Drift Gain Projects

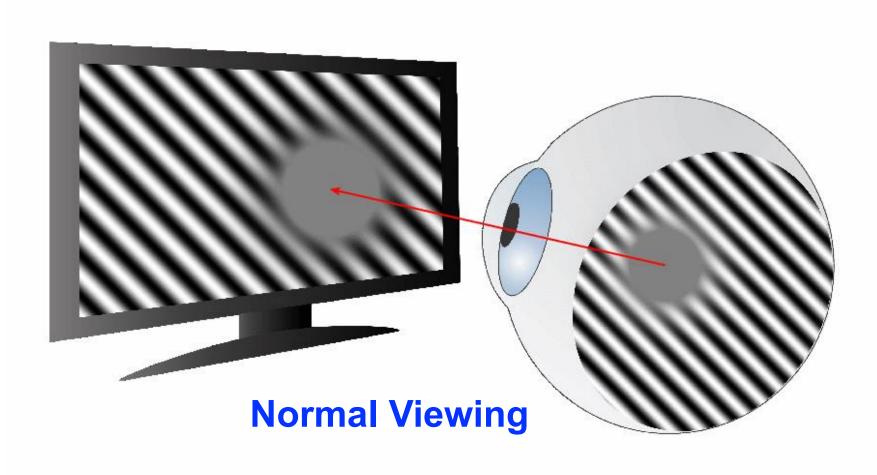
Drift Gain Projects

- 1. Free View at gains [0, .5, 1, 2, 3] (with and without scotoma)
- 2. 16cpd gratings at gains [0, .5, 1, 2, 3] (with scotoma)
- 3. 10cpd gratings at gains [.75, 1, 1.2] (with scotoma)

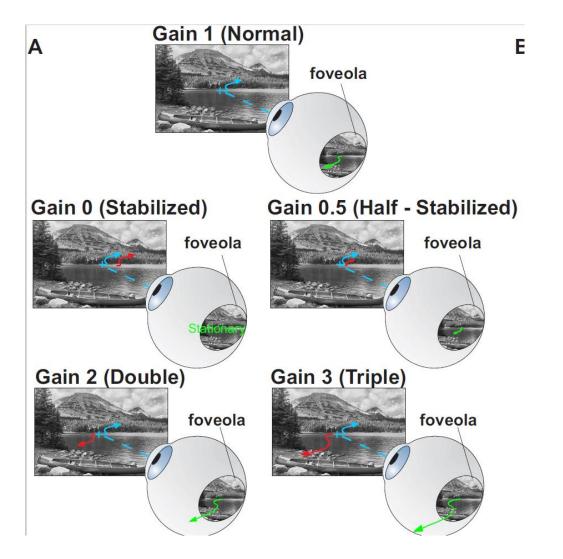
Objectives:

- 1. Do we change ocular drift characteristics to maintain a target amount of retinal image motion?
- 2. Do temporal modulations matter outside the foveola?
- 3. How much retinal image motion is optimal?

Artificial Scotoma

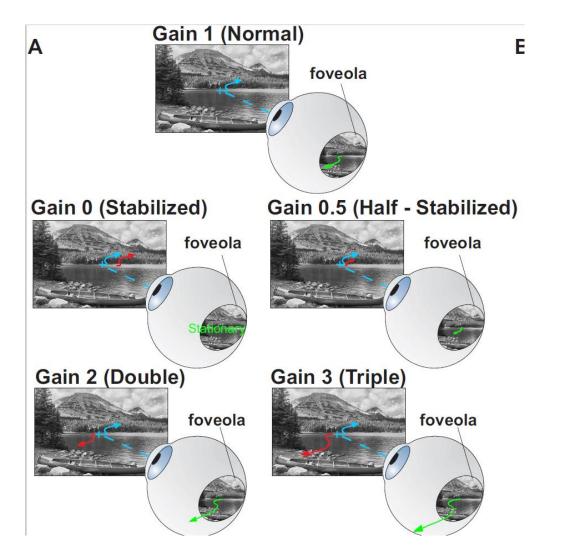


Free View



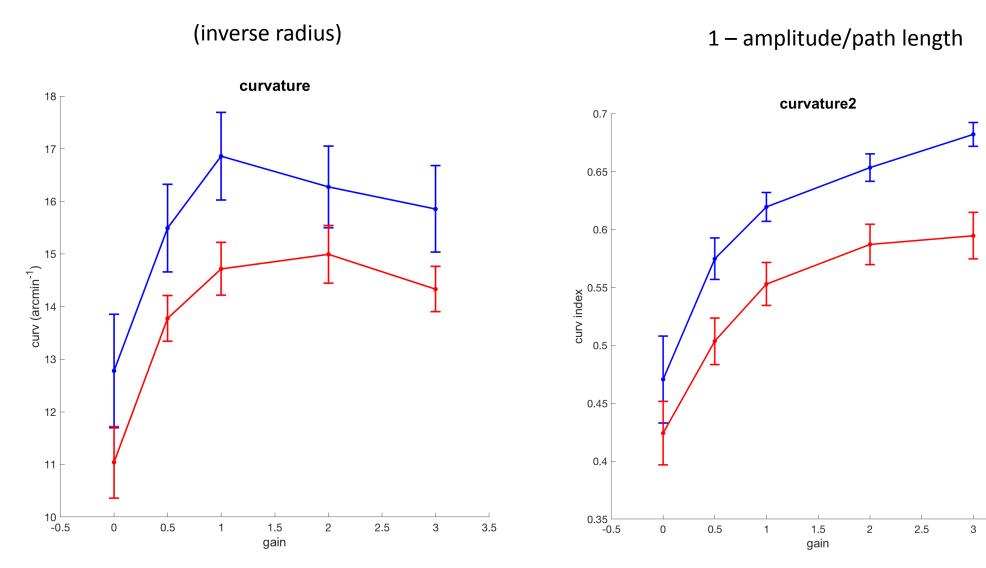
- How does drift change for various amounts of retinal image motion? With and without a scotoma?
- Speed of eccentric fixation is higher than foveal fixation in subjects with either simulated scotoma or maculopathy (Whittaker et al., 1988)

