## Foveal Maintenance systems

**Steady Fixation** 

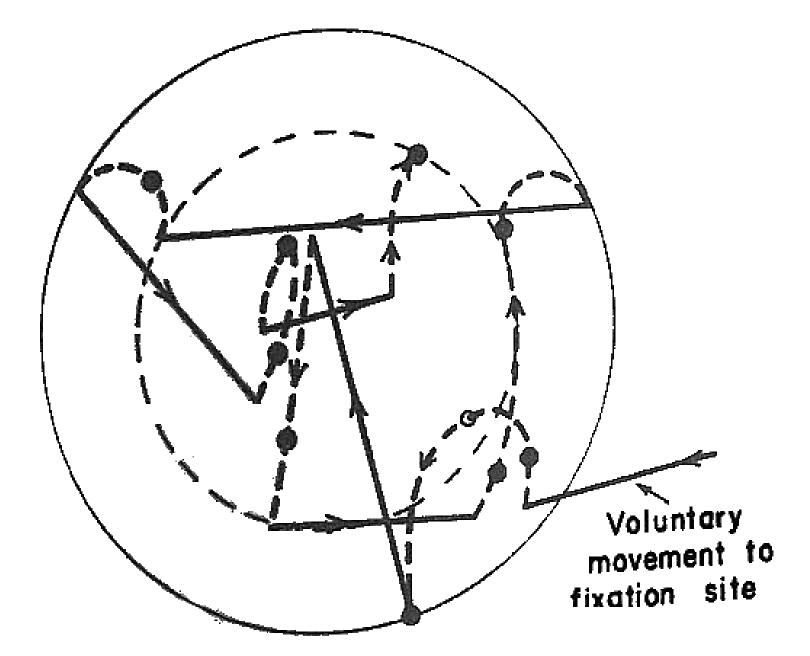
Pursuits
conjugate (version)
disjunctive (vergence)

## Three Components of Physiological Nystagmus Its normal if you can't see it.

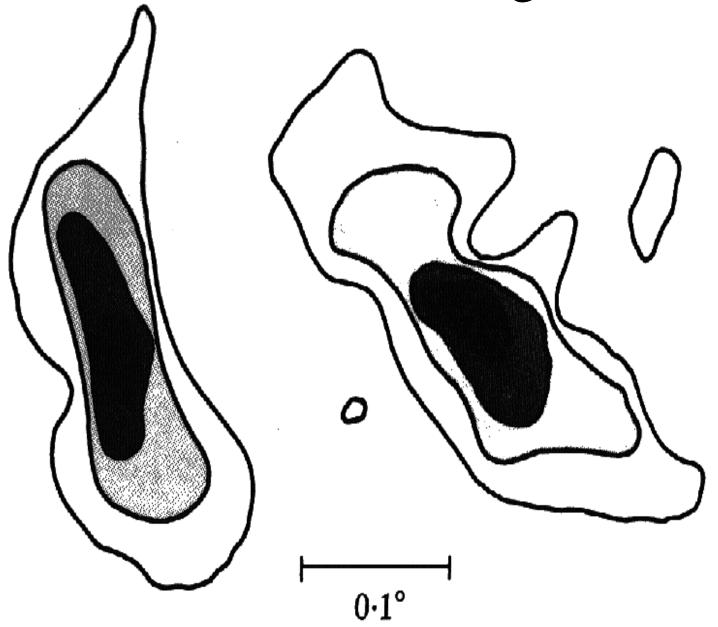
High Frequency Tremor
50-100 Hz
Fixation Drifts
6 min arc/sec
Micro Saccades
6 min arc

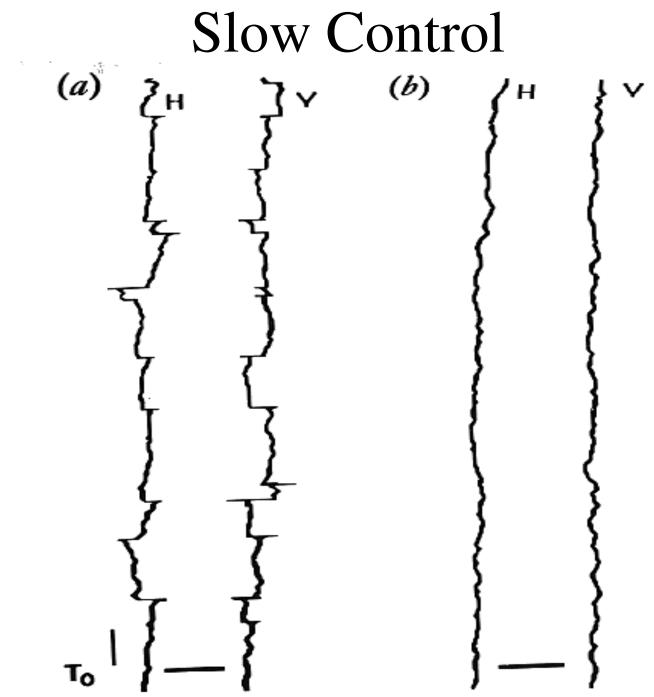
Slow fixation control without saccades. Fixation in the dark

