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#### Vision I

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#### Light

 $\checkmark$  Electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths in range of 400 – 700 nm



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#### **Color mixing**



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#### **Photoreceptive organ**

#### ✓ Light detection

#### ✓ Image formation

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  - Oscillation with a period of aprox. 24 hours even without signals from environment
  - Environmental signals synchronize circadian activity
- Light/dark "warm/cold" Cognitive performances Mood Autonomic nervous system Motor Thalamus activity Sleep Cortex Memory LIGHT Pineal gland -Hypothalamus Hormones Brain PVN Cell cycle BIOLOGICAL Peripheral clocks CLOCK
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Seasonal activity

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#### **Circadian activity**



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#### **Central pacemaker synchronization**

Wahl S, Engelhardt M, Schaupp P, Lappe C, Ivanov IV. The inner clock-Blue light sets the human rhythm. *J Biophotonics*. 2019; e201900102.



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- Shape
- Color
- Localization
- Movement
- Image interpretation CNS





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Rods	Cones
High sensitivity to light, specialized for night vision	Lower sensitivity, specialized for day vision
More photopigment, capture more light	Less photopigment
High amplification, single photon detection	Lower amplification
Low temporal resolution: slow response, long integration time	High temporal resolution: fast response, short integration time
More sensitive to scattered light	Most sensitive to direct axial rays
Rod system	Cone system
Low acuity: not present in central fovea, highly convergent retinal pathways	High acuity: concentrated in fovea, dispersed retinal pathways
Achromatic: one type of rod pigment	Chromatic: three types of cones, each with a distinct pigment that is most sensitive to a different part of the visible light

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#### Photopigment of rods Rhodopsin

- Opsin
- G protein



- Retinal
- Retinol aldehyde (vit. A)



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#### **Photopigments of cones**

- 3 types of cones 3 types of photopigment
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#### **Photopigments of cones**

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- Color is interpreted by ratio of cone stimulation
  - Orange (580nm)
    - Blue: 0%
    - Green: 42%
    - Red:99%



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#### **Phototransduction**

- Photoreceptors continuously release neurotransmitter (glutamate) in darkness
- In response to the light, the membrane hyperpolarizes and release less neurotransmitter



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#### **Phototransduction - darkness**

- Guanylate cyklase
  - cGMP
- cGMP-gated Na<sup>+</sup> channels
  - Na<sup>+</sup> influx
- Voltage gated Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels
  - Release of glutamate
- The balance is kept by
  - K<sup>+</sup> efflux
  - Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> exchanger
- Resting membrane potential: – 40mV



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#### **Phototransduction - light**

- Photon is absorbed by photopigment
- Isomerization of retinal
- Cascade of reactions result in cGMP phosphodiesterase
  - cGMP levels decreased
- Deactivation of cGMP gated Na<sup>+</sup> channels
- K<sup>+</sup> efflux continues
- Membrane hyperpolarization
  - Deactivation of voltage Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels
  - Decrease in glutamate release



#### **Adaptation to the light/darkness**

- Optic adaptation
  - Constriction of pupils
- Photoreceptor adaptation
  - Ca<sup>2+</sup> inhibits guanylate cyclase
  - cGMP gated Na<sup>+</sup> channels...
  - Darkness
    - Higher Ca<sup>2+</sup> levels → cGMP decreased → membrane more hyperpolarized → "higher sensitivity to light"
  - Light
    - Lower Ca<sup>2+</sup> levels → cGMP increased → membrane more depolraized → "lower senzitivity to light"



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### 77. The basic physiology of visual system – light detection vs. image formation, circadian rhythms

- Brief characterization of light
- Light detection (LD) vs. image formation (IF)
- LD almost all the living organisms
  - one of the oldest functions
  - mainly for circadian activity synchronization
- IF Functional overview of eye anatomy (camera obscura with a lens)

- Circadian rhythms
  - Definition + importance
  - Biological clock (cellular level, tissue level, central pacemaker)
  - Brief overview of circadian rhytms in humans ("active"hours, "rest" hours, physiological changes, associated hormone oscilations...)

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# 78. The basic physiology of visual system – rods and cones function, on/off receptive field, nervus opticus vs. tractus opticus

- Rods and cons function
  - Characterization and comparison
  - Phototransduction mechanism and adaptation
- Brief overview of retina organization (retina process receptor potential – analog, AP is generated in ganglion cells)

- Receptive field organization
  - On/off receptive fields
  - Magnocellular system (BW)
  - Parvocellular system (Color)
- Nervus opticus vs. tractus opticus
- Projections from tractus opticus (Main centers in the brain involved in visual signals processing)

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