Free View

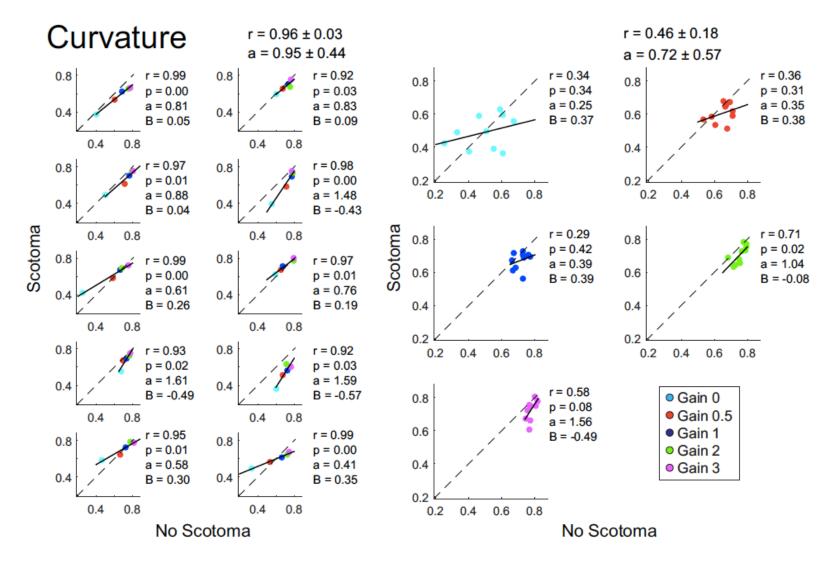


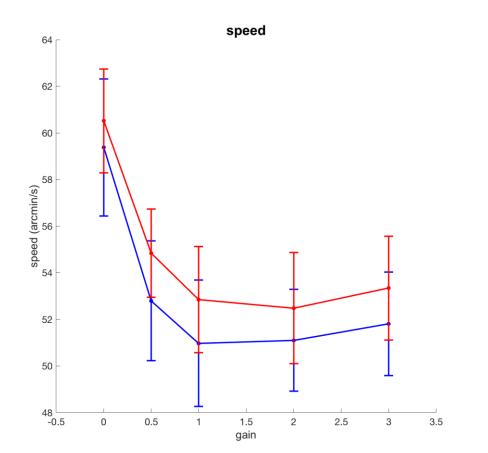
- N = 10 subjects
- Task: Memorize the images, indicate if the image was displayed before
- Trial consisted of 6 images each presented for 5 seconds (30s total)
- 30 trials each of scotoma / no scotoma
- Gain applied during drift periods only

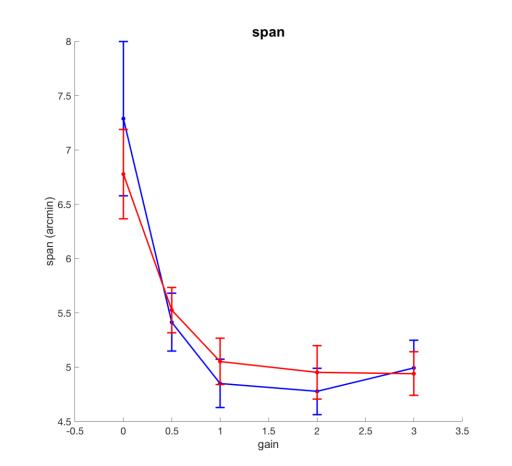
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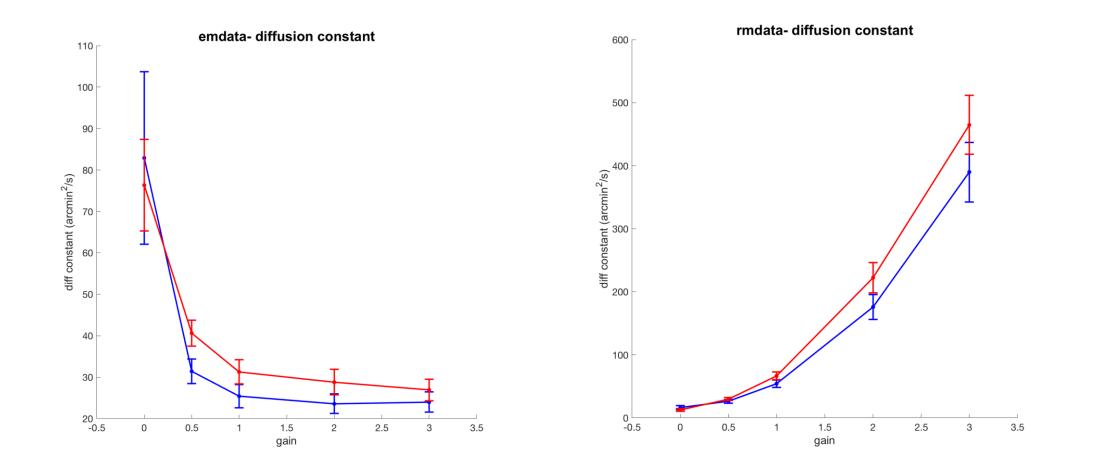