## Fixation Drifts and Micro Saccades



## Fixation Range





#### **Abnormal Fixation**

Eccentric Fixation- a constant fixation error that reduces acuity. Usually nasalward Amblyopia Strabismus

**Nystagmus- Unsteady fixation (next lecture)** 

#### **Pursuit Stimuli:**

Retinal image motion (velocity)

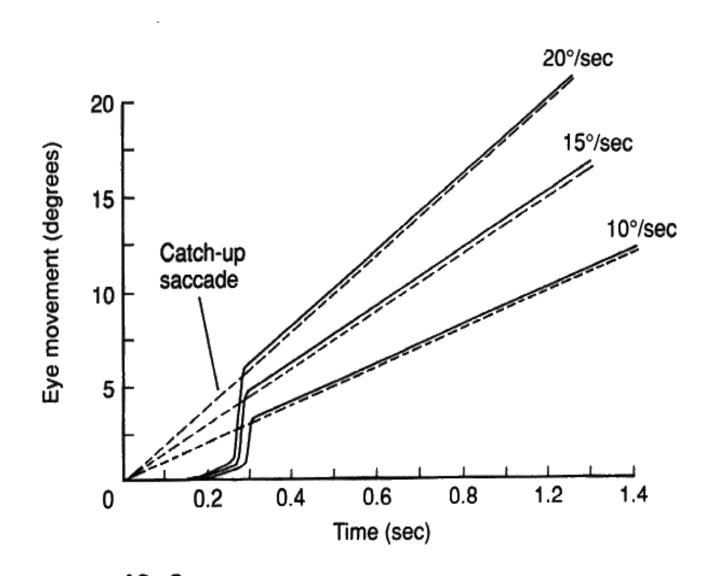
Retinal image position (foveal eccentricity)

Head centric motion (eye motion signals)

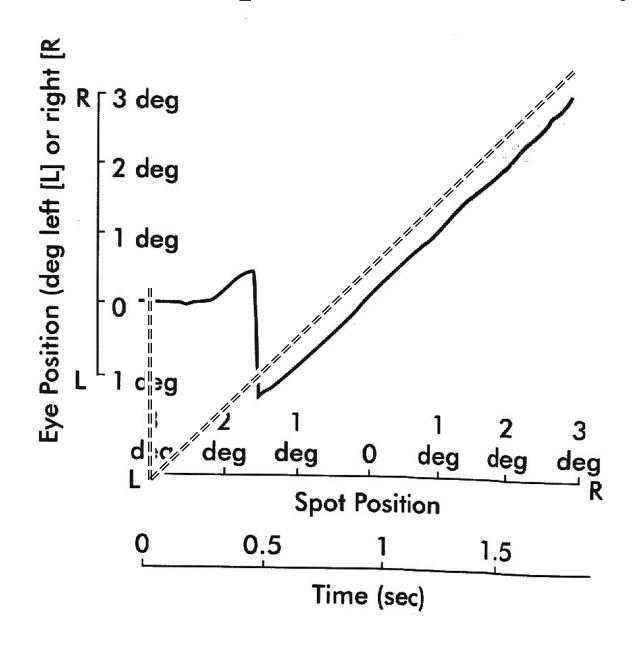
**Inferred motion (stroboscopic motion)** 

