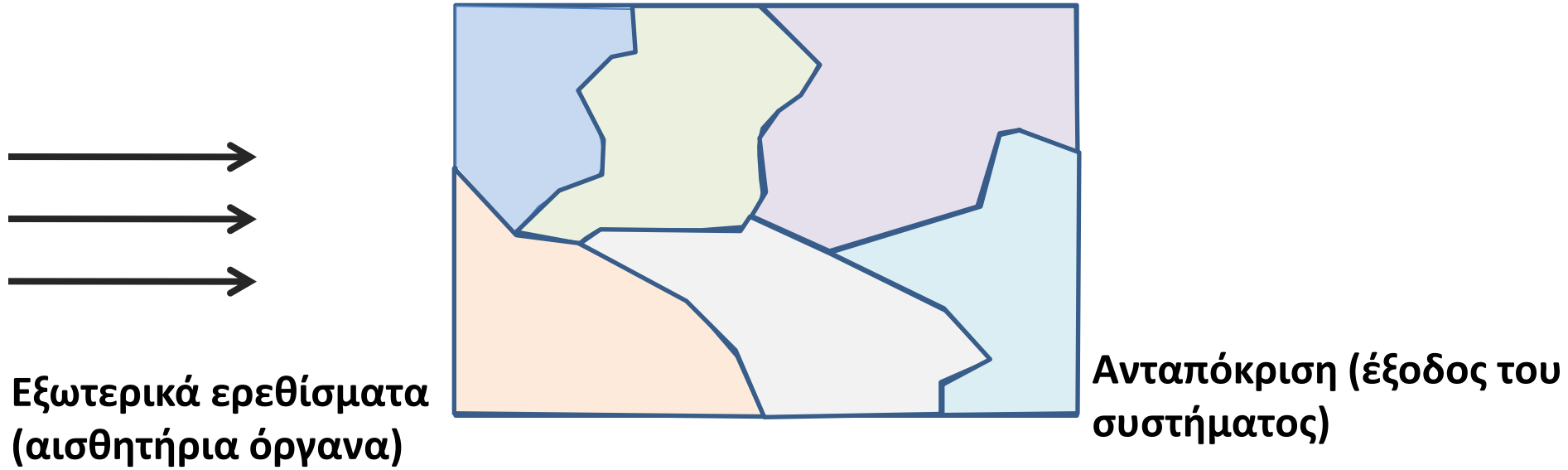


# Cognitive Modeling (Γνωστική μοντελοποίηση)



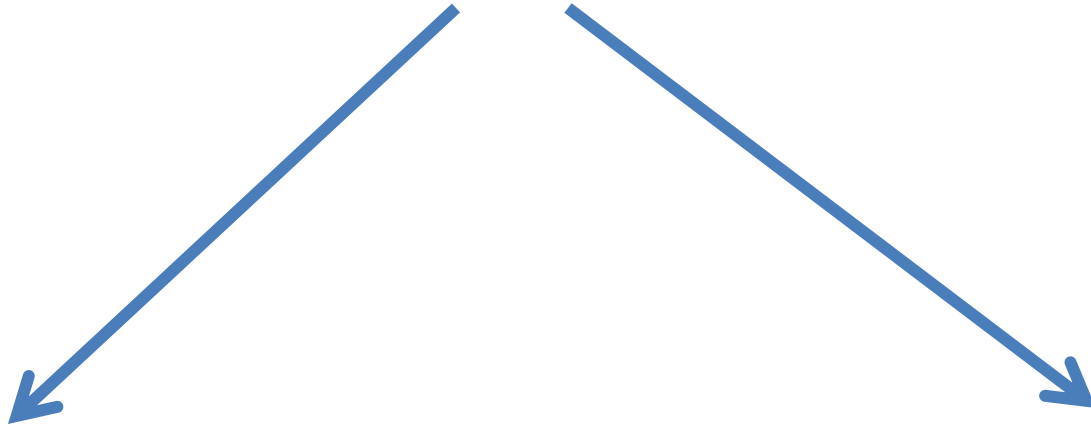
Kleanthis Neokleous, PhD

# Ο εγκέφαλος σαν ένα πληροφορικό σύστημα.



# Πώς προσπαθούμε να μελετήσουμε τον εγκέφαλο?

## Ο εγκέφαλος σαν ένα πληροφορικό σύστημα.



Προσπαθούμε να «αντιγράψουμε» τη λειτουργία του εγκεφάλου με σκοπό να την εφαρμόσουμε σε **αλγόριθμους και τεχνικές υπολογιστικής νοημοσύνης.**

Δημιουργώντας υπολογιστικά μοντέλα γνωστικών λειτουργιών με σκοπό να **αυξήσουμε τις γνώσεις μας για τις συγκεκριμένες λειτουργίες.**

# Γνωστικά μοντέλα – ένα παράδειγμα.

Υπολογιστικό μοντέλο οπτικής επιλεκτικής προσοχής

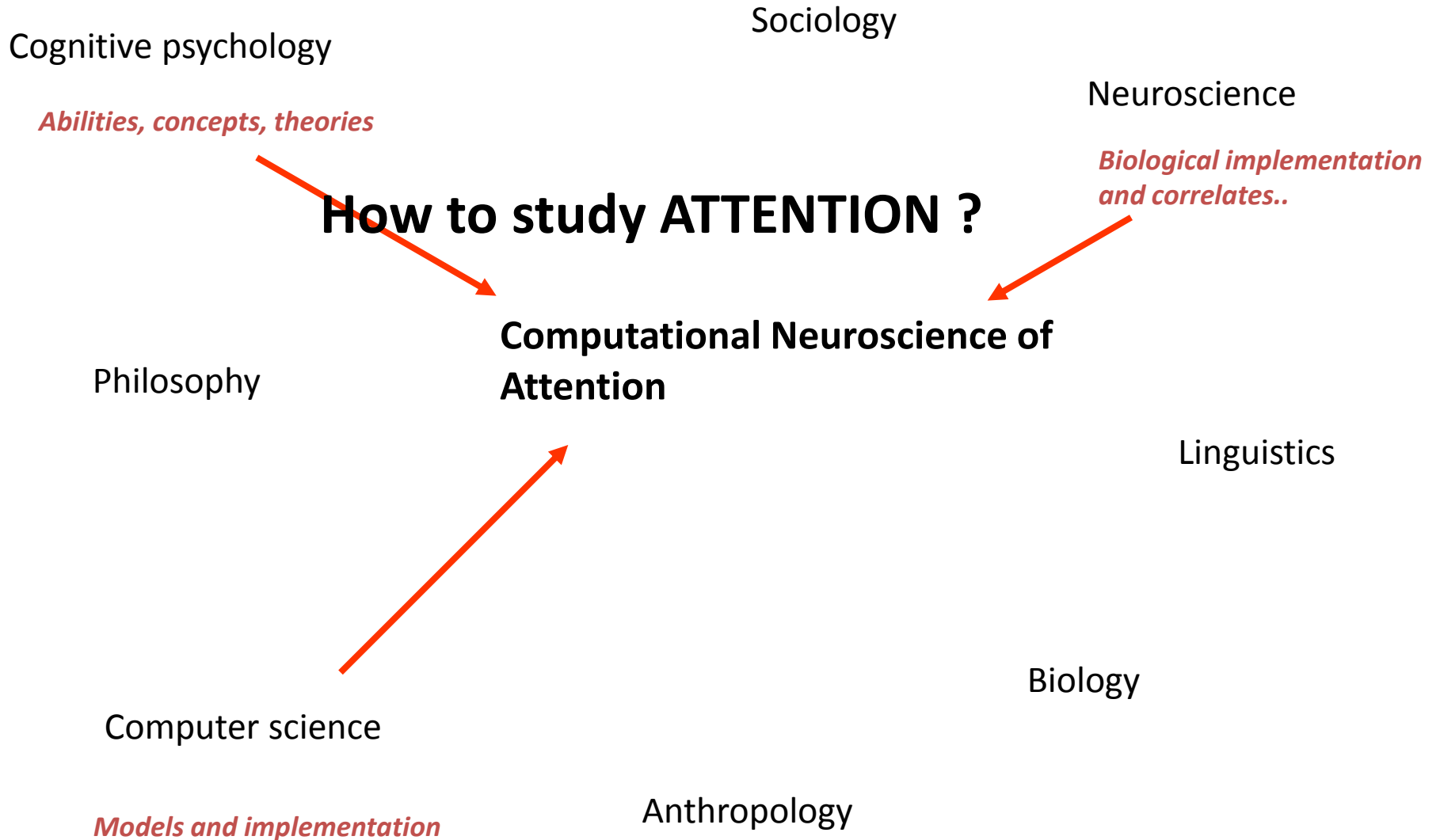
**Επιλεκτική προσοχή:** Η δυνατότητα ενός ατόμου στο να εστιάσει την προσοχή του σε ένα συγκεκριμένο ερέθισμα ενώ παράλληλα «απορρίπτει» ή «φιλτράρει» όλα τα άλλα που παρεμβάλουν.

For example : The Cocktail party..



# Computational neuroscience: *The study of the nature of intelligence.*

*Cognitive science is an interdisciplinary field with contributors from various fields*



# Οπτική Επιλεκτική Προσοχή

## Εξωγενής προσοχή

*Όταν έντονα χαρακτηριστικά σε μια οπτική σκηνή «κερδίζουν» την προσοχή*

## Ενδογενής προσοχή

*Όταν πληροφορίες για συγκεκριμένους στόχους από τη λειτουργική μνήμη καθοδηγούν την προσοχή.*



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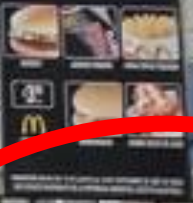
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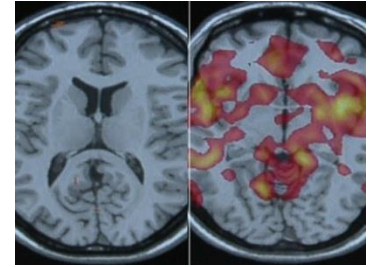
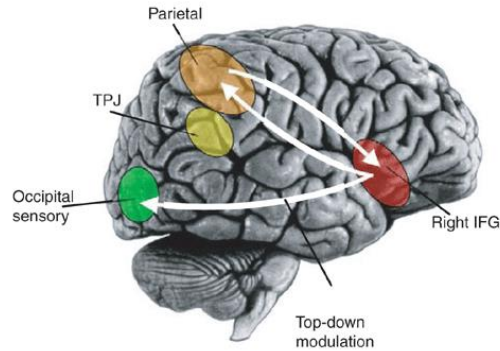
***The Garden of Earthly Delights* by Hieronymus Bosch.**



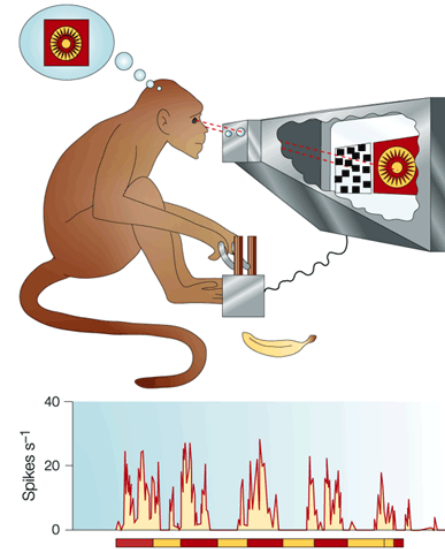
# Neuroscience

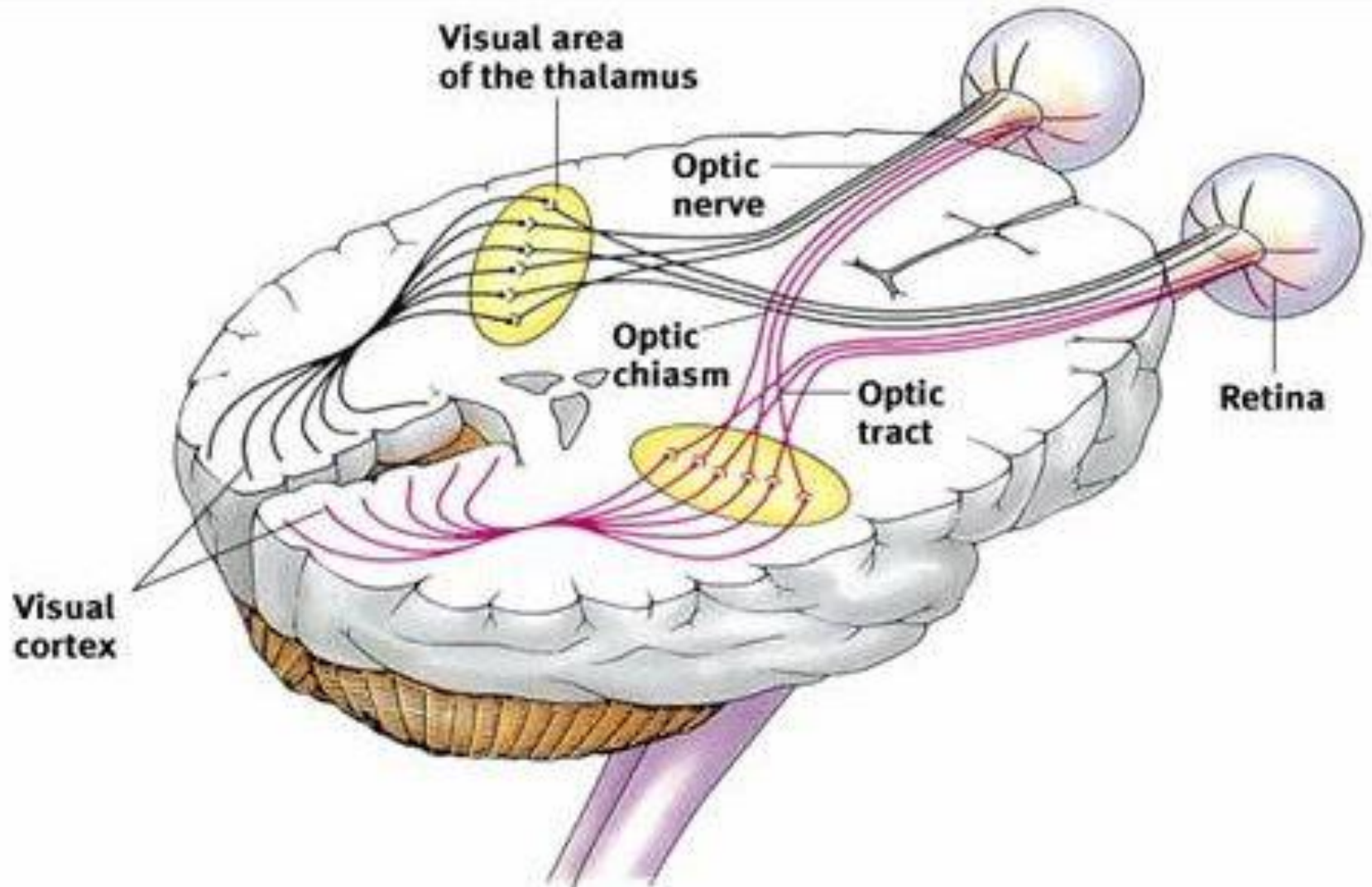
Neuroimaging Techniques  
MEGs, fMRI...