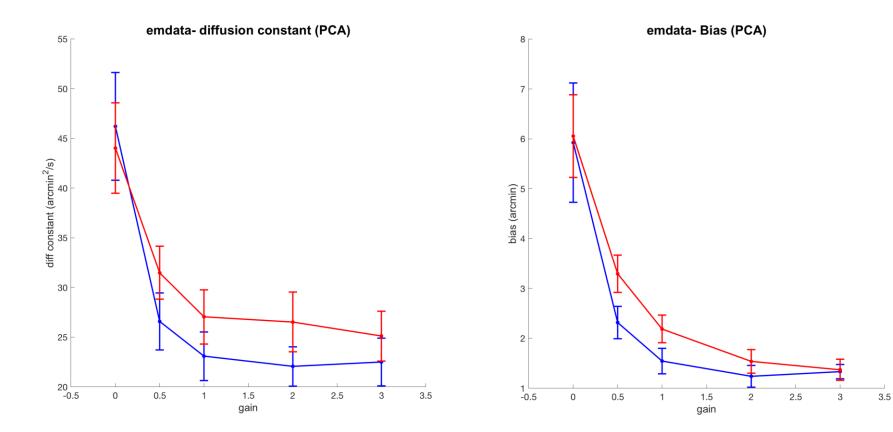
Curvature Index

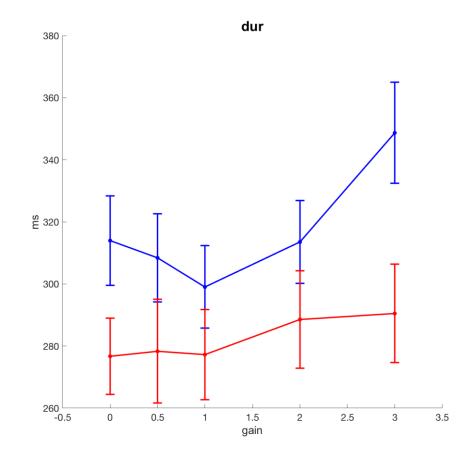




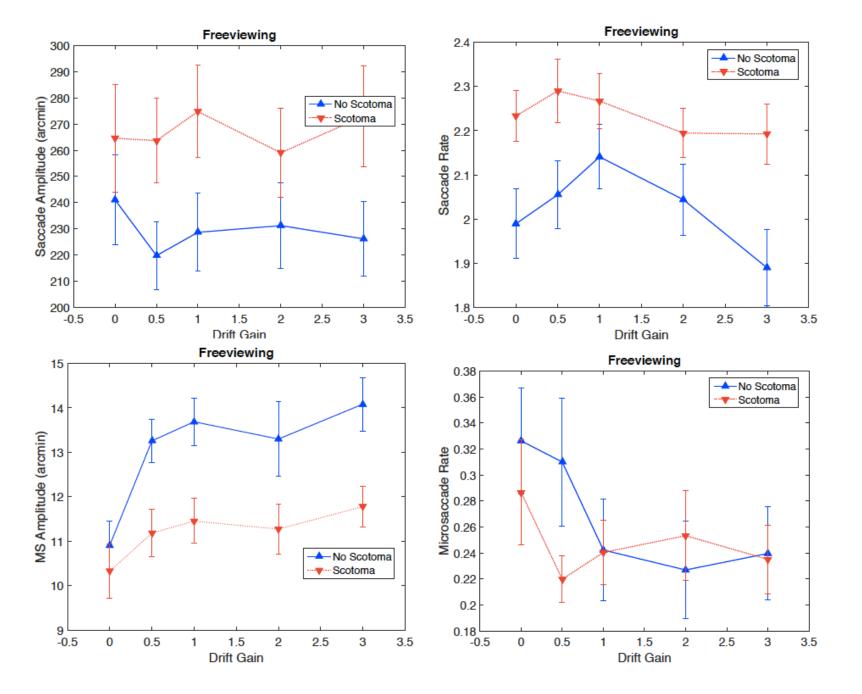








Results



No Scotoma Scotoma

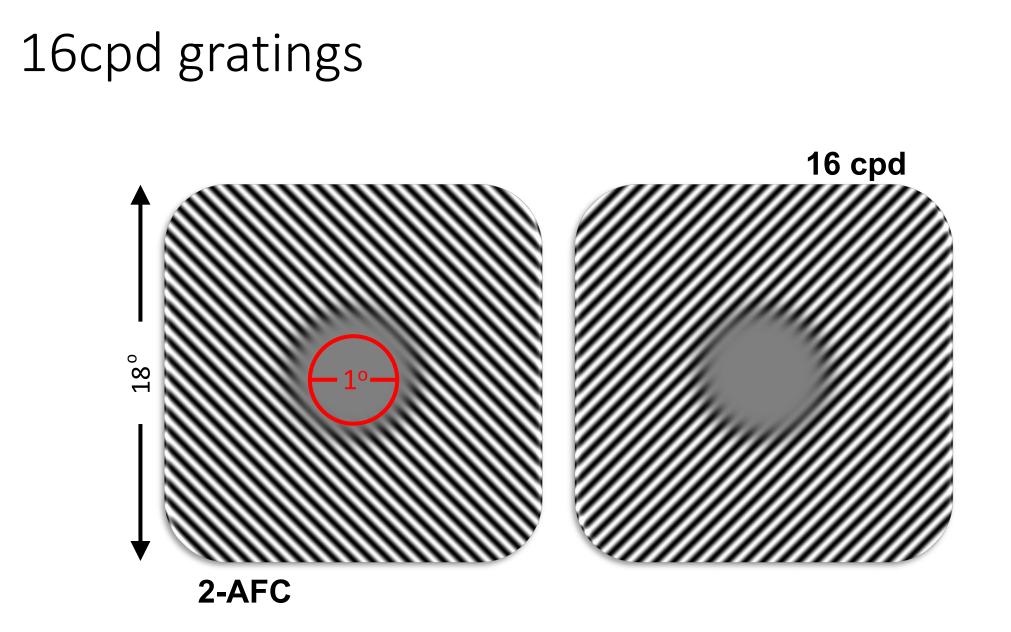
Free View Conclusions

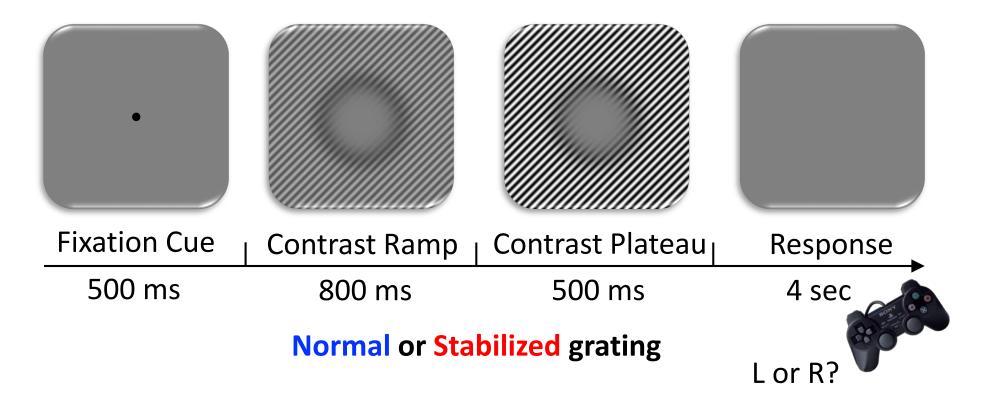
- Drift characteristics change when retinal image motion is reduced (curvature decreases; span, speed, diffusion, bias increase) – signs of smooth pursuit
- Drift characteristics similar with and without scotoma, suggesting that cues from drift are used outside of the foveola

- Retinal receptive field size increases with eccentricity (Curcio et al. 1990; Dacey et al. 1993)
- Prefer visual transients

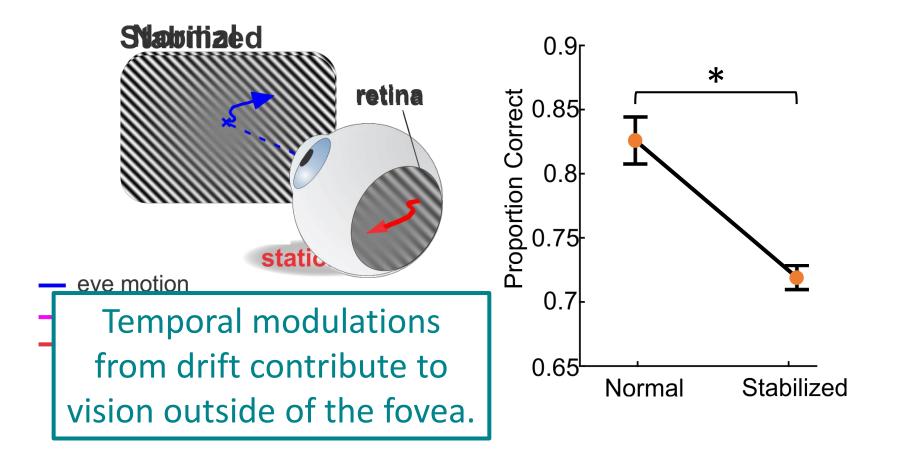
 (Finlay, 1982; McKee & Taylor, 1984; Snowden & Hess, 1992)

- Does ocular drift benefit vision outside the foveola?
- How do different amounts of retinal image motion from drift impact extrafoveal vision?





