

1 **Anatomy and physiology of macaque visual cortical**
2 **areas V1, V2 and V5/MT: bases for biologically**
3 **realistic models**

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30 **Abstract**

31 The cerebral cortex of primates encompasses multiple anatomically and
32 physiologically distinct areas processing visual information. Areas V1, V2 and V5/MT are
33 conserved across mammals and are central for visual behavior. To facilitate the generation
34 of biologically accurate computational models of primate early visual processing, here we
35 provide an overview of over 350 published studies of these three areas in the genus
36 *Macaca*, whose visual system provides the closest model for human vision.

37 The literature reports 14 anatomical connection types from the lateral geniculate
38 nucleus of the thalamus to V1 having distinct layers of origin or termination, and 194
39 connection types between V1, V2 and V5, forming multiple parallel and interacting visual
40 processing streams. Moreover, within V1, there are reports of 286 and 120 types of
41 intrinsic excitatory and inhibitory connections, respectively.

42 Physiologically, tuning of neuronal responses to 11 types of visual stimulus parameters
43 have been consistently reported. Overall, the optimal spatial frequency of constituent
44 neurons decreases with cortical hierarchy. Moreover, V5 neurons are distinct from
45 neurons in other areas for their higher direction selectivity, higher contrast sensitivity,
46 higher temporal frequency tuning and wider spatial frequency bandwidth.

47 We also discuss currently unavailable data that could be useful for biologically
48 accurate models.

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53 One of the fundamental aims of visual neuroscience is to understand the computational
54 principles underlying biological vision. How do the biophysics of single neurons and
55 network interactions generate neuronal receptive fields (RFs), process sensory inputs and
56 cause visual behavior? Decades of studies have provided a wealth of data and multiple
57 descriptive and quantitative models of vision. Nevertheless, we still lack the ability to
58 construct accurate computational models that can reproduce a biologically meaningful
59 visual system. Such models and related computer simulations could help bridge the gap
60 between the physiological responses of single neurons and existing abstract models of
61 vision, as well as provide a better understanding of cortical processing.

62 The continuous increase of computational power has recently enabled the first
63 comprehensive microcircuit simulations of the rat somatosensory cortex (Markram et al.
64 2015). Recent simulations of macaque monkey visual cortex have explored large-scale
65 interactions between visual cortical areas (Mejias et al. 2016), replicated natural firing
66 rate statistics in a laminar network model of the primary visual cortex (V1; Rasch et al.,
67 2011), or described the generation of orientation tuning and the dynamics of V1 sublayer
68 4C alpha (Chariker et al. 2016). However, we are still far from being able to replicate the
69 multiplicity of cortical functions, let alone visual behavior, with biologically realistic
70 model simulations.

71 Accurate numerical model simulations require quantitative data on the anatomy and
72 physiology of the system, as well as on the structure and biophysical parameters of
73 distinct cell types. With unavoidable gaps in available data, unknown parameters need to
74 be explored against known neural RF properties, and eventually compared with visual
75 behavior.

76 To facilitate the generation of realistic computational models of visual cortex, here we
77 have collated data from more than 350 publications on connectivity, physiological RF

78 properties and single neuron biophysical properties in three visual cortical areas (V1, V2
79 and V5 or Middle Temporal –MT–) of the macaque monkey, one of the best studied
80 animal genus in vision research, and the available animal model closest to humans (Kaas
81 1992; Preuss 2004).

82 In macaques, visual information drives a network of about 30 interconnected cortical
83 areas organized into a hierarchical network according to laminar connectivity patterns
84 (Maunsell and Van Essen 1983b; Ungerleider and Desimone 1986; Zeki and Shipp 1988;
85 Felleman and Van Essen 1991; Merigan and Maunsell 1993; Barone et al. 2000; Van
86 Essen 2003; Shipp 2007; Kravitz et al. 2011, 2013; Markov, Vezoli, et al. 2014). V1, at
87 the bottom of this hierarchy, sends prominent connections to areas V2, V3, V4, V5/MT
88 and V6; in turn these V1-recipient cortical areas are interconnected with each other.

89 Here we focus on areas V1, V2 and V5/MT, as there is general agreement on the
90 location and macroscopic boundaries of these areas in primates and humans, and their
91 anatomy and electrophysiological properties have been extensively characterized. In
92 contrast, there is ongoing debate regarding the exact parcellation and function of the areas
93 that occupy the cortical territory between V2 and V5 (Kaas 1992, 2003; Van Essen 2003;
94 Wandell et al. 2007; Angelucci and Rosa 2015; Angelucci et al. 2015; Zhu and Vanduffel
95 2019). V1, V2 and V5 participate in early visual processing and are mutually connected.
96 These areas represent multiple low- and middle-tier visual stimulus features at various
97 scales, necessary for visually guided behavior (Hegd  and Van Essen 2003; Born and
98 Bradley 2005; Sincich and Horton 2005; Vidyasagar and Eysel 2015; Zeki 2015).
99 Phylogenetically, V1 and V2 are conserved in mammals, and V5 is found in all primate
100 species studied (Kaas 1995, 2003; Large et al. 2016) suggesting that these three areas play
101 a fundamental role in cortical processing of visual signals.

102 Despite challenges, such as the occurrence of multidimensional RFs, the complexity of

103 the cortical microcircuit, different definitions of the various parameters in different
104 studies, and missing data, this review attempts to report the available data in a consistent
105 way. We also attempt to provide a balanced overview of controversial issues, and to
106 emphasize quantitative data. The latter are reported as numerical quantities, or best
107 estimates of proportions or relative strengths, when these are available in the literature.
108 When quantitative data are not available, we cover qualitatively topics, which we
109 consider important for building computational models.

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111 **Anatomical and physiological database and conventions**

112 All data reported here are limited to the Old World monkey genus *Macaca*, including
113 mainly the species *M. fascicularis*, *M. nemestrina*, *M. mulatta*, and *M. fuscata*. In
114 addition, we report data from functional anatomy studies performed in *M. arctoides*, *M.*
115 *assamensis*, *M. irus* or *M. radiata*. When different developmental stages were compared
116 in a study, we extracted only data from young adult individuals.

117 For consistency and brevity, we have excluded data from New World monkeys which
118 are phylogenetically more distant from humans than macaques [for phylogenetic
119 comparison of primate visual cortices, see (Kaas 2003, 2005; Rosa and Tweedale 2005)].
120 However, for some experimental questions and methodological approaches, the New
121 World primates are better suited animal models. For example, the smooth cortical
122 structure of the marmoset cortex allows easier and simultaneous access to multiple visual
123 cortical areas.

124 We have combined data from several species of the genus *Macaca*. Brain volume
125 across the included species varies by a factor of about 1.7 (Marino 1998), which may
126 introduce variability in quantifications between different datasets. Given the similar
127 pattern of V1 layers across primate species (Balaram and Kaas 2014), we expect little

128 structural variation across macaque subspecies. Saleem et al (2007) studied the
129 anatomical differences of medial temporal lobe areas between *M. fuscata*, *M. fascicularis*
130 and *M. mulatta*. They found a similar anatomical organization of cortical layers, but one
131 of the four areas studied showed a shift in areal boundary across sub-species. Similarly,
132 the primary auditory cortex and its surrounding fields are smaller in *M. fascicularis* than
133 in *M. fuscata*, whereas the laminar distributions of various histochemical stains were
134 similar (Jones et al. 1995). These studies suggest that subtle differences in the
135 macroscopic anatomy of visual cortical areas are likely to exist among macaque
136 subspecies, but the general functional architecture is likely conserved.

137 Moreover, animal gender can introduce additional variability, as for example, in *M.*
138 *mulatta*, the volume of the male brain is on average 1.26 times larger than that of the
139 female (Franklin et al. 2000). However, the primary driver of variability is likely the body
140 weight, as this is closely correlated with brain weight (Jerison 1955), therefore requiring
141 knowledge of the body weight of the individual animals, more than their species or
142 gender, in order to calibrate the data; unfortunately we lacked this information, therefore,
143 our reports are not corrected for any of these factors.

144 Tuning properties of neuronal responses to eleven visual stimulus parameters were
145 reported consistently across the literature and are summarized in the figures. For other
146 parameter values in the text and tables, we report the mean and range of the mean values
147 reported across studies (but no range if there was only one study). For a model system
148 this can serve as the range of possible mean parameter values. The distribution of values
149 behind the means were inconsistently reported across studies and, of course, it was
150 impossible for us to control for outliers. These original distributions are omitted in this
151 review, unless descriptive statistics, such as standard deviation, were available for the
152 whole data in the original studies. The supplementary material comprises both anatomical

153 and physiological data in machine readable csv format.

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155 Anatomical conventions

156 There are two different nomenclatures for V1 layers in the literature. We follow the
157 more widely used Brodmann's nomenclature, according to which layer (L) 4 has four
158 subdivisions (4A, 4B, 4C α , 4C β ; Brodmann 1909, translated by Garey, 2006). Hassler's
159 nomenclature is based on the same histological subdivisions, but layers 4A and 4B of
160 Brodmann are considered part of L3 (Hassler 1966).

161 Area V5 is also known as MT, for middle temporal, following its original naming in
162 the New World monkeys. In V1, we group L2 with L3A, as typical in many interlaminar
163 connectivity studies.

164 Here connection strength is defined mainly as the number of labeled neurons in
165 retrograde tracer studies, or density of axonal projections of singly labeled neurons. Such
166 anatomical definition of strength does not obviously reflect the actual physiological
167 strength of a connection, which depends on several other factors such as neuron identity,
168 and the number, strength and locations of pre-synaptic boutons on the postsynaptic
169 neuron. Note, also, that connection strength can only be compared within single tracer
170 injections, because the number of labeled cells varies across injections of different size.
171 When quantitative data were unavailable, connection strength was estimated from figures
172 or from the text and reported in Figure 2 and Supplementary Table 1 as sparse, medium or
173 dominant connection strength to indicate the approximate number of presynaptic somata
174 or axonal terminations. For interareal connections, the term "dominant" indicates the
175 combined dominant origin and termination of a given connection. In the absence of any
176 description of connection strength in the original publications, we set the strength to
177 medium. For contradicting results in different studies, we gave more weight to the data

178 that were more rigorously quantified. When quantitative data were available, sparse,
179 medium and dominant connections (in Figure 2 and Supplementary Table 1) indicate
180 <10%, 10-50% and >50%, respectively, of cells (for a given tracer injection), or of
181 synapses/boutons/axonal length (for intracellular microinjections).

182 When axons of traced neurons were reported to terminate at a border between two
183 cortical layers, the connection was marked as terminating in both layers. We included
184 studies using glutamate uncaging (Sawatari and Callaway 2000; Briggs and Callaway
185 2001, 2005; Yabuta et al. 2001). This method reveals connections to neurons with somata
186 and dendrites located within the postsynaptic layer, as well as to neurons with somata
187 residing in other layers but with dendrites extending into the postsynaptic layer.
188 Connectivity studies based on degeneration were not included.

189 For interareal connectivity studies, single tracer injections are typically not confined to
190 a layer and therefore the layers of origin and termination within the injection site could
191 not be identified. Therefore, in Supplementary Table 1, we report separately the literature
192 references for the connections' origin and termination; moreover, for each laminar origin
193 and termination the same reference is repeated for each laminar termination and origin,
194 respectively. These data are visualized in Figure 2 reporting the existence and density of
195 inter-areal connections between different layers of the connected areas. For example,
196 Lund et al. (1981), following retrograde tracer injections across all V2 layers found
197 labeled cells in V1 L2/3A, 4A and 4B, while following anterograde tracer injections into
198 all V1 layers they found labeled terminations in V2 L4 and L3B with sparser spread into
199 L3A, and at the L5 and 6 border. For the retrograde tracer injection of this study, in
200 Supplementary Table 1 and Figure 2, we report 3 types of connections from V1 to V2,
201 one arising from V1 L2/3A, the second from V1 L4A, and the third from V1 L4B, each
202 terminating in V2 L3A , 3B, 4, 5B and 6, and cite this study five times for each of the

203 three V1 layers of origin.

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205 Description of physiological parameters.

206 Physiological RF data were reported as the total number or percent of cells in a given
207 area as a function of a given RF parameter. This allowed us to combine different datasets
208 if the reported values were comparable. To this goal, we extracted and digitized data from
209 the figures in the original publications and reported in our figures the proportion of cells
210 across studies as a function of a given physiological parameter value. Because we are not
211 analyzing the original raw data, but summary histograms, the descriptive statistics we
212 report here inevitably include some inaccuracies, for example errors in the centering of
213 the bins on the X-axis of the original data, residual rotation, and calibration and
214 digitization errors. As a quality control, we visualized all data-reporting figures,
215 calibration and digitized points, and then re-digitized all data exceeding 10% mismatch
216 between the total number of cells reported in the original study and that reported in our
217 data.

218 Different studies used different metrics for data analysis. We included only data from
219 one of these metrics, or data that could be converted into a standard metrics using a
220 simple transformation. For example, different datasets report either circular variance (CV)
221 or orientation selectivity index ($OSI=1 - CV$), as measures of orientation selectivity. In
222 this case, we converted OSIs to CV.

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224 **Anatomy**

225 Anatomical data show significant individual variability, and many studies are based on
226 only few monkeys. Thus, some of the mean values reported below may not reflect real
227 population means.

228 Recently, mouse neocortical cells have been classified into 133 transcriptomic clusters
229 based on single-cell RNA sequencing. These clusters included 61 GABAergic, 56
230 glutamatergic, and 16 non-neuronal types (Tasic et al. 2018). However, the number of
231 such clusters depends on the cut point of the clustering method. Based on axonal
232 projection patterns mainly in rodents, cortical excitatory cells have been classified into
233 three major groups, intratelencephalic (projection to cortex and striatum), pyramidal tract
234 (projections mainly to the brainstem, spinal cord and midbrain) and corticothalamic
235 (projections mainly to the ipsilateral thalamus), with ongoing subgrouping efforts based
236 on morphology, gene expression and physiology (reviewed in Shepherd 2013; Harris and
237 Shepherd 2015). Following existing literature on the neuroanatomy of macaque visual
238 cortex, largely from the 80's until the last decade (Gilbert 1983; Nieuwenhuys 1994;
239 Douglas and Martin 2004), below we divide excitatory cells into two major
240 morphological groups, spiny stellate and pyramidal cells. Further subgrouping pyramidal
241 cell is challenging, due to the wide diversity of pyramidal cell dendritic and axonal
242 morphologies, which could result in an intricate classification according to soma position,
243 branching patterns or axonal targets (examples in Larkman 1991; Markram, Muller,
244 Ramaswamy, Reimann, Schurmann, et al. 2015); moreover, such a subgrouping across
245 layers has not been systematically applied to macaque visual cortex. The pyramidal and
246 spiny stellate cells receive excitatory input predominantly onto their spines, and inhibitory
247 input onto their somas, dendritic shafts and axon initial segments.

248 Likewise, a general system for GABAergic interneuron classification is missing [for
249 reviews, see (Markram et al. 2004; Ascoli et al. 2008; DeFelipe et al. 2013)]. Cells
250 immunoreactive for the calcium-binding proteins calbindin, calretinin, and parvalbumin
251 are distributed non-uniformly across laminae in macaque V1 and V2 (DeFelipe et al.
252 1999), but these markers are not uniquely mapped to morphological cell types (Ascoli et

253 al. 2008; Markram et al. 2015). In rodent cortex, interneurons have been classified into
254 three major types based on expression of parvalbumin, somatostatin and 5HT_{3A}-receptor,
255 each type having a different embryonal origin (Lee et al. 2010; Rudy et al. 2011).
256 However, a similar classification has not been systematically applied to macaque visual
257 cortex.

258 GABA-releasing inhibitory interneurons can be further classified based on the
259 morphological, physiological or molecular phenotype (Ascoli et al. 2008; DeFelipe et al.
260 2013). At least eight morphological subtypes exist (Jones 1993; DeFelipe et al. 2013),
261 with the double bouquet cell following a unique developmental path in primates
262 (reviewed in DeFelipe, 2011; Betizeau et al., 2013). In the 80's and 90's, Jennifer Lund
263 and colleagues published a series of Golgi-staining studies describing the various
264 morphological inhibitory cell types in macaque V1 and their distinct laminar distributions
265 of dendritic and axonal projections (Lund 1987; Lund et al. 1988; Lund and Yoshioka
266 1991; Lund and Wu 1997). These studies, however, did not quantify these cells'
267 morphological features. Recently introduced automatic classifier methods might help
268 generating a more unified classification of cell type morphologies (DeFelipe et al. 2013),
269 but presently there exist no quantitative analyses of inhibitory cells in distinct areas and
270 layers of macaque visual cortex.

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273 Area size and cell numbers, types and locations

274 *Lateral Geniculate Nucleus (LGN).* In each LGN of *M. Mulatta*, the two
275 magnocellular (Magno) layers, one for each eye, comprise on average 148×10^3 neurons
276 (range across monkeys $91\text{--}235 \times 10^3$), and the four parvocellular (Parvo) layers, two for
277 each eye, 1270×10^3 neurons (range $900\text{--}1700 \times 10^3$, Ahmad and Spear, 1993). Earlier

278 estimates of Magno- and Parvo LGN cell numbers, including data from undefined
279 macaque species, give values between the ranges above (le Gros Clark, 1941; Connolly
280 and Van Essen, 1984; reviewed in Peters et al., 1994). Of the numbers above, 35% of cells
281 in the Magno layers, and 25% of cells in the Parvo layers are immunoreactive for the
282 inhibitory neurotransmitter gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA), therefore are local
283 inhibitory interneurons, the remaining being thalamocortical projection neurons (Montero
284 and Zempel 1986).

