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Responses to Objects and Location



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"What" Pathway

Visual Agnosia

Representation	Deficit
Form/Shape	Apperceptive Agnosia
Objects	Associative Agnosia
Faces	Prospopagnosia

Apperceptive Agnosia

Patient DF

Exp 2 - Orientation and Action Task



Task: Put card into mail slot

Associative Agnosia Overt/Covert Awareness



Prospopagnosia



What is it like?

Bottom Up Processing





Bottom Up: Feature Analysis

- analysis of simple features lead to identification



Top Down Processing
























































































The perception of an object:



Instantaneous and effortless

e.g. Thorpe, Fize and Marlot (1996); Grill-Spector and Kanwisher (2005)

How do we recognize objects?




Pattern Recognition



Top-Down Processing

<u>Template</u> <u>Matching</u>



Top Down Processing

Geon Model



A Cortical Mechanism for Triggering Top-Down Facilitation in Visual Object Recognition

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The Idea...

• A "blurred" image (low frequency information) is sent from early visual areas directly to PFC



 PFC generates an "expectation" which is sent back to temporal cortex





'Filling In'



Charles Bonnet Syndrome



Top-down facilitation of visual recognition

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Cortical analysis related to visual object recognition is traditionally thought to propagate serially along a bottom-up hierarchy of ventral areas. Recent proposals gradually promote the role of top-down processing in recognition, but how such facilitation is triggered remains a puzzle. We tested a specific model, proposing that low spatial frequencies facilitate visual object recognition by initiating top-down processes projected from orbitofrontal to visual cortex. The present study combined magnetoencephalography, which has superior temporal resolution, functional magnetic resonance imaging, and a behavioral task that yields successful recognition with stimulus repetitions. Object recognition elicited differential activity that developed in the left orbitofrontal cortex 50 ms earlier than it did in recognition-related areas in the temporal cortex. This early orbitofrontal activity was directly modulated by the presence of low spatial frequencies in the image. Taken together, the dynamics we revealed provide strong support for the proposal of how top-down facilitation of object recognition is initiated and our observations are used to derive predictions for



Fig. 1. An illustration of the proposed model. A LSF representation of the input image is projected rapidly, possibly via the dorsal magnocellular pathway, from early visual cortex to the OFC, in parallel to the systematic and relatively slower propagation of information along the ventral visual pathway. This coarse representation is sufficient for activating a minimal set of the most probable interpretations of the input, which are then integrated with the bottom-up stream of analysis to facilitate recognition.