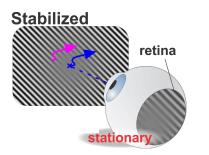
Contributions of Ocular Drift

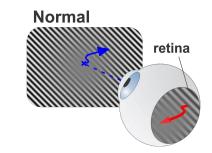


* Wilcoxon signed-rank test test, *p* = 0.031

Manipulating retinal image motion

- eye motion
- stimulus motion
- retinal image motion







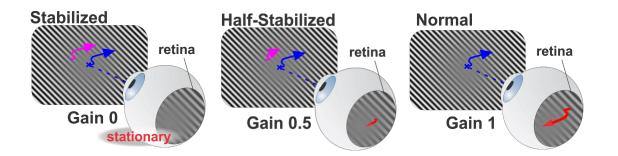
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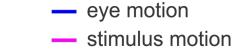


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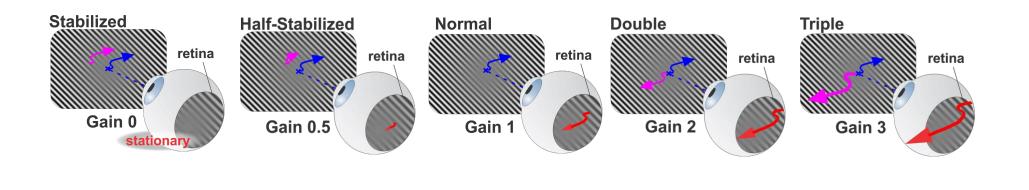


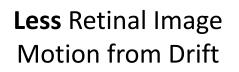
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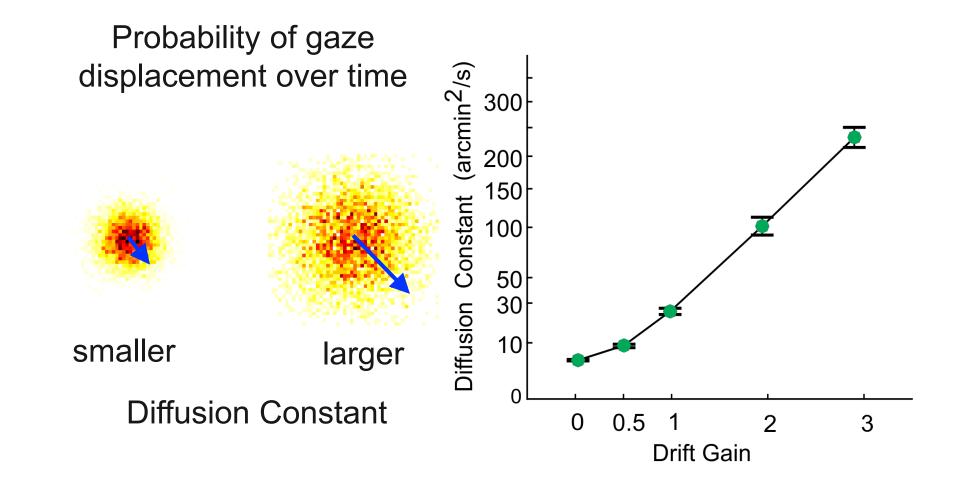
retinal image motion



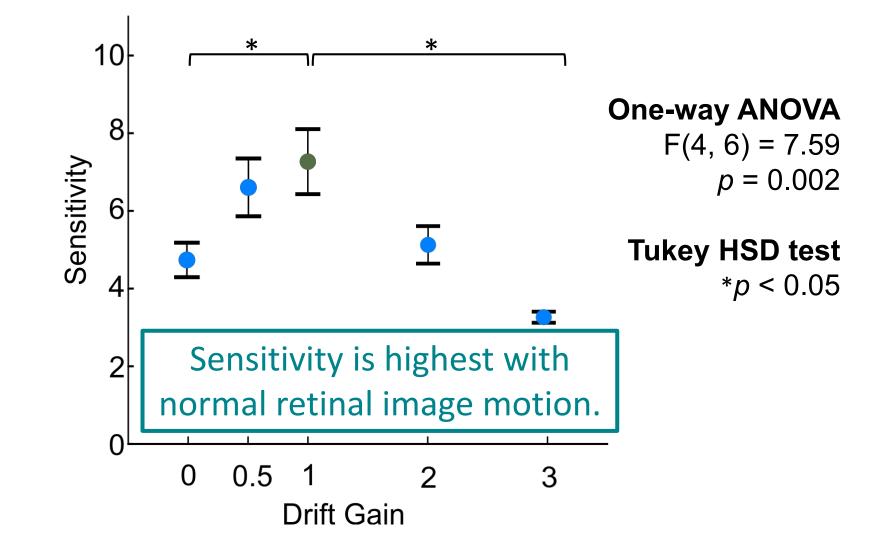


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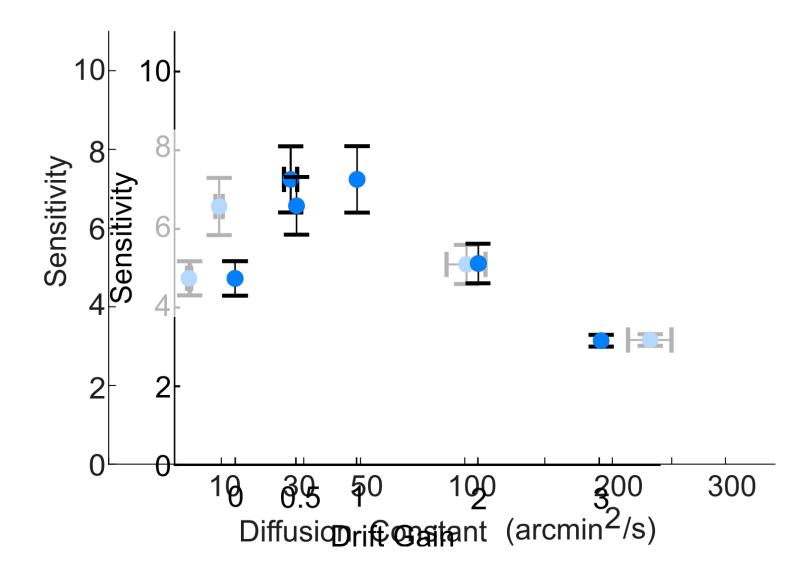
Quantifying retinal image motion