285 A neurochemically distinct population of koniocellular (Konio) cells was recognized
286 later (Hendry and Yoshioka 1994). It occupies primarily the spaces between and below
287 the Magno- and Parvo layers in LGN, forming six distinct layers, termed the intercalated
288 or K layers (reviewed in Hendry and Reid, 2000; Casagrande et al., 2007). These layers
289 comprise about 100×10^3 projection neurons, and apparently no inhibitory interneurons.
290 In addition, small neurons with the chemical signature of K cells are also scattered within
291 the M and P layers and form bridges between the K layers (Hendry and Yoshioka 1994).

292 *V1, V2, V5: Area size.* The sizes and neuron numbers of cortical areas vary across
293 individual monkeys, being related to body weight, which has an allometric relation to
294 cortical surface (Maunsell and Van Essen 1987; Hofman 1989).

295 In the adult macaque monkey, the whole cortical surface of one hemisphere may
296 comprise up to 130-140 functionally distinct areas (Van Essen et al. 2012) and covers, on
297 average, an area of 10430 mm² (N = 10 hemispheres from 3 *M. mulatta* and 7 *M.*
298 *fascicularis*, range across monkeys 8286-14113 mm²; Sincich et al., 2003). V1 represents
299 about 13% and V2 about 10% of this total area. Table 1 reports the surface areas for V1,
300 V2 and V5. The corresponding surface area ratios between these three areas are
301 1:0.80:0.042, respectively.

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Table 1. Cortical surface areas (mm²) from anatomical studies. N = total number of hemispheres. The mean values across studies were weighted by the N hemispheres in each study. Parenthesis enclose the range across the means of individual studies. Min and max values indicate the lowest and highest values in individual monkeys across all studies. References: 1. Gattass et al. 1981; Van Essen et al. 2. 1981, 3. 1986, 4. 2002; 5. O’Kusky and Colonnier 1982a; 6. Ungerleider and Desimone 1986a; 7. Maunsell and van Essen 1987; 8. Olavarria and Van Essen 1997; 9. Sincich et al. 2003.)

	V1	V2	V5
Mean	1181 (797-1343)	944 (730-1012)	50 (33-73)
Min	690	660	24
Max	1817	1412	99
N	58	17	37
Refs	1-5,9	1,3,8-9	2,6-7,9

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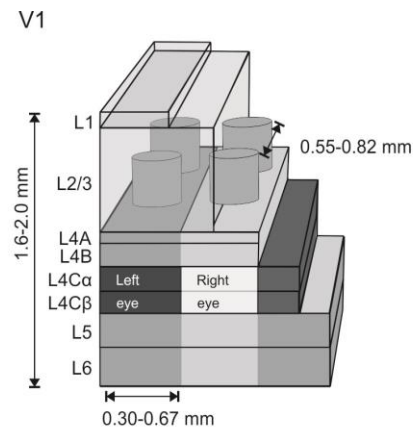
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305 **V1: neuron numbers and types.** Pyramidal cell bodies occur in all V1 layers, except
 306 4C and 1 (Lund 1973). Moreover, the apical dendrites of pyramidal cells residing in L5
 307 and L6 have few spines in L4C. Spiny stellate cells occur in all V1 L4 subdivisions, and
 308 in L4C they constitute 85-95% of all neurons (Mates and Lund 1983; Fitzpatrick et al.
 309 1987). Moreover, Briggs et al. (2016) have recently reported some spiny stellate cells in
 310 V1 L6A. Inhibitory stellate cells occur in all V1 layers.

311 Figure 1 depicts the modular organization of V1, which includes the ocular dominance
 312 columns (ODC) and cytochrome oxidase (CO) blobs, as well as the six layers of V1.
 313 Monocular RFs predominate in L4C, and the blob structure is most evident in L3. Above
 314 and below these layers, RFs are biased to represent the same ODC, blob/interblob
 315 compartment, and other RF properties such as preference for the orientation of edges,

316 usually referred to as columnar organization.

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Figure 1. Schematics of cytochrome oxidase (CO) and ocular dominance modules in V1. The cylinders in L3 depict CO blobs, and the lighter and darker columnar gray bands the ocular dominance columns (ODC), most emphasized in L4C (Hubel and Wiesel 1968). References for cortical thickness (range of means; Chow et al. 1950; Lund 1973; O’Kusky and Colonnier 1982b); layer thickness is drawn approximately to scale (Lund 1973); reported distance between CO blobs is the range across monkeys (Horton 1984; Landisman and Ts’o 2002); reported width of ODC is the range across monkeys (LeVay et al. 1975; Horton and Hocking 1996).

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320 Table 2 reports the total number of neurons and the relative number of inhibitory
 321 neurons in each layer of area V1. The total number of neurons in one hemisphere of adult
 322 macaque V1 (N=2 *M. fascicularis* and 4 *M. mulatta*) is 161×10^6 (SD=18), and the total
 323 number of synapses is 381×10^9 (SD=53). V1 covers on average 841 mm^2 (SD=88)
 324 surface area (N=7 hemispheres; O’Kusky and Colonnier, 1982). A recent study based on
 325 rigorous stereological methods estimated V1 neuron numbers more than double the
 326 original estimates. (Table 2; Giannaris and Rosene, 2012).

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Table 2. Total number of neurons, synapses/neuron, and the proportion of inhibitory interneurons in each cortical layer of area V1. * Layers 2 and 3 together; ** Layers 4Ca and 4C β together. References: 1. O’Kusky and Colonnier 1982b; 2. Fitzpatrick et al. 1987; 3. Hendry et al. 1987; 4. Beaulieu et al. 1992; 5. Giannaris and Rosene 2012.)

Layer	N neurons x 10 ⁶	Synapses / neuron x 10 ³	% inhibitory	N neurons x 10 ⁶
1	0.47	61.8	84	<u>Supragr.</u> 215
2	44*	2.6*	20	
3			20	
4A	17	1.6	22	Granular 121
4B	17	2.7	19	
4Ca	14	1.9	16**	
4C β	24	1.4		
5	20	1.7	20	<u>Infraagr.</u> 80
6	24	2.1	15	
Total	161	2.3		416
Refs	1	1	2-4	5

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330 In V1, 19% (range 18.5-19.6%) of neurons are GABA immunoreactive, while in
 331 extrastriate cortex surrounding V1, including area V2, the proportion of inhibitory
 332 neurons is 25% (range 24.2-25.3%, N=5 hemispheres, Hendry et al., 1987). No apparent
 333 difference in the density of GABAergic cells exists between the CO blobs and interblobs
 334 of V1 (Beaulieu et al. 1992).

335 In primate evolution, L4 of area V1 has become specialized into three sublayers
 336 (reviewed in Casagrande and Kaas, 1994), and correspondingly the number of neurons in
 337 V1 per unit surface area doubled compared with other cortical areas (Hendry et al. 1987).
 338 In addition, of all cortical areas, the density of neurons per unit volume is highest in V1.

339 The mean density of neurons across all layers in V1 is $230 \times 10^3/\text{mm}^3$ (range 190–280 x
340 $10^3/\text{mm}^3$; average of three *M. fascicularis* monkeys), and drops in V2 to $130 \times 10^3/\text{mm}^3$
341 (range 110–140 $\times 10^3/\text{mm}^3$; average of two *M. fascicularis*, and one *M. mulatta*, Kelly
342 and Hawken, 2017). The neuronal densities per unit mass show similar trends, being
343 highest in V1 ($130\text{--}177 \times 10^6/\text{g}$) and somewhat lower in V2 ($89\text{--}114 \times 10^6/\text{g}$) and V5 (85
344 $\times 10^6/\text{g}$; *M. mulatta*, Collins, 2011).

345 Layer 4A has a unique honeycomb-like appearance consisting of parvocellular
346 geniculate afferent axons, local groups of pyramidal neurons in cone-like arrangement
347 ($30\text{--}80 \mu\text{m}$ wide, mean $60 \mu\text{m}$), separated by neuropil, and vertical apical dendritic
348 clusters ($1270 \text{ clusters}/\text{mm}^2$) arising from L5 pyramidal cells (Peters and Sethares 1991a,
349 1991b).

350 **V2: neuron numbers and types.** Only sparse quantitative data exist for V2. Rockland
351 (1997) estimated that beneath 1mm^2 area of V2 lay about 92600 neurons (of which 31200
352 in L3, 37200 in L4, 10600 in L6). In contrast to V1, there are no spiny stellate neurons in
353 V2 L4 or elsewhere in cortex, and infragranular pyramidal cells in V2 have spines in L4,
354 which further emphasizes the functional uniqueness of V1 among visual areas (Lund et al.
355 1981). In L4 of V2, over 90% of cells are pyramidal, with short apical dendrites, rising up
356 to L3.

357 Data on neuron numbers and types for the individual layers of area V5 have not been
358 reported.

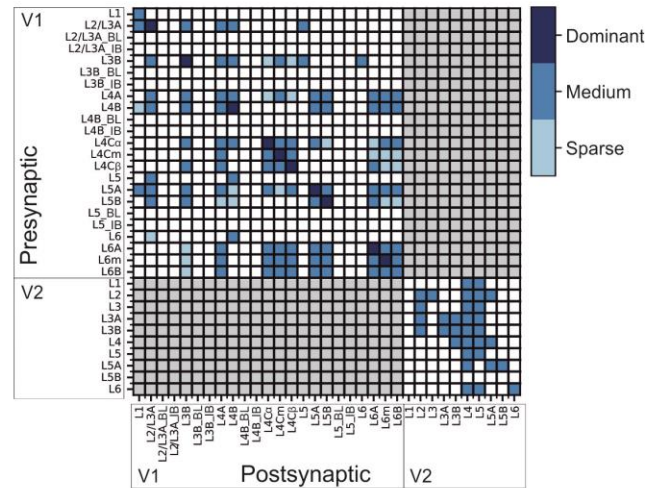
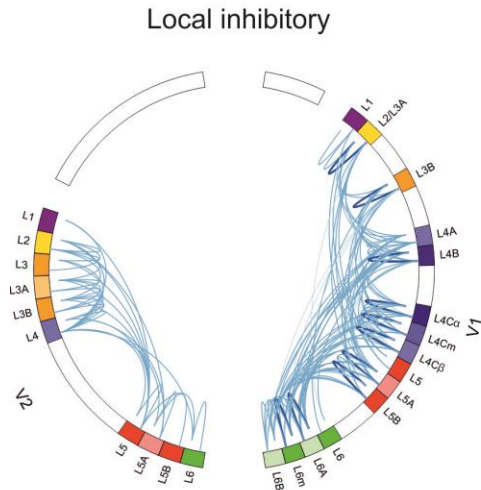
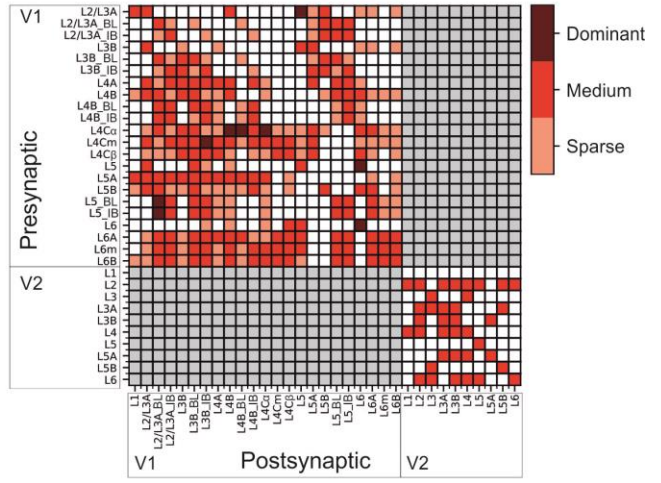
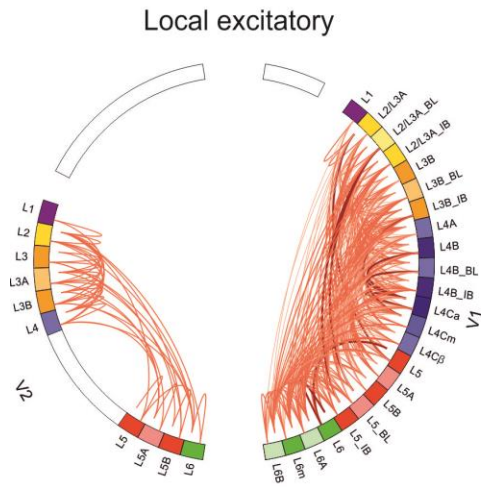
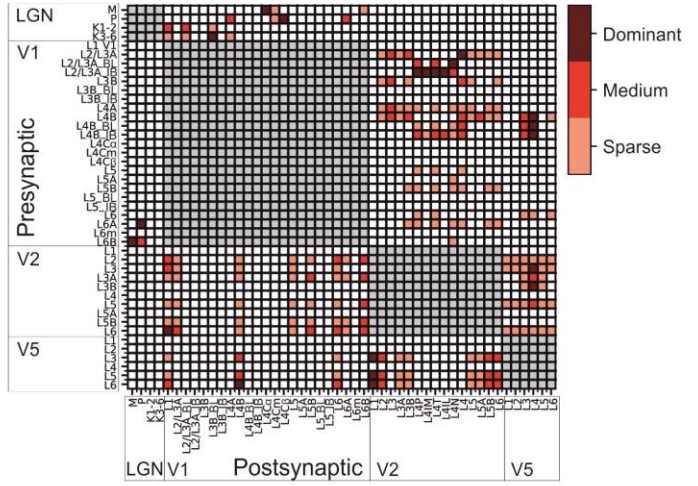
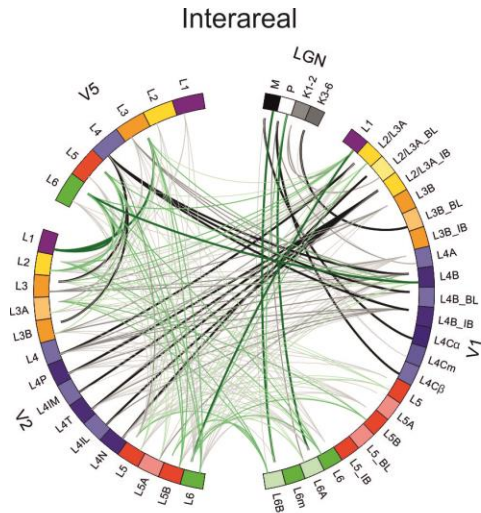
359 Layer-specific quantifications of distinct neuron types would be of paramount
360 importance for modeling.

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362 Connections between subcortical nuclei and V1, V2 and V5

363 Geniculocortical and corticogeniculate connections

364 Three main pathways, Magno- Parvo- and Koniocellular streams, convey visual
365 signals from the retina through the LGN to V1 (Figs. 2 *top*, 3 *top*, Supplementary Table
366 1A). These pathways are functionally distinct and computationally assumed to convey
367 independent dimensions of visual information from the retina to the visual cortex
368 (Derrington et al. 1984; Gegenfurtner 2003; Lennie and Movshon 2005). The Magno
369 layers of the LGN, whose cells mediate achromatic vision, have high temporal but low
370 spatial frequency tuning, and respond non-linearly to changes in luminance and contrast,
371 send denser projections to V1 L4C α , and sparser and fine axon collaterals to the lower
372 part of L6. The Parvo layers, whose cells mediate red-green contrast, have high spatial but
373 low temporal frequency tuning, and respond linearly to dynamic stimuli and contrast
374 changes, send their most dominant projection to L4C β , and sparser projections from a
375 separate population of cells to layers 4A and the upper part of L6 (Figs. 2 *top* and 3
376 *top*; Hubel and Wiesel 1972; Hendrickson et al. 1978; Blasdel and Lund 1983). In L4C,
377 the thalamic afferents form arborizations covering one monocular column, with a
378 complementary pattern of projection representing the other eye. The width of this periodic
379 arborization shows individual variability from 0.5 to 1.2 mm (Hubel and Wiesel 1972).



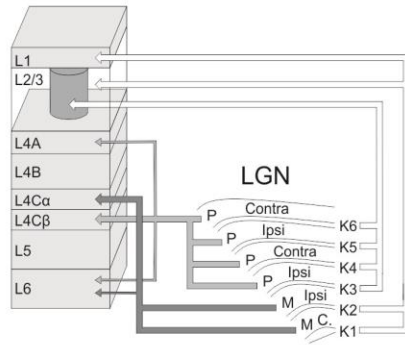
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Figure 2. Connections between LGN, V1, V2, and V5 and within V1 and V2. For references, see Supplementary Table 1D. Top, middle and bottom rows indicate inter-areal, intra-areal excitatory and intra-areal inhibitory connections, respectively.

