



# Data-driven modeling of early visual system

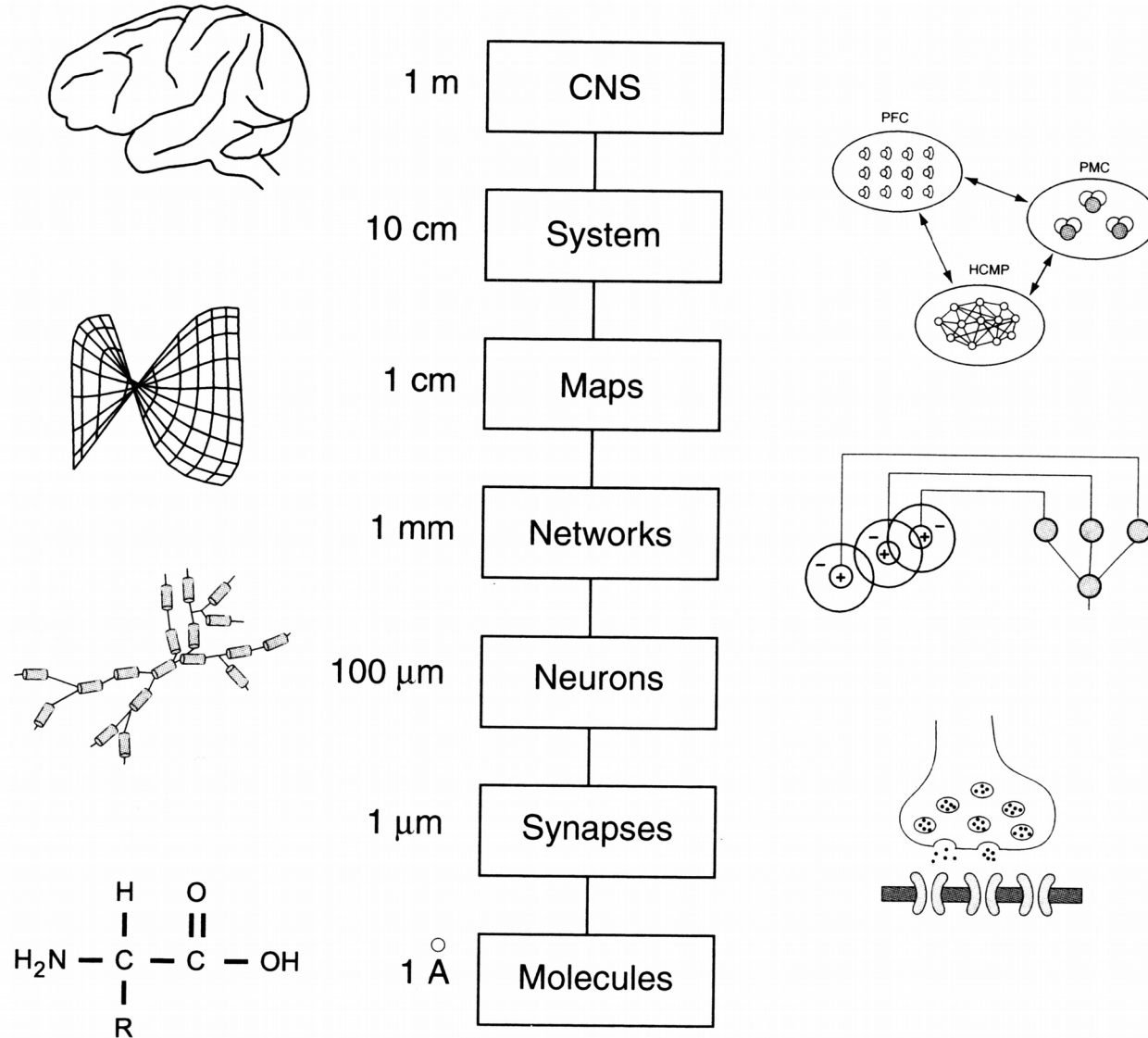
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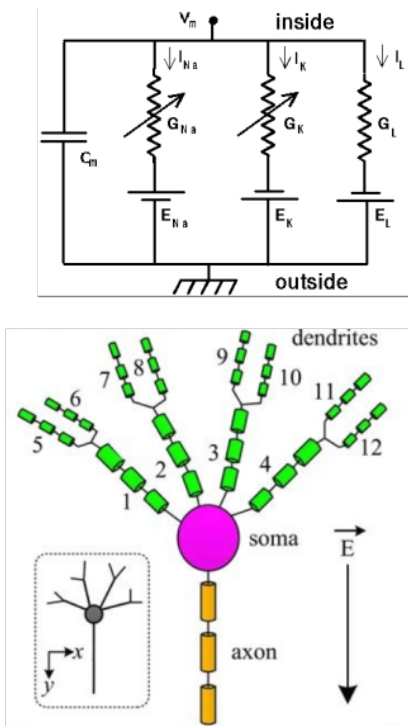
# Context in the course



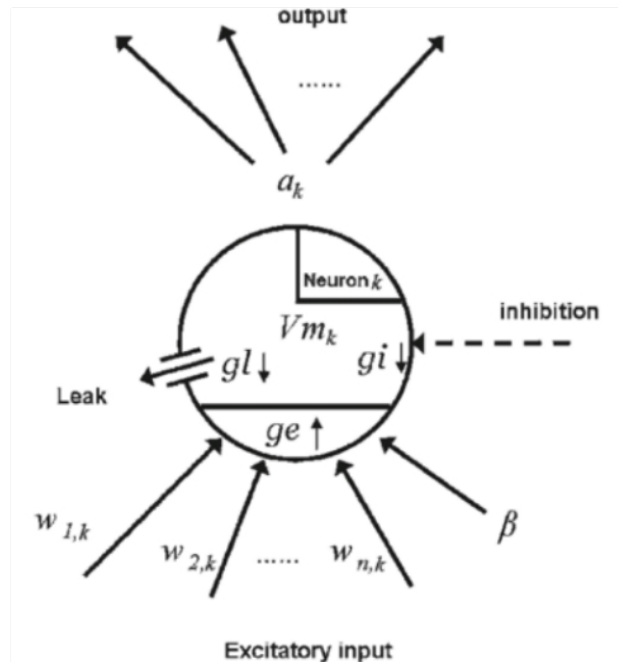
# **Biological fidelity of models**

# Neural model detail

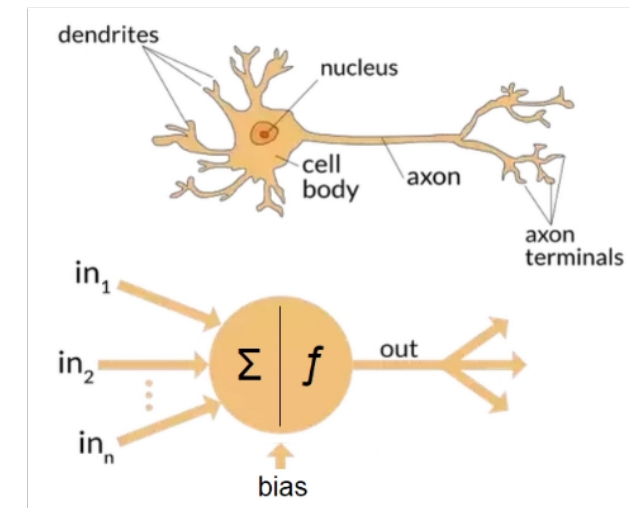
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neural model



point  
neuron



firing-rate  
neuron

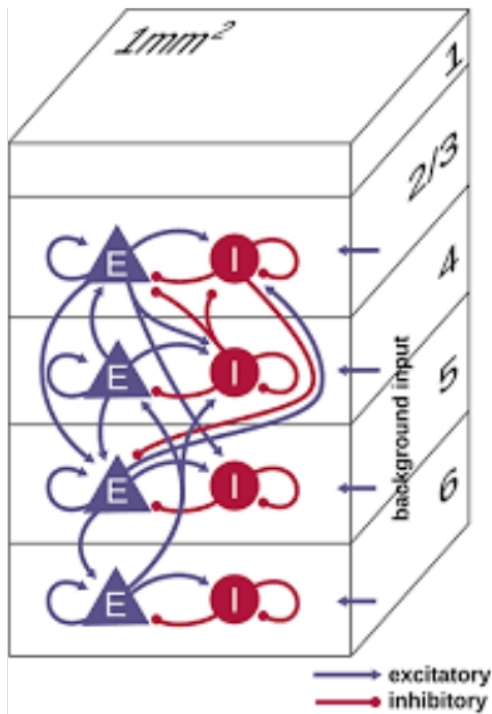


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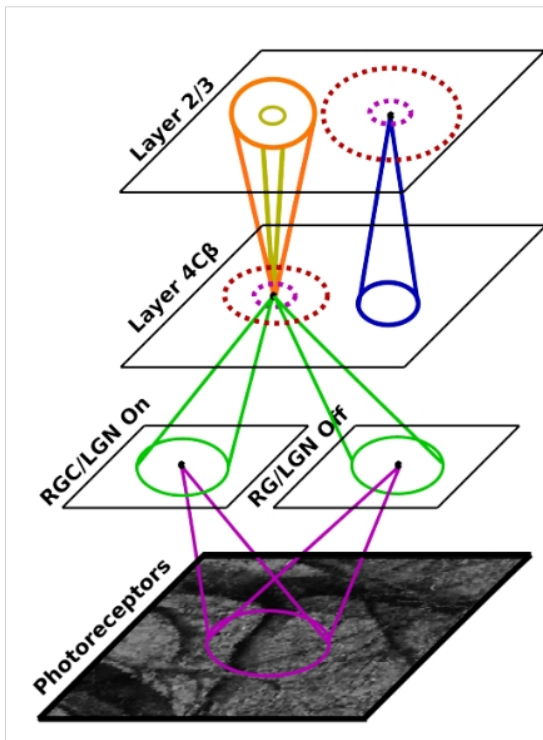
ABSTRACT →

# Model scope

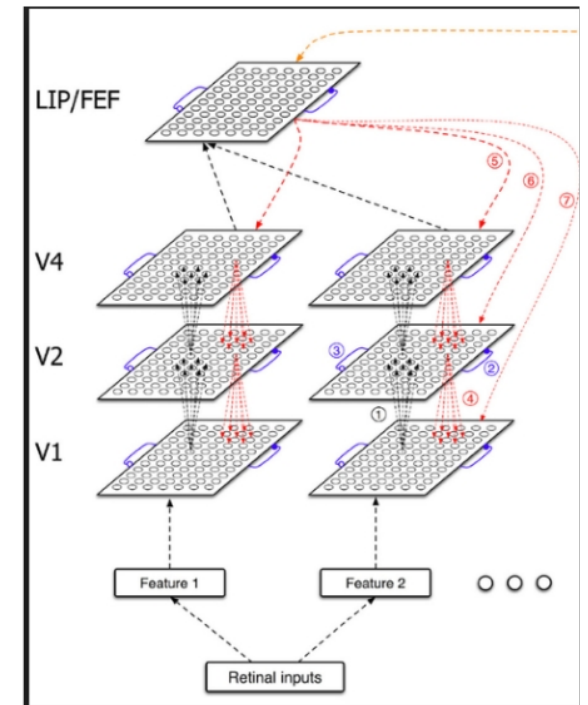
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Single-area



Multi-area

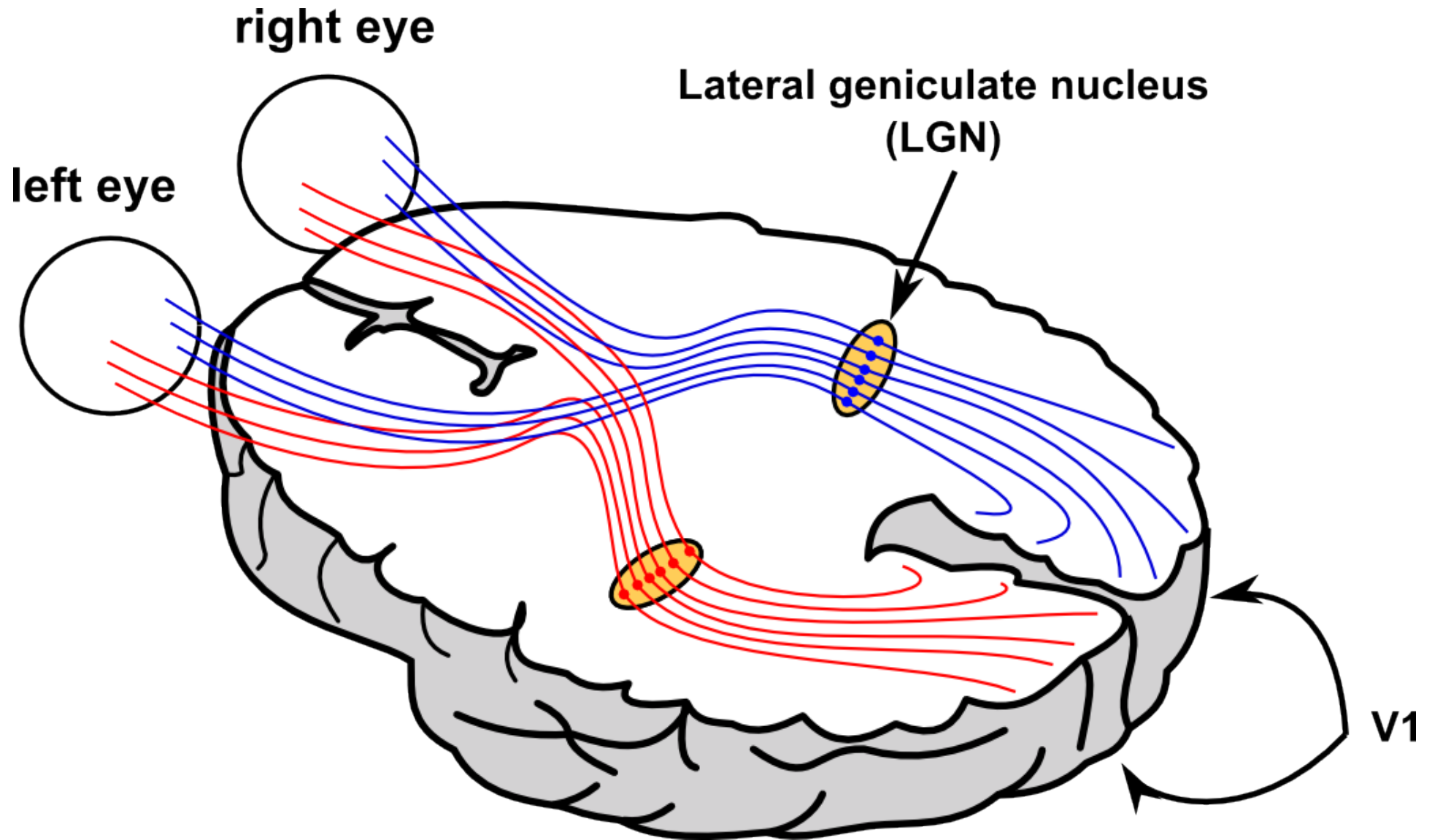


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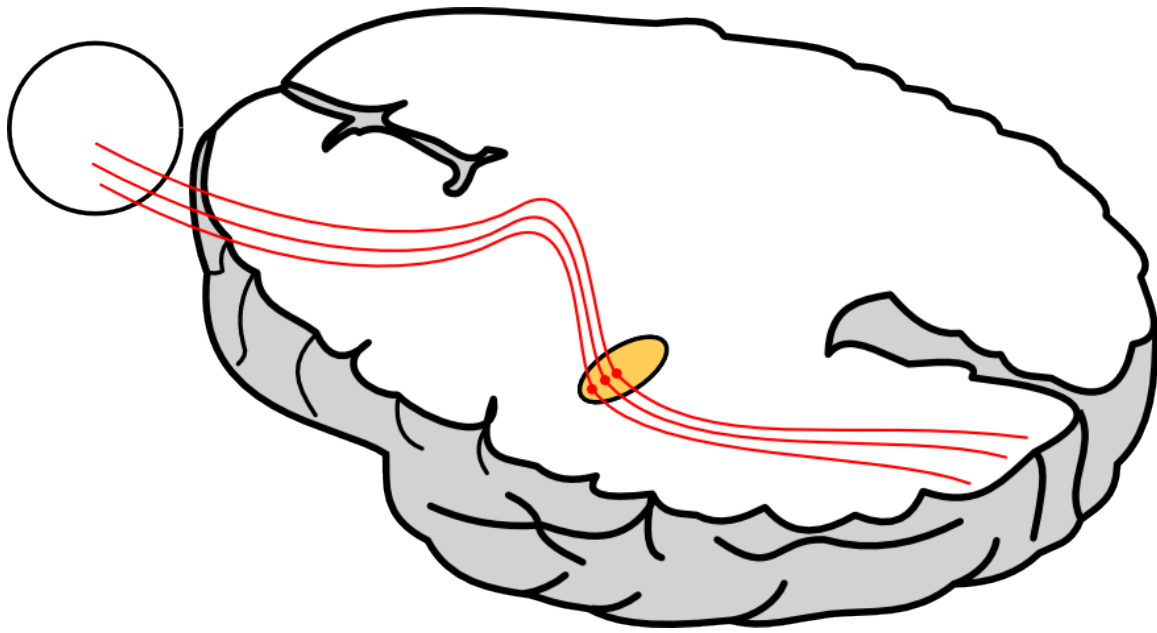
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# BIOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

# Early visual system

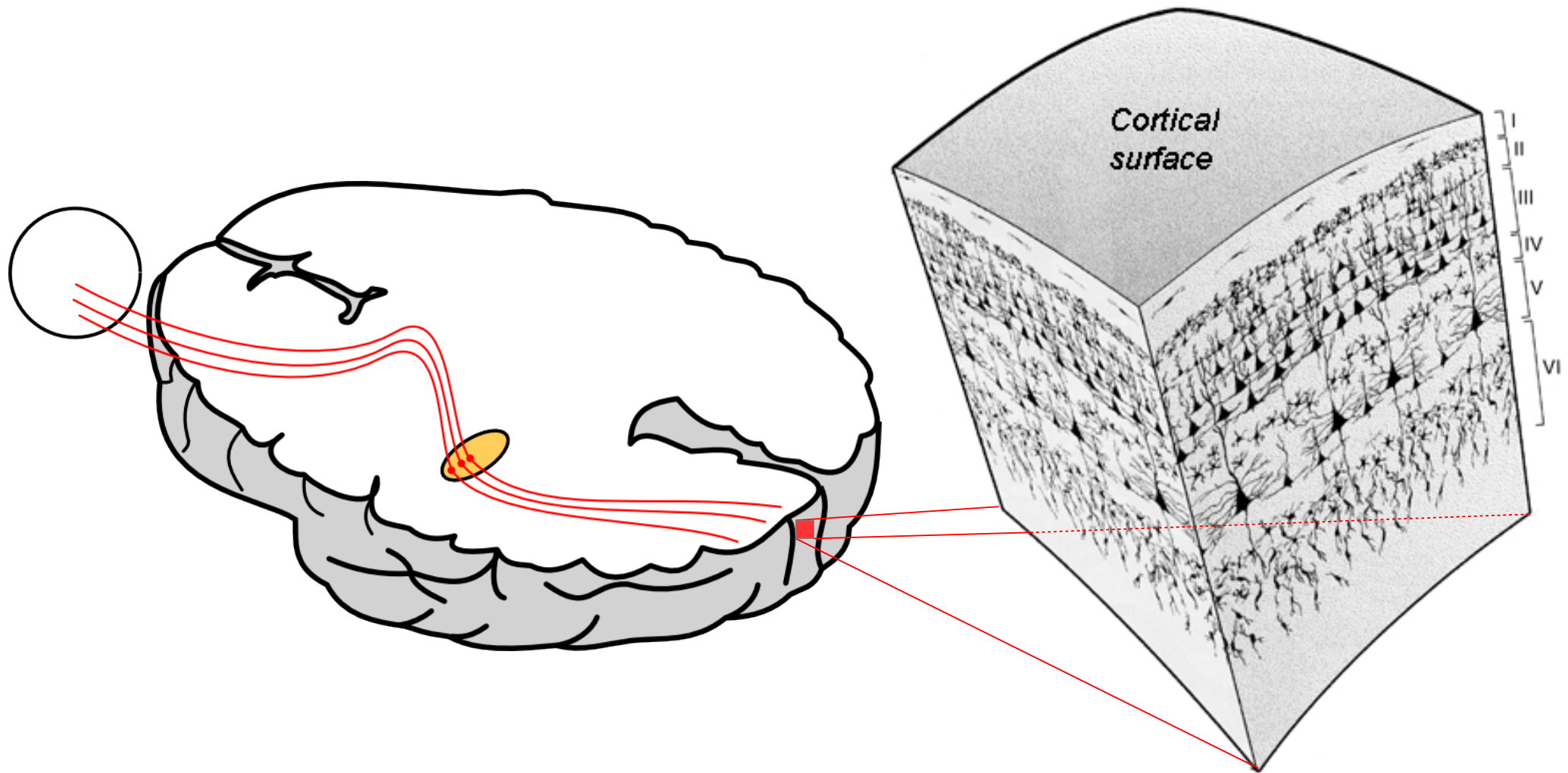


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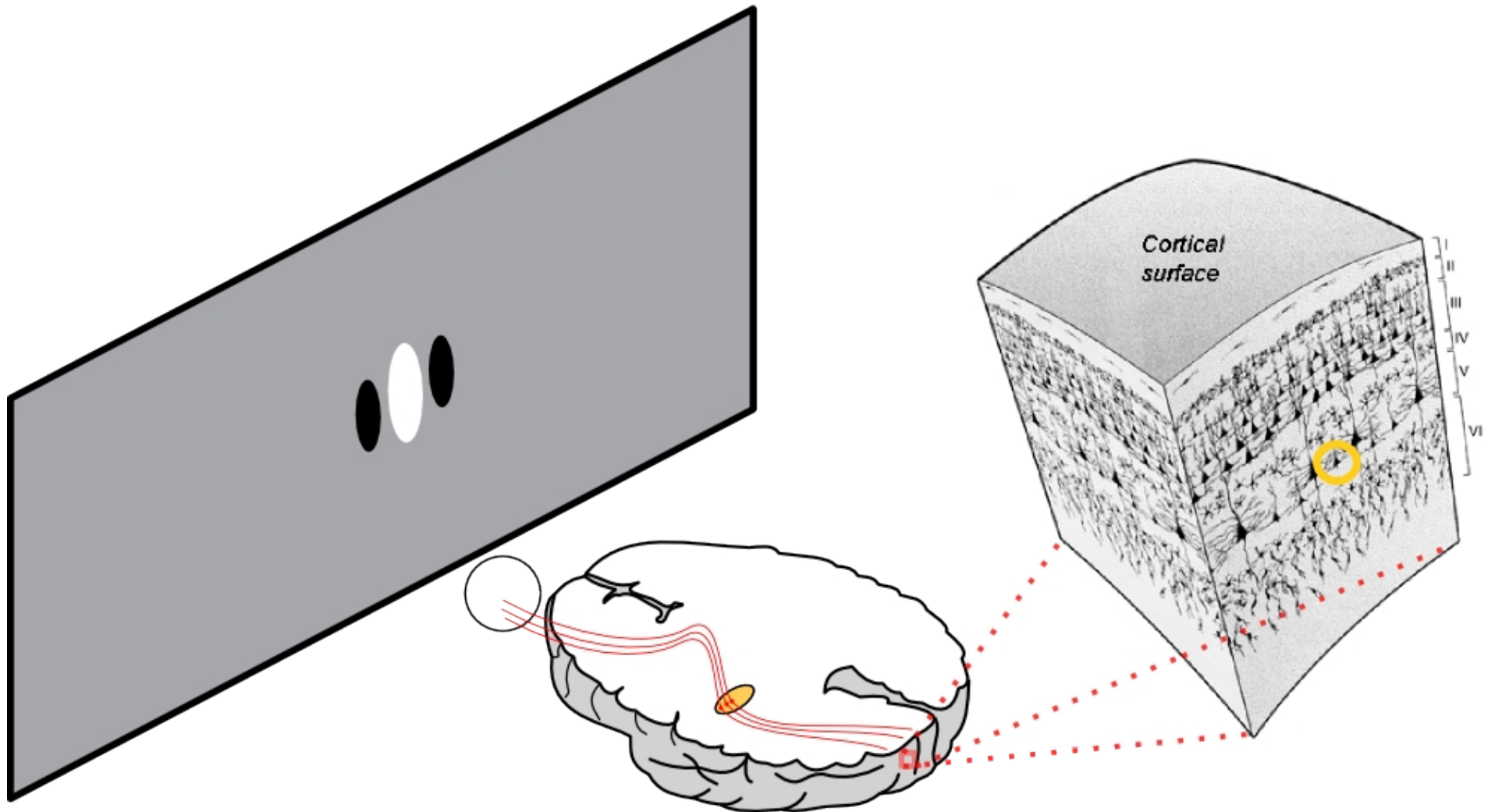




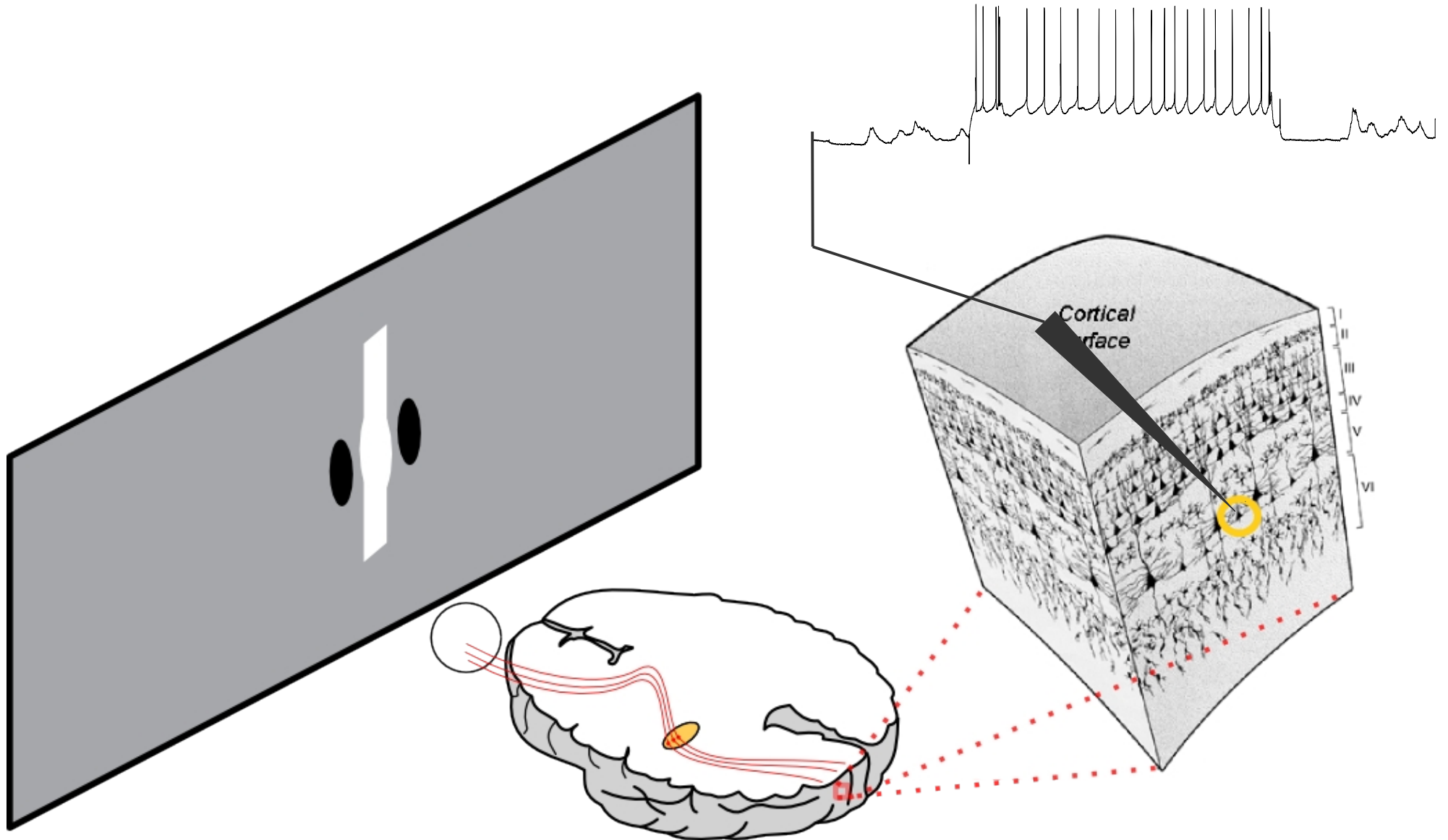
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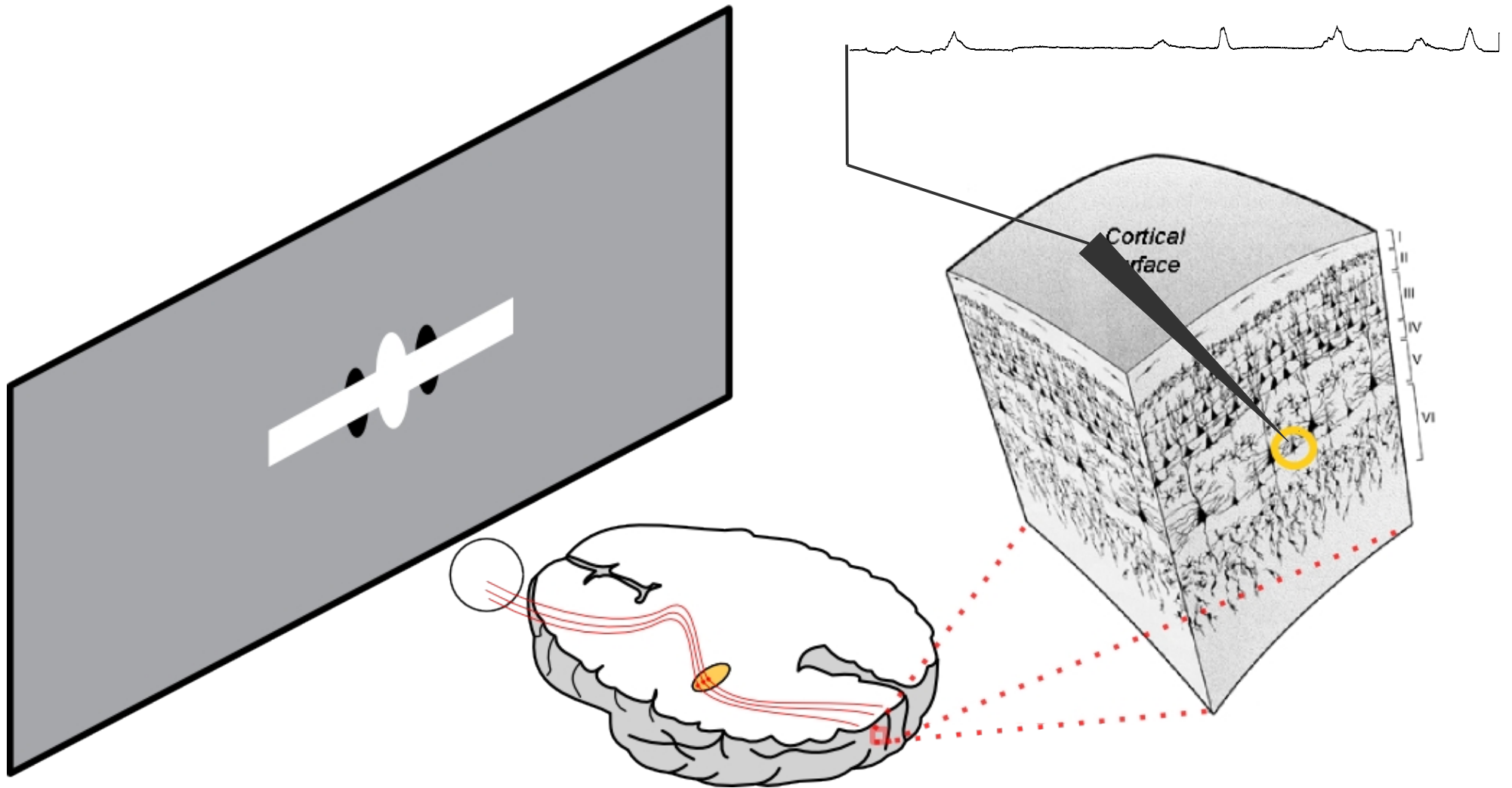
# Receptive field



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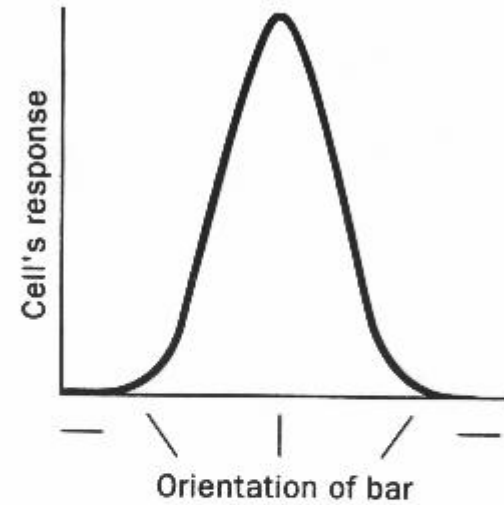
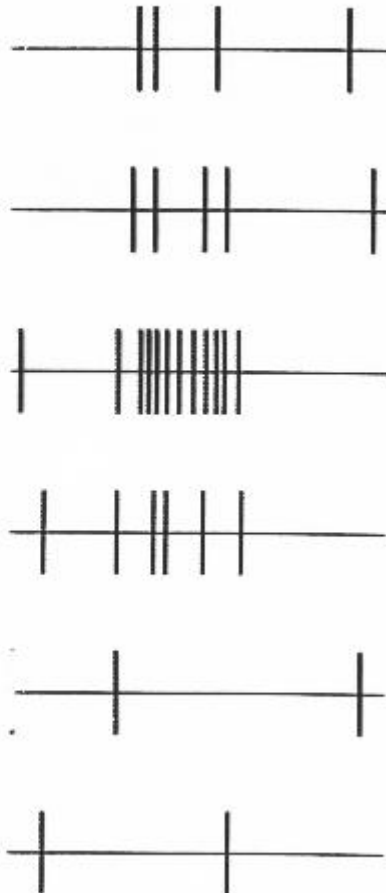


# Orientation tuning curve

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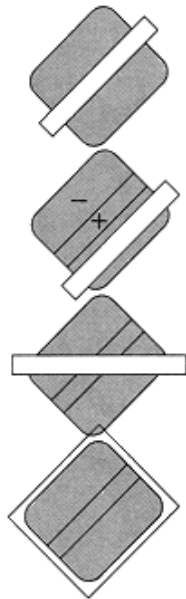
RESPONSE