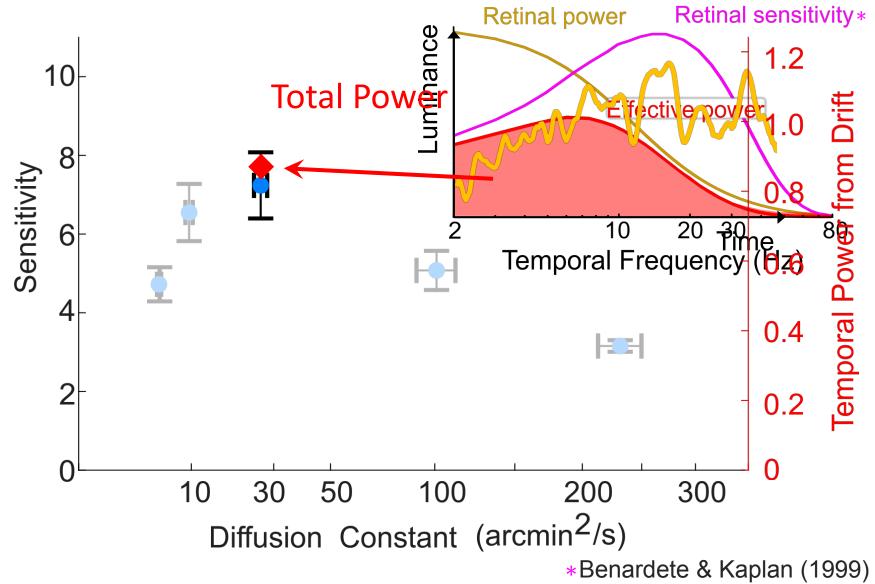


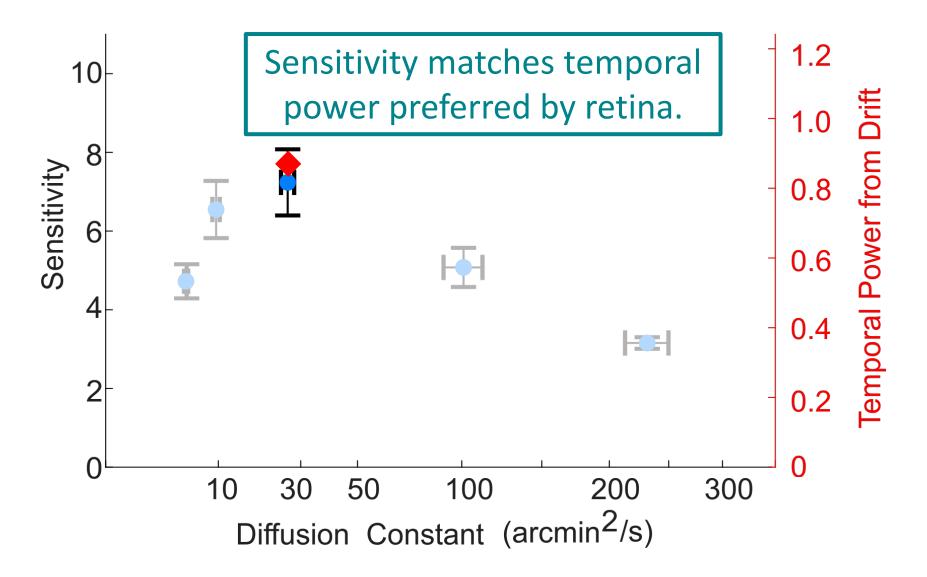
Contrast Sensitivity

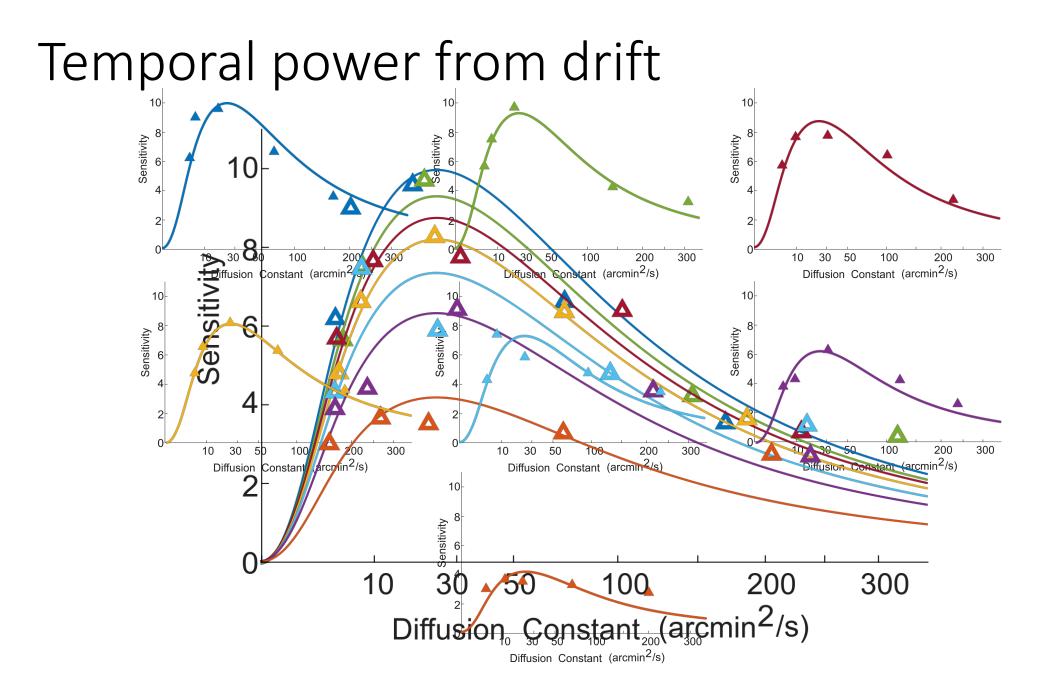


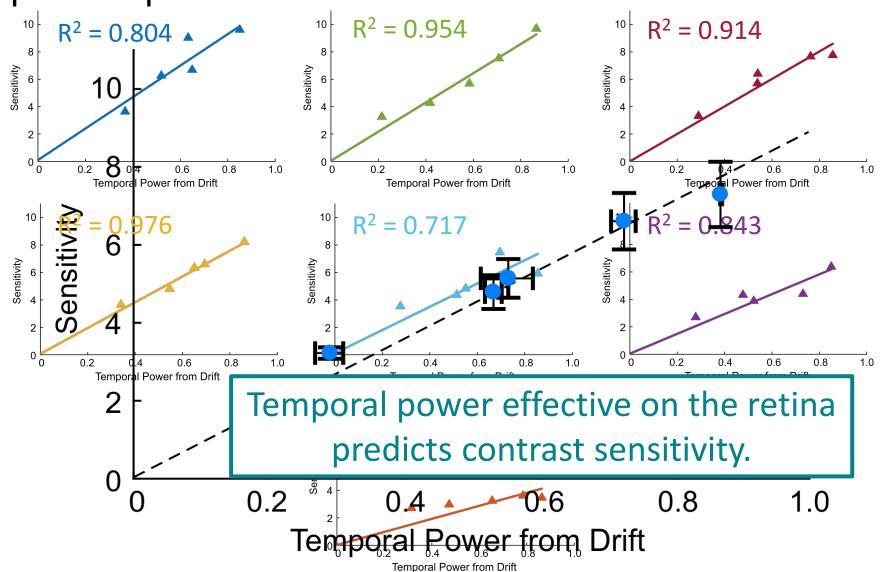
Why does normal drift yield the highest sensitivity?











Summary



- Ocular drift is beneficial outside the fovea.
- Increasing or decreasing ocular drift from its normal level impairs contrast sensitivity.
- The effect of manipulating ocular drift on contrast sensitivity is predicted by the change in temporal power on the retina.