*Visual cortex, PFC, anterior  
cingulate cortex...*

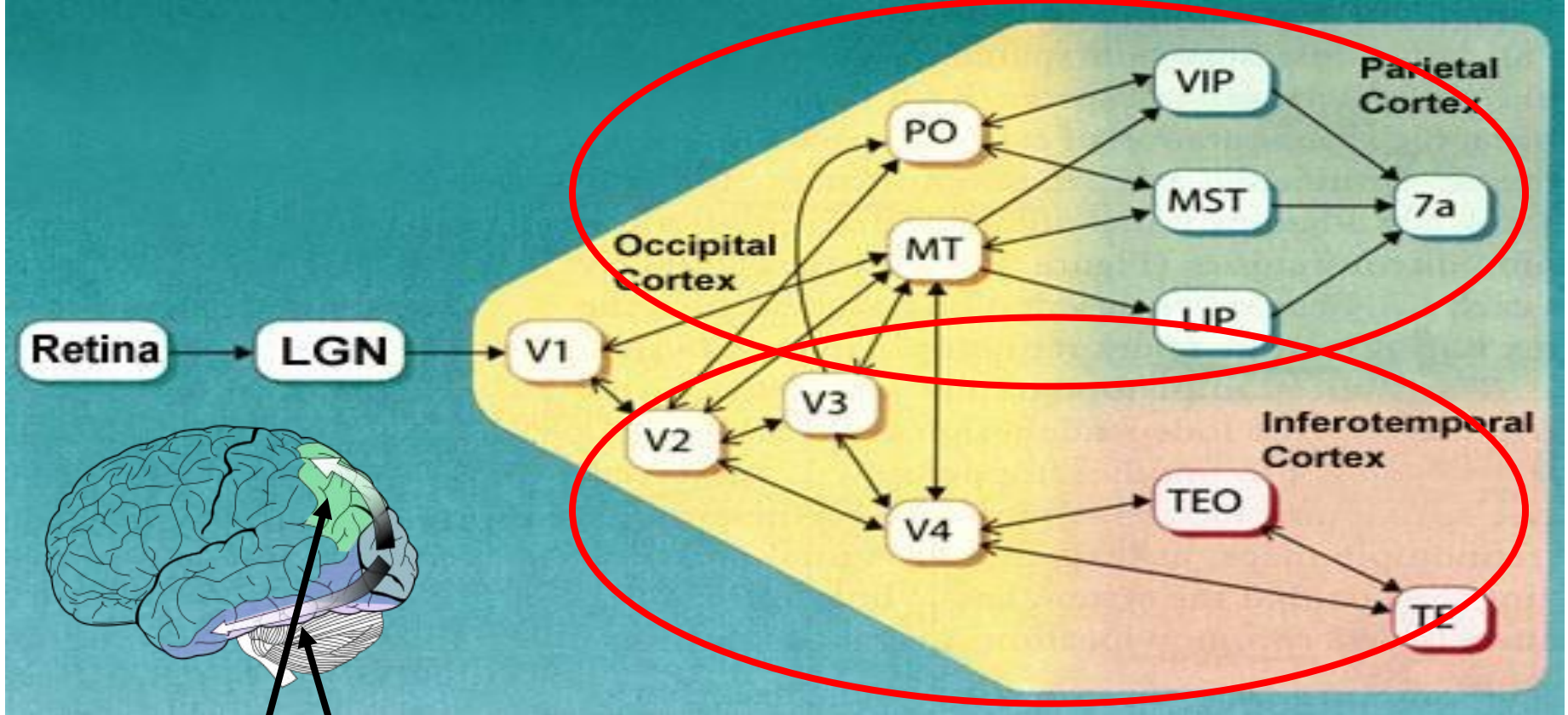


Single Cell Recordings.





Signals produced by the **neural cells in the retina** are propagated then into the brain through the **optic nerve** and reach a major relay station, the **LGN (lateral geniculate nucleus)**



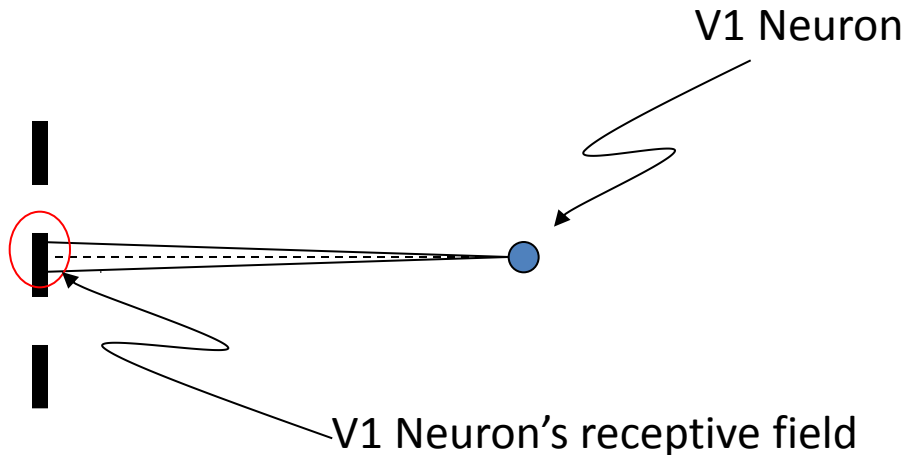
**Ventral visual stream** seems to be involved in forming conscious representations of the identity of objects – **What pathway**...

**The dorsal stream**, sometimes called the "**Where Pathway**" or "**How Pathway**", is associated with motion, representation of object locations, and control of the eyes and arms...

**Receptive Field: “an area in which stimulation leads to response of a particular sensory neuron”**

For V1 neurons, the receptive field is small, in the range of approximately 1 degrees of diameter, measured as a visual angle in the center of vision.

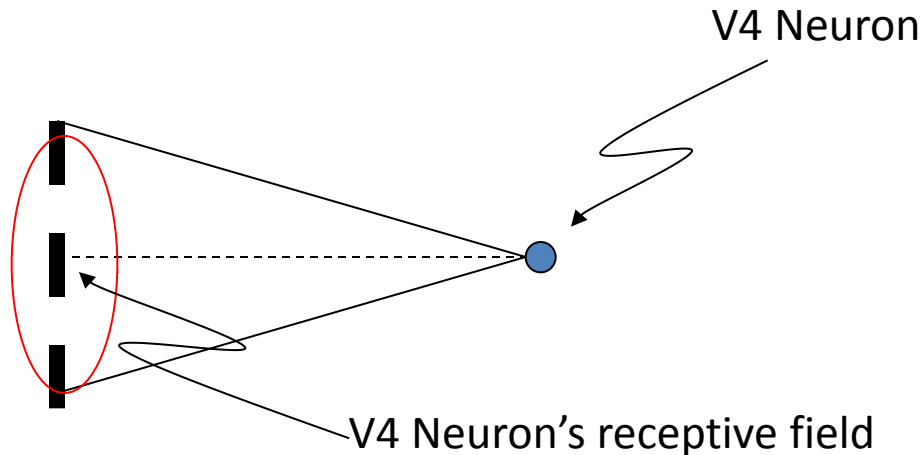
This area is very small to cover most complete recognizable visual objects, but only a portion of it.

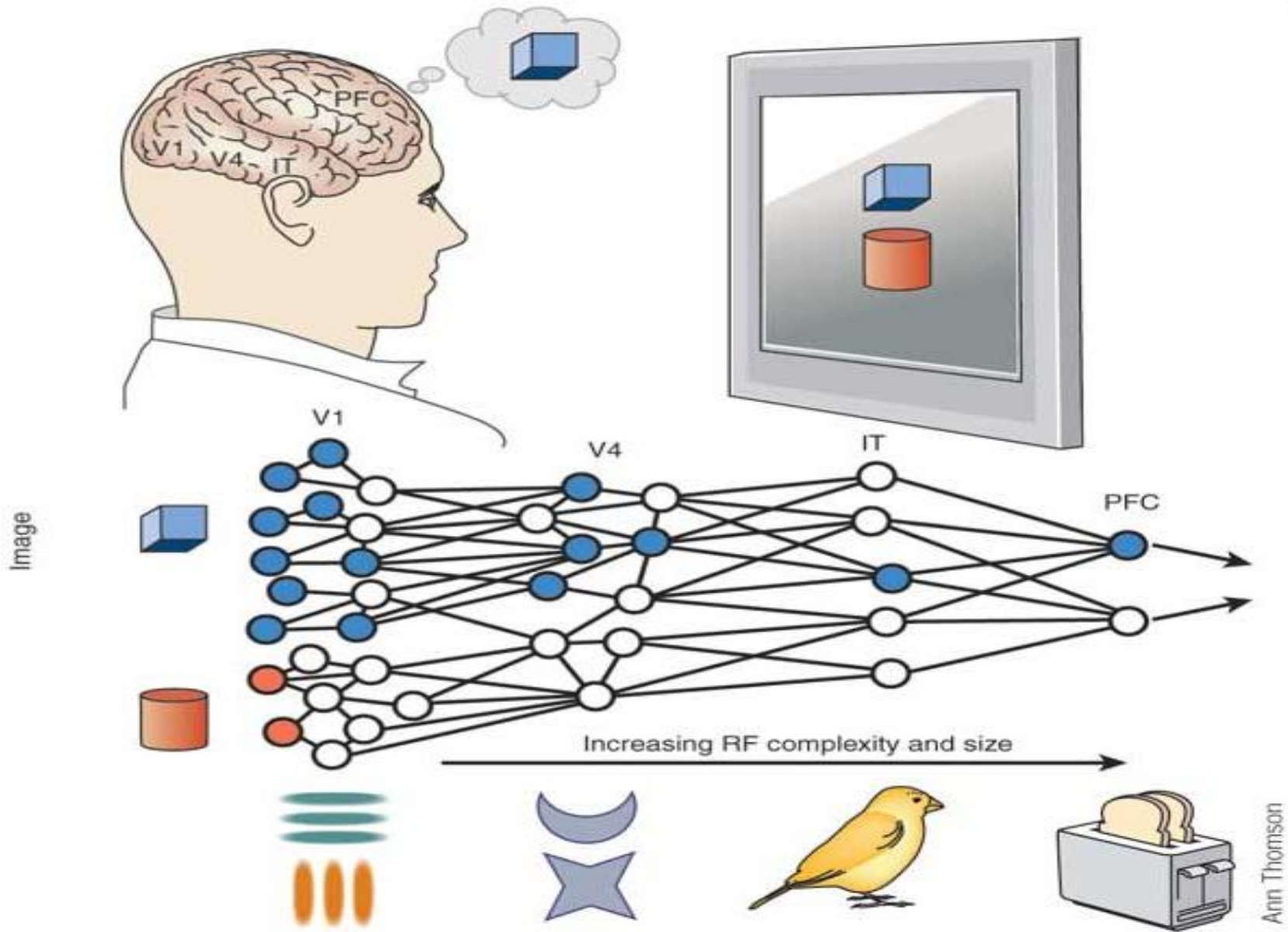


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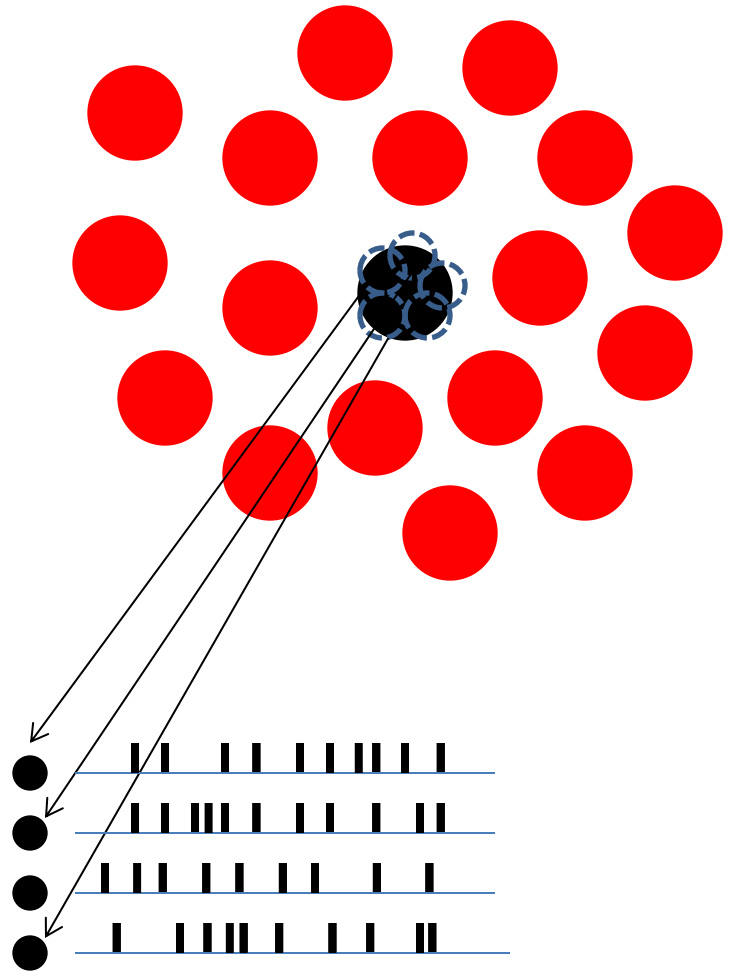
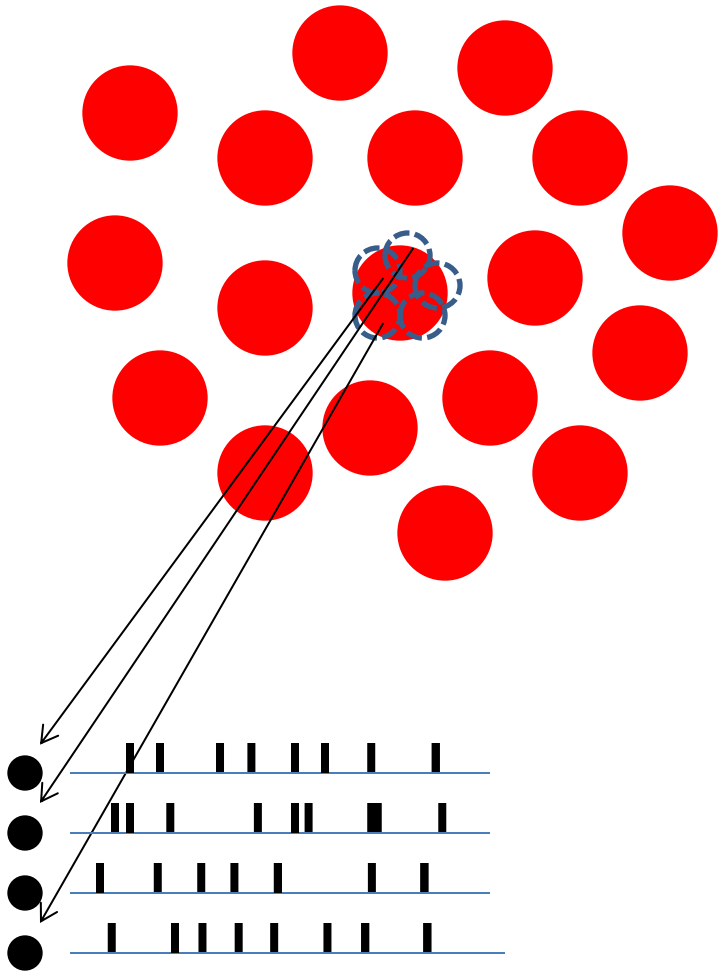
In area V4 the neural receptive field becomes larger, in the range of 10 degrees in visual angle diameter, and 20-50 degrees in inferotemporal cortex (IT).