TUNING CURVE

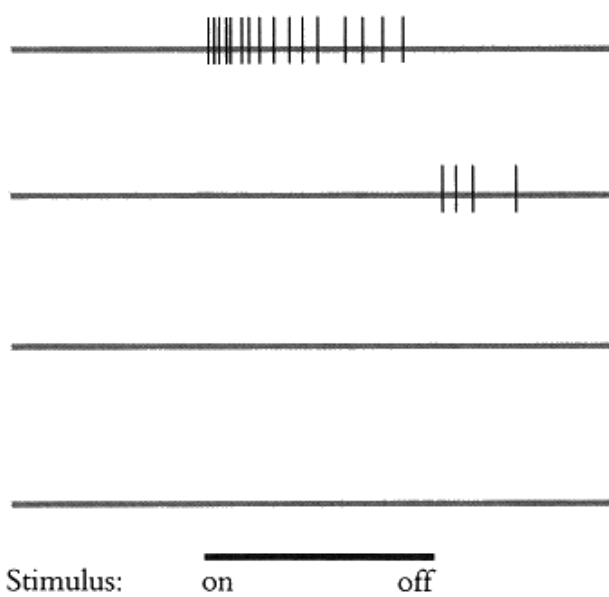


# Simple/complex cells

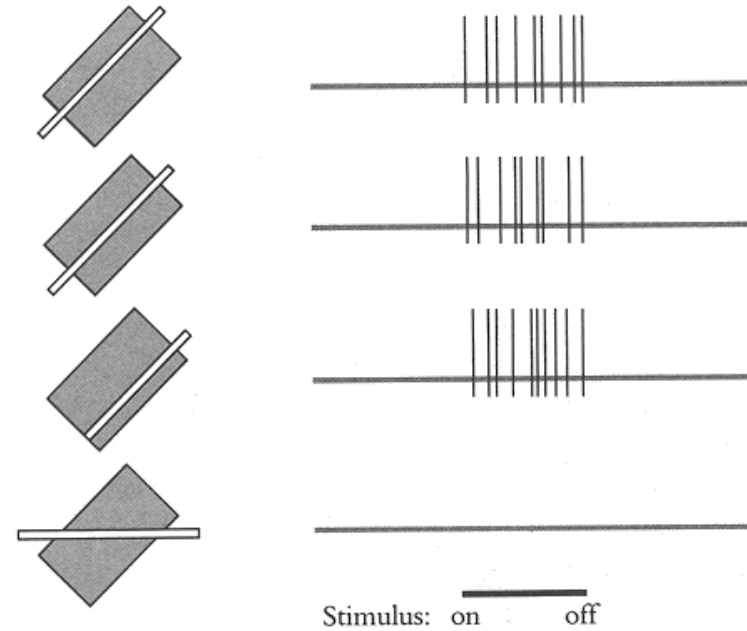
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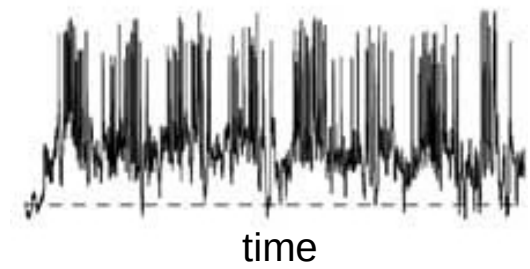
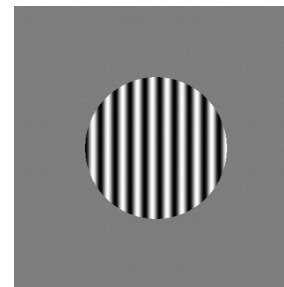
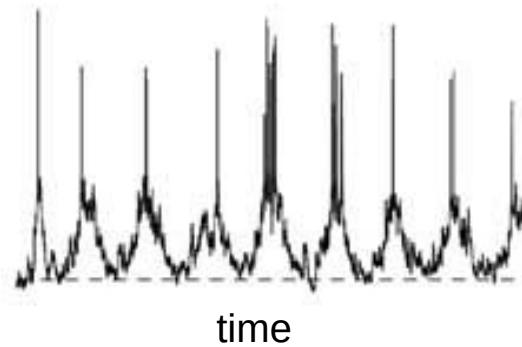
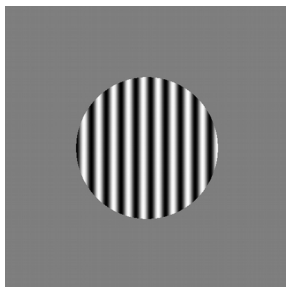
Simple cell  
(preferentially L4)



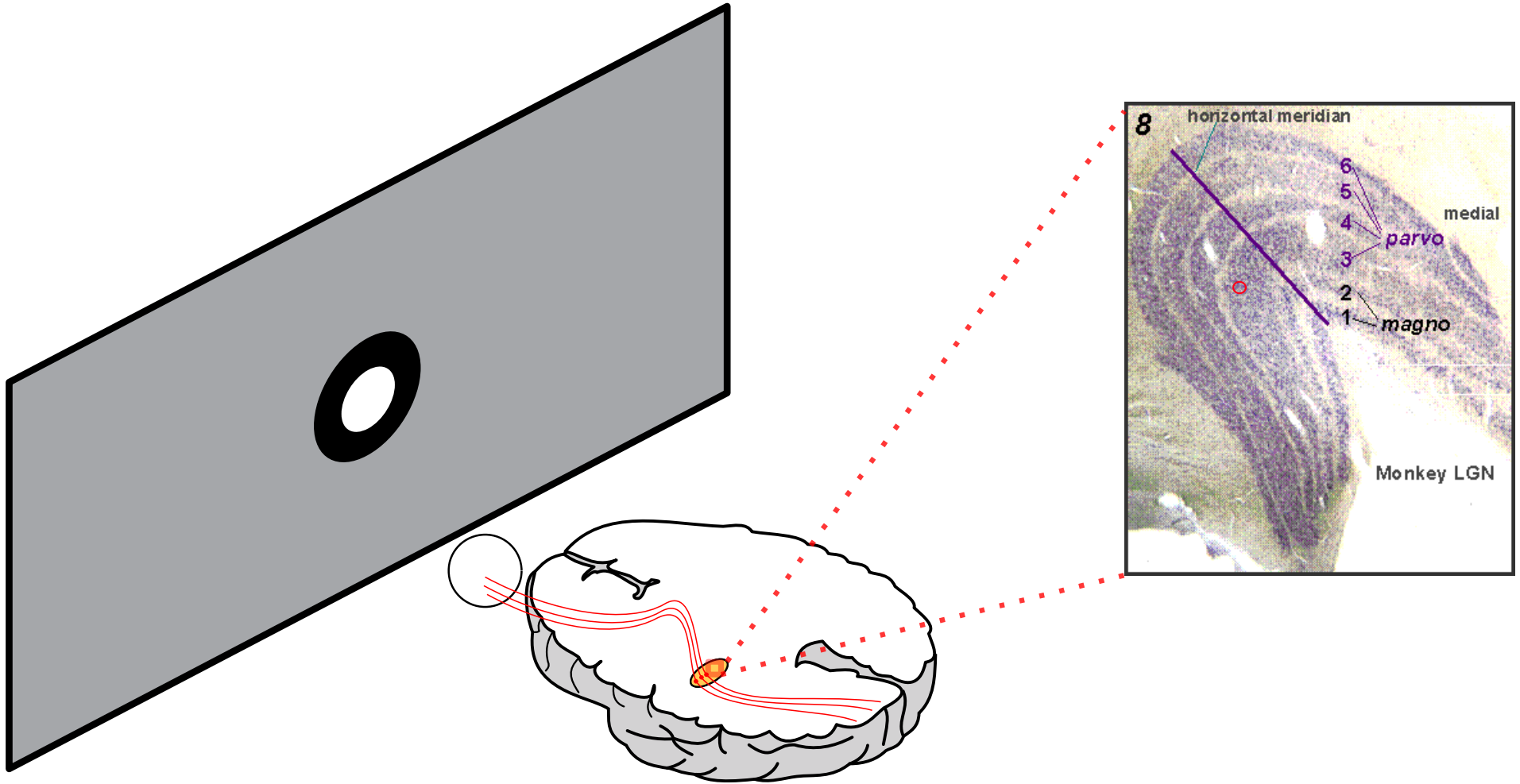
Complex cell  
(preferentially L2/3)



Drifting grating



# Receptive field in LGN

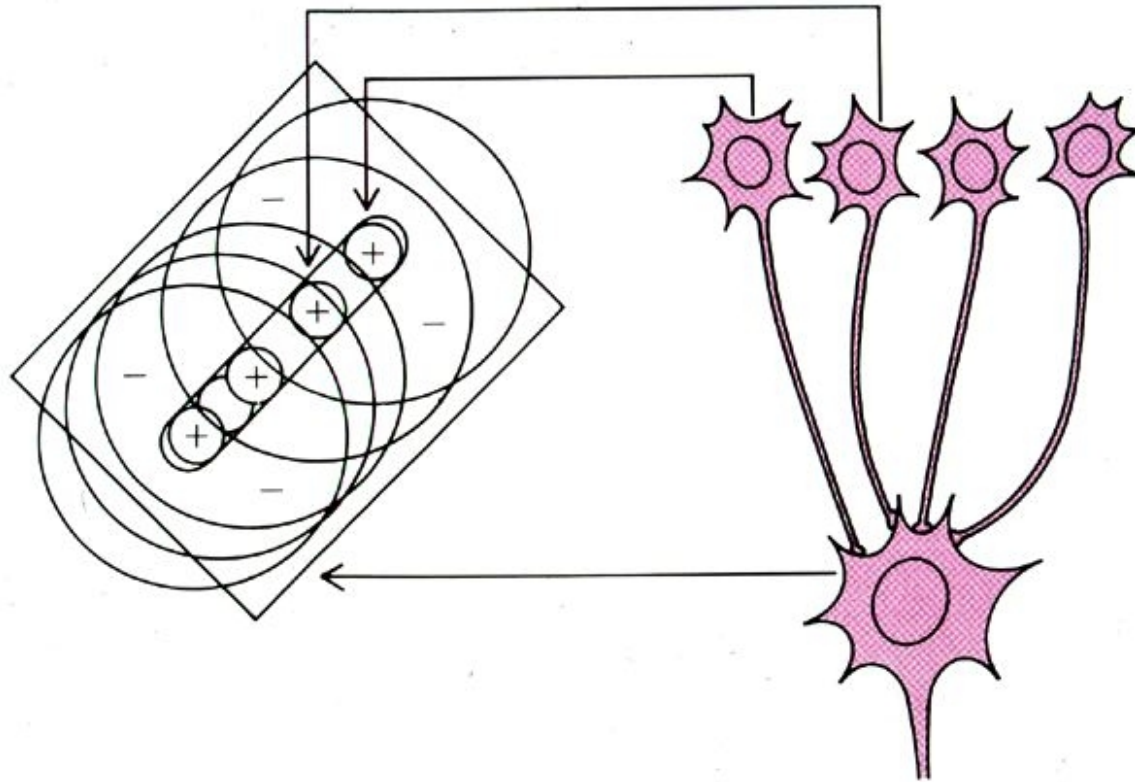


**How is V1 simple cell formed  
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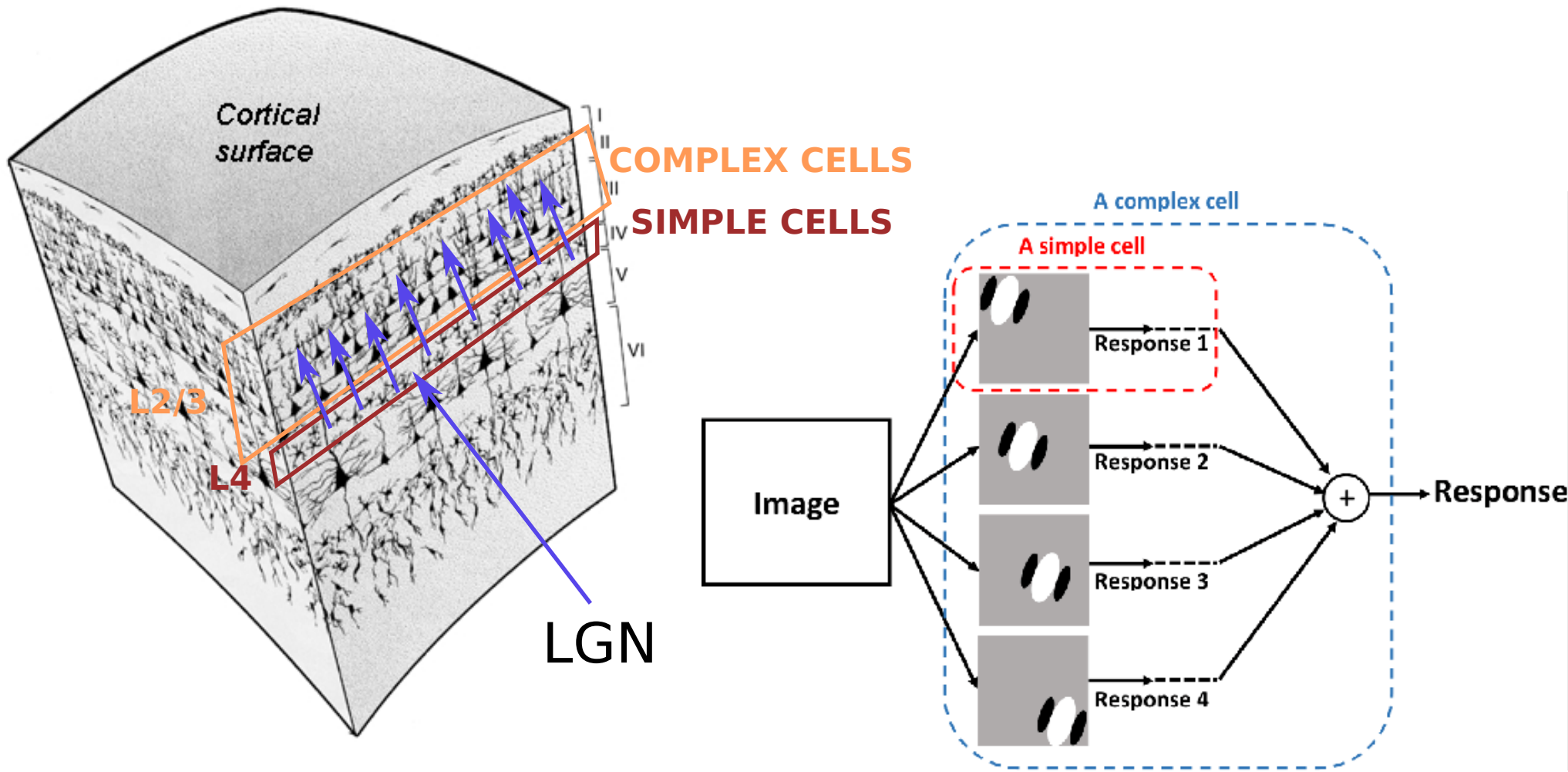
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Simple cell sums LGN inputs

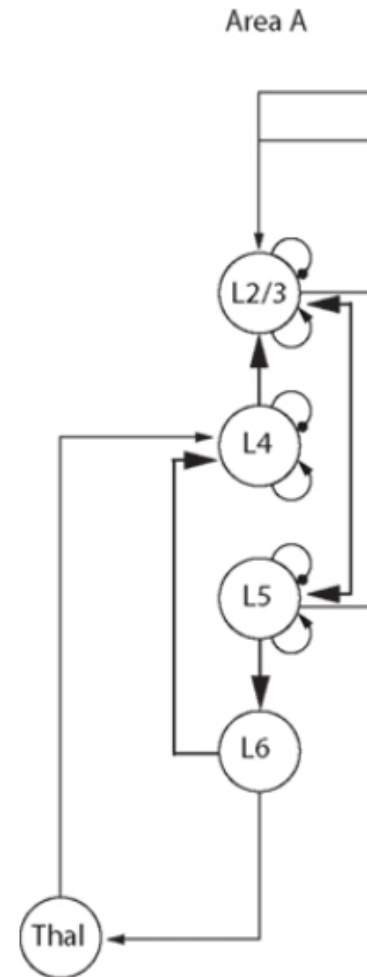
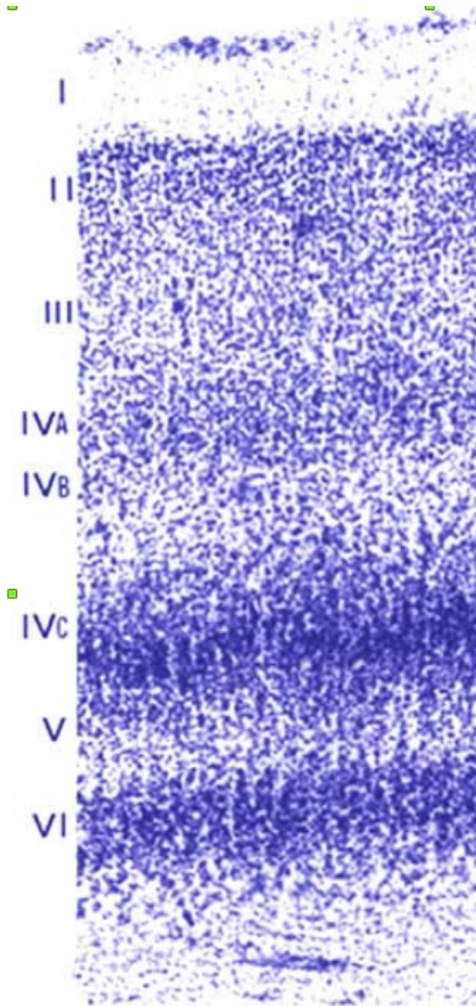


**How is V1 complex cell formed  
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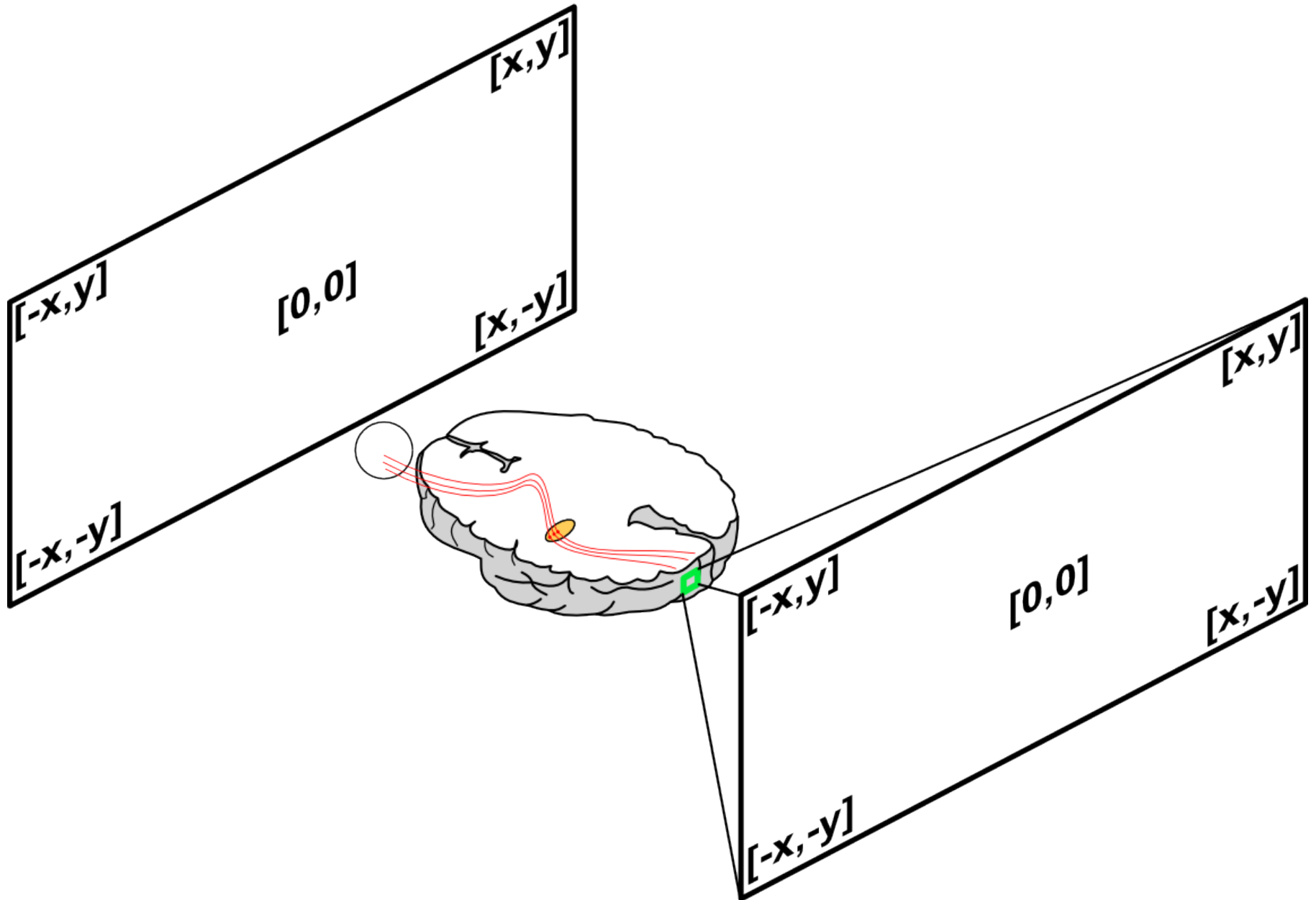
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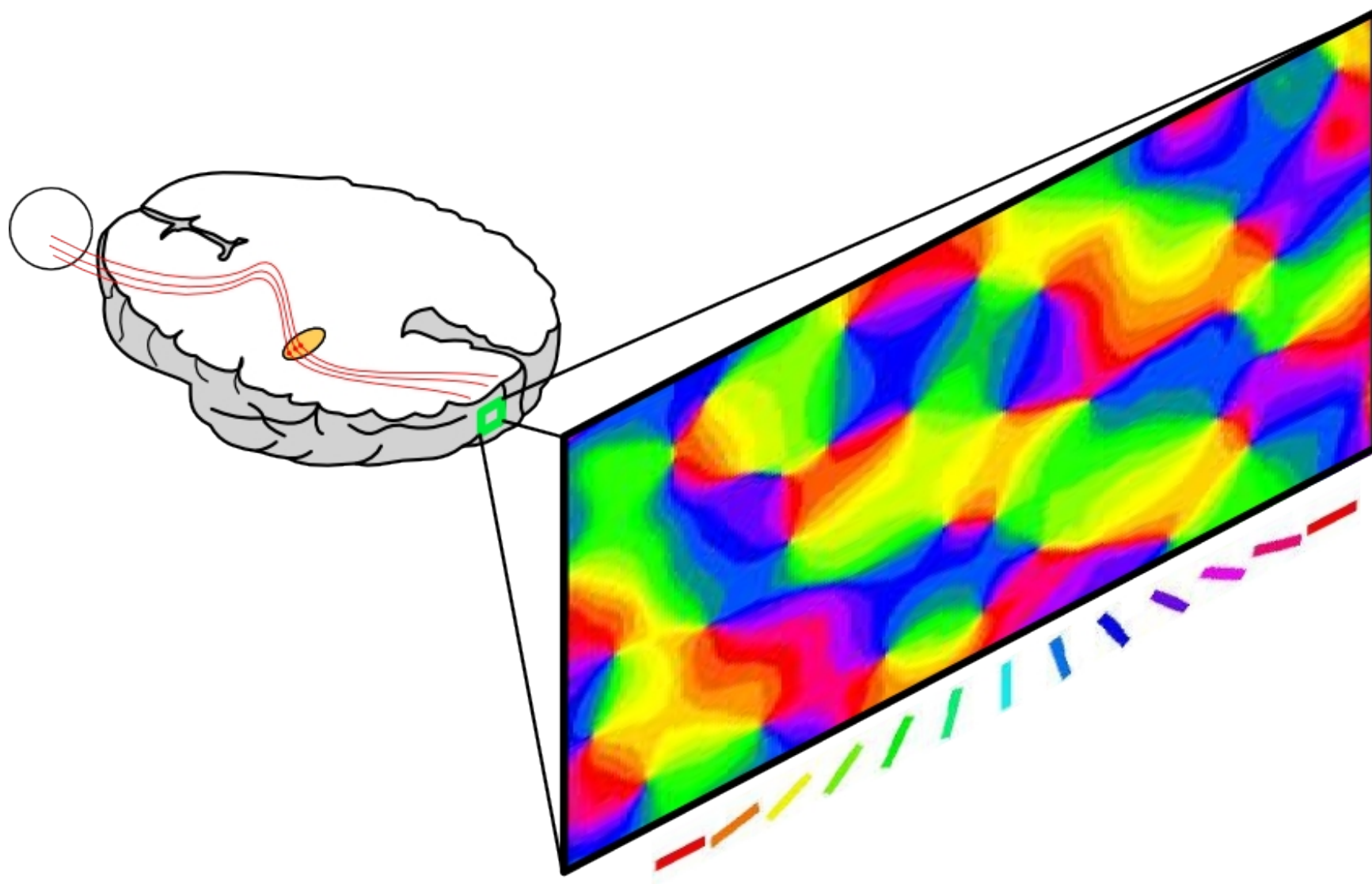
# Cortical layers & Simple/Complex cells



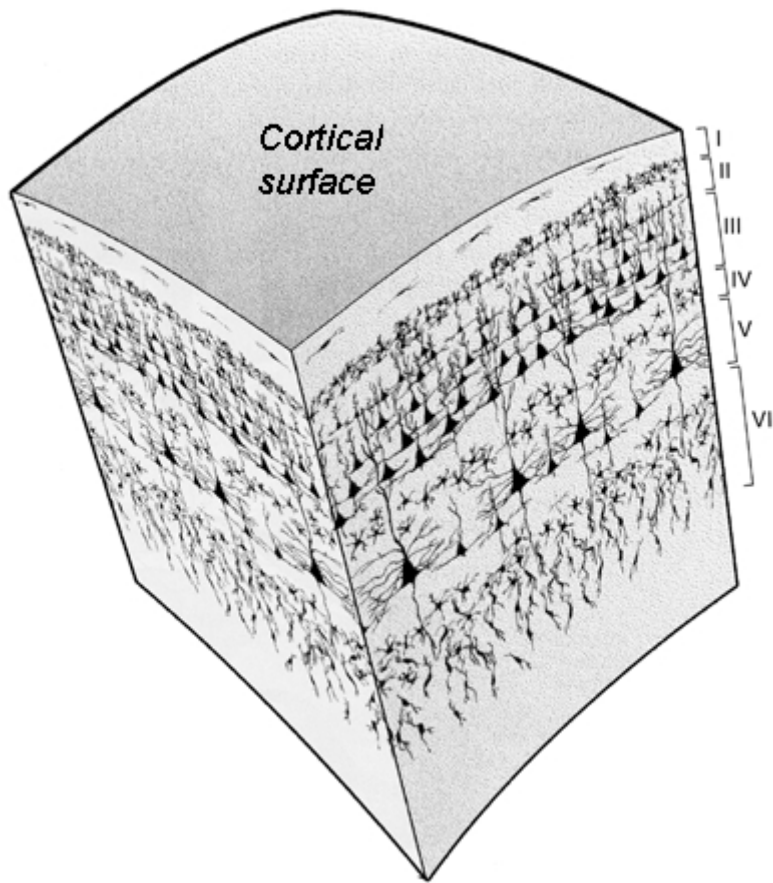
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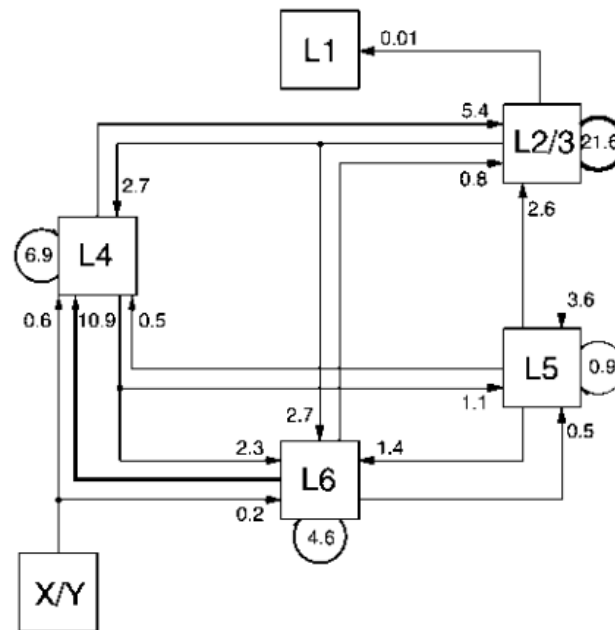
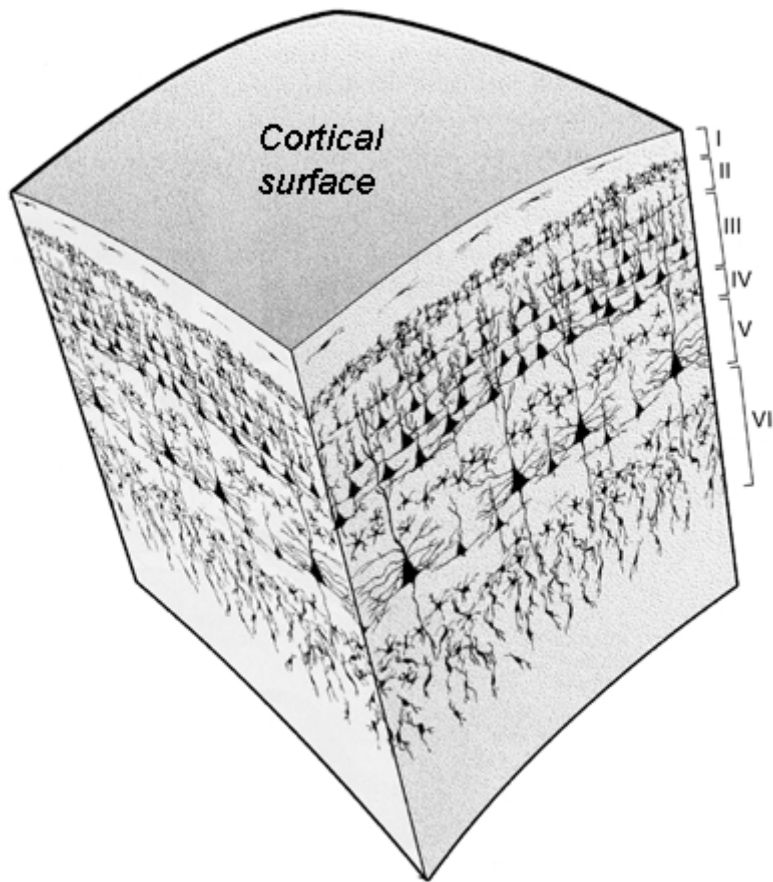
# Functional topological maps in cortex



# Quantifying cortical connectivity



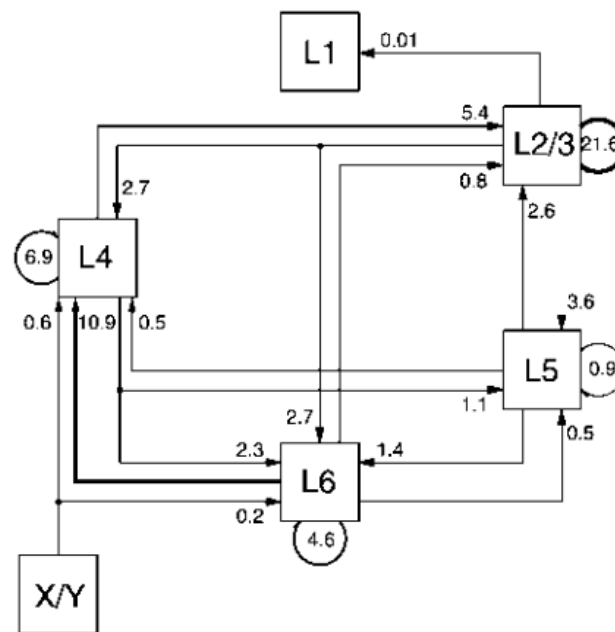
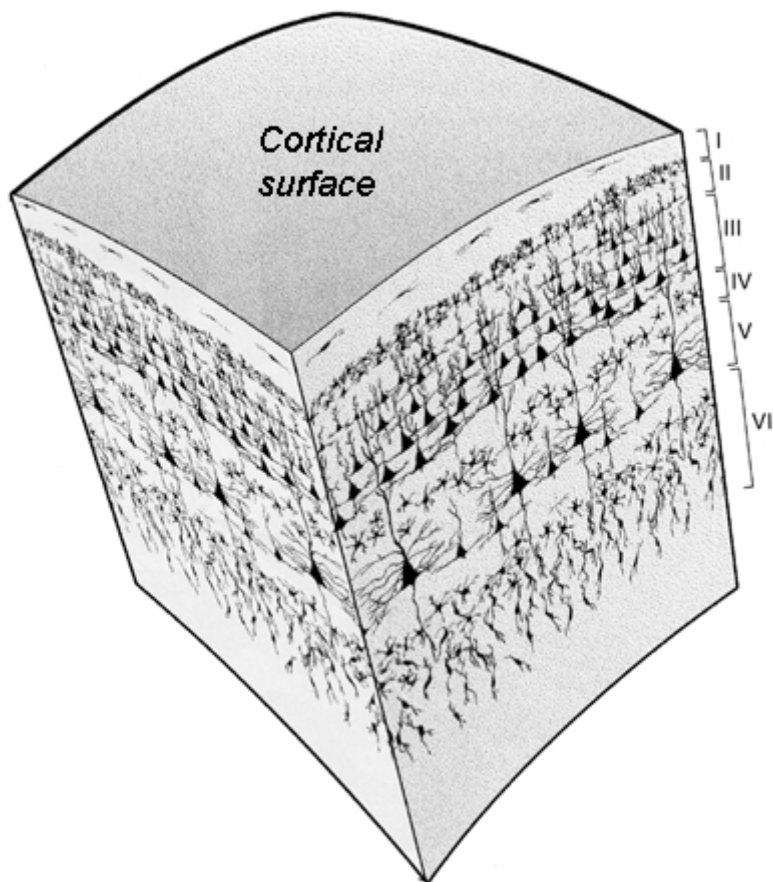
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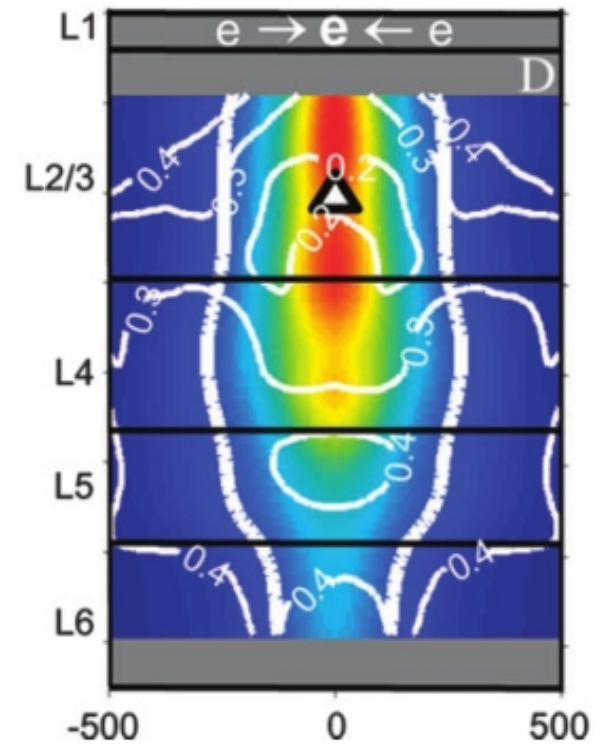
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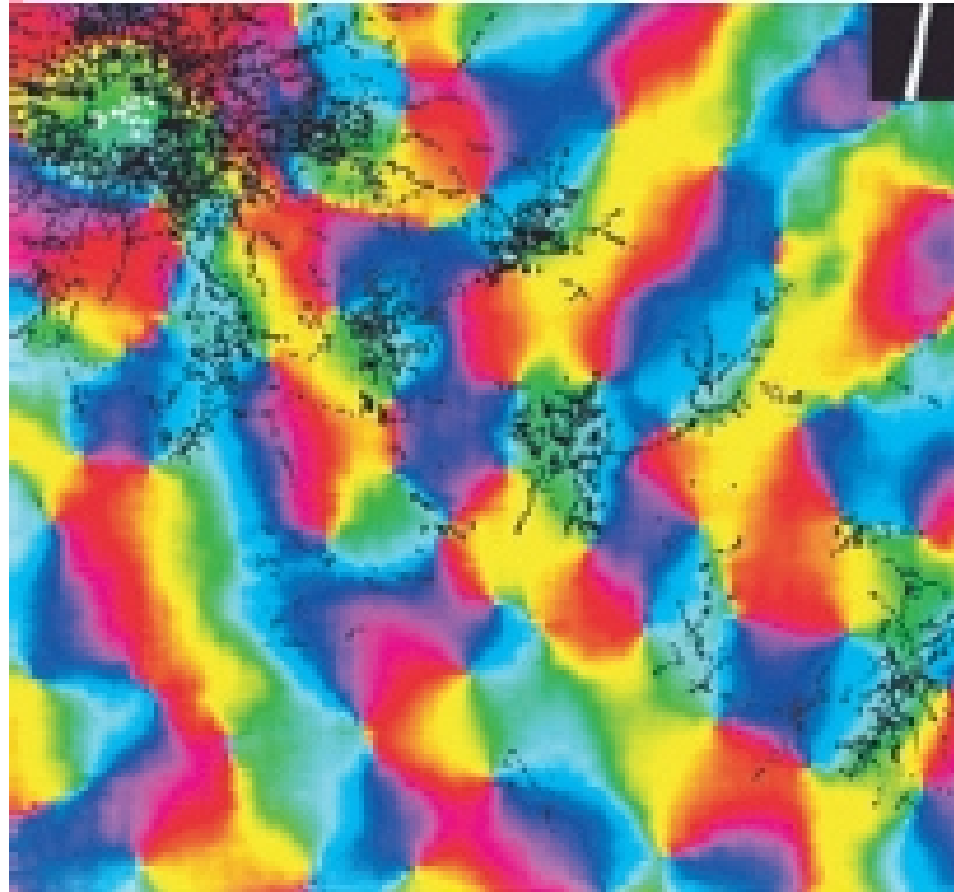


