### SOME RELATIONS BETWEEN VISUAL PERCEPTION AND NON-LINEAR PHOTONIC STRUCTURES



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#### **MAIN OBJECTIVE**

To present a way to emulate some functions of the mammalian visual system and a model to analyze subjective sensations and visual illusions

### **TOPICS TO BE COVERED**

- 1. Summary of Sensing in Living Bodies
- 2. Mammalian Visual System: Retina and Visual Cortex
- 3. Photonic devices with non linear behaviour
- 4. Retina simulation: motion detection. Ideas from the visual Cortex.
- 5. Geometrical and Visual Illusions: Analysis of the Müller-Lyer, Zöllner, Wundt and Hering Illusions.
- 6. Conclusions

### SOME PREVIOUS HISTORY TO REMEMBER





### **Possible ways for working**

Photonics as a tool to understand biology.

Biology as a source of ideas for Photonics.

Photonics as a source of concepts for Biology and viceversa.

### LIVING BODIES AND ARTIFICIAL SYSTEMS

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### <u>MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN</u> <u>SENSING IN LIVING BODIES AND IN</u> <u>ARTIFICIAL SYSTEMS</u>:

LIVING BODIES ARE ABLE TO INTERPRET STIMULI, THAT IS, ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI AND THE RESPECTIVE RESPONSES OF SENSE ORGANS CORRESPOND TO STATEMENTS BY THE SUBJECT ABOUT HIS SENSATIONS AND PERCEPTIONS.









### EXAMPLE

(according to P. MONDRIAN)













# COUNTEREXAMPLE

### (according to R. MAGRITTE)









## Mammalian Visual System: Retina and Visual Cortex

Building blocks
Building structures
Signals involved
Main characteristics



Building blocks: Neurons and Receptors



#### Different neurons from the mammalian cortex



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# **Building structures:** Circuits and Networks



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Basic "*circuits*", corresponding to different cortex regions, are similar in outline and in several details.

#### Common principles:

In each region there is an initial stage of input processing, a second stage of intrinsic operations within the synaptic circuits of the region, and a final stage of output control.



### **CONVERGENCE AND DIVERGENCE**

Once the superficial sensing units have received the external signal, a first processing step is carried out in a few cell layers. Usually, the number of sensing cells, in the first stratum, is much larger than the corresponding to neurons at successive layers.



# Approaching to the mammalian retina: a model







Dowling's model of the mammalian retina

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### Tools for modeling the mammalian retinal: non linear photonic devices





#### Basic configurations of FP laser diode amplifiers (a) transmission and (b) reflection.


### Fabry-Perot Laser Diode Amplifiers

- They exhibit Optical Bistability (OB) under external signal injection.
- Dispersive Optical Bistability.
- Presence of Optical Gain.
- Low Input Power Requirements.
- Different operating Wavelengths.
- Easy to obtain.

## **Bistability in FPLDAs**



<u>Transmission</u>: Anticlockwise bistable loops.

**<u>Reflection</u>**: Anticlockwise, X- and clockwise bistable loops.

## **Individual Responses**





Laser1	Laser Parameter	Laser2
350	Cavity Length (µm)	400
0.3	Left/Right Facet Reflectivity	0.3
0.5	Confinement Factor	0.5
2.2·10 <sup>-16</sup>	Linear Material Gain Coeff. (cm <sup>2</sup> )	2.2·10 <sup>-16</sup>
6.9	Linewidth Enhancement Factor	6.9
5000	Fixed Internal Loss (1/m)	5000
0.84	Bias/Threshold current	0.92
0.28 π	Initial freiampqgdetuning	0.2125 π



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Basic unit to configurate the main architecture: Optical Programmable Logic Cell (OPLC)



#### Block Diagram a Q-device



Logic Table for the OLG.

	h <sub>0</sub>	h1	h <sub>2</sub>
01	AND	OR	ON

Block Diagram of P-Device.

					<b>g</b> o	g1	<b>g</b> 2	g <sub>3</sub>	g4
<sub>1 -</sub>	g →	Ρ	02	O <sub>2</sub>	OR	NAND	NOR	AND	OR
Ι <sub>2</sub> —									
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#### Logic Table for the OLG.