That is in the **IT** it is possible that a single neuron might signal the recognition of a small visual object (Rolls 2004).





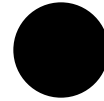
Επεξεργασία διαφόρων  
ερεθισμάτων...







**Ψάξτε για τον μαύρο κύκλο..**

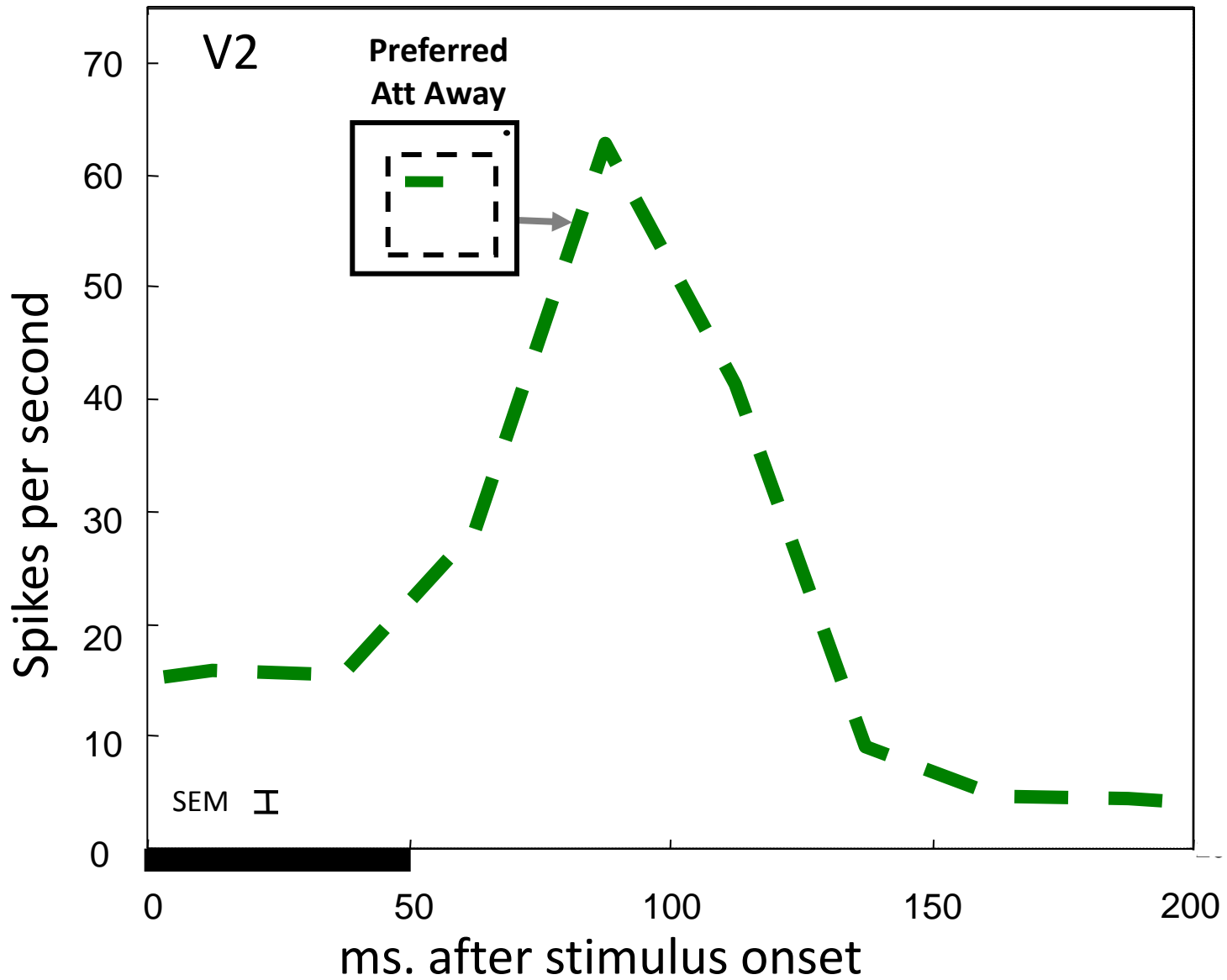




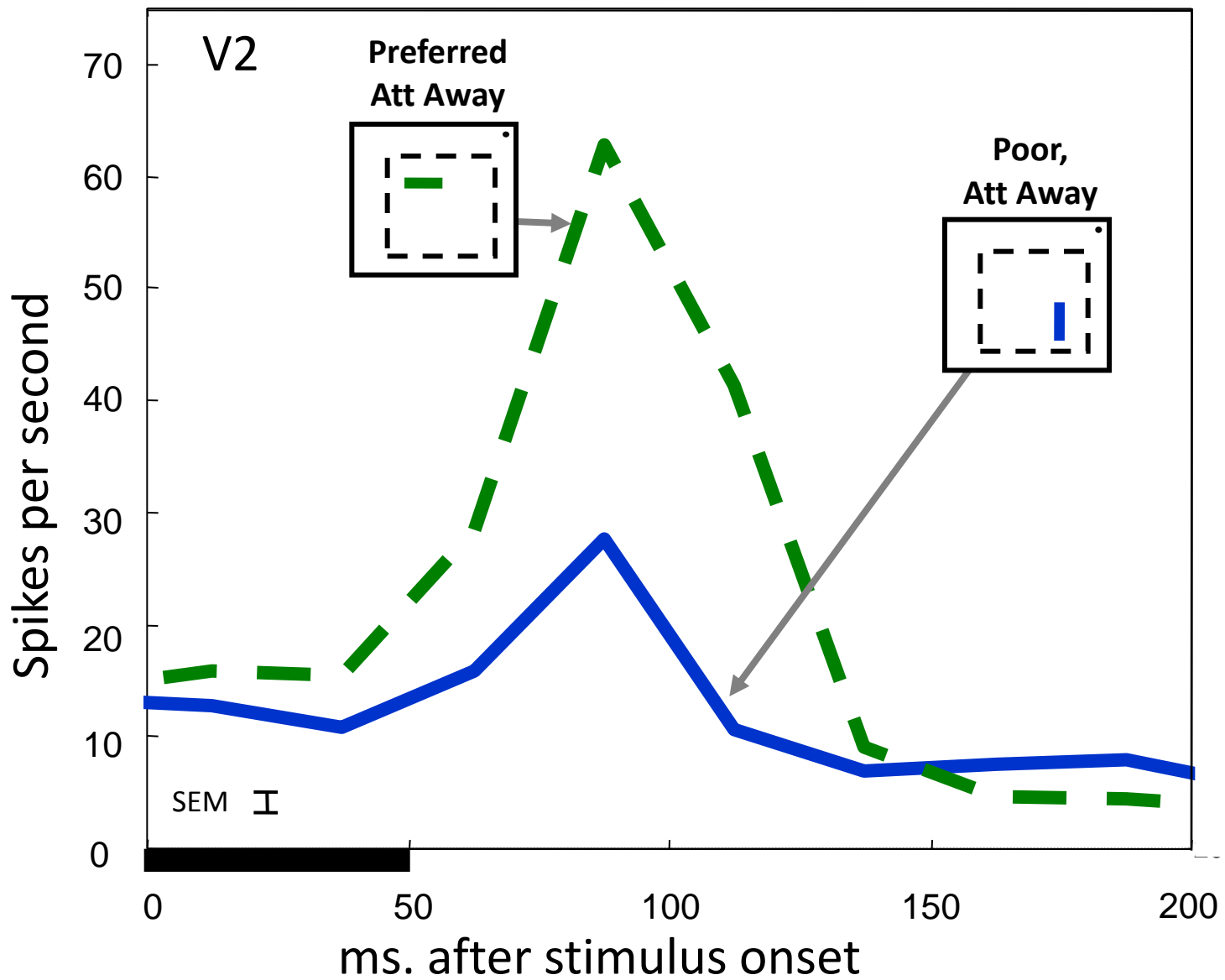
In general, attention in the neuronal level can be seen as **a competitive process**.

Whenever two or more stimuli are represented in the same receptive field of a single cell, **competition can result**.

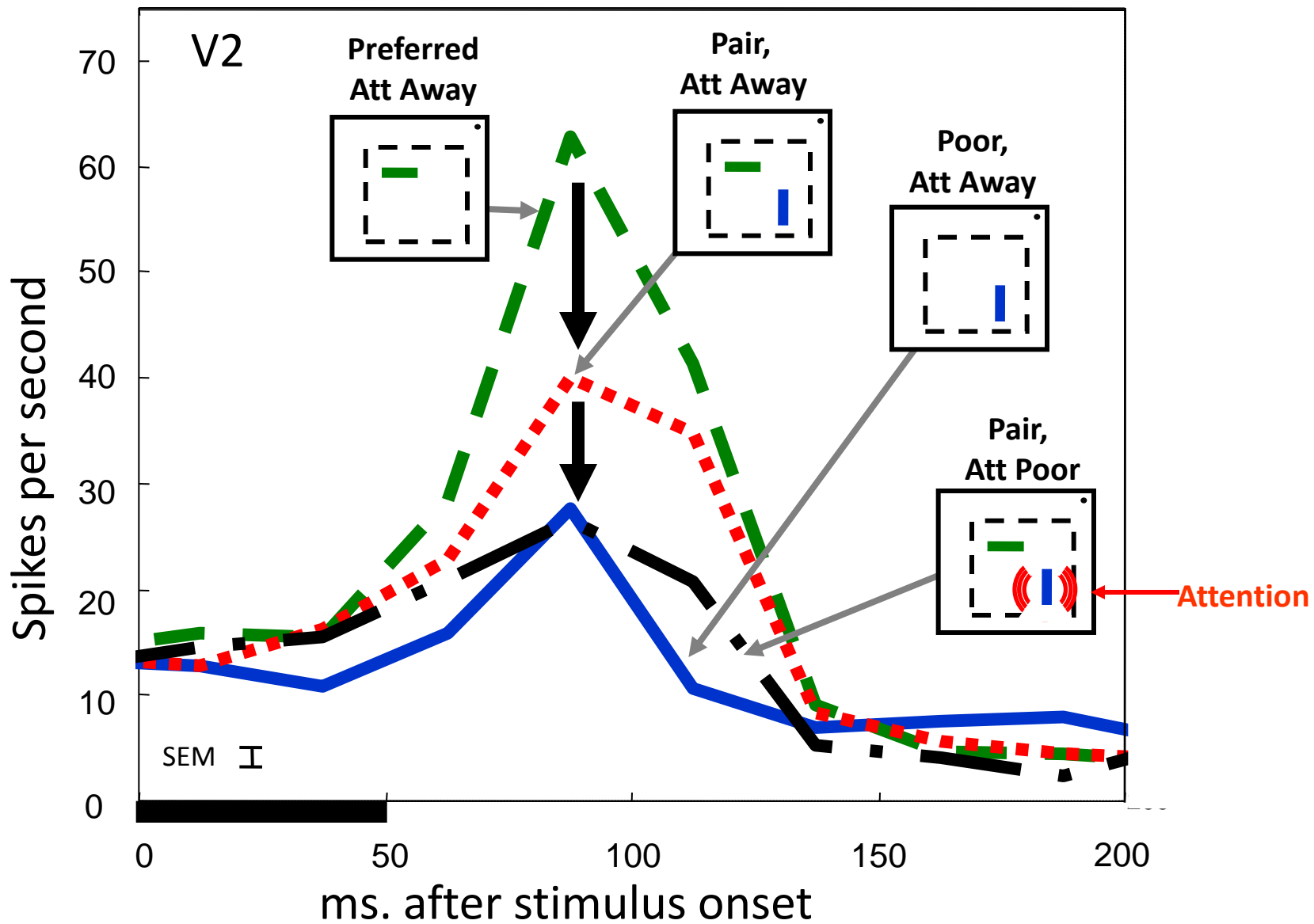
This competition is translated mainly by the mechanisms of selection by attention and can be influenced by either **bottom-up saliency cues or top- down volitional cues**.