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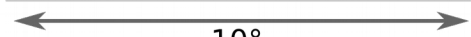
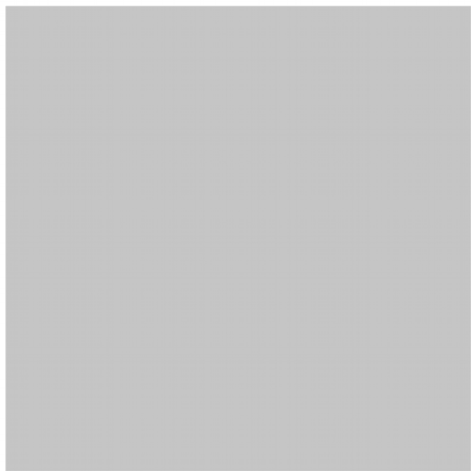
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# Orientation maps and functional specificity of connections

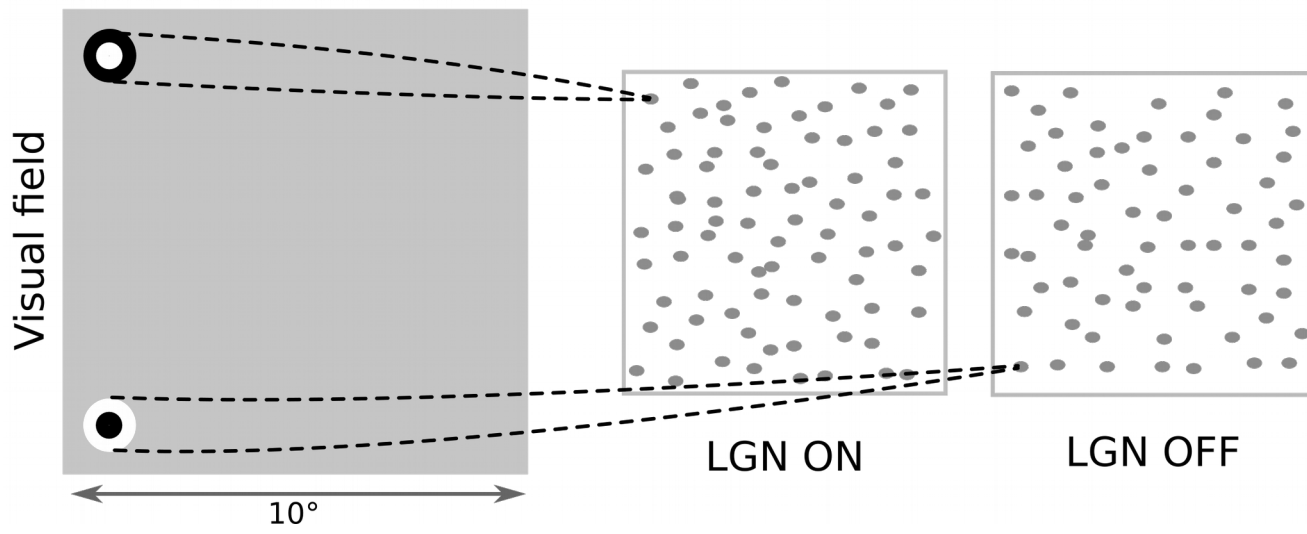


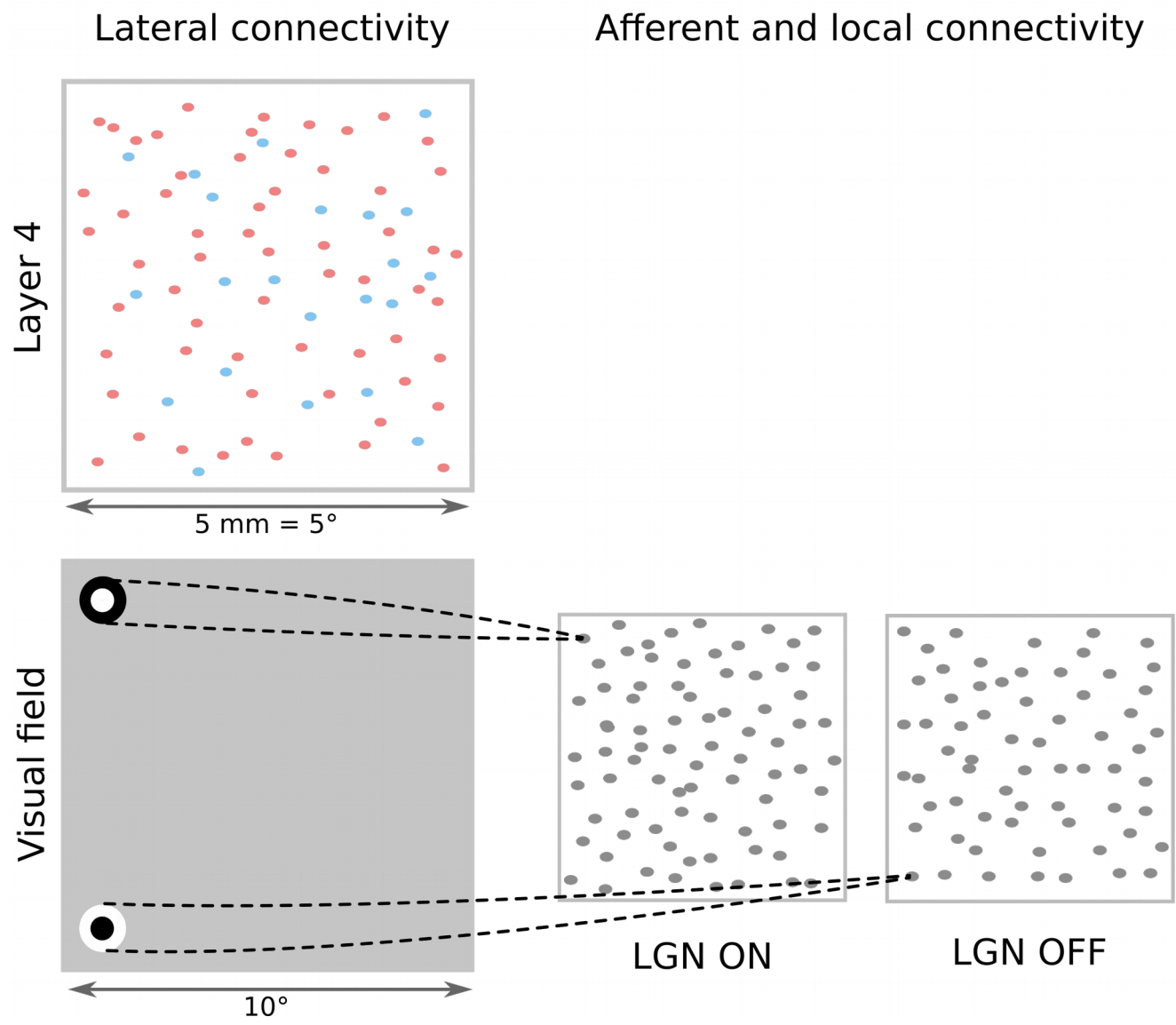
# **THE DATA DRIVEN MODEL**

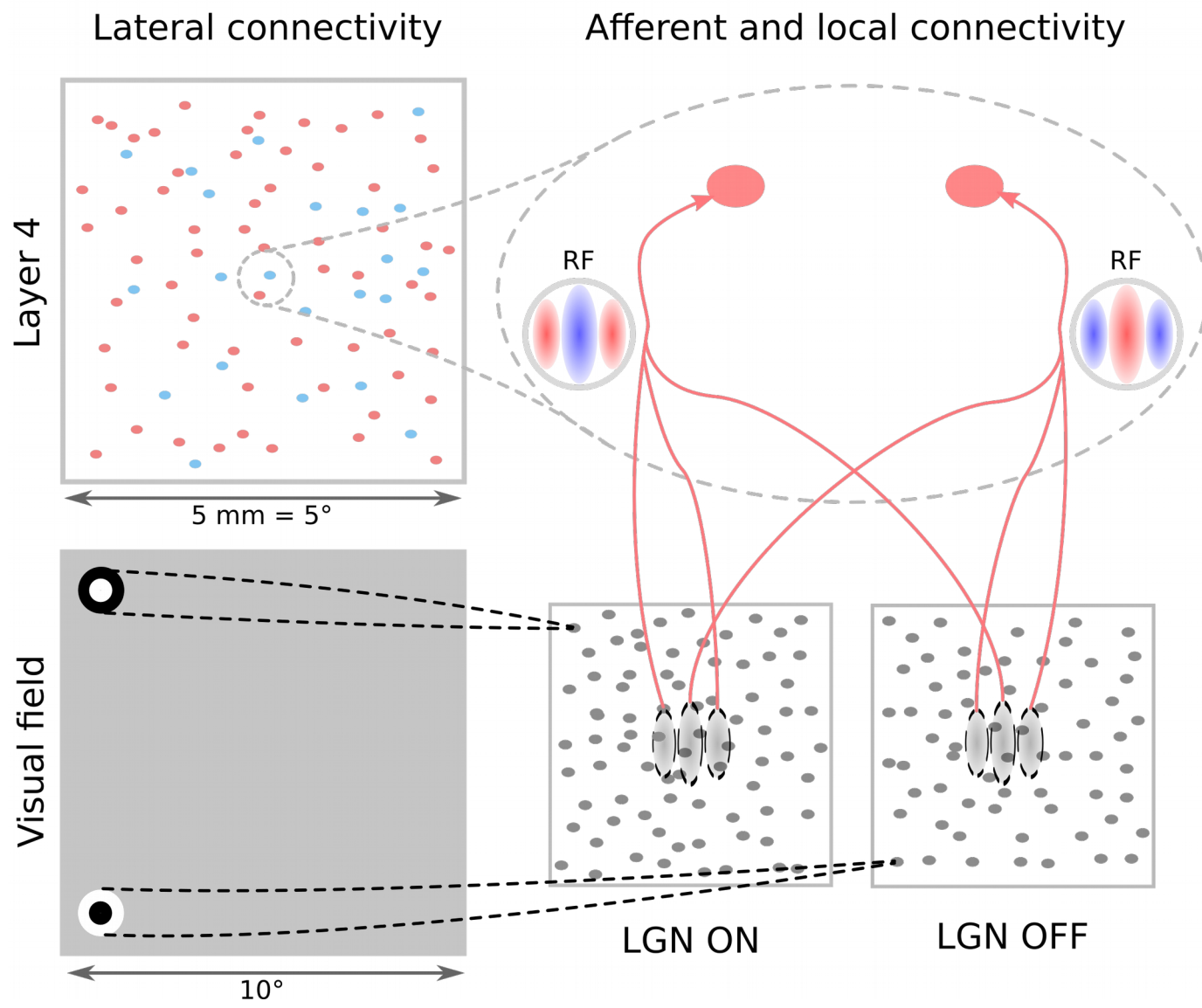
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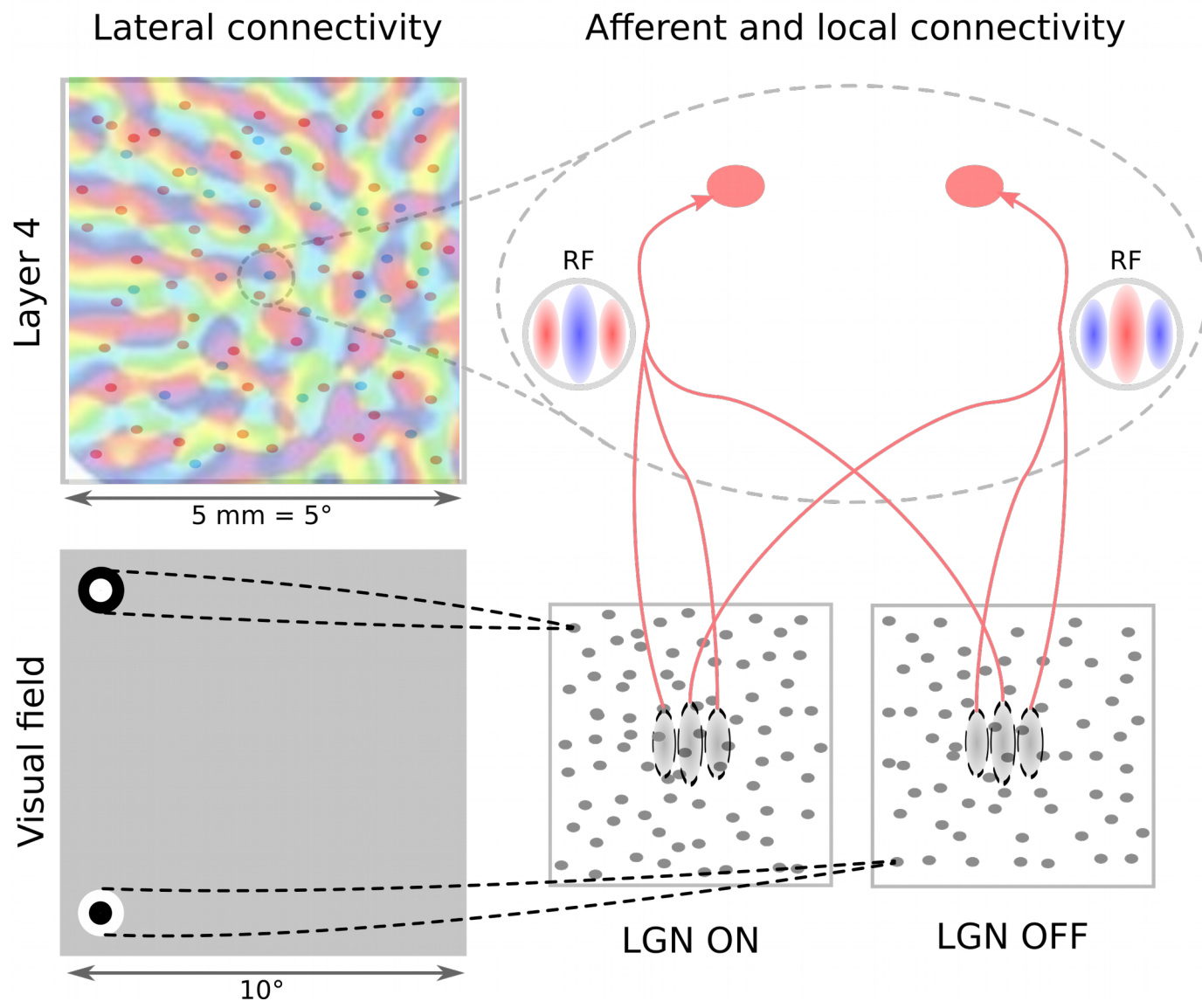


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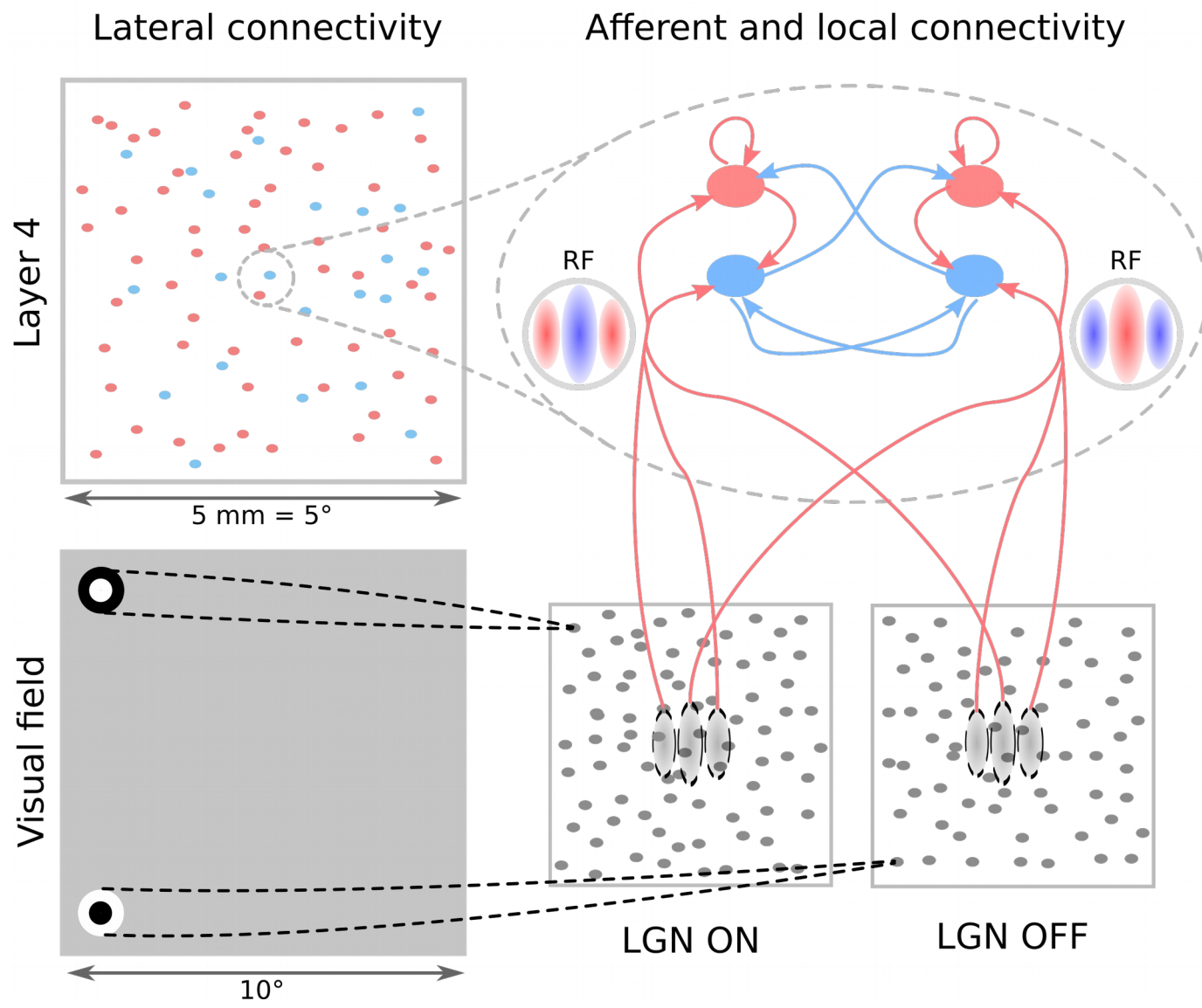


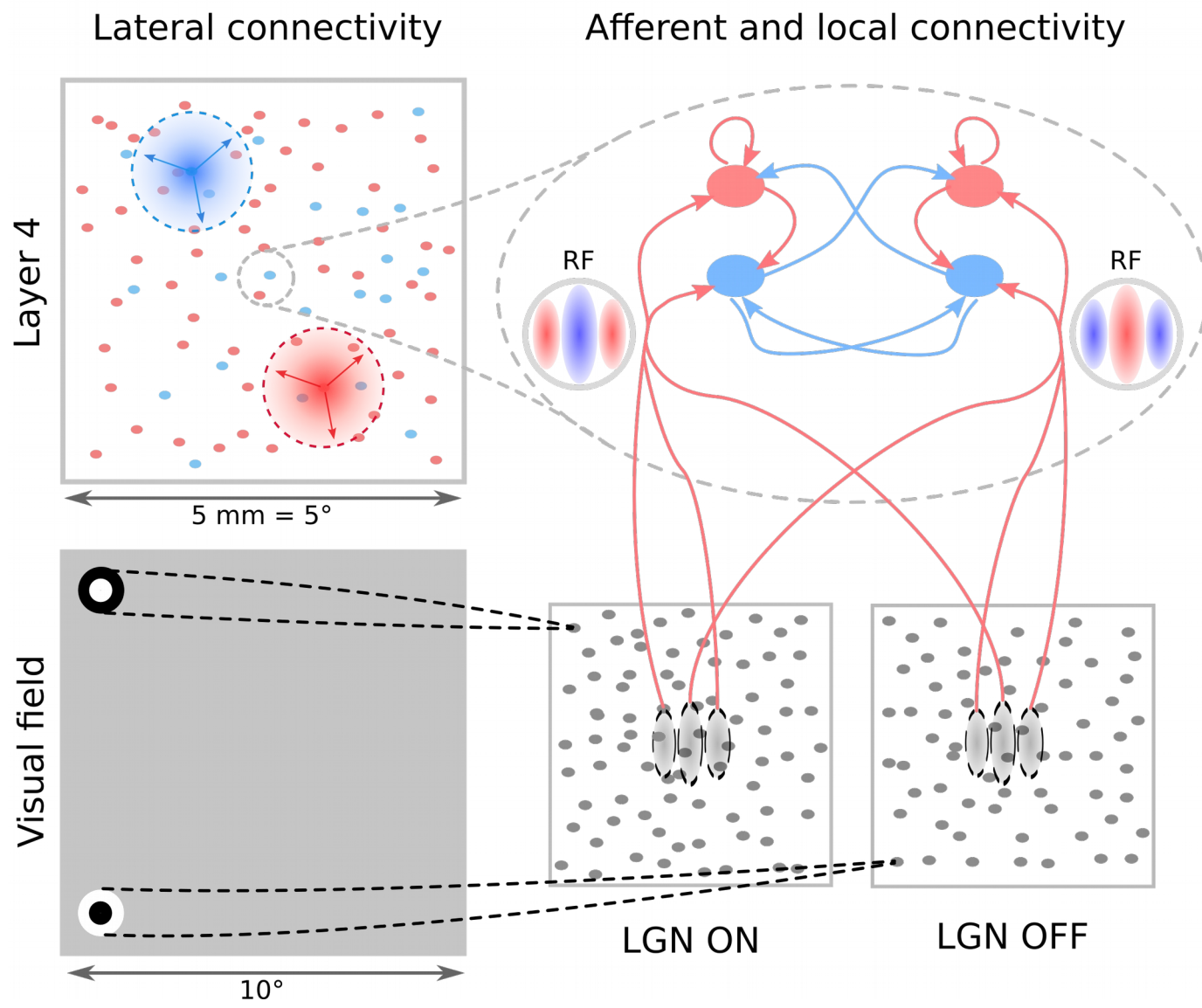


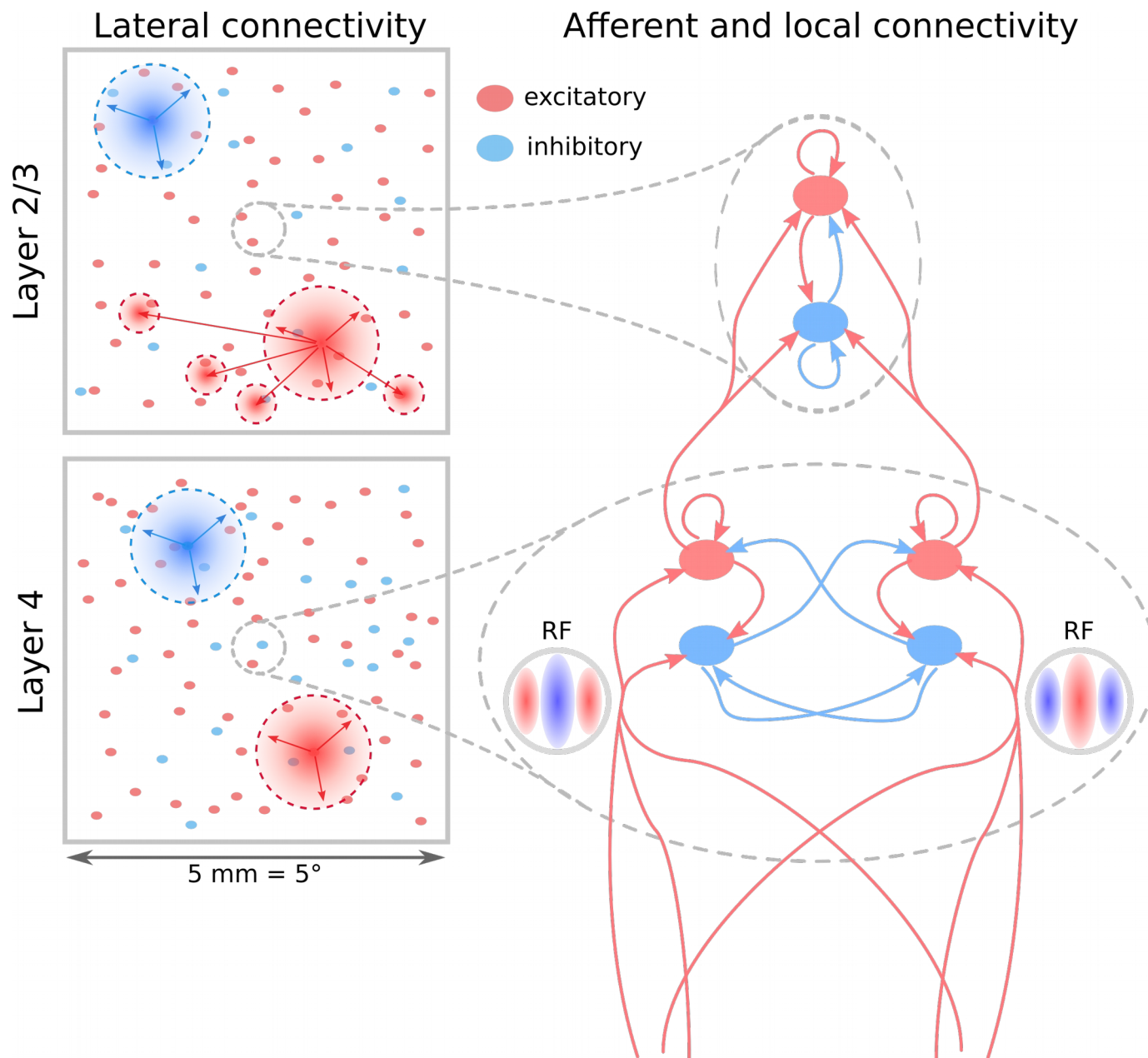












# THE MODEL (neuron model)

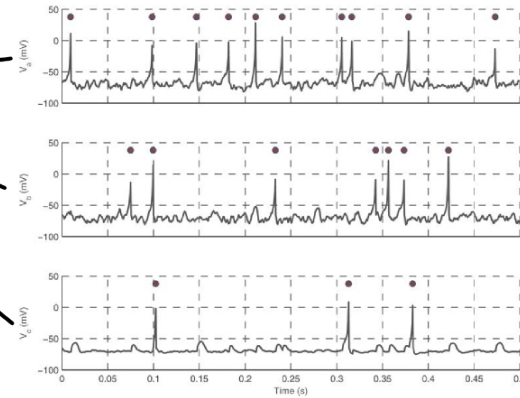
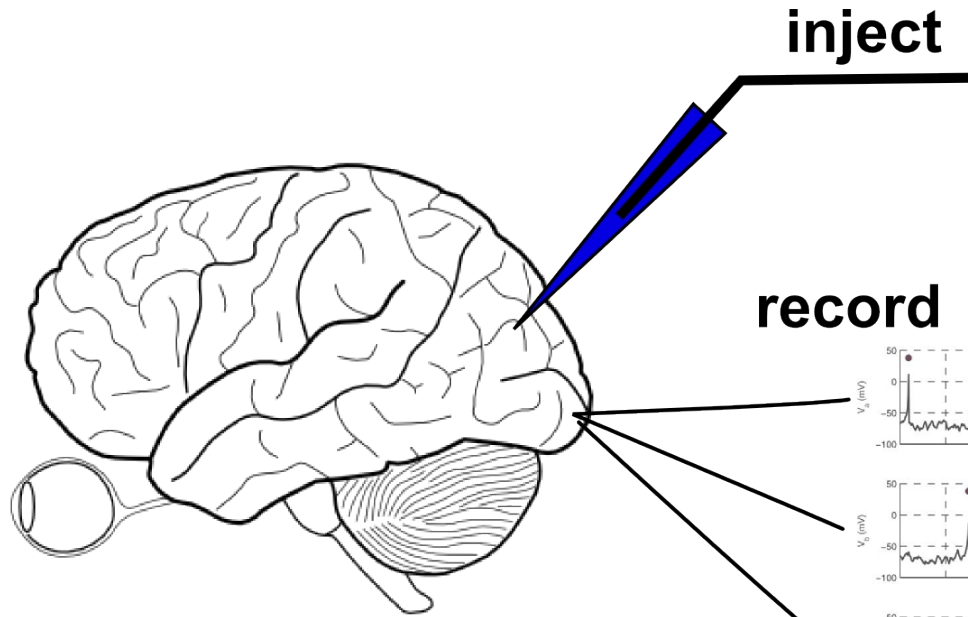
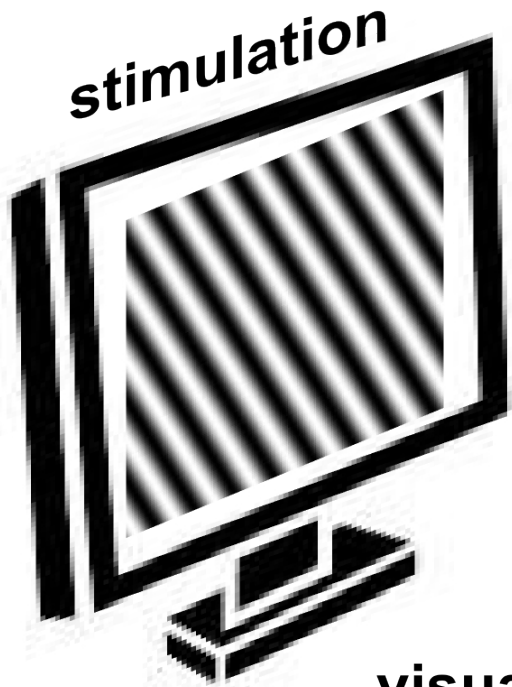
- 4:1 exc:inh ratio,  $\sim 10^4$ - $10^5$  neurons
- Adaptive exponential integrate and fire model

$$C \frac{dV}{dt} = -g_L(V - E_L) + g_L \Delta_T \exp\left(\frac{V - V_T}{\Delta_T}\right) - w + I \quad (1)$$

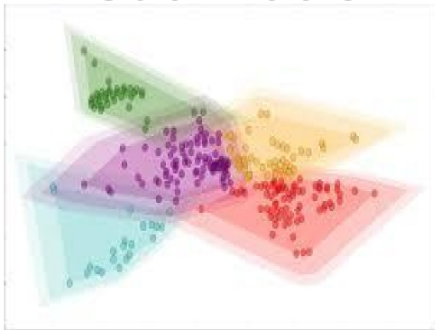
$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = a(V - E_L) - w \quad (2)$$

- Parameters  $a$  and  $b$  were uniformly randomly distributed within physiological boundaries
- Exponential synapses
- Synaptic depression

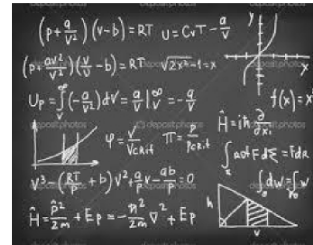
# Experimental setup



visualization



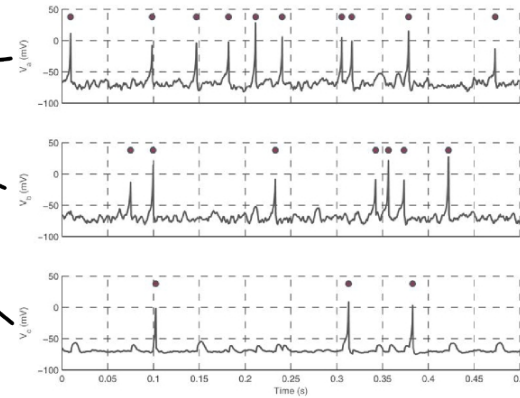
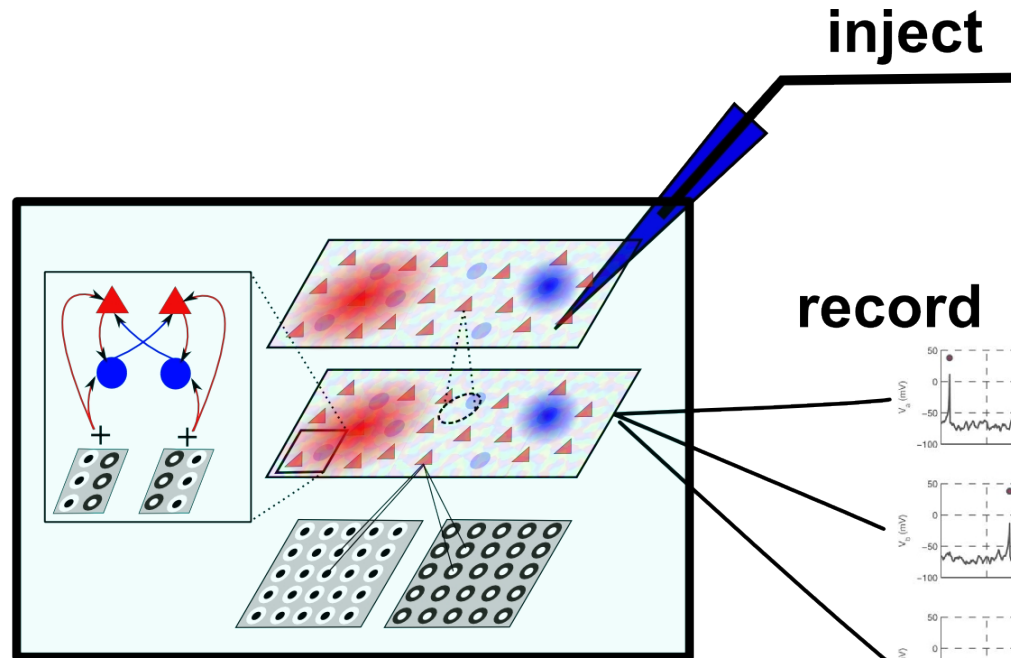
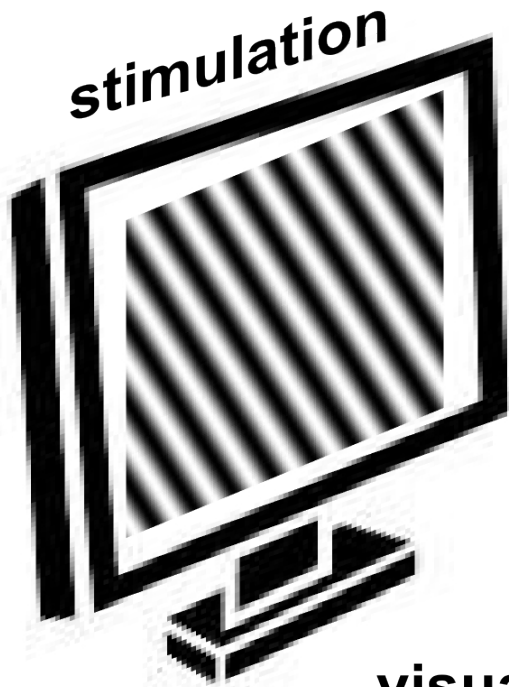
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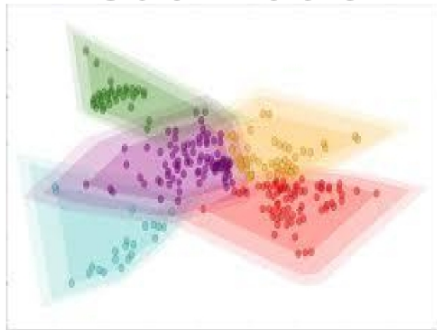
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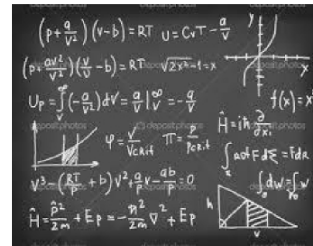
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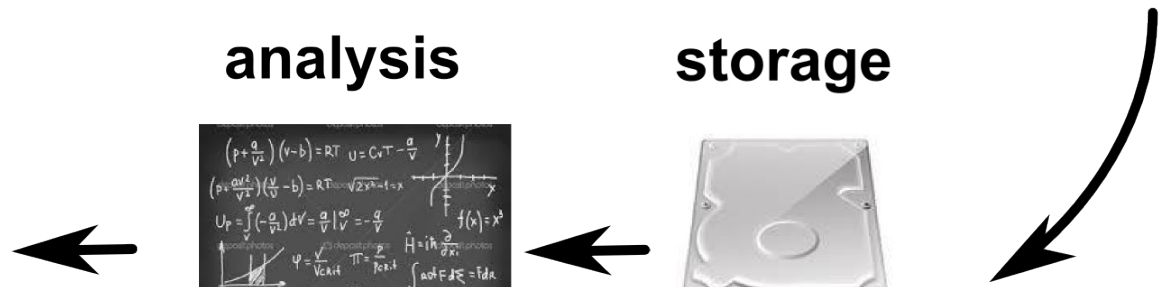
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# RESULTS