LEFT COLUMN: Connectograms (Krzywinski et al. 2009) showing connections between distinct layers. Each colored segment in the circular perimeter indicates a cortical layer, sublayer or CO compartment. Line width and color intensity indicate the robustness of the connection. Unknown strengths are marked as medium; for V2 interlaminar connections (middle and bottom connectograms), the paucity and qualitative character of the available studies did not allow us to estimate connection strength. The origin (soma) of a projection neuron is marked as a line slightly displaced from the outer edge of the circle, while its termination (axon terminals) is marked as a line reaching the outer edge of the circle. Top Left: Interareal connections and connections between LGN and areas V1, V2, V5. Black lines indicate FF connections, and green lines FB connections. V2 L4P = L4 pale stripe (no distinction between lateral/medial stripes), L4IM = L4 interstripe (or pale stripe) medial, L4T= L4 thick stripe, L4IL = L4 interstripe (or pale) lateral, L4N = L4 thin stripe. All interareal connections are excitatory. Middle left: Local excitatory connections. Bottom Left: Local inhibitory connections; none of the studies reviewed here identified the CO compartments.

RIGHT COLUMN: Matrix of the connections. No connection (*white squares*) indicates that the connection either does not exist or was not studied. *Red squares* indicate excitatory connections, and *blue squares* inhibitory connections. Color intensity indicates the strength of the connection. |

V1



V1

Blobs:
 Color/Hue: 1-4
 Lack of orientation specificity: 4
 Low spatial frequency: 5-7
 High contrast sensitivity: 5

Interblobs:
 Orientation: 4
 Mid and high SF: 5-7
 Low contrast sensitivity: 5

Layer 4B:
 High direction selectivity: 8

V2

Pale medial (type II): contours
 Orientation: 9, 10

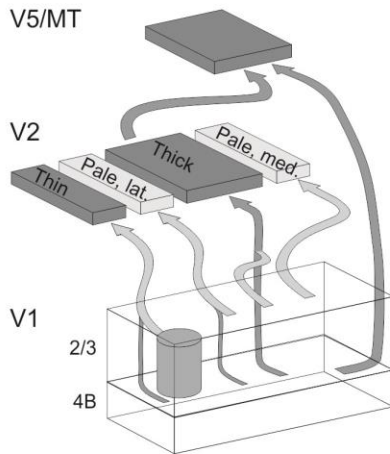
Thick stripes: disparity, motion
 Orientation: 4, 11-18
 Low and High SF: 19
 Illusory contours: 20
 Retinal disparity: 12, 13, 17, 21
 High contrast sensitivity: 19
 Motion direction: 14, 18, 22

Pale lateral (type I): unknown
 Orientation (weak): 9

Thin stripes: surface
 Color, spectral sensitivity: 4, 11-15, 19, 23, 24
 Luminance: 25
 Low SF: 19
 Brightness: 26, 27

Pale, undifferentiated (early data)
 Illusory contours: 20, 28
 Orientation: 4, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18
 High SF: 19

V5/MT



V5/MT

Speed tuning: 29-31
 Orientation: 32
 Direction tuning: 30, 32, 33
 Disparity: 34, 35

Figure 3. Feedforward pathways and specialization of functional compartments in LGN, V1, V2 and V5. TOP: Main LGN to V1 pathways (Hendrickson et al. 1978; Blasdel and Lund 1983; Kaplan 2003; Casagrande et al. 2007). Arrow thickness indicates the relative contribution of Parvo and Magno geniculocortical afferents to the different V1 layers. BOTTOM: Main FF pathways between V1, V2 and V5 (Sincich and Horton 2002; Sincich et al. 2007, 2010; Federer et al. 2013). In both top and bottom schematics, additional sparse connections were omitted for clarity.

The CO compartments of V1 and V2 contain multiple functional feature maps and their constituent neurons show specific receptive field tuning properties, as indicated on the right. Numbers refer to the following references:

1, Tootell, Silverman, Hamilton, De Valois, et al. 1988; 2, Landisman and Ts'o 2002; 3, Xiao et al. 2007; 4, Lu and Roe 2008; 5, Edwards et al. 1995; 6, Silverman et al. 1989; 7, Tootell, Silverman, Hamilton, Switkes, et al. 1988; 8, Gur and Snodderly 2007; 9, Felleman et al. 2015; 10, Shipp and Zeki 2002a; 11, Shipp and Zeki 2002b; 12, DeYoe and Van Essen 1985; 13, Roe and Ts'o 1995; 14, Munk et al. 1995; 15, Gegenfurtner et al. 1996; 16, Vanduffel et al. 2002; 17, Ts'O et al. 2001; 18, Levitt, Kiper, et al. 1994; 19, Tootell and Hamilton 1989; 20, Peterhans and von der Heydt 1993; 21, Chen et al. 2008; 22, Lu et al. 2010; 23, Tootell et al. 2004; 24, Xiao et al. 2003b; 25, Wang et al. 2007; 26, Lu and Roe 2007; 27, Roe et al. 2005; 28, Heider et al. 2000; 29, Lagae et al. 1993; 30, Maunsell and Van Essen 1983c; 31, Perrone and Thiele 2001; 32, Albright 1984; 33, Dubner and Zeki 1971; 34, Maunsell and Van Essen 1983a; 35, DeAngelis and Newsome, 1999. |

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384 Data on single thalamocortical axon arborization patterns are very sparse. An
385 individual Magno axon terminating in L4C α may divide into two or perhaps more arbors.
386 These arbors form a cluster, each covering 0.3-0.4 mm² surface area. Each cluster
387 contains 6490 synapses (mean from Blasdel and Lund, 1983 and Freund et al., 1989; both
388 studies reported data from one filled axon).

389 The corresponding coverage for the Parvo pathway axon terminal in L4C β is much
390 smaller, 0.067 mm² (Blasdel and Lund 1983). Freund et al. (1989) filled two Parvo axons,
391 and counted on average 3154 synapses/axon cluster. A single Parvo axon in L4A formed a
392 single terminal field with a honeycomb-like pattern, including 764 boutons covering
393 0.058 mm² surface area (Blasdel and Lund 1983). Assuming an average of 2.2

394 synapses/bouton [mean of Parvo synapses per bouton, from (Freund et al. 1989)], this
395 would result in 1681 synapses/axon cluster.

396 The Konio stream of the macaque LGN, a fraction of which mediates blue-yellow-
397 contrast, is organized in 6 cellular layers (K1-K6), located between and below the four
398 Parvo and two Magno layers (Figs. 2 *top* and 3 *top*; Casagrande et al. 2007). Layers K1-
399 K2 project mainly to V1 L1 (47% of K1-K2 projecting boutons) and the upper part of L3
400 (38% of boutons; named 3A in Casagrande et al., 2007), with minor projections to L2
401 (3%) and the lower part of L3 (12%); each axon has on average 134 boutons (range 55-
402 255, N=9 axons). Cells in the LGN layers K3-K6 project mainly to the lower part of V1
403 L3 (93% of boutons; named 3B α in Casagrande et al., 2007), targeting mainly the CO-
404 rich blobs (Hendry and Yoshioka 1994; Casagrande et al. 2007), with minor projections to
405 L1 (2%), upper L3 (3%), and L4A (2%); each axon has on average 217 boutons (range
406 90-430, N=9 axons). The number of thalamocortical synapses per bouton in the Konio
407 stream is unknown.

408 A subset of L6 neurons in V1 projects back to LGN (Wiser and Callaway 1996; Briggs
409 et al. 2016) in a stream-specific manner (Lund et al. 1975), i.e. separate cells in L6A and
410 6B project to the Parvo and Magno layers, respectively, each with functional properties
411 resembling their LGN targets (Briggs and Usrey 2009). In addition to V1, also some V2
412 L6 neurons project back to LGN (Briggs et al. 2016). Because the target layers in LGN
413 are unknown for this V2 projections, these connections are omitted in Figure 2 and
414 Supplementary Table 1A.

415 The LGN also projects directly to V2 (Bullier and Kennedy 1983; Markov et al. 2011),
416 and about 1% of, or 8000, LGN neurons project directly to V5 (Sincich et al. 2004).
417 Interestingly, these geniculate connections to V2 and to V5 both originate primarily from
418 the intercalated Konio layers (Bullier and Kennedy 1983; Sincich et al. 2004), which

419 represent the phylogenetically older blue-yellow color system (Carlos and Silveira 2003).
420 Unfortunately, we do not know the target layers in V2 and V5 for this LGN projection,
421 and thus we have omitted these connections from Figure 2 and Supplementary Table 1A.

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423 Other subcortical afferents to V1, V2 and V5

424 Of all subcortical inputs to V1, one of the largest arises from the claustrum (0.3% of
425 all retrogradely labeled neurons after injections in V1), whereas for LGN inputs this
426 fraction does not exceed 0.2% (Markov et al. 2011). V1 receives also afferents from the
427 pulvinar (to layers 1 and 2, Lund et al., 1981), and the amygdala (Markov et al. 2011).
428 The largest fraction of subcortical projecting neurons to V2 arises from both inferior and
429 lateral pulvinar (Benevento and Rezak 1976; Trojanowski and Jacobson 1976) [0.3%
430 (Markov et al. 2011), terminating primarily in L3B (Lund et al. 1981)], and from the
431 claustrum (0.5%; Markov et al. 2011). In addition, V1 and V2 receive sparse projections
432 from thalamic intralaminar nuclei and the nucleus basalis of Meynert (Kennedy and
433 Bullier 1985). Area V5 also receives projections from the pulvinar (Adams et al. 2000)
434 and claustrum (Gattass et al. 2014). Unlike the very localized inputs from LGN and
435 pulvinar, inputs from the claustrum and thalamic intralaminar nuclei show much larger
436 spread (Perkel et al. 1986).

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438 Interareal Connections

439 Overview of cortico-cortical connections

440 Interareal connections between V1, V2 and V5 have been reviewed previously (Zeki
441 and Shipp 1988; Felleman and Van Essen 1991; Merigan and Maunsell 1993; Gattass et
442 al. 2005; Sincich and Horton 2005; Angelucci and Bressloff 2006; Nassi and Callaway
443 2009). Later, quantitative studies have provided significant new information on the

444 relative connection strengths between cortical areas (Markov et al. 2011; Markov, Ercsey-
 445 Ravasz, et al. 2014), and on-line databases have also enabled targeted searches of existing
 446 literature (Kötter 2004; Bakker et al. 2012). In addition to visual inputs, V1 and V2
 447 receive feedback from auditory and parietal cortices suggesting that multimodal signals
 448 are available to all visual areas, not just to association areas positioned at higher levels of
 449 the anatomical hierarchy (Falchier et al. 2002; Rockland and Ojima 2003).

450 The macaque cortex consists of a moderately dense network of functional areas, where
 451 one estimate suggests that 66% of possible direct connections between two areas exist,
 452 with the number of projecting neurons between any two areas spanning a scale of 10^5
 453 (Markov, Ercsey-Ravasz, et al. 2014). With the caution that these numbers are based
 454 mainly on one species, *M fascicularis*, and thus cannot be applied to other macaque
 455 species, these data suggest that the number of projecting neurons $p(d)$ follows an
 456 exponential cortical distance rule (Markov et al. 2013):

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$$458 \quad p(d) = c e^{-\lambda d}; \text{ SD of } p(d) = \sqrt{\mu + \frac{\mu^2}{\theta}}$$

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460 where, c is a scaling constant, λ is the spatial decay constant, and d is distance across
 461 white matter. Markov et al. (2013) reported $\lambda = 0.19 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ for macaques, interpreting it to
 462 reflect the cost of wiring. Variability of λ between monkeys was not reported, but
 463 individual injections show SD which follows the mean, fitting best to negative binomial
 464 model with dispersion parameter $\theta = 7.6$. (Markov et al. 2011).

465 Between areas, the fraction of supragranular presynaptic projection neurons is
 466 correlated with hierarchical distance from the target area, so that in lower-order areas
 467 supragranular projection neurons predominate, whereas in higher order areas projection

468 neurons lay primarily in infragranular layers (Barone et al. 2000; Markov et al. 2013).

469 A large fraction of V1 excitatory cells sends their axons into the white matter. In a
470 study based on 9 monkeys (*Macaca radiata*; Callaway and Wiser 1996), white matter-
471 projecting axons were found for 50% (3/6 cells) of excitatory cells in layers 2/3A, 60%
472 (3/5 cells) in L3B, 83% (5/6 cells) in L4B, and 19% in L5 (3/16 cells). In L6, 28% of
473 cells (16/56 cells; 8 monkeys; *Macaca radiata*) projected to white matter (Wiser and
474 Callaway 1996). Many projection neurons have also extensive intra- and interlaminar
475 local collaterals in V1 (Lund and Boothe 1975; Callaway and Wiser 1996; Yarch et al.
476 2017).

477 Markov et al. (2014a) have provided important quantitative data on corticocortical
478 connections (Table 3). They injected retrograde tracers in multiple areas, including V1,
479 V2 and V5, counted the number of cells projecting to these areas, and calculated each
480 area's relative input from different areas. V1 receives about three fourths of its interareal
481 input from V2, and vice versa V2 receives three fourths of its input from V1, representing
482 the densest mutual connectivity in the macaque brain. Rockland (1997) estimated that
483 under each mm² of cortex, 14600 V1 neurons send feedforward (FF) projections to V2
484 (range 8800-21600), whereas 11300 (range 8000-12800) V2 neurons send feedback (FB)
485 projections to V1. Moreover, 41-68% of V2 L6 neurons provide FB connections to V1
486 (Rockland 1994).

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Table 3. Relative strength of mutual connections between V1, V2 and V5. Numbers indicate the percent of total presynaptic neurons, labeled in the source area after a retrograde tracer injection in the target area (e.g. after a tracer injection in V2, 76.4±2.7% of all labeled presynaptic cells reside in V1;(Markov, Ercsey-Ravasz, et al. 2014). Data from: <http://core-nets.org/index.php?action=download>. Data are from adult monkeys, five hemispheres were injected in V1 (four monkeys, all females), three in V2 (two monkeys, all males) and one in V5 (female).

V1 to V2		V2 to V1	
Mean	76.4%	Mean	73.2%
Std	2.7%	Std	3.5%
Min	73.3%	Min	68.3%
Max	78.3%	Max	76.6%
V1 to V5		V5 to V1	
Mean	1.9%	Mean	5.9%
		Std	1.1%
		Min	5.2%
		Max	7.8%
V2 to V5		V5 to V2	
Mean	11.9%	Mean	3.6%
		Std	0.6%
		Min	3.0%
		Max	4.1%

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490 Given this robust mutual connectivity between V1 and V2, it is interesting that these
491 two areas exert rather different impacts on each other's neuronal responses; whereas
492 inactivating V1 silences V2 (reviewed in Bullier et al. 1994), inactivating V2 has much
493 subtler effects on V1 responses (Hupé et al. 1998, 2001; Nassi et al. 2013; Nurminen et
494 al. 2018) indicating that the anatomical strength of a connection does not dictate its
495 physiological strength. Other factors, such as the strength of synaptic connections and
496 their location on the postsynaptic cell are likely important determinants of physiological
497 strength of a connection.

498 The proportion of afferent connections to V5 arising from V1 and V2, as well as the
499 FB connections from V5 to V1 and V2 are clearly sparser, but still significant (Table 3).

500 Many studies suggest that connections between V1 and V2, V2 and V5 and V1 and V5
501 are retinotopically organized in such a way that neighboring patches of cortex represent
502 neighboring regions in the visual field (Ungerleider and Mishkin 1979; Weller and Kaas
503 1983; Ungerleider and Desimone 1986; Shipp et al. 1989). However, the cell populations
504 projecting from V1 to V2 and V5 are largely distinct (Sincich and Horton 2003; Nassi and
505 Callaway 2007).

506 Figure 2 *top*, 3 *bottom* and Supplementary Table 1A summarize the interareal
507 connectivity between V1, V2 and V5. CO staining in V2 reveals a periodic stripe pattern
508 consisting of dark thick and thin stripes with interleaving pale stripes (Fig. 3 *bottom*). A
509 robust connection from V1 to V2 arises from L2/3A interblobs, followed by the
510 projection from L2/3A blobs. A second robust, but generally sparser (except for the
511 projection to thick CO stripes) pathway arises from L4B interblob and blob columns, and
512 sparse inputs arise from layers 3B, 4A, 5B and 6A. In V2, the majority of V1 afferents
513 terminate in L4 of the different CO stripes (thick, thin and pale), with minor terminations
514 in layers 3A, 3B, 5A, 5B and 6. The FB projections from V2 to V1 arise predominantly

515 from L6, followed by layers 2-3A, with minor efferent connections from layers 3B and
516 5B. Earlier studies, using less sensitive anterograde tracers or bidirectional tracers
517 suggested that V2 FB projections terminate predominantly in L1 of V1, with only minor
518 projections or collaterals to other layers (2/3 and 5) (Rockland and Pandya 1979; Lund et
519 al. 1981; Rockland and Virga 1989; Rockland 1994; Gattas et al. 1997). Recent studies,
520 using more sensitive and exclusively anterograde viral vectors of fluorescent proteins,
521 however, have shown strong V2 FB projections not only to L1, but also to L5B and 6B of
522 V1, with sparser terminations in layers 2/3, 4B, 5A and 6A (Ta'afua et al. 2018). This
523 arrangement suggests that the layer-wise connectivity between V1 and V2 is largely
524 reciprocal, i.e. the same V1 layers sending FF projections to V2 receive direct FB
525 connections from V2. Such symmetry suggests the existence of FF-FB loops, for fast
526 modulation of incoming V1 FF signals by V2 FB connections. However, the lack of FB
527 connections arising from L4, the dominant FB arising from L6, and the dominant FB
528 terminations in L1 are exception to an exact FF-FB reciprocity, showing anatomical
529 asymmetry. How this asymmetry affects the cells' integrative function is unclear.
530 Connections to dendrites distant from the soma, such as the FB to L1, may contact the
531 apical dendrites of pyramidal cells with somata in deeper layers. However, studies in
532 rodents and modeling work have shown that the postsynaptic signals relayed at these
533 distal sites are attenuated (Rall 1962; Williams and Stuart 2002), and their effect may
534 depend on coincident inputs onto the proximal dendrite (Larkum et al. 2004; Larkum
535 2013). These dendritic intracellular interactions may affect the layer-specific timing of
536 visual responses carried by feedforward, horizontal and feedback connections (Self et al.
537 2013; Bijanzadeh et al. 2018).

