

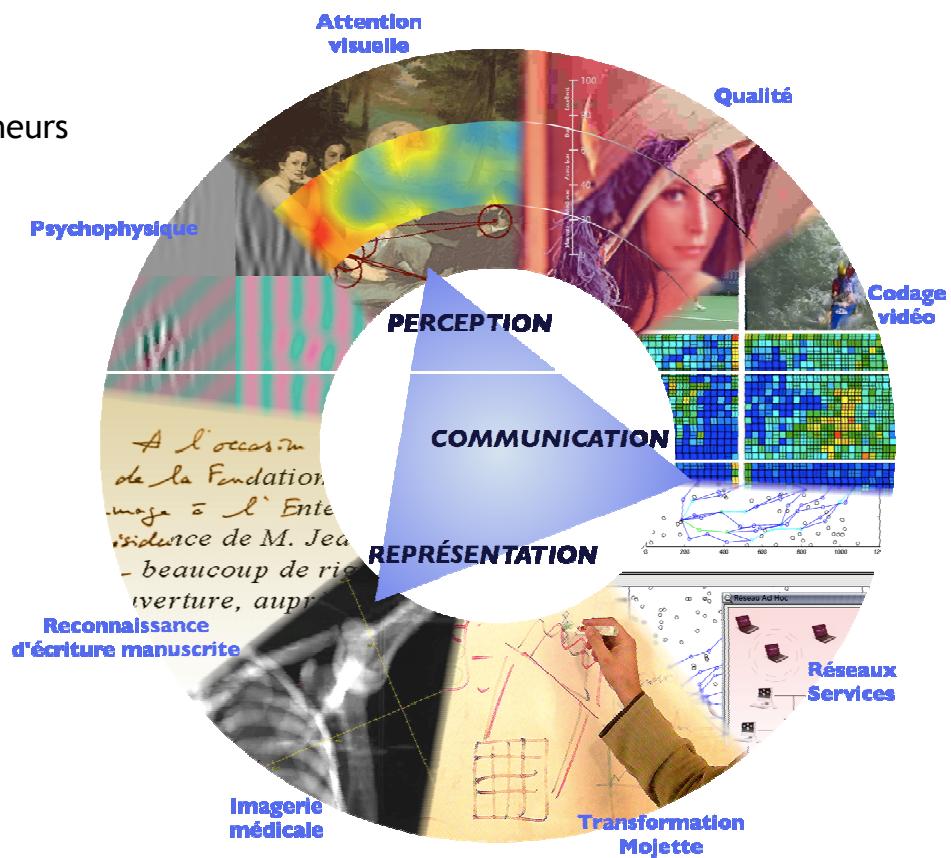
# Vision humaine et applications en traitement d'images

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IRCCyN équipe Images et  
VideoCommunication

## IRCCyN équipe IVC

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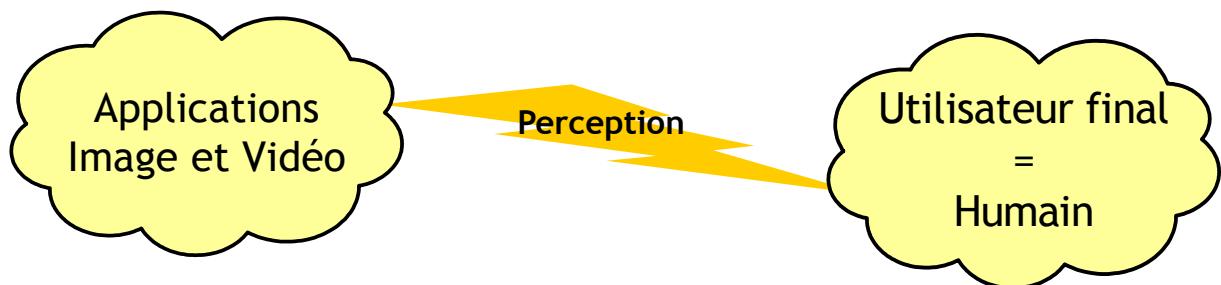
- 10 enseignants-chercheurs
- 15 doctorants
- 5 post-doc
- 5 ingénieurs



# Explosion des services liés à l'image et la vidéo



## Et l'utilisateur final ?



**Recherche fondamentale :**  
faire progresser les connaissances sur la perception

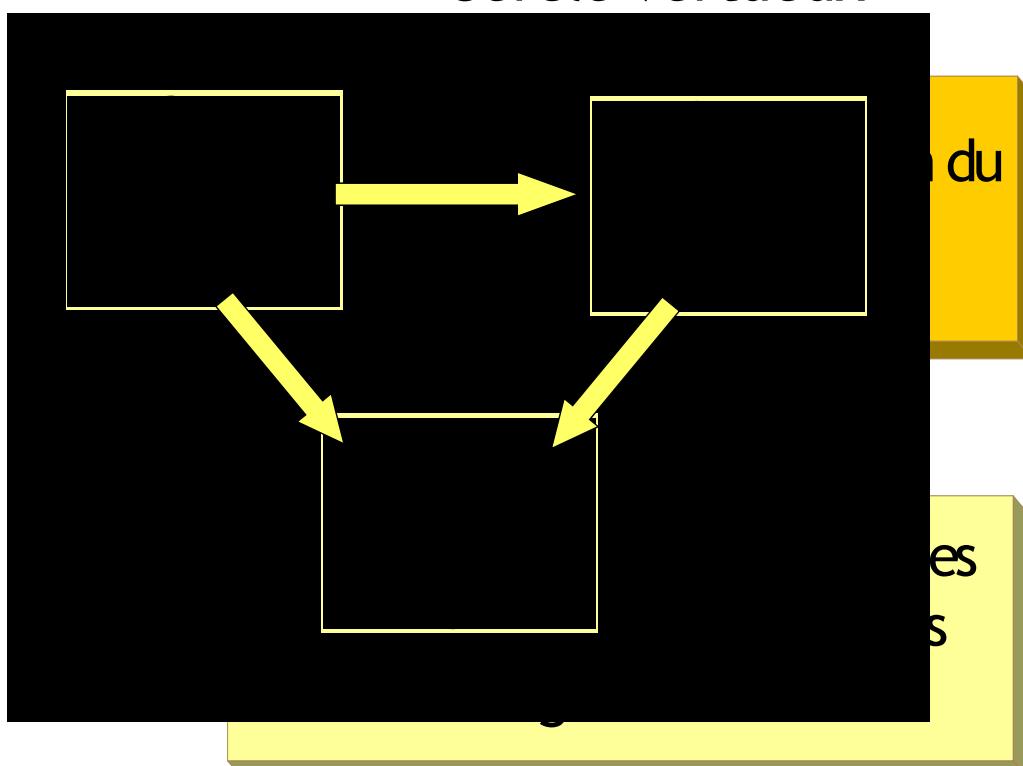
**Recherche appliquée :**  
Appliquer les connaissances sur le SVH dans les applications et services

Caractérisation et modélisation du  
Système Visuel Humain

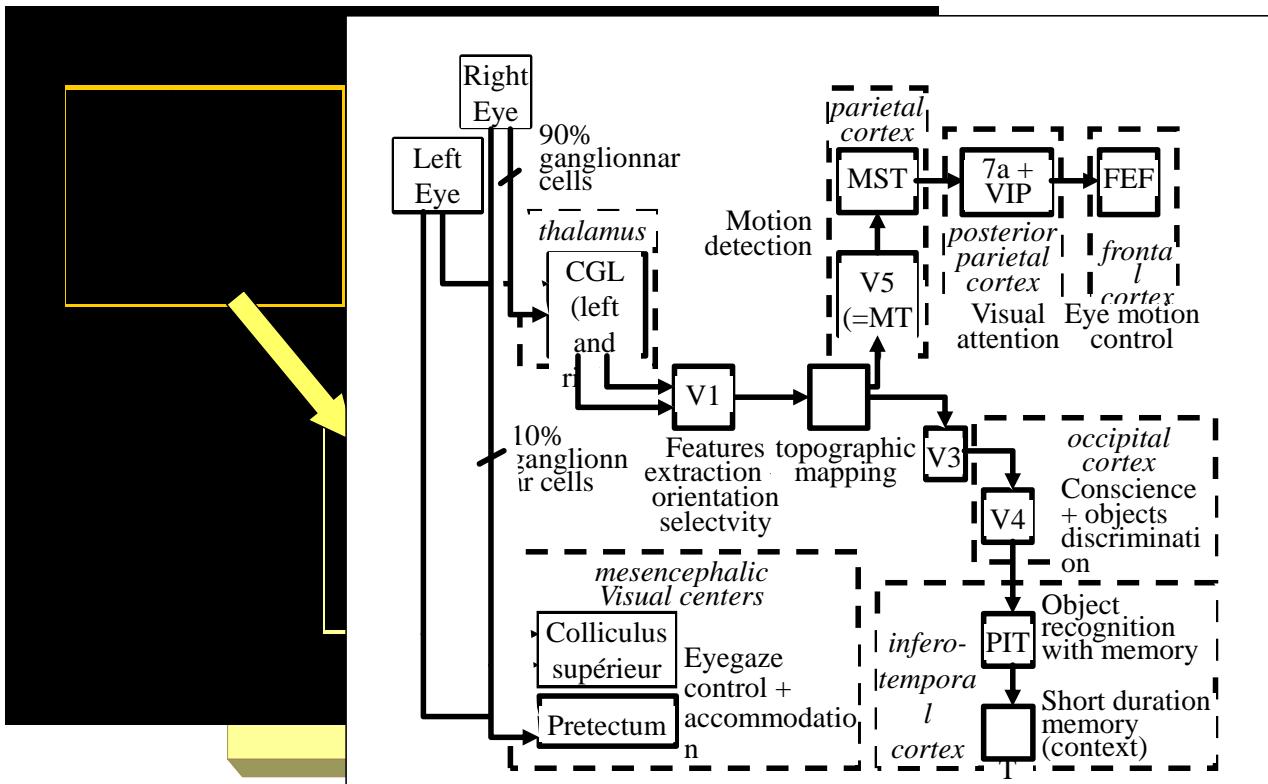


Utilisation des modèles dans des  
applications de traitements  
d'images ou de vidéo

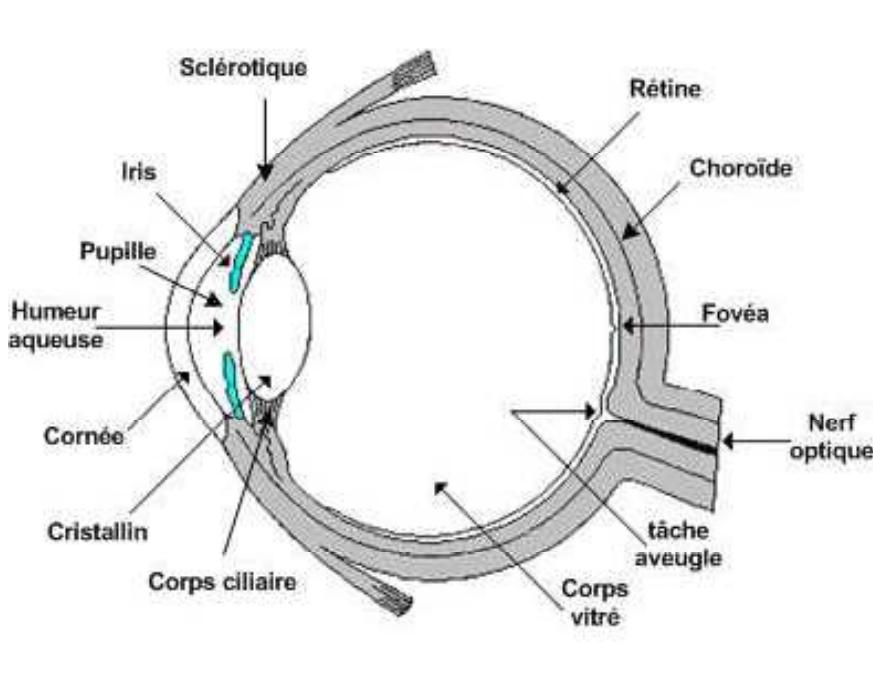
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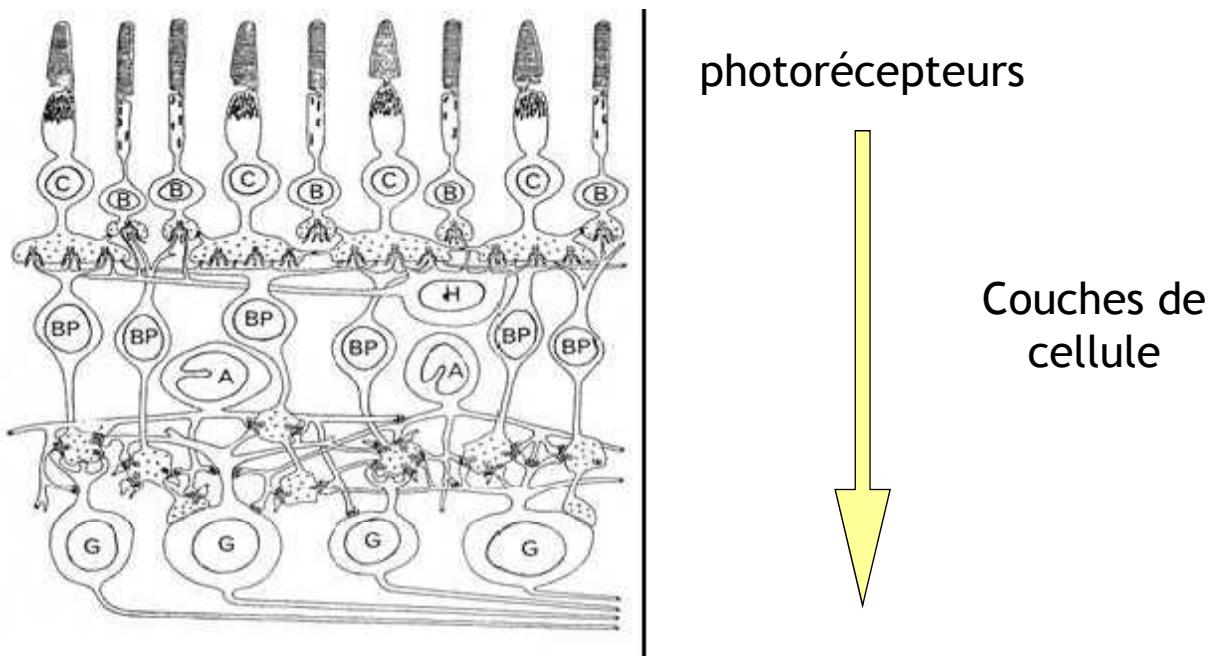
# SVH : Anatomie