# Spontaneous activity

LAYER 4

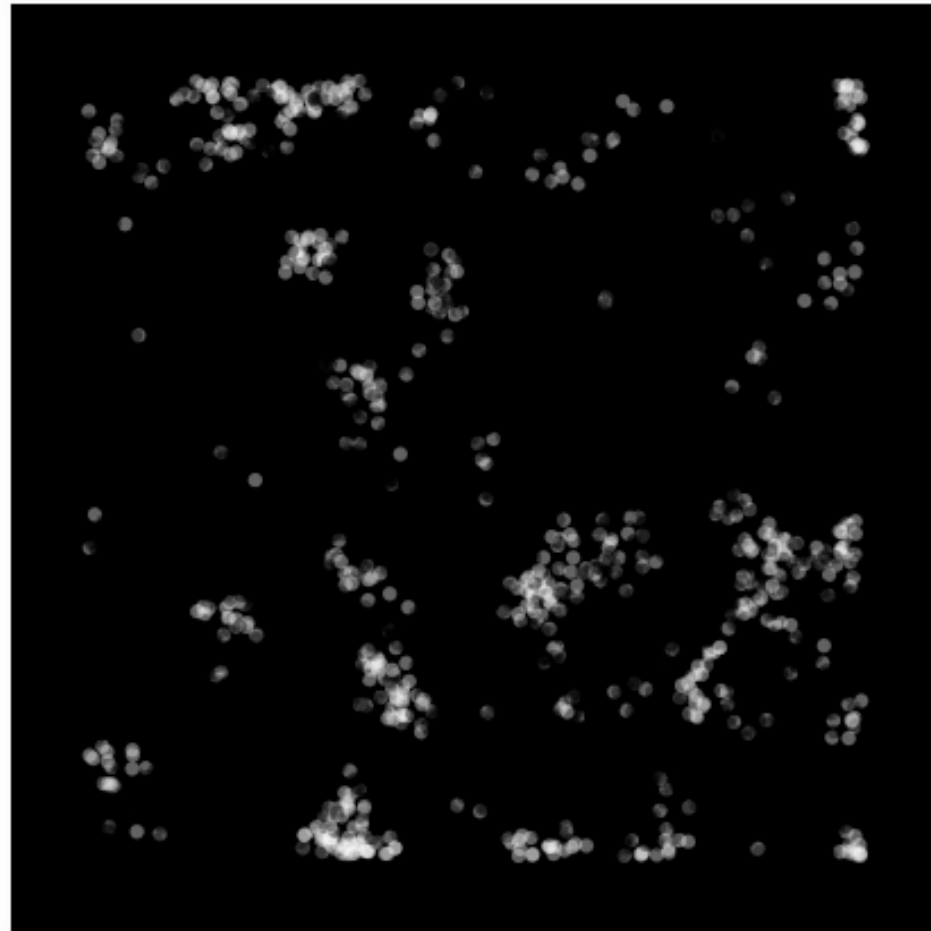






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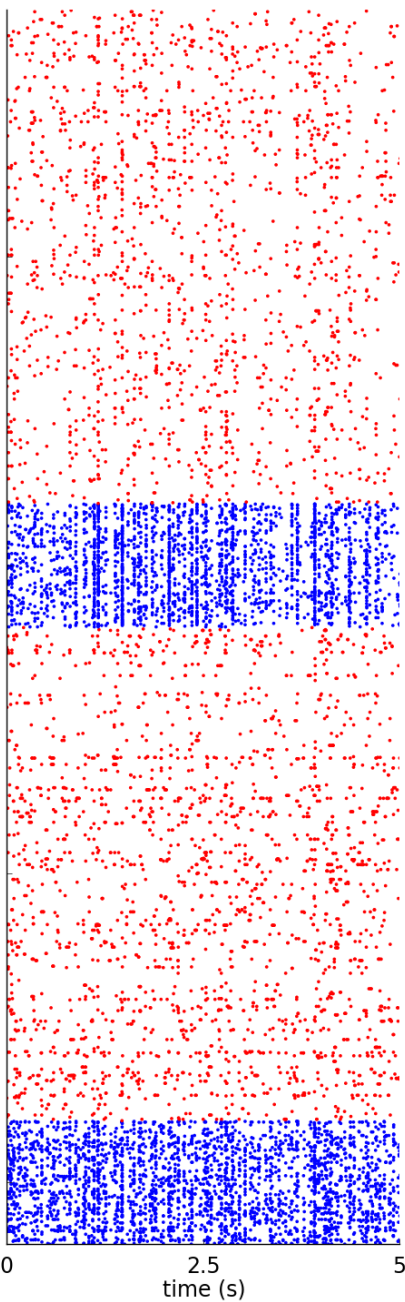
LAYER 2/3



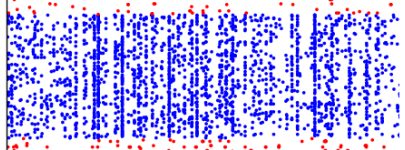


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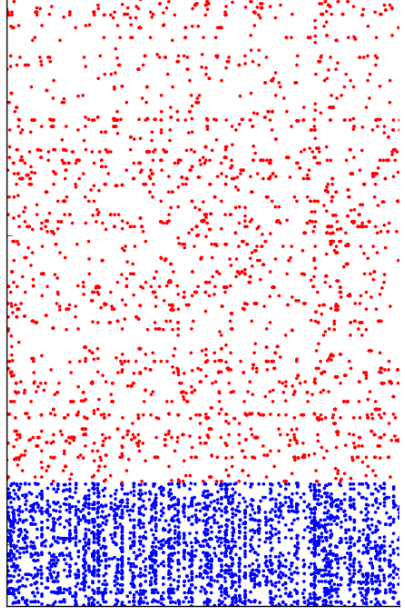
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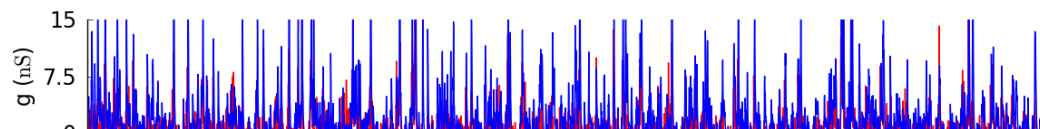
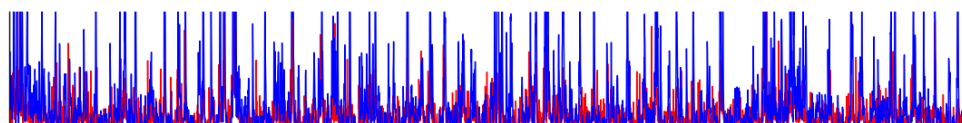
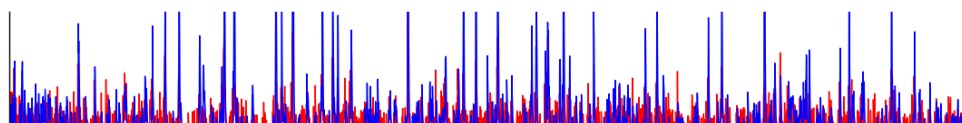
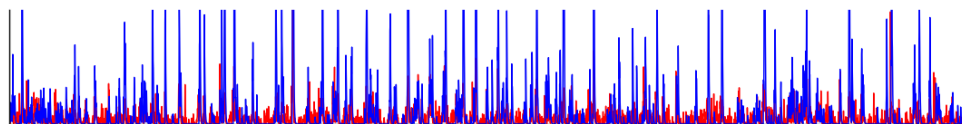
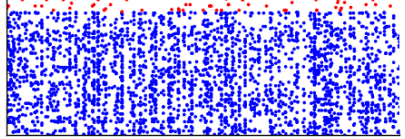
L2/3 Inh.



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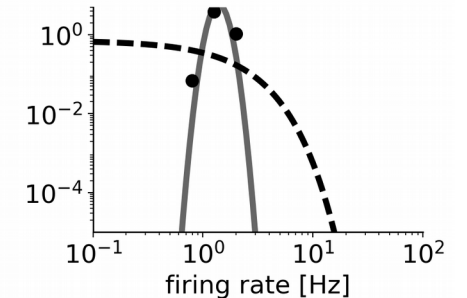
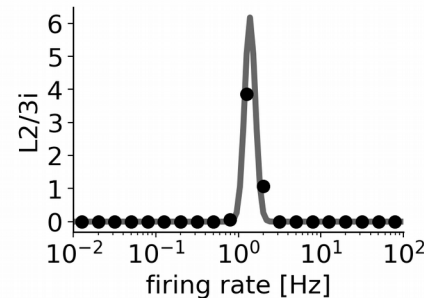
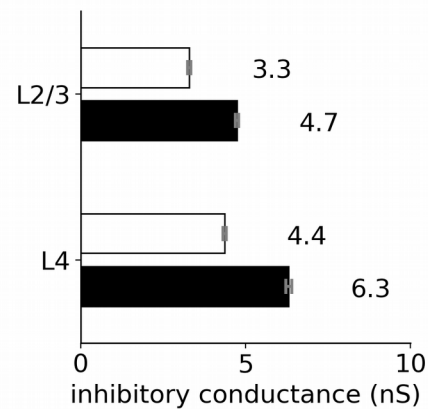
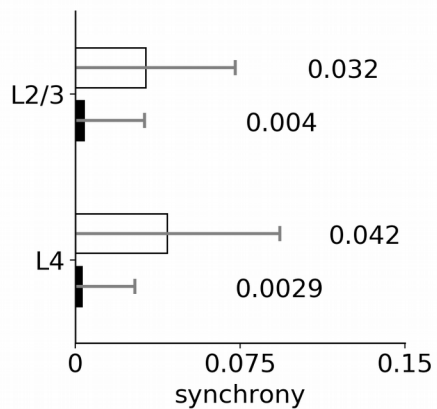
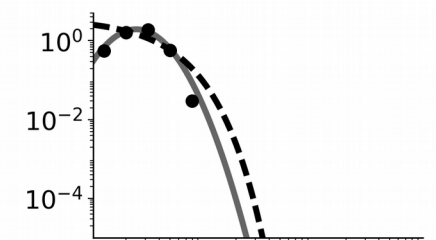
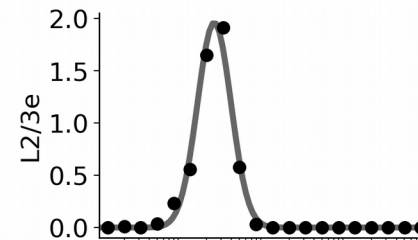
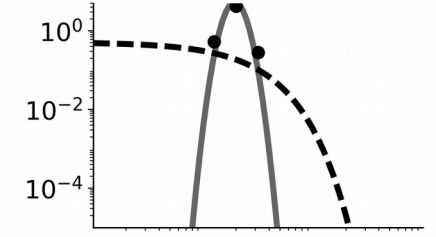
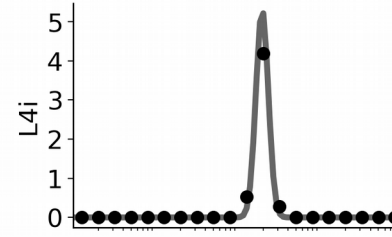
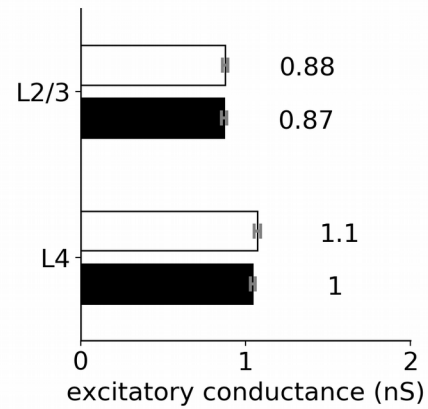
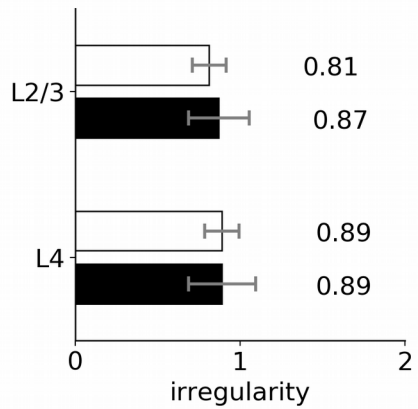
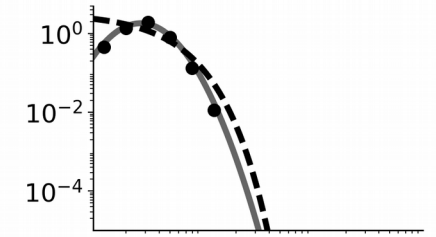
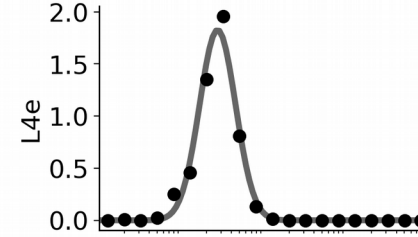
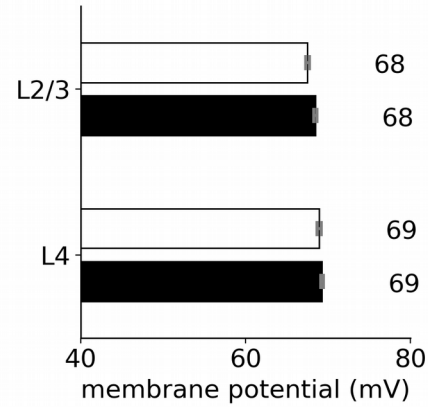
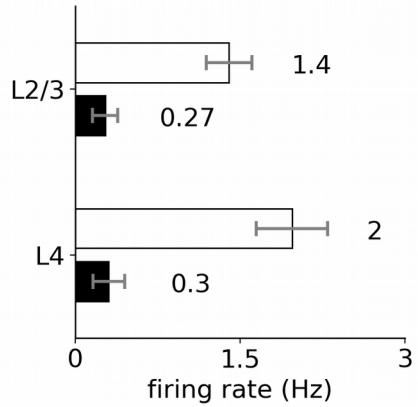


L4 Inh.





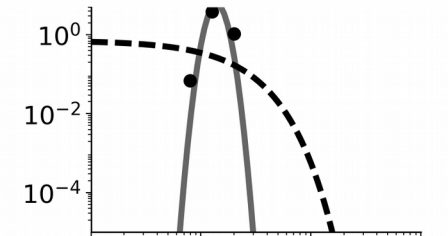
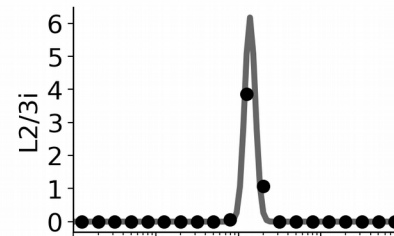
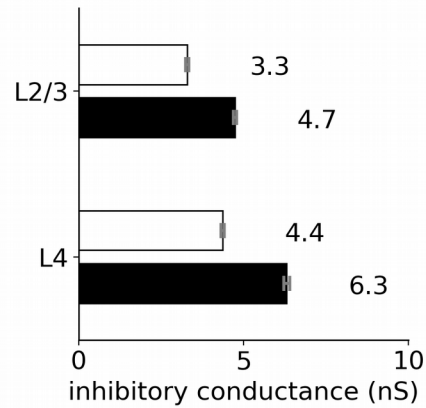
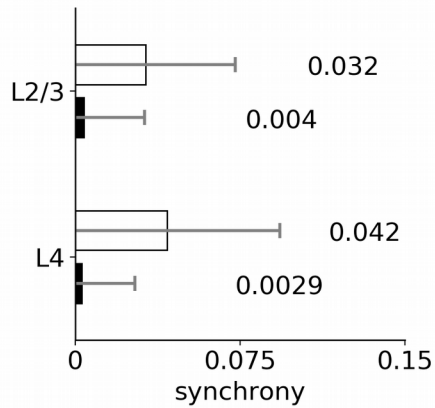
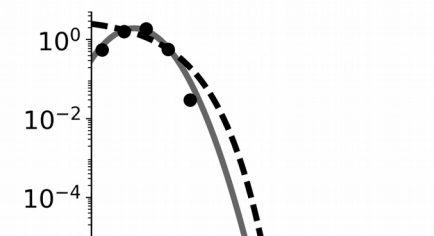
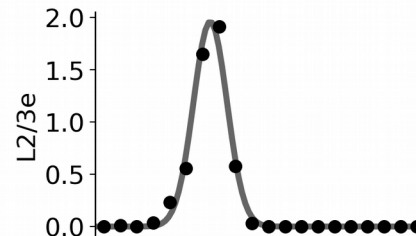
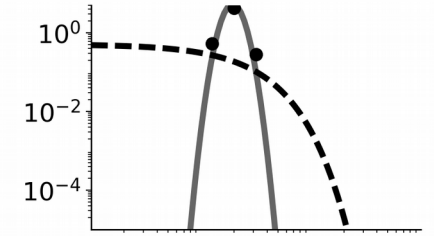
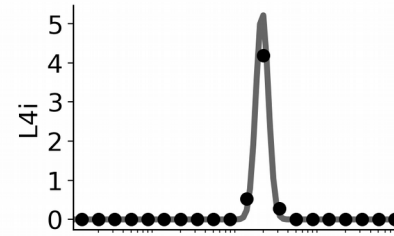
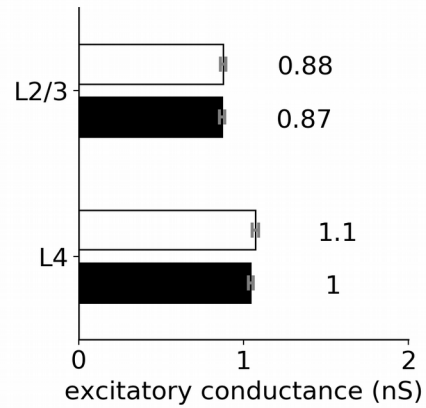
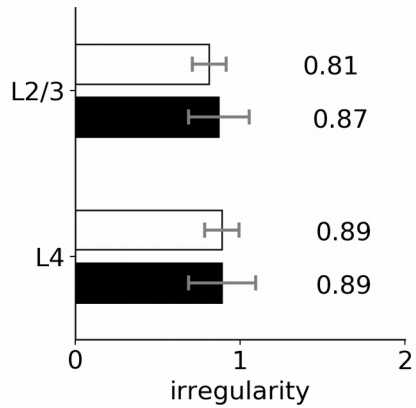
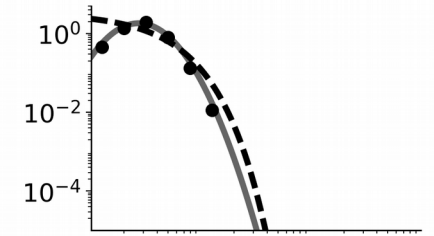
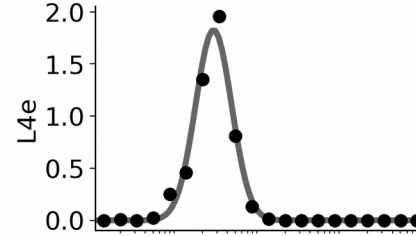
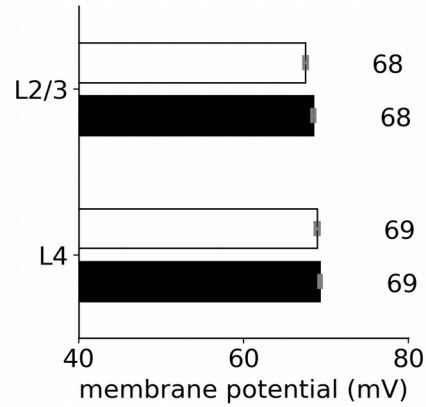
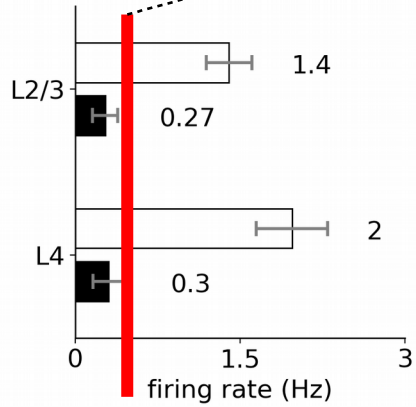
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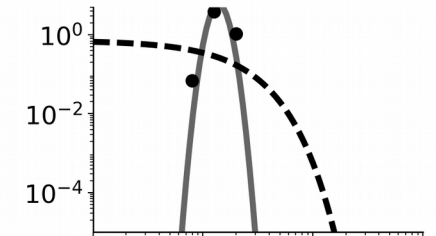
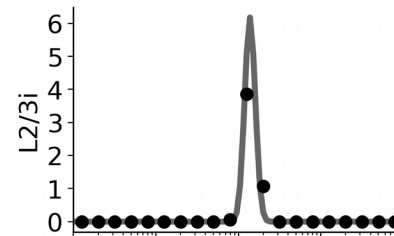
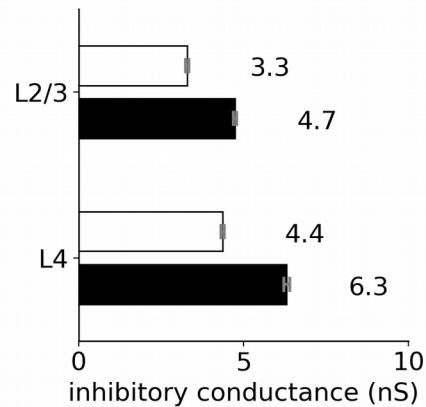
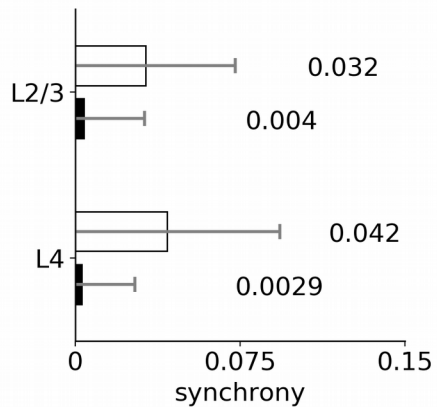
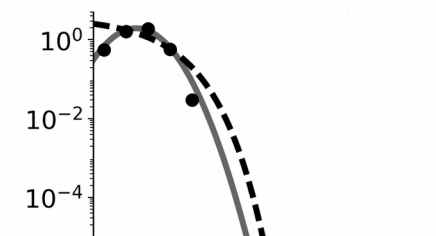
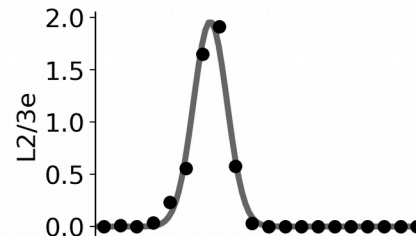
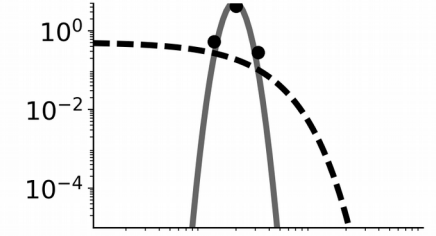
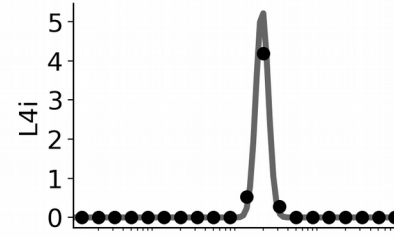
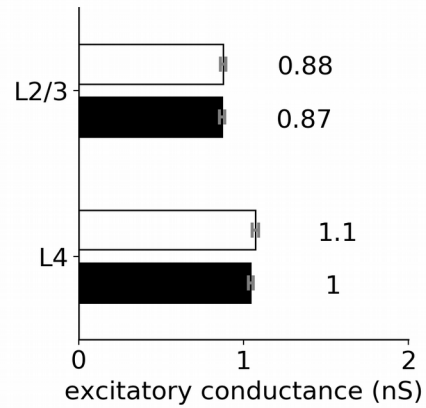
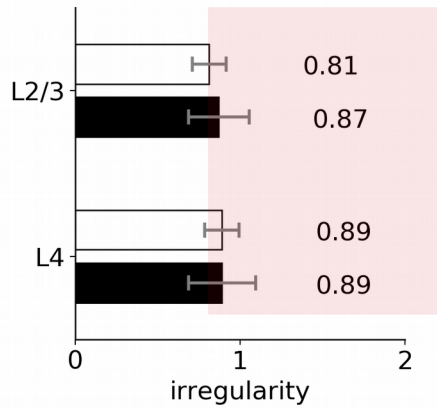
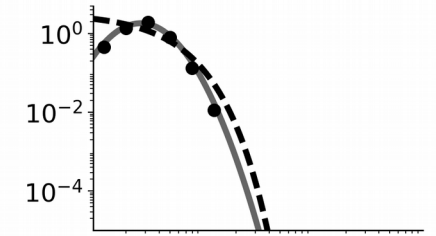
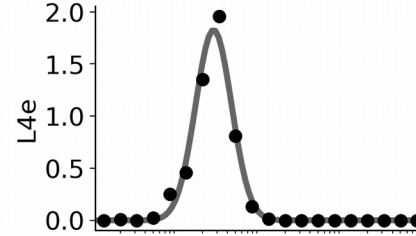
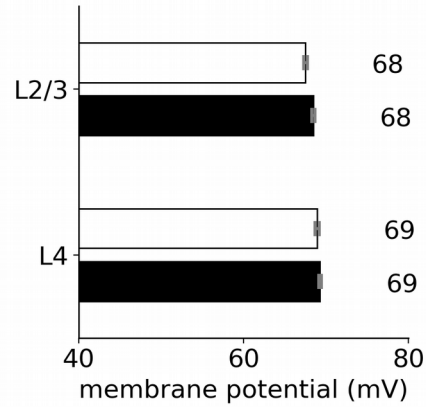
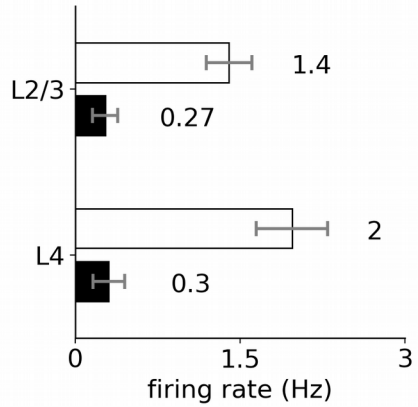
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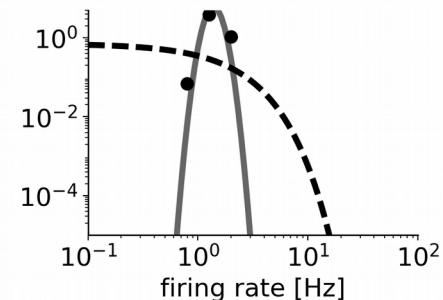
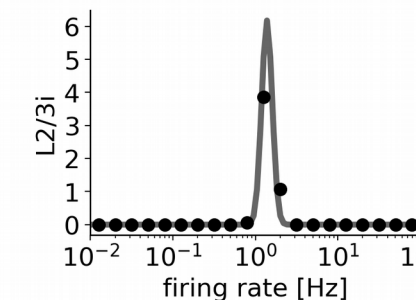
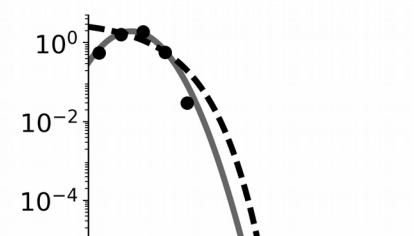
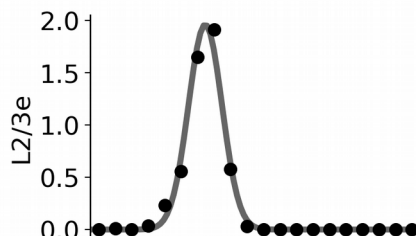
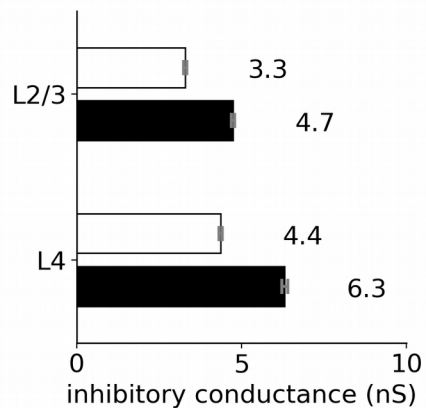
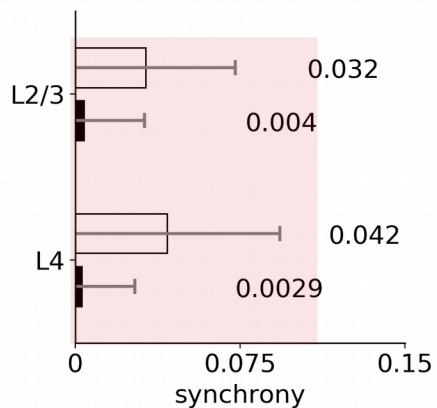
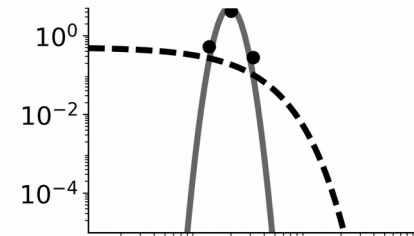
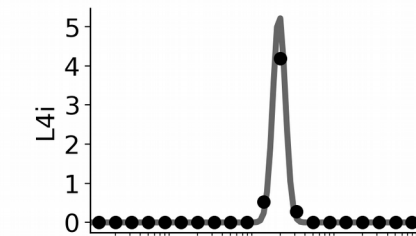
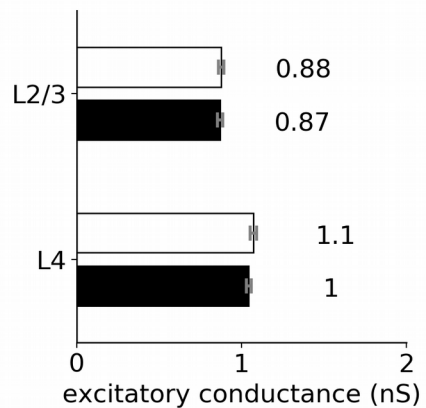
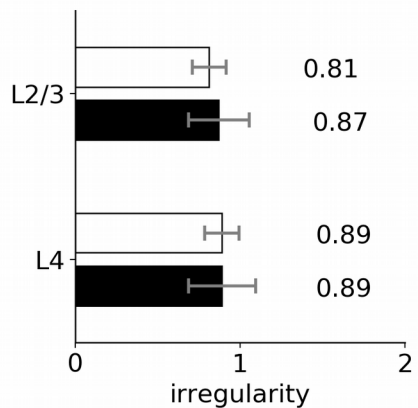
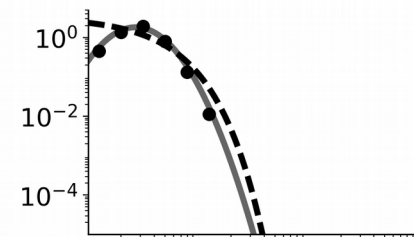
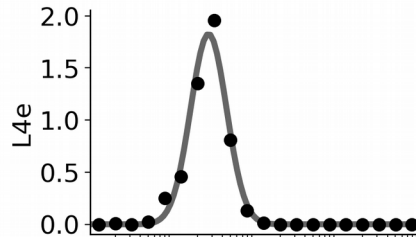
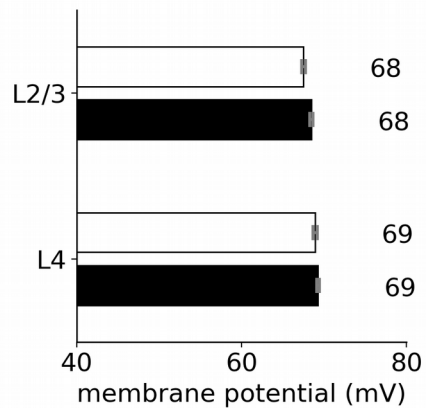
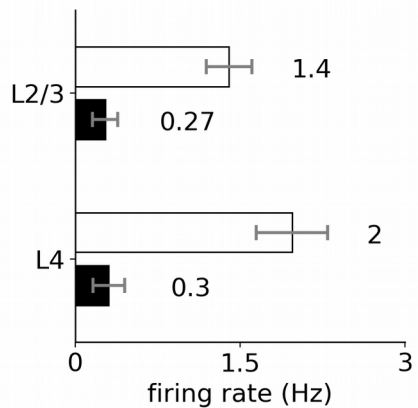