	$h_0$	h1	h <sub>2</sub>
01	AND	OR	ON

### Transfer characteristic P<sub>out</sub> (P<sub>in</sub>)

#### Fabry-Perot Laser Diode

#### **DFB** Laser Diode

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#### g<sub>0</sub> **g**4 g1 **g**2 **g**3 Ρ g $O_2$ NAND OR NOR AND OR $O_2$ Pout\_laser2 (µW) 406 350 **FP-LD** configuration 300 Laser 1 Laser 2 250 $I_{bias1}$ $I_{bias2}$ 200 **Optical Input** Optical $(I_1 + I_2 + g)$ Output 150 100 50 -9 Ľ -17 50 100 150 250 350 400 450 500 550 617 200 300 Pin\_laser1 (µW)

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#### Block Diagram of P-Device.

Logic table for OLG.



### Schematic of the model simulated by VPI\_ComponentMaker<sup>th</sup> software tool for Q-device



# Schematic of the model simulated by VPI\_ComponentMaker<sup>th</sup> software tool for P-device







### <u>Characteristics of the output signals,</u> according to the delay times.

tp	τ <sub>e</sub>	τ <sub>i</sub>	τ <sub>i</sub> /τ <sub>e</sub>	Period
14	200	2	0.01	280
14	200	4	0.02	140
14	200	12	0.06	70



 $\tau_{e}$  = internal delay time

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## APPLICATION TO THE MAMMALIAN RETINA

Information about the intensity of each one of the scene details are transferred from the third retina layer to following levels after a conversion from intensity level to frequency. Lower intensities correspond with lower frequencies.









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FIRST STEPS TOWARDS THE DETECTION OF SOME GENERAL PROPERTIES OF IMAGES



(a) Symmetry: A logic "0" is always obtained at the 6th layer

100000 111001 110001 00101 01001 0111 1101 100 011 

(b) Asymmetry: A logic "1" is always obtained at the 6th layer

### **Other Asymmetries**

A logic "1" is obtained at the center of an even row

Approaching to the visual cortex: signals processing and sensing







(1) Information is always transferred in a parallel way. As a consequence, the number of physical paths is very high.



(2)Each small piece of information goes to a particular area in the cortex where is analyzed with respect to other inputs and memories.





## THE CASE OF THE VISUAL CORTEX





Highly schematic view of the projections from the retina to various visual areas of the cerebral cortex

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Detailed Representation of Scene

#### PROJECTIONS FROM THE RETINA TO THE OCULAR DOMINANCE COLUMNS



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Cortical orientation columns

Information about different line orientations is transferred to selected areas at the visual cortex. These areas become excited by this information and living beings get a stimulus concerning that orientation in the visual scene.

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Each particular orientation, or each particular shape, goes to a precise area in the V1 area of the visual cortex. There is a certain type of "mapping" from the scene to the cortex: distributed measurements are transferred through a "multiplexed" system



Visual cortex, at area V1, gets a "virtual image" of the real image appearing in the scene as "seen" by the living beings.





#### Maps of the Visual Field onto Area V1

When a pattern of flickering lights is shown in the visual field of a macaque, a map of striate cortex is revealed by 2-DG uptake

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temporal lobe (b) Responses of a face cell. The histograms show the response of a neuron (spikes/sec) in monkey inferotemporal cortex to different views of a monkey's head. The horizontal bar under each histogram indicates when the stimulus was present.

**Responses to faces in inferotemporal cortex** 

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(a) The location of area IT in the inferior

Inferotemporal cortex (area IT)

(b)

(a)

Although different types of information processing appear in the retina and visual cortex this processing is the result of interchange of information among neurons in the same level. No feedback processes appears in the neural network.



Any biological information processing is performed by non linear effects.



### The number of levels needed to go from receptor neurons in the retina to V1 layer in the cortex is lower than 15.



A possible way to implement a similar philosophy is with WDM techniques: a large number of information channels may go through the same physical path.