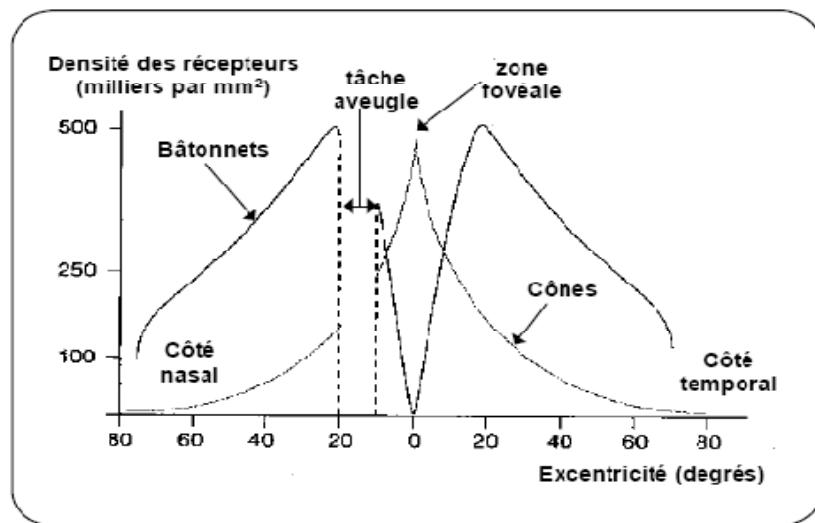
## Anatomie de l'œil



# la rétine : un système multicapteurs

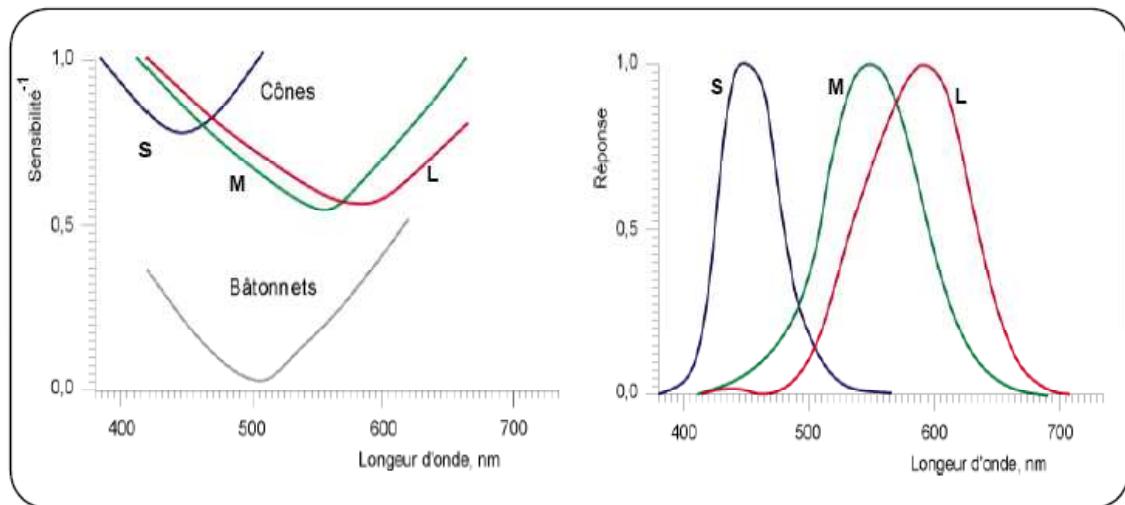


## photorécepteurs : les cônes et les bâtonnets

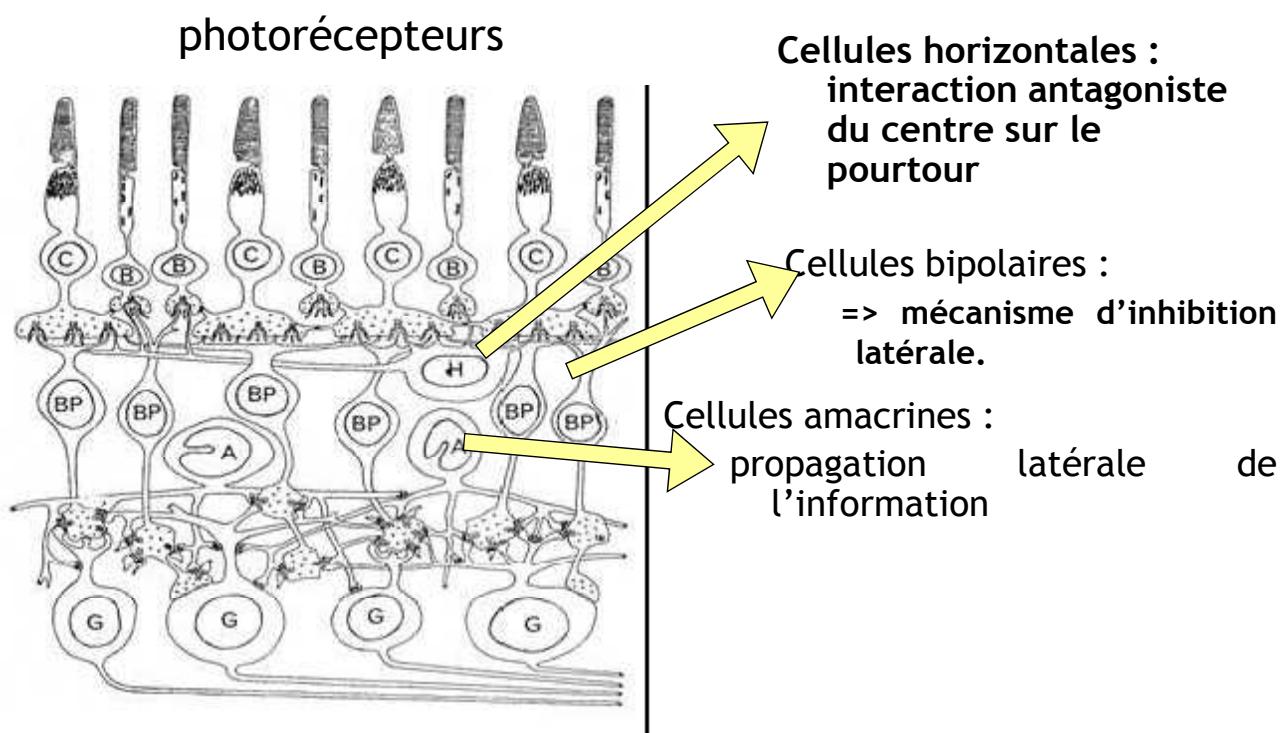


	Bâtonnets	Cônes
Répartition spatiale	périphérie rétinienne	fovea
Population	100 millions	5 millions
Gamme de fonctionnement	scotopique	photopique
Résolution spatiale	faible	élevée
Résolution temporelle	faible	élevée
Capacité de détection en vision périphérique	élevée	faible
Information couleur	non	oui (cônes S,M,L)
Maillage	convergent	non-convergent

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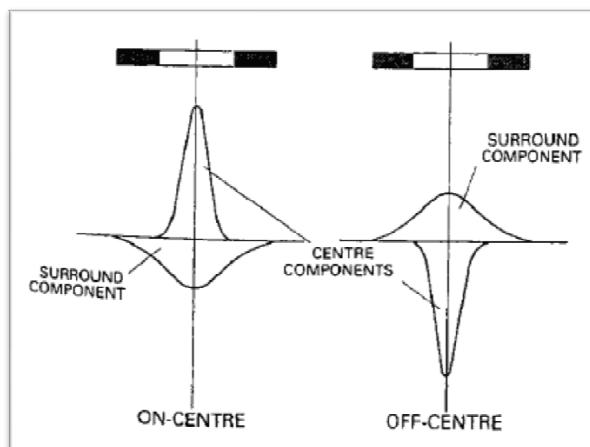


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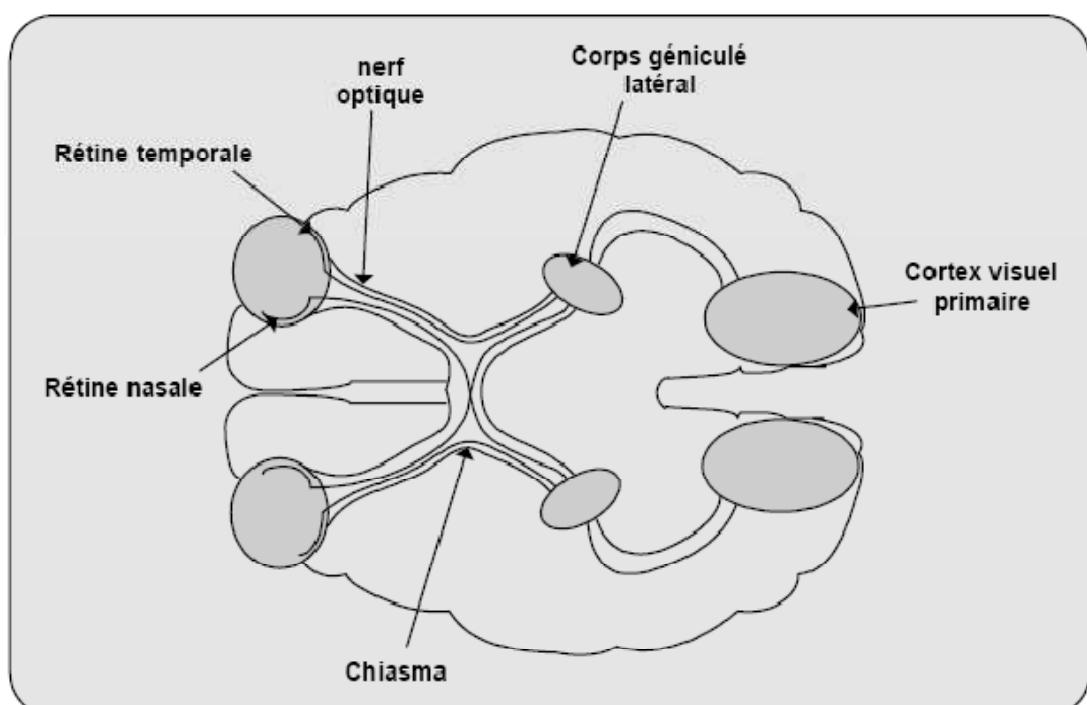


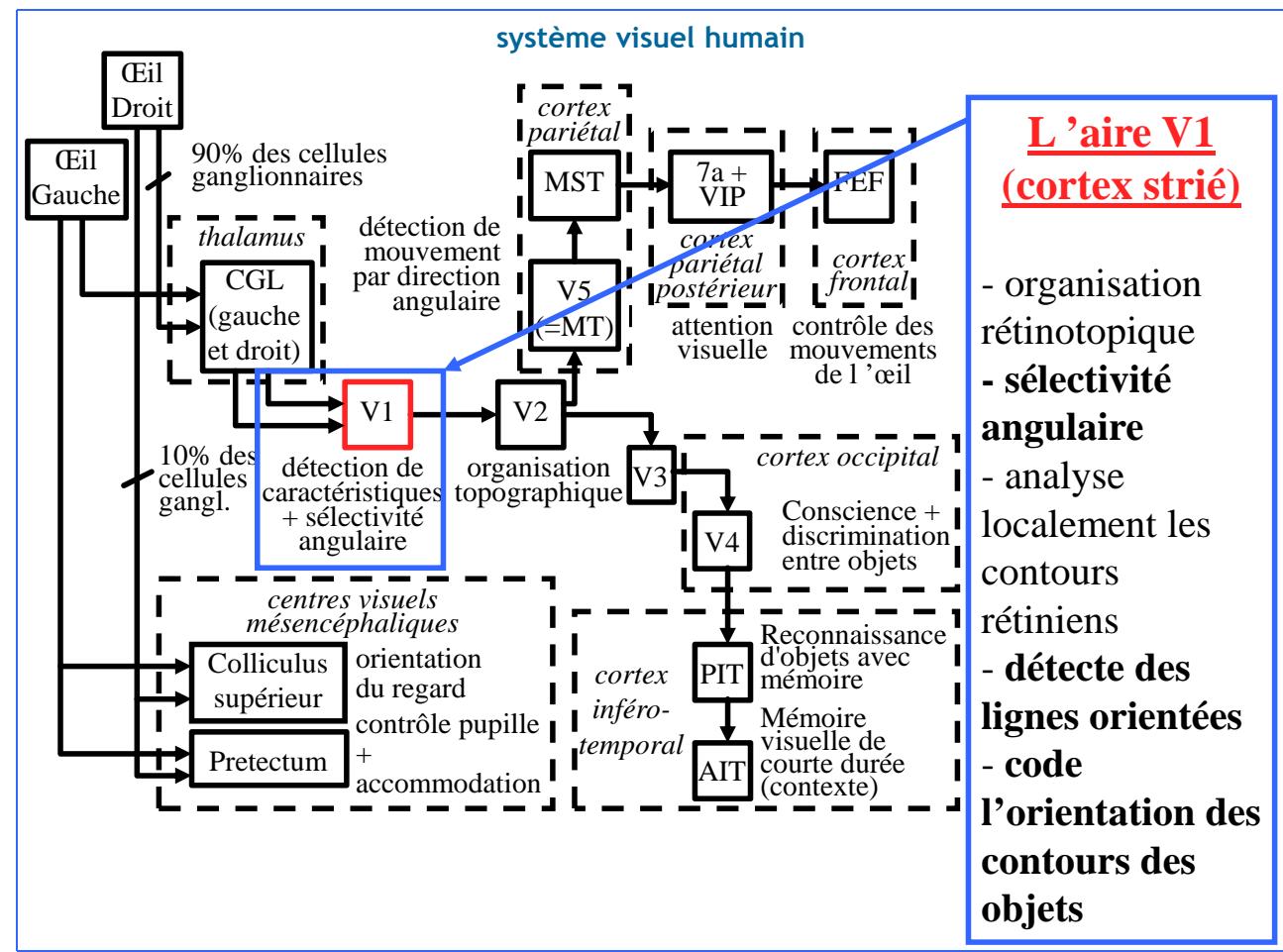
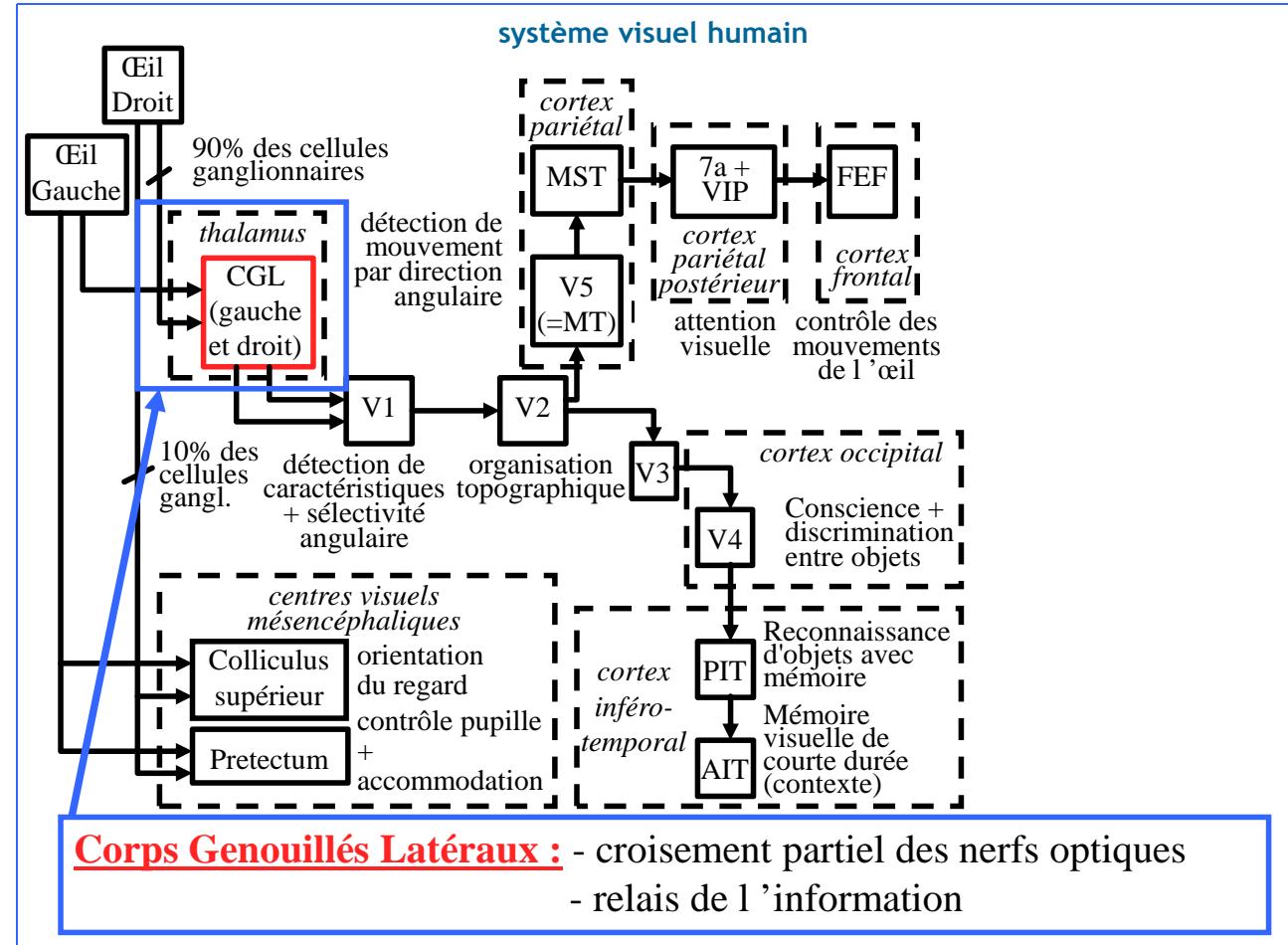
# Cellules rétiniennes: interaction antagoniste centre-pourtour