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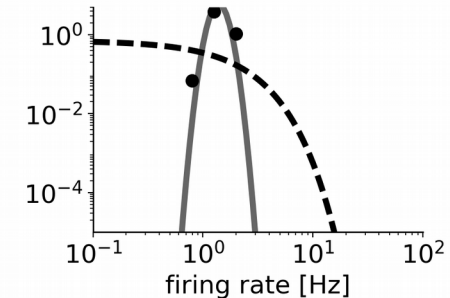
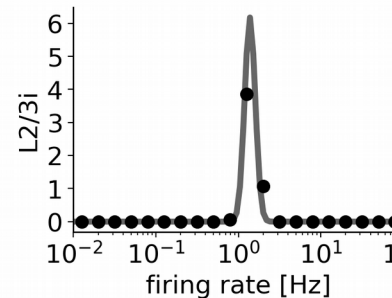
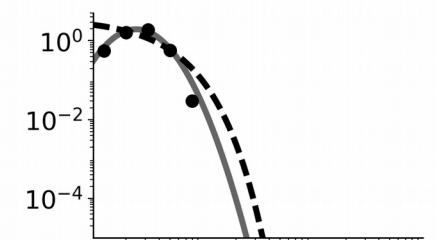
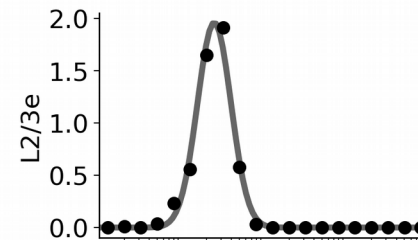
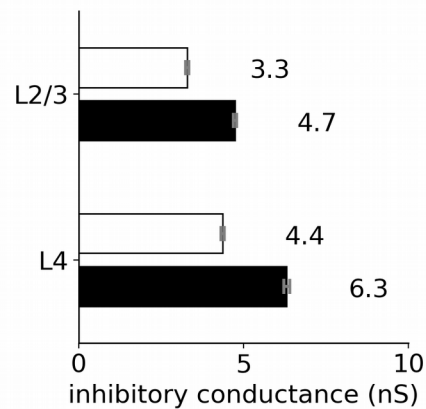
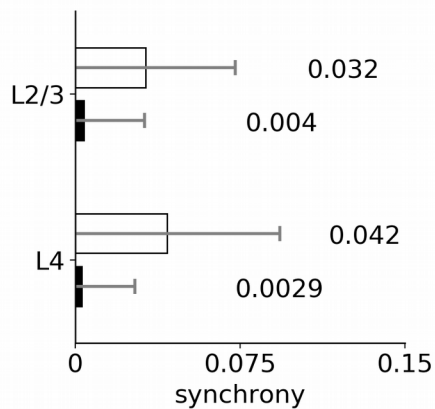
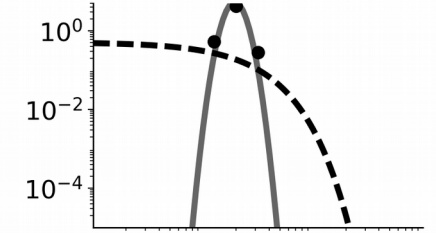
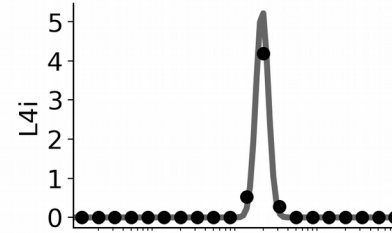
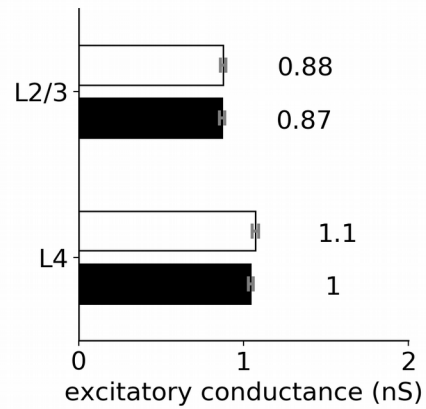
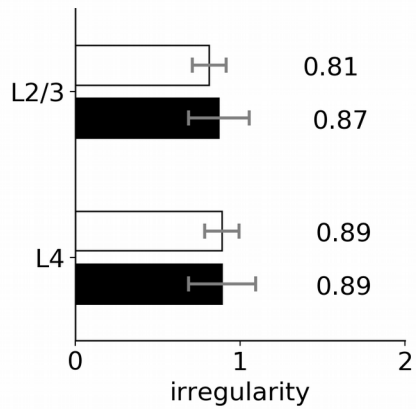
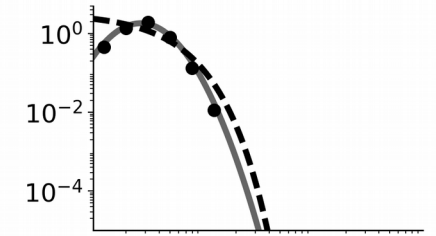
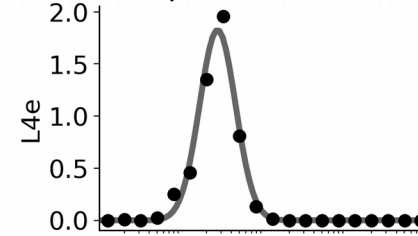
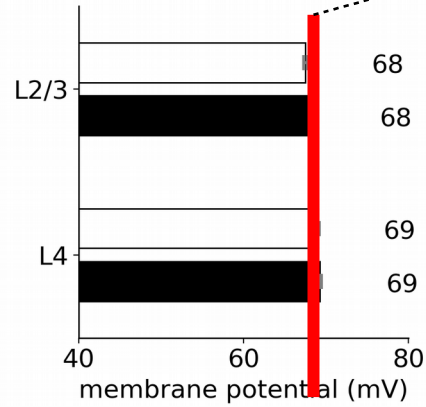
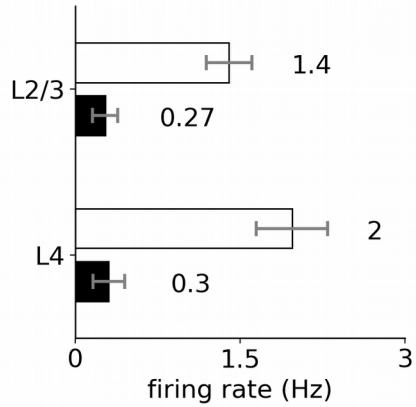
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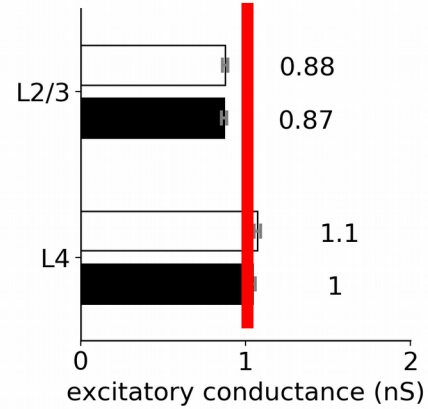
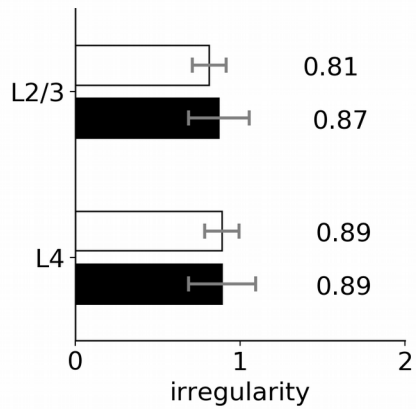
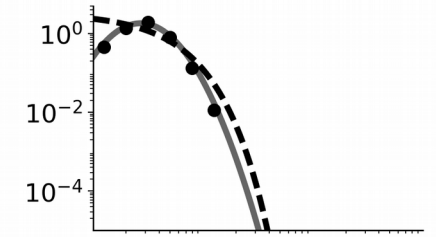
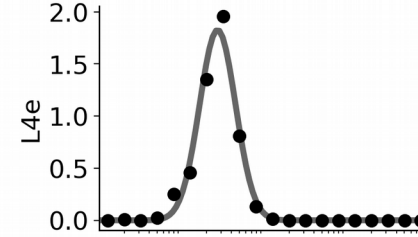
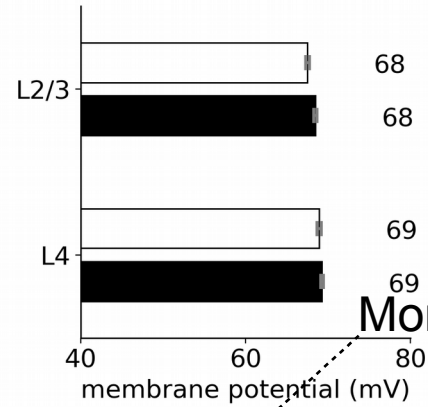
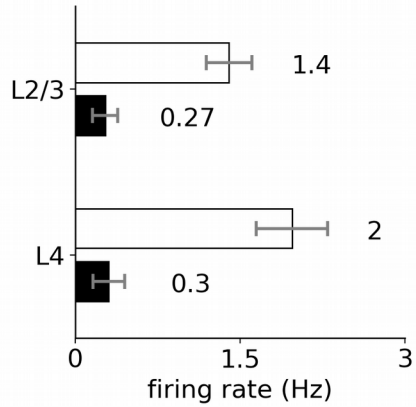
# SA: mean firing rate

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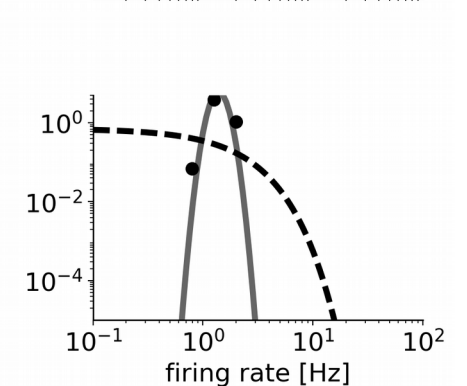
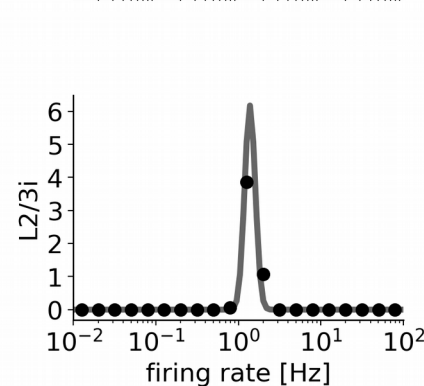
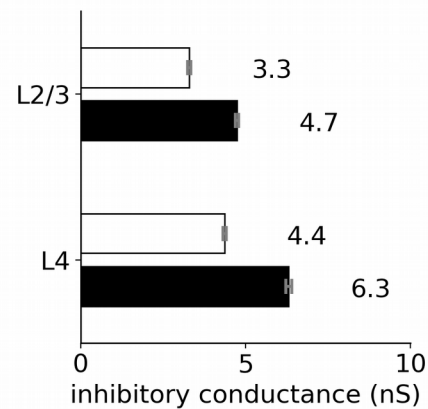
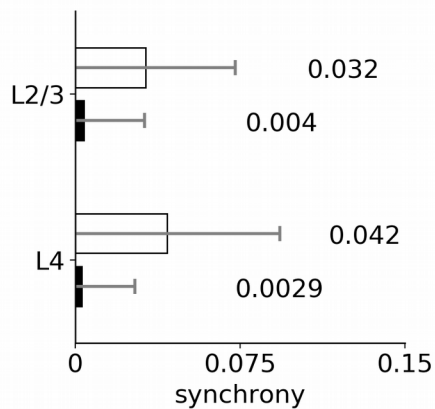
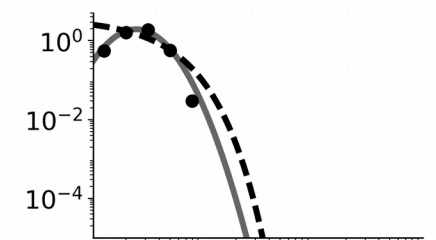
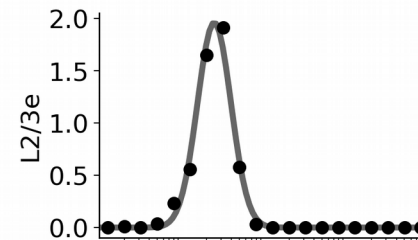
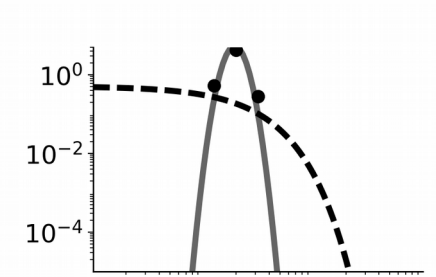
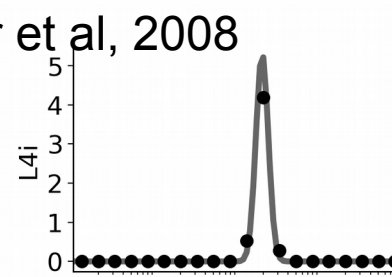




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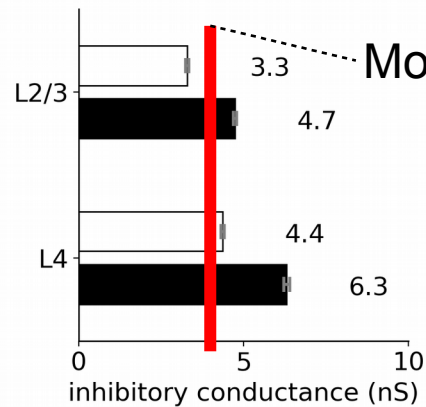
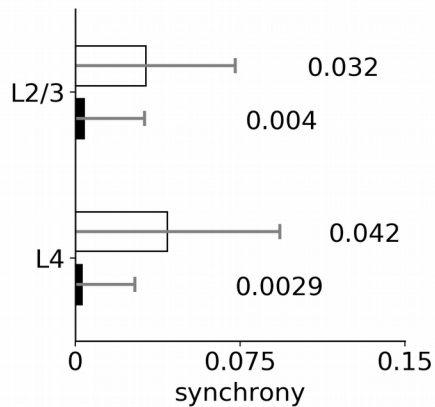
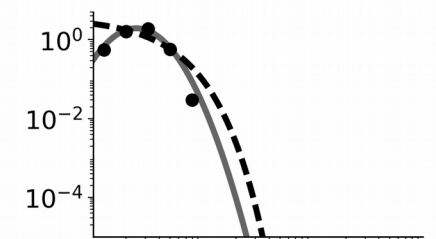
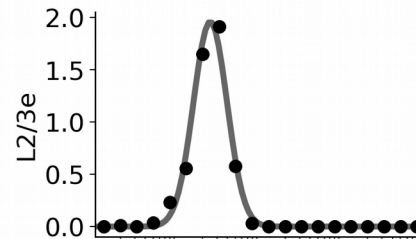
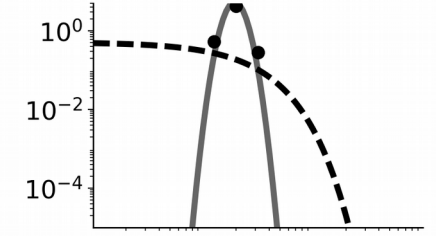
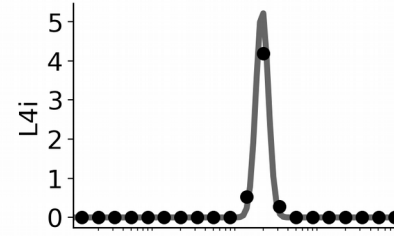
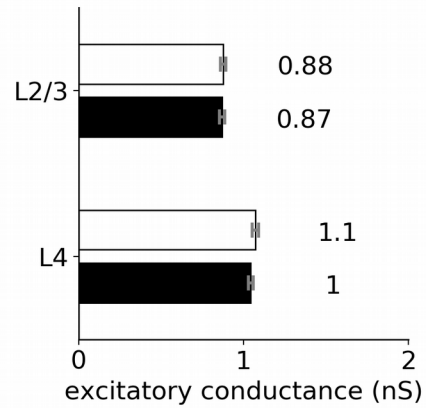
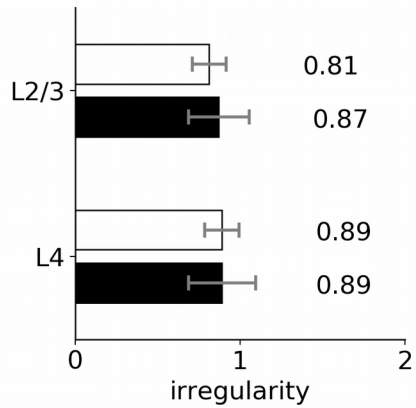
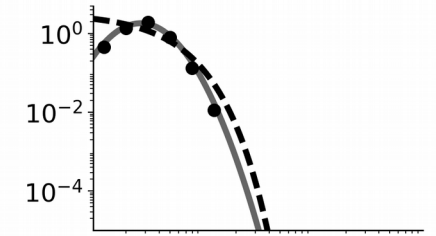
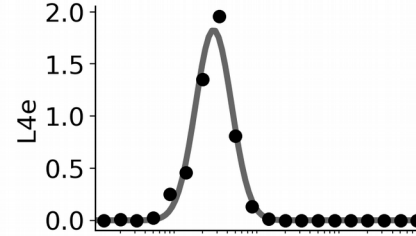
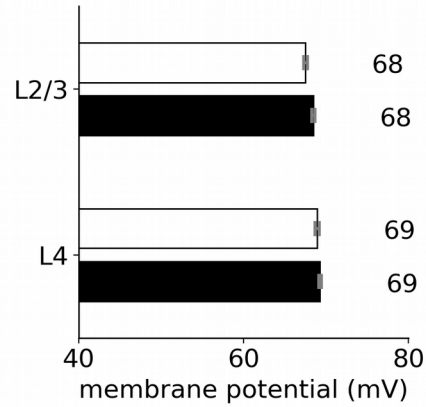
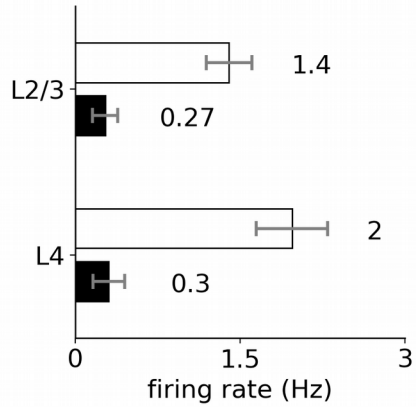
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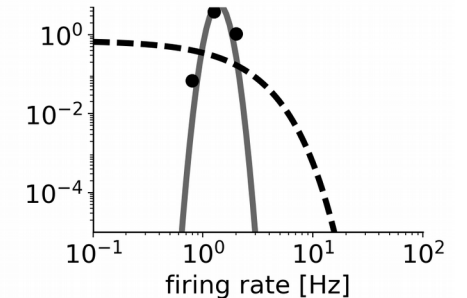
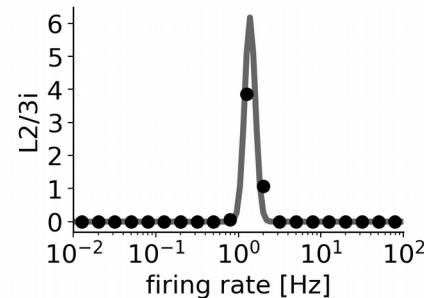




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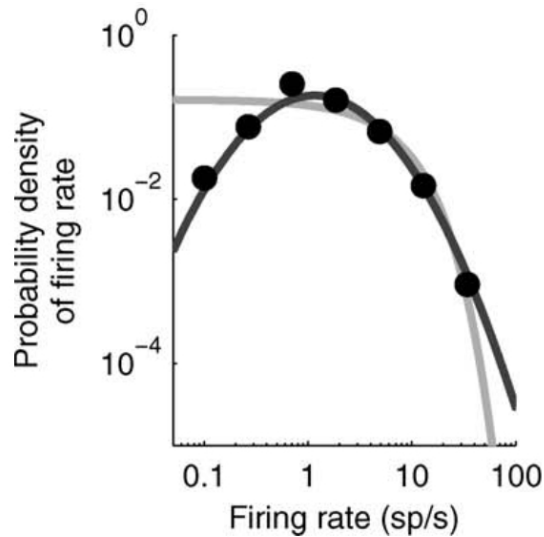
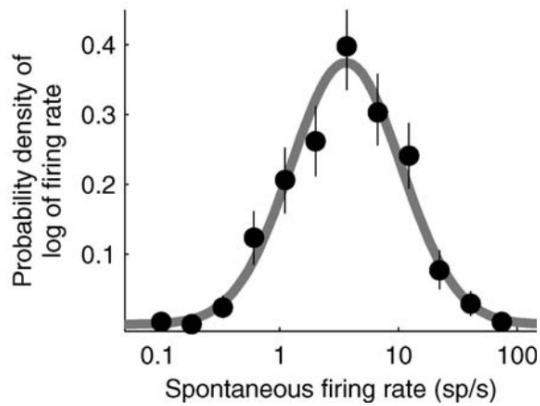
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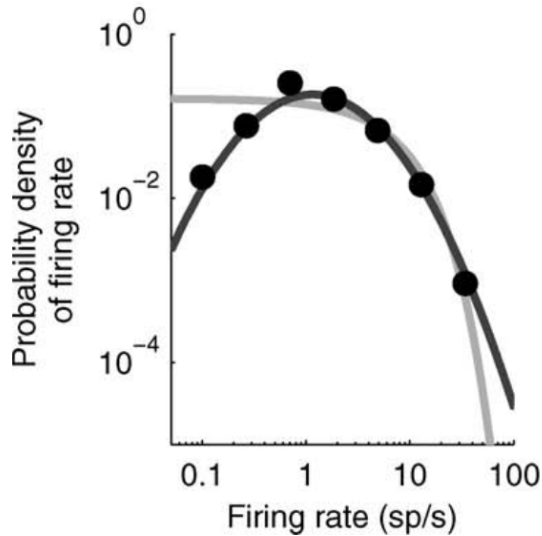
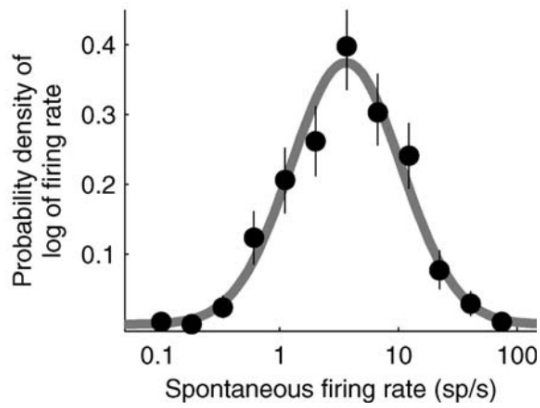
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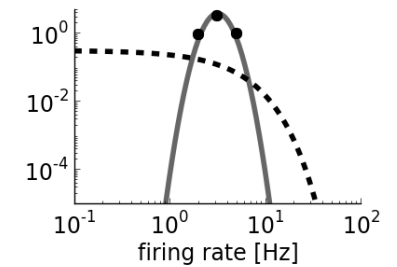
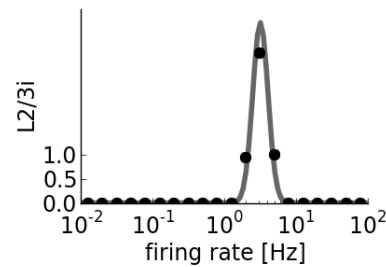
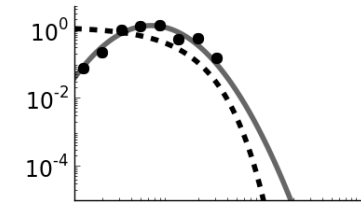
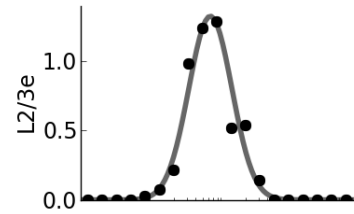
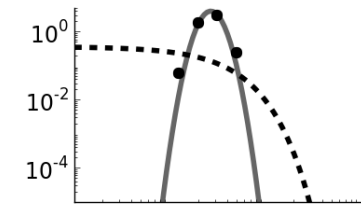
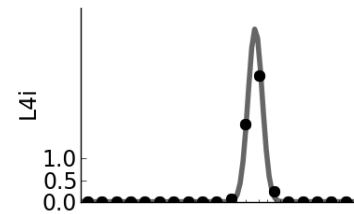
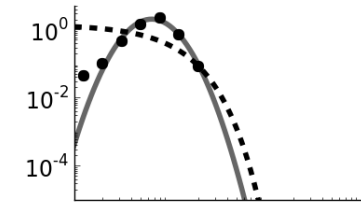
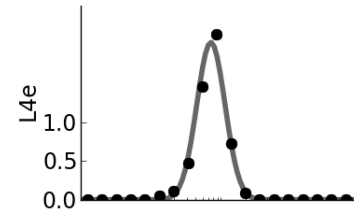


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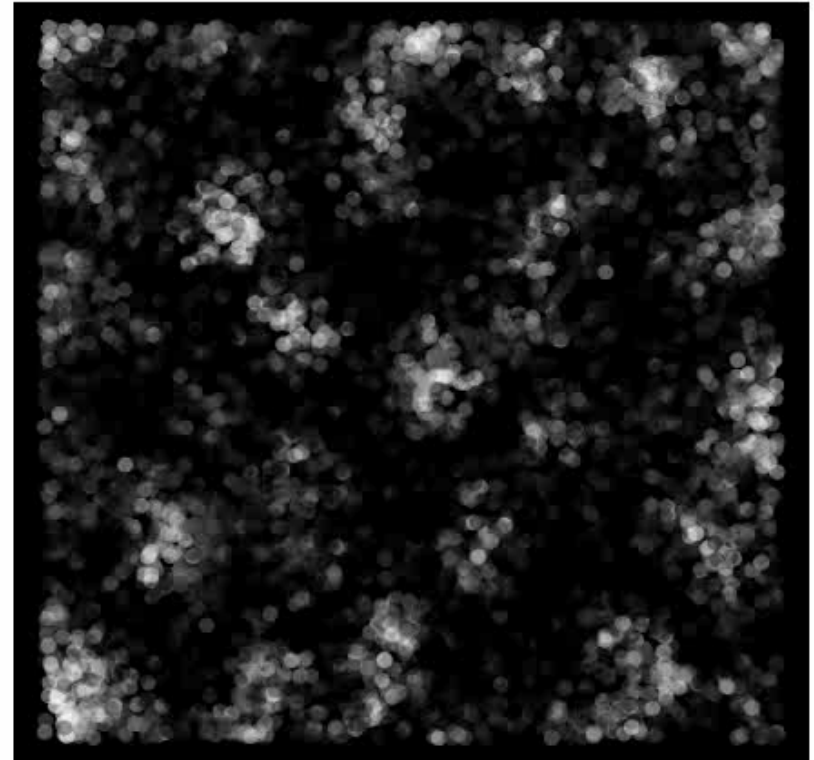
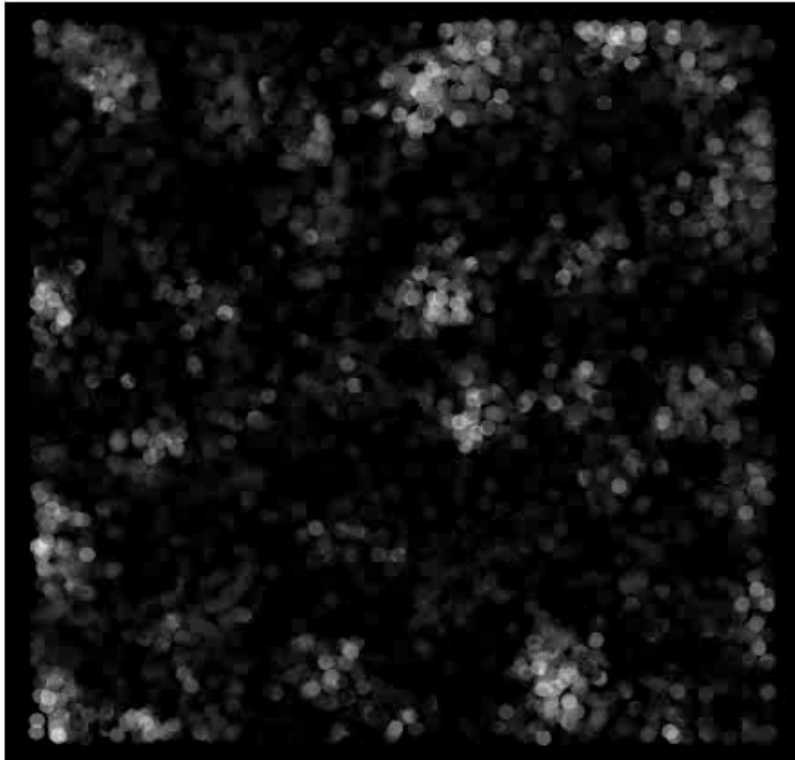
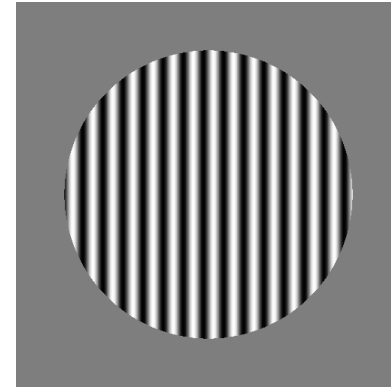
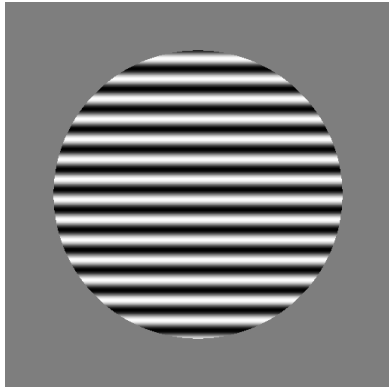


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# Grating response (L2/3)





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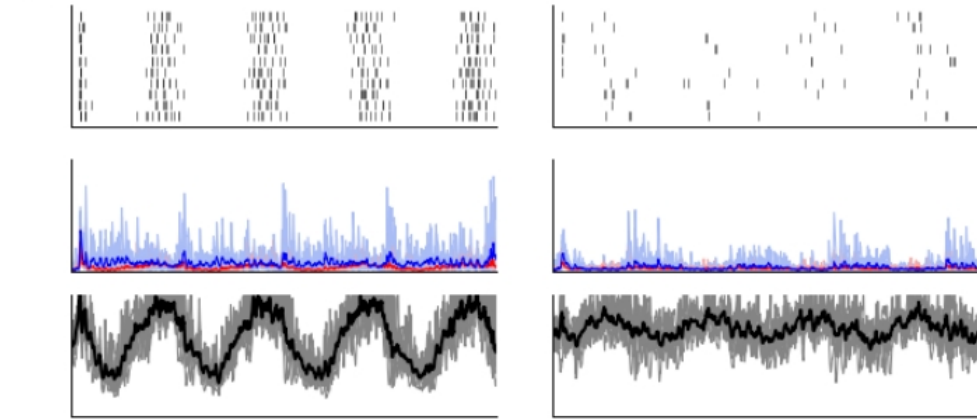
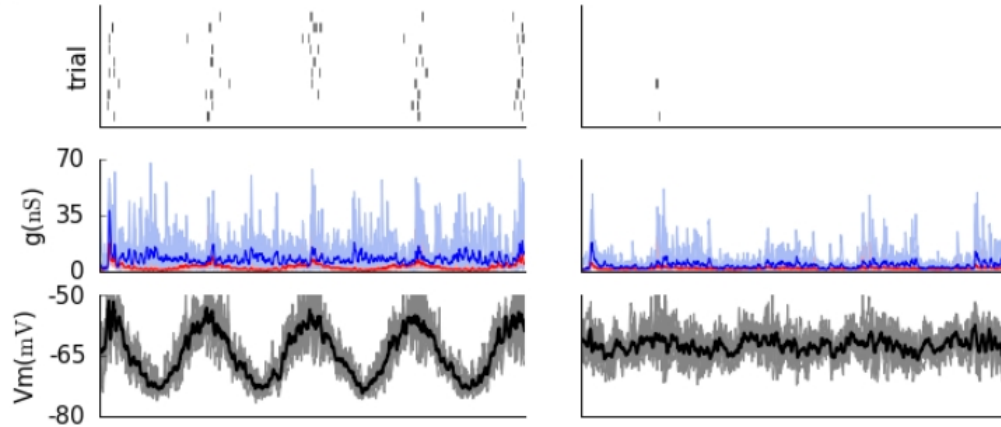
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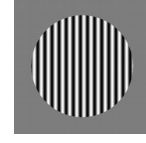
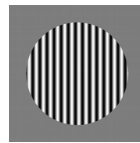
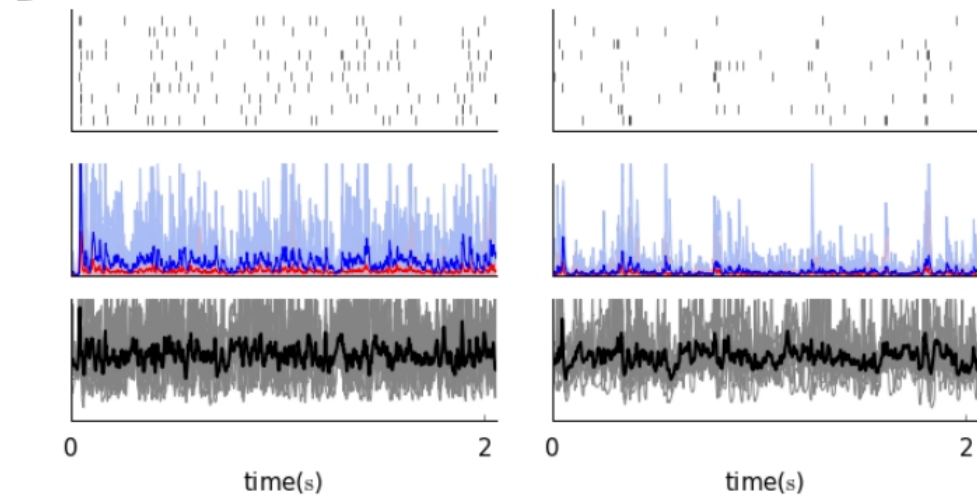
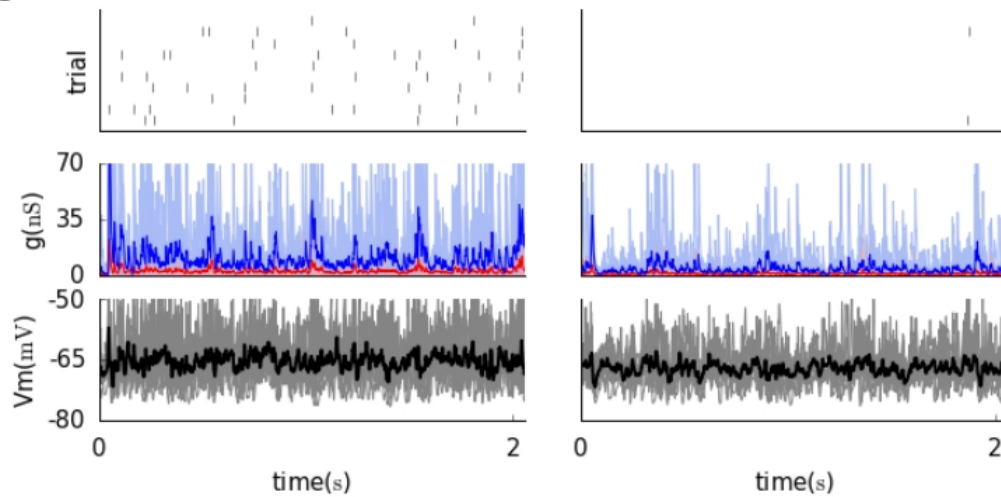
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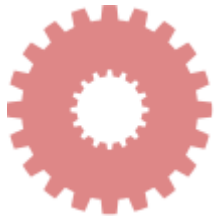


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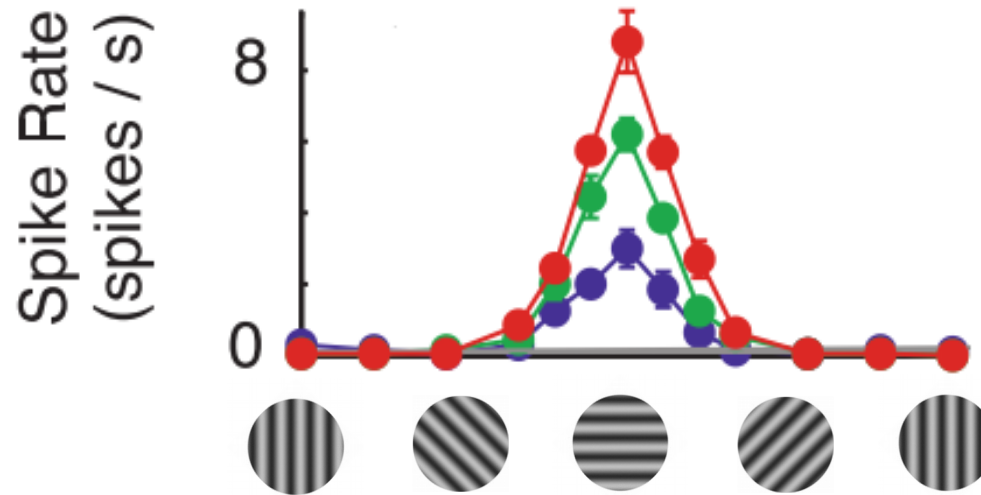
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layer 2/3