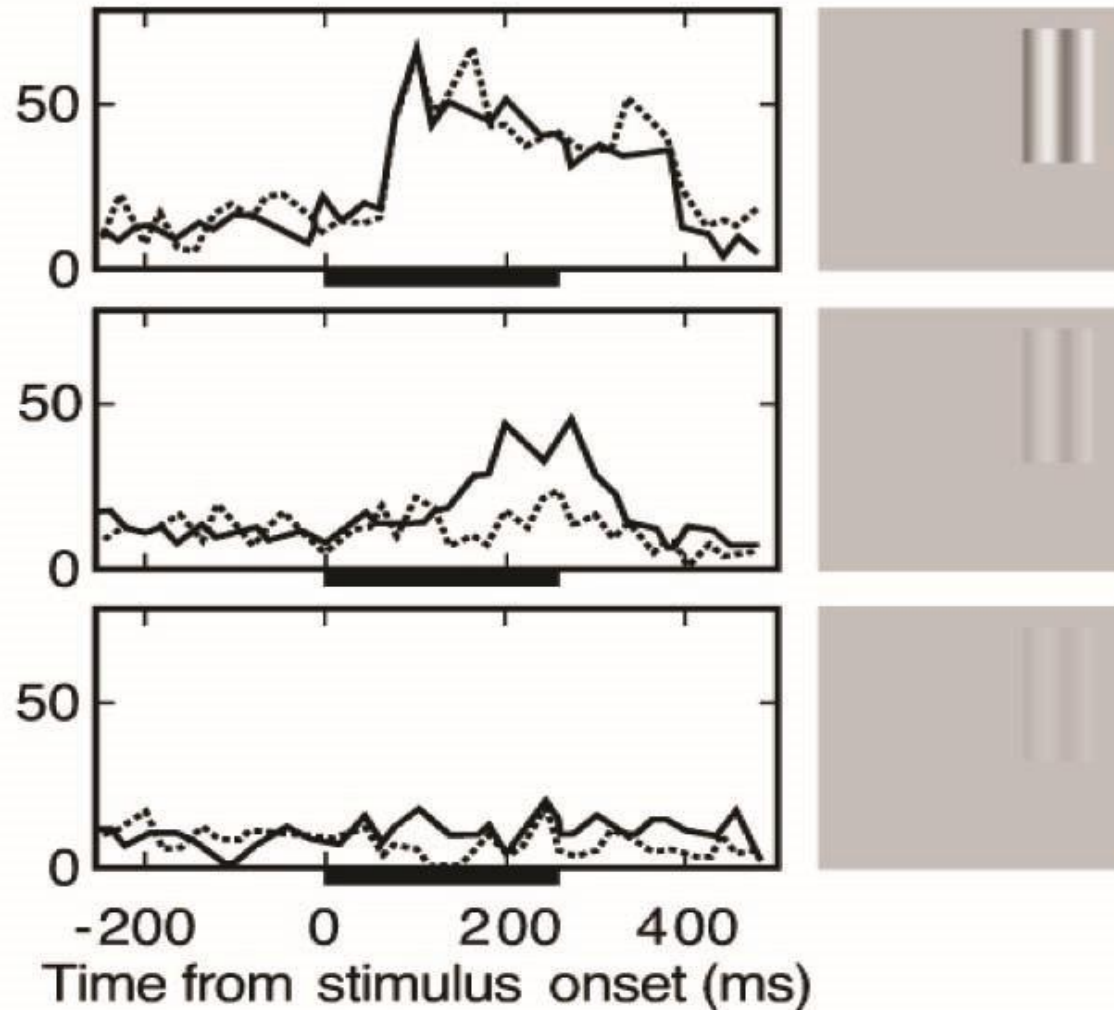
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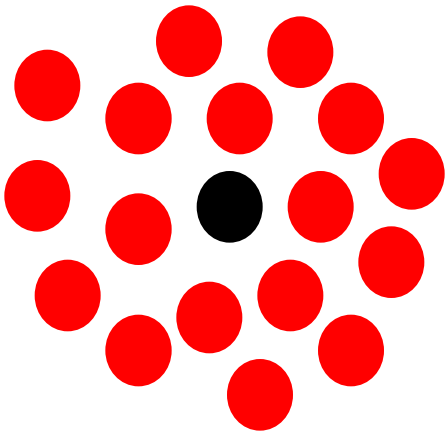


Responses of an example area **V4 neuron** as a function of attention and stimulus contrast.

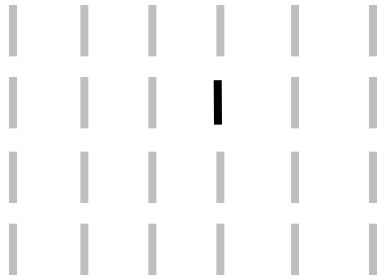


# Bottom-up attention

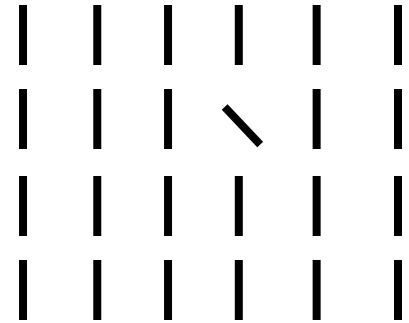
**Colour**



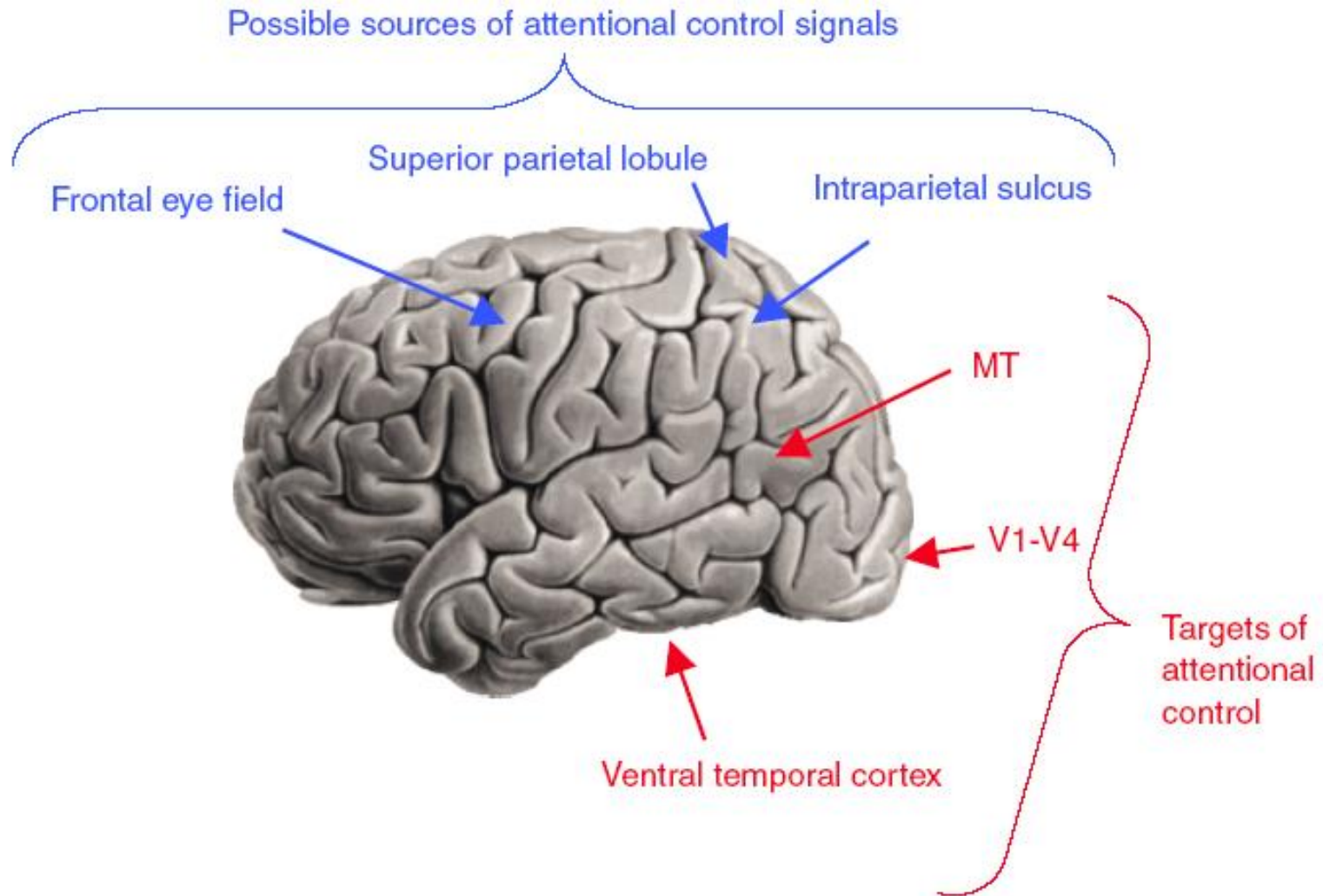
**Intensity**



**Orientation**



# Top-Down attention

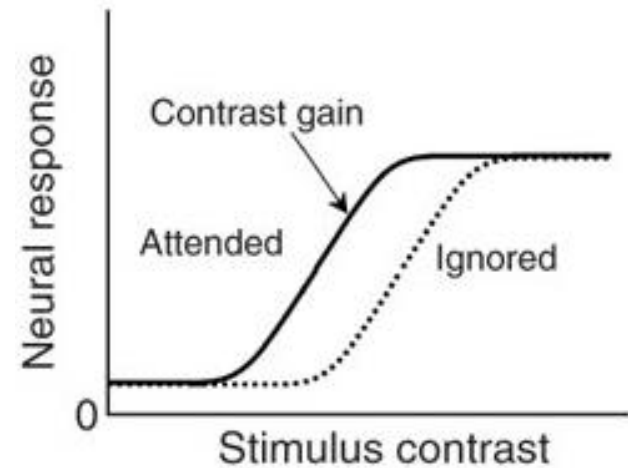
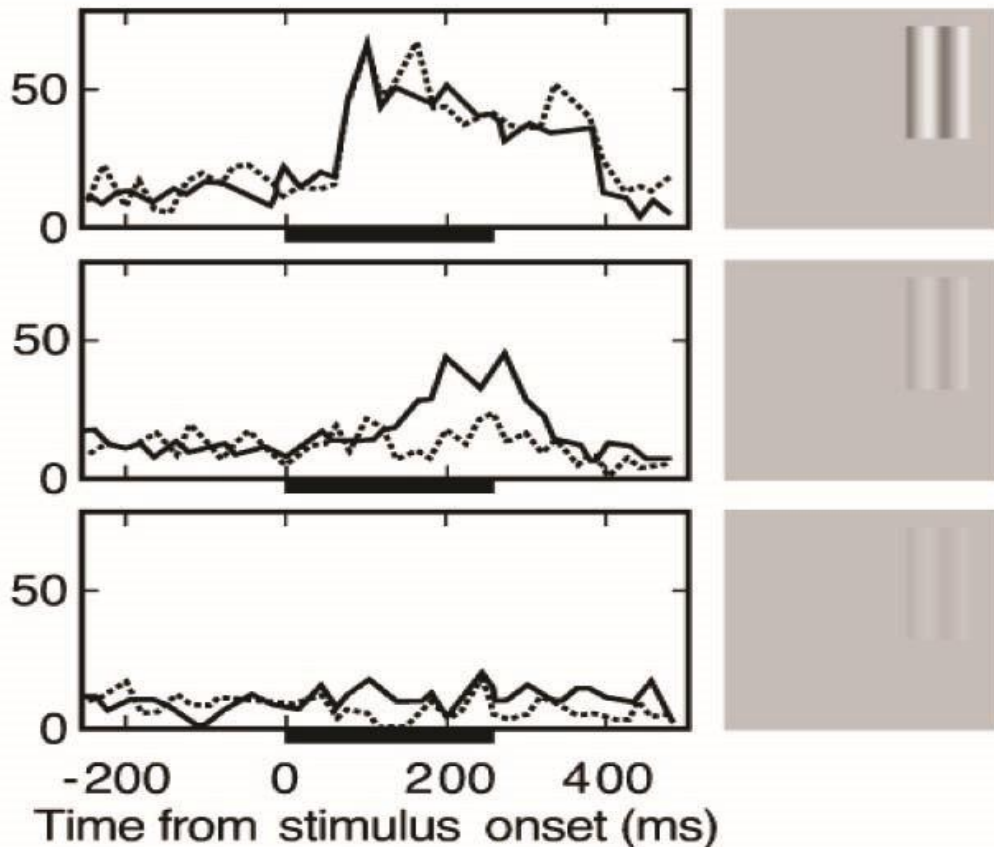


# Rate-based mechanism of selection

The simplest selection process is a rate-based mechanism.

-Responses of neurons in early processing stages that convey information to be selected are made more prominent by raising their firing rates.

-Responses of neurons that convey information to be ignored are made less prominent by suppressing or decreasing their firing rates.