Non-visual stimuli- sound and proprioception

## Pursuit response to retinal motion

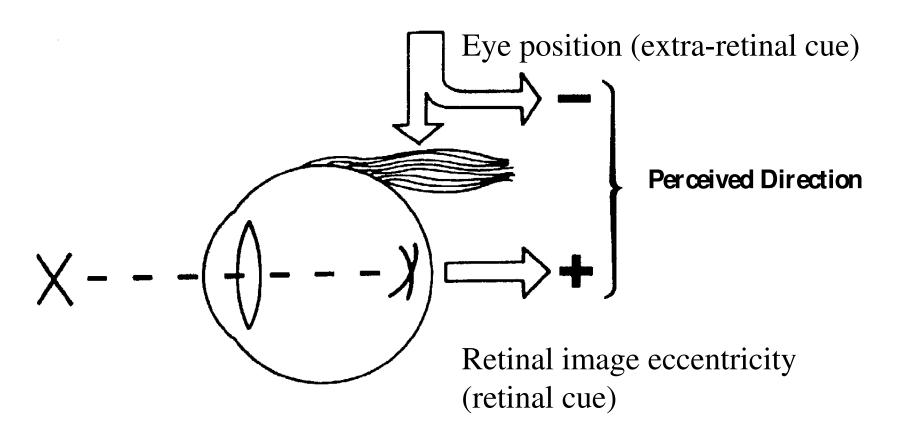


## Step - ramp combination: A conflict between position and velocity control

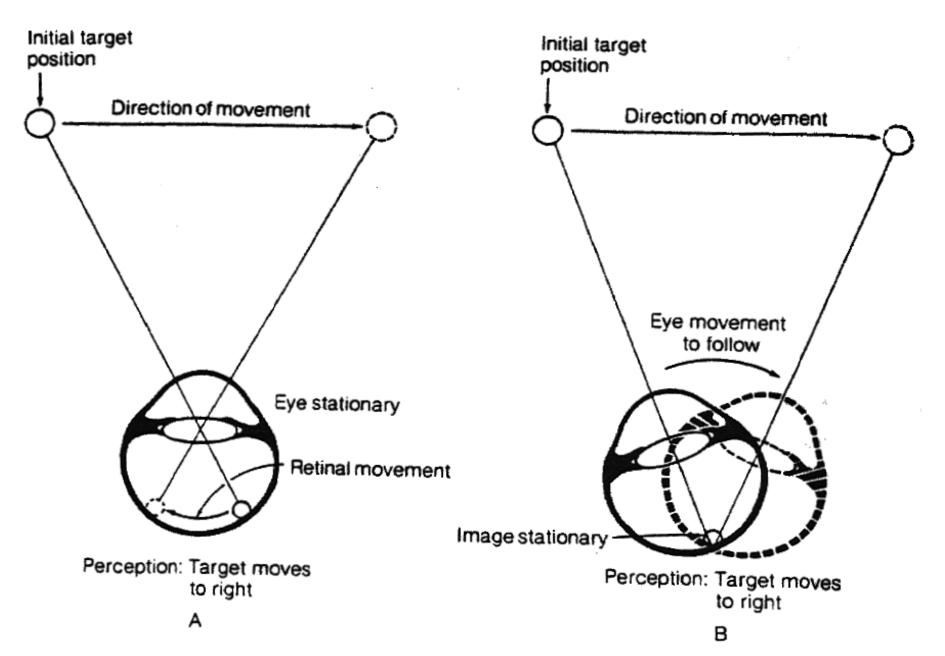


#### **Head-centric motion**

The combination of retinal position (oculocentric) and extra-retinal eye position information

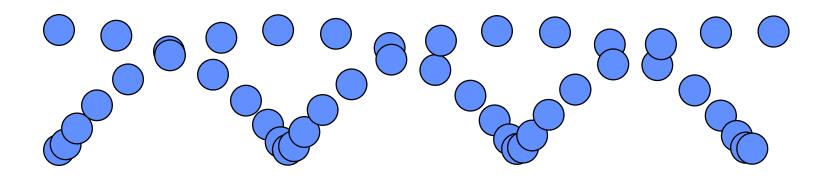


## Pursuit of Head vs. Retinal Motion

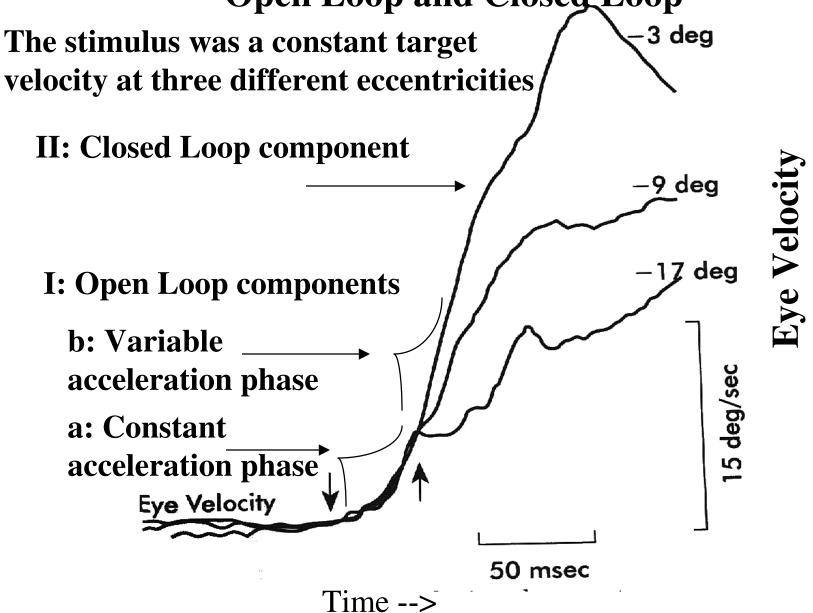


# After-image gun demonstration of position driven pursuits

### Hub Pursuit- run movie PP



Two phases of Pursuit Dynamics: Open Loop and Closed Loop



#### **Pursuit Pathways:**

Retina

**LGN** 

#### **Cortex:**

Striate Cortex (Area 17 or V1)