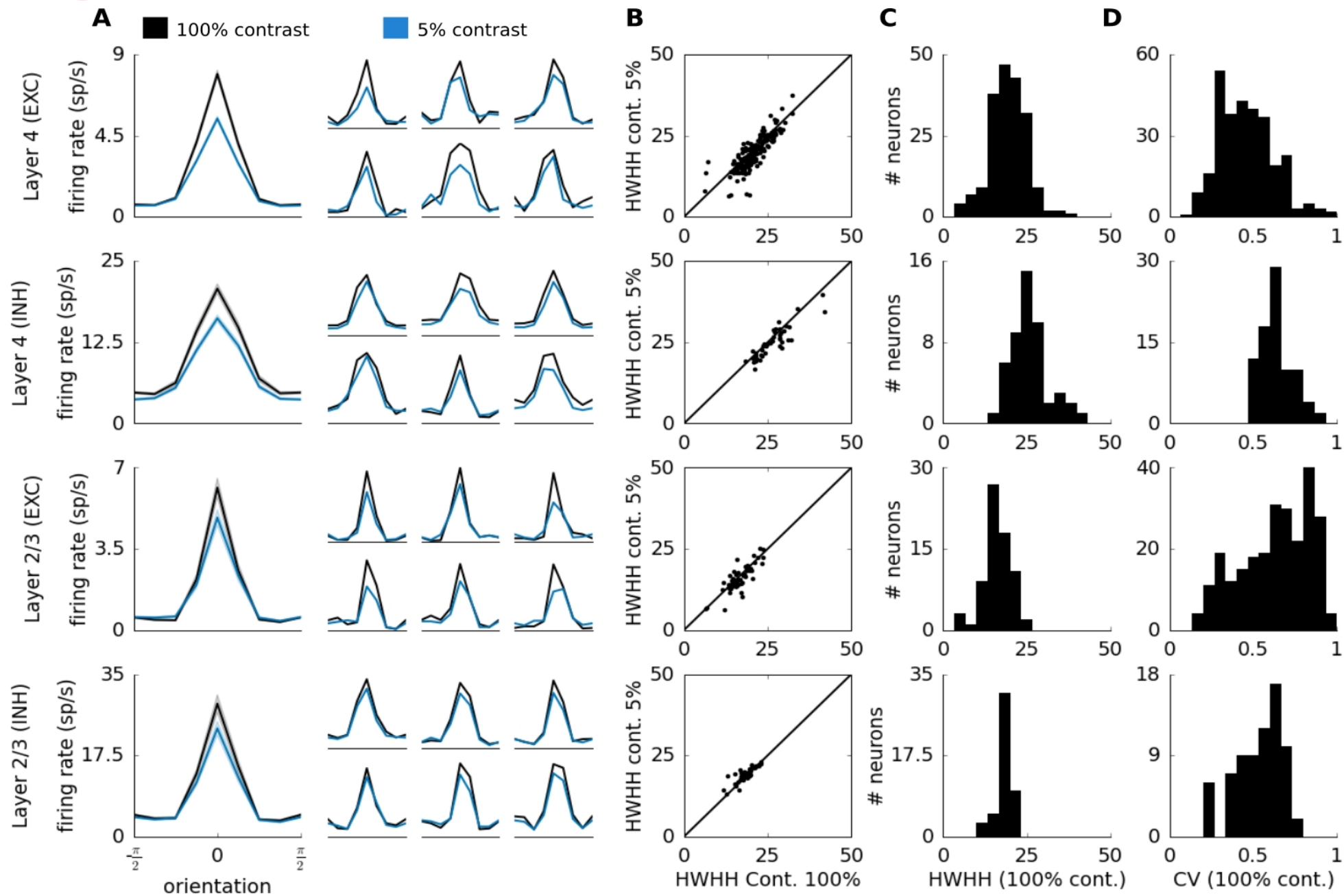
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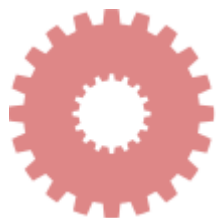


Cat, Anderson et al. (2000)



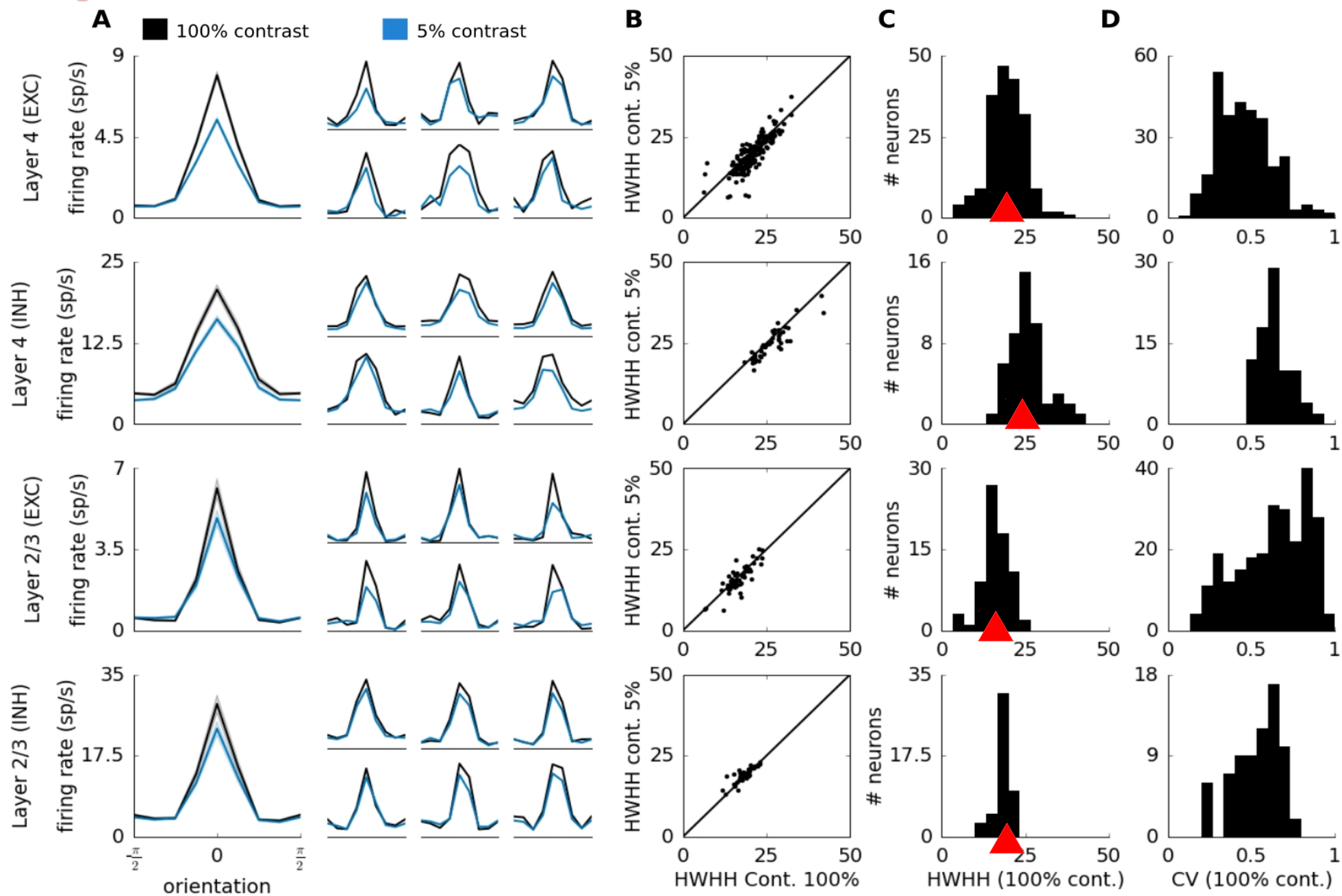
# Orientation tuning





# Orientation tuning

■ Model



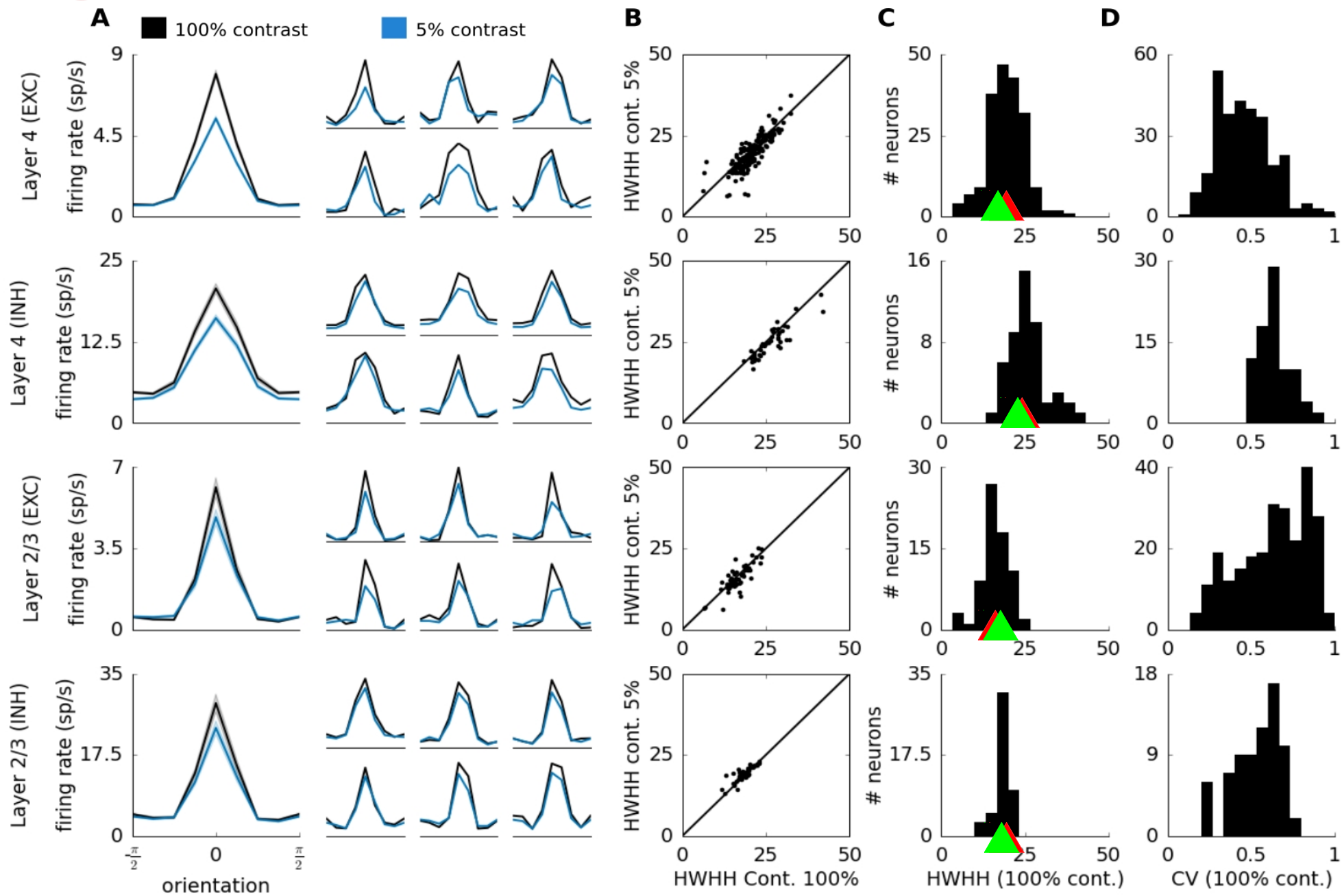




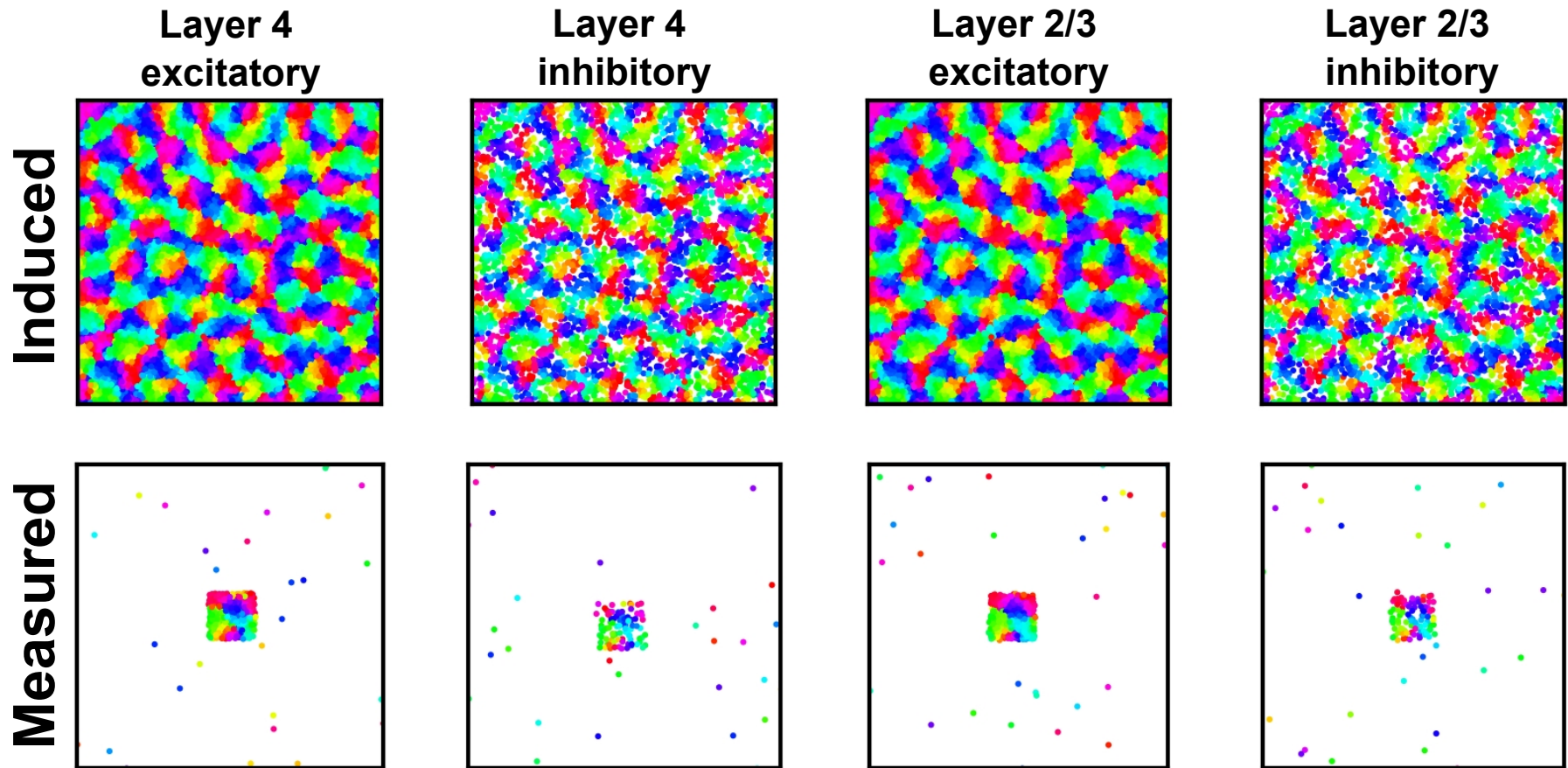
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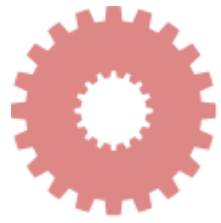
■ Model

■ Cat (Cardin et al. 2010)



# Orientation tuning — cortical view





# Grating response

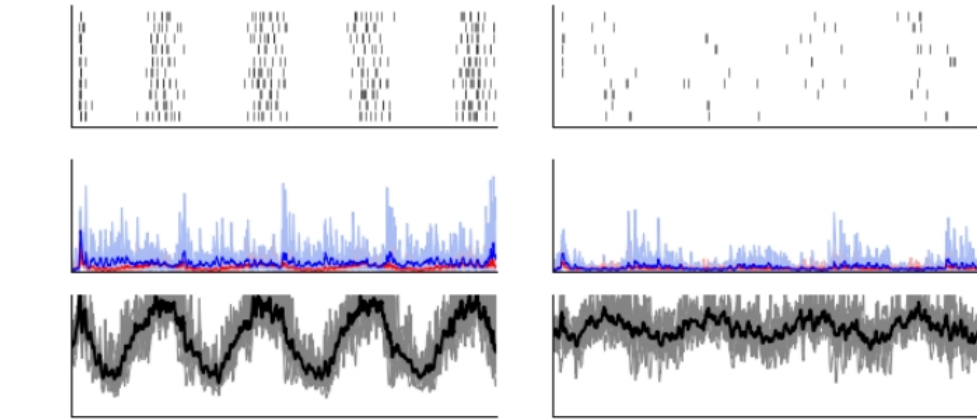
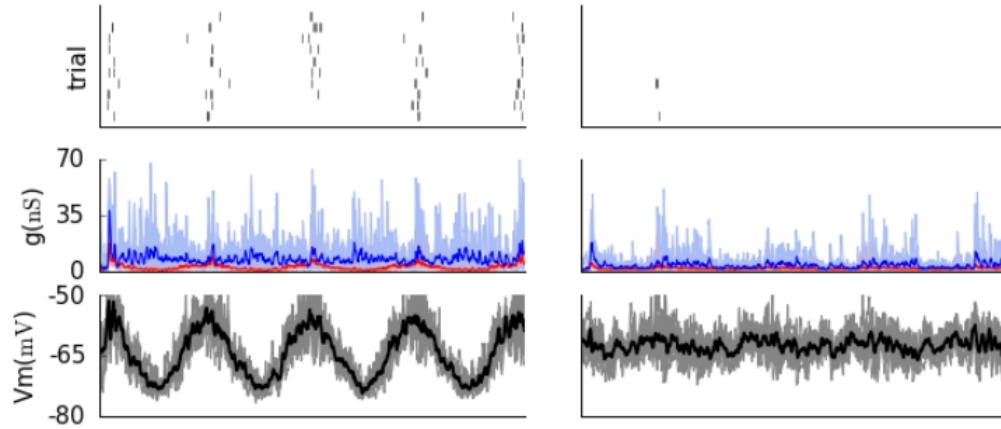
excitatory

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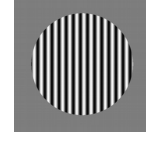
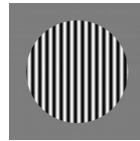
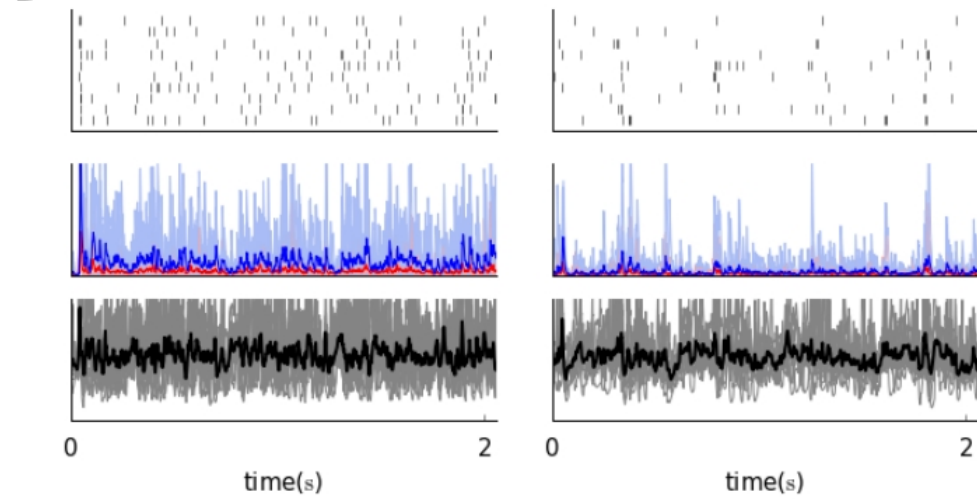
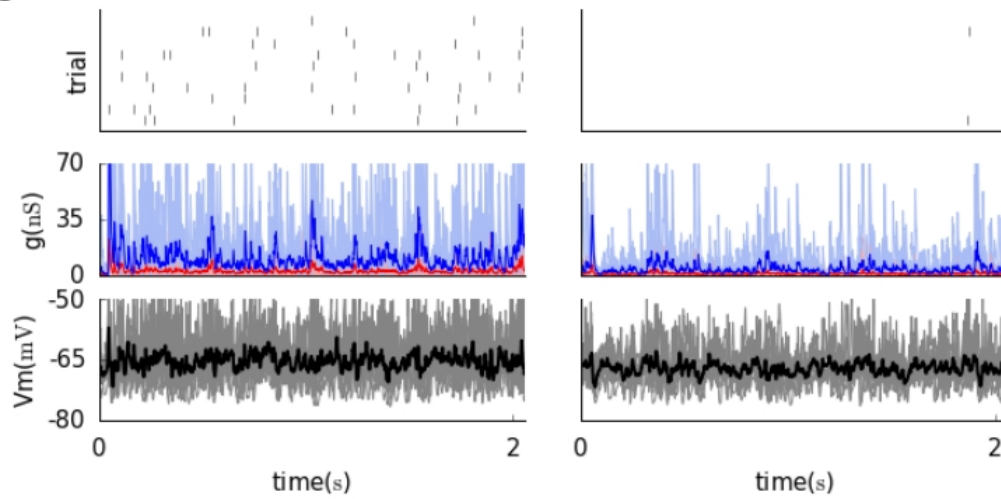
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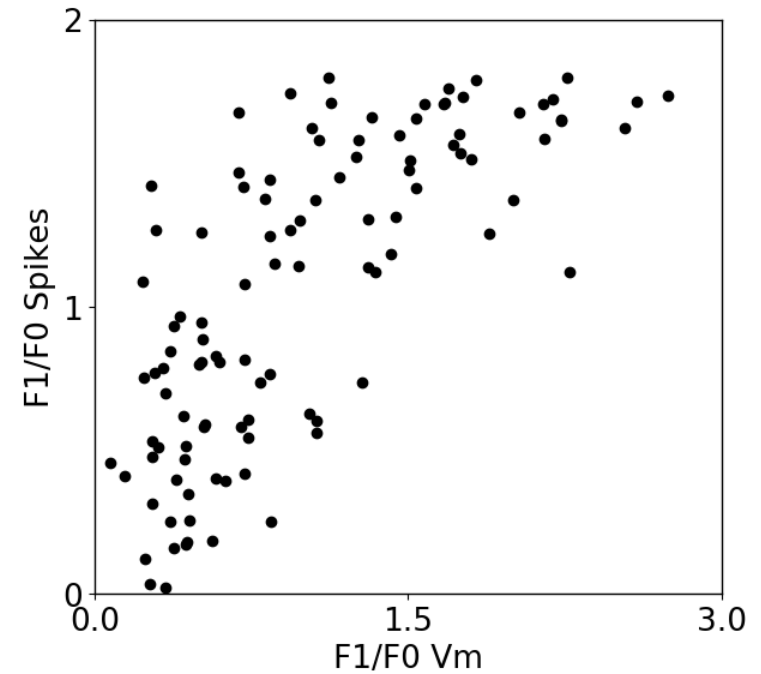
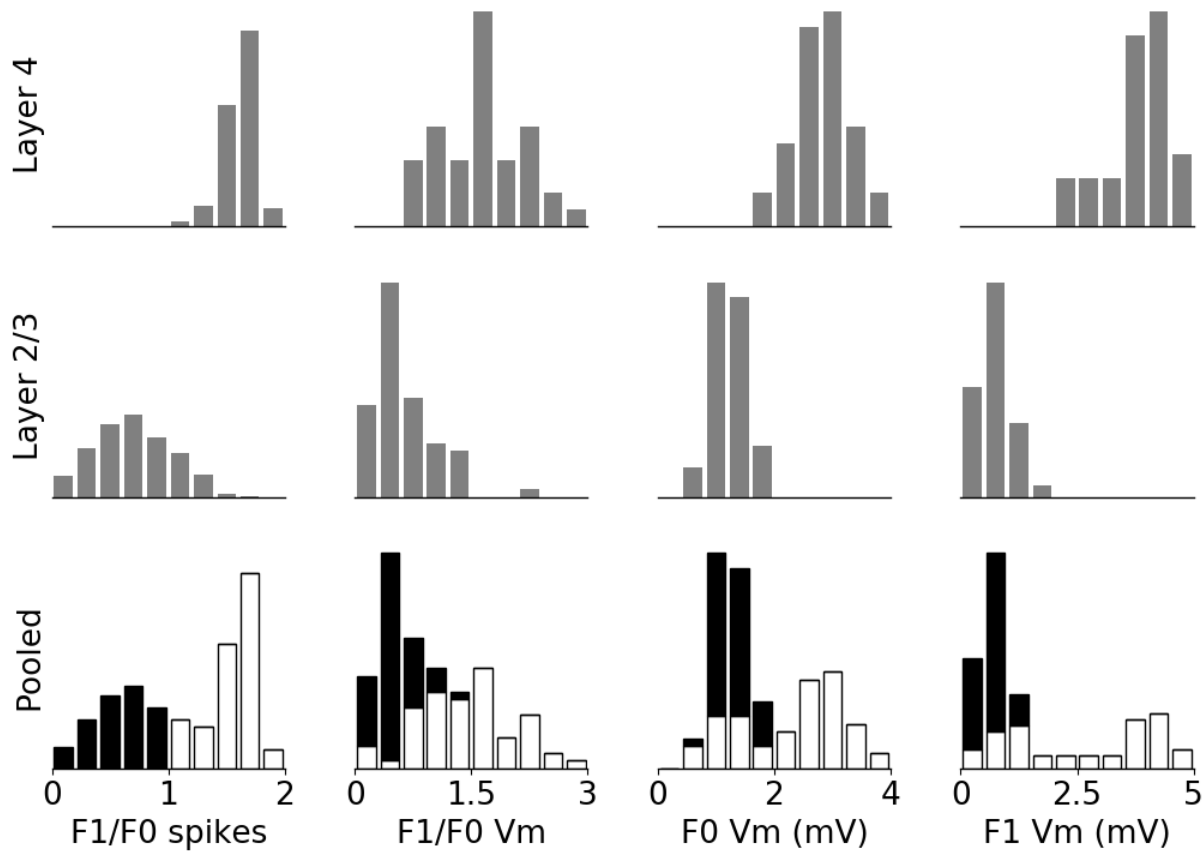
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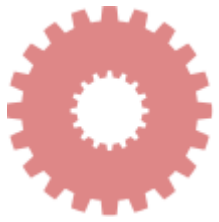
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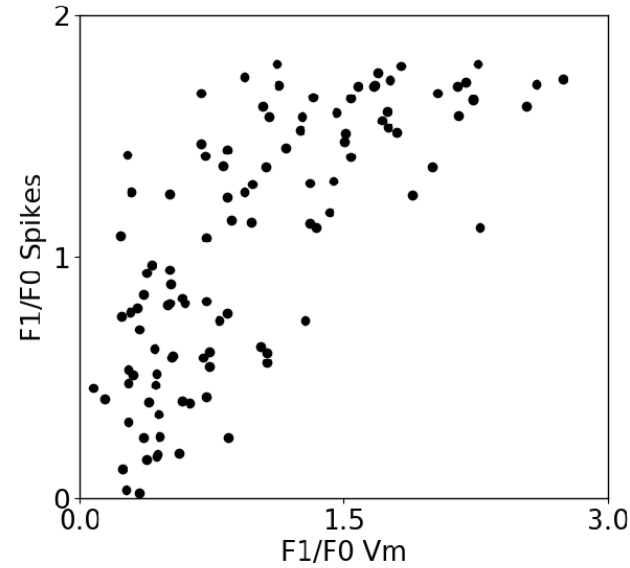
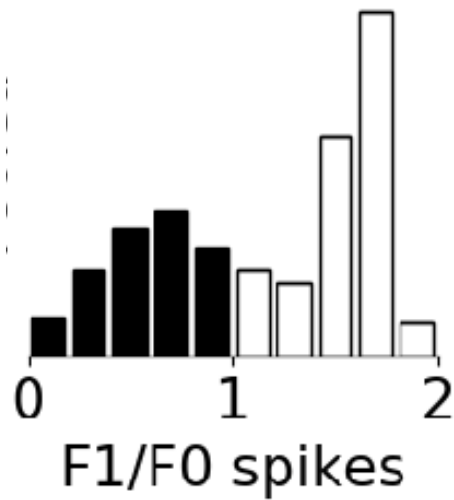
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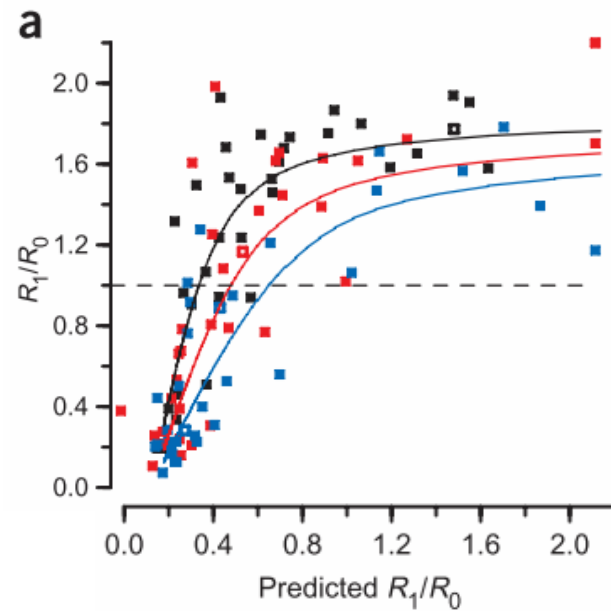
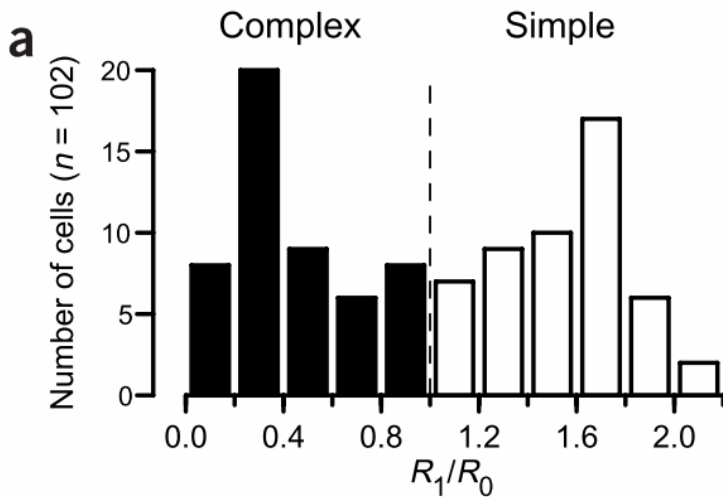


# Simple vs. complex cells

MODEL

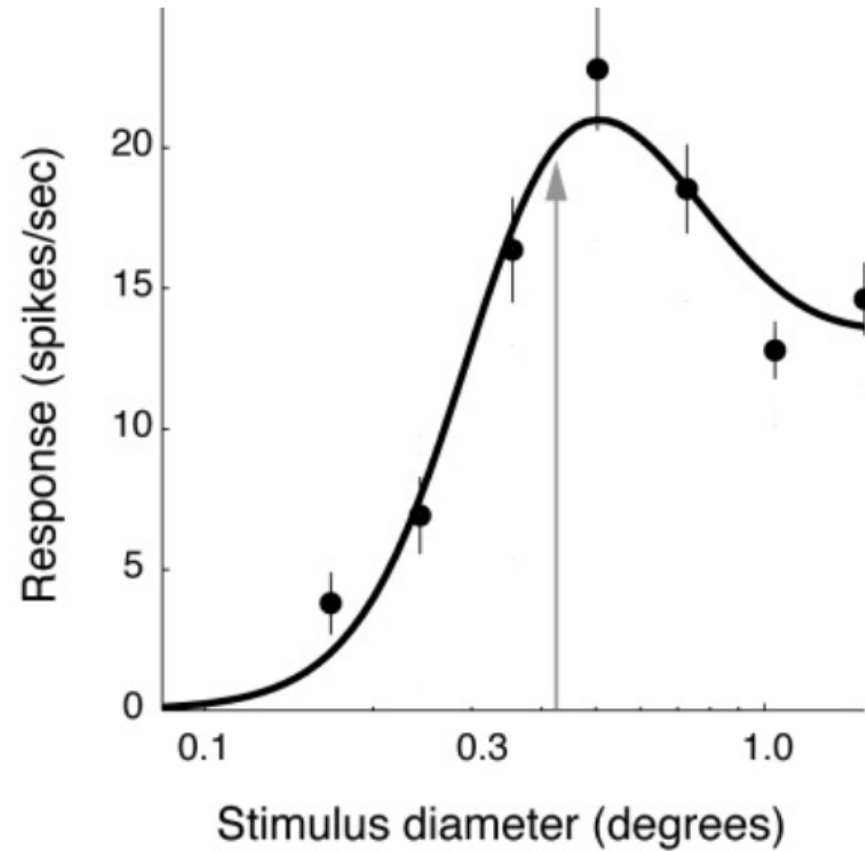


CAT



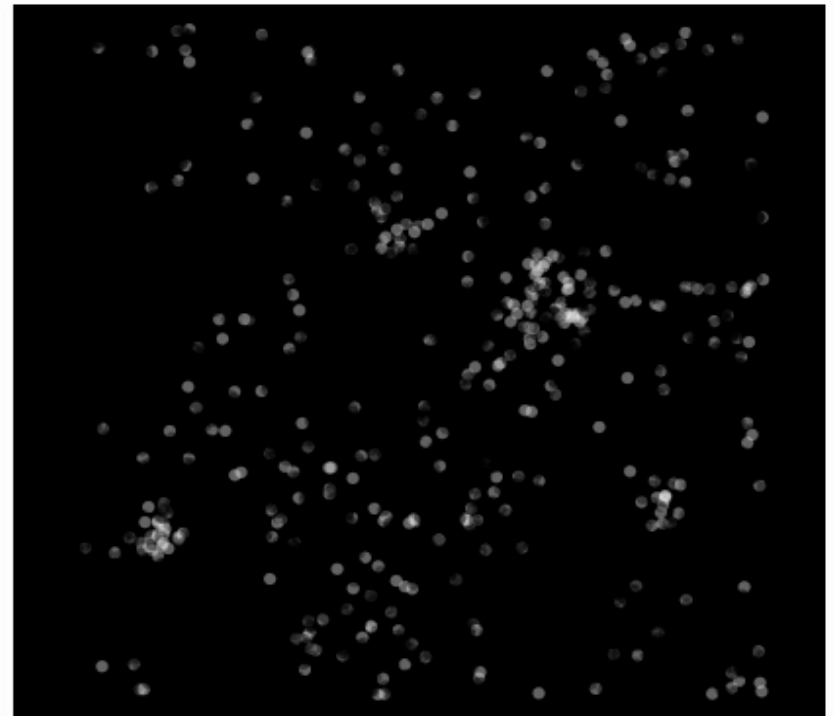
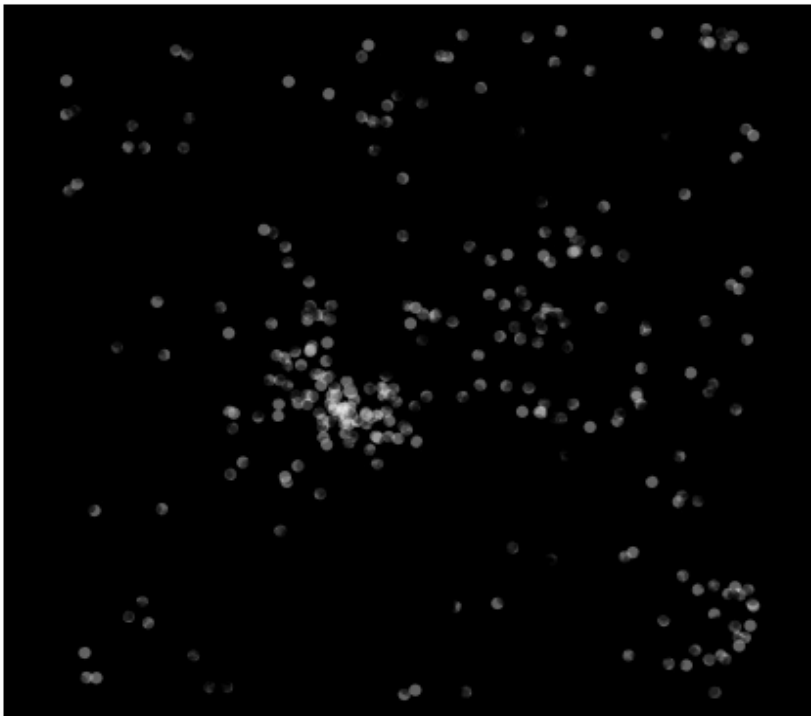