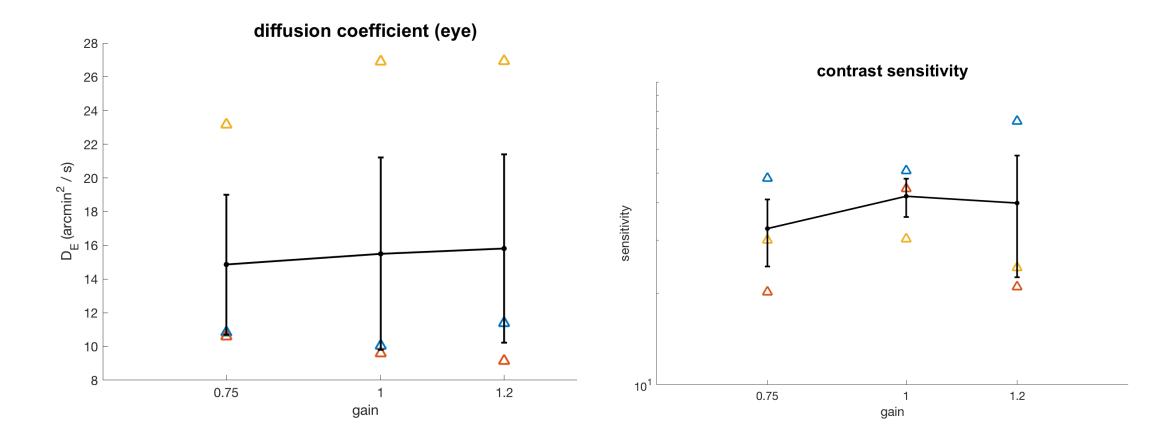
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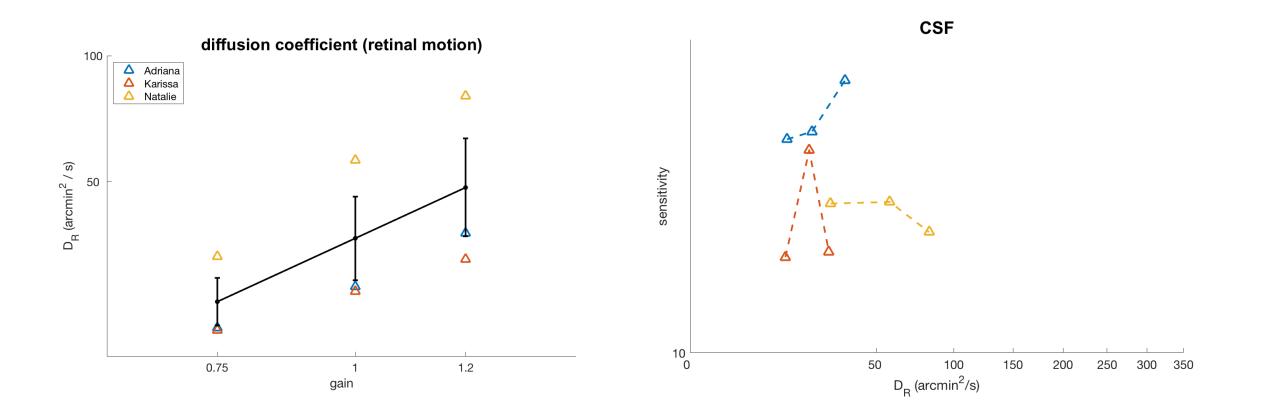


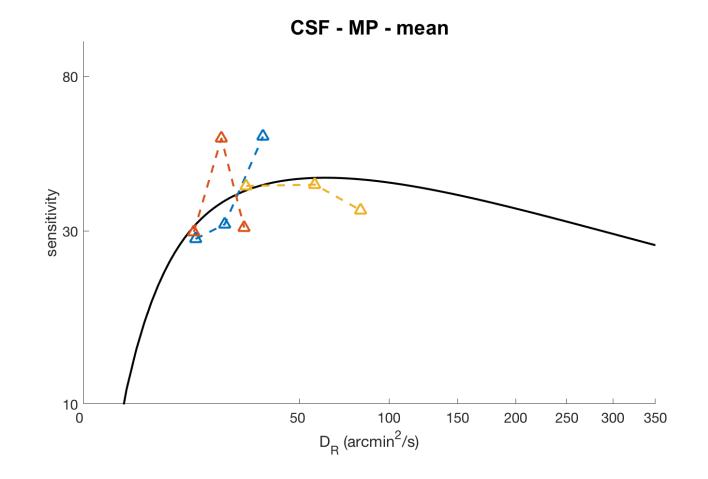
NSF BCS-1457283 and BCS-1420212

10cpd

• Similar to previous experiment, but with 10cpd gratings at gains [0.75, 1, 1.2]







Next Steps

Questions

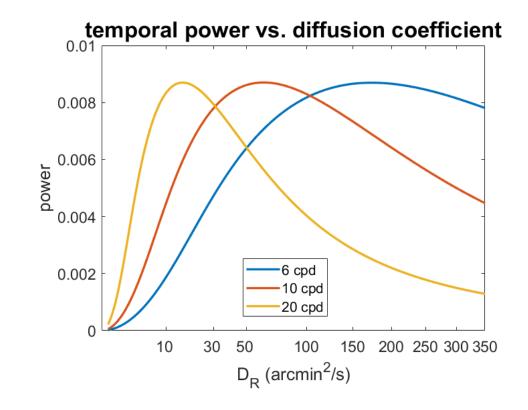
- How does drift contribute to vision across the retina?
- How much drift is optimal?
- Is drift controlled to modulate temporal power on the retina?
- Re-analysis of already collected data
 - Does drift bias change when the grating orientation is known?
 - Drift over gratings of various spatial frequencies

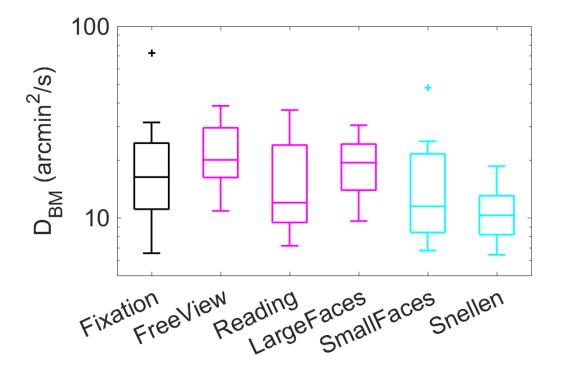
Next Steps

- 1. Test whether drift modulates power on the retina
- 2. Test if drift is optimal and whether retinal power predicts sensitivity
- 3. Measure individual temporal sensitivities do these allow better predictions of sensitivity?
- 4. Measure temporal sensitivity across the retina

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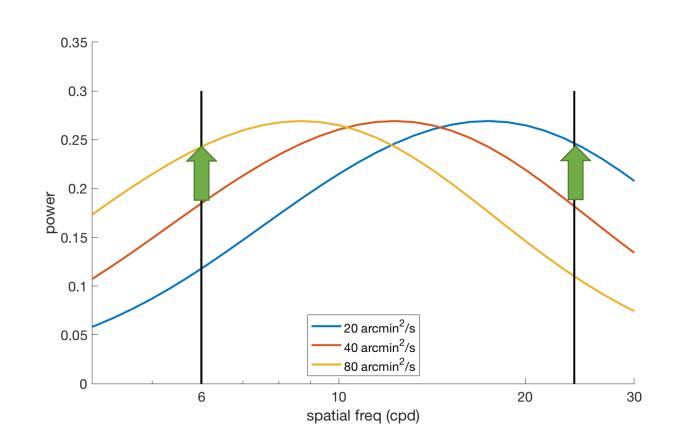
• Does drift change to enhance retinal power at relevant spatial frequencies?