538 FF connections from V1 to V5 arise from layers 4B (both blobs and interblobs) and 6
539 and target primarily L4 and less so L3 of V5. Similar to V2-to-V1 FB, FB connections

540 from V5 originate predominantly in L6, with smaller contributions from layers 5 and 3,
541 while L4 sends no FB to V1. FB projections from V5 to V1 terminate predominantly in
542 layers 4B and 6 (Maunsell and Van Essen 1983b; Ungerleider and Desimone 1986; Shipp
543 et al. 1989), i.e. the source layers of the V1-to-V5 FF projection. Only in the peripheral
544 visual field ($>10^\circ$ eccentricity), does V5 FB target also V1 L1 (Ungerleider and Desimone
545 1986; Shipp et al. 1989). FF connections from V2 to V5 arise predominantly from L3B,
546 but also from layers 2, 3A and 5, with a minor contribution from L6. These connections
547 terminate mainly in L4 of V5 with some spread into the neighboring layers 3 and 5. FB
548 from V5 to V2 arises from V5 layers 3, 5 and 6, and terminates predominantly in V2
549 layers 1 and 6, but also 2, 3A, 5B, with minor terminations also in layers 3B and 5A. In
550 contrast to V2, where the supragranular origin of FB connections is mainly from L2-3A,
551 the supragranular FB from V5 seems to originate only from L3; while Rockland and
552 Pandaya (1979) reported it to originate in L3A, Weller and Kaas (1983) did not specify
553 from which subdivision of L3 V5 FB originates.

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555 Characteristics of connections between V1 and V2

556 The major target layer of V1-to-V2 projections is L4, where axon terminals form 0.2-
557 0.5 mm wide clusters; 1-3 clusters are arranged in 0.2 (single cluster) to 1.2 mm (multiple
558 clusters) long and 0.3 mm wide terminal fields (Rockland and Virga 1990; Anderson and
559 Martin 2009). Sparse axonal terminations also occur contiguously in layers 3 and 5
560 (Rockland and Pandya 1979). In V2, the most frequent targets of V1 FF projections are
561 the dendritic spines of excitatory neurons, with sparse terminations onto shafts, the latter
562 mainly (about 60%) onto inhibitory neurons (Anderson and Martin 2009). Of the spines
563 receiving V1 FF projections, only 19% receive a second inhibitory synapse in addition to
564 excitatory synapses.

565 As mentioned above, macaque V2 has four CO stripe compartments (thick, thin, and 2
566 pale stripes), each with unique afferent and efferent connectivity (Fig. 2 *top*, 3 *bottom*,
567 Supplementary Table 1A). Retrograde tracer injections confined to distinct V2 stripes
568 result in spatially segregated clusters of labeled somata in V1, which align preferentially
569 with distinct V1 CO compartments (blobs or interblobs), suggesting parallel FF pathways
570 from V1 to V2 (Livingstone and Hubel 1984a, 1988a; Sincich and Horton 2002; Federer
571 et al. 2013). Livingstone and Hubel (1984b, 1988) first proposed a tripartite model of V1-
572 to-V2 projections. This model was later modified by Sincich and Horton (2002) and,
573 subsequently, Federer et al. (2013) as illustrated in Figure 3 *bottom*. According to this
574 model, thin stripes receive projections from CO blobs, and thick and pale stripes from
575 interblobs. V1 projections to all stripes arise predominantly from L2-3 with sparse
576 projections from layers 4A and 5-6; projections from L4B are densest to thick stripes,
577 moderate to thin stripes and one set of pale stripes (type I, also termed pale-lateral as they
578 are located laterally to thick stripes), and absent to the second set of pale stripes (type II,
579 also termed pale-medial). Importantly, this segregation is not strict, as all stripe types
580 receive sparser projections from both blobs and interblobs.

581 After paired injections of different retrograde tracers into thick and pale stripes, 16%
582 of all V1 labeled neurons were double labeled in the interblobs (Sincich and Horton
583 2002); even smaller percentages of double labeled neurons were found after paired
584 retrograde tracer injections into thin and pale stripes (Sincich and Horton 2002), or pale-
585 lateral and pale-medial stripes (1-3% of all labeled neurons, Federer et al. 2013),
586 demonstrating that different stripe types receive inputs predominantly from different V1
587 cells, but at least some common inputs from the same cells, and that the segregation of
588 inputs is more marked for thin vs thick/pale stripes compared to thick vs. pale or pale-
589 lateral vs. pale-medial stripes.

590 Using intra-V2 injections of a glycoprotein-deleted rabies virus carrying the gene for
591 green fluorescent protein (GFP), Nassi and Callaway (2007) found that on average 17%
592 of V1 L4B neurons projecting to V2 had spiny stellate morphology and 83% (N= 2
593 hemispheres, 82% and 85%, respectively) had pyramidal morphology. By confining
594 injections of the same virus to thick or thin stripes, Yarch et al. (2019) reported that on
595 average >60% of L4B inputs to thick stripes and about 40% to thin stripes arises from
596 stellate cells, and the rest from pyramids. The difference between the results of Nassi and
597 Callaway (2007) and those of Yarch and colleagues (2019) suggests that most V1 L4B
598 stellate cells that project to V2 target the thick stripes, and that pale stripes receive
599 dominant or exclusive V1 L4B inputs from pyramidal cells. Alternatively, viral injections
600 in the two studies may have been confined to different subcompartments or layers within
601 the stripes, or the virus differentially infected different populations of L4B cells in the two
602 studies. Yarch et al. (2019) additionally fully reconstructed the intra-V1 axon arbors of
603 single L4B neurons projecting to thick stripes; using unbiased cluster analysis of these
604 neurons' intra-V1 laminar axon projection patterns, they identified at least two (possibly
605 three) major classes within this L4B subpopulation. Most reconstructed neurons (65%,
606 15/23 neurons) belonged to Class 1, sending narrowly focused axonal projections to L2/3,
607 and laterally extending projections to layers 4B and 5. Class 2 cells (26%), instead, sent
608 collaterals mainly to L5, and the rare Class 3 cells (9%) predominantly to L6. The somata
609 of all these cell classes lay preferentially outside CO blobs, and their axon projections in
610 all layers also avoided CO blobs, indicating that the intra-V1 connections of L4B neurons
611 projecting to thick stripes preserve segregation between blobs and interblobs.

612 Rockland and Virga (1989), reported that V2 to V1 FB axons form terminal clusters in
613 V1 with extents of $4.0 \times 10^6 \mu\text{m}^3$ (range $0.2 \times 10^6 - 15.4 \times 10^6$), primarily in L1, with
614 sparser terminations in layers 2 and 5. Most single FB axons travel 0.75-2 mm in L1,

615 sending clusters at 350-650 μm intervals (Rockland 1994). In L5, however, the terminals
616 travel <0.75 mm. The density of boutons varies from 3 to 15 boutons/100 μm of axon.

617 Using more sensitive viral vectors of GFP (AAV9) confined to distinct V2 stripes,
618 Angelucci and colleagues (Federer et al. 2015; Ta'afua et al. 2018) have recently reported
619 dominant V2 FB projections to V1 layers 1, 2A, 5B and 6B, and sparser projections to
620 2B, 3, 5A and 6A, from all stripe types. Sparse, but significant projections to L4B were
621 observed after thick and pale-lateral stripe injections but were virtually absent after thin
622 stripe injections. Moreover, V2 FB projections mimicked the parallel organization of the
623 reciprocal FF V1-to-V2 pathways: in all V1 layers of termination, thin stripes projected
624 predominantly to blobs and pale and thick stripes to interblobs.

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626 Characteristics of V5 afferent pathways

627 The most direct LGN Magno inputs reach V5 tri-synaptically via V1 layers 4C α and
628 4B. In contrast, most Parvo input travels a longer route, via V2, to reach V5 (see Fig. 3
629 in Nassi and Callaway 2006). More specifically, the pyramidal neurons in V1 L4B
630 receive Magno and Parvo inputs from both layers 4C α (via direct 4C α -to-4B projections)
631 and 4C β (via 4C β -to-3 projections contacting the apical dendrites of L4B pyramids in
632 L3), whereas the 4B spiny stellate neurons receive only Magno input from L4C α (Yabuta
633 et al. 2001). L4B spiny stellates then carry Magno data directly to V5 (Nassi and
634 Callaway 2007). After injections of retrograde tracers into V5, Nassi and Callaway (2007)
635 found that on average 76% (N=3 hemispheres, range 67-93%) of the labeled cells in V1
636 L4B had spiny stellate morphology and only 24% had pyramidal morphology. This
637 contrasted with the much larger fraction of pyramids ($\sim 80\%$) projecting to V2. Moreover,
638 the V5-projecting V1 L4B neurons were larger in size compared to the V2-projecting
639 ones, and the V5-projecting pyramidal cells were more likely to reside under CO blobs

640 and have longer dendritic trees extending more often up to L1. Other studies found that
641 L4B cells projecting to V5 are equally located under blobs and interblobs (Shipp et al.
642 1989; Sincich and Horton 2003), and that V1 projections to V5 arise predominantly from
643 L4B (97.8% of V1 inputs), and sparsely from L6 projection (2.2%; Nhan and Callaway
644 2012).

645 Individual axons from V1 terminate into 1.0 – 1.8 mm wide patchy fields in L3, L4
646 and L6 of area V5 (Rockland 1989; Anderson et al. 1998). Each axonal branch forms up
647 to 4 terminal arbors up to 250 μm in diameter in the L4 and L3, and up to 50-100 μm in
648 L6 (Rockland 1989). The axons form excitatory synapses with dendritic spines (54%;
649 with the largest synapses, mean area 0.127 μm^2 , SEM 0.011), shafts (33%; 0.071 μm^2 ,
650 SEM 0.07) and somata (13%; 0.031 μm^2 , SEM 0.008). All connections to the soma and
651 26% of those on shafts were found to be on inhibitory postsynaptic cells, the remainder
652 (78% of all connections) being on excitatory cells (Anderson et al. 1998). These authors
653 estimated that of the $5\text{-}10 \times 10^3$ synapses present on single V5 neurons, only few
654 hundreds are made by V1 afferents, which is analogous to LGN-to-V1 projections where
655 a small number of synapses have a disproportionately strong impact on the target neurons.

656 Similar to V1 projections, V2 afferent axons to V5 form terminal patches in L3-4, each
657 patch being up to 200-250 μm in width, with an interpatch distance of up to 600 μm
658 (Rockland 1995). Moreover, as in V1, most V2 afferent synapses land onto spines (67%
659 in L4, 82% in L2/3), and only 4-6% of synapses onto L4 neurons are made by V2 afferent
660 axons (Anderson and Martin 2002). In contrast to V1 projections, some V2 axon arbors
661 extend from L4 upward into L1; moreover, V2 afferent axons are thinner than V1
662 afferents (diameter of about 3.0 μm in V1 vs. 1.0 μm in V2), and send no collaterals to L6
663 (Rockland 1995; Anderson and Martin 2002).

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665 Divergence and convergence in feedforward and feedback connections

666 Some of the earliest anatomical studies of interareal connections reported that the
667 tangential extents of the FF and FB connectional fields were asymmetric (reviewed
668 in Zeki and Shipp 1988). The forward connections converged to a local region in higher
669 order areas, and it was hypothesized that they represent the anatomical substrate for the
670 increasing RF size of neurons along the cortical hierarchy. In contrast, the backward
671 projecting system was typically more divergent, thus possibly serving widespread
672 modulation of low-order areas.

673 Angelucci et al. (2002) tested the hypothesis that widespread FB connections from
674 extrastriate cortical areas provide an anatomical substrate for contextual modulation of V1
675 neuron responses arising from outside the neurons' classical RF (also termed the RF
676 surround). By combining tracer injections with electrophysiological recordings at the
677 injection site and in the cortical region of expected tracer transport, these authors were
678 able to compare the spatial extent of extrastriate FB connections to V1 with the spatial
679 extent of V1 neurons' classical and extra-classical RFs. Anterograde tracer injections
680 confined to the V2 upper layers produced a pattern of labeled patchy FB terminations in
681 V1 upper layers. Injections including also the deep V2 layers additionally produced less
682 patchy, and more extensive terminal FB label in layers 5/6. The diameter of the V2 FB
683 axon terminal field in V1 was 6.8 ± 0.4 mm (mean \pm SEM, range 6.4-7.6 mm), while FB
684 terminations from V5 extended over 13.4 ± 0.5 mm (range 12.9-13.9) mm in V1. These
685 authors also made injections of retrograde tracers into V1 and measured the extent of the
686 retrogradely-labeled fields of neurons in V2, and V5 sending convergent FB projections
687 to the injected V1 region. When converted to visuotopic coordinates, on average, the V2
688 and V5 L5/6 FB neurons labeled by small injections of retrograde tracers in V1
689 encompassed a visual field region of $3.8^\circ \pm 0.6$ and $26.6^\circ \pm 3.0$, respectively, in diameter.

690 In contrast, the field of long-range intra-V1 horizontal connections converging to the
691 same V1 injection sited was only $2.9^\circ \pm 0.4$ in diameter. Expressed in units of V1
692 classical RF size, the visuotopic extents of V2 FB fields correspond to 4.0 ± 0.4 times
693 (range 2.7-5.3; for FB from V2 L2/3) and 4.6 ± 0.2 times (4.0-5.1; for FB from V2 L5/6)
694 the size of the classical RF of V1 neurons. FB from V5 L2/3 and 5/6, instead, extends
695 15.0, and 25.0 ± 4.0 (21-29) times, respectively, the V1 neurons' classical RF size.
696 Importantly, the FB fields to V1 are much larger than the extent of visual field
697 encompassed by the intra-V1 long-range horizontal connections, which, instead,
698 encompass 2.7 (L2/3) to 3.7 (L4B) times the classical RF size of V1 cells. In conclusion,
699 horizontal connections can mediate contextual integration of visual signals from just
700 outside the V1 neurons' RF (the "near surround"), while FB connections provide V1 cells
701 with a much larger area for integrating visual signals arising from the most distant regions
702 of the RF surround (the "far surround").

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704 Intra-areal connections

705 Local cortical connectivity is complex. For example, a recently implemented model of
706 the microcircuit of rat somatosensory cortex comprises almost 2000 connection types
707 between 55 morphological cell types (Markram et al. 2015). For modeling purposes, the
708 complex connectivity needs to be simplified to basic principles, including distance
709 distributions, major local inter-laminar pathways, and main connection motifs for
710 excitatory and inhibitory neurons. This information is only partially available for
711 macaque cortex.

712 Overall, there seem to be two major categories of connections, long-range
713 (millimeters-long) horizontal connections, which are most prominent within the lamina of
714 origin (Fisken et al. 1975; Rockland and Lund 1983; Angelucci, Levitt, Walton, et al.

715 2002), and short local connections, which often cross layer boundaries.

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717 Horizontal connectivity

718 Most inputs to cortical neurons arise from their local neighborhood. On average 79%
719 of incoming axons to any cortical point originate within the same functional area (Markov
720 et al. 2011). In addition, the intra-areal intrinsic connectivity is highly local (Barone et al.
721 2000; Markov et al. 2011), i.e. following injection of a retrograde tracer in cortex, the
722 number of resulting retrogradely labeled neurons drops as a function of distance (d) from
723 the injected site:

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$$\text{Number of neurons} \sim \frac{1}{e^{\lambda d}}$$

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727 For example, in V1 lambda is 1/0.23 mm, resulting in 95% of labeled presynaptic
728 neurons being located within 2.2 mm of the injection site; in V2 the corresponding value
729 is 1.8 mm. On average, across the studied cortical areas, 95% of labeled intrinsic neurons
730 are within 1.9 mm of the injected site (Markov et al. 2011). Moreover, on average 63% of
731 these retrogradely labeled V1 neurons are supragranular, and the drop in number as a
732 function of distance appears similar in the supra- and infragranular layers (Barone et al.
733 2000).

734 The extent of local horizontal connections varies in different layers of V1. Using
735 bidirectional tracers (which label both axon terminals anterogradely and cell bodies
736 retrogradely), Angelucci et al. (2002) showed average horizontal extents of 3 mm (radius
737 from the injection site) in L2/3, 3.4 mm in L4B/upper 4C α , and 4 mm in L5/6. The largest
738 axonal extents in these layers were 4.5, 5.0 and 4.8 mm, respectively. In contrast,
739 connections in the remainder of L4C seem to be highly local, extending laterally mainly

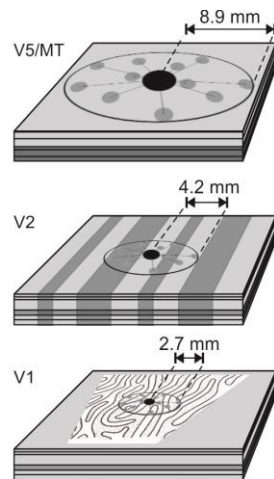
740 within one functional column (up to 0.2 mm radius, Fiskens et al., 1975; Katz et al., 1989).