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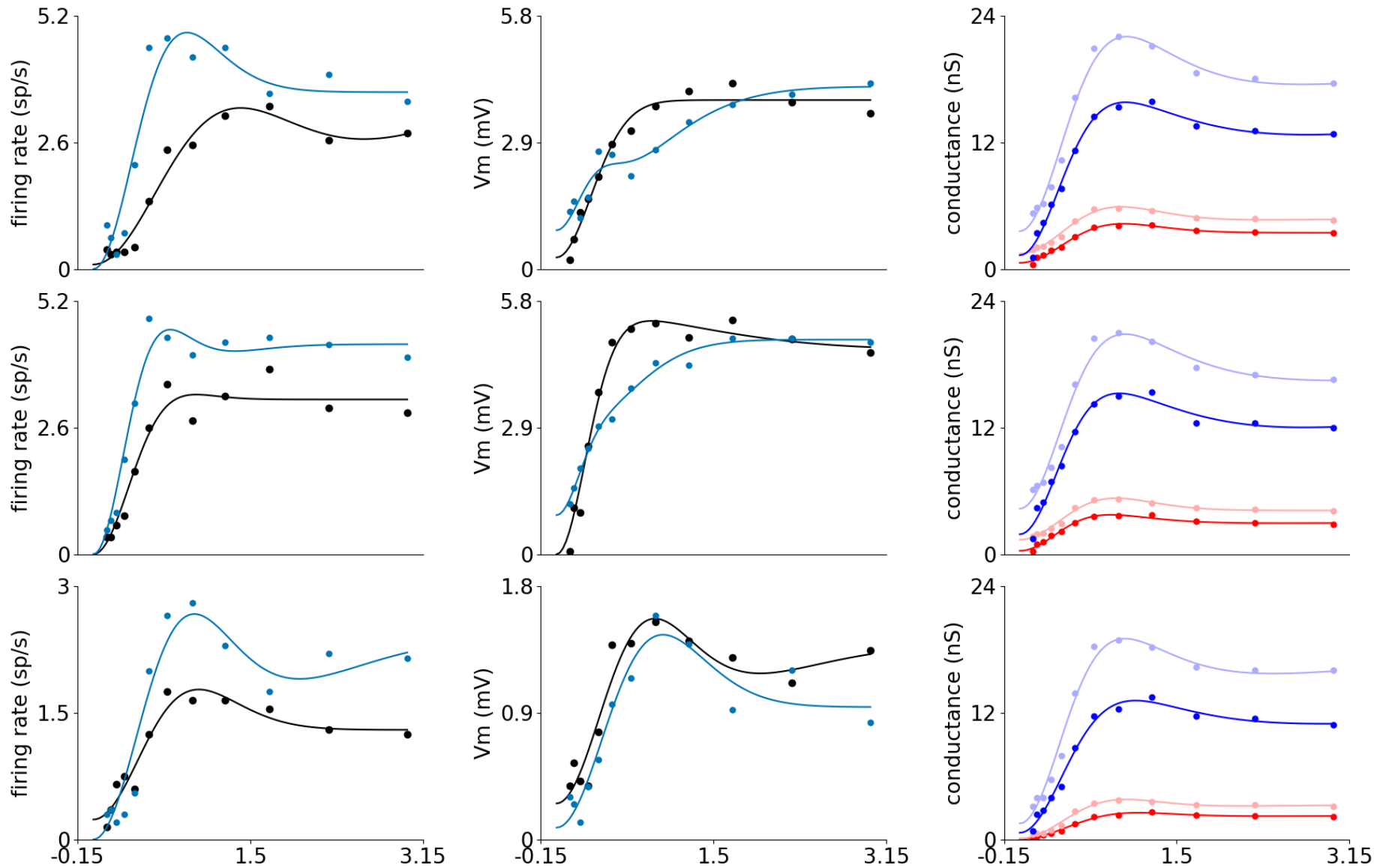


# Size tuning: layer 2/3





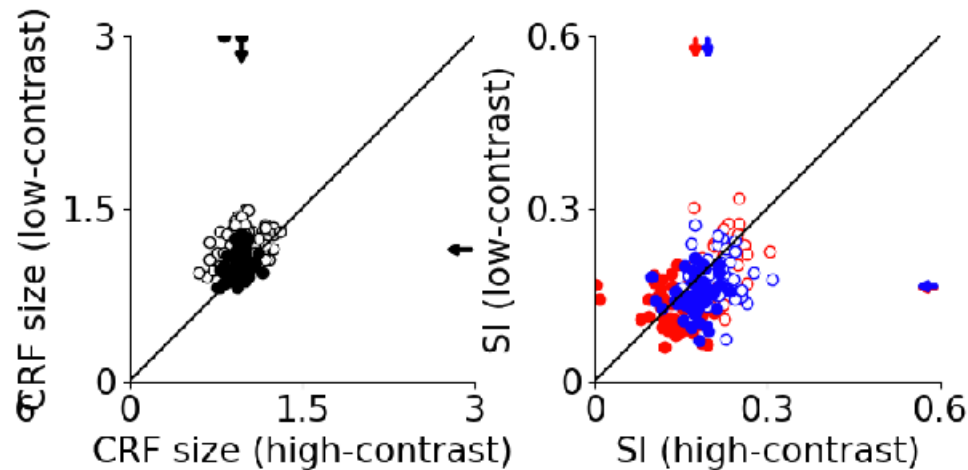
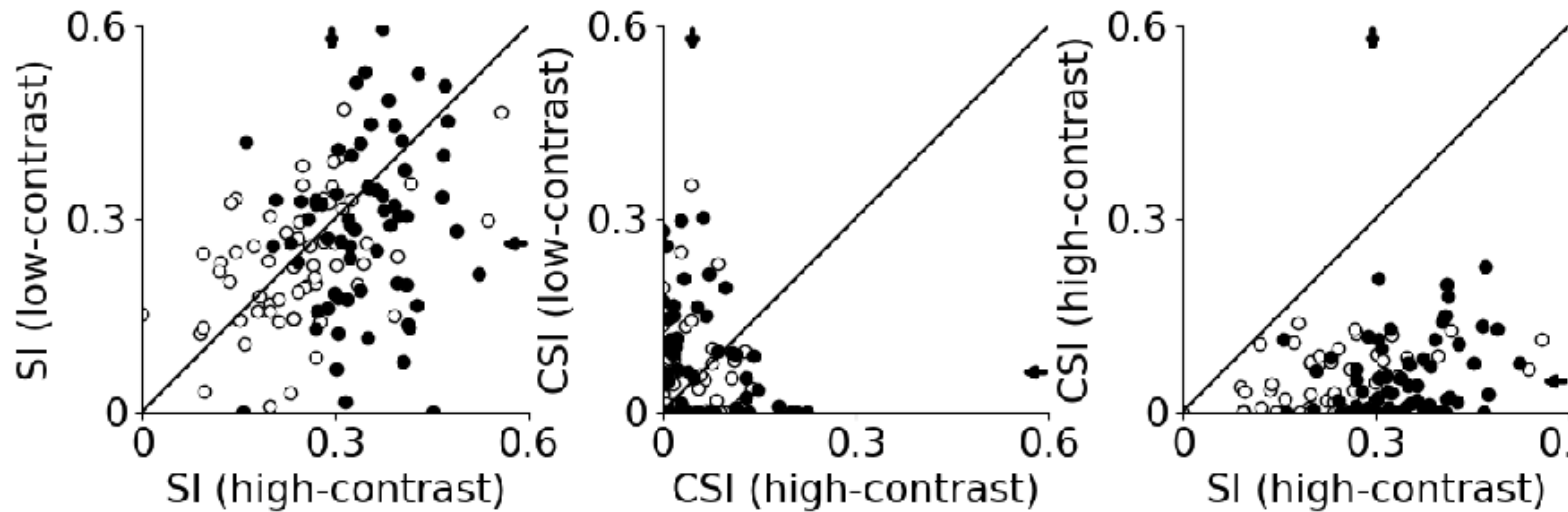
# Size tuning curves





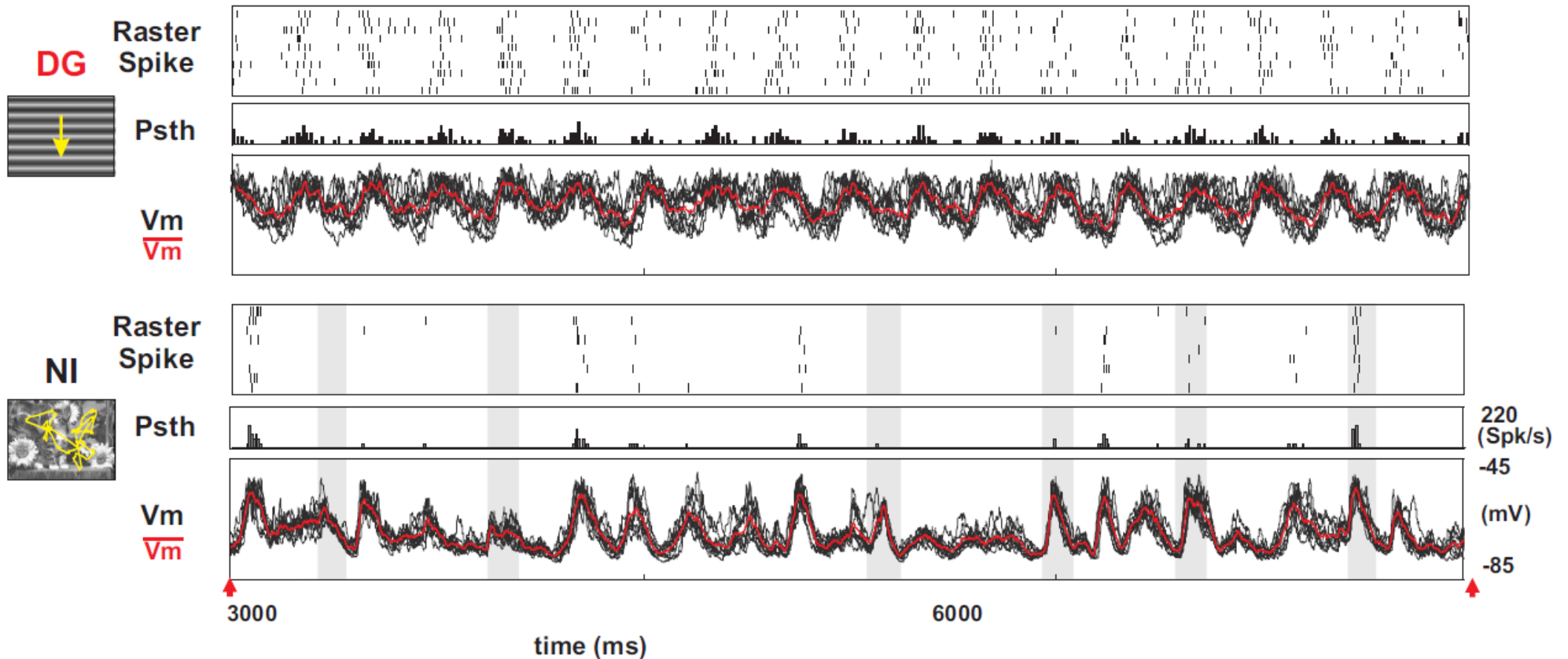
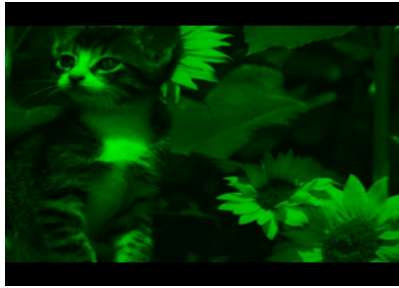


# Size tuning quantified





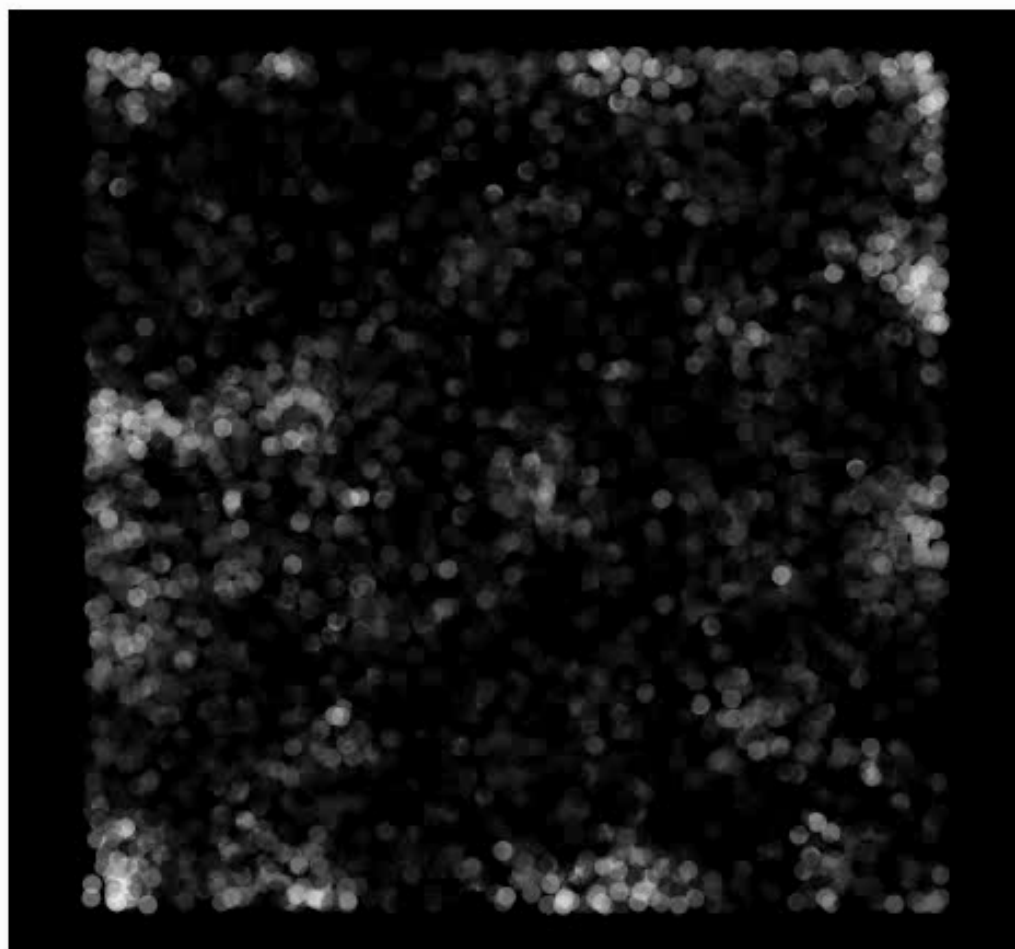
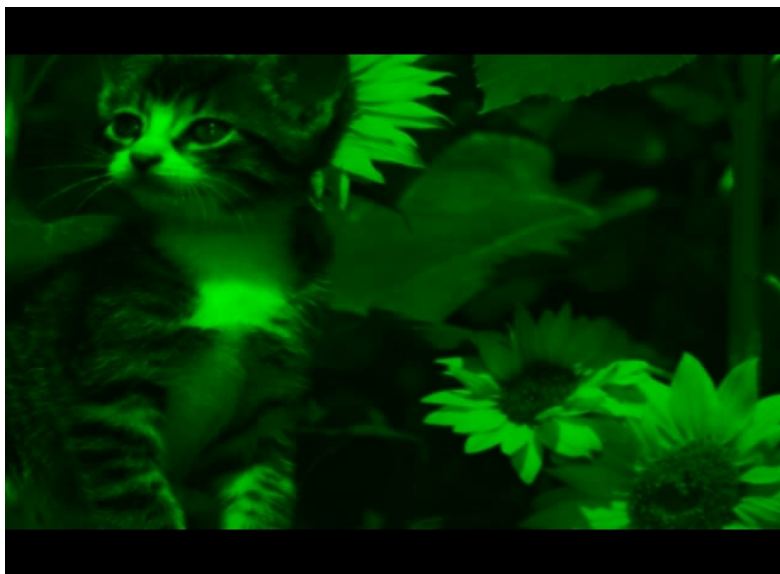
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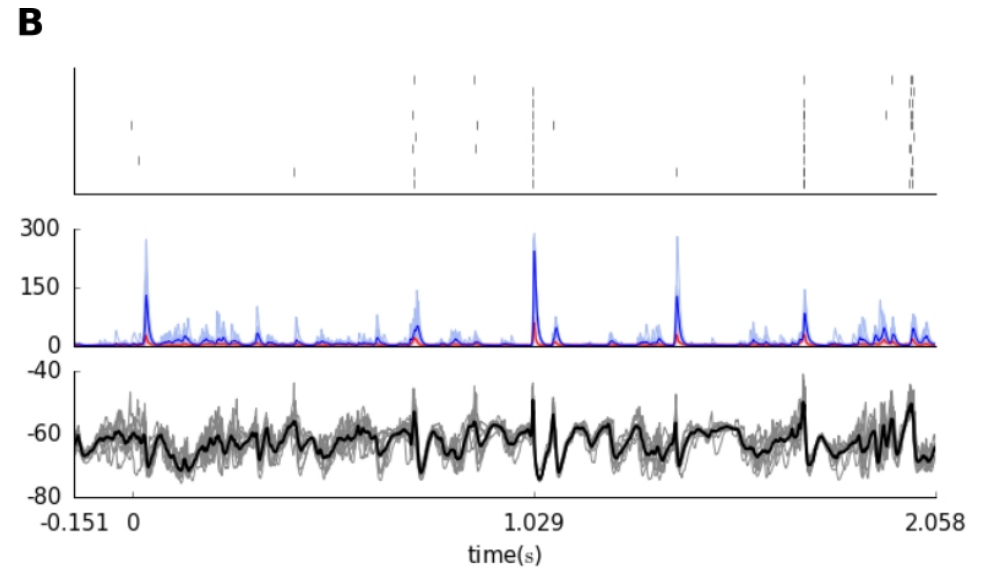
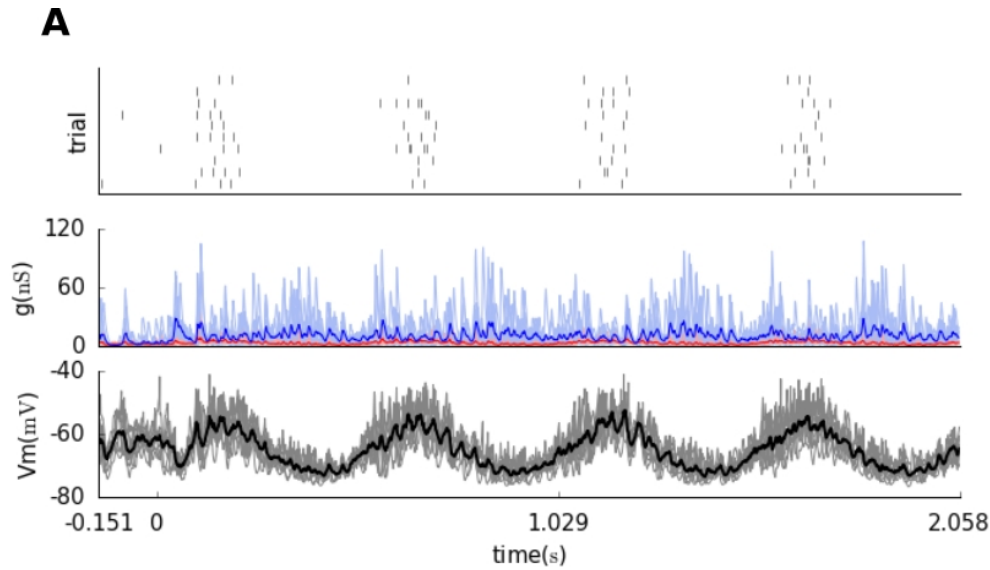
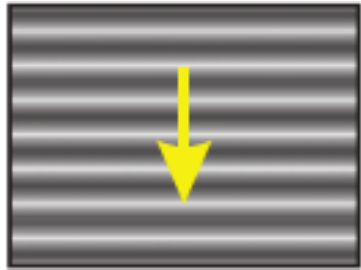
(Baudot, Levy, Marre, Monier & Yves Frégnac, 2013)



# Natural image with eye-movements (L2/3)



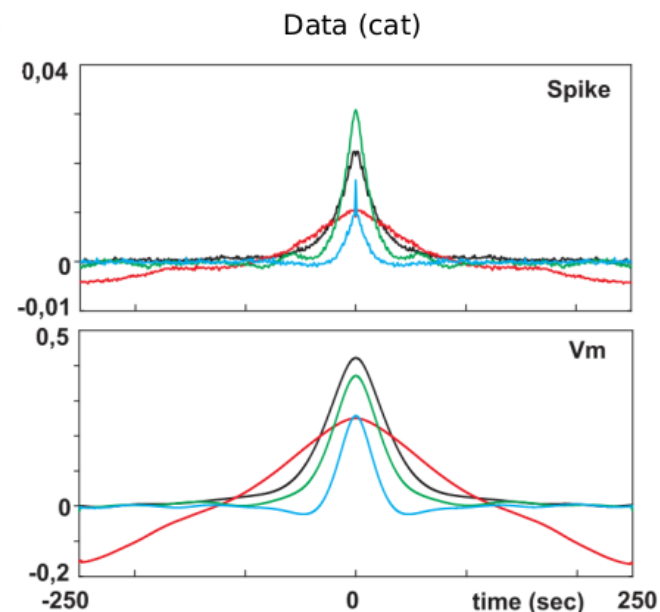
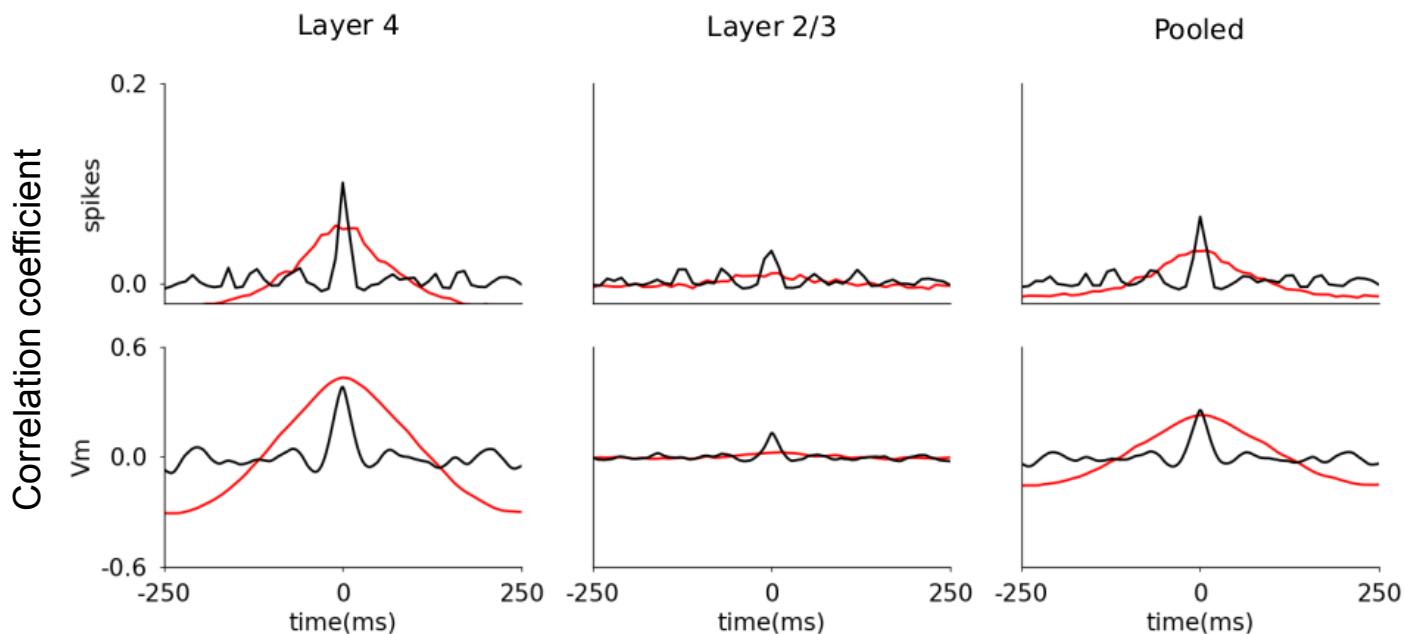
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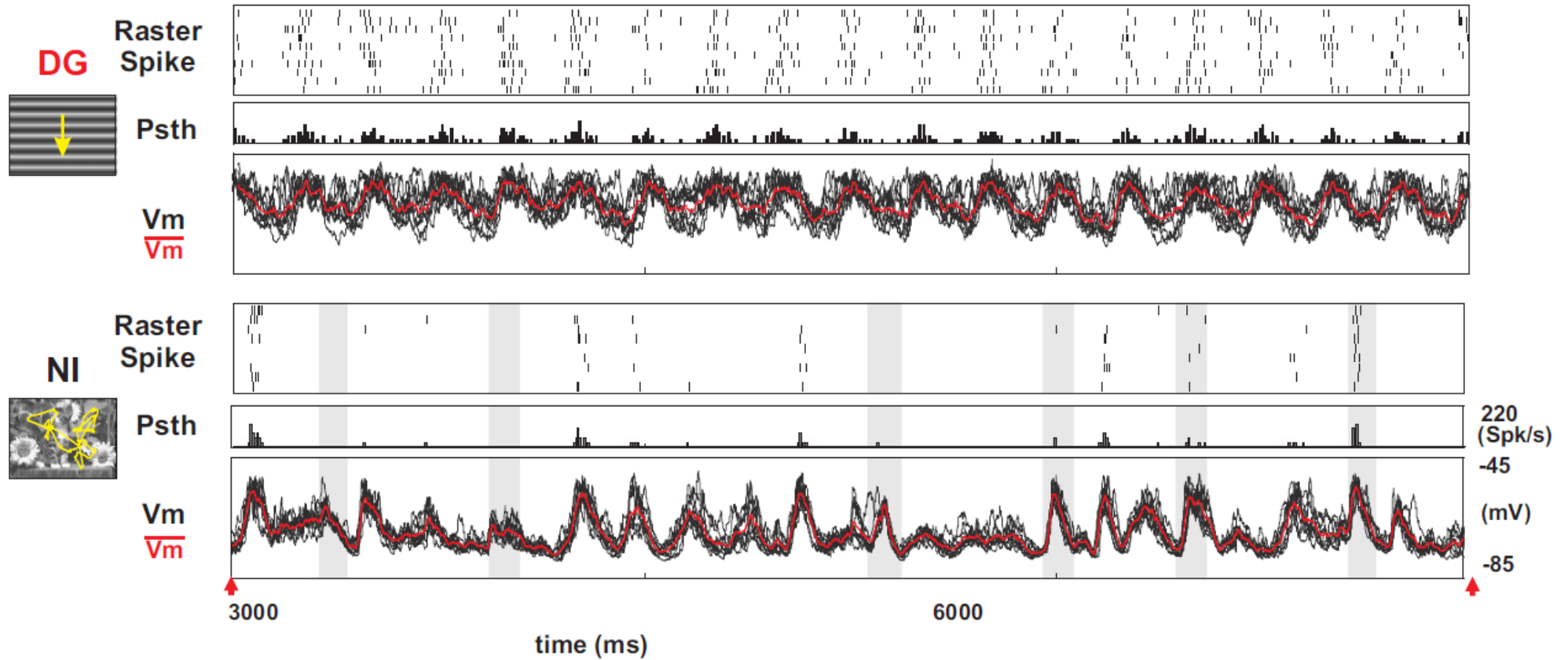
# Response reliability and precision

- Trial-to-trial cross-correlation of PSTH or Vm
- Reliability can be viewed as the height of the peak
- Precision can be viewed as the width of the peak





# Sparse and precise neural code to natural with stimuli (DATA)

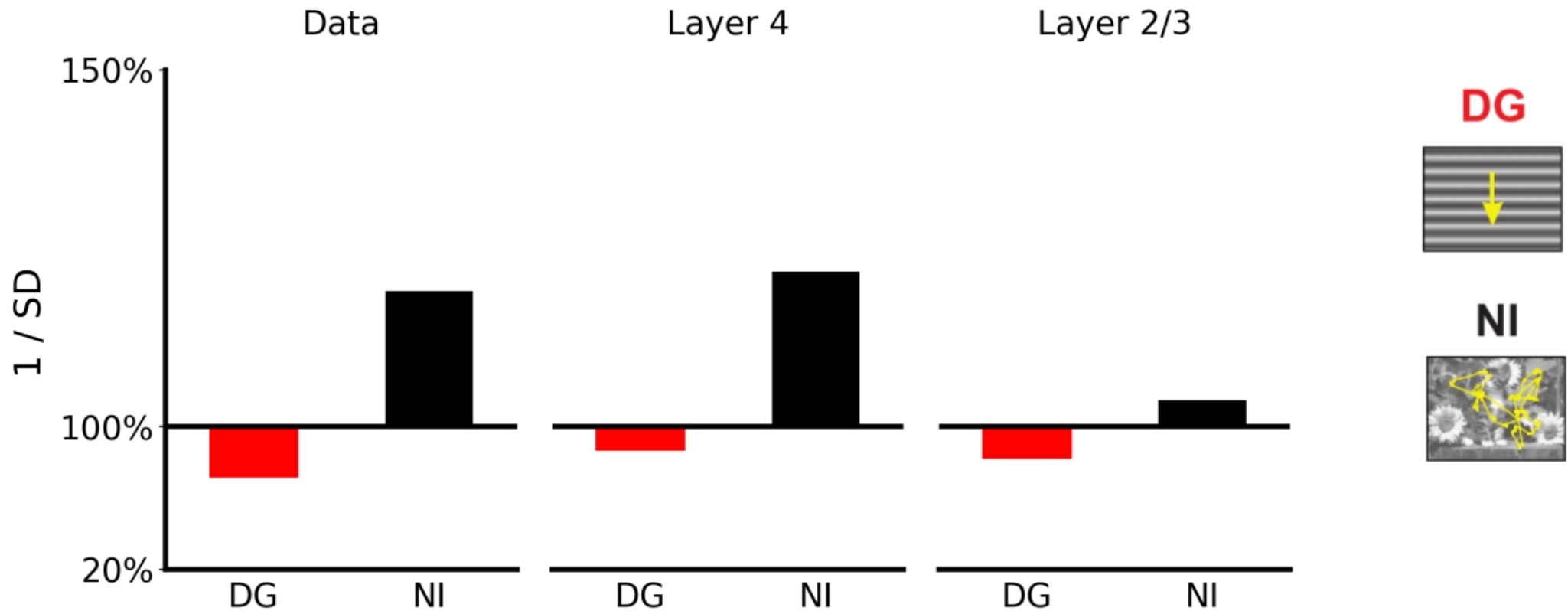


(Baudot, Levy, Marre, Monier & Yves Frégnac, 2013)



# Vm variability

- Stimulus locked trial-to-trial variance of Vm
- Expressed as  $1/\text{std}$



# **CORTICAL VISUAL PROSTHESIS: SIMULATION STUDY**



# Motivation

39 million legally blind people around the world  
(Lewis et al. 2015)

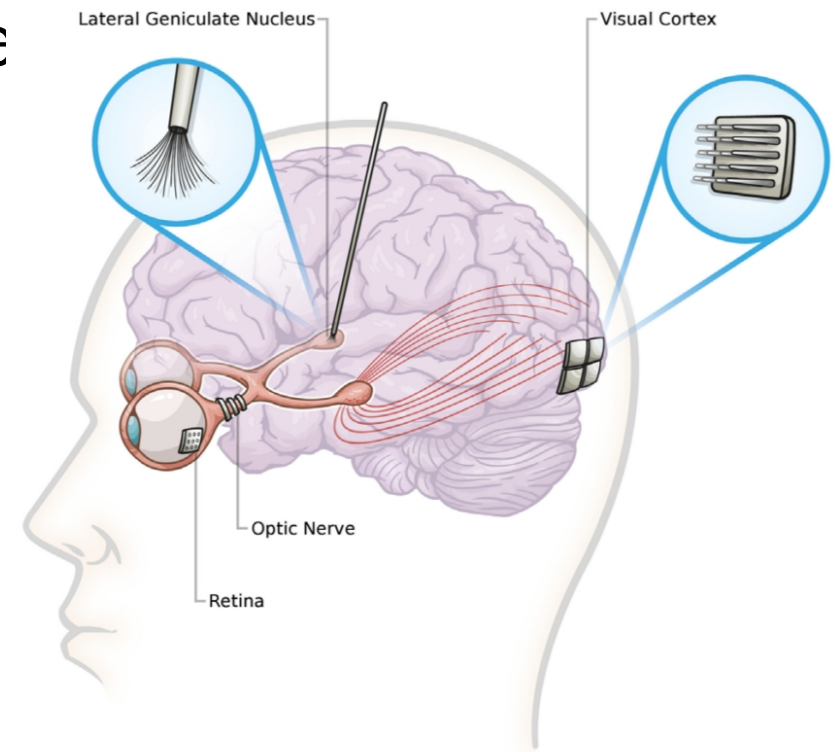
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39 million legally blind people around the world  
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How can we help them?