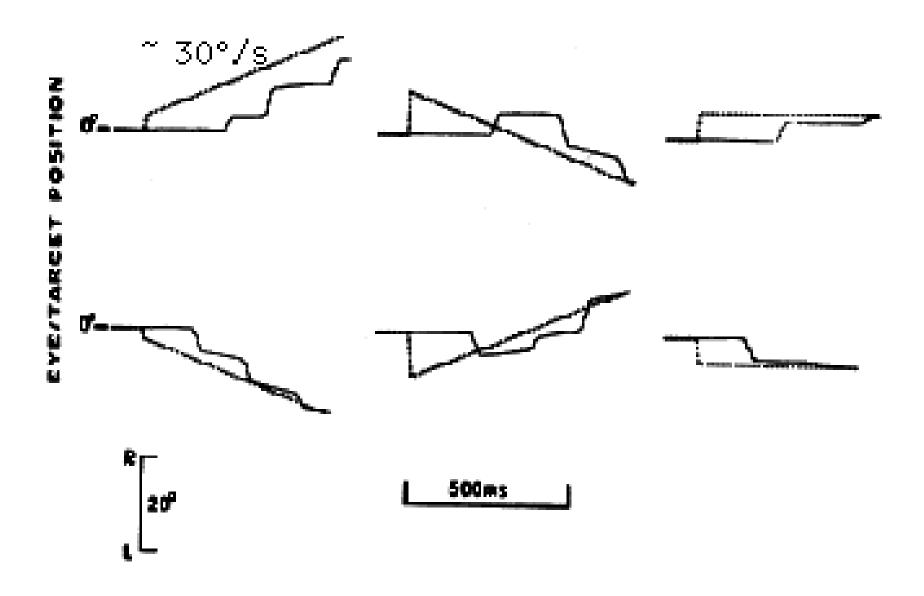
Area MT- codes retinal motion in contralateral field

Area MST- Codes head-centric motion to ipsilateral side on both halves of the visual field

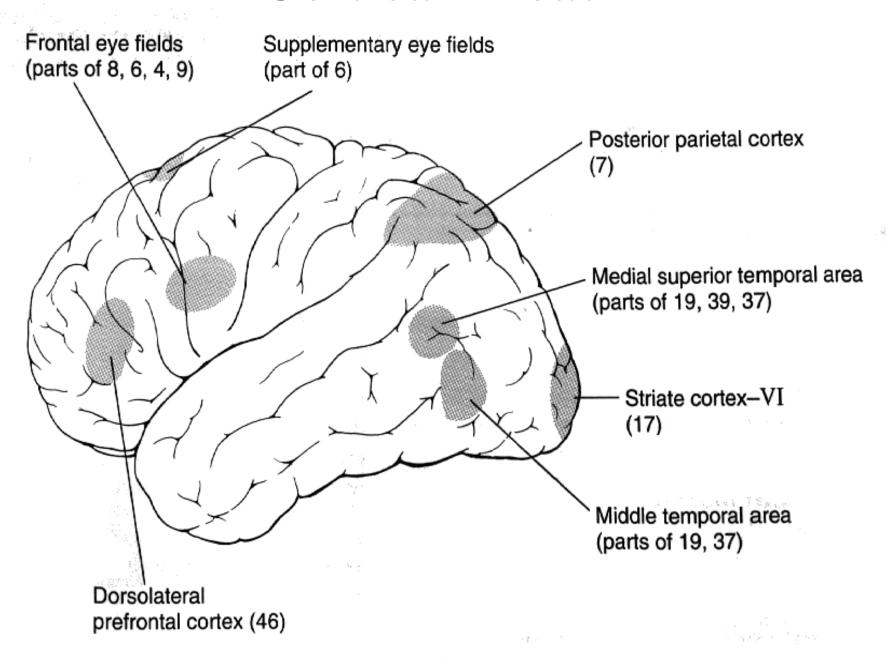
#### **Brainstem:**

DLPN Ipsilateral pursuit Contralateral VIII Ipsilateral Abducens and Hering's center