Yee Joon Kim et al., **Attention induces synchronization-based response gain in steady-state visual evoked potentials**  
*Nature Neuroscience*

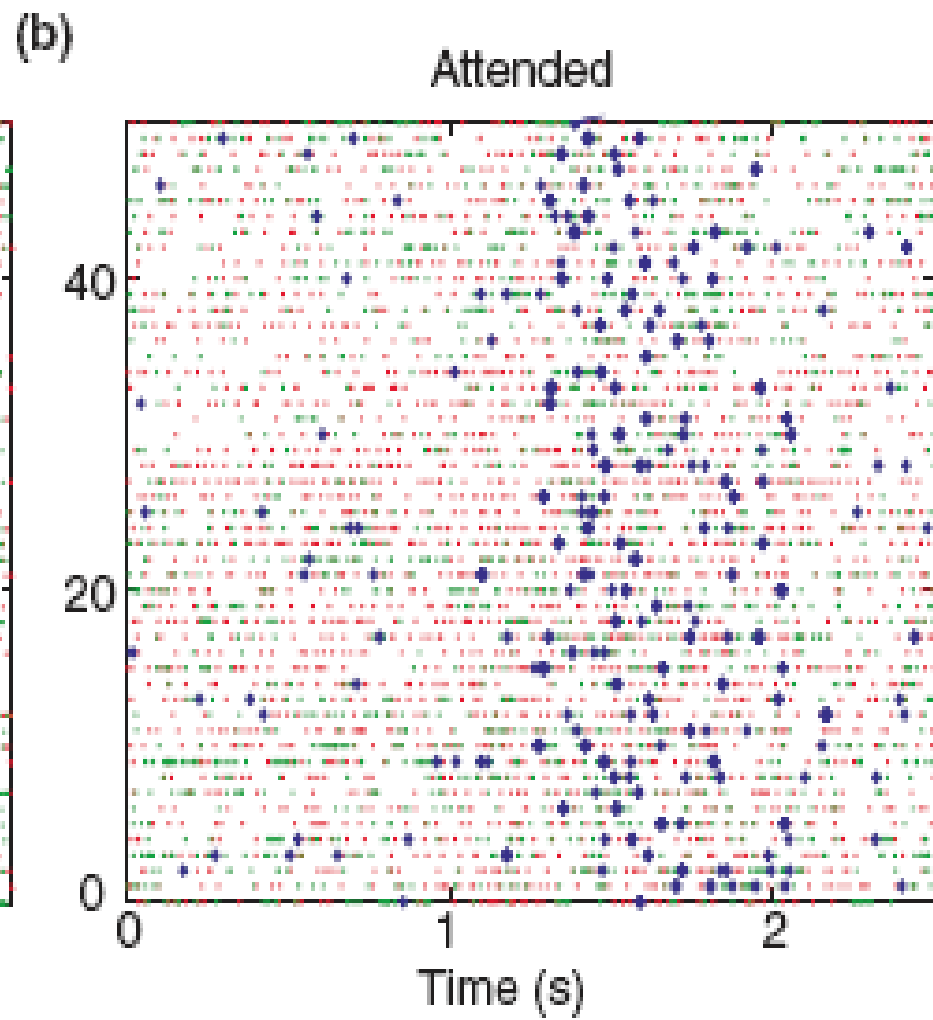
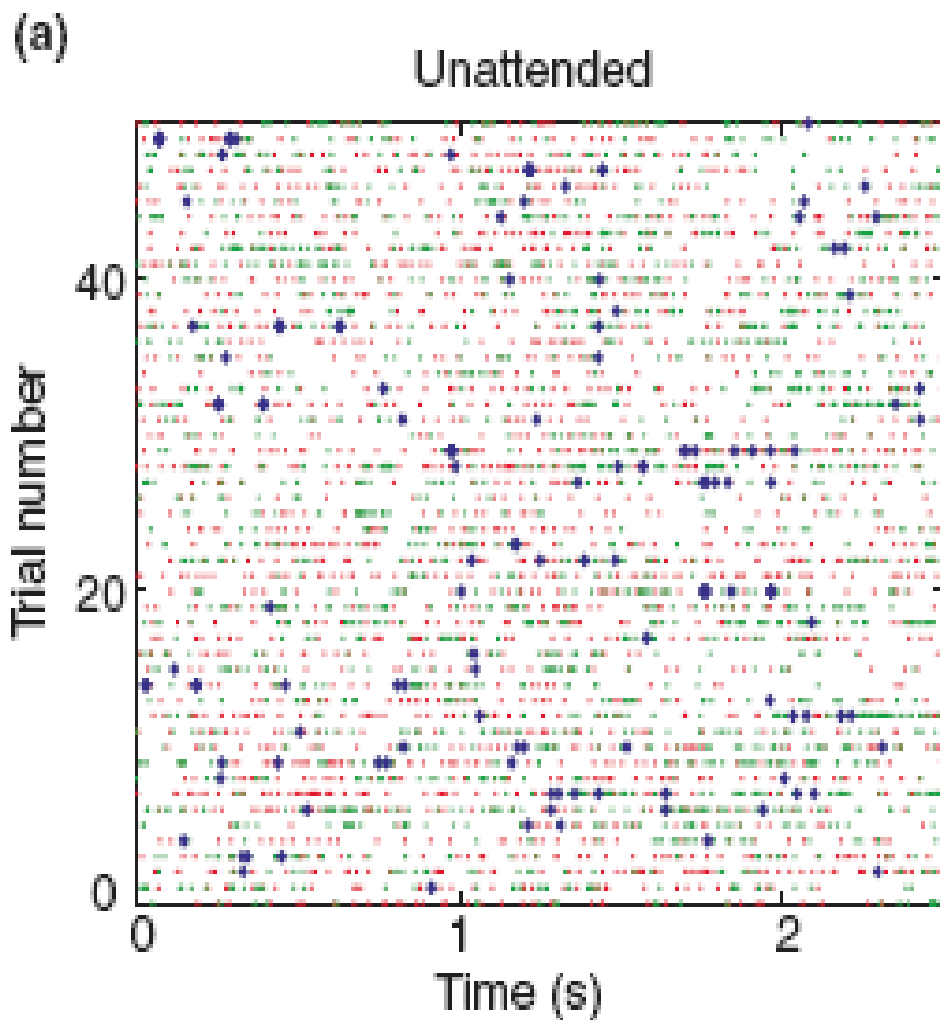
# Synchronization as a neuronal mechanism of selection.

The theoretical basis for synchrony as a mechanism for attentional selection was originally proposed by Crick and Koch (1990).



**Francis Crick (8 June 1916 – 28 July 2004)**  
**The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1962**

It was suggested that visual selective attention functions in a way that there is a change in the temporal structure of the neural spike trains representing the source that is to be selected

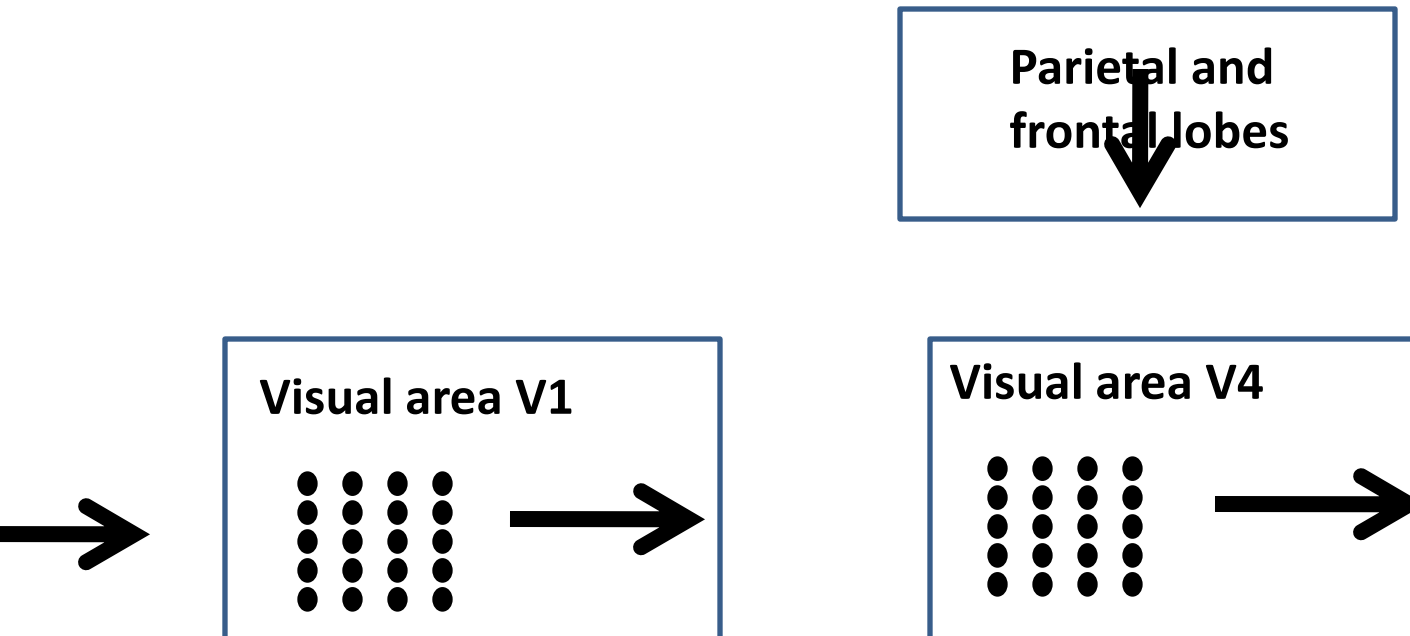


Niebur E., Hsiao S.S., Johnson K.O., (2002) "Synchrony: a neuronal mechanism for attentional selection?" *Cur.Op. in Neurobio.*, 12:190–194

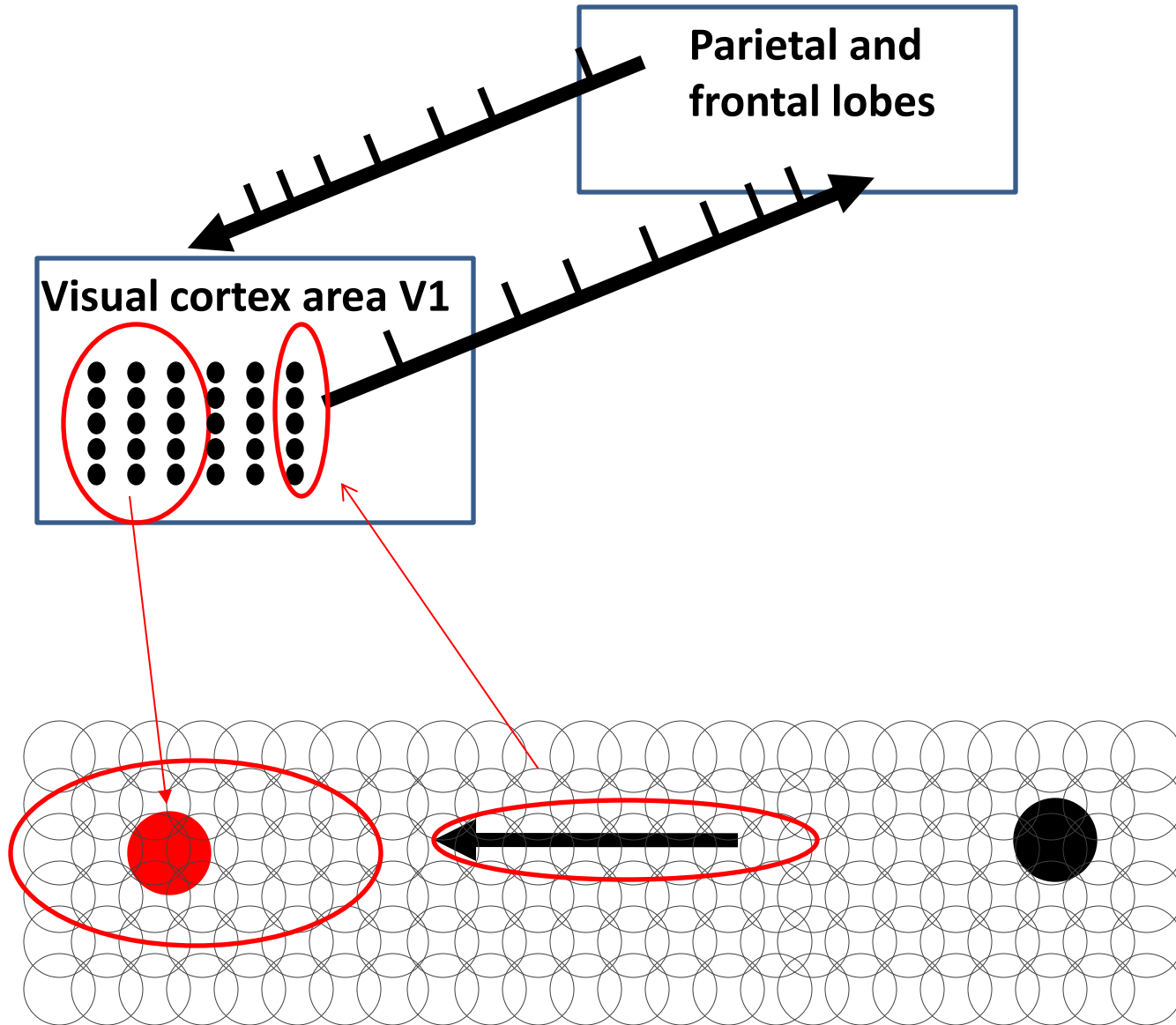
# Semantic Top-Down attention

Neural activity is known to be affected by **semantic top-down attention mostly in area V4**, the intermediate stage of visual object-processing pathway in the brain (Moran & Desimone, 1985; Connor et al., 1997; Reynolds & Desimone, 2003).

- **Increase of firing rate...**
- **Increase of synchronization in the neural activity...**



# Spatial Top-Down attention



# Attention - Cognitive Psychology

## Behavioral Experiments!

Important observations mainly studying **accuracy** and **reaction time**.

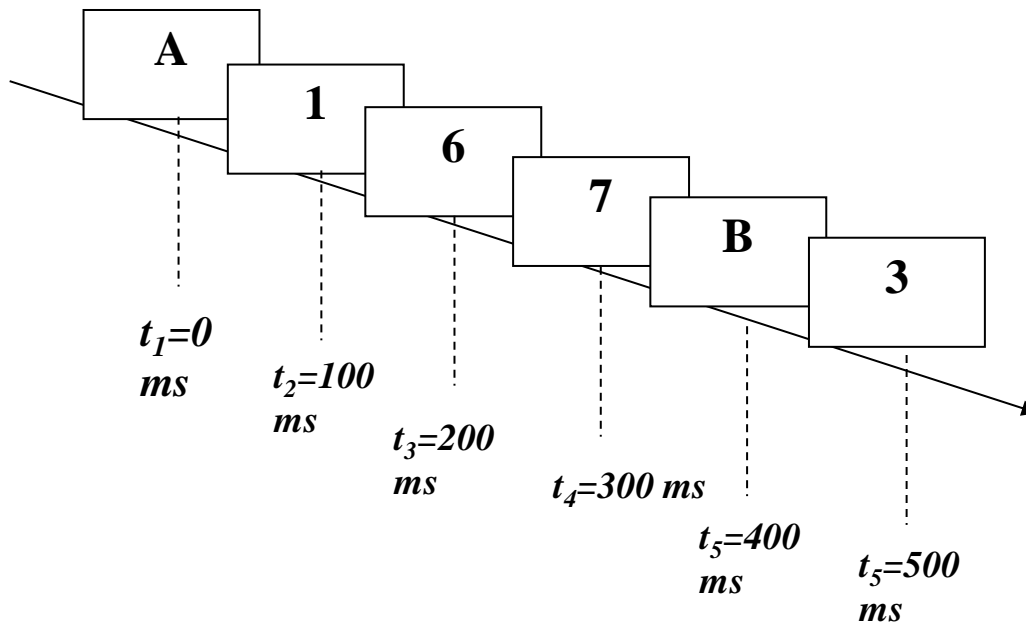


# The Attentional Blink

Raymond, Shapiro and Arnell (1992).