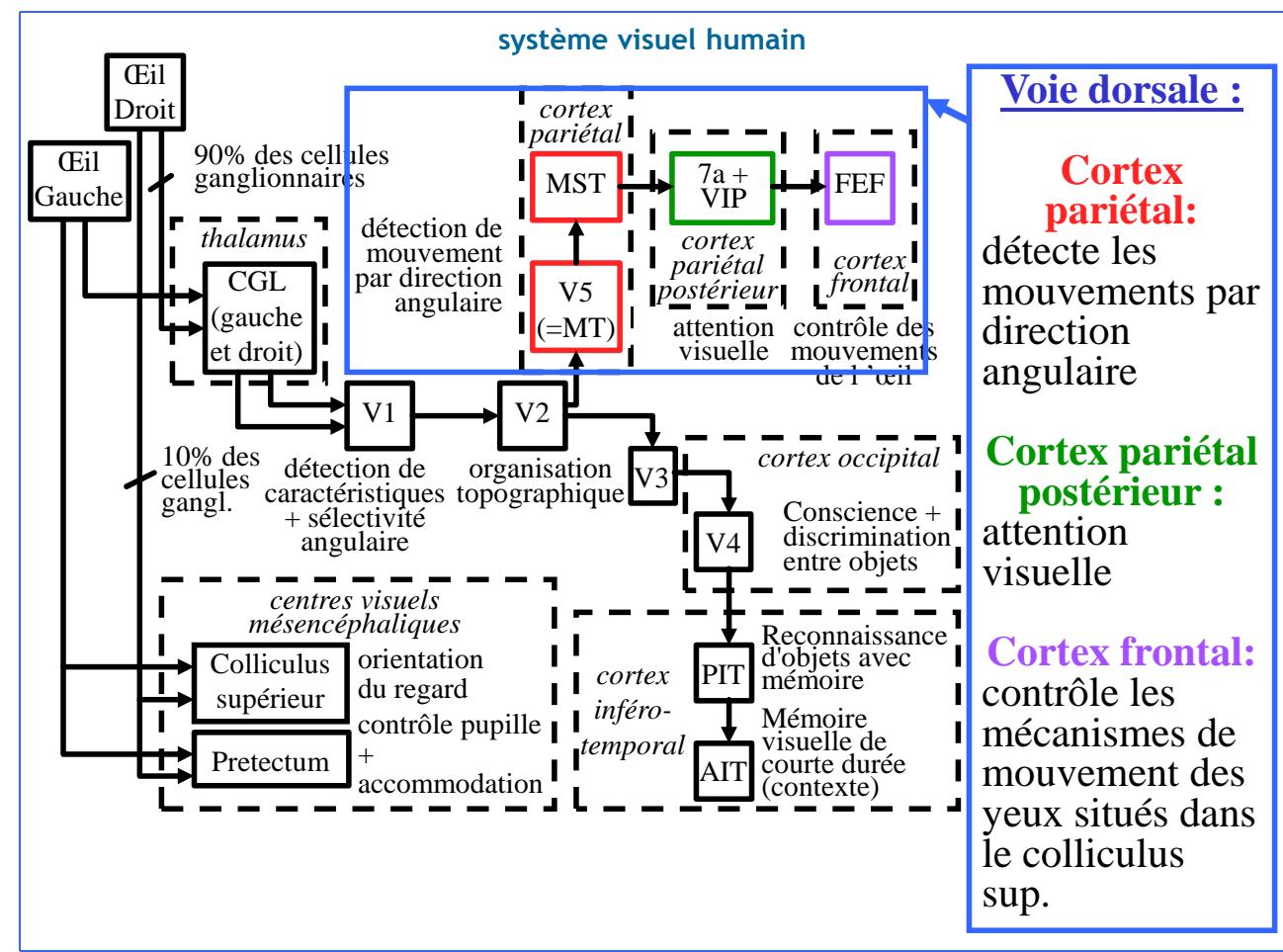
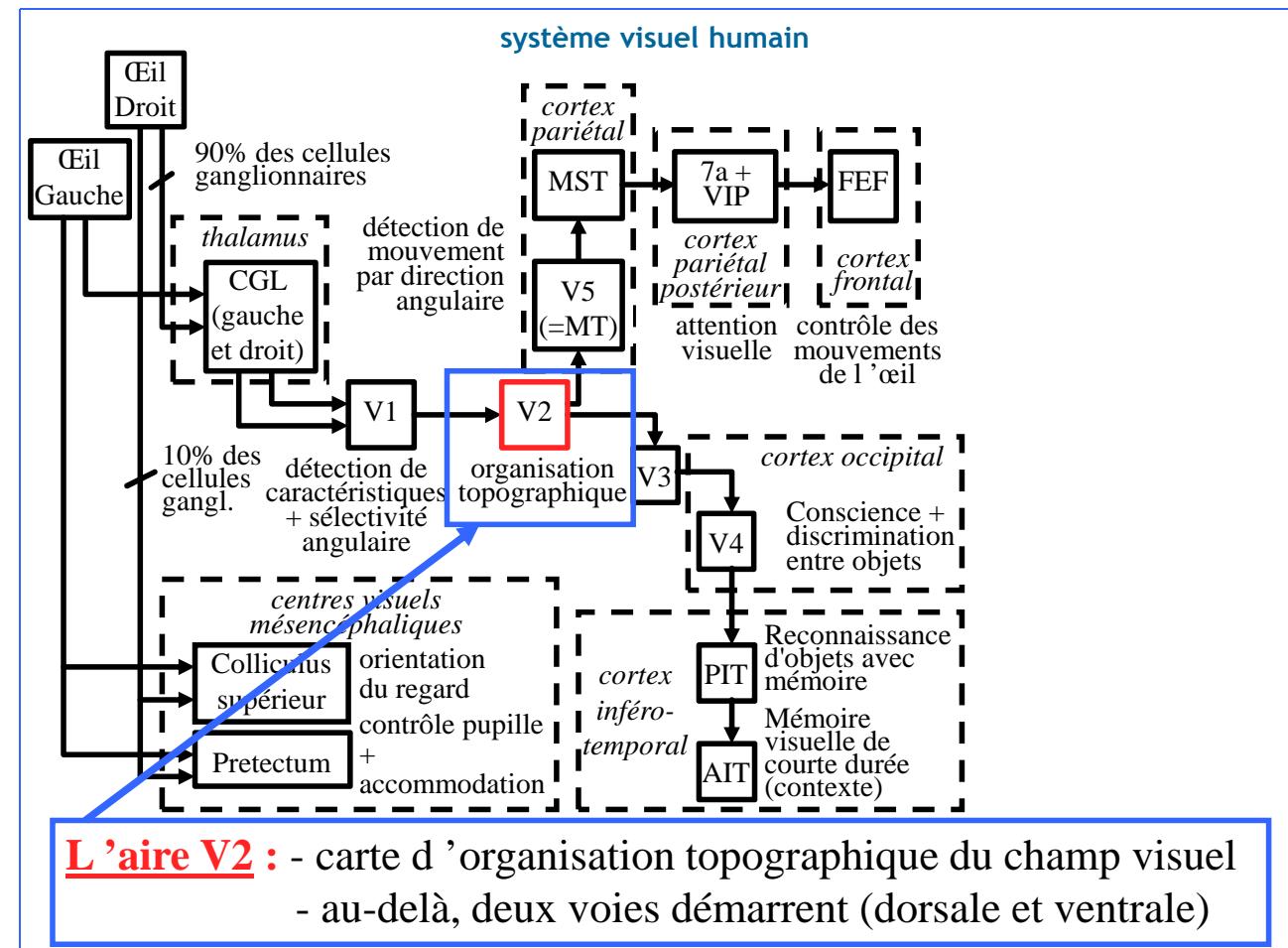
### **Une zone excitatrice + une zone inhibitrice**

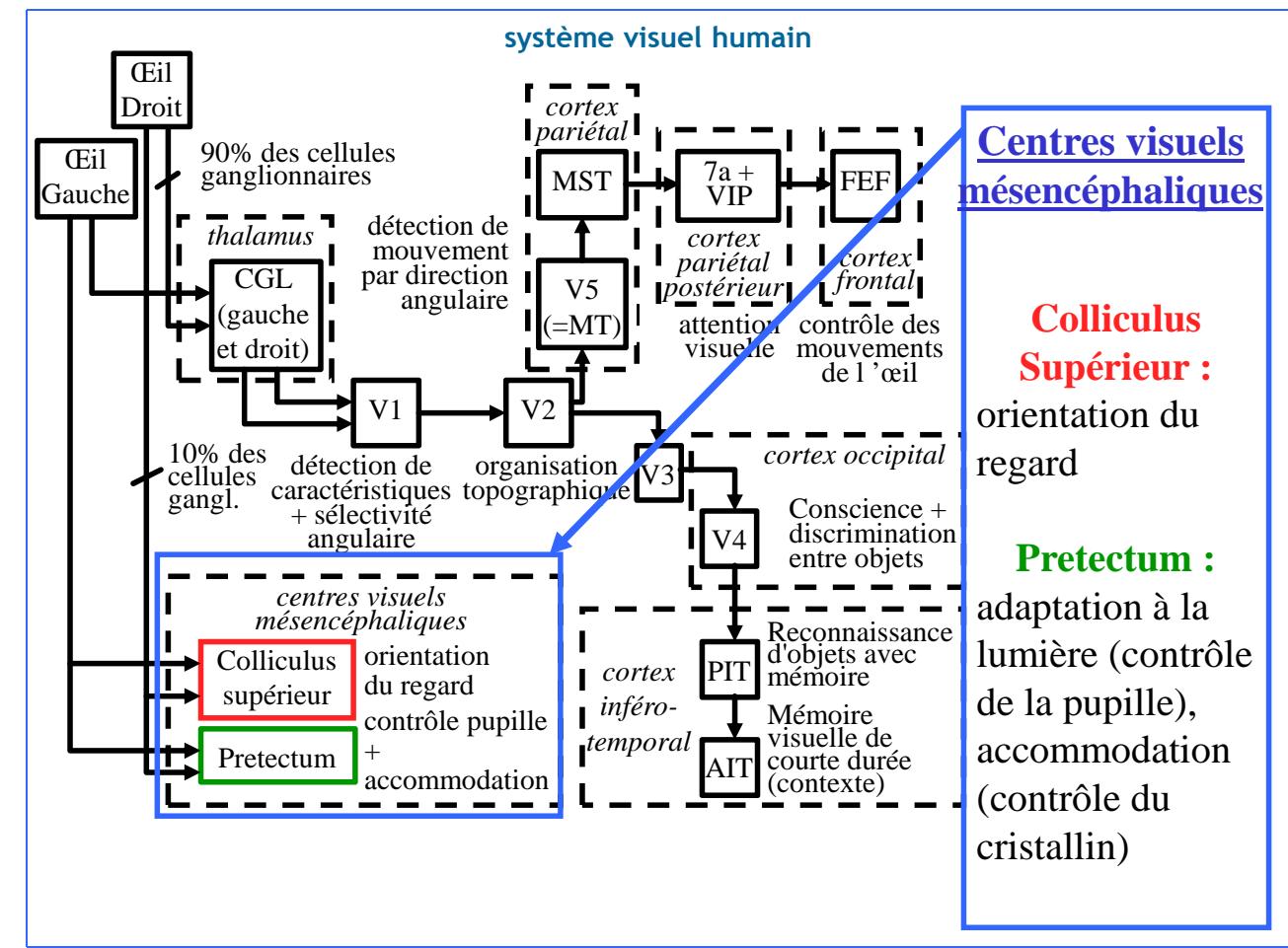
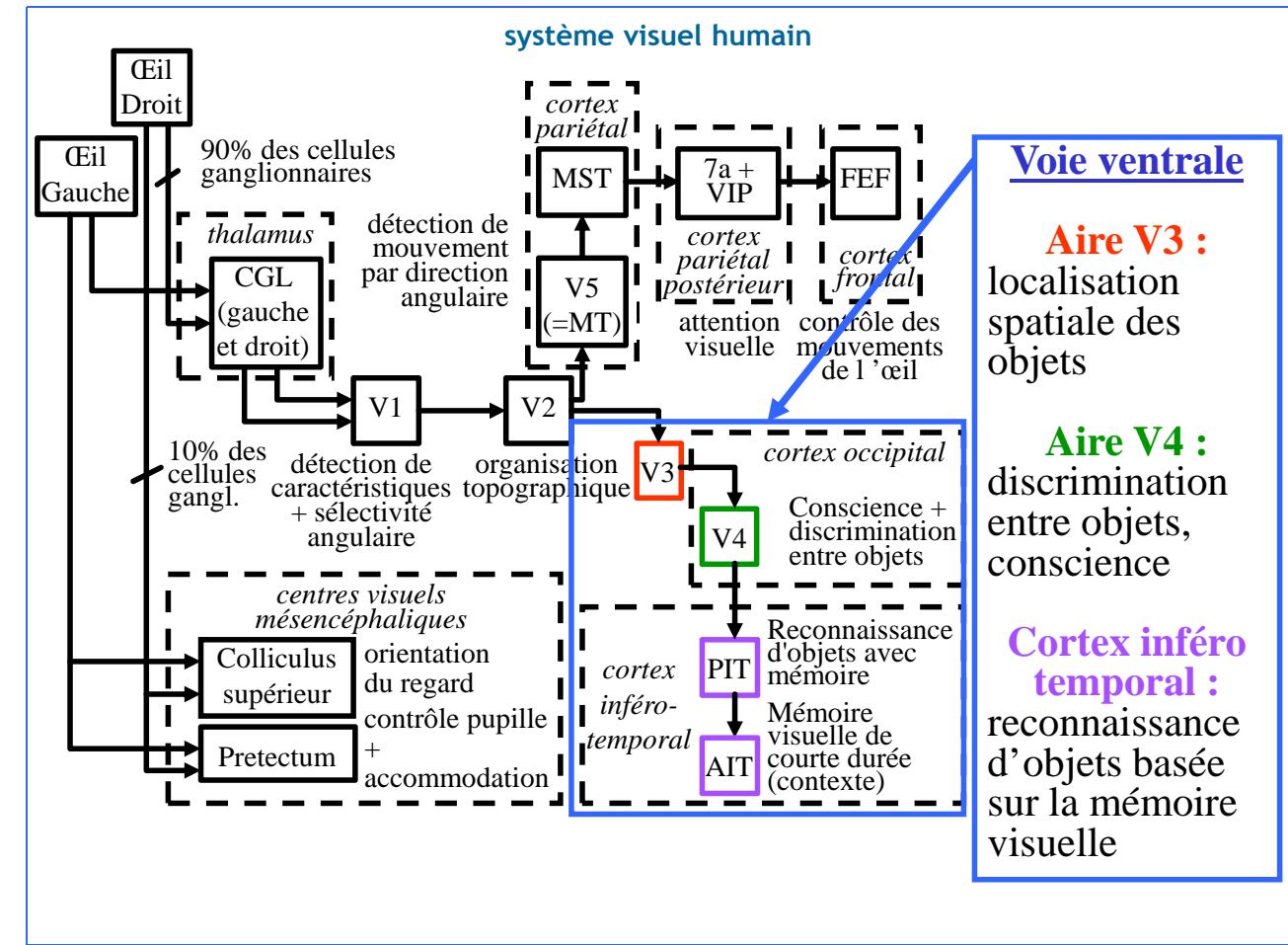


## Traitements post rétiniens



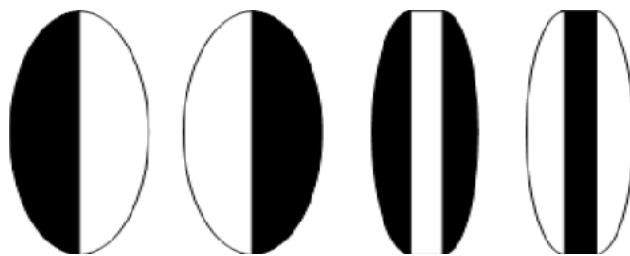






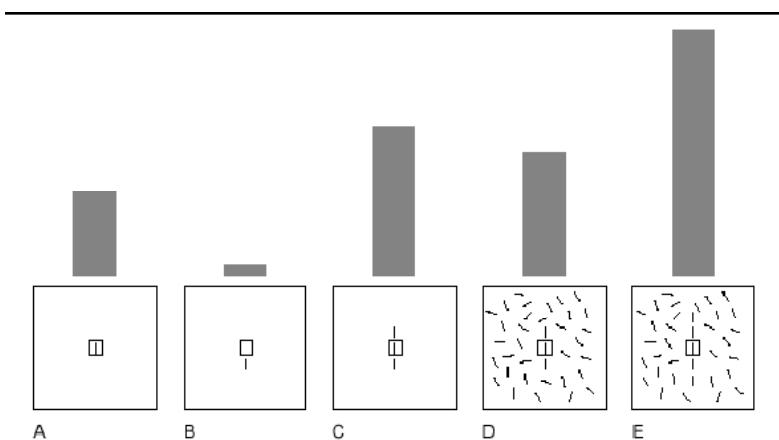
# Aire V1

- neurones de type champ récepteur
- Champ récepteur classique CRF :
  - centre/pourtour ayant des comportements antagonistes (orientation, fréquence, contraste)

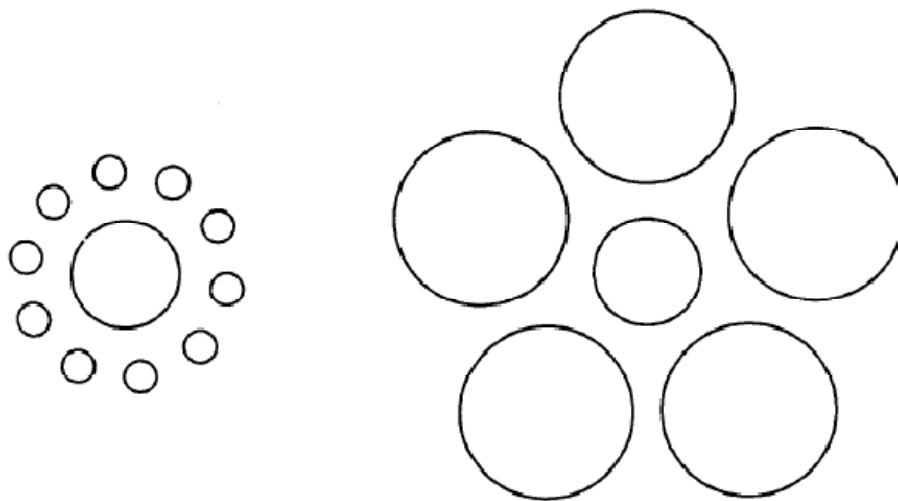


## Interactions facilitatrices

- Champ récepteur non classique NCRF :
  - modulations facilitatrices lorsque le stimuli central et périphérique sont iso-orientés et alignés



