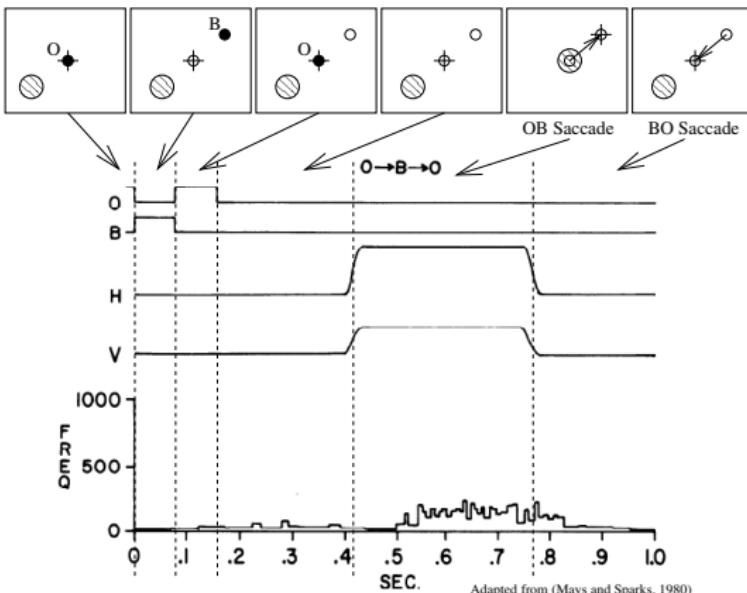


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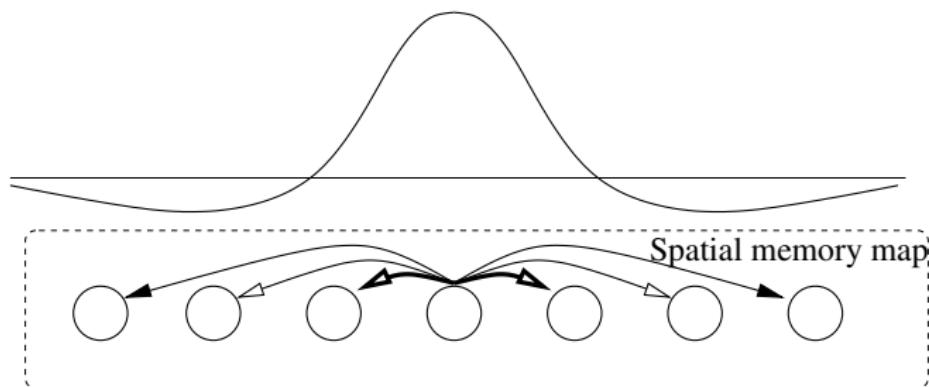


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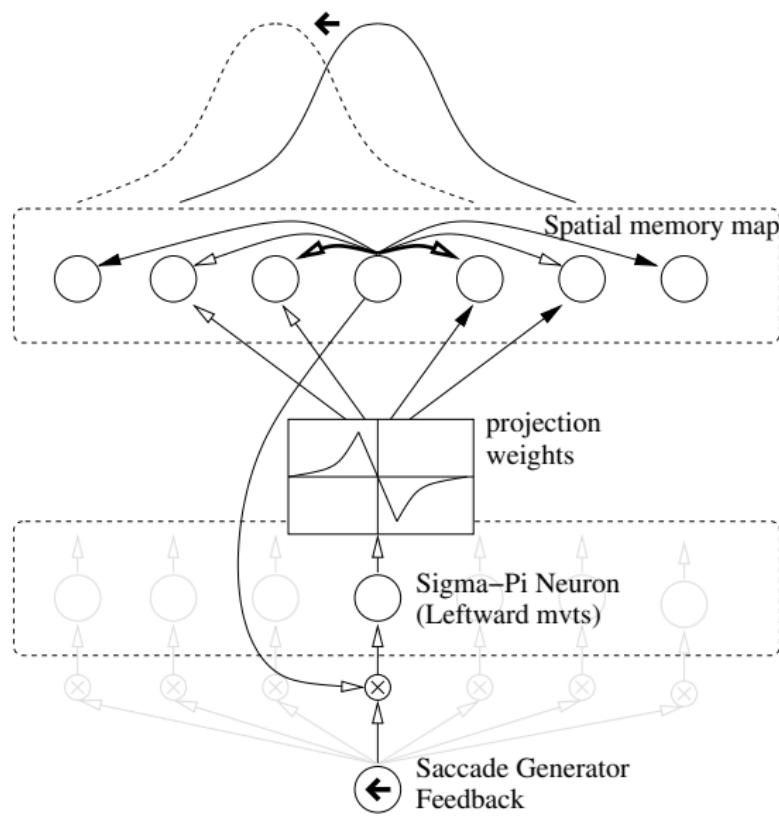
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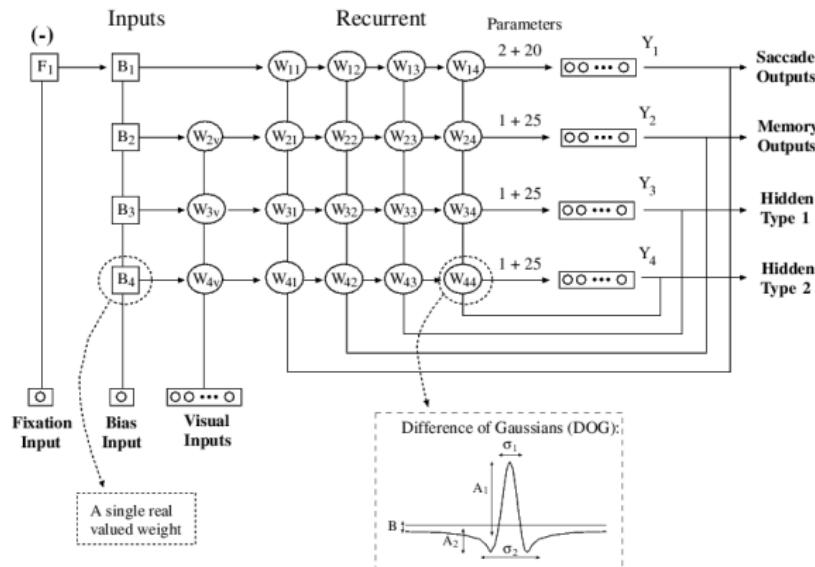
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- Remapping :  
Velocity feedback
  - + optimized weight profile
  - + multiplicative synapses

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# Moving Hills (Droulez & Berthoz, 91)

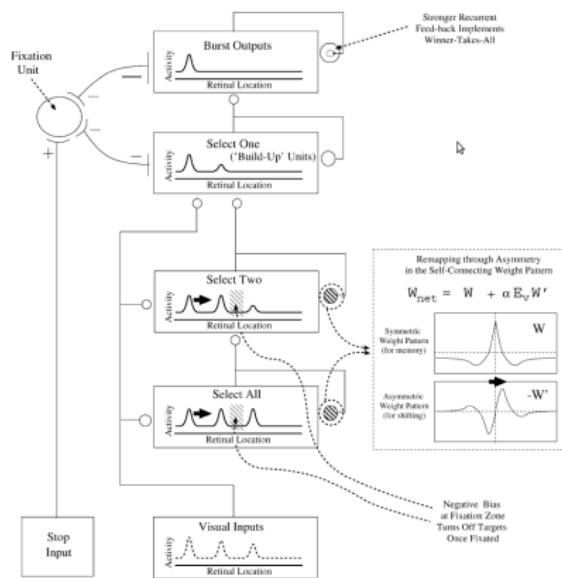


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