### Photonic processing subsystem based on visual cortex architecture





#### FEATURE INTEGRATION FRAMEWORK





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# **Example:** transferring information from a 2 - D image









#### **GENERAL STRUCTURE OF THE SYSTEM**





0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0

Redistribution (4 directions)

0,83	0,94	1,73	1,94	1,88	2,29	2,29	1,78	1,94	1,73	0,94	0,83
0,94	1,17	1,77	1,9	1,78	2,33	2,33	1,78	1,8	1,77	1,17	0,94
0,9	0,94	1,17	1,11	1,19	1,99	1,99	1,19	1,11	1,07	0,94	0,9
1,11	1,07	1,11	0,95	1,15	2,01	2,01	1,15	0,95	1,11	0,97	1,11
1,04	0,94	1,19	1,15	1,11	1,84	1,84	1,11	1,15	1,19	0,94	0,94
0,79	0,83	1,32	1,34	1,17	1,61	1,61	1,17	1,34	1,32	0,83	0,79
0,79	0,83	1,32	1,34	1,17	1,61	1,61	1,17	1,34	1,32	0,83	0,79
0,94	0,94	1,19	1,15	1,11	1,84	1,84	1,11	1,15	1,19	0,94	0,94
1,11	0,97	1,11	0,95	1,15	2,01	2,01	1,15	0,95	1,11	0,97	1,11
0,9	0,94	1,07	1,11	1,19	1,99	1,99	1,19	1,11	1,07	0,94	0,9
0,94	1,17	1,77	1,8	1,78	2,33	2,33	1,78	1,8	1,77	1,17	0,94
0,83	0,94	1,73	1,94	1,78	2,29	2,29	1,78	1,94	1,73	0,94	0,83

Threshold (1.5 p.e.)

#### **SOME CONCLUSIONS**

Once the signal is perceived, similar circuits are in charge of the information processing, without taking into account the type of sensed signal.

Information is always analyzed, just by hardware tools, as a function of the resulting frequency and no of its absolute value.

Transferring of information is by parallel paths.

Signals travel along long paths without change in their properties.

Each type of information is processed at specific places in the cortex

### SOME POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE NEXT FUTURE:

At a high level, in the human brain, many cells cooperate in a purposeful manner to produce perception, thinking, speech, writing and many other phenomena. In all these cases, new qualities emerge at a macroscopic level, qualities that are absent at the microscopic level of the individual





### ON SUBJECTIVE IMPRESSIONS OR HOW TO PUT NUMBERS TO VISUAL ILLUSIONS









Extended Parallelism Illusion from the Zöllner effect jamp'13

### Analysis of the Müller-Lyer Illusion

#### **MÜLLER-LYER ILLUSION**

 $\frac{\sum_{n}^{n} \sigma_{B_{n}} \lambda_{n}^{2}}{\sum_{n}^{n} \sigma_{B_{n}} \lambda_{n}}$ 

A: subjective length n: total number of excited columns  $σ_{Bn}$ : total number of bits obtained from the nth column  $λ_n$ : distance of column n to the centre of image in column units

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 $\frac{\sum_{1}^{n} \sigma_{B_{n}} \lambda_{n}^{2}}{\sum_{1}^{n} \sigma_{B_{n}} \lambda_{n}}$ 



#### A B

			Α		В						
Col. num.	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Bits	3	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	
Tot. Bits	2.		8	2.6%	8						
Tot. Col.	4				6						
Length	4		4								
Λ	2 x 13/7 = 3.72				2 x 23/9 = 5.1						

(3.4+1.1+1.1+3.4)/(3.2+1.1+1.1+3.2)



#### ANALYSIS OF PARALLELISM

Main factor: symmetry with respect to the parallel line located at the middle between the two parallel lines.

Main influences: location and angles "weight" - of the intersecting lines.

**EXPERIMENTAL MEASUREMENT OF THE MÜLLER-LYER ILLUSION** (Black and blue curves correspond to two different conditions of the experiment)(from R. Gregory. "Eye and Brain". 1990)

### MAIN RULES:

- 1. Take the principal symmetry axis
- 2. Divide each region in "sensory zones"
- 3. Analyze each zone with respect to the principal axis
- 4. Construct the "sensory" matrix with elements from each zone
- 5. Apply the main symmetry operation to overlap different motives
- 6. Normalize
- 7. Reduce to a 1 x 1 matrix