Refers to the refractory period following the identification of a visual target (T1) **within a Rapid Serial Visual Presentation (RSVP)**.

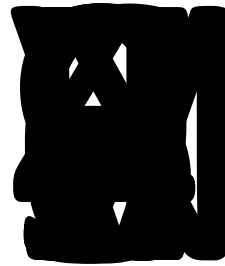
During this period, the human ability of detecting a second visual target (T2) is significantly decreased to approximately **300 to 500 ms**.



Raymond JE, Shapiro KL, Arnell KM (1992). "Temporary suppression of visual processing in an RSVP task: an attentional blink?". *J. of exp. psych. Human perc, and performance*

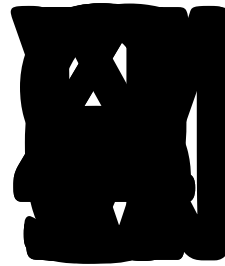
# A Demonstration

T2 at Lag 7



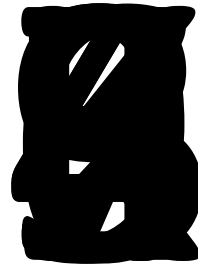
# A Demonstration

**T2 at Lag 7 – normal speed**



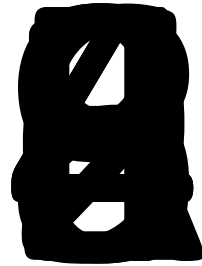
# A Demonstration

**T2 at Lag 3**

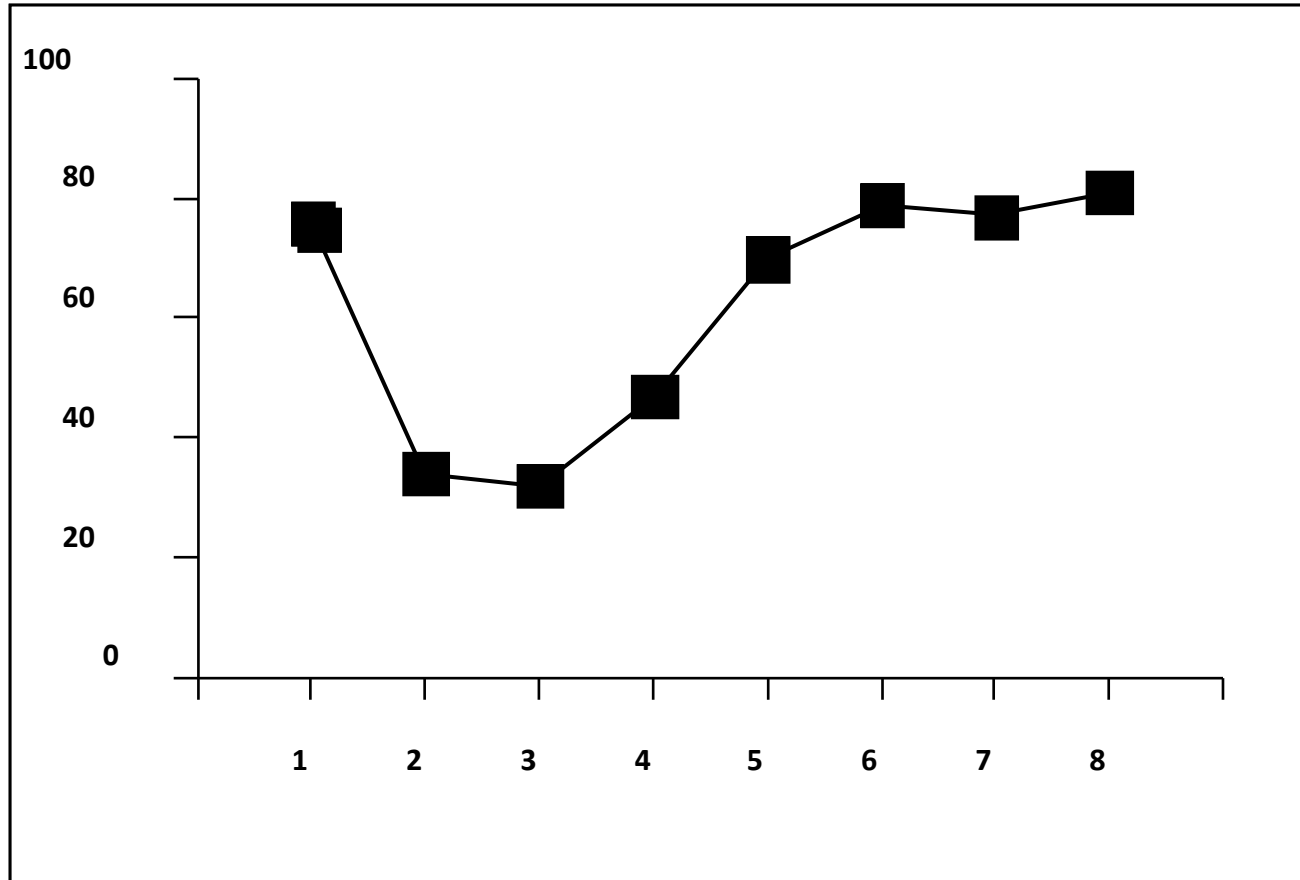


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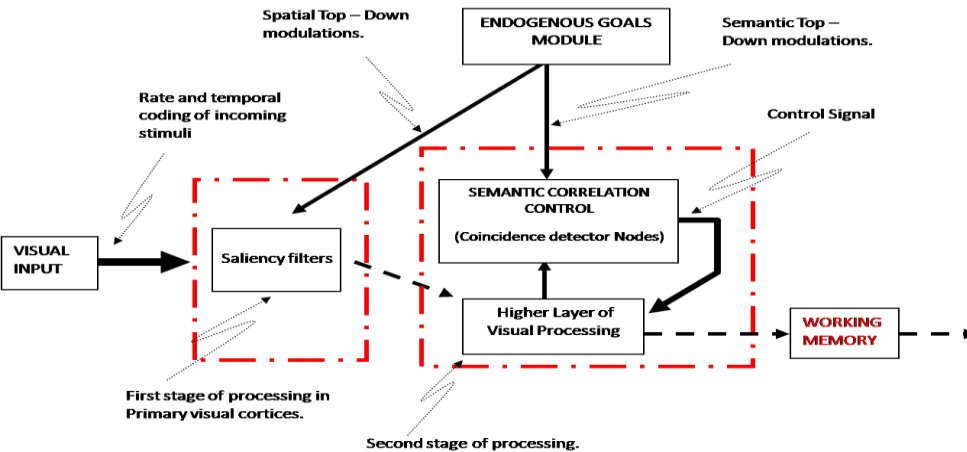
**T2 at Lag 1**



# The Attentional Blink



# Computational modeling of visual selective attention.



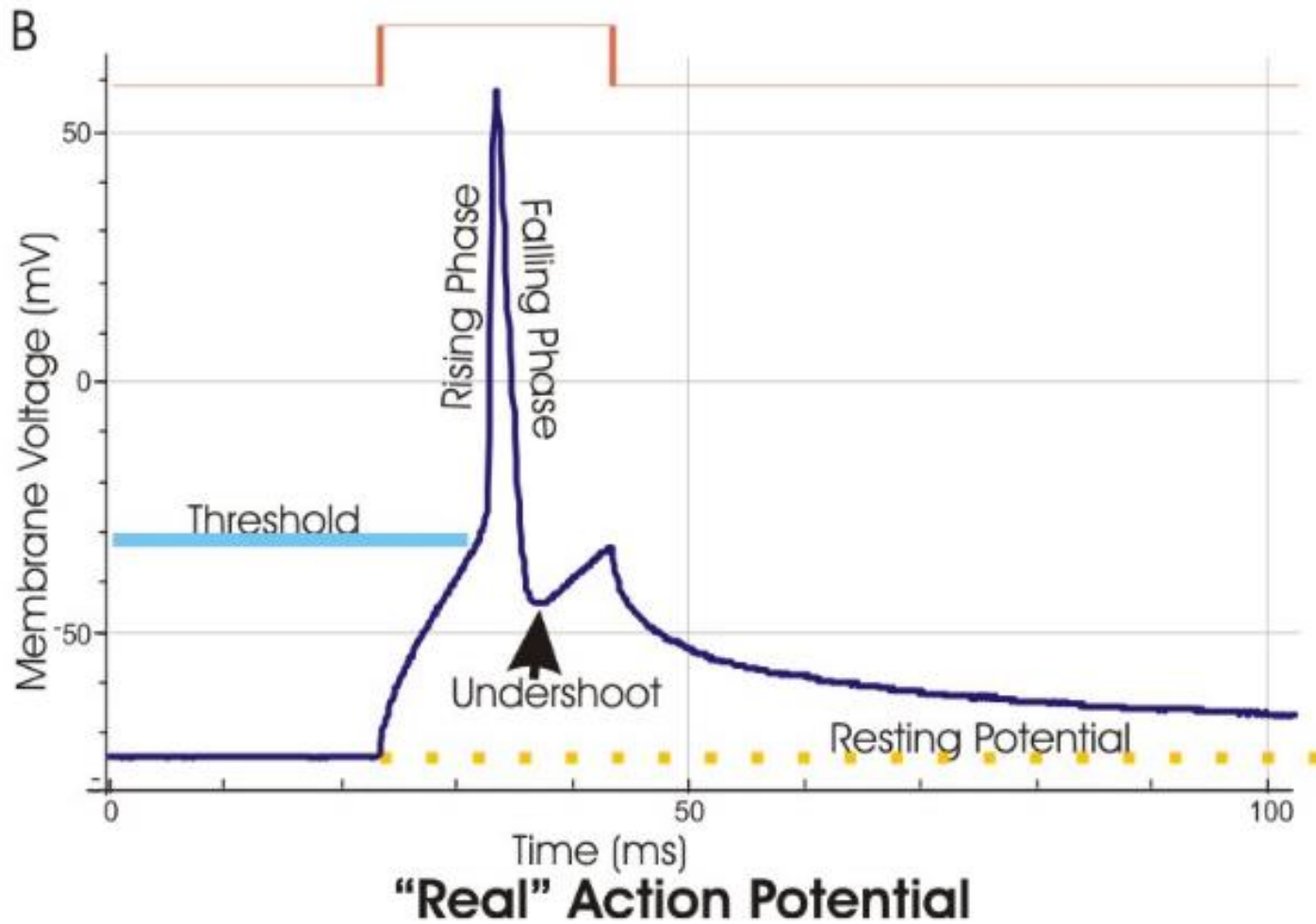
$$\tau_m \frac{dV}{dt} = E_{leak} - V - R_m I$$

$$V(t) = E_{leak} + R_m I + (V(0) - E_{leak} - R_m I) e^{-\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)}$$

Through simulations we can gain **new knowledge and information** related with visual selective attention...

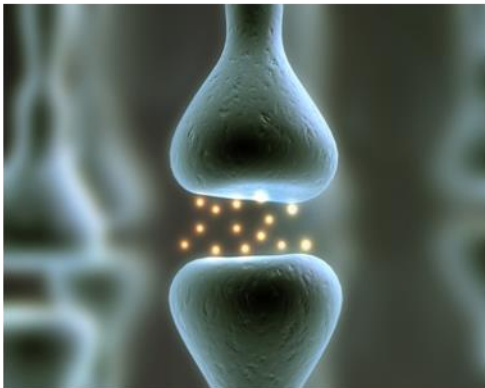
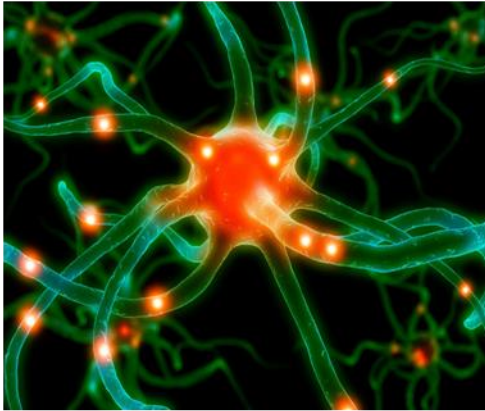
- Evaluate existing theories and contribute in the creation of new..
- Study the interaction and the importance of visual selective attention in various **social, medical** and **computational intelligence** applications...

# Μαθηματική ανάλυση του μοντέλου





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## Μοντέλα νευρώνων Integrate and fire

$$\tau_m \frac{dV}{dt} = E_{leak} - V(t) + R_m I_s(t)$$

$$I_s(t) = (I_{AMPA}(t) + I_{NMDA}(t)) + (I_{GABA_A}(t) + I_{GABA_B}(t))$$

$$I_s(t) = (I_{exc}(t) + I_{inh}(t)) = g_{ext}(t)(E_{s_{ext}} - V) + g_{inh}(t)(E_{s_{inh}} - V)$$

$$g_{exc}(t) = \bar{g}_{exc} w_{ext} P_s(t) \text{ and } g_{inh}(t) = \bar{g}_{inh} w_{inh} P_s(t)$$

$$\frac{dP_s}{dt} = -\frac{P_s}{\tau_s} + \sum_k \delta(t - t_k)$$

Διακριτός χρόνος

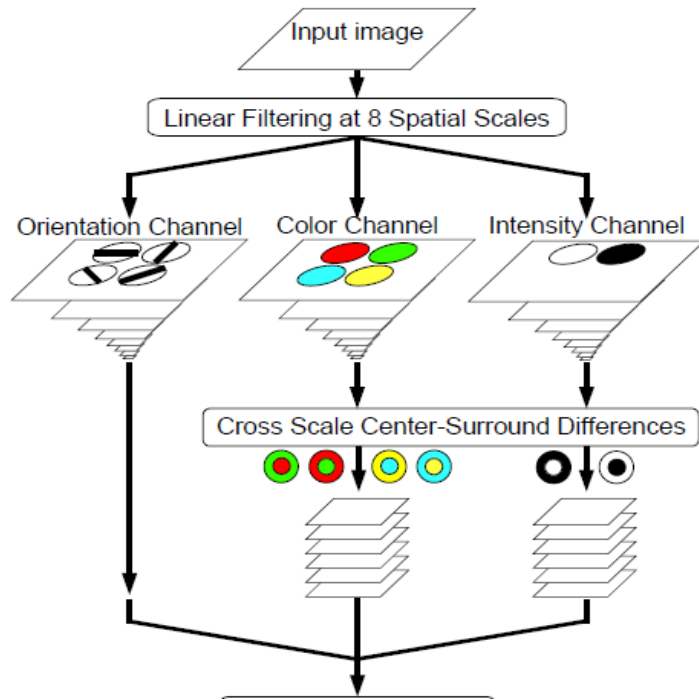
$$V_i(t + \delta t) = (E_{leak} - V)(1 + \frac{dt}{\tau_m}) + \frac{R_m}{\tau_m} I_s(t) \delta t$$

# Εξωγενής Προσοχή – υπολογιστική προσέγγιση

Κανάλια αναλύουν διαφορές χρωμάτων, έντασης, και κλίσης στην οπτική εικόνα σε διάφορες χωρικές κλίμακες.

