Plasticity in the visual cortex



Spike timing-dependent synaptic plasticity (STDP)



Bi & Poo, Journal of Neuroscience, 1998, 18(24): 10464-72



Spike-timing Dependent Plasticity Rat Oc1





Spatiotemporal Visual Receptive Fields



STDP of Visual Responses in 3 wk old rats







STDP of Visual Responses in adult rats















Yao et al., Neuron, 2001

Illusion 1: Shift in Perceived Target Position Induced by Local Motion

De Valois & De Valois (1991)

Ramachandran & Anstis (1990)





Demo

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Illusion 2: Shift in Perceived Target Position Induced by Motion Adaptation



Snowden, 1998



Nishida & Johnston, 1999

STDP and motion stimuli during development of cortex circuit



Prediction 1: Dependence of Cortical RF on Local Motion



Physiological Basis of Illusion 1



Prediction 2: Dependence of Cortical RF on Motion Adaptation



Physiological Basis of Illusion 2









What we found so far

1. Repeated exposure to natural stimuli (and possibly other types of stimuli) enhances response reliability

Questions

- Which part of the natural stimuli induce the changes in cortical neurons?
- What changes in response properties underlie the improvement in reliability?







- 1. Which part of the natural stimuli induce the changes in cortical neurons?
 - 1. Preferred stimuli (?)
- 2. What changes in response properties underlie the improvement in reliability?
 - 1. Point process adaptive filtering, but we haven't found anything consistent...







VSD imaging

Spontaneous waves

Before



After



Response to a flashed spot



Evoked wave (template)



Before



After



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