### Effect of left MT Lesion on Pursuits



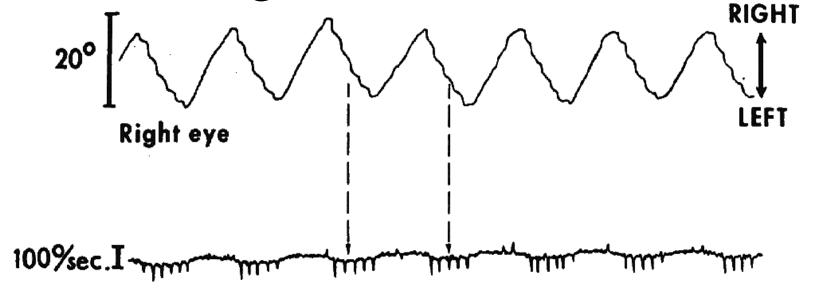
### Cortical Areas



## Factors influencing pursuits

Age- contrast sensitivity
Drugs-barbituates
Disease- Parkinsons,
Alzheimer's
Schizophrenia

## Cog-Wheel Pursuits



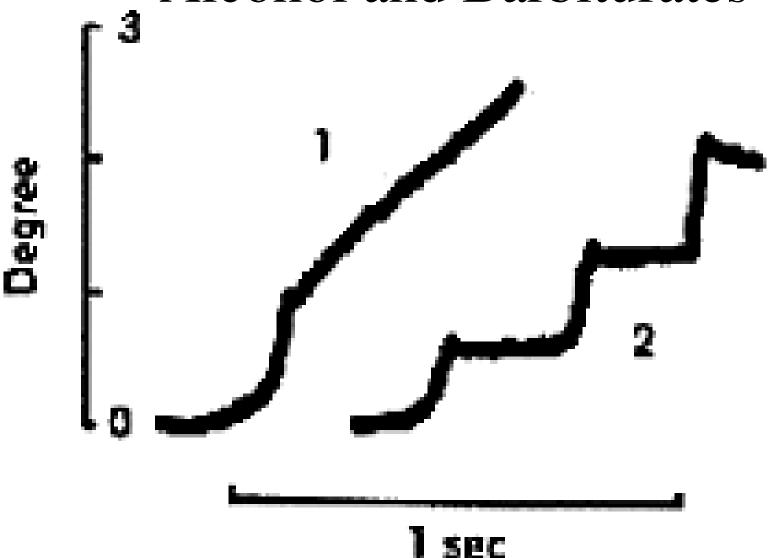
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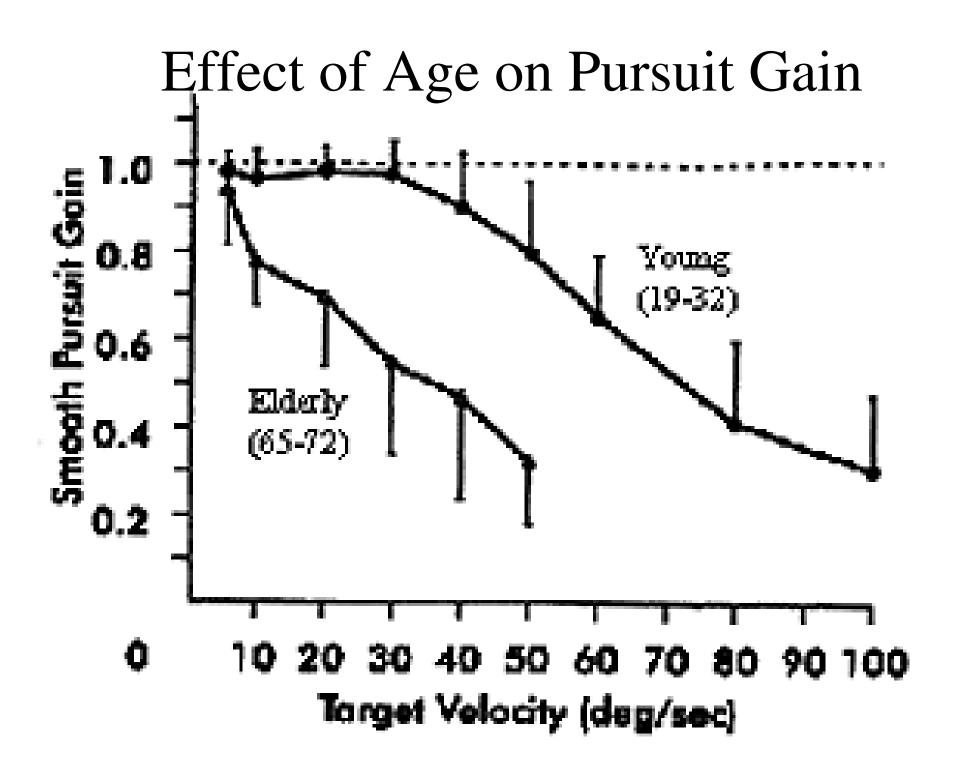