741 The number of synapses between any two horizontally connected cells appears to be
742 very low: only 2 out of 33 postsynaptic dendritic branches (sample of two neurons)
743 received two inputs from the same presynaptic neuron (McGuire et al. 1991). This study,
744 however, looked only at single branches and, thus, could not exclude targets on different
745 dendritic branches of the same postsynaptic cell.

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747 Functional organization of horizontal connections

748 Figure 4 depicts the relative extent of horizontal connections in V1, V2 and V5, and
749 Table 4 summarizes key measurements. Horizontal connections extend over progressively
750 larger distances in higher-order areas (Amir et al. 1993).



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Figure 4. Extent of intra-areal horizontal connections in the tangential domain of areas V1, V2 and V5.

Horizontal connections in V1 are most prominent in L2/3 and 5 but exist also in L4B/upper 4C α and 6 (Amir et al. 1993; Angelucci, Levitt, Walton, et al. 2002). In V2, horizontally spreading connections emerge from L2, L3 and some from L5 and L6 (Levitt, Yoshioka, et al. 1994). In V5, locally projecting neurons are predominantly found in L2 and L3 and, following deep layer injections, also in L6 (Ahmed et al. 2012).

In the center of each cortical slab is a halo (*black dot*) of dense, unspecific local connectivity, surrounded by more specific patches of terminal clusters (*gray dots*). In V1, the ocular dominance pattern (modified from LeVay et al. 1975), and in V2 the schematics of the CO bands, are approximately at scale. In V5, the darker shading in layers 4-6 depicts heavier myelination. The horizontal connection extents are average maxima across studies from *M. Fascicularis* and *M. Mulatta*: V1, (Amir et al. 1993; Angelucci, Levitt, Walton, et al. 2002), V2 (Amir et al. 1993), V5 (Ahmed et al. 2012).

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Table 4. Summary of horizontal connectivity. Mean (range) across studies. Distances are in mm. Data from 1. Amir et al. 1993; 2. Malach et al. 1993; 3. Levitt, Yoshioka, et al. 1994; 4. Yoshioka et al. 1996; 5. Angelucci, Levitt, Walton, et al. 2002; 6. Ahmed et al. 2012.)

	V1	V2	V5
Most distant terminal cluster	2.7 (2.1-2.9)	4.1 (4.0-4.2)	8.9
Anisotropy ratio	1.7 (1.6-1.8)	1.6	1.2
Cluster size	0.21 (0.18-0.23)	0.25 (0.25-0.25)	0.52
Inter-cluster separation	0.61	0.88 (0.60-1.15)	2.3
References	1-2,4-5	1,3	6

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754 In layers 2/3 of V1, horizontal connections labeled by retrograde tracer injections into
 755 V1 form patches of axon terminals and somata around the injection site (Rockland and
 756 Lund 1983; Angelucci, Levitt, Walton, et al. 2002; Tanigawa et al. 2005). Single tracer
 757 injections label on average 11 (range 3-21) patches (Yoshioka et al. 1996; Tanigawa et al.
 758 2005), each about 0.1-0.2 mm wide, which repeat at 0.5-0.6 mm intervals (Rockland and

759 Lund 1983). The 0.2 mm patch diameter matches the width of the dendritic fields of
760 pyramidal cells in the supragranular layers, and, together with the characteristic interpatch
761 distance, reflects the preference of these connections to link V1 domains with similar
762 functional tuning (Malach et al. 1993; Yoshioka et al. 1996). Patchy horizontal
763 connections are also prominent in L5 (Lund et al. 1993).

764 Tracer injections targeted to specific orientation-preference domain in the V1
765 orientation map send horizontal connections preferentially (70%) to other V1 domains
766 with similar orientation preference ($\pm 45^\circ$) as that of the injected site. In the local
767 neighborhood of the injected site the connection targets show wider orientation diversity
768 (Malach et al. 1993).

769 Horizontal connections in V1 layer 2/3 also prefer domains of similar ocular
770 dominance (OD) and CO compartment (blob/interblob, Livingstone and Hubel 1984b;
771 Yoshioka et al. 1996). Tracer injections targeted to a specific OD column resulted in
772 labeled patches of horizontal connections, of which on average 54% resided in the
773 surrounding OD columns representing the same eye territory, 18% at the border between
774 the left and right eye representation, and 28% in the opposite eye territory. For tracer
775 injections targeted to blob/interblob domains, 71% of connection targets remained in the
776 same domain, the rest were located at blob/interblob borders or into the opposite CO
777 compartment (Yoshioka et al. 1996).

778 Taken together, in layers 2 and 3 of V1 the horizontal connectivity is locally (within
779 dendritic and axonal field) not specific to functional domains, but long-range connections
780 form terminal patches with a preference for similar-domain cells.

781 In thalamorecipient L4C β , the dendritic fields of both spiny and non-spiny stellate
782 cells seem to avoid crossing OD boundaries, whereas axons of both cell classes cross to
783 the opposite domain. Since these axons are only about 100 μm long, they nevertheless

784 mainly remain in their home eye column (Katz et al. 1989). Functionally, this results in
785 strictly monocular cells in this layer (Hubel and Wiesel 1968).

786 Horizontal connections in layers 4B/upper4C α also show some domain-specific
787 clustering. When columnar tracer injections encompass L2 to upper L4C α , the clusters of
788 horizontal connections in L2/3 and those in L4B/upper4C α are vertically aligned, but
789 clusters in L4B/upper4C α are band-like rather than patch-like as in L2/3 (Angelucci,
790 Levitt, and Lund 2002; Lund et al. 2003).

791 In L6, a specialized class of large pyramidal Meynert cells shows little clustering of
792 their horizontal connections and appear to form diffuse terminations (Li et al. 2003). In
793 other layers, the horizontal connectivity in relation to functional domains has not been
794 systemically studied.

795 The distribution of horizontal connections is anisotropic. The ratio between the long
796 and short axes of the antero- and retrogradely-labeled connection fields ranges from 1.5 in
797 L4B/upper 4C α to 1.8 in L5/6 (Angelucci, Levitt, Walton, et al. 2002). Interestingly, the
798 visual field representation of these horizontal connection fields appears isotropic, i.e. their
799 spatial anisotropy in cortex translates to an isotropic distribution in visual field. This
800 results from the anisotropic columnar organization in V1, primarily due to the OD
801 columns, interrupting an otherwise smooth retinotopic representation (Blasdel and
802 Campbell 2001).

803 In V2, horizontal connections are also patchy (Rockland 1985; Amir et al. 1993;
804 Levitt, Yoshioka, et al. 1994). From each injection site, efferent axons travel in layers 1-3
805 to form 10-15 terminal patches, each 0.25-0.3 mm wide. The patches are found up to 4
806 mm away from the injection site, with a gamma-like, positively skewed, distribution,
807 peaking at 1 mm distance. The patches form an oval field, with median longer/shorter
808 axis ratio of 1.6 (range 1-3.8), and the longer axis of the field being oriented orthogonal to

809 the CO stripes. Given the anisotropy of visual field representation in V2, due to the
810 presence of CO stripes, the connections seem to connect roughly a circular area of visual
811 field. After tracer injections confined to the upper layers, some labeled horizontal
812 connection are also observed in L5.

813 The stripe specificity of horizontal connections in V2 remains unclear. It appears that
814 over short distances, they cross CO stripe boundaries (Levitt, Yoshioka, et al. 1994), but
815 over longer projection distances they preferentially target the same stripe type as that of
816 the injected site (Baldwin et al. 2012). Interestingly, GABAergic connections seem to
817 create an oval-shaped connectivity along, rather than across, the CO stripes, in contrast to
818 excitatory connections (Kritzer et al. 1992); their maximum lateral spread is also shorter,
819 1.4 mm in superficial layers and 1.1 mm in the infragranular layers. Functionally, this
820 difference in excitatory vs. inhibitory topography would seem to indicate that V2
821 excitatory horizontal connections combine signals from different visual processing
822 streams, while the more local inhibitory connections suppress nearby activation within
823 one stream.

824 In V5, horizontal connections form the longest-range connections, with clusters up to
825 10 mm from the injection site (Ahmed et al. 2012). A tracer injection in the upper layers
826 labels horizontal connections that are restricted to supragranular layers, whereas a tracer
827 injection in the deep layers labels horizontal axons in both supragranular and L6 neurons
828 with a similar distribution of clusters (mean space between clusters 2 mm).

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830 Overview of interlaminar connections

831 Interlaminar connections in V1 and V2 (Figs. 2 *middle, bottom*, Supplementary Table
832 1B-D) have been previously reviewed (Gilbert 1983; Lund 1988; Lund et al. 1994; Levitt
833 et al. 1996; Callaway 1998a; Douglas and Martin 2004). We found no intrinsic

834 interlaminar connectivity studies of macaque V5.

835 From a modeling perspective, it is interesting that lamination might reflect a
836 developmental hierarchy. The major laminar borders and layer-specific connections
837 develop first, guided by ontogenetic molecular markers, whereas sublamina-specific
838 connectivity (e.g. axons targeting 3 vs. 4B, 4C α vs. 4C β) might emerge postnatally,
839 guided by either molecular markers or visual input (Callaway 1998b). Eventually,
840 interlaminar connectivity becomes highly complex with multiple unique combinations of
841 layer inputs (Sawatari and Callaway 2000; Nassi and Callaway 2009).

842 The excitatory and inhibitory local circuit neurons have been clearly distinguished in
843 the literature, as light and electron microscopic observations allow straightforward
844 identification of excitatory cells, as having spinous dendrites and forming asymmetric
845 synapses, in contrast to inhibitory cells which instead have smooth dendrites and form
846 symmetric synapses. However, there are sparser data describing the extent of axonal
847 spread in a target layer. Moreover, in these studies, cell samples were typically small,
848 precluding statistical analyses, and the distance covered by the projecting axons is often
849 reported only as largest extent within the small sample. An even greater challenge is the
850 classification of inhibitory and excitatory cells into different morphological subtypes and
851 describing the subtype-specific connectivity. While attempts to classify neurons into
852 distinct subtypes have been made, the relative proportions of the different subtypes and
853 the statistics of their inputs and outputs is sporadic and largely missing in macaques.
854 However, a general rule that has emerged from these studies is that both excitatory and
855 inhibitory neuron types typically project strongly within their home layer.

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857 Excitatory interlaminar connections

858 In Figure 2 (*Middle*) and in Supplementary Table 1 B, we report, separately for V1 and

859 V2, the layer location of the somata giving rise to interlaminar projections and a semi-
860 quantitative description of their axonal target layers.

861 **V1 excitatory neuron connectivity.** Excitatory neurons in L4C α and L4C β project
862 strongly to their home layer, but they also target 4Cm, a sub-layer of cells which occupies
863 the middle of L4C between the α and β sub-layers, and which receives only sparse direct
864 LGN connections. L4C α sends robust projections to layers 3B and 4B, which align with
865 CO blobs, but sparser projections also to other layers, except L1 and 5B. L4C β sends a
866 robust projection to L3B, which instead aligns with both interblobs and blobs. L4C β also
867 sends more moderate projections to other layers, except 1 and 5B. The L3B blob and
868 interblob compartments seem to distribute efferent connections primarily to
869 corresponding blob or interblob compartments, respectively, in other layers (2/3A, 4B
870 (sparse) and 5), and L3B interblob neurons in addition project to 5A. L2/3A interlaminar
871 connections are partially selective for blob/interblob divisions, emphasizing connections
872 within their home compartment, but not totally avoiding crossing CO boundaries. L4A,
873 which receives direct LGN Parvo input, projects to L3B interblobs, but also to layers
874 2/3A, 4B and 5A. Cells in L4B blobs seem to be targeting mainly interblobs within 4B
875 itself and in L5; in contrast, cells in L4B interblobs target primarily interblobs in these
876 layers. L4B projections to layers 2/3A and 3B, instead, terminate in CO blobs, regardless
877 of whether their soma sits in a blob or interblob column. However, Yarch et al. (2017)
878 have recently shown that the L4B output cells that project to the thick CO stripes of V2
879 do not obey this local L4B to L3-blob connectivity rule; instead, these cells have somata
880 that typically lay at a blob border or an interblob, and in L3 they avoid blobs but project
881 to the same CO compartment where their soma resides, i.e. blob border or interblob.

882 L5A and 5B neurons seem to be widely projecting to supragranular and granular
883 layers, avoiding, however, L4Cm. L5A and 5B both send some axons to L6, too. L6 cells

884 are connected to almost all other layers, with some emphasis on L4C.

885 In V1, the mutual connectivity between the L5 and 6 sublayers has not been studied.
886 Sub-layers 5A and 5B are most likely highly interconnected (Kisvarday et al. 1989;
887 Briggs and Callaway 2005), but this has not been explicitly studied. The illustrations in
888 Wiser and Callaway (1996), together with the quantification of pyramidal cell types in
889 L6A, L6m and L6B seem to suggest that there is dense mutual sublayer connectivity
890 between these L6 subdivisions.

891 L6 pyramidal cells have been classified into subgroups based on their specific laminar
892 targets (Wiser and Callaway 1996). L6 neurons target either the L4C sublayers and L4A
893 in different combinations avoiding all other layers (type I) or avoid L4C and show strong
894 mutual connectivity within L6 (type II). The L6 projections to CO blobs vs. interblobs
895 seem to be nonspecific (Wiser and Callaway 1996) and only a subset of type I pyramids
896 project selectively to particular OD columns in L4C (Wiser and Callaway 1997).

897 **V2 excitatory neuron connectivity.** For V2 interlaminar connections, we found only
898 three studies (Valverde 1978; Lund et al. 1981; Levitt, Yoshioka, et al. 1994), limiting the
899 robustness of the connectivity graph and especially the classification of connection
900 strength (Fig. 2 *Middle*, Supplementary Table 1B). First, local excitatory connections
901 show the typical intralaminar self-connectivity. Input layer 4 sends projections to
902 supragranular layers, whereas no direct infragranular projection has been reported from
903 this layer. L3B connects to layers 3A, 5A and 2. L3A projects to L3B, 2 and 5B. L2 sends
904 axonal projections to every layer except 5A. L5A connects back to L4 and sends
905 projections to both 3A and 3B. L5B projects to layers 3A and 3B. Finally, L6 sends
906 efferent axons to all other layers, except L1.

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908 Inhibitory interlaminar connections

909 Jennifer Lund and colleagues studied the inhibitory neurons and their interlaminar
910 connections of V1 in a series of four papers (Lund 1987; Lund et al. 1988; Lund and
911 Yoshioka 1991; Lund and Wu 1997), based on Golgi impregnation of thick tissue sections
912 and reconstructions of single neurons within single sections. The limitations of these
913 studies are the incomplete impregnation and the fact that neurons cannot be reconstructed
914 beyond individual impregnated sections, therefore leading to incomplete neuron
915 reconstructions. The inhibitory local circuit neurons of V2, instead, have been studied
916 mainly together with excitatory neurons (Valverde 1978; Lund et al. 1981; Levitt,
917 Yoshioka, et al. 1994). Kritzer et al. (1992) used 3H-nipecotic acid to retrogradely label
918 GABAergic cells. Their data suggest that inhibitory connections are made nearly across
919 all layers in both V1 and V2, with the probability of connections decreasing with laminar
920 distance. This is consistent with data in rodents (Markram et al. 2015). Due to poor
921 confinement of tracer injections to single layers in Kritzer et al. (1992), in Figure 2 and
922 Supplementary Table 1 we have omitted most data from this study.

923 **V1 inhibitory neuron connectivity.** The dendritic fields of inhibitory interneurons
924 often spread vertically outside the layer where the parent soma is located (Lund 1987).
925 Albeit spreading to other layers, the dendritic fields spread uniformly, sampling
926 apparently unselectively across their depth. Horizontally, the dendritic fields of smooth
927 inhibitory neurons in supragranular layers 1-4B are local, measuring 250-350 μm in
928 diameter (Lund and Yoshioka 1991; Lund and Wu 1997).

929 It is safe to claim that more than half of the inhibitory synapses are formed within the
930 layer of the parent soma. The exceptions in Figure 2 (*bottom*) and Supplementary Table 1
931 are L1, for which sparse data do not allow quantitative estimates, and L4A, which is too
932 narrow to include most of the local axonal tree. In contrast to dendrites, the axons may

933 also cross layers, but without sprouting, targeting specific upper or lower layers. A subset
934 of inhibitory neurons with somata either in L4C α or L4C β sends axons to the opposite
935 geniculo-cortical stream (i.e. L4C α \Rightarrow L4C β , L4A or L4C β \Rightarrow L4C α), potentially
936 causing cross-inhibition between the Magno and Parvo streams (Lund 1987).
937 Horizontally, the axons of inhibitory neurons may spread considerable distances, albeit
938 much less than the horizontal spread of excitatory cells; the largest distances are reached
939 by the L2/3 wide-arbor Basket cells, whose axon terminals may reach up to 1.5 mm from
940 the soma (Lund and Wu 1997).

941 The layer-specific connectivity in relation to CO compartments has not been
942 extensively studied for inhibitory interneurons, thus this is omitted in Fig. 2 (*bottom*).
943 Overall, however, the few available studies seem to indicate that inhibitory connections
944 preserve CO specificity (Kritzer et al. 1992), similar to excitatory neurons.