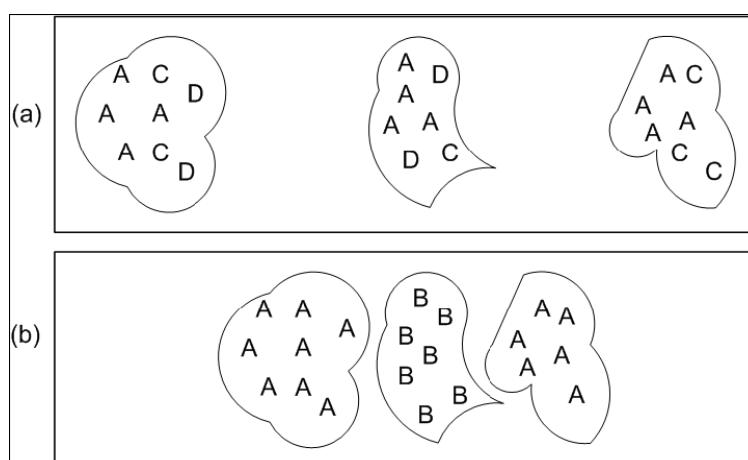
# codage de contexte



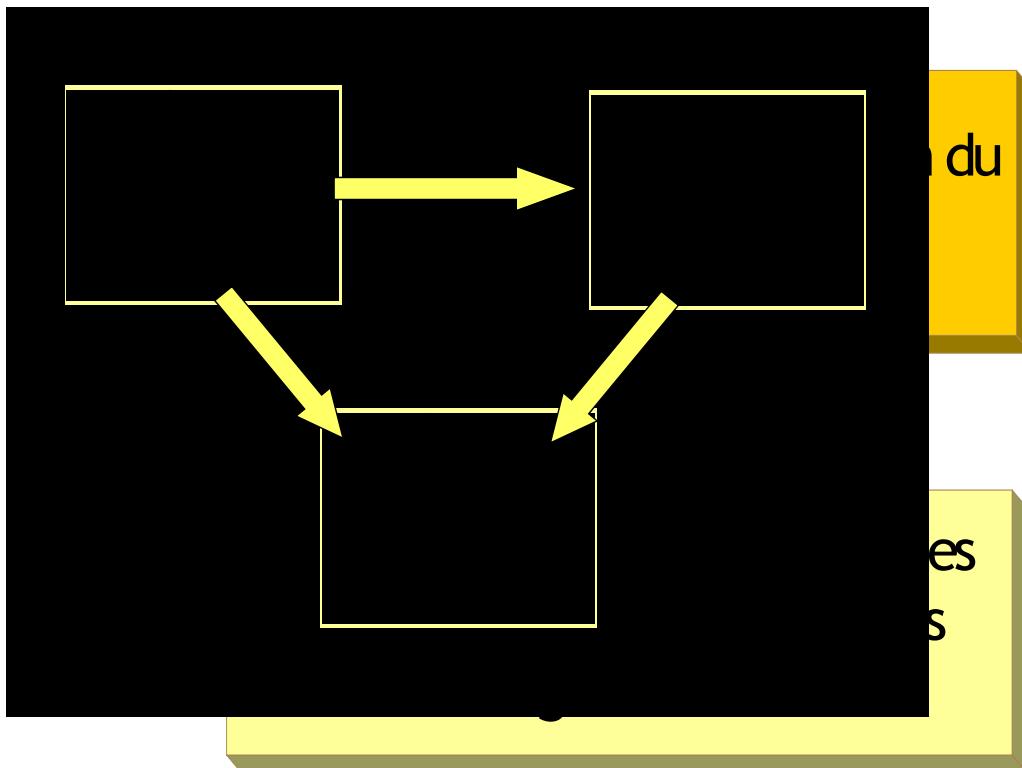
## SVH : haut niveau

- Ecole Gestaltiste

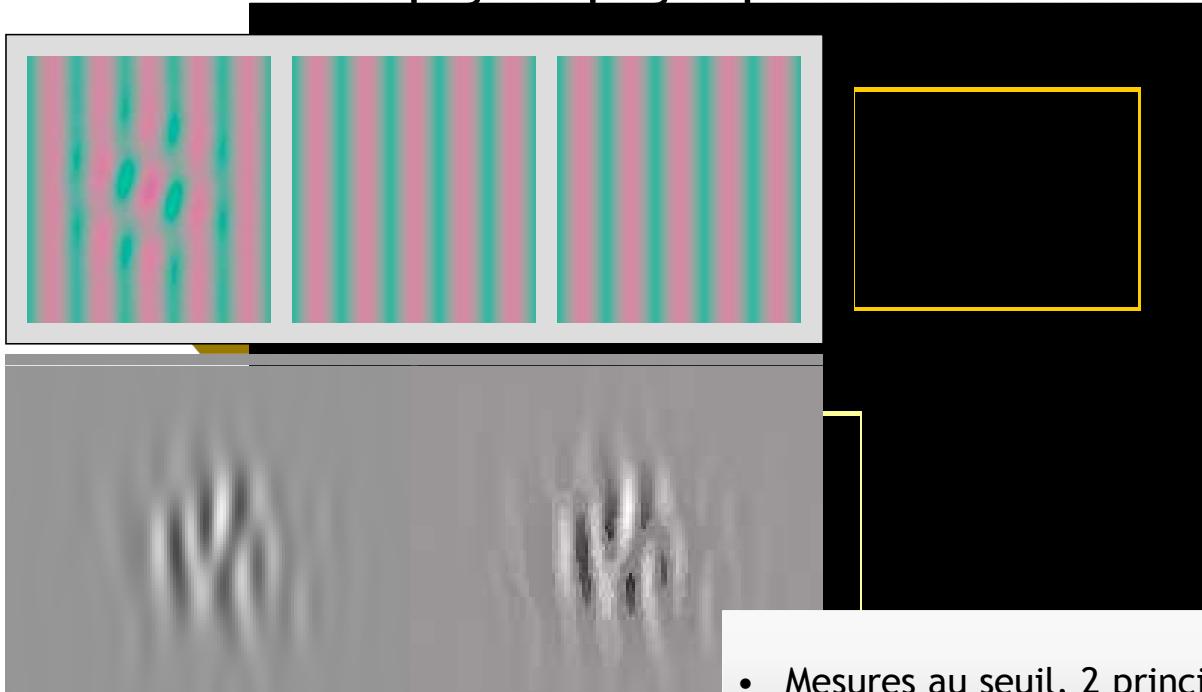
- the whole is different from the sum of its parts
- Perception de forme :
  - groupement par proximité
  - groupement par similarité



## Cercle vertueux

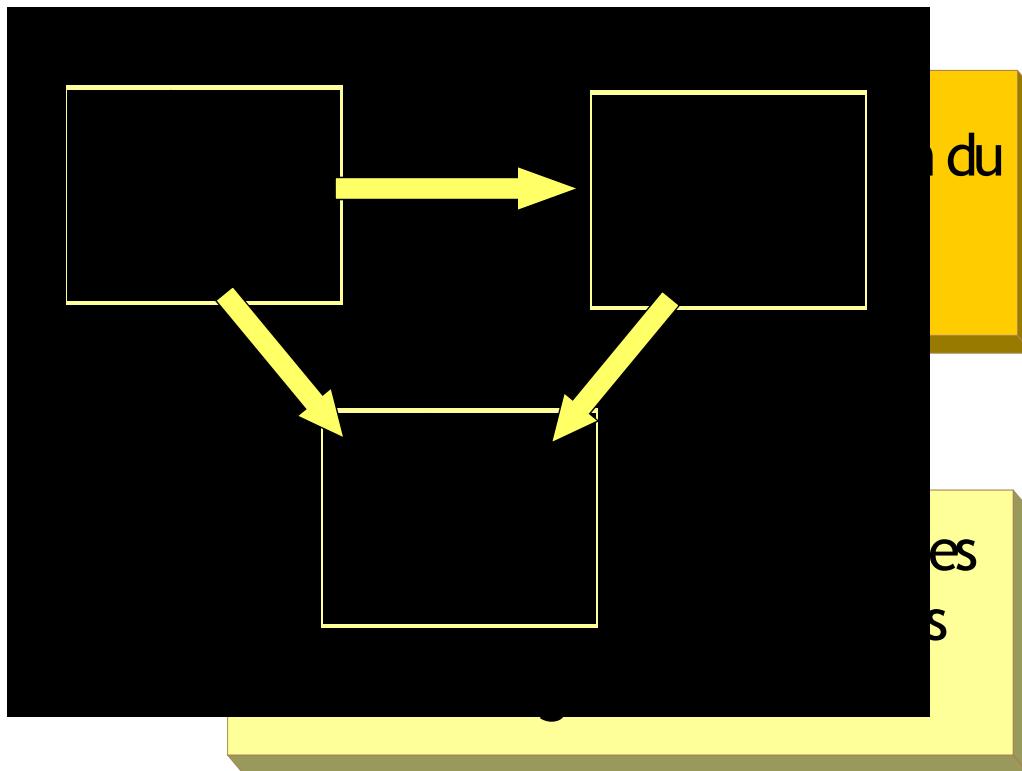


## psychophysique



- Mesures au seuil, 2 principes exploités:
  - masquage simultané
  - adaptation

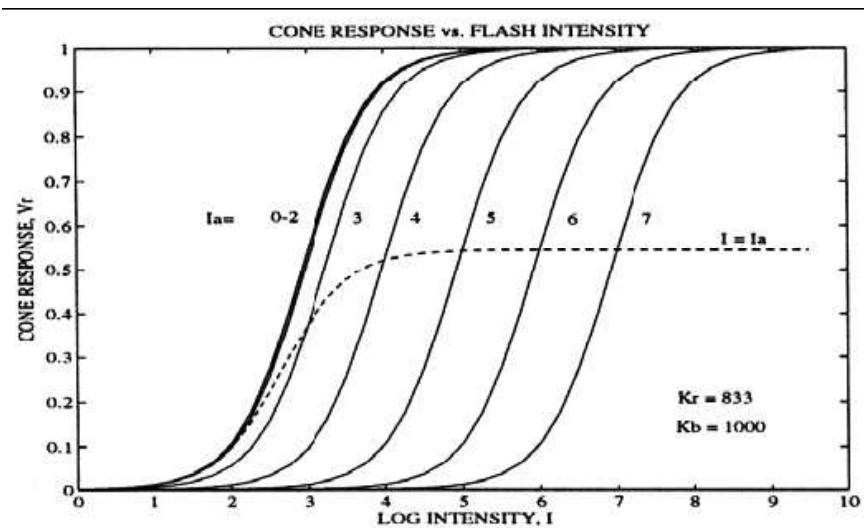
## Modélisations du SVH



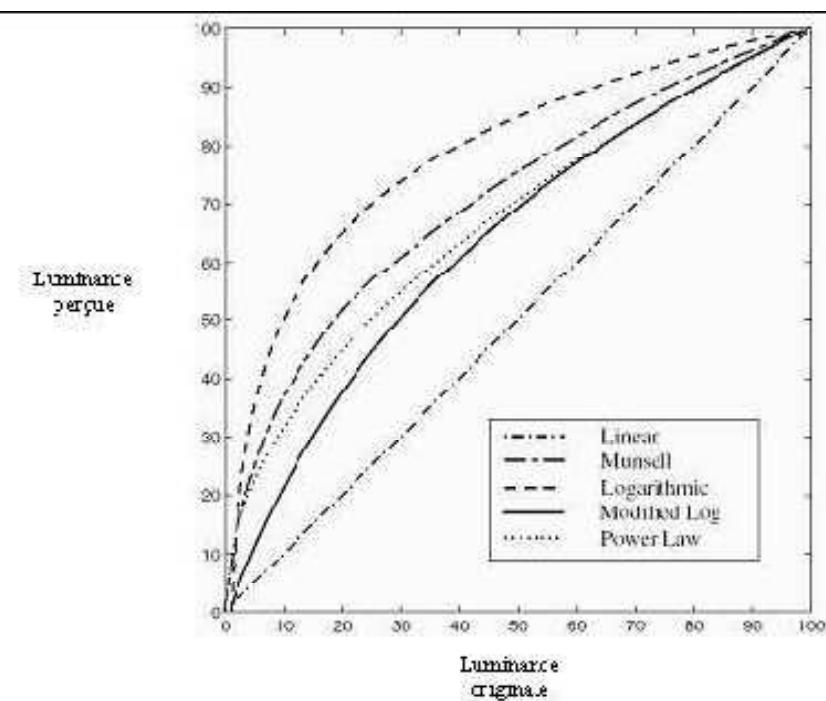
Modélisation bas niveau ....JND

(jusqu'à l'aire V1)

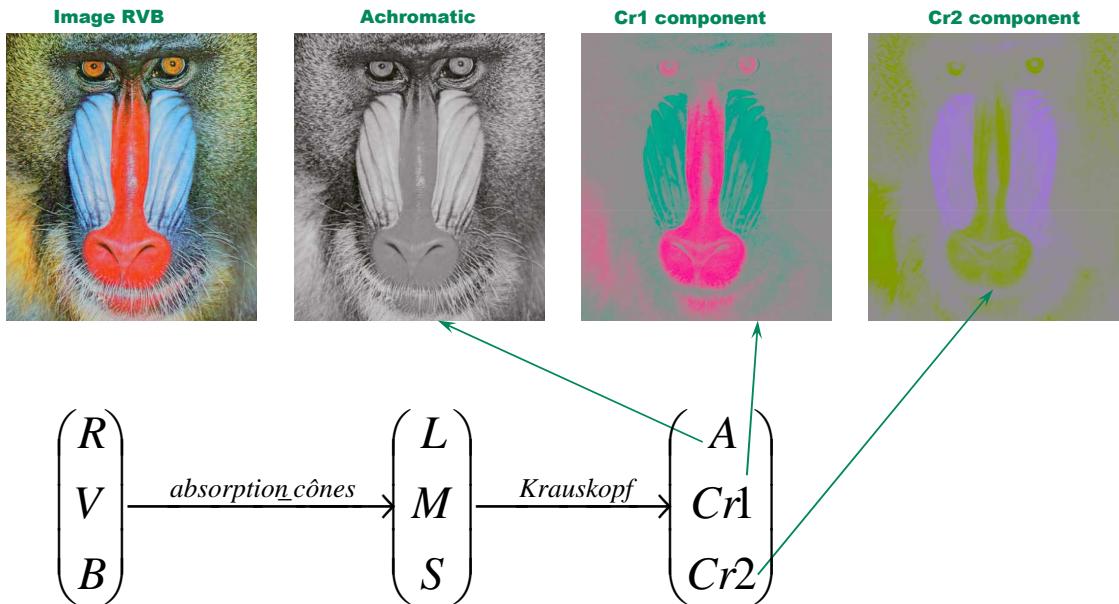
## Adaptation à l'intensité lumineuse



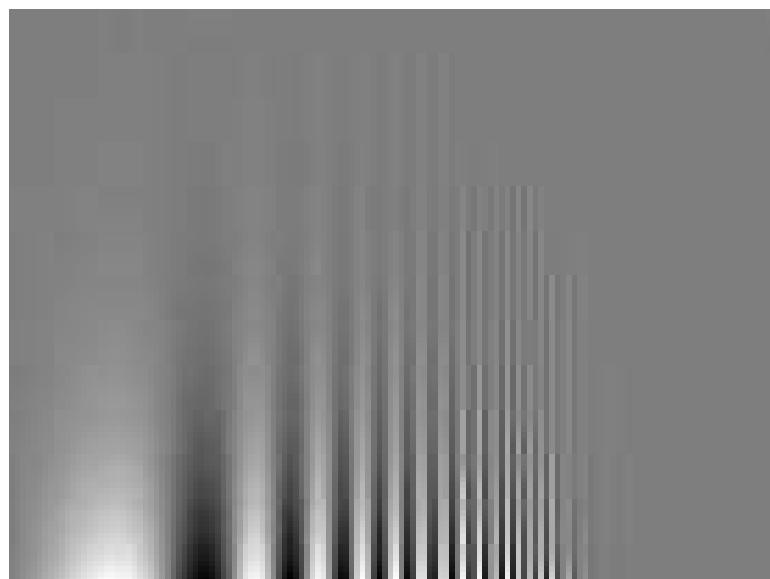
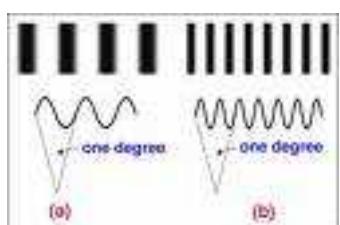
## Luminance perçue



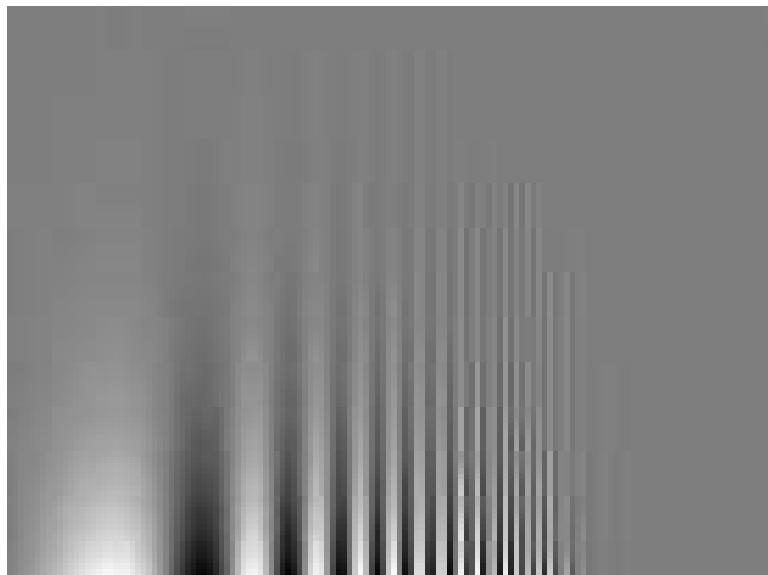
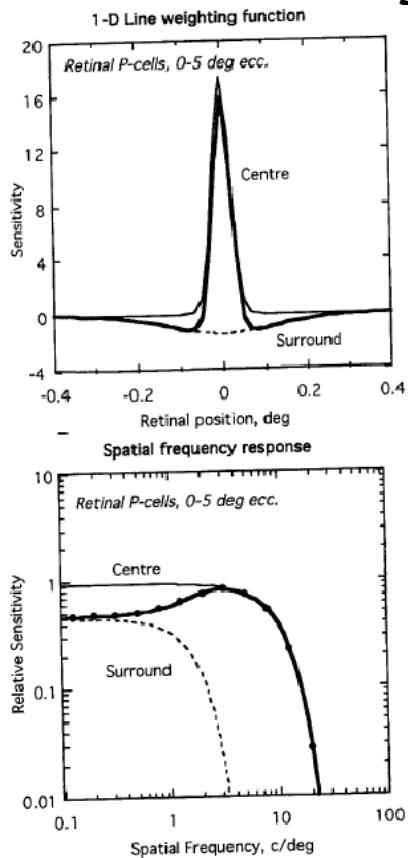
# Représentation des couleurs