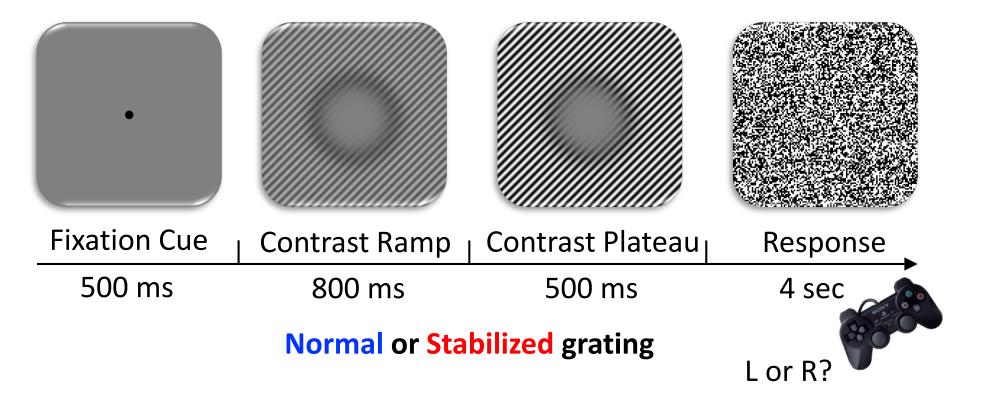
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- Changes in drift diffusion modulate retinal power
- Hypothesis: Drift changes to bring retinal power to a perceivable threshold
- i.e. tuned drift is needed for low contrast stimuli, not for high (when the stimulus provides enough power)

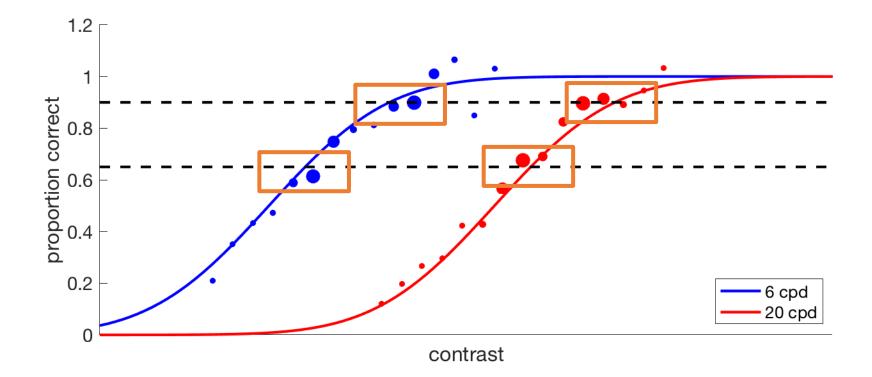


6 or 20 cpd gratings

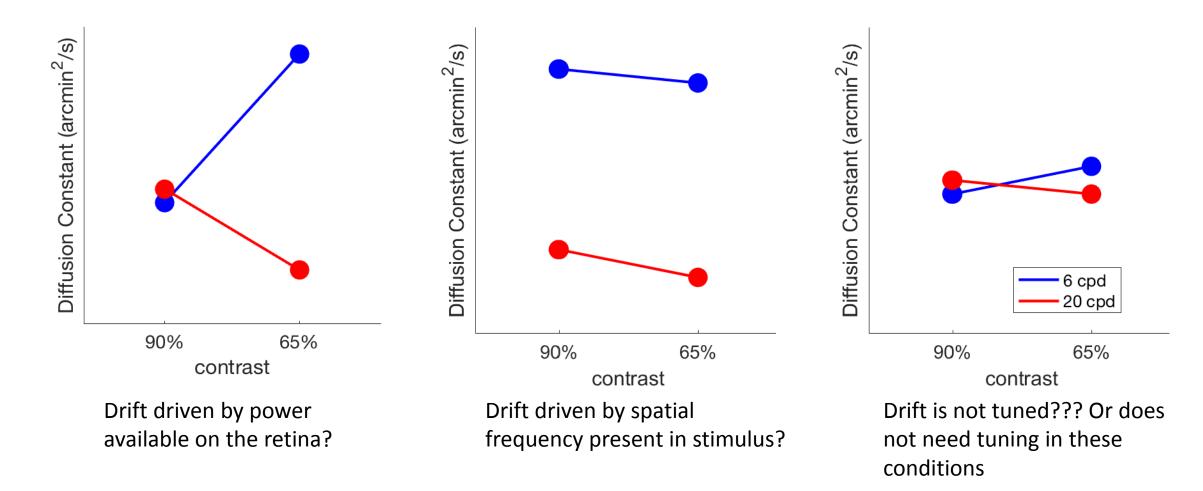
• Pest targets 65% or 90% performance in blocks (4 conditions total)



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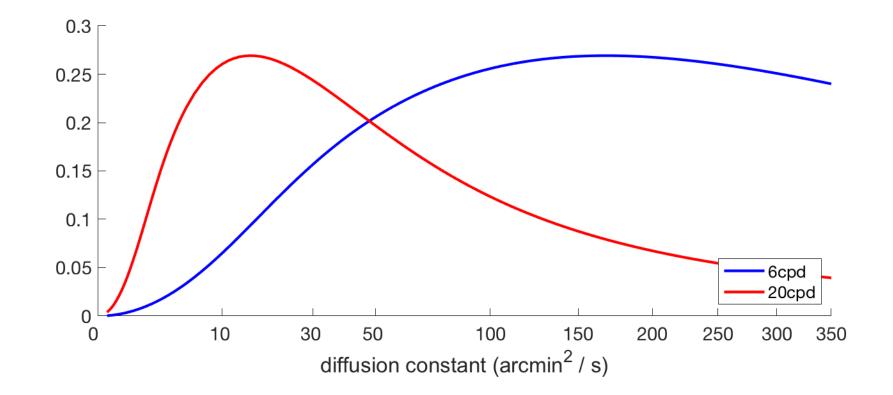