# Motivation

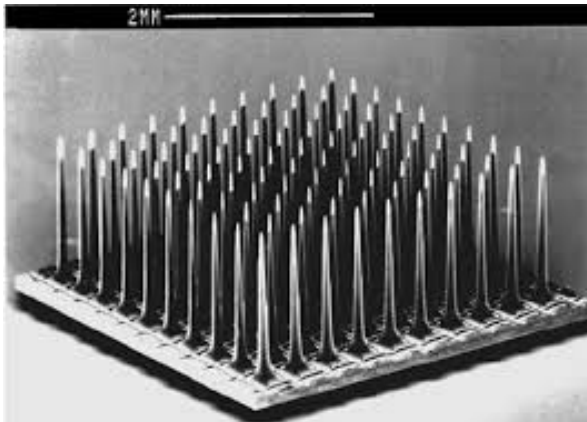
- Implantation of devices for direct stimulation along the visual stream
- Recent progress in retinal prosthesis
- However, many patients not viable for retinal intervention
- Solution: target extra-retinal visual system stages



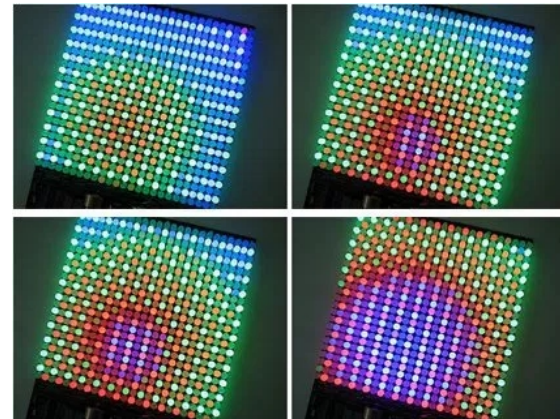
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# Light vs. electrical stimulation

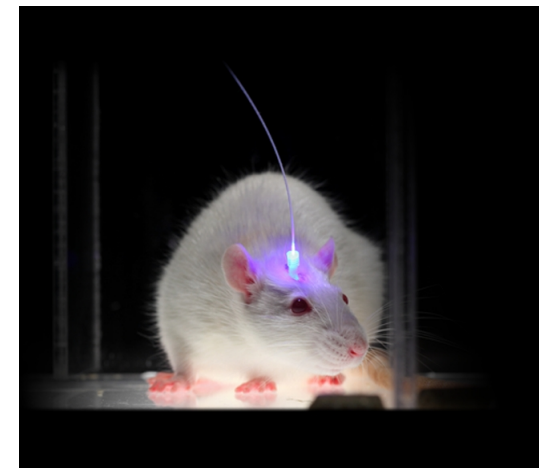
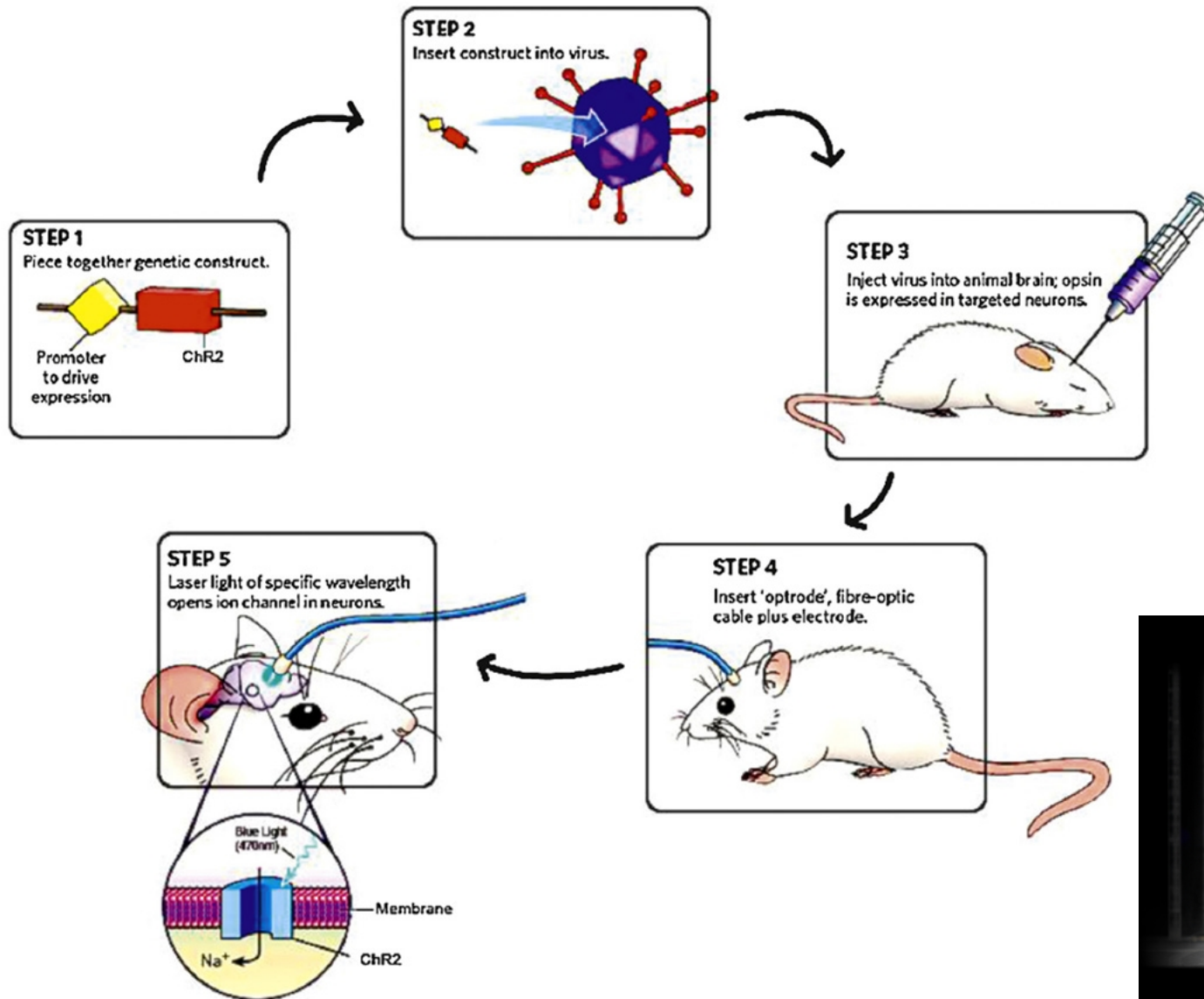
- Traditional neural prosthetics use direct electrical stimulation
- Issues with long-term viability of the implants due to:
  - direct mechanical harm during implantation
  - long-term glial encapsulation and chronic-inflammation
  - assortment of medical issues associated with long term implantation (infections etc.)
- Solution: replace electricity with stimulation with light



**VS.**



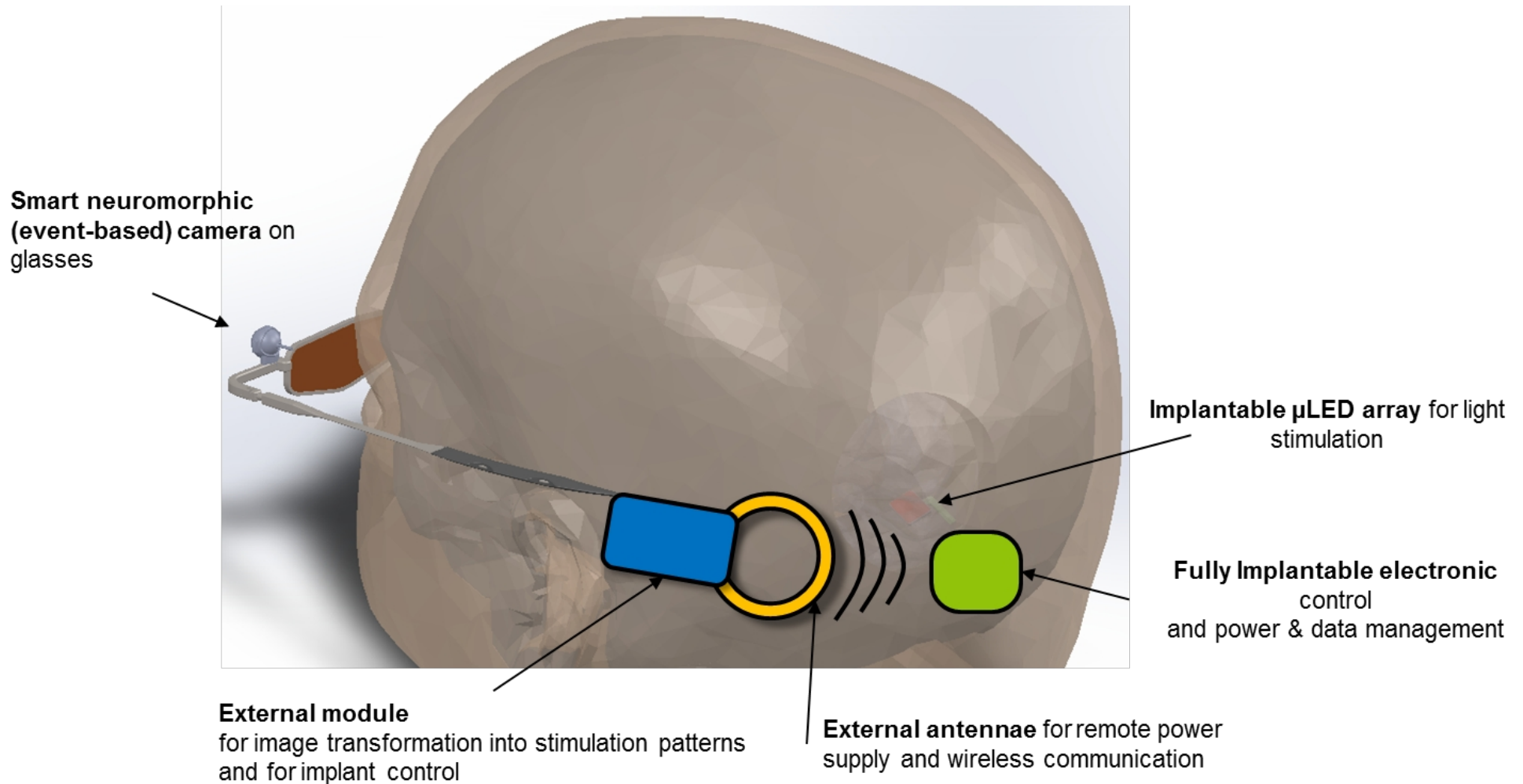
# Optogenetics



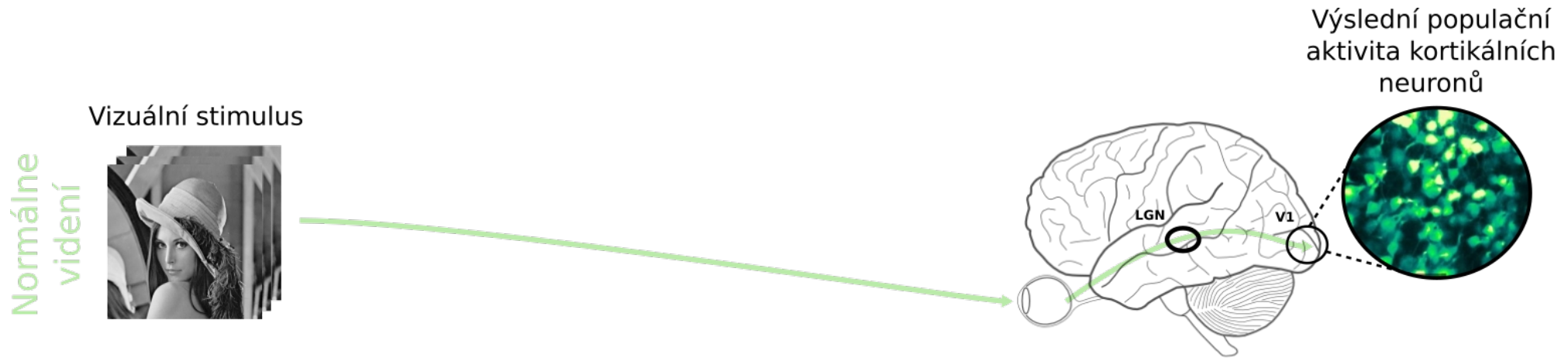
G, N et al. 2013

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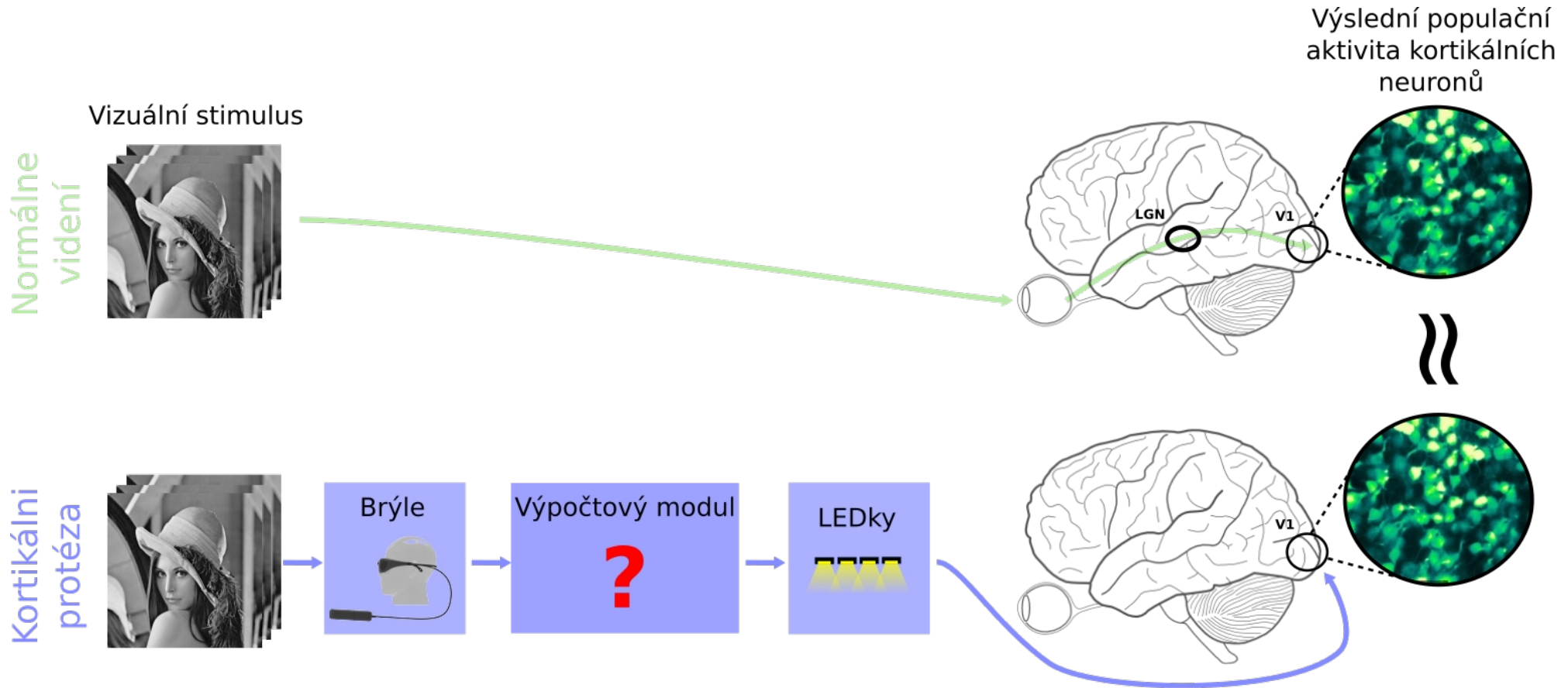
# The Visual Prosthetic System



# The problem

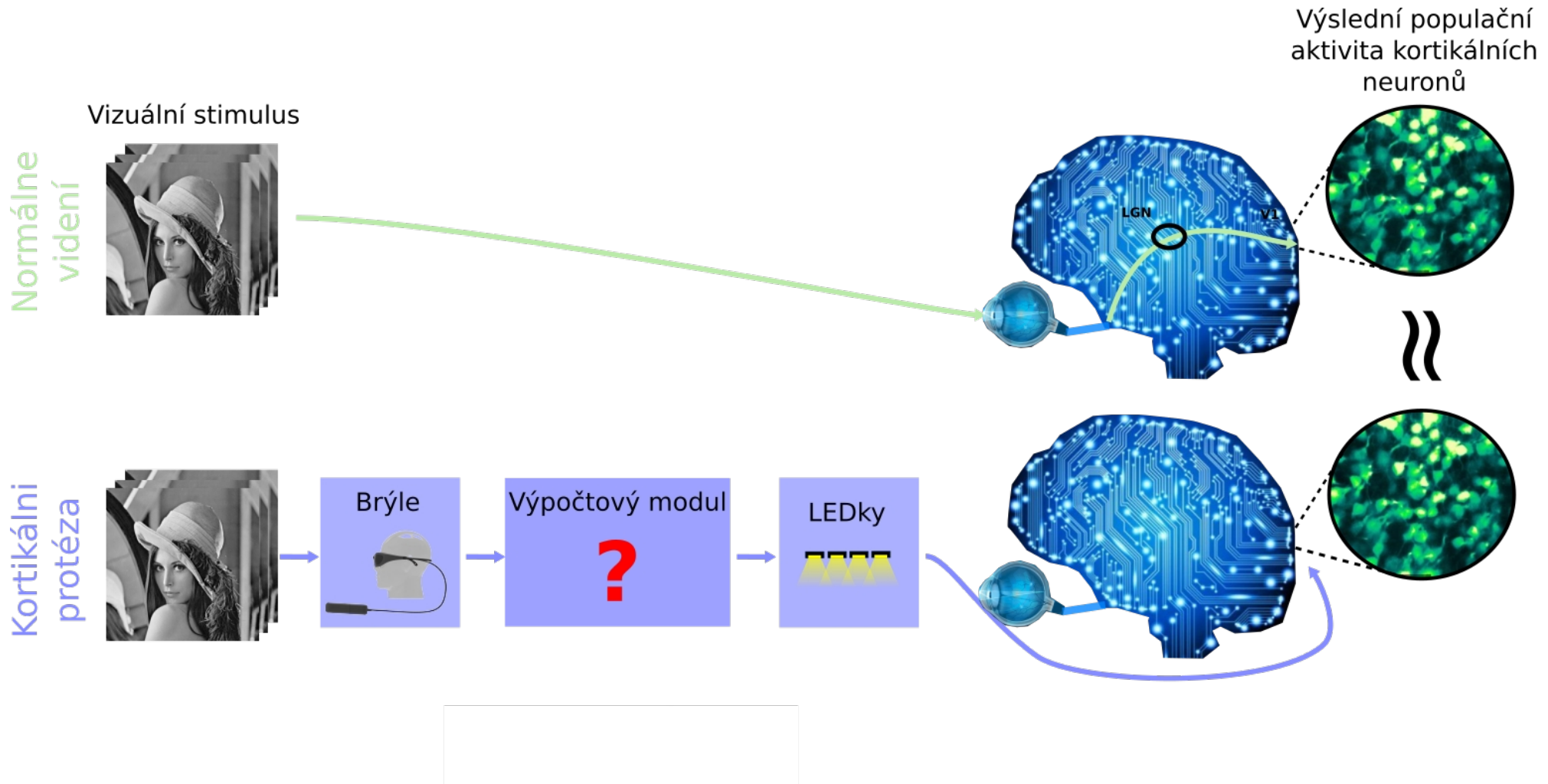


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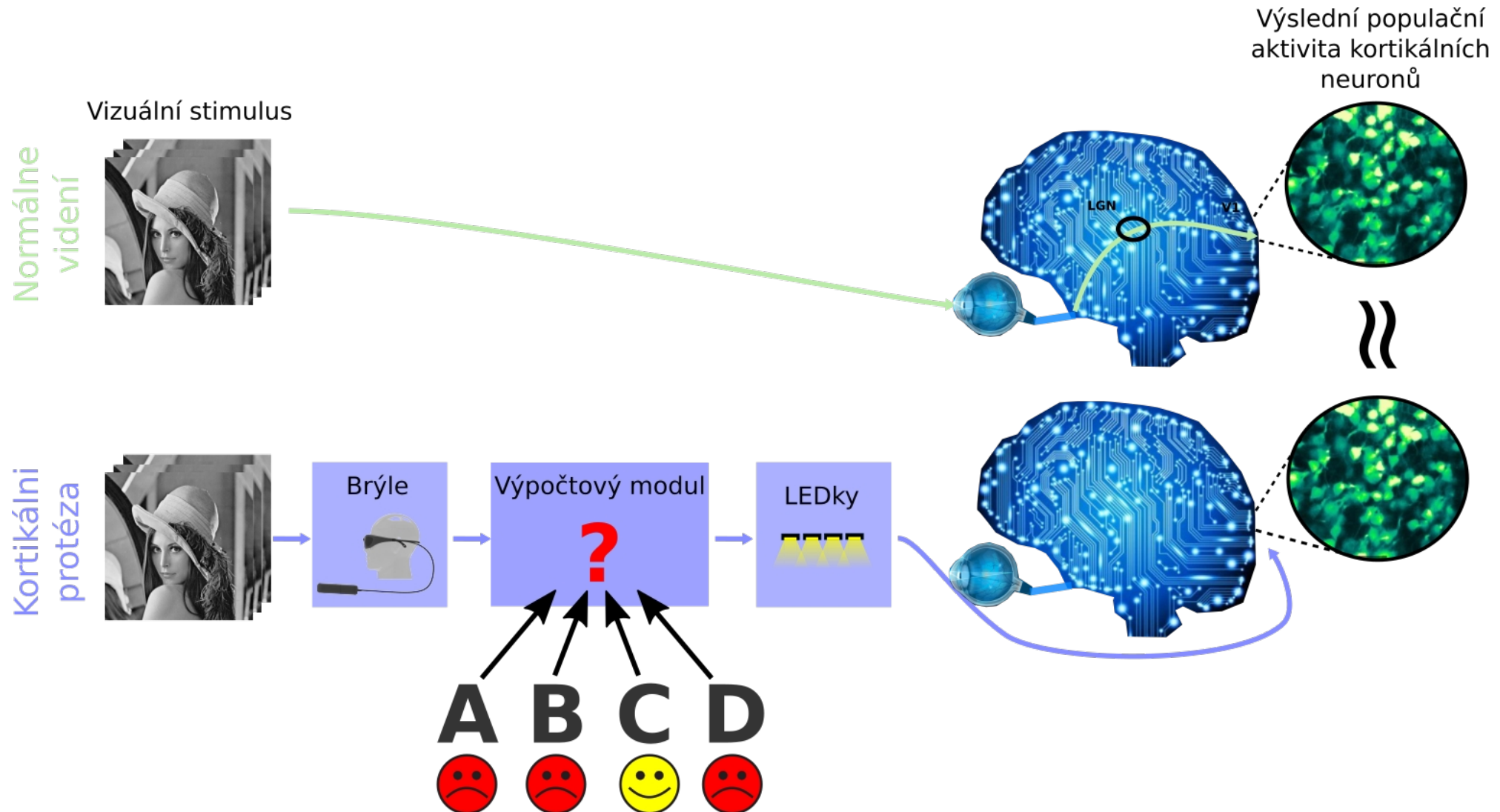




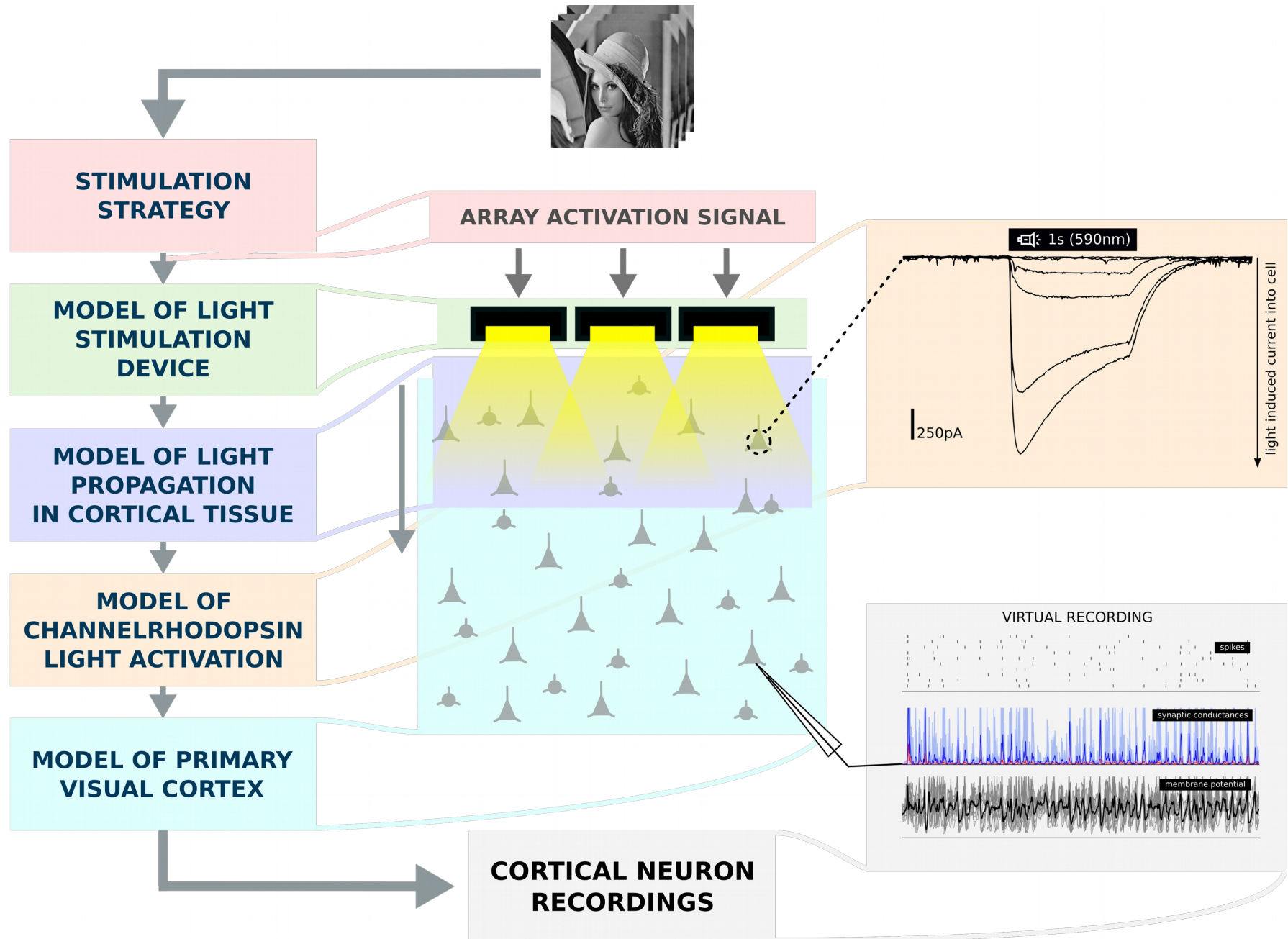
# Solution: simulation of the prosthetic system



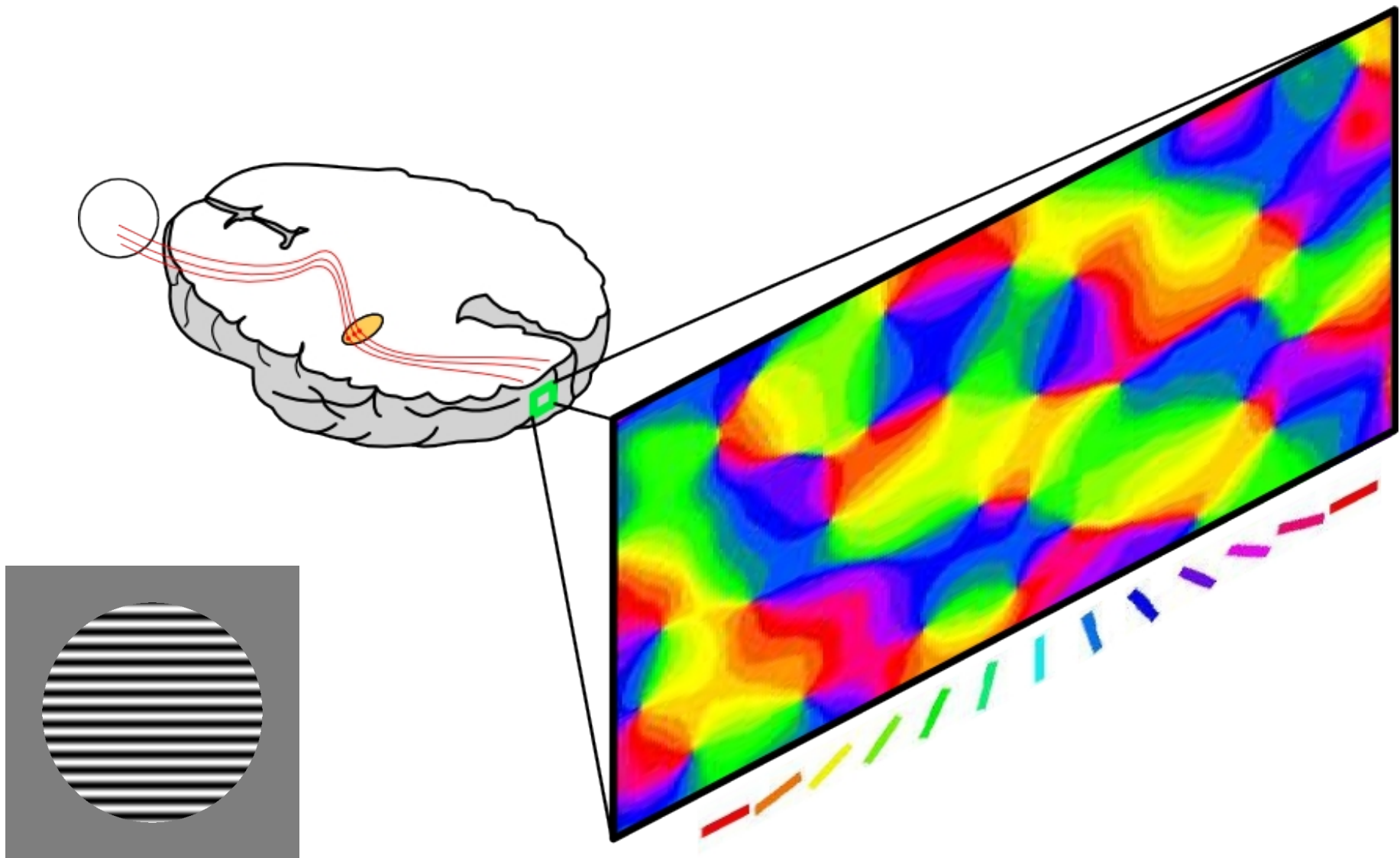
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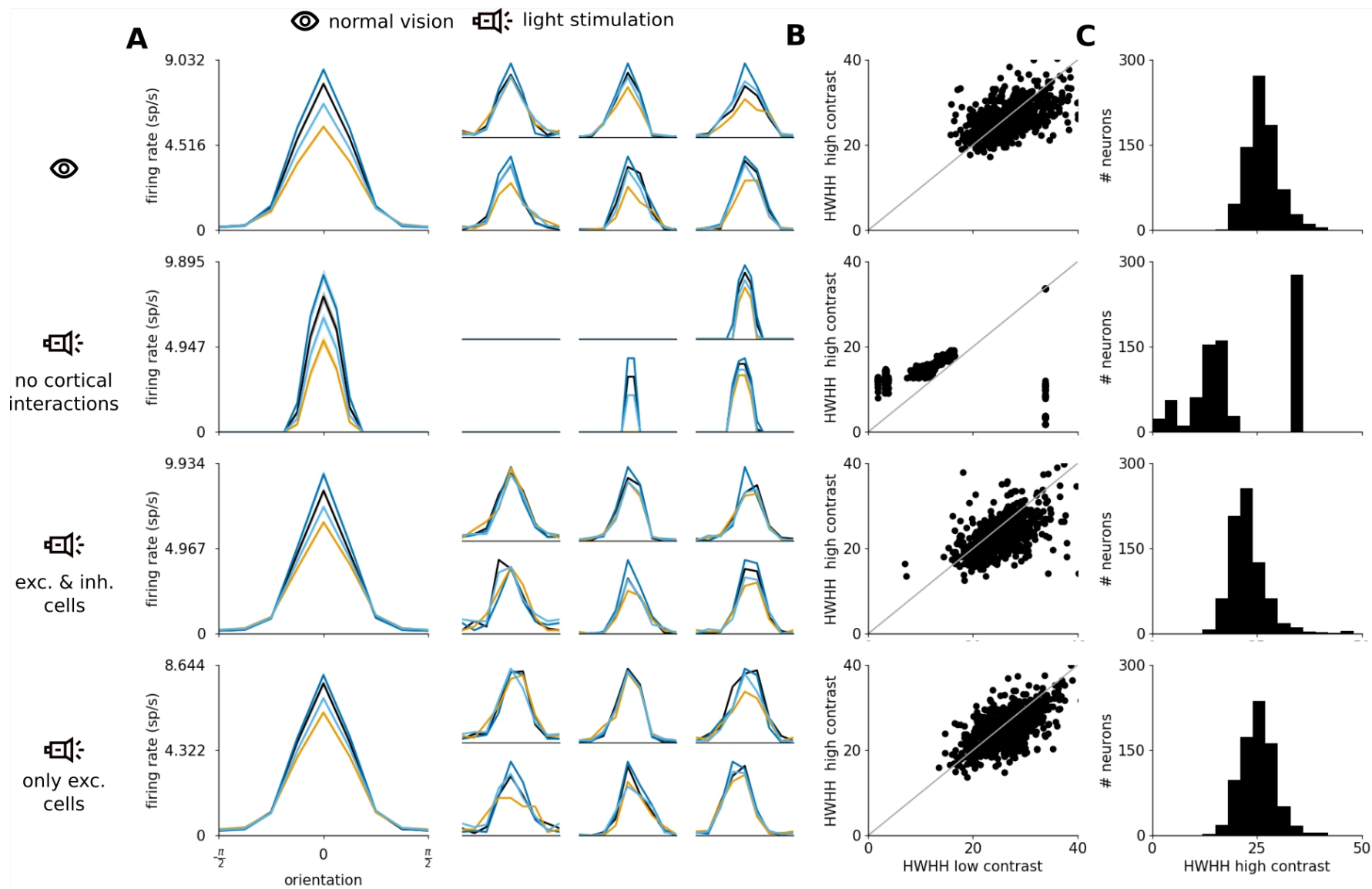
# Simulation platform



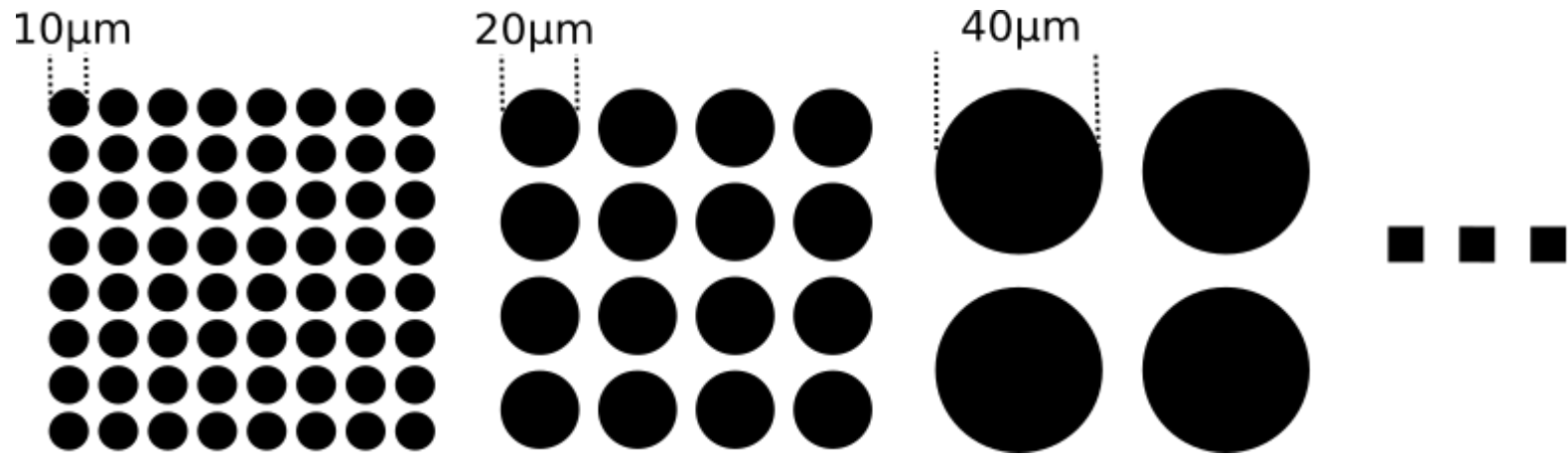
# Stimulation protocol of sinusoidal gratings



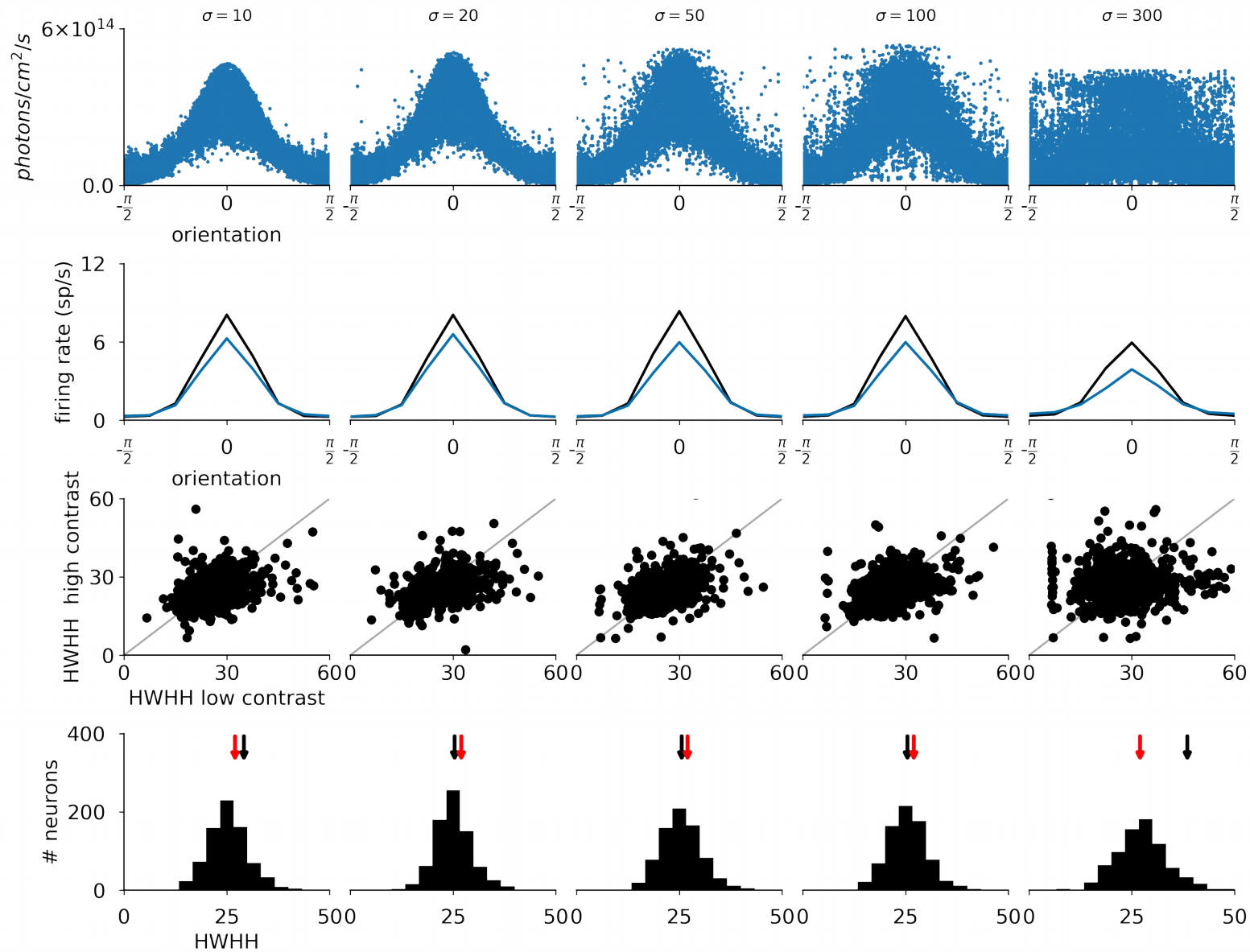
# Orientation tuning in intact and opto-stimulated layer 2/3 of V1



# Orientation tuning as a function of LED array density



# Orientation tuning as a function of LED array density



# Layer 2/3 activity under optogenetic stimulation

Visual input

Exc&Inh

Exc

Intact Vision