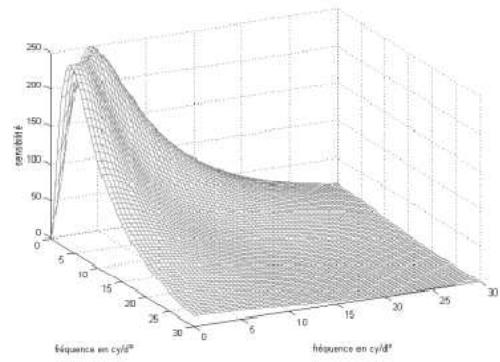
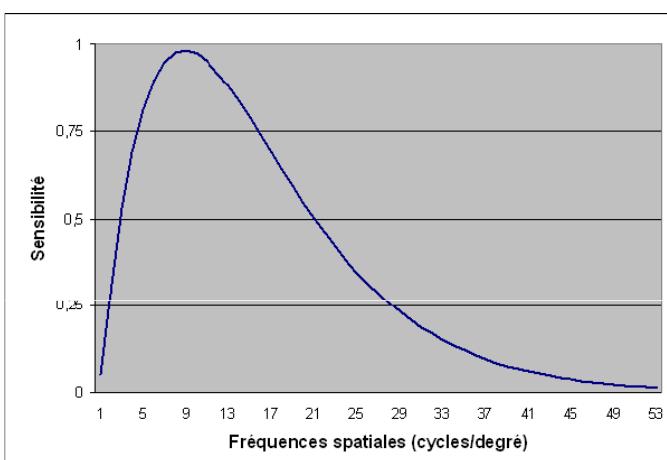
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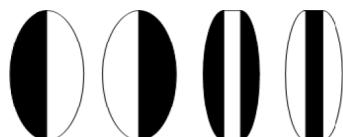
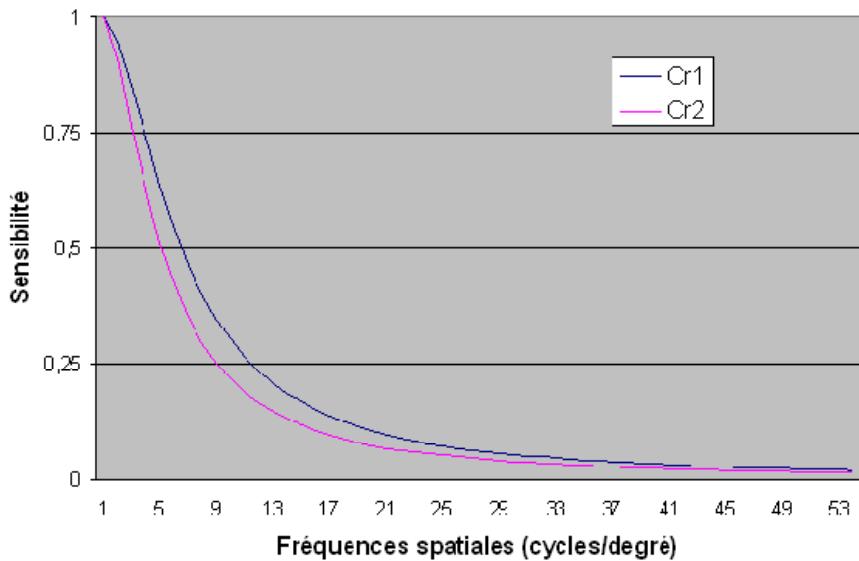
## Sensibilité aux contrastes



CSF modèles: Barten, Kelly, Daly ....



## CSF Cr1 Cr2

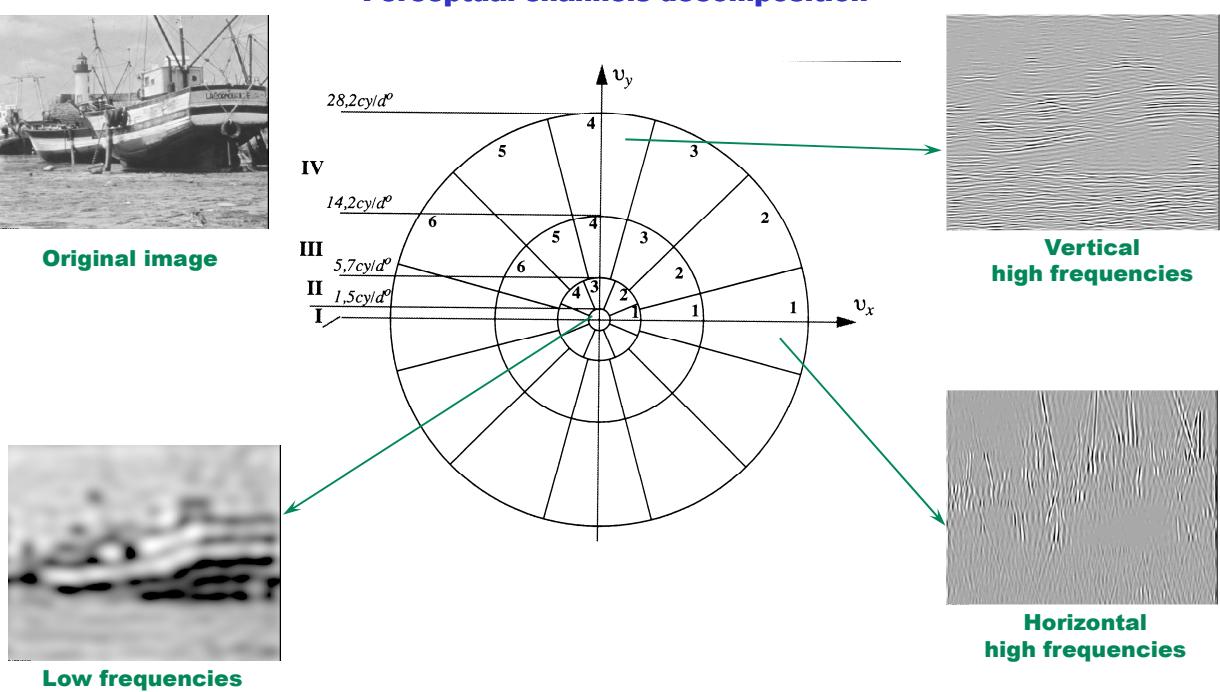


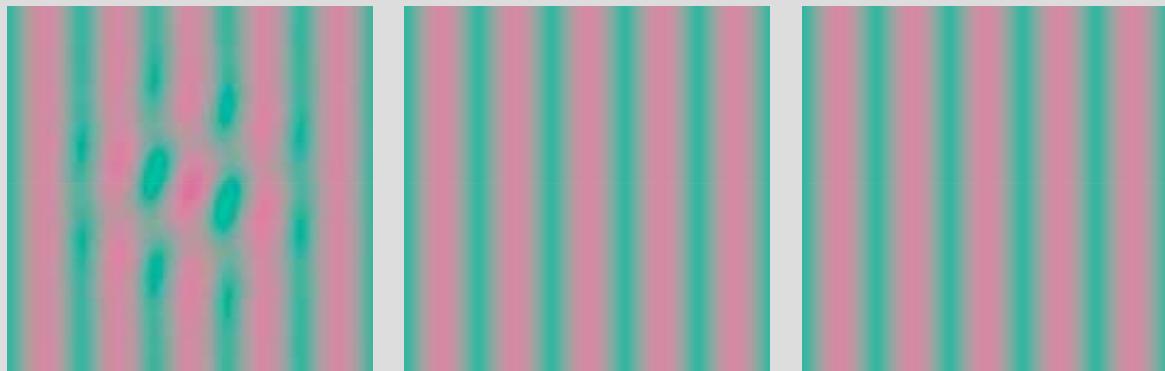
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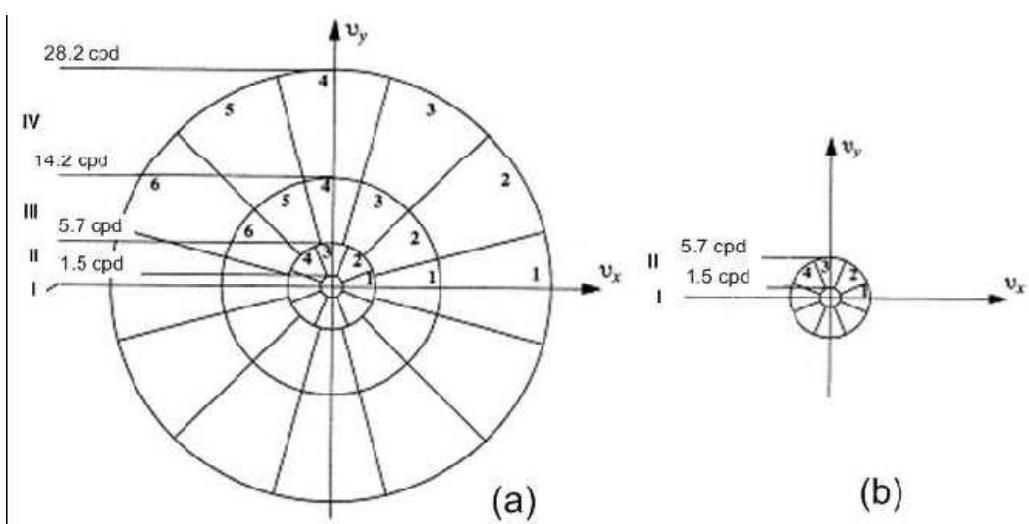
Original image

Perceptual channels decomposition

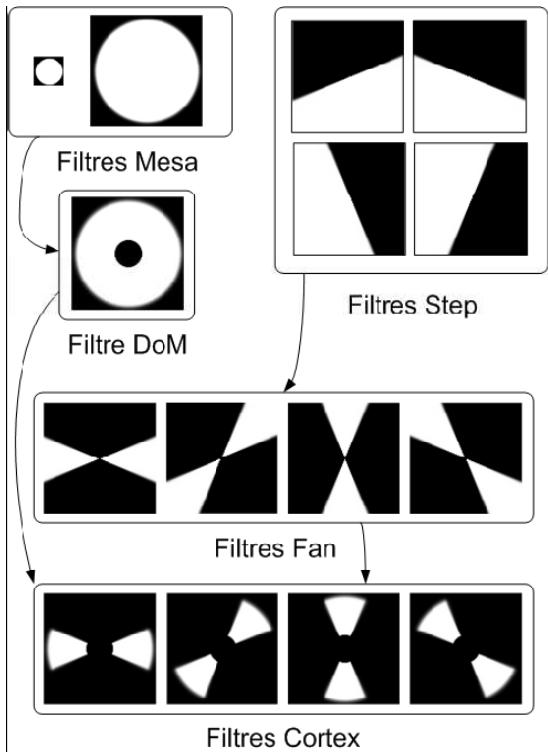




## Canaux perceptuels



## Transformée Cortex



$$mesa(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{pour } \omega < \omega_c - \frac{t_w}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1 + \cos(\frac{\pi \cdot (\omega - \omega_c + \frac{t_w}{2})}{t_w})) & \text{pour } \omega_c - \frac{t_w}{2} < \omega < \omega_c + \frac{t_w}{2} \\ 0 & \text{pour } \omega > \omega_c + \frac{t_w}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$fan_i(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{pour } |\theta - \theta_i| < \theta_c - \frac{\theta_w}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1 + \cos(\frac{\pi \cdot (\theta - \theta_c + \frac{\theta_w}{2})}{\theta_w})) & \text{pour } \theta_c - \frac{\theta_w}{2} < |\theta - \theta_i| < \theta_c + \frac{\theta_w}{2} \\ 0 & \text{pour } |\theta - \theta_i| > \theta_c + \frac{\theta_w}{2} \end{cases}$$

## Masquage Visuel

Modification of the visibility of a signal due to the presence of background (masking signal)

Two visual masking effects :

➤ Contrast masking :

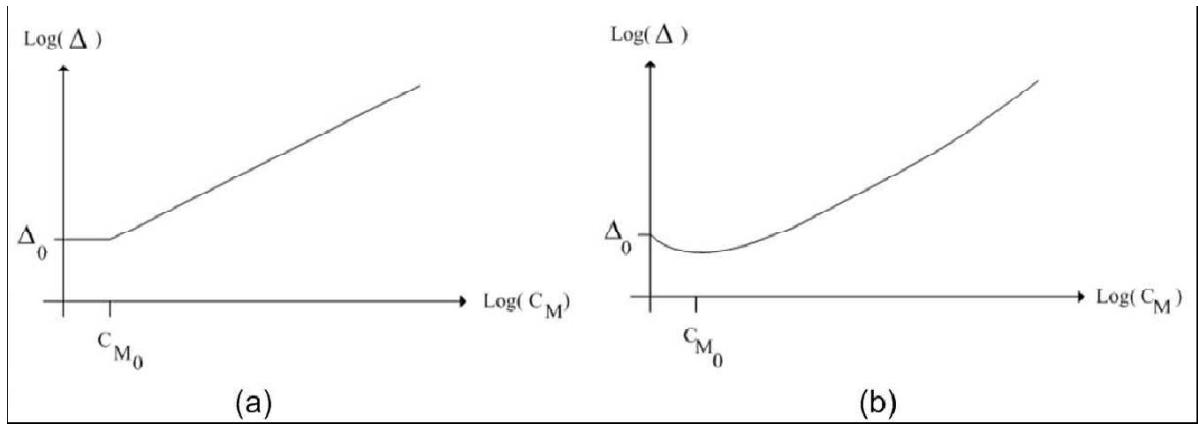
Modification of the visibility threshold due to the contrast value

➤ Semi-local masking :

Modification of the visibility threshold due to the neighborhood (semi-locality) characteristics.

*Also called : Entropy masking, local texture masking, activity masking*

# Masquage



# Modèles de masquage visuel

*Masking functions from Daly's model*

➤ Contrast masking (*Daly*)

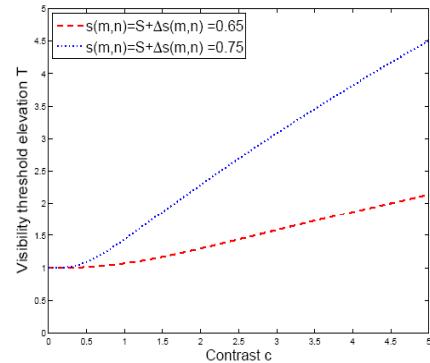
$$T_{l,o}(m,n) = (1 + (k_1 \times (k_2 \times |\tilde{c}_{l,o}(m,n)|^s)^b))^{\frac{1}{b}}$$

*s is a constant*

➤ Proposed semi-local masking (*Daly sLM*)

$$T_{l,o}(m,n) = (1 + (k_1 \times (k_2 \times |\tilde{c}_{l,o}(m,n)|^{s(m,n)})^b))^{\frac{1}{b}}$$

*s(m,n) depends on the neighborhood entropy*



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# Masquage Visuel

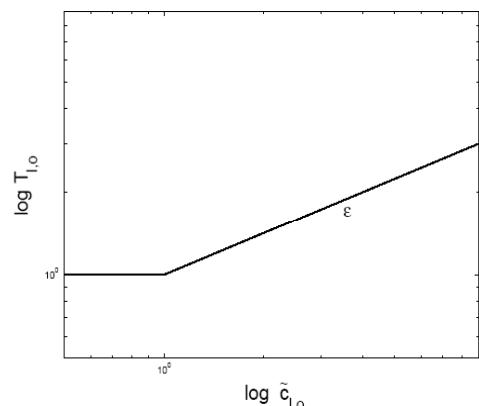
*Masking functions from Nadenau's model*

➤ Contrast masking (*Nadenau*)

$$T_{l,o}(m,n) = \max(l, \tilde{c}_{l,o}(m,n)^\varepsilon)$$

➤ Semi-local masking (*Nadenau sLM*)

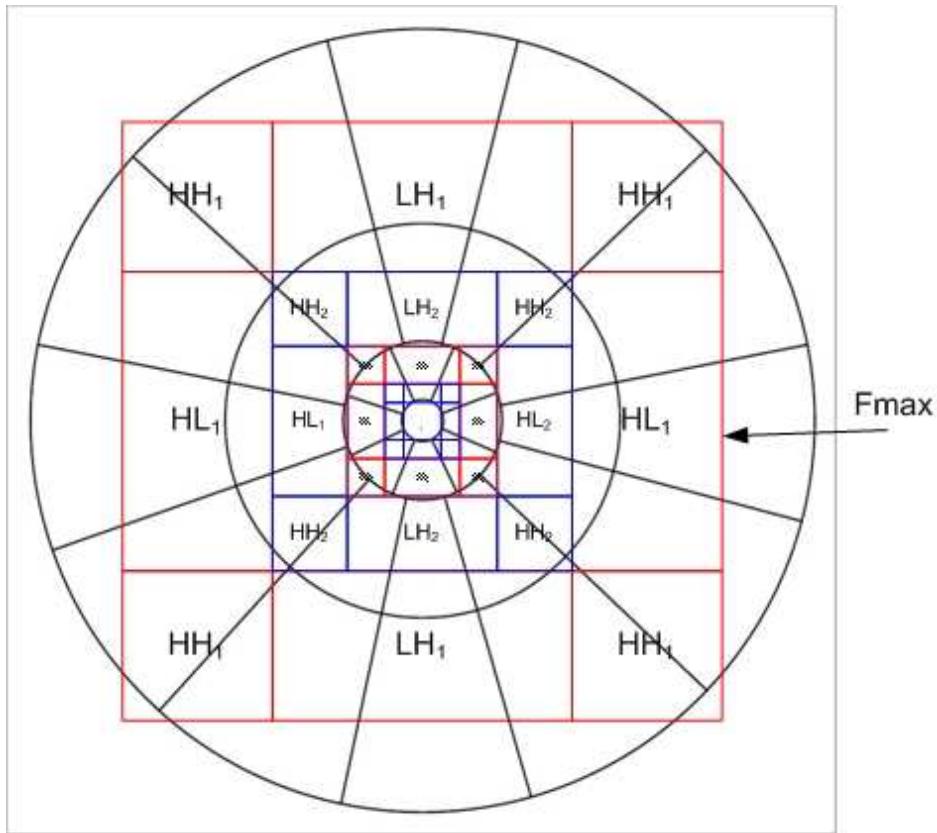
$$T_{l,o}(m,n) = \max(l, \tilde{c}_{l,o}(m,n)^\varepsilon) \cdot (1 + \omega_\Gamma)$$