Left eye

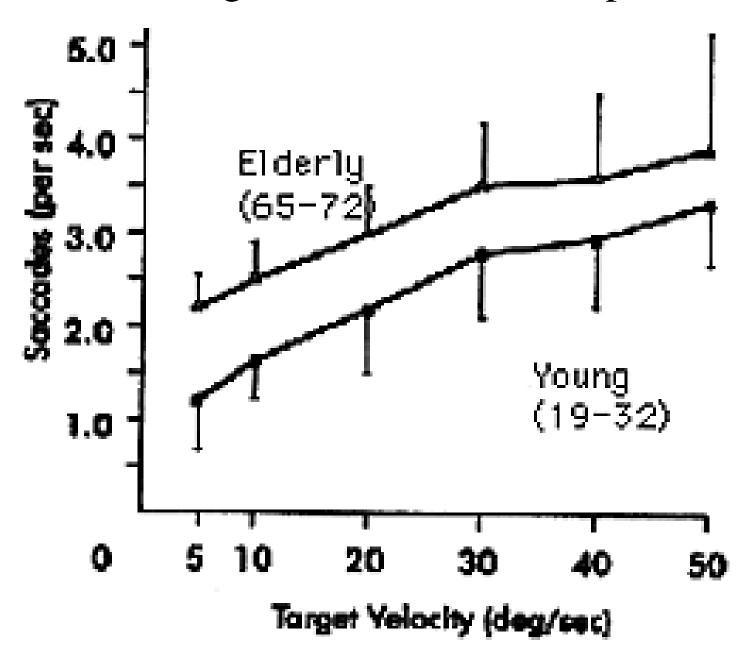


# Effects of Depressants on Pursuits Alcohol and Barbiturates





### Effect of Age on Pursuit: Catch-up Saccades





This is Adair's breakdown on the challenges the batter faces from the instant that fastball leaves the pitcher's hand:

'Feet

60 feet 6 inches

#### From 0 to 0.1 seconds

Looking at the ball and deciding whether to swing



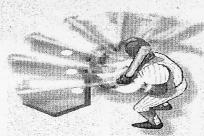
From 0.1 to 0.25 seconds

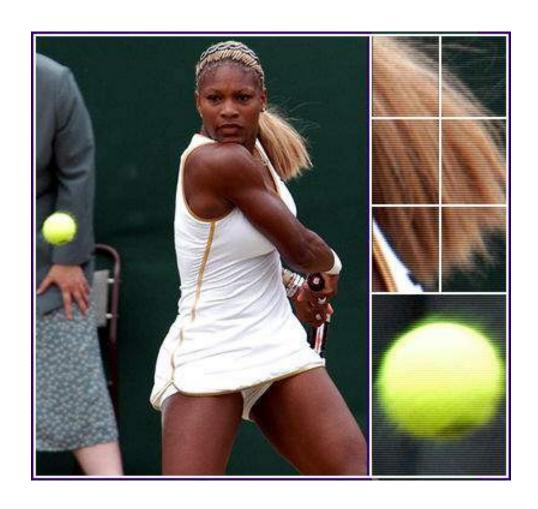
Deciding where the ball is going, selecting how to swing

