



# Next generation mechanistic models of retinal interneurons

## Fact Sheet

### Project Information

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## Project description

### A closer look at amacrine cells in natural visual computations

One of the most challenging issues in visual neuroscience is the enormous diversity of amacrine cells (ACs), a class of inhibitory interneurons in the vertebrate retina.

Despite their significance, ACs remain one of the least understood classes of neurons in the retina. To better understand their role in neural computations, various models of neurons have been developed at different levels of realism. The EU funded NextMechMod project will leverage advancements in machine learning to create a new generation of hybrid mechanistic models. These will be based on the integration of different levels of realism in modeling. The project will also create a toolset to systematically examine the role of retinal ACs during natural visual computations.

## Fields of science (EuroSciVoc)

[natural sciences](#) > [chemical sciences](#) > [inorganic chemistry](#) > [alkaline earth metals](#)



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