## Symmetry operations in two sets of parallel lines with small crossing lines



#### PROPOSED FORMULAE:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha k} = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_{i} \delta_{i} \right\}_{\alpha k} + \mathbf{S} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n} \omega_{j} \delta_{j} \right\}_{\alpha k}$$

$$\begin{split} & \mathbf{\omega} = \text{line "weight"} \qquad \mathbf{\delta} = \text{distance to the central line} \qquad \mathbf{S} = \text{symmetry operation} \\ & i, j = \text{each one of the lines} \qquad \alpha, k = \text{each one of the unit intervals} \\ & \text{"sensory" matrix:} \qquad \mathbf{\sigma}_{\alpha} = \left[\mathbf{\sigma}_{\alpha 1}, \mathbf{\sigma}_{\alpha 2}, \dots, \mathbf{\sigma}_{\alpha k}, \dots\right] \\ & \text{"reference" matrix:} \qquad \mathbf{\beta}_{\alpha} = \left[\mathbf{\beta}_{\alpha 1}, \mathbf{\beta}_{\alpha 2}, \dots, \mathbf{\beta}_{\alpha k}, \dots\right] \\ & \text{"normalized" matrix:} \qquad \mathbf{\pi}_{\alpha} = \left[\mathbf{\sigma}_{\alpha 1}/\mathbf{\beta}_{\alpha 1}, \mathbf{\sigma}_{\alpha 2}/\mathbf{\beta}_{\alpha 2}, \dots, \mathbf{\sigma}_{\alpha k}/\mathbf{\beta}_{\alpha k}, \dots\right] \\ & \text{"reduced" matrix:} \qquad \mathbf{\pi}_{\beta} = \left[\mathbf{\pi}_{\alpha 1} - \mathbf{\pi}_{\alpha 2}, \dots, \mathbf{\pi}_{\alpha k} - \mathbf{\pi}_{\alpha (k+1)}, \dots\right] \end{split}$$

lf	$\Pi_{\gamma} = [0,0,\ldots]$	parallelism is "seen"
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If  $\Pi_{\gamma} \neq [0,0,...]$  parallelism is not "seen"

 $\{\wp\}$  is a similar effect corresponding to the parallel lines

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: (6x1+9x0.5); (6x1+7x0.5); (6x1+5x0.5); (6x1+3x0.5) $\sigma_1$ : (6x1+9x0.5); (6x1+7x0.5); (6x1+5x0.5); (6x1+3x0.5)  $\sigma_{T} \Rightarrow \sigma_{1} + C_{2} \sigma_{2} \Rightarrow [10.5+10.5; 9.5+9.5; 8.5+8.5; 7.5+7.5]$ [ 21 19 17 15 ]  $\wp_{\mathsf{T}} \Rightarrow \wp_1 + \mathsf{C}_2 \wp_2 \Rightarrow \qquad [6+6; 6+6; 6+6; 6+6]$ [12 12 12 12] [0.57 0.63 0.70 0.8]  $\pi_{i} = (\wp_{T} / \sigma_{T})_{i} \implies$ 0.06 0.07 0.1  $\pi_{\rm I} = \pi_{\rm i} - \pi_{\rm i-1}$  : 0.01 0.03  $\pi_{\rm m} = \pi_{\rm l} - \pi_{\rm l-1}$ : 0.02  $\leftarrow$  $\pi_{\rm n} = \pi_{\rm m} - \pi_{\rm m-1}$  : jamp'13



 $\sigma_1$ : (6x1+9x0.5); (6x1+7x0.5); (6x1+5x0.5); (6x1+3x0.5)  $\sigma_2$ ; (6x1+3x0.5); (6x1+5x0.5); (6x1+7x0.5); (6x1+9x0.5)  $\sigma_{T} \Rightarrow \sigma_{1} + C_{2} \sigma_{2}$ : 10.5+7.5; 9.5+8.5; 8.5+9.5; 7.5+10.5 18 18 18 18  $\wp_{T} \Rightarrow \qquad \wp_{1} + C_{2} \wp_{2}: 6+6; 6+6; 6+6; 6+6$ 12 12 12 12  $\pi_{i} = (\wp_{T} / \sigma_{T})_{i}$ : 0.67 0.67 0.67 0.67 0.0 0.0 0.0  $\pi_{\rm l} = \pi_{\rm i} - \pi_{\rm i-1}$  : 0.0 0.0  $\pi_{\rm m} = \pi_{\rm l} - \pi_{\rm l-1}$  : 0.00  $\leftarrow \Pi$  $\pi_{\rm n} = \pi_{\rm m} - \pi_{\rm m-1}$  : jamp'13

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### Analysis of the Hering and Wundt Illusions

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"Look, what thy memory cannot contain Commit to these waste blanks, and thou shall find Those children nursed, delivered from thy brain To take a new acquaintance from thy mind"

(W. Shakespeare)