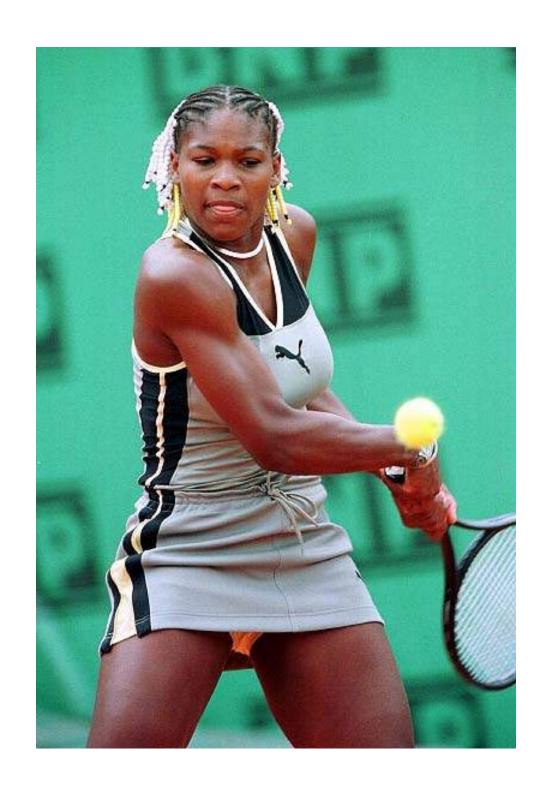


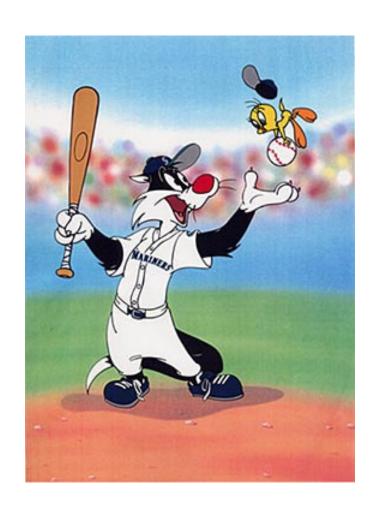
From 0.25 to 0.40 seconds

Swinging the bat





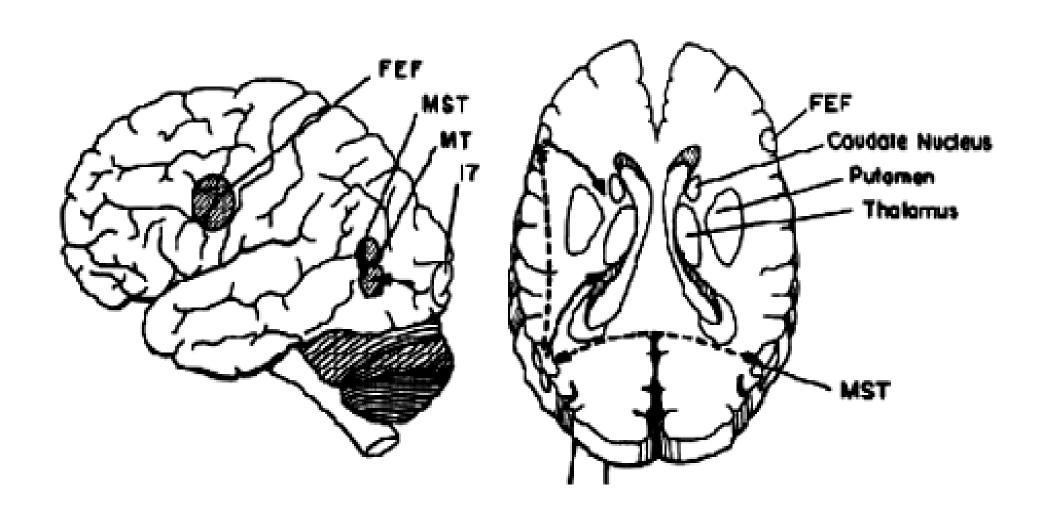






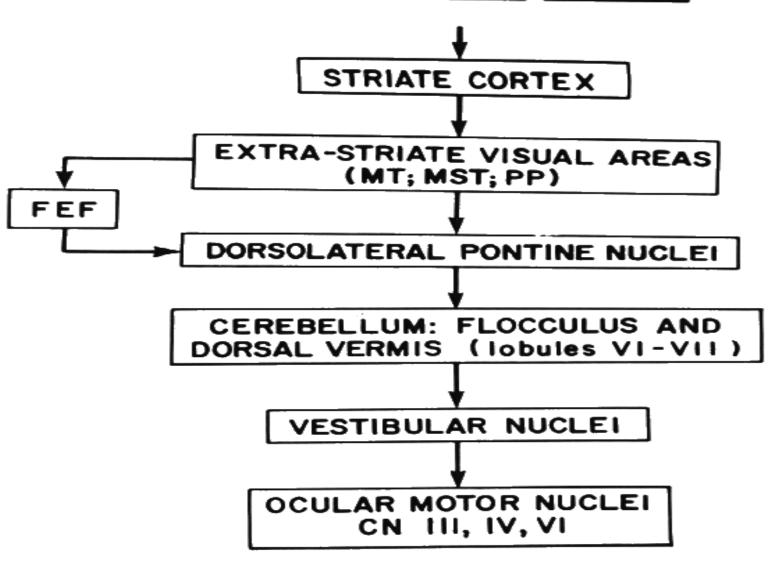
## Run demer movie in quick time

## Cortical Areas for Pursuit Control



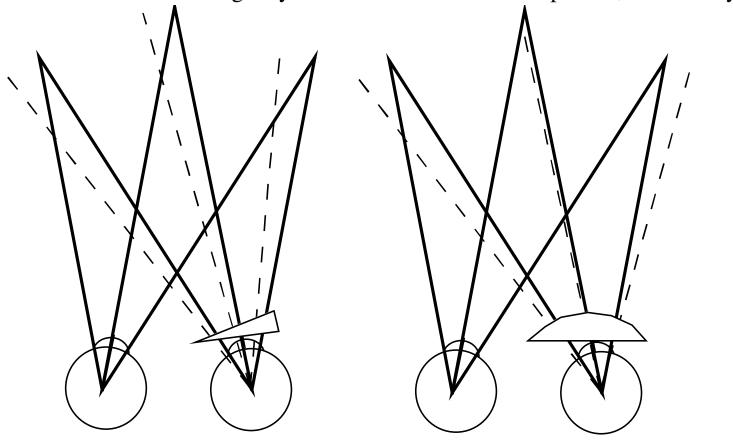
## Pathway for Pursuit Control

#### PUTATIVE PURSUIT PATHWAY



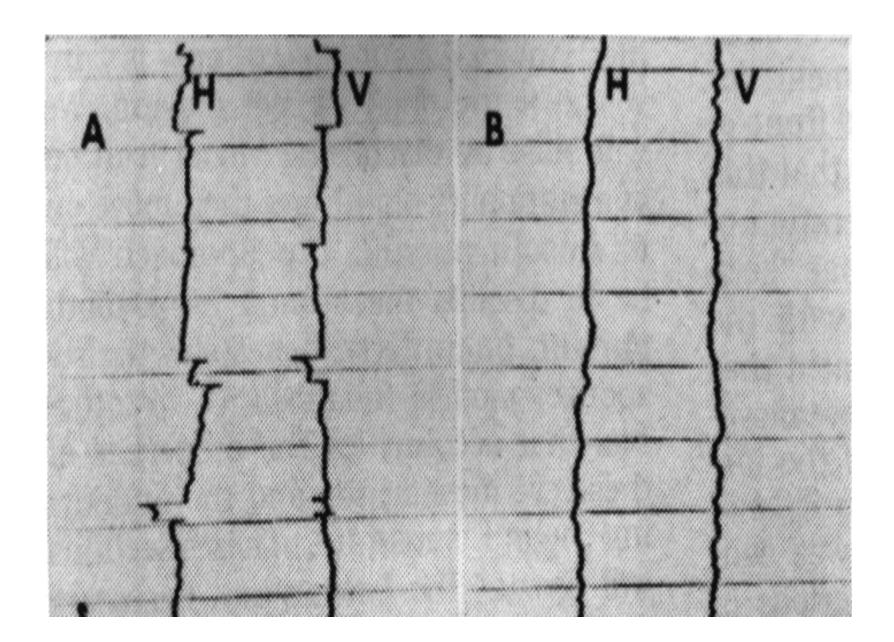