945 L4C α interneurons connect to all 4C sublayers, as well as to layers 4B, 4A, 3B, 5A,
946 and the bottom of L6. Sparse axonal projections from L4C α target, in addition, layers 5B
947 and 6A. L4C β interneurons show similar connectivity as those of 4C α , but with emphasis
948 on L6A instead of 6B, and a missing projection to L4B.

949 L4B interneurons target layers 3B, 4A, both 5A and 5B and all L6 sublayers. Sparse
950 projections reach L1 and L2/3A. L4A inhibitory neurons have similar targets as those of
951 L4B. In contrast to L4B, L4A inhibitory neurons send weaker projections to L6, while
952 targeting L4C (4Cm, as well as, weakly, 4C α and 4C β). L3B inhibitory neurons target
953 predominantly L4A, and moderately layers 2/3A, 4B, 4Cm, 5A and 5B, and all three
954 sublayers of L6. L2/3A interneurons send dominant projections to layers 1, 3B, 4A, 4B
955 and 5B, and sparse connections to L6. L1 interneurons send axons to layers 2/3A, 3B and
956 4B, but not to L4C or infragranular layers. L5A sends inhibitory axons to layers 1, 3B, as
957 well as to all L4C and L6 sublayers. L5B is very different from 5A, as it sends inhibitory

958 axon projections to layers 2/3A, 5A and 6A, and sparse projections to 3B, 4A, 4B, and the
959 bottom two L6 sublayers. L6 interneurons project to layers 4A, all 4C sublayers, 5, and
960 heavily to all L6 sublayers.

961 The two most apparent distinctions between inhibitory and excitatory intrinsic
962 connectivity within V1 are in L1, which has more extensive inhibitory than excitatory
963 connectivity, and in L6, which inhibits only the thin L4A, but excites most supragranular
964 layers. Horizontally, the inhibitory connections do not seem to form terminal axon
965 clusters, as excitatory neurons do, but their axon density decreases continuously as a
966 function of distance (Kritzer et al. 1992).

967 Lund et al. (1988) suggested that some L5B inhibitory neurons send axons to the white
968 matter, which would be an important exception to the rule that all white matter tracts are
969 excitatory. Later, long-range inhibitory projections have been found in many species and
970 systems (Caputi et al. 2013) but they are sparse, originating from about 0.5% of
971 neocortical GABA neurons in mice (Tamamaki and Tomioka 2010). In macaques, long-
972 distance projecting inhibitory neurons are predominantly inside the white matter (81%)
973 and in the gray matter they reside predominantly in L3 (12%; L1 0.5%, L2 3%, L5 2%,
974 L6 1.5%, L4 none, Tomioka and Rockland 2007). The functional role of these neurons
975 has remained unknown.

976 **V2 inhibitory neuron connectivity.** In V2, the inhibitory connectivity graph is sparse
977 due to availability of only sparse data and will likely need to be modified when new data
978 will become available. The extensive connectivity of L4 is mainly reported in Kritzer et
979 al. (1992), but the ³H-nipecotic acid retrograde tracing data seem to show an overall more
980 diffusely connected system across layers than, e.g. the Golgi stained single cell data of
981 Lund et al. (1981).

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983 Interlaminar feedback

984 Despite the paucity of data on V2 excitatory interlaminar connectivity compared to
985 V1, some similarities between the two areas are apparent.

986 The input layers 4C and 4 in V1 and V2, respectively, preferentially target the
987 supragranular layers, particularly 3B, but also 3A and 2. In contrast, L2 avoids projecting
988 back to these input layers. Given the lack of direct L2 FB to L4, it may be interesting to
989 investigate whether L2 provides FB-like inputs to other layers.

990 L6 projects to all layers containing excitatory neurons. Given the large RFs and their
991 broader tuning in L6 (Gur et al. 2005), L6 interlaminar projections could provide fast
992 intracolumnar FB inputs relaying local contextual information to more sharply tuned cells
993 in other layers. Moreover, as V1 L6 (together with L1) is a major recipient of inter-areal
994 FB projections arising from higher visual areas (as discussed above), L6 is also in a
995 position to relay global contextual information (arising from the “far surround” of V1
996 neurons) to all V1 layers to which it projects. This idea is consistent with the observation
997 that V1 L6 (but also L1) shows the shortest onset latency of local field potential (LFP)
998 responses (i.e. is activated earlier than other layers) following presentation of a visual
999 stimulus in the far RF surround of neurons in a recorded V1 column (Bijanazadeh et al.
1000 2018). These early far-surround responses in V1 L6 (and L1) are thought to be generated
1001 by inter-areal FB connections from extrastriate cortex (Angelucci, Levitt, Walton, et al.
1002 2002; Angelucci and Bressloff 2006; Angelucci et al. 2017).

1003 Anatomical reconstruction of microcircuits remains a challenge. Here, we have
1004 reviewed studies, most of which are based on injections of neuroanatomical tracers
1005 followed by microscopy analysis of labeled tracts or reconstructions of single labeled
1006 neurons across serial tissue sections. These approaches have well recognized limitations,
1007 for example difficulty and errors in serial section reconstruction of single neurons,

1008 variability in tracer transport across injections and animals, etc. Serial block surface
1009 imaging with electron microscopy (EM) allows for accurate and high resolution 3D
1010 reconstruction of circuits, at the level of synapses (Denk and Horstmann 2004), and
1011 recently automated transmission EM has allowed synapse-level analysis of excitatory
1012 network in rodents (Lee et al. 2016). These methods are, however, difficult to apply to
1013 large tissue blocks, e.g. encompassing macaque V1, let alone the whole macaque visual
1014 cortex. Recently developed methods based on viral vector-mediated high-resolution
1015 fluorescent labeling of neuronal circuits (Luo et al. 2008), followed by tissue clearing , to
1016 render intact tissue blocks optically transparent (Chung et al. 2013), and deep-tissue
1017 imaging (Denk et al. 1990; Stelzer 2015), to image labeled neurons through intact tissue
1018 blocks, are making it possible to characterize primate and even human (Mortazavi et al.
1019 2019) brain circuits at cellular resolution. However, lack of algorithmic and
1020 computational solutions to visualize, analyze and reconstruct the massive amount of
1021 neuronal data that are being collected remains a major challenge that requires
1022 development of cyberinfrastructure and computational approaches (Venkat et al. 2016;
1023 Petruzza et al. 2017, 2018).

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1025 Functional anatomy

1026 Cell structure and synaptic coverage

1027 The heterogeneity of cellular structures and their development across brain areas has
1028 been previously reviewed (Elston 2003; Elston and Fujita 2014). In V1, dendritic
1029 morphology does not seem to change as a function of RF eccentricity. V1 L3 pyramidal
1030 neurons show similar number of dendritic branches, total dendritic length, and basal
1031 dendritic fields across eccentricities (Oga et al. 2016).

1032 In contrast, along the hierarchy of visual areas dendritic field size and complexity

1033 increase. For L3 pyramidal cells, the area of basal dendrites, which form the largest extent
1034 of horizontal dendritic field coverage, increases from V1 ($36 \pm 5.5 \times 10^3 \mu\text{m}^2$; range 27-
1035 $49 \times 10^3 \mu\text{m}^2$) to V2 ($45 \pm 10 \times 10^3 \mu\text{m}^2$; range 18-66 $\times 10^3 \mu\text{m}^2$), to V5 ($84 \pm 11 \times 10^3$
1036 μm^2 ; range 56-104 $\times 10^3 \mu\text{m}^2$; Elston and Rosa 1997). Moreover, there are more dendritic
1037 branches per unit area in V5 than in V1 or V2.

1038 The L3 pyramidal neuron basal dendritic field area is somewhat larger in the CO blobs
1039 ($27 \pm 11 \times 10^3 \mu\text{m}^2$; range 5-49 $\times 10^3 \mu\text{m}^2$) of V1 compared with the interblobs ($20 \pm 10 \times$
1040 $10^3 \mu\text{m}^2$; range 6-51 $\times 10^3 \mu\text{m}^2$; Elston and Rosa 1998). There was a similar trend for
1041 larger dendritic fields in the V2 thin stripes compared with pale stripes, but without
1042 statistical significance.

1043 The V1 L5 pyramidal cell basal dendritic area ($40 \pm 19 \times 10^3 \mu\text{m}^2$; Oga et al. 2017) is
1044 comparable to that of L3 mentioned above.

1045 The total length of the apical dendrite of V1 L3 pyramidal neurons averages (mean \pm
1046 SD) $1,530 \pm 114 \mu\text{m}$ (trunk 9% of total length, oblique branches 50% and tuft 41%) with
1047 15.3 ± 1.2 branch points, and the total length of the basal dendrites averages $1,659 \pm 138$
1048 μm with 16.8 ± 1.8 branch points (Gilman et al. 2017). The apical dendrites have on
1049 average 855 ± 92 spines, and the basal dendrites $1,030 \pm 157$ spines.

1050 The apical dendrite spine necks, retrieved from two pyramidal cells in V1 L3, range
1051 from 0.2 to 1.2 μm in width, most being 0.4-0.8 μm (McGuire et al. 1991).

1052 The proportion of LGN afferent synapses relative to the total number of synapses
1053 (summarized in Peters et al., 1994) in Magno-recipient L4C α was originally reported to
1054 be between 1.3-1.9% (18-40/neuron), and in Parvo-recipient L4C β 3.7-8.7% (37-
1055 191/neuron; O’Kusky and Colonnier 1982b; Beaulieu et al. 1992). The corresponding
1056 number of synapses per number of neurons were (mean \pm SD) $1.9 \pm 0.2 \times 10^3$ in L4C α , and
1057 $1.4 \pm 0.2 \times 10^3$ in L4C β (O’Kusky and Colonnier 1982b). A recent quantitative 3D

1058 microscopy study (Garcia-Marin et al. 2017) reported higher average thalamocortical
1059 synaptic densities: 0.46 (range $0.39-0.53$) $\times 10^8/\text{mm}^3$ in $L4C\alpha$, and 0.82 (range $0.70-0.93$)
1060 $\times 10^8/\text{mm}^3$ in $L4C\beta$. These densities correspond to 15% of all excitatory synapses in
1061 $L4C\alpha$ (197 /neuron), and 20% in $L4C\beta$ (200 /neuron) being thalamocortical synapses,
1062 suggesting a much stronger thalamocortical drive than previously assumed. In $L4A$ the
1063 thalamocortical synapses had an anisotropic honeycomb arrangement, with
1064 thalamocortical synaptic density of 0.35 ($0.23-0.49$) $\times 10^8/\text{mm}^3$. In $L6$ the corresponding
1065 density was 0.13 ($0.08-0.16$) $\times 10^8/\text{mm}^3$.

1066 There might be a trend for higher inhibitory synaptic coverage of the spiny stellate cell
1067 somas compared with pyramidal cell somas. Otherwise different layers and animals
1068 showed variable (between 20-60% of circumference) inhibitory synapse coverage of their
1069 somata (Lund et al. 2001).

1070 Although $V1$ $L2-3$ CO blobs and interblobs differ in several physiological properties,
1071 their pyramidal neurons show no significant difference in soma area, spine density,
1072 number of basal dendrites, dendritic radius, or dendritic branching pattern (Hubener and
1073 Bolz 1992). Moreover, the dendritic fields of the pyramidal cells cross blob boundaries
1074 suggesting continuous dendritic sampling.

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1076 Proportions and synaptic densities of excitatory and inhibitory connections in

1077 $V1$

1078 About 85-90% of $V1$ connections are excitatory, forming asymmetric synapses with
1079 postsynaptic cells, the rest being inhibitory, i.e. forming symmetric synapses (Fisken et al.
1080 1975; Medalla and Luebke 2015). The horizontal and interlaminar connections seem
1081 target dendritic spines and shafts in similar proportions. Labeling single $V1$ $L3$ pyramidal
1082 cells by intracellular injections of HRP (N=2), McGuire et al. (1991) studied both local

1083 and long-range excitatory connections of layer 2/3 PCs and found that 75% of synapses
1084 are made onto dendritic spines and 25% onto shafts. This is consistent with the overall
1085 population of V1 layer 2/3 excitatory neurons, which make 75% of their synaptic contacts
1086 onto dendritic spines, with a mean density of $365 \pm 54 \times 10^6$ synapses / mm^3 (mean \pm SEM),
1087 and 25% with shafts, with a mean density of $119 \pm 10 \times 10^6$ / mm^3 (Medalla and Luebke
1088 2015). Inhibitory neurons, instead, target spines more seldom (34%; mean density of
1089 $33 \pm 7 \times 10^6$ / mm^3) than dendritic shafts (66%; $62 \pm 24 \times 10^6$ / mm^3 , Medalla and Luebke,
1090 2015). Although lower in volumetric density, the density of synapses along inhibitory
1091 cells' dendritic shafts (average of 1.9 synapses/ μm , range 0.8-3.9 synapses/ μm) is much
1092 higher than the density of synapses along excitatory cells' dendrites (average of 0.3
1093 synapses/ μm , range 0.1-0.5 synapses/ μm , McGuire et al., 1991). A similar synaptic
1094 density was found on the cell bodies of the smooth inhibitory cells, with about 200-300
1095 synapses over the whole soma surface.

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1097 Diversity of response properties in V1 and V2 layers

1098 Layers $4C\alpha$ and $4C\beta$ show response properties similar to those of their respective
1099 afferent Magno and Parvo LGN neurons (Blasdel and Fitzpatrick 1984). The minimum
1100 response field size of neurons (defined as the RF size measured using small bar or square
1101 stimuli) is about two times larger in $L4C\alpha$ than in $L4C\beta$. Correspondingly, the contrast
1102 threshold increases up to 3.5-fold from the top of $L4C\alpha$ to the bottom of $L4C\beta$. In
1103 supragranular layers, in both blob and interblob regions, cells receive input from both
1104 Magno- and Parvo streams (Nealey and Maunsell 1994).

1105 Gur and colleagues (Gur et al. 2005; Gur and Snodderly 2007, 2008) measured RF
1106 properties of neurons in different V1 layers in alert monkeys and found significant
1107 variability. Orientation and direction tuning in V1 show high laminar variability, with the

1108 input layers, 4C α and 4C β , 4A and 6 housing less selective units (Gur et al. 2005). In
1109 addition, the input layers show higher spontaneous firing rates [layer: mean (range across
1110 cells) in light / mean (range) in darkness, Hz: L4A: 27 (1-74) / 24 (3-113); L4C α : 13 (<1-
1111 52) / 10 (<1-28); L4C β : 30 (11-59) / 17 (5-28); L6: 13 (<1 – 27Hz) /10 (<1-25) Hz]
1112 compared to the output layers whose mean firing rates are generally <1 Hz [L3: 3 (<1 –
1113 14) / <1 (one cell); L4B: 1 (<1 – 3) / 1 (<1-3); L5: <1 (<1 – <1) / <1 (<1 – <1), from Fig
1114 5 top in Snodderly and Gur 1995)]. The high spontaneous firing rate in the input layers
1115 may be inherited from the LGN, where the mean spontaneous firing rate is about 13Hz
1116 (Spear et al. 1994). Mapping RF size with bars of light increments or decrements, Gur et
1117 al. (2005) found that V1 layers receiving direct input from LGN (L4A, L4C α , L4C β , L6)
1118 have larger RFs than other layers (L2/3, L4B, L4Cm, L5). These findings challenged
1119 earlier studies of layer 4C which reported much smaller RF sizes (Schiller et al. 1976;
1120 Hubel and Wiesel 1977; Blasdel and Fitzpatrick 1984). This discrepancy can perhaps be
1121 attributed to the effects of anesthesia in the earlier studies, which is known to alter LGN
1122 activity and multiple RF properties downstream of LGN (Gur et al. 2005). As an
1123 alternative explanation, the discrepancy may emerge from less accurate laminar
1124 differentiation and RF mapping in awake animals. Moreover, the method and visual
1125 stimuli used to map RF size affect the measurements (Angelucci and Bressloff 2006). For
1126 example, estimates of RF sizes based on the cortical spread of deoxyglucose uptake
1127 (Tootell, Switkes, et al. 1988) allows accurate laminar definition and indicate that layers 2
1128 and 6 have the widest RFs (spread could not be quantified), followed by L5 (half the
1129 spread from the edge of the stimulus, about 0.5 mm). L4C α and L4B show intermediate
1130 spread (0.35 and 0.33 mm, respectively), followed by L3 (0.24 mm), and last L4C β (0.14
1131 mm). Importantly, RF sizes vary by a factor of over 10 within layers (Dow et al. 1981;
1132 Van Essen and Newsome 1984). Given the inverse relationship between spatial frequency

1133 and the RF size (Teichert et al. 2007) spatial frequency data suggests that large RFs are
1134 horizontally clustered into CO blobs (Tootell, Silverman, et al. 1988).

1135 Most V1 laminae have a median circular variance, a measure of orientation selectivity
1136 ($CV = 1 - \text{orientation selectivity index}$), close to 0.5, but in L3B CV reaches up to 0.75,
1137 i.e. L3B is less orientation selective (Ringach et al., 2002). L4 has an intricate
1138 parcellation, with layers 4A, 4C α and 4C β having higher CV values, and 4Cm much
1139 smaller values (Gur et al. 2005). Overall, L4Cm, the sublayer located between 4C α and
1140 4C β , behaves like a non-input layer: it has small RFs, sharp orientation and direction
1141 tuning and low spontaneous activity.