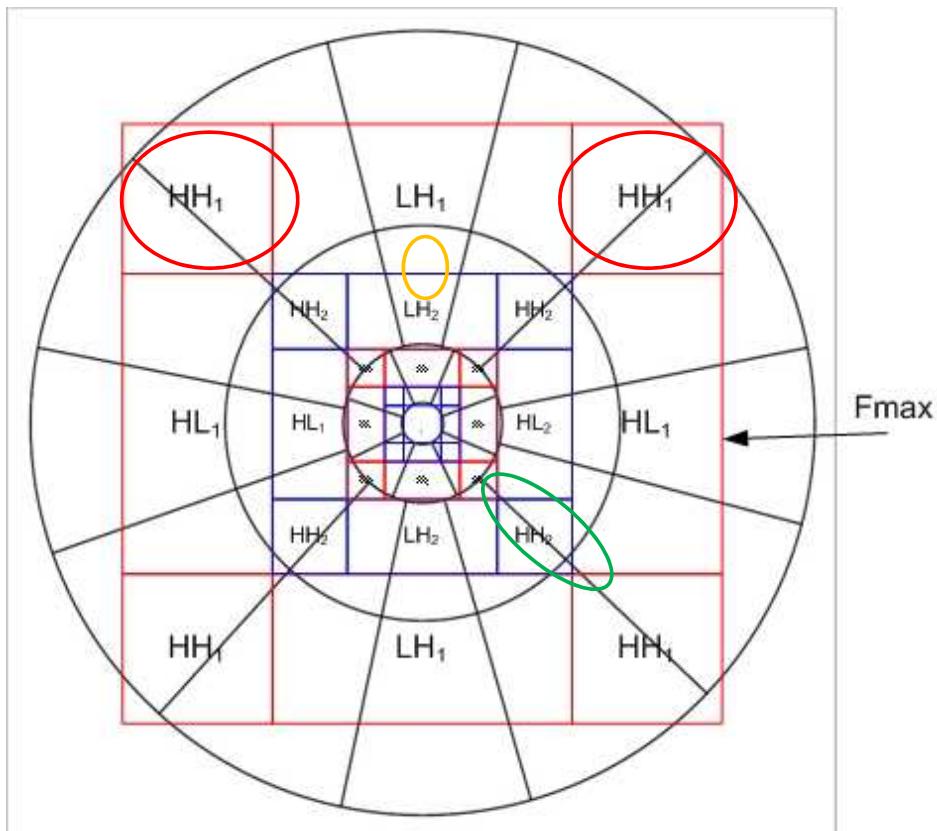
*ω<sub>Γ</sub> depends on the neighborhood energy*

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## Modèles et approximations : DCP et ondelettes

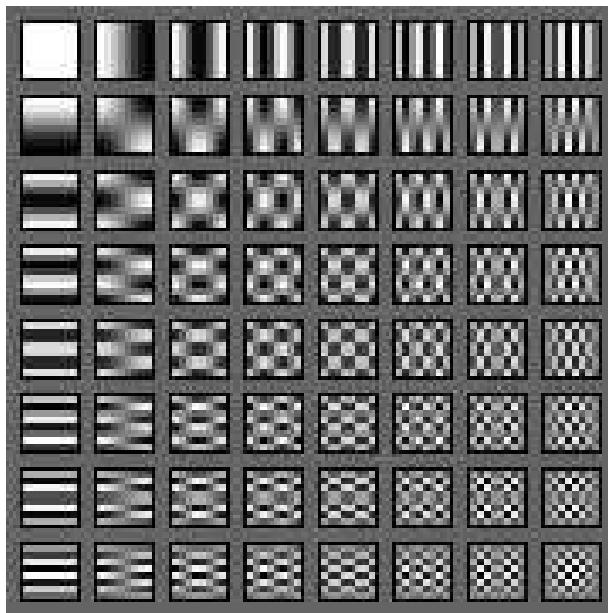


## Modèles et approximations : DCP et ondelettes



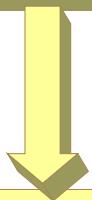
## Modèles et approximations : DCP et DCT

$$DCT(i,j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} P_{ix}(x,y) C(i) C(j) \cos\left[\frac{(2x+1)i\pi}{2N}\right] \cos\left[\frac{(2y+1)j\pi}{2N}\right]$$



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Modèle JND



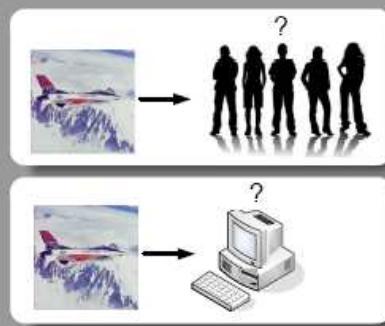
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Métrique de qualité « Full reference »

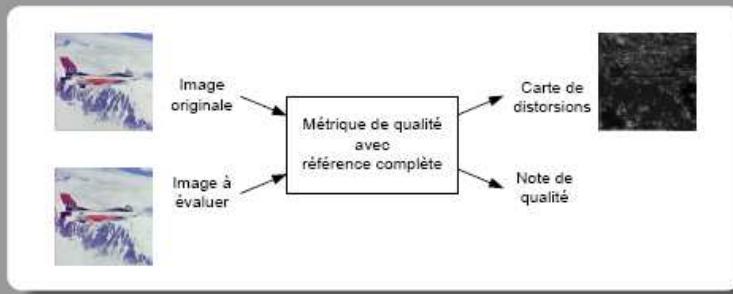
# Application: évaluation de qualité

L'évaluation de la qualité visuelle peut être :

- ▶ Subjective
- ▶ Objective



Métrique de qualité avec référence complète



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## Experimental set up at IRCCyN for human factors studies

Suitable environment and protocols (and corresponding GUI)

HW players : uncompressed ... up to 2K, 3D

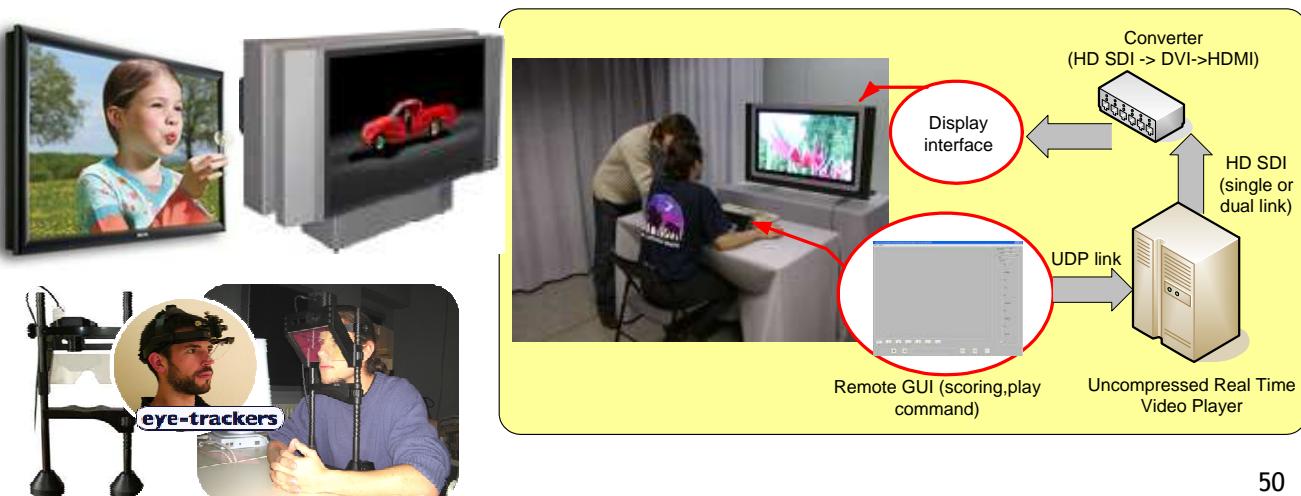
Displays :

CRT, LCD (**without post processing => offline processing**)

High resolution Medical imaging

Autostereoscopic displays (multiview, holographic ...)

Large panel of observers



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# Bases de données qualité

[http://www.irccyn.ec-nantes.fr/ => plateformes](http://www.irccyn.ec-nantes.fr/)

## Still images databases

[IRCCyN/IVC Still Image Database](#)

[Subjective Quality assessment of LAR coded art images](#)

[IRCCyN/IVC-Toyama database \(LCD\)](#)

## Video database

[IRCCyN/IVC Videos 1080i Database](#)

A 1080i50 videos database. This database is composed by 24 original sequences and 168 distorted videos by h264 coding.

[IRCCyN/IVC Eyetracker SD 2009 12 Database](#)

A SD videos database. This database is composed by 20 original sequences and 80 distorted videos by h264 coding with transmission errors. The h264 streams and the eyetracker data are available for this database.

[IRCCyN/IVC SD ROI Database](#)

A SD videos database. This database is composed by 6 original sequences and 84 distorted videos by h264 coding with or without transmission errors. The h264 streams are available for this database.

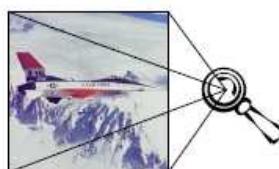
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# Problématiques

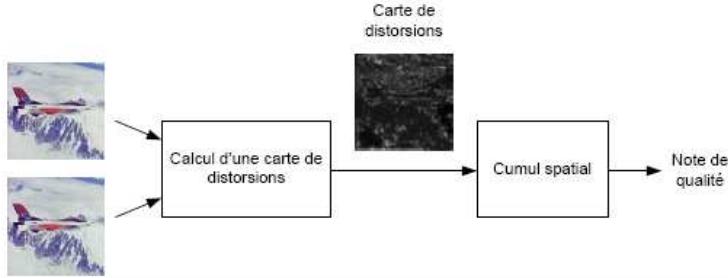
- ▶ Concevoir une méthode objective d'évaluation **locale des distorsions visuelles** pour les images et les vidéos



- ▶ Concevoir une méthode objective d'évaluation **globale de la qualité visuelle** pour les images et les vidéos

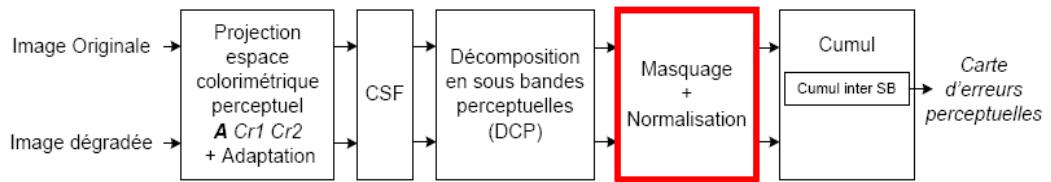


# Approches classiques



Approches	Images fixes
Purement de type signal	PSNR
Signal + aspects qualitatifs du système visuel humain	SSIM[Wang04a] MS-SSIM[Wang03]
Modélisant finement le système visuel humain	VDP[Daly92,93] Sarnoff JND[Lubin93,95] DCTune[Watson93]

Structure générale des modélisations [Daly92,93][Le Callet01]



## Modèles de masquage

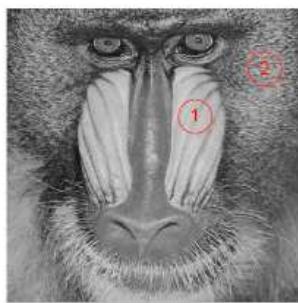
Masquage entropique [Watson97b] (ou de texture [Gaubatz05], ou d'activité [Nadenau00])  $\Rightarrow$  ou masquage semi-local

Élévation du seuil différentiel de visibilité au site  $(m, n)$  dans la sous-bande  $\rho, \theta$

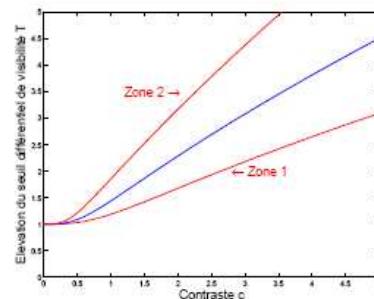
$$T_{\rho,\theta}(m, n) = (1 + (k_1 \cdot (k_2 \cdot |c_{\rho,\theta}(m, n)|)^{s(m,n)})^b)^{\frac{1}{b}} \quad (1)$$

Version modifiée

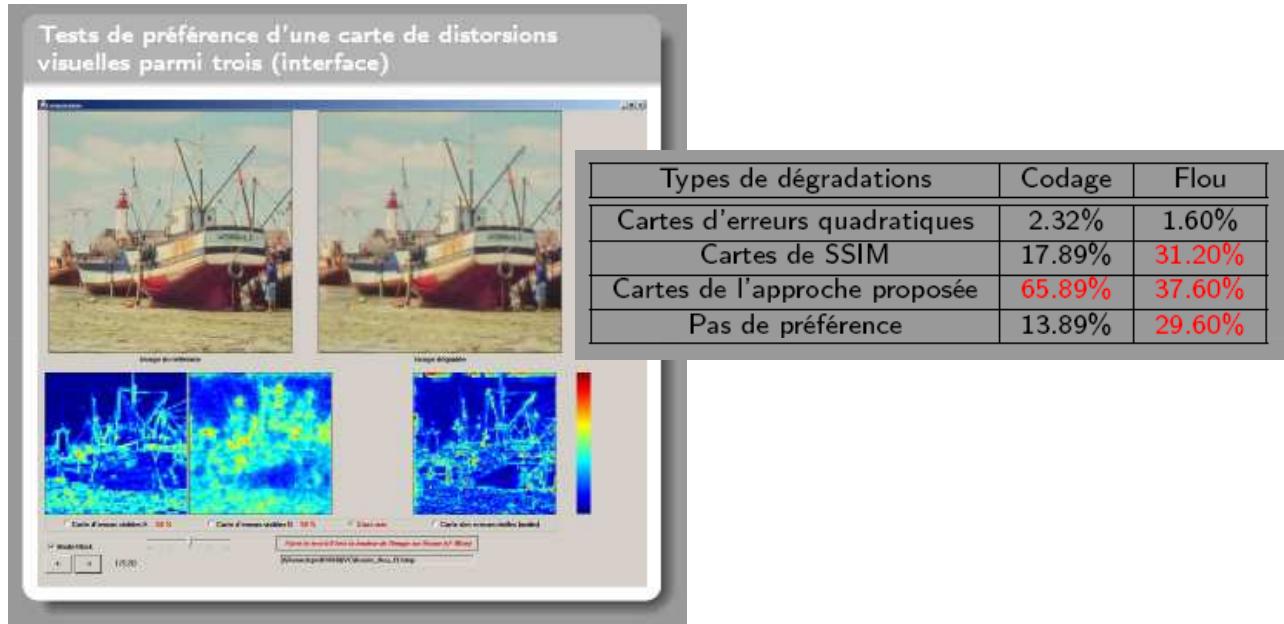
Zones de complexité semi-locale différente



Fonction de masquage modifiée



# Première Validation

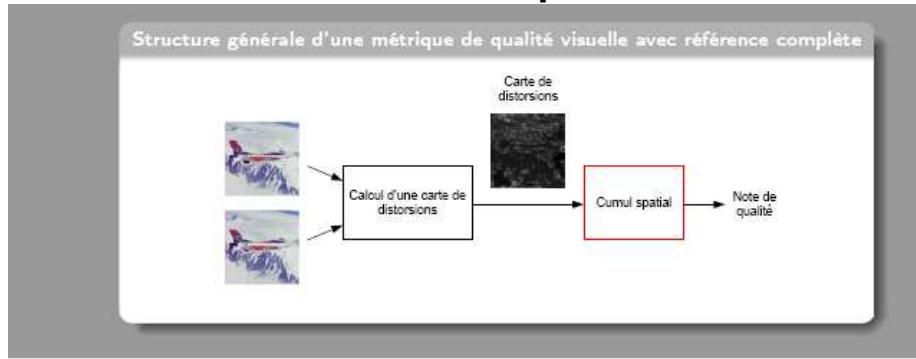


On The Performance of Human Visual System Based Image Quality Assessment Metric Using Wavelet Domain

A. Ninassi, O. Le Meur, P. Le Callet and D. Barba, *SPIE Human Vision and Electronic Imaging XIII, HVEI 2008*

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## Seconde Validation: évaluation globale de qualité