#### **Non-concomitant Pursuit Adapatation**

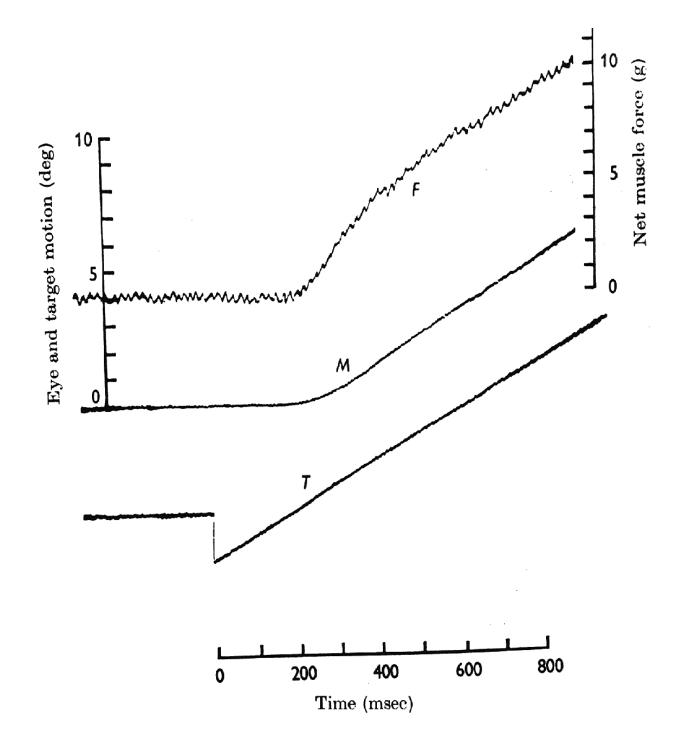
Solid lines show orthophoric alignment before adaptation Dashed lines show how right eye will be deviated after adaptation, with left eye viewing



Prism adaptation produces *concomitant* change in phoria

Anisometropic spectacle adaptation produces *non-concomitant* change in phoria





Eye movements during batting