Π.χ.

- 1 κανάλι για διαφορές έντασης
- 2 κανάλια για διαφορές χρωμάτων (κόκκινο – πράσινο και μπλε – κίτρινο).
- 4 κανάλια τα οποία κωδικοποιούν κλίσεις (0°, 45°, 90°, 135°).



$$\mathbf{I}(c, s) = |\mathbf{I}(c) \ominus \mathbf{I}(s)|$$

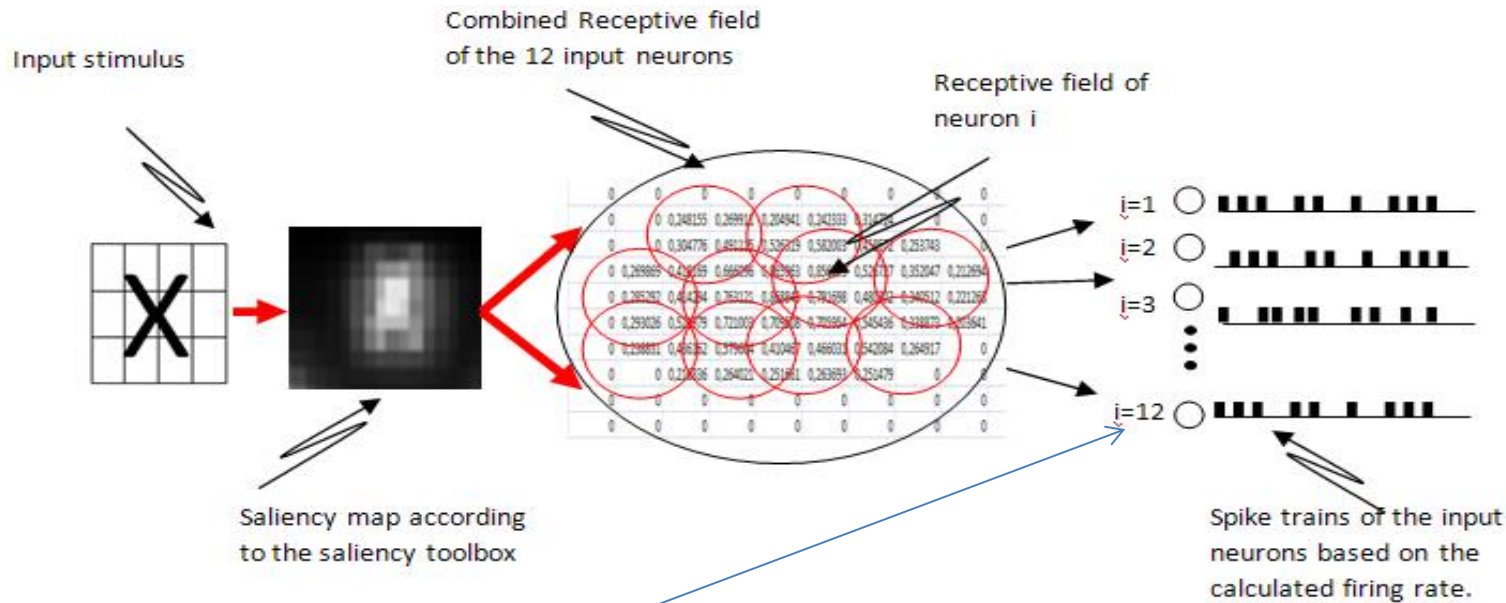
$$\mathbf{RG}(c, s) = |(\mathbf{R}(c) - \mathbf{G}(c)) \ominus (\mathbf{G}(s) - \mathbf{R}(s))|$$

$$\mathbf{BY}(c, s) = |(\mathbf{B}(c) - \mathbf{Y}(c)) \ominus (\mathbf{Y}(s) - \mathbf{B}(s))|$$

$$\mathbf{O}(c, s, \theta) = |\mathbf{O}(c, \theta) \ominus \mathbf{O}(s, \theta)|$$

The computation of the specific **feature types** is based on **evidence suggesting their existence in mammalian visual systems** (Leventhal, 1991, Luschow & Nothdurft, 1993; Engel, Zhang & Wandell, 1997, DeValois, Albrecht & Thorell, 1982; Tootell, Hamilton, Silverman & Switkes, 1988).

# Κωδικοποίηση εισερχόμενων ερεθισμάτων



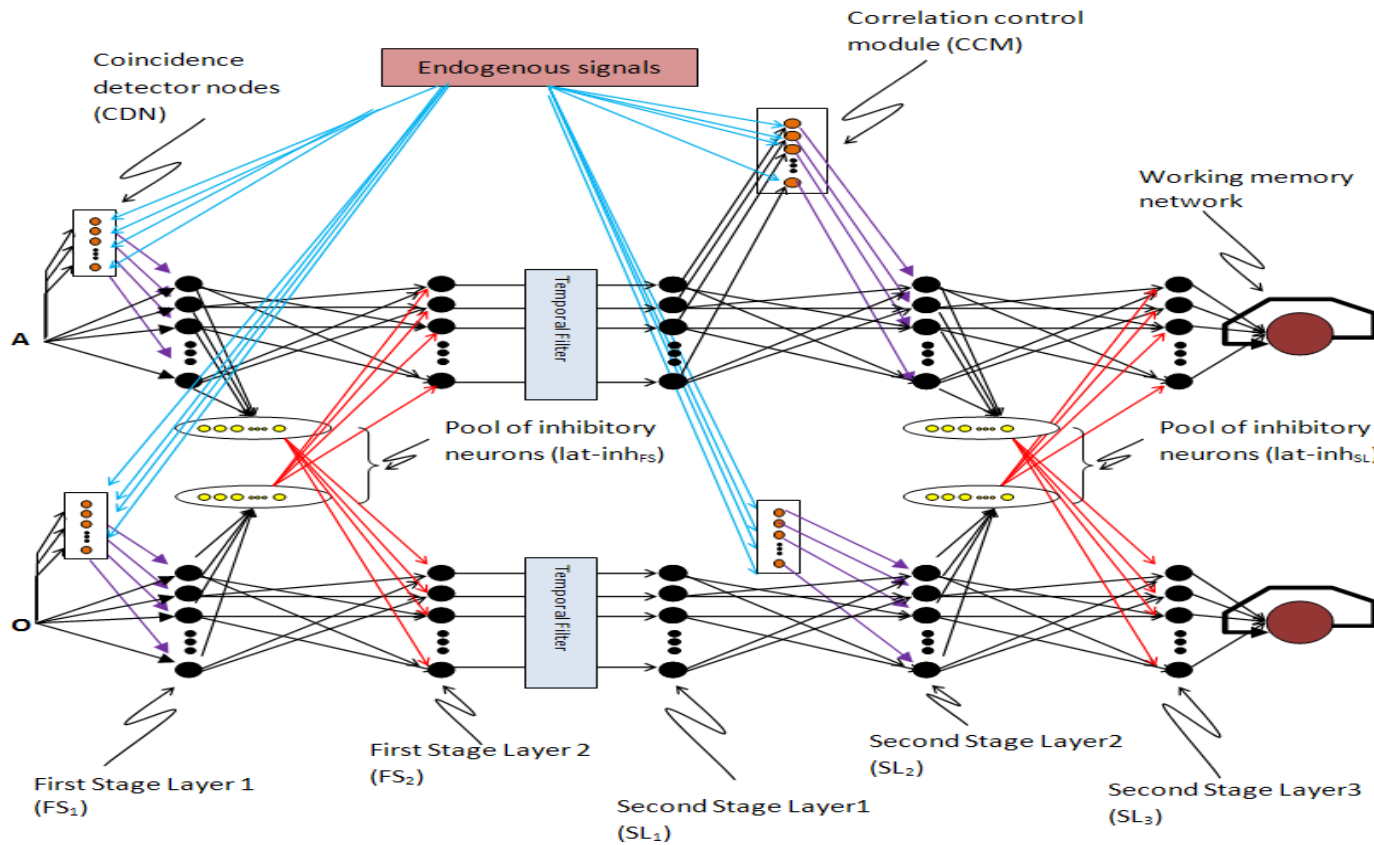
$$FR_{Si} = \alpha (\text{Max}(P_j)) + \beta \left( \sum_{j=1}^n P_j \right)$$

$FR_{Si}$  είναι η συχνότητα αντίδρασης των 12 νευρώνων εισόδου που αντιστοιχούν στη θέση του ερεθίσματος  $S_i$

$\text{Max}(P_j)$  είναι η μέγιστη τιμή από όλα τα pixels που αντιστοιχούν στο ερέθισμα  $S_i$

$\sum_{j=1}^n P_j$  είναι το συνολικό άθροισμα όλων των τιμών των  $n$  pixels  $P_j$  που αντιστοιχούν στο ερέθισμα  $S_i$ .

# Αλληλεπιδράσεις στο νευρωνικό δίκτυο



«Ανταγωνισμός» μεταξύ οπτικών ερεθισμάτων

Συγχρονισμός νευρωνικής δραστηριότητας.

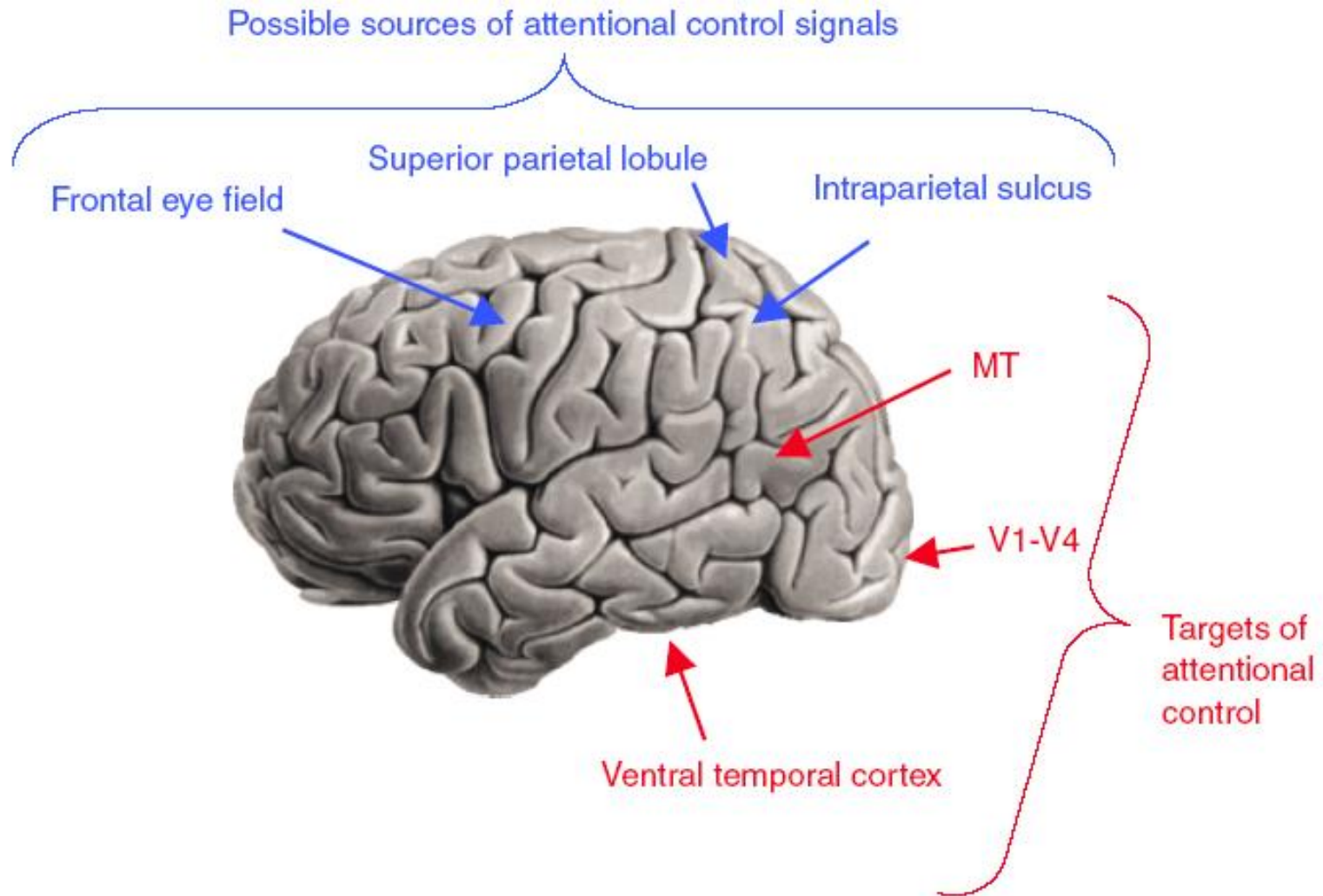
$$y_{(FS_1)_i}(t+1) = f(V_{(FS_1)_i}, (\bar{g}_{exc_{IN}} w_{exc_{IN}} \sum_j^N f(y_{(IN)_j}(t))$$

$$+ (\bar{g}_{exc_{CDN}} w_{exc_{CDN}} \sum_j^N f(y_{(CDN)_j}(t))))$$

$$y_{X(FS_2)_i}(t+1) = f(V_{X(FS_2)_i}, (\bar{g}_{exc_{FS_1}} w_{exc_{FS_1}} \sum_j^N f(y_{X(FS_1)_j}(t)))$$