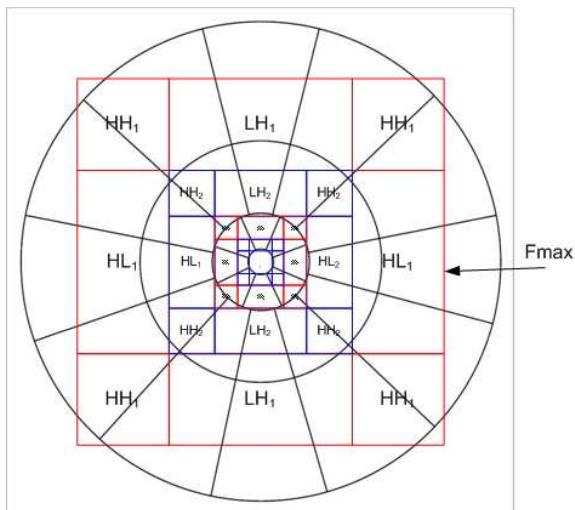
- ▶ Cumul spatial des distorsions (sommation de Minkowski)
- ▶ Évaluation des performances (tests subjectifs)

Corrélation avec les notes subjectives

Notes Subjectives	IVC
PSNR	0.768
SSIM	0.832
MS-SSIM	0.917
Approche proposée	Sans masquage semi-local Avec masquage semi-local
	0.897
	0.941

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# Seconde Validation: impact de la décomposition



Notes Subjectives	IVC
PSNR	0.768
SSIM	0.832
MS-SSIM	0.917
Approche proposée (Fourier)	
Sans masquage semi-local	0.897
Avec masquage semi-local	0.941
Approche proposée (Ondelettes)	
Sans masquage semi-local	0.892
Avec masquage semi-local	0.923

Which semi-local visual masking model for wavelet based image quality metric ?  
A. Ninassi, O. Le Meur, P. Le Callet and D. Barba, IEEE ICIP2008

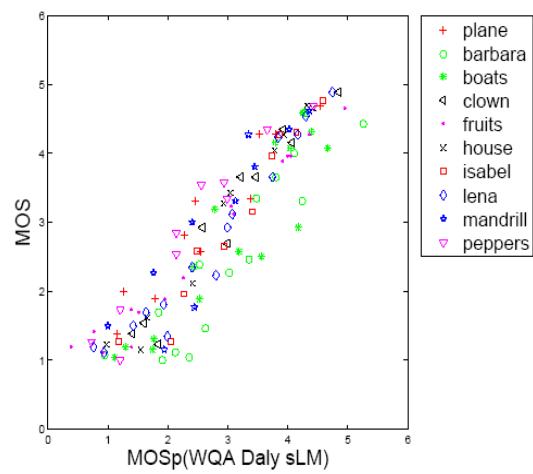
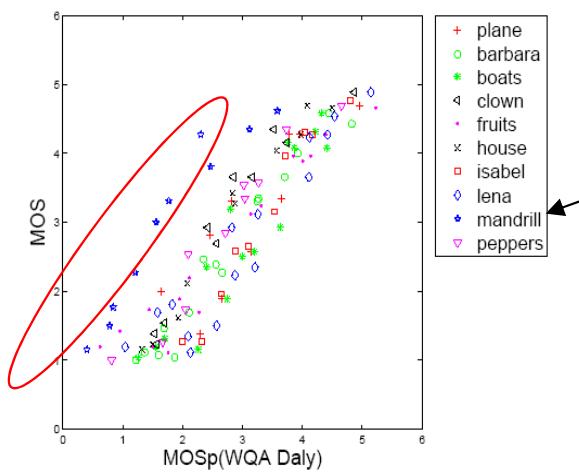
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## Analyse qualitative

MOS according to MOSp by reference image :

- A. WQA Daly without semi-local masking
- B. WQA Daly with semi-local masking

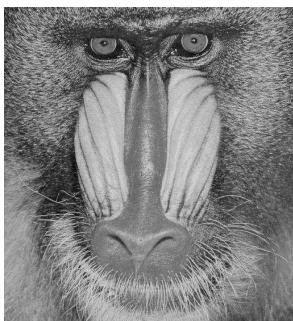
*One outlier image in (A) : Mandrill (picture with a lot active areas)  
Is the masking effect underestimated in A. ?*



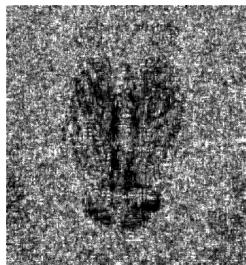
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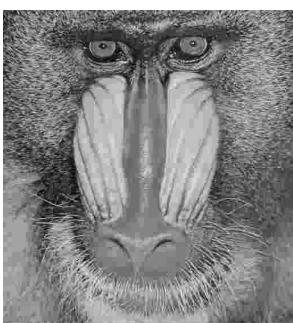
## *Perceptual error maps*



Mandrill



← **WQA Daly without sLM :**  
*Underestimation of the masking effect on the most active areas*



Mandrill with JPEG compression



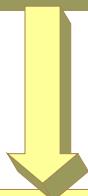
← **WQA Daly with sLM :**  
*Better estimation of the masking effect on the active areas*

(black = no perceptual error  
white = strong perceptual error)

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Modèle JND



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Qualité des images médicales

**EQUIMOSE**  
Région PAYS DE LA LOIRE

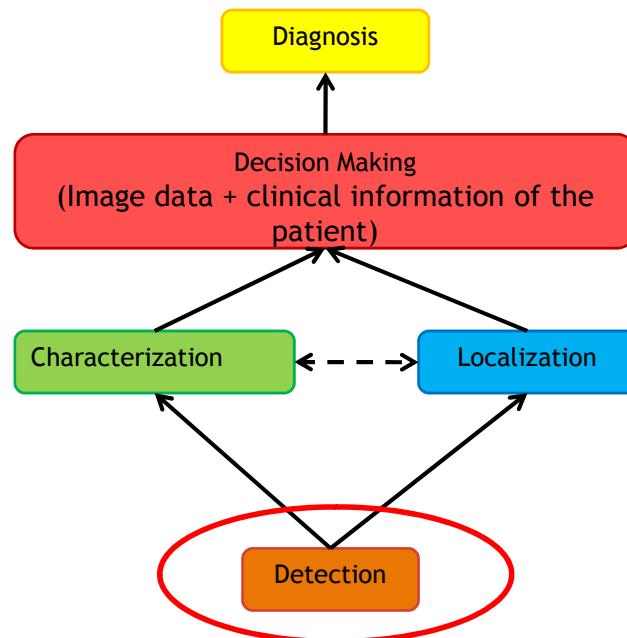
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# Task-based assessment

- Task-based assessment method has been widely used in the medical image quality assessment domain.

- The diagnostic task mainly comprises of three sub-tasks: detection task, localization task, and characterization task. Since the detection task is the first task, it becomes an essential task of study nowadays.



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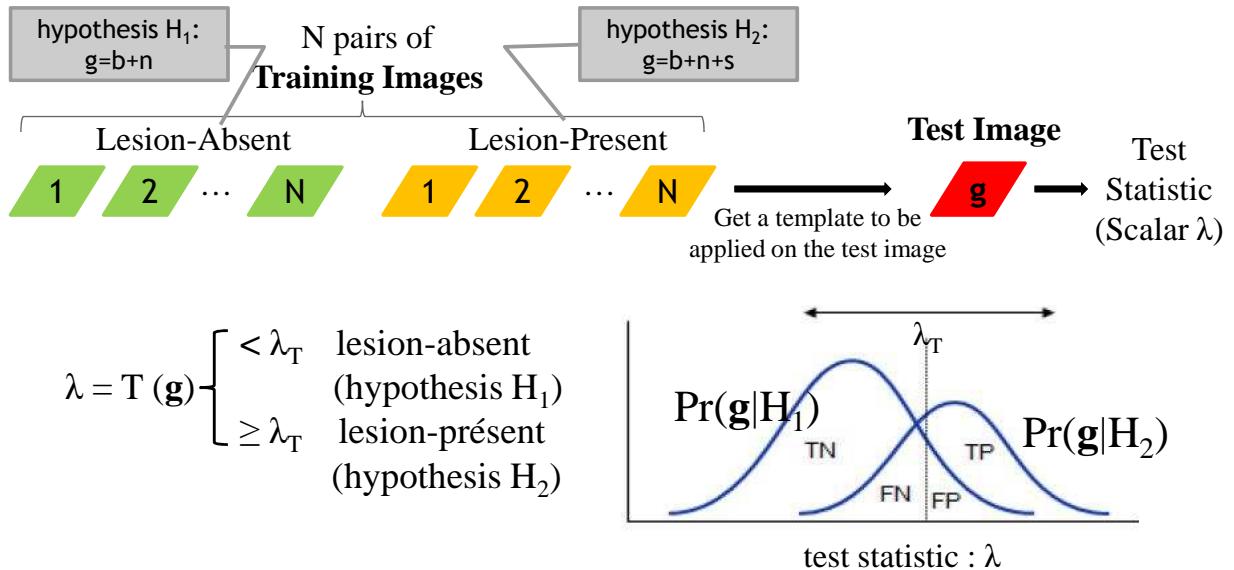
## Methodology

- Subjective task-based assessment
  - by a group of radiologists
  - costly and time-consuming
- Objective task-based assessment : mathematical models which perform a diagnostic task
  - **optimal** model observer which tries to maximize the task performance
  - **perceptual** model observer that approach the human observer performance

Our objective: not to replace the radiologists to process diagnosis, but to compare image processing algorithms or display systems from their perspective, to help them easily and quickly select an efficient algorithm or system to gain a high diagnostic accuracy.

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# Approche optimale



## Model observer

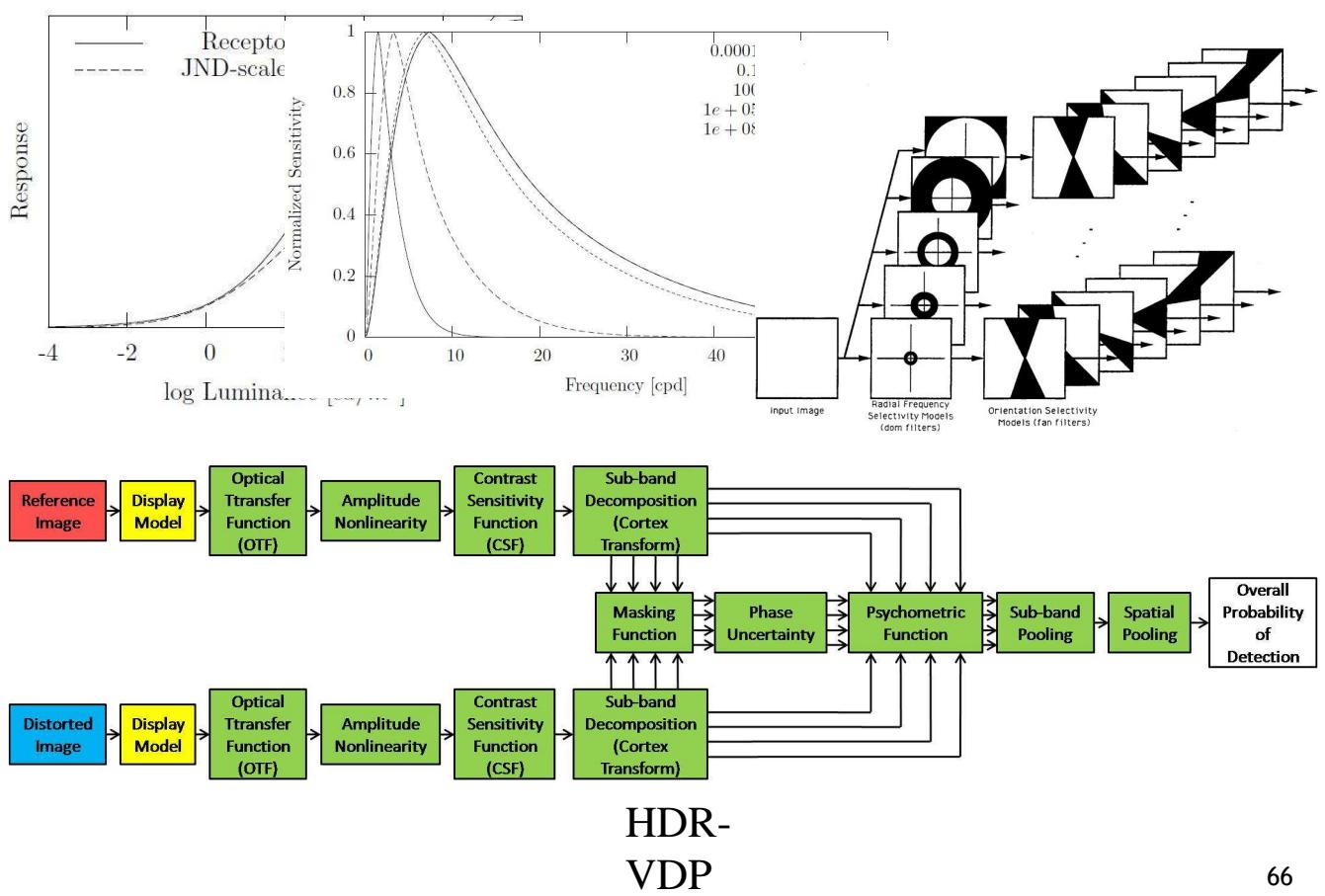
	Ideal Observer (IO)	Hotelling Observer (HO)	Channelized Hotelling Observer (CHO)
<b>Necessary data to get the template</b>	Requires full knowledge of the probability density functions (PDFs) of the image for each hypothesis: $Pr(g H_1)$ and $Pr(g H_2)$ .	Required only the first- and second- order statistics of the image data under each hypothesis.	Required only the first- and second- order statistics of the channelized image data.
<b>Calculability</b>	In general, these PDFs are high-dimentional functions and difficult to compute except for a few cases (e.g. signal-known-exactly; Gaussian background).	High-dimensionality : the ensemble covariance matrix of the image needs to be inverted, if the image dimensions are $256 \times 256$ , its covariance matrix would be $65536 \times 65536$ , which is practically not feasible.	Dimentionality reduction & less calculation Amount: normally the value of $P$ is really small (much smaller than the value of $M$ )
	optimal	optimal	optimal / perceptual

-> CHO normally outperforms humans in detection performance because of the human “inefficiency” which can be attributed in the first place to intrinsic uncertainty of the human observer about signal characteristics, such as the contrast, shape, size and orientation, as well as about background characteristics.

# approche perceptuelle

- Perceptual difference / HVS models (**perceptual** model observer)
- It's important to note that in psychology, human vision processing is conventionally regarded as two stages: sensation and perception. The existing HVS models are actually only sensation modeling.
  - Sensation: the function of low-level biochemical and neurological events that begin with the impinging of a stimulus upon the photoreceptors.
  - Perception: a dynamic cognitive process of interpreting information. Perception modeling is extremely complicated, since it depends on a lot of factors (e.g. medical image interpretation depends on radiologists' expertise, image modality, studied pathology, etc.).

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## Differences of Perceptual Difference Models

Function Parts	VDP	HDR-VDP	VCGC	SSO
<b>Amplitude Nonlinearity</b>	a photoreceptor model gives arbitrary units of response	a function converts luminance values to a non-linear space that is scaled in JND units	—	—
<b>Contrast Sensitivity Function (CSF)</b>	one CSF filter changing as a function of radial spatial frequency, orientation, adaptation luminance, images size in visual degrees, viewing distance, and eccentricity	a set of CSF filters for different adaptation luminance ( $0.0001, 0.01, \dots, 1000 \text{ cd/m}^2$ ) in place of only one CSF filter, since CSF changes significantly with adaptation luminance and remains constant above $1000 \text{ cd/m}^2$	a band-pass filter with three parameters (note that the <i>CSF</i> is not explicitly indicated in the two papers [12], we have used the filter described in [14])	a band-pass filter with three parameters (note that the <i>CSF</i> is not explicitly indicated in the two papers [13], we have used the HPmH filter defined in [15])
<b>Sub-band Decomposition</b>	cortex transform filters	cortex transform filters	Gabor array	—
<b>Sub-band Pooling</b>	probability summation with product series	probability summation with product series	Minkowski summation	—
<b>Spatial Pooling</b>	probability summation with product series	probability summation with product series	Minkowski summation	Minkowski summation
<b>Masking Function</b>	a type of intra-channel (intra sub-band) masking: quantify the effect that the visibility of a signal decreases due to the presence of a supra-threshold background by a threshold elevation function of the background contrast	a type of intra-channel (intra sub-band) masking: a threshold elevation function of the background contrast which quantify the effect that the visibility of a signal decreases due to the presence of a supra-threshold background	a type of inter-channel (inter sub-band): a division of the excitatory signal from each neuron by an inhibitory signal that is a linear combination of responses of neurons within a neighborhood in space, frequency, orientation, and phase.	—

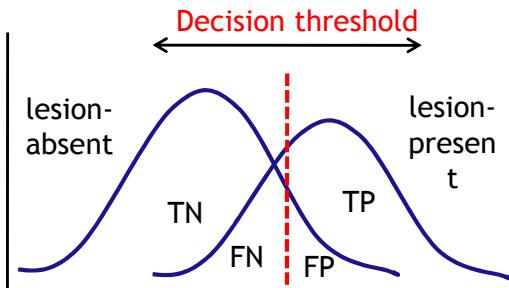
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## Perceptual Difference Models

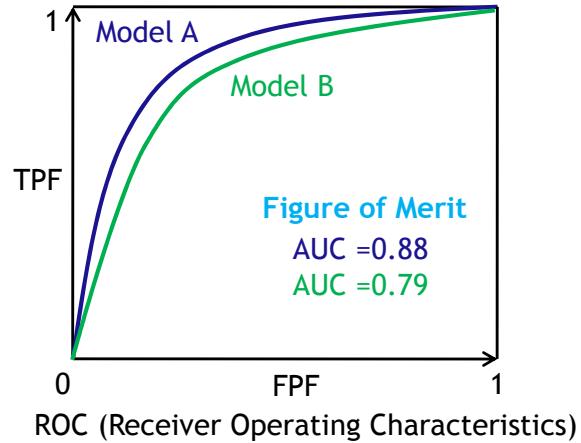
- radiologists' behaviors vary in terms of sensation and in terms of perception; radiologists' behaviors and naïve observers' behaviors are unlike.
  - Several different perceptual difference models exist.
  - Subjective experiments with radiologists have to be done for several questions:
    - (1) Could the HVS models based on subjective experiments with naïve observers be used as the radiologists' sensation modeling? The performance of which model is the most approximate to that of radiologists?
    - (2) How much HVS models could approach radiologists' perception stage performance? Which model is better in this sense?