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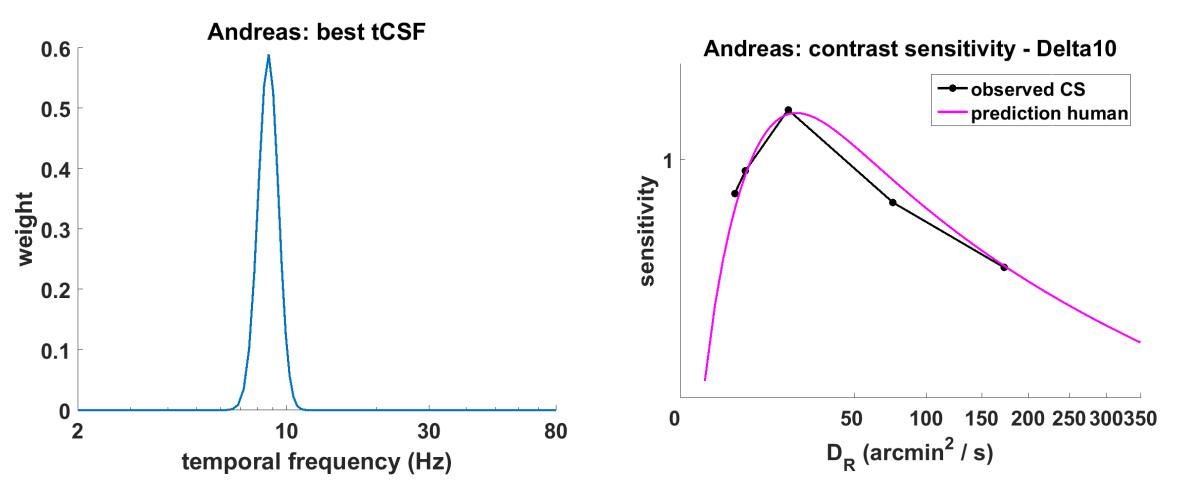


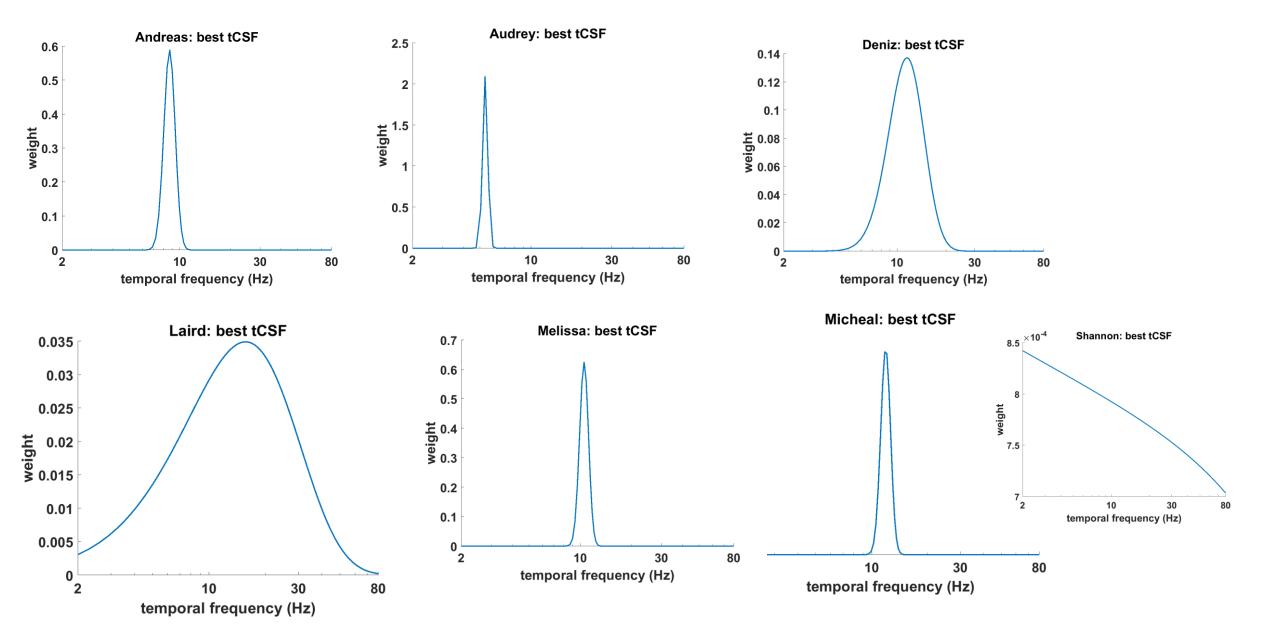
Is drift optimal?

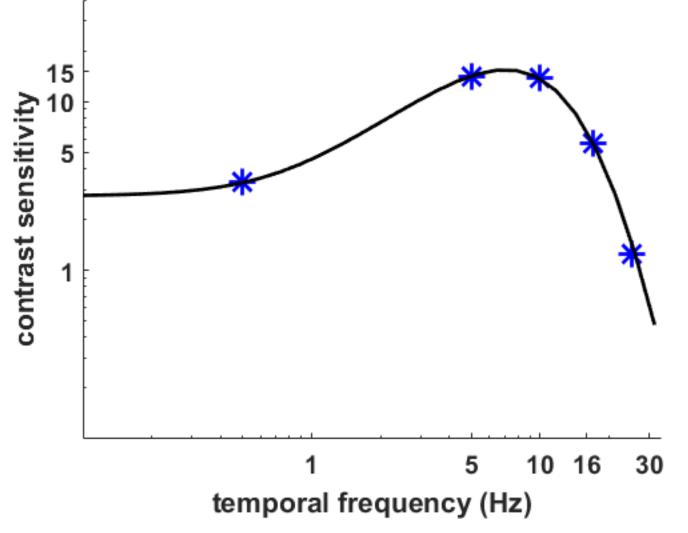
• Repeat sensitivity experiments at various gains



Improving predictions with individual temporal sensitivity

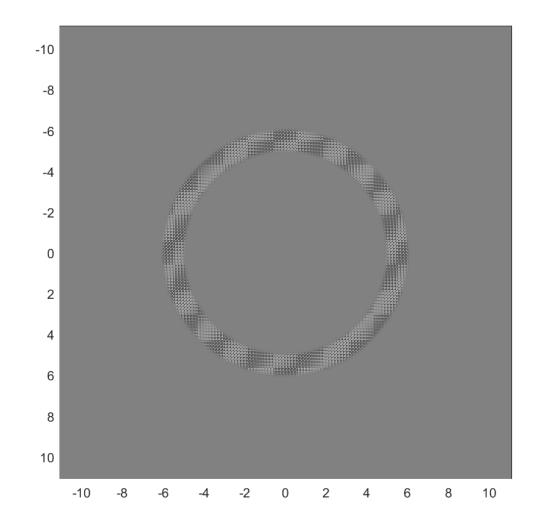






6 cpd grating, fully stabilized

Measuring spatiotemporal sensitivity across the retina



- Grating annulus stabilized at fixed eccentricity
- Measure spatial and temporal sensitivities to relate to known properties of retina