1142 Direction selectivity emerges first in layer 4C α , and thereafter highly direction
1143 selective cells are found in L4Cm, L3, L4B and L6 (Gur and Snodderly 2007).
1144 Downstream from L4C α , the L4Cm projects to L3, and it has been proposed to represent
1145 a third motion pathway from V1 to V2, in addition to the monosynaptic motion pathways
1146 arising from direction selective cells in layers 4B and 6 (Gur and Snodderly 2007). In
1147 addition to high direction selectivity, cells in L3 show high orientation selectivity and
1148 small RFs.

1149 Although typically studied together, L2 is functionally distinct from L3. L2 has higher
1150 levels of ongoing activity, less spatially selective RFs, lower orientation selectivity and no
1151 direction selectivity (Gur and Snodderly 2008), thus, resembling more the input than
1152 output layers of V1.

1153 In V2, the tuning properties of neuronal RFs in different layers show greater similarity
1154 than in V1 (Tootell and Hamilton 1989), but L3 has the largest proportion of neurons
1155 tuned for visual stimulus parameters (Shipp and Zeki 2002a). The layers receiving
1156 feedback (L1, L2, L5 and L6), show more often (27 vs 18%) combined tuning to
1157 chromatic and spatial features, suggesting higher-order feature binding in these layers

1158 than in the layers receiving the feed-forward input (L4 and L3; Shipp et al. 2009).

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1160 Diversity of response properties in parallel pathways

1161 As reviewed in Schiller et al. (1976), the input from the LGN is transformed into five
1162 main ways within V1. First, the concentric center-antagonistic surround RFs become a
1163 minority in V1, while orientation selectivity emerges. Second, many units become
1164 selective for motion direction. Third, many cells acquire “complex” RFs, i.e. they respond
1165 to both light increments and decrements in their RFs. Fourth, most cells become driven by
1166 both eyes and, fifth, become more selective for spatial frequency. In addition, some cells
1167 show double color opponency (Livingstone and Hubel 1984a), and most cells sum
1168 contrast non-linearly as a function of visual stimulus size (Sceniak et al. 1999; Angelucci,
1169 Levitt, Walton, et al. 2002; Cavanaugh et al. 2002).

1170 The functional architecture of the macaque visual cortex and parallel processing
1171 strategies have been more extensively reviewed previously (Casagrande and Royal 2004;
1172 Roe 2004; Sincich and Horton 2005; Nassi and Callaway 2009). In brief, Figure 3 *top*
1173 depicts the parallel FF pathways from LGN to V1. Afferent geniculate connections from
1174 the two eyes remain segregated into OD columns in the input layers of V1 (Hubel and
1175 Wiesel 1968). CO blobs are prominent in layers 2/3, but to some extent visible also in
1176 layers 1, 4B, 5 and 6 in register with the L2/3 blobs (Horton 1984).

1177 In V2, the CO stripes run orthogonally to the V1/V2 border (Tootell et al. 1983), and
1178 are visible, albeit weakly, in most layers and moderately in L4 (Balaram et al. 2014).
1179 Across V2, there are about 28 complete sets of CO stripes, a full stripe cycle
1180 encompassing on average 4 mm (Olavarria and Van Essen 1997). Table 5 presents a
1181 quantitative overview of early electrophysiological single unit recording studies showing
1182 the prevalence of various visual stimulus tuning properties in the different V2 stripes

1183 (modified from Shipp and Zeki 2002a). Electrophysiological recordings have
1184 demonstrated that many visual response properties are present, albeit with differing
1185 prevalence, in all stripe types, and there has been much debate and controversy over the
1186 functional specificity, or lack thereof, of distinct stripes (Shipp and Zeki 2002a).

1187 Intrinsic signal optical imaging (OI) is better suited than single unit recordings to
1188 reveal the predominant response within a neuronal population and, in addition, it allows
1189 investigations of the spatial layout of particular visual responses (Blasdel and Salama
1190 1986; Grinvald et al. 1986; Ts'o et al. 1990). This technique has revealed that while
1191 neuronal responses to the various visual stimulus parameters are present in most CO
1192 compartments, only some of these parameters are systematically mapped within a given
1193 compartment.

1194 Figure 3 *right* lists the functional feature selectivity and maps found in the various CO
1195 compartments of V1 and V2. Unfortunately, macaque V5 is buried within the superior
1196 temporal sulcus, and thus is not accessible to OI. In V1, OI has revealed multiple, and at
1197 least partially independent, spatial representations or maps of visual stimulus features,
1198 including ocular dominance (Blasdel and Salama 1986; Bartfeld and Grinvald 1992;
1199 Blasdel 1992), orientation (Bartfeld and Grinvald 1992; Blasdel 1992; Ramsden et al.
1200 2014; Felleman et al. 2015), motion direction (Lu et al. 2010; Hu et al. 2018), binocular
1201 disparity (Ts'O et al. 2001; Chen et al. 2008), color (Ts'O et al. 2001; Landisman and
1202 Ts'o 2002; Xiao et al. 2003, 2007; Lu and Roe 2008) and brightness/luminance (Roe et al.
1203 2005; Wang et al. 2007) maps.

1204 Based on microelectrode recordings by Hubel and Wiesel (1974a) Braitenberg and
1205 Braitenberg (1979) suggested that iso-orientation domains are arranged around orientation
1206 singularities. This local “pinwheel-like” organization of orientations was later confirmed
1207 by optical imaging of intrinsic signal (Blasdel and Salama 1986; Ts'o et al. 1990; Malach

1208 et al. 1993; Landisman and Ts'o 2002; Nauhaus et al. 2008) and two-photon imaging
1209 (Nauhaus et al. 2012); for a critical and quantitative analysis of data and models, see
1210 (Obermayer and Blasdel 1993; Erwin et al. 1995).

1211 Many studies have examined the relative spatial relationships between these various
1212 feature maps in V1. CO blobs (Horton and Hubel 1981) and orientation pinwheel centers
1213 (Bartfeld and Grinvald 1992) lie close to the center of OD bands [(the latter 300-670 μm
1214 wide (LeVay et al. 1975; Horton and Hocking 1996)], but it has remained controversial
1215 whether CO blobs and pinwheel centers align with each other (Bartfeld and Grinvald
1216 1992; Blasdel 1992; Obermayer and Blasdel 1993; Lu and Roe 2008). This controversy
1217 may have been aggravated by spatial low-pass filtering of neural responses by optical
1218 imaging method which may cause systematic shift of pinwheel centers (Polimeni et al.
1219 2005). In our unpublished data (Merlin et al. 2012), we find a strong association between
1220 CO blobs and pinwheel centers, with 85-90% of blobs containing a pinwheel center.
1221 However, as pinwheel centers are more numerous than CO blobs in V1, only about 50%
1222 of pinwheel centers reside in blobs, therefore suggesting at least partially independent
1223 representations of orientation and CO blob maps. The CO blobs seem to coincide with
1224 color patches revealed by OI (Lu and Roe 2008), and each color patch contains an orderly
1225 and overlapping mapping of responses to distinct hues (Xiao et al. 2007). Despite this
1226 partially independent spatial arrangement between orientation pinwheels and color
1227 patches, many neurons in V1 are tuned both to color and orientation (Garg et al. 2019).

1228 OI studies have shown that in V2 each CO stripe contains distinct feature maps. Each
1229 thick stripe contains one or more (200 μm wide x 1 mm long) topological representation
1230 of horizontal retinal disparities (Chen et al. 2008), and a pinwheel-like (about 1 mm wide)
1231 or linear representation of different motion directions (Lu et al. 2010). In addition, thick
1232 stripes contain ordered orientation maps which have diameter of 0.7-1.5 mm (Ts'O et al.

1233 2001). Orientation domains are also found in the pale stripes, in response to both real and
 1234 illusory contours (Ramsden et al. 2014). Thin stripes represent hue in a systematic fashion
 1235 [0.07-0.32 wide x 1.3 mm long bands of varying shape (Xiao et al. 2003)], as well as
 1236 brightness increments/decrements, the latter forming distinct domains about 0.7 mm apart
 1237 (Wang et al. 2007).
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Table 5. Functional selectivity of V2 stripes. Median % (range) of cells tuned to the specific visual stimulus parameter (single or multi-unit recordings) across seven electrophysiological studies published up to 2002. Modified from the summary of (Shipp and Zeki 2002a). The definitions of tuning and stripe type varied between studies. * Disparity or binocular interaction. Data originally from: 1. DeYoe and Van Essen 1985; 2. Peterhans and von der Heydt 1993; 3. Levitt, Kiper, et al. 1994; 4. Munk et al. 1995; 5. Roe and Ts'o 1995; 6. Gegenfurtner et al. 1996; 7. Shipp and Zeki 2002a.

	Thick	Thin	Pale	References
Orientation	85 (51-88)	41 (20-73)	80 (17-96)	1-7
Direction	29 (11-60)	6 (0-21)	13 (0-34)	1-4, 6-7
Color	16 (7-39)	63 (53-86)	27 (12-64)	1,3-7
Disparity*	68 (38-77)	21 (10-33)	15 (1-22)	1-2,5

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1241 **Physiology**

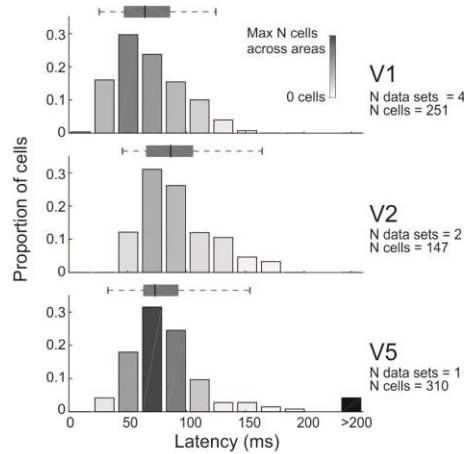
1242 **Conduction velocities and latencies**

1243 The hierarchy of anatomical connections suggests that areas higher in the hierarchy
 1244 have increasingly longer response latencies to visual stimulation. Experimental evidence
 1245 supports this claim to some extent for the areas in the occipitotemporal ventral stream, but

1246 not for the areas in the parietal and frontal dorsal stream (Schmolesky et al. 1998). In the
1247 LGN, the Magno pathway has about a 20-ms lead in response onset relative to the Parvo
1248 pathway. In V1, magnorecipient L4C α has a corresponding 20-ms lead relative to
1249 parvorecipient L4C β (Nowak et al. 1995). This segregation of latencies continues in the
1250 distinct functional compartments of V2 (Bullier and Nowak 1995). Interestingly, the
1251 inhibitory responses are as early as the excitatory responses, and the shortest latencies in
1252 V2 are in the infragranular layers (Nowak et al. 1995). Thereafter, cortical latencies show
1253 a wide distribution (Nowak and Bullier 1997; Schmolesky et al. 1998).

1254 Intracortical conduction velocity has been measured for connections between V1 and
1255 V2 (Girard et al. 2001). The following values are a lower bound for the true velocities,
1256 because they were estimated assuming direct connections in Cartesian 3D space. The
1257 median FF conduction velocity was 3.7 m/s (range 3 – 6 m/s), and the FB conduction
1258 velocity 3.4 m/s (range 1.5 – 9.5 m/s). This is very fast compared to the conduction
1259 velocity of upper layer local V1 axons (0.33 m/s) enabling a rapid FF-FB loop between
1260 V1 and V2, particularly faster for the Magno signals which are conveyed to V2 and back
1261 to V1 even before the Parvo signals (80% of optic nerve fibers) arrive to V1.
1262 Functionally, Magno signals may prime V1 with contextual/top-down information before
1263 Parvo signals arrive to V1, and the loop via extrastriate cortices would be necessary in
1264 particular for long-distance interactions (reviewed in Bullier, 2001; Bullier et al., 2001;
1265 Angelucci and Bressloff, 2006). It is noteworthy that Girard et al. (2001) briefly reported
1266 that intrinsic horizontal connections within the infragranular layers of V1 may conduct
1267 signals faster than upper layer axons (up to 1m/s), albeit still slower than interareal V1-V2
1268 connections; however, layer differences were not thoroughly characterized in that study
1269 and will need further investigation.

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Figure 5. Onset latencies of spiking responses to visual stimulation. The proportions of cells are displayed as a function of latency. The number of distinct figures providing the source data, some in the same papers, are indicated on the right (N data sets), together with the total number of cells across the data sets. Bar darkness reflects the number of cells in each bin normalized to largest number of cells in any of the bins across the three cortical areas. The black bar on the right contains outlier values above the reported cutoff at the tick mark value. The whisker plots indicate the 2.5, 25, 50, 75 and 97.5 percentiles of the data, calculated from the histograms in the original data. Data for V1 are from (Maunsell and Gibson 1992; Nowak et al. 1995), for V2 from (Nowak et al. 1995), and for V5 from (Raiguel et al. 1989).

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1273 Figure 5 shows response onset latencies in areas V1, V2 and V5, and Supplementary
 1274 Figure 1 shows the cumulative density functions and pairwise uncorrected Mann-Whitney
 1275 U tests between the areas' median latency values. Response onset latencies overlap in the
 1276 different areas, but median latency increases from V1 to V5 to V2 (65, 73 and 86 ms,
 1277 respectively). Onset latencies are strongly dependent on various visual stimulus
 1278 parameters, especially luminance, which affects integration time in the retina (Mansfield
 1279 1973). Moreover, there is significant variability between individual animals in onset
 1280 latencies (Maunsell and Gibson 1992), which complicates comparison across studies. The
 1281 study of Schmolesky et al. (1998) compared latencies in different cortical areas. Mean
 1282 latencies were shortest in V1, 66 ms (SD 10.7, range 34-97), longest in V2 82 ms (SD
 1283 21.1, range 56-118) and intermediate in V5 72 ms (SD 10.3, range 49-98). These latencies

1284 resemble our summary data from multiple studies.

1285 The earliest responses at the top of L4C of V1 cause oscillations at 50-100 Hz
1286 (Maunsell and Gibson 1992). Within V2, the thick (median multi-unit onset latency 63
1287 ms) and pale (70 ms) stripes show earlier response onset compared to the color-sensitive
1288 thin stripes (81 ms; Munk et al. 1995).

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1290 Firing rate statistics

1291 The ability of a neural system to provide the same response with high temporal
1292 precision is highly dependent on the variance of the input, suggesting neural systems have
1293 low intracellular noise (Mainen and Sejnowski 1995). High temporal precision enables a
1294 system to transmit information using less resources. Because neuronal response statistics
1295 differs in alert vs. anesthetized monkeys, in the discussion below we specify the state of
1296 anesthesia.

1297 In alert monkeys, individual V1 neurons show high temporal precision of spike
1298 latency in response to an optimal stimulus, with the median Fano factor (variance/mean)
1299 across layers ranging between 0.2 and 0.35, and the mean across V1 being 0.33 ± 0.17
1300 (SD, range across cells $<0.1-1$). However, when stimulus contrast is reduced to near
1301 threshold, variability increases, and Fano Factors grow closer to 1 (Gur and Snodderly
1302 2006).

1303 The spontaneous spike rate in V1 has an exponential distribution across cells with very
1304 low average rates (simple cells 1.2 Hz, N=137, complex cells 4.9 Hz, N=245,
1305 anesthetized; Schiller et al. 1976).

1306 Rasch et al. (2011) studied the statistics of V1 spiking during movie viewing in
1307 anesthetized monkeys. They found a mean firing rate of 5.1 ± 0.8 (SD) Hz, and an
1308 exponential distribution of firing rates, with the exponent being on average -0.8 ± 0.6 s

1309 (range -2.4 s – -0.2 s). For individual neurons, the Fano factor across multiple
1310 presentations of the same stimulus was close to 1 for very short ≤ 10 ms epochs and
1311 increased for longer epochs. The population response was, as expected, more reliable for
1312 short epochs (smaller Fano factor than for individual neurons), but increased again with
1313 longer epochs, suggesting that the firing rates of individual neurons go up and down
1314 together. There are probably important differences in firing rate statistics due to
1315 anesthesia. First, the Fano factors are significantly lower in awake than anesthetized
1316 animals (Gur and Snodderly 2006); moreover, when fixational eye movements are
1317 carefully controlled in awake animals (Gur and Snodderly 2006; McFarland et al. 2016),
1318 Fano factors cease to increase at longer epochs. In summary, response variability might be
1319 significantly smaller in awake visual cortex than previously assumed and stay constant
1320 over time.

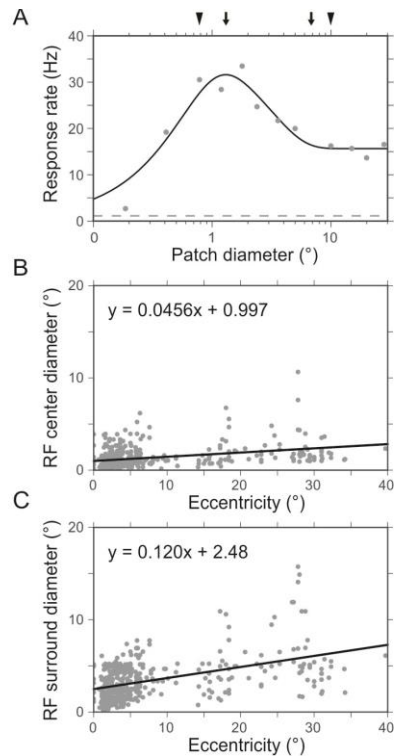
1321 There are few studies on the firing rate statistics of extrastriate areas. Because Fano
1322 factor is affected by anesthesia, epoch length and, in awake animals, fixational eye
1323 movements, areas V1, V2 and V5 need to be compared under identical conditions. Yang
1324 et al (2009) compared anesthetized young and old adult monkeys and found that Fano
1325 factors in V1 and V5 during drifting grating stimulation are very similar, but increase
1326 with age in both areas. Mean Fano factors were (young/old) 1.4/2.4 in V1, and 1.5/2.5 in
1327 V5.