# Comparison of Perceptual Difference Models

Use radiologists' consensus as gold standard so that the estimated AUC measures the distance between the HVS model and the radiologist perception



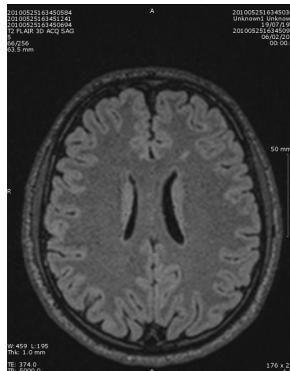
4 scenarios		Gold Standard	
		lesion-present	lesion-absent
Decision	positive	TP	FP
	negative	FN	TN



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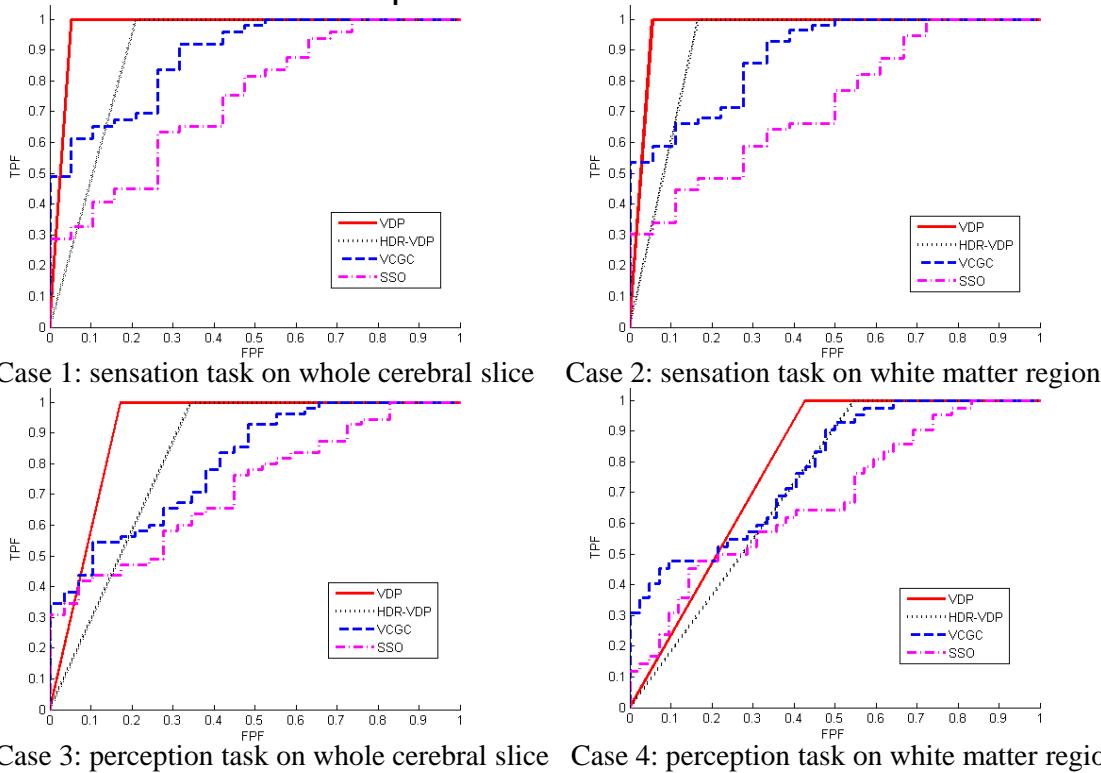
## Subjective experiments for the consensus

- **Case 1 (sensation task on whole cerebral slice):** A healthy cerebral MR slice of T2 FLAIR sequence with one superimposed simulated lesion is shown to the radiologist. We asked radiologist if he can detect a **hyper-signal** on the **slice**.
- **Case 2 (sensation task on white matter region):** A homogeneous white matter region selected from the same slice used in the experiment 1 (to ensure its characteristics remain the same, e.g. Fig. 5) with one superimposed simulated lesion is shown to the radiologist. We asked radiologist if he can detect a **hyper-signal** on the **region**.
- **Case 3 (perception task on whole cerebral slice):** The same whole cerebral slice as in experiment 1 is shown to the radiologist in each trial. This time, we asked radiologist if a **clinical sign** exists on the **slice**.
- **Case 4 (perception task on white matter region) :** The same homogeneous white matter region as in experiment 2 is shown to the radiologist. We asked radiologist if a **clinical sign** exists on the **region**.



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## Comparison of Perceptual Difference Models



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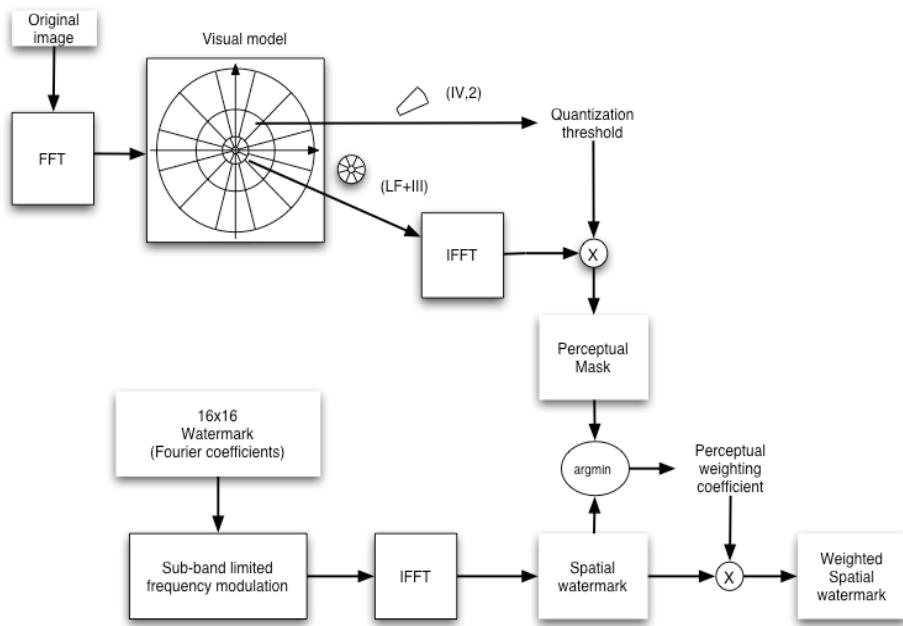
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# perceptual watermarking



F. Autrusseau et P. Le Callet

A robust image watermarking technique based on quantization noise visibility thresholds

Signal Processing, Elsevier, june 2007, Vol. 87 , Issue 6, Pages 1363-1383

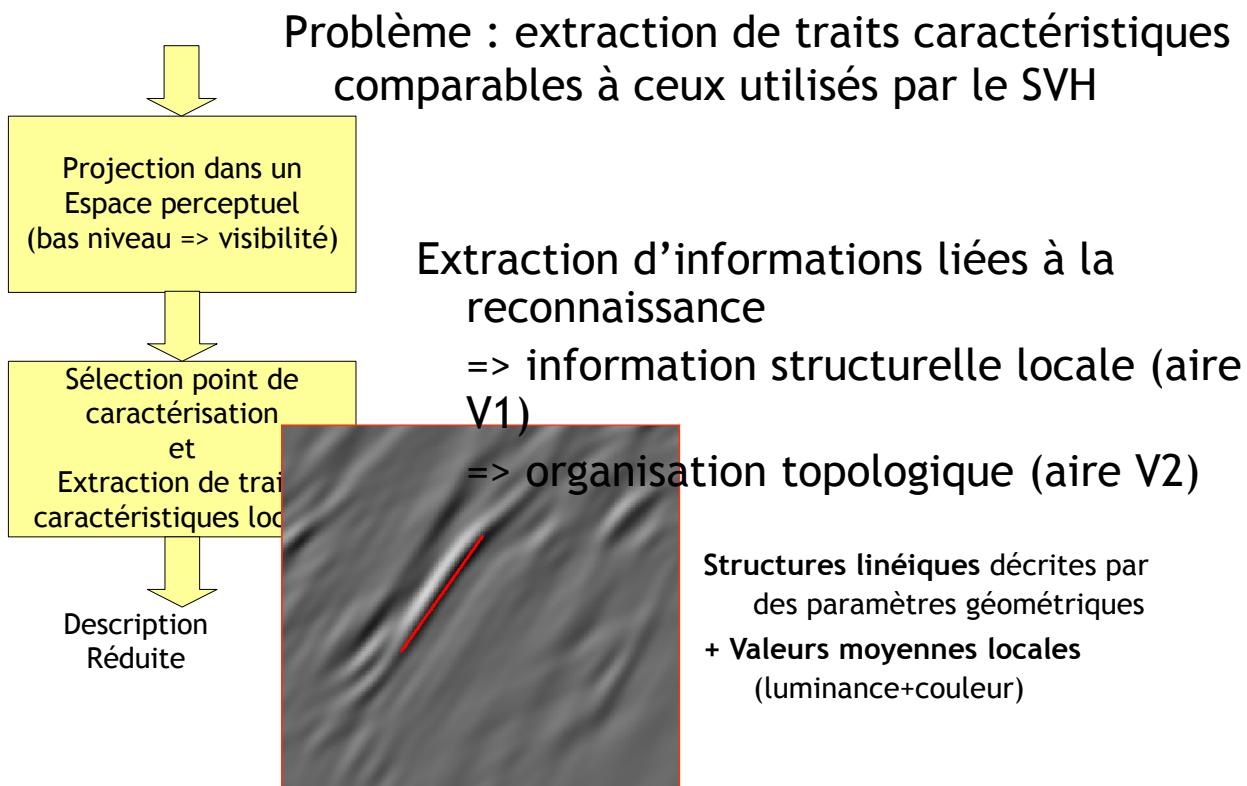
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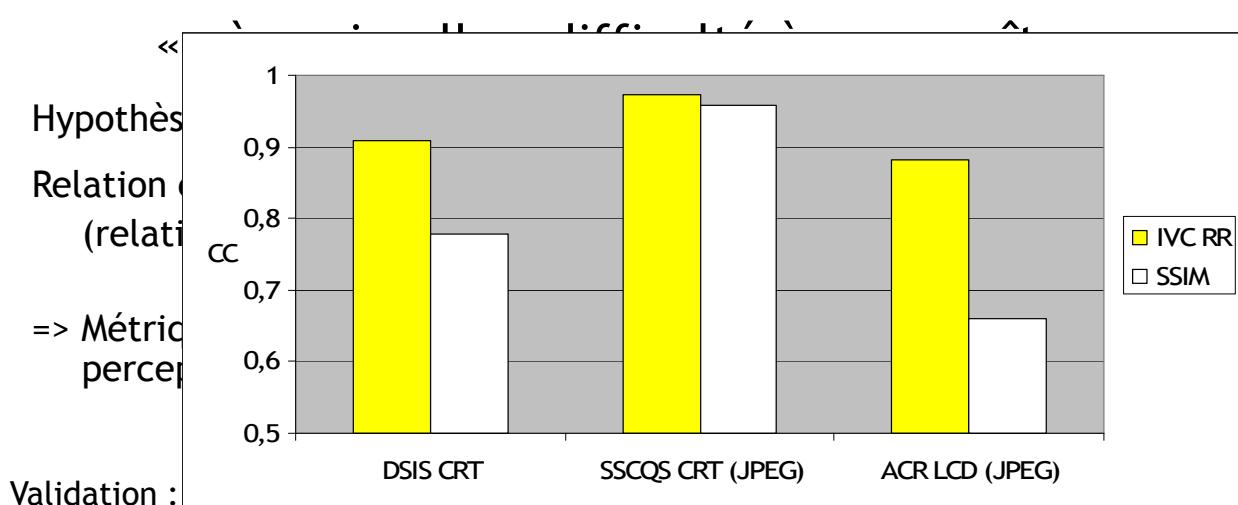
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# Représentation perceptuelle réduite



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## Application métriques de qualité RR (image fixe)



Protocoles : DSIS (*Double Stimulus Impairment Scale*), ACR (*Absolute Category Rating*),  
SSCQS (*Single Stimulus Continuous Quality scale*)

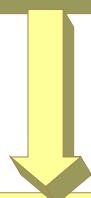
Écrans CRT et LCD

Distorsions

Objective quality assessment of color images based on a generic perceptual reduced reference , M Carnec, P Le Callet and D Barba, *Signal Processing: Image Communication*, Volume 23 , Issue 4, Pages 239-256, April 2008.

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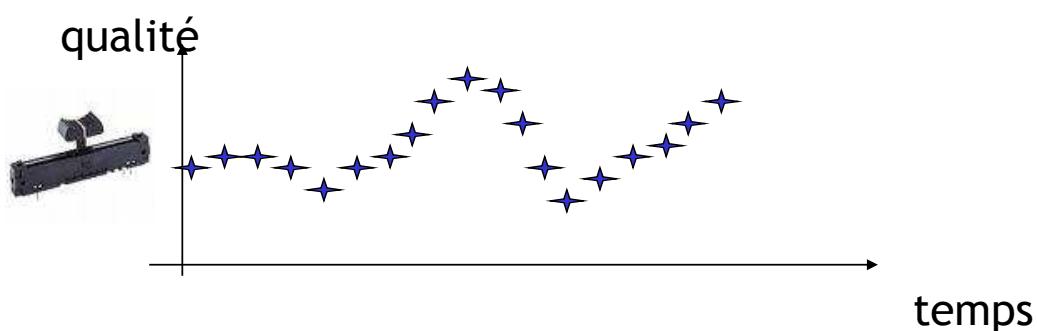
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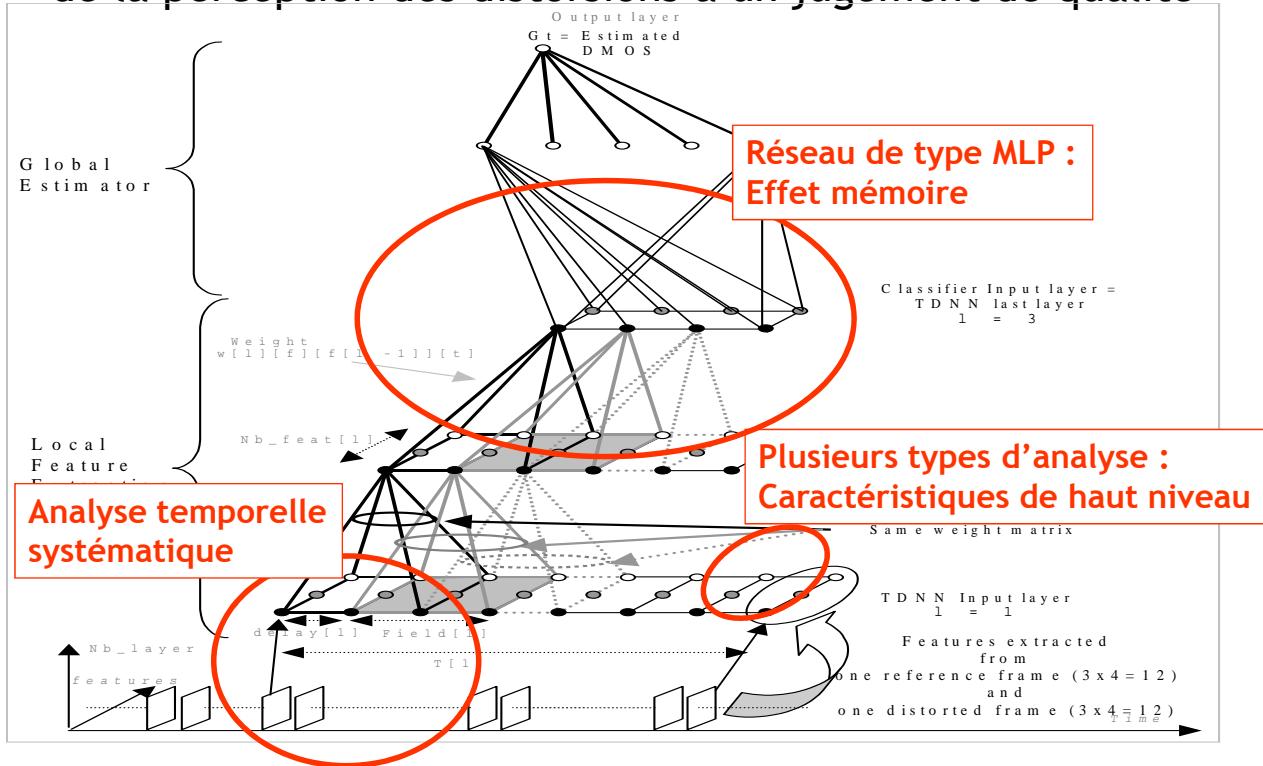
## Mécanisme haut niveau

Problème : intégration temporelle dans la construction du jugement de qualité

Cas particulier : évaluation continue (protocole SSCQE)



# Mécanisme haut niveau de la perception des distorsions à un jugement de qualité



A convolutional neural network approach for objective video quality assessment , P Le Callet, C Viard-Gaudin and D Barba, *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks*, Vol. 17, Issue 5, 2006.