$$+ (\bar{g}_{inh} w_{lat-inh_{FS}} \sum_j^M f(y_{A(FS_1)_j}(t))))$$

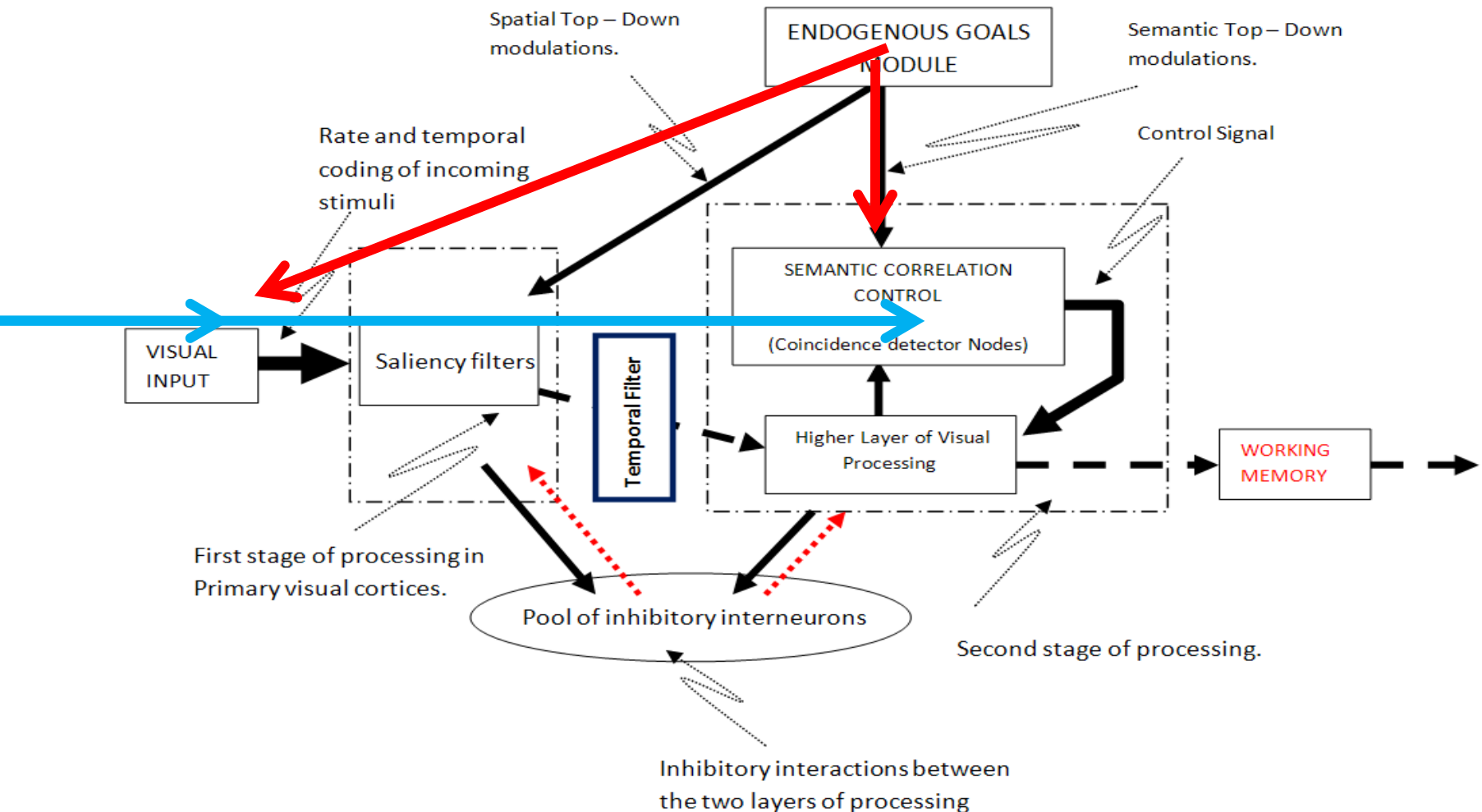
# Top-Down attention



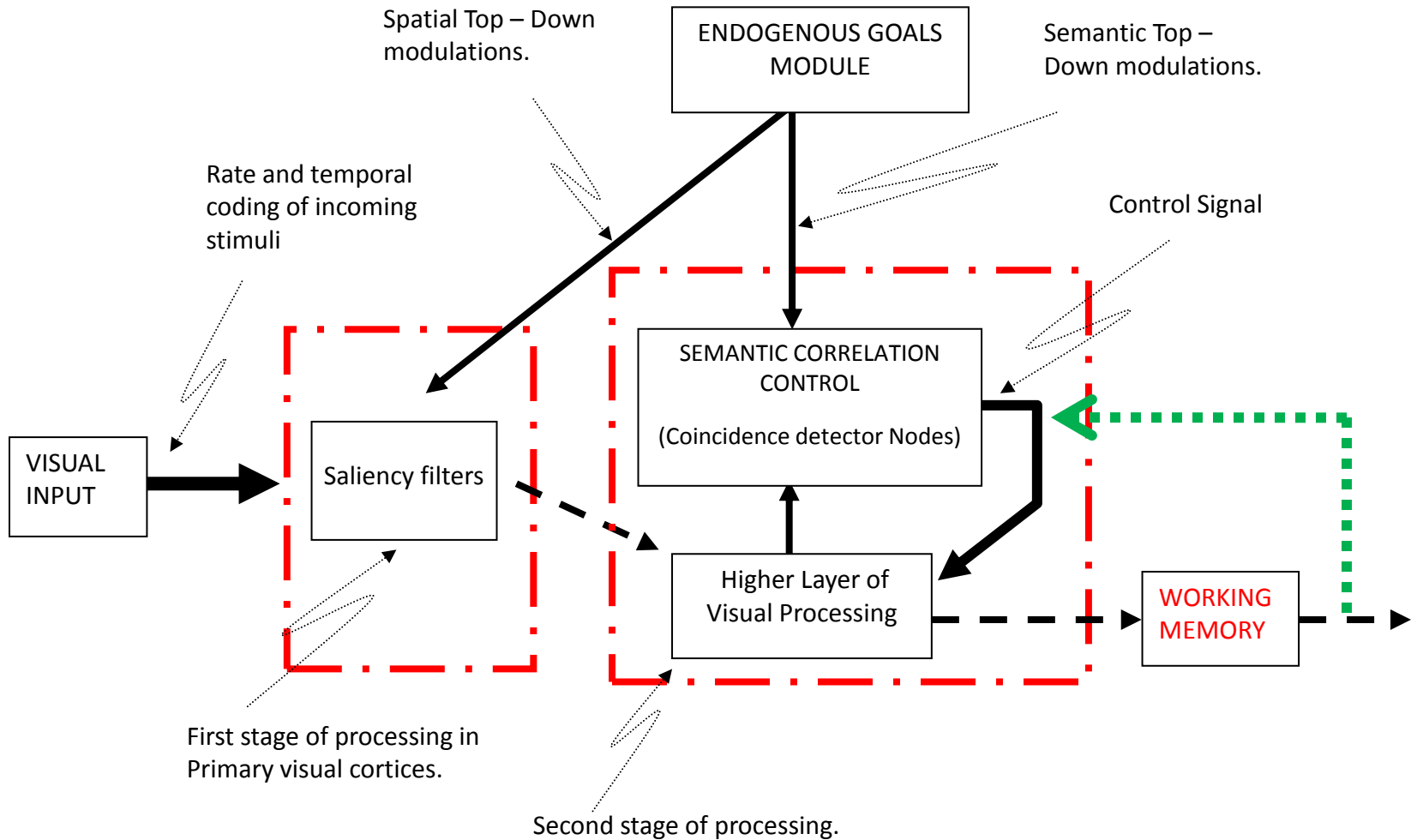
# Ενδογενείς επιδράσεις (top down interactions)

Χωρικές νύξεις ( spatial cues)

Νύξεις σημασιολογίας (semantic cues)



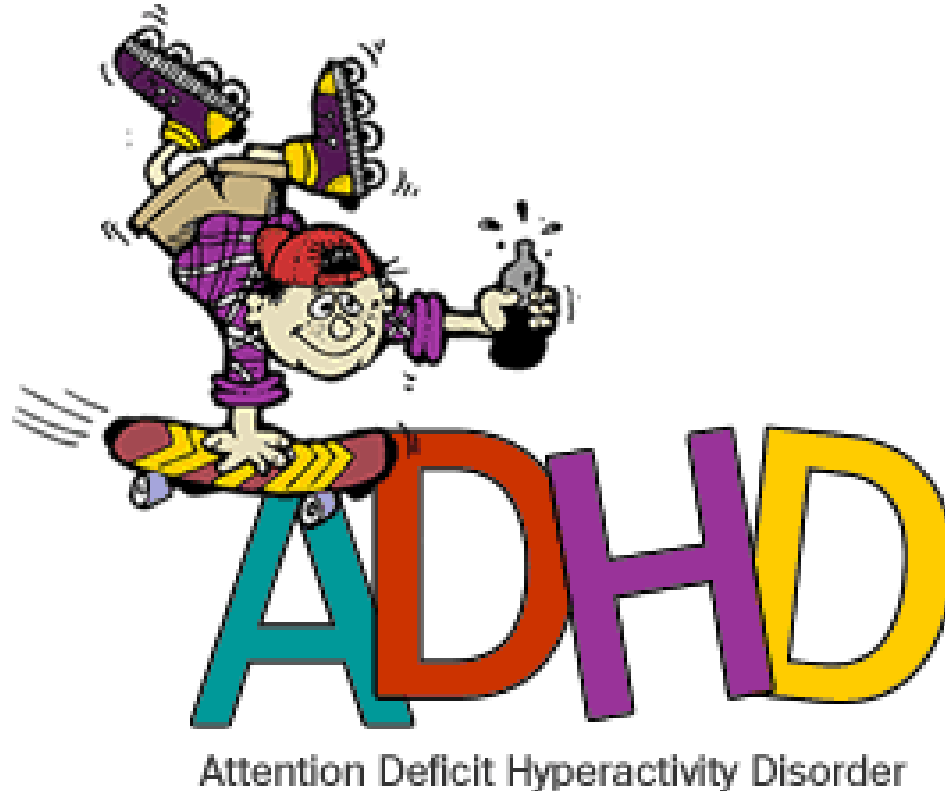
# Μαθηματική ανάλυση του μοντέλου



Possible applications of cognitive  
modeling of visual selective attention



# Medical applications...



**ADHD** is the most commonly studied and diagnosed psychiatric disorder in children, **affecting about 3 to 5% of children globally** with symptoms starting before seven years of age.

# Schizophrenia

Schizophrenia is a group of serious brain disorders in which reality is interpreted abnormally...

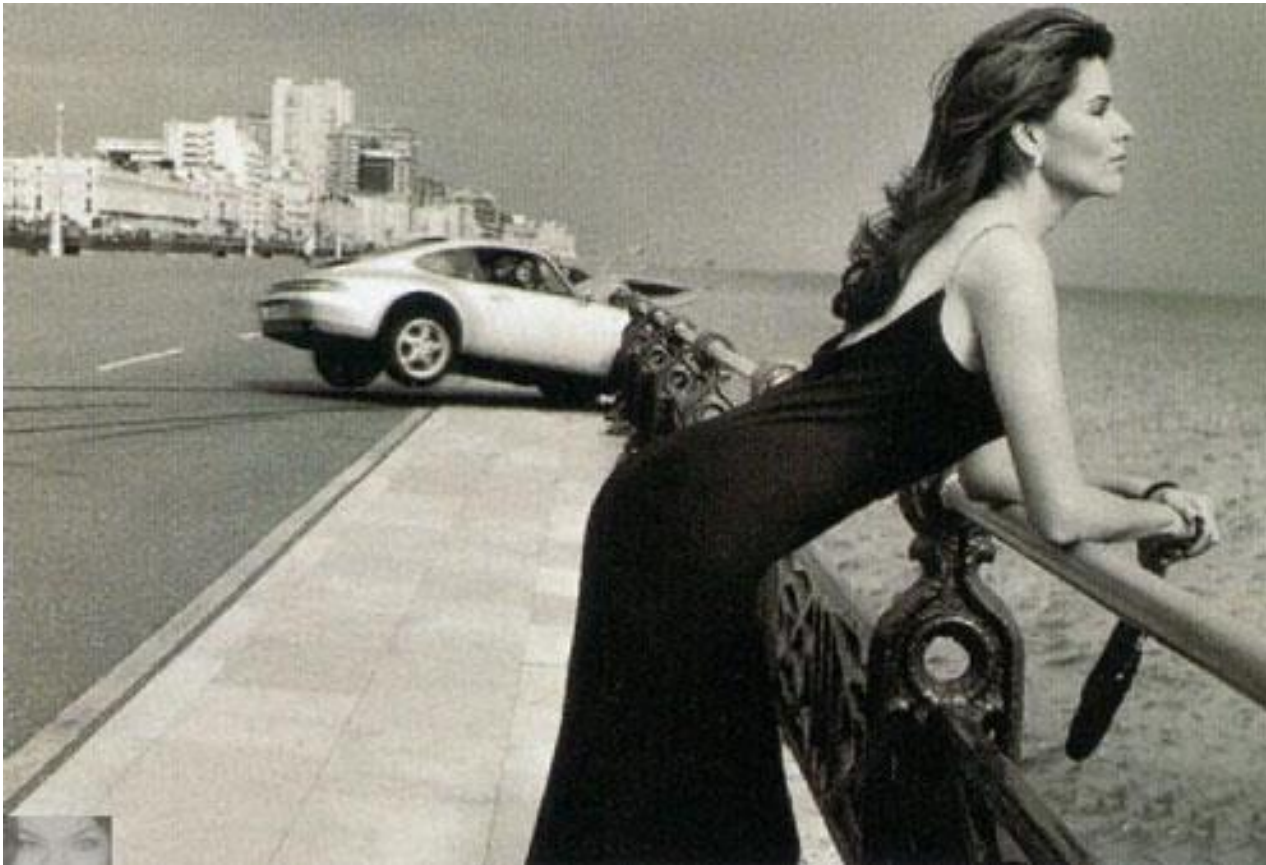
Cognitive and **attentional deficits** have been suggested to play a critical role in the original descriptions of schizophrenia ...

Michie PT, Fox AM, Ward PB, Catts SV, McConaghy N: Event-related potential indices of selective attention and cortical lateralization in schizophrenia. *Psychophysiology* 1990; 27:209– 227

# Social applications...

Working safety..

Car accidents avoidance etc...



# Applications in human computer interactions – robotics...



# Applications in computer vision...



# Spatial Cognition

## Virtual Reality