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1329 Visual field representation in cortex

1330 The representation of the visual field in cortex can be characterized by three
1331 parameters, namely RF size, magnification factor (or it's 2D generalization log conformal
1332 mapping), and cortical point image. These representations are however not smooth,
1333 because local discontinuities arise from RF scatter and additional dimensions, such as

1334 ocular dominance (V1;(LeVay et al. 1975) and cytochrome oxidase (V2) bands (Roe and
 1335 Ts'o 1995; Shipp and Zeki 2002b).
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Figure 6. Area summation function in V1. A: Area summation function for an example V1 neuron. Solid line represents fit to the data (dots) using the difference of Gaussians (DoG) model. Dashed line indicates the mean spontaneous firing rate. Arrows indicate the center and surround diameters obtained using the DoG fit. Arrowheads indicate the center and surround diameters extracted from the empirically measured responses (without any fit). Data from (Shushruth et al. 2009). B: RF center diameter with respect to eccentricity. Solid line represents linear fit to the data (dots, N=425). C: RF surround diameter with respect to eccentricity. Solid line represents linear fit to the data (dots, N=425). B, C data from (Cavanaugh et al. 2002).

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1339 Receptive field size

1340 In macaque V1, a typical single-cell response to an enlarging stimulus first shows an
 1341 increase, then a decrease, until an asymptote is reached (Fig. 6A). The RF size is defined
 1342 as the stimulus radius at peak response, and the region beyond peak response, where the

1343 cells response is suppressed is termed the surround. This patch-size tuning curve, also
 1344 called the area summation function (ASF), has been modeled as antagonistic excitatory
 1345 and inhibitory Gaussian mechanisms, interacting either divisively (ratio of Gaussians,
 1346 RoG, model; Cavanaugh et al., 2002) or subtractively (difference of Gaussians, DoG,
 1347 model; Sceniak et al. 1999). In the DoG model, the area summation function is:

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$$1349 \quad R(dia) = R_0 + K_c \int_{-dia/2}^{dia/2} e^{-(2x/w_c)^2} dx - K_s \int_{-dia/2}^{dia/2} e^{-(2x/w_s)^2} dx$$

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1351 Here, dia is the diameter of the stimulus, R_0 the spontaneous firing rate, K_c , K_s , the
 1352 gain and w_c , w_s the extent of the receptive field center and surround, respectively. The
 1353 center and surround mechanisms are thought to be generated by distinct connections: the
 1354 excitatory center primarily by geniculocortical FF and intra-V1 horizontal connections,
 1355 while the inhibitory surround primarily by both local intra-V1 and interareal FB
 1356 connections (Angelucci, Levitt, Walton, et al. 2002; Schwabe et al. 2006). A recent review
 1357 (Angelucci et al. 2017) discusses how the cortical microcircuit might give rise to the area
 1358 summation function.

1359 Neurons show significant variability in their ASFs and the center and surround extents
 1360 vary with visual field eccentricity (Fig. 6B, C). In parafoveal V1 (at 3-7° eccentricity)
 1361 using a high contrast grating patch increasing in size, the RF radius measured on average
 1362 $0.36^\circ \pm 0.13^\circ$ (N=79; range $0.11^\circ - 0.82^\circ$, Shushruth et al. 2009), and in a different study
 1363 0.39° (N=148; eccentricity $< 5^\circ$, Cavanaugh et al. 2002). These same studies estimated
 1364 the surround radius to be $1.62^\circ \pm 0.62^\circ$ (N=79; range $0.55^\circ - 2.66^\circ$) and 2.5° (N=148)
 1365 respectively. The extents were determined using the DoG fits to the spatial summation
 1366 data (Shushruth et al. 2009), or directly from the data (Cavanaugh et al. 2002), and
 1367 defining RF extent as the smallest stimulus radius at the peak of the fitted function, or (for

1368 cells that did not show surround suppression) that elicited 95% of the maximum response,
1369 and the surround extent as the smallest stimulus for which the response was reduced to
1370 5% of its asymptotic value.

1371 Similarly, in parafoveal V2 (up to 10° eccentricity), the RF radius has been reported to
1372 average $0.74^\circ \pm 0.50^\circ$ (N=91; range $0.16^\circ - 2.43^\circ$) and the surround radius $3.56^\circ \pm 1.94^\circ$
1373 (N=83; range $1.06^\circ - 10.55^\circ$). Thus in V2, the RF sizes are on average double the sizes of
1374 V1 RFs (Shushruth et al. 2009).

1375 For V5, similar nonlinear ASFs as in V1 and V2 have been reported (Pack et al. 2005;
1376 Hunter and Born 2011). The peak response appears to be larger than in V1 or V2, in many
1377 cases larger than the largest stimulus diameter used for the measurements (30°). The
1378 “classical RF” for V5 cells, which is measured using small stimuli rather than gratings of
1379 increasing size, was defined by the following equation: size (deg) = $0.72E + 1.35$
1380 (Desimone and Ungerleider 1986). The optimal RF size, corresponding summation field,
1381 is about 10 times larger in V5 than in V1 (Albright and Desimone 1987; Maunsell and
1382 van Essen 1987).

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1384 Mapping of visual field in cortex

1385 The representation of foveal and parafoveal visual field in V1 can be characterized as
1386 (Schwartz 1980, 1994) :

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$$1388 \quad w = k * \log(z + a) \quad \text{Eq 1}$$

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1390 where w is the position in cortex, and z is the position in visual field. The real part of z
1391 represents the eccentricity, and the imaginary part the polar angle (azimuth) in visual
1392 field. The parameters k and a scale the transformation, and a defines the foveal part of the

1393 visual field, respectively. For the existing macaque data (Daniel and Whitteridge 1961),
 1394 Schwartz (1980) used a value of $a=1$ (in his Figure 1), and k would scale for the
 1395 individual V1 size.

1396 Schwartz's log mapping has been generalized to cover full field V1, V2 and V3, and to
 1397 account for shear that conformal (i.e. angle-preserving) mappings cannot model (Polimeni
 1398 et al. 2006). For numerical simulations, the log mapping provides a straightforward way
 1399 to map the visual field into cortical coordinates, and it has recently been applied to visual
 1400 cortical prosthetics as well (Li 2015).

1401 Several previous studies have provided quantitative data on the one-dimensional
 1402 derivative of the log conformal map, i.e. the magnification factor. This is the distance in
 1403 cortex that represents a given distance in visual field (Daniel and Whitteridge 1961). The
 1404 parameters k and a of the log conformal mapping are related to the magnification factor
 1405 (M), because the inverse of the magnification factor can be defined as a linear function of
 1406 eccentricity (Schwartz 1994):

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$$1408 \quad \frac{1}{M} = \frac{a}{k} + \frac{1}{k} * \text{eccentricity} \quad \text{Eq. 2}$$

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1410 Although none of the cortical areas show smooth mappings of the visual field, as they
 1411 all have some sub-structure, V1 has in early studies been characterized with a single
 1412 magnification value. Nevertheless, the relation of eccentricity to M^{-1} is not fully linear
 1413 (Dow et al. 1981), and additionally shows significant horizontal-vertical anisotropy
 1414 (Tootell, Switkes, et al. 1988). This anisotropy calls for the aforementioned more
 1415 comprehensive 2D mapping of the visual cortex than what the M factor allows (Polimeni
 1416 et al. 2006). However, since these parameters are nonexistent for V5, here we only report
 1417 magnification factor.

1418 The area V1 magnification factor, M , as a function of eccentricity is $1/(0.077 + 0.082$
1419 $\times E)$ mm/deg, as determined using the 2 deoxyglucose method (2DG) method within the
1420 central 10° (Tootell et al. 1982), and $1/(0.0404 + 0.116 \times E)$ mm/deg, as determined using
1421 electrophysiological recordings within the central 2.5° (Dow et al. 1981) or $1/(0.109 +$
1422 $0.0637 \times E)$ mm/deg outside the foveal representation (Hubel and Wiesel 1974b; Hubel
1423 and Freeman 1977). The slope of M^{-1} at the fovea is about half the slope outside the fovea.
1424 The OD columns cause anisotropy by reducing the M factor to about half the value in the
1425 direction orthogonal to the OD bands (LeVay et al. 1975).

1426 Early V2 studies reported that the three CO stripes have separate maps of the visual
1427 field. The representations are, however, continuous within the same type of stripe (Roe
1428 and Ts'o 1995; Shipp and Zeki 2002b). Each of the V2 CO compartments had similar
1429 values of magnification factor (interstripes 1.44 mm/deg, thin stripes 1.4 mm/deg and
1430 thick stripes 1.25 mm/deg; Roe and Ts'o 1995).

1431 The magnification factor for area V5 is $1.14 \times E^{-0.76}$ (Gattass and Gross 1981; Albright
1432 and Desimone 1987). Because the sizes of cortical areas vary across individuals (as also
1433 shown for humans in Amunts et al., 2000), the magnification factors show also individual
1434 variability.

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1436 Cortical point image

1437 The literature on cortical point image, *i.e.* the cortical representation of one point in
1438 visual field, is a function of the average cortical RF size and scatter. In V1, the cortical
1439 point image shows discrepant values, depending on whether it was measured by
1440 electrophysiological recordings or by optical imaging with voltage sensitive dyes (VSDI).
1441 Electrophysiological recordings demonstrate an exponential reduction of the cortical
1442 point image with increasing eccentricity. At the fovea the point image approaches 10 mm,

1443 whereas in the periphery it is about 1 mm (Dow et al. 1981). In contrast, VSDI shows a
 1444 constant point image, at least in the parafoveal representation (2°-5°, Palmer et al., 2012).
 1445 The former method measures action potentials, i.e. the output of neurons, whereas the
 1446 latter measures the subthreshold voltage variations. The discrepancy may, thus, be related
 1447 to differences in neuronal tuning of synaptic vs. action potentials (Jia et al. 2010), and
 1448 may partially reflect non-linear mapping from subthreshold to suprathreshold responses
 1449 (Anderson et al. 2000; Miller and Troyer 2002).

1450 Including LGN in a computational model requires mapping the visual field onto LGN
 1451 cells, and then LGN cells onto visual cortex. The visual field forms retinotopic
 1452 representation in each Parvo- and Magno layer. The LGN represents the visual field with
 1453 a smaller number of cells than V1, and the ratio of LGN/V1 cell numbers changes as a
 1454 function of eccentricity (Connolly and Van Essen 1984). The number of cells per square
 1455 degree of visual field (M_c , cells/deg²) as a function of eccentricity (E) is given by:

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$$M_c = k(a + E)^{-x}$$

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1459 where $k=83700$, $a=1.28$ and $x=1.96$, for Parvo layers, and $k=3520$, $a=3.12$ and $x=1.56$,
 1460 for Magno layers. These results suggest that the Magno/Parvo cell ratio in LGN increases
 1461 by a factor of up to 20 from the fovea to the periphery.

1462 Livingstone and Hubel (1988b), instead, found an approximately equal M/P-ratio
 1463 across eccentricities, and suggested that the Connolly and Van Essen (1984) analysis was
 1464 flawed. The anatomical data of Livingstone and Hubel (1988b) were later challenged by
 1465 Malpeli et al. (1996), who attributed the discrepancy to a number of potential factors,
 1466 such as technical issues related to the retrograde transport of the tracers, the omission of
 1467 the Koniocellular channel (which was discovered in 1994, after the Livingstone and

1468 Hubel's study), or a plateau in the magnitude of the magnification factor of the Magno
 1469 channel at the eccentricities where the tracer injections were placed. Malpeli et al. (1996)
 1470 showed that the M/P cell ratio in LGN grows by a factor of at least 14 from the fovea to
 1471 the periphery, thus confirming the original study by Connolly and Van Essen (1984).

1472 Based on the results by Connolly and Van Essen (1984), Schein and de Monasterio
 1473 (1987) estimated the point images from LGN cells onto V1. Point images are very
 1474 different for the LGN Parvo and Magno cells' mapping onto the cortex, which results
 1475 from the different type of scaling of N neurons/unit area as a function of eccentricity.
 1476 Outside the fovea, the ratio of LGN Parvo cells to unit area of cortex is close to constant,
 1477 being 550/mm² at 1° eccentricity, and increasing to 872/mm² at 80°. In contrast, the
 1478 density of Magno cells increases steeply, from 13/mm² at 1° to 206/mm² at 80°
 1479 eccentricity. The point image in V1 behaves exactly the opposite, namely for Parvo cells
 1480 it decreases steeply with eccentricity, whereas it is almost constant for the Magno cells.

1481 The cortical point image size grows along the ventral stream hierarchy, but stays
 1482 constant along the dorsal stream, including V5 (Gattass et al. 2005).

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1484 Orientation selectivity

1485 In V1 about 70% of cells are tuned to the orientation of edge stimuli, the rest having
 1486 non-orientation-sensitive RFs (Bullier and Henry 1980). The distribution of orientation
 1487 selectivity across V1 layers is discussed in the section "Diversity of response properties in
 1488 V1 layers" under "Functional anatomy". Quantitatively, orientation selectivity can be
 1489 defined by two parameters, circular variance (CV) and bandwidth (BW). The circular
 1490 variance is a global measure, based on firing rate responses (r) to all orientations (Θ).

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$$1492 \quad \text{Circular Variance} = 1 - \left| \frac{\sum r e^{i2\theta}}{\sum r} \right| \quad \text{Eq. 3}$$

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1494 A CV of zero indicates high orientation selectivity, and CV of 1 no selectivity.

1495 Figure 7 and Supplementary Figure 1 show that the CV in V1 is somewhat higher than

1496 in V2. All datasets in V1 and V2 were from (Goris et al. 2015), and were originally

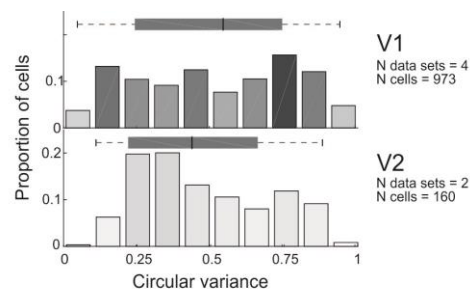
1497 reported as orientation selectivity index (OSI), which we have converted into CV (1-OSI)

1498 for the data shown in Fig. 7. For V5, Albright (1984) reported that 83% (74/89) of units

1499 were tuned for orientation, but, because he quantified orientation tuning as the difference

1500 between the max and min responses, this data could not be converted to CV.

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Figure 7. Circular variance. Conventions are as in Figure 5. Data for V1 are from (Ringach et al. 2002; Gur et al. 2005; Goris et al. 2015) and for V2 from (Goris et al. 2015).

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1504 Orientation bandwidth is a local measure, defined as the response distribution close to

1505 the orientation causing the peak response (Figure 8, Supplementary Fig 1).

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$$1507 \quad BW_{\theta} = \theta_{r_{1/2max}} - \theta_{r_{1/2min}} \quad \text{Eq. 4}$$

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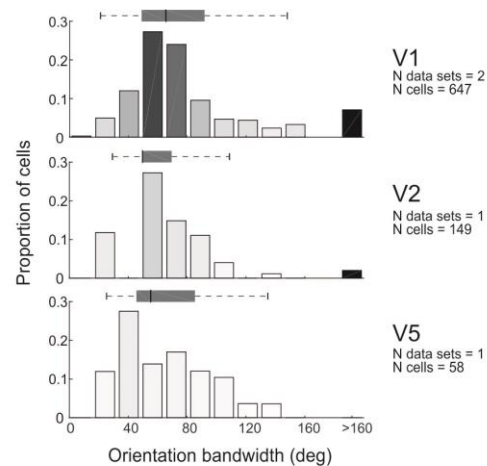
1509 $\theta_{r_{1/2max}}$ is the max (min) orientation producing half of the response strength. Studies

1510 reporting BW at $1/2^{1/2}$, or 70.7%, of the peak response (Ringach et al. 2002; Gur et al.

1511 2005) instead of the half-height, were transformed to half-height values by assuming a

1512 Gaussian distribution of the tuning, and multiplying the BW values by the square root of

1513 two. The full bandwidth was reported only by Albright et al. (1984), whereas we doubled
 1514 the values from other studies which reported the half-bandwidth. The outlier cutoff was
 1515 set at 160 deg. Fig. 8 and Supplementary Fig. 1 demonstrate that orientation bandwidth is
 1516 slightly wider in V1 than V2, but bandwidth in V5 is not significantly different from V1
 1517 and V2.
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Figure 8. Orientation bandwidth. Conventions are as in Figure 5. Data for V1 are from (Ringach et al. 2002; Gur et al. 2005), for V2 from (Levitt, Kiper, et al. 1994), and for V5 from (Albright 1984).

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1521 Direction selectivity

1522 The direction selectivity index (DSI) reported in Figure 9, is based on nine previous
 1523 studies. The DSI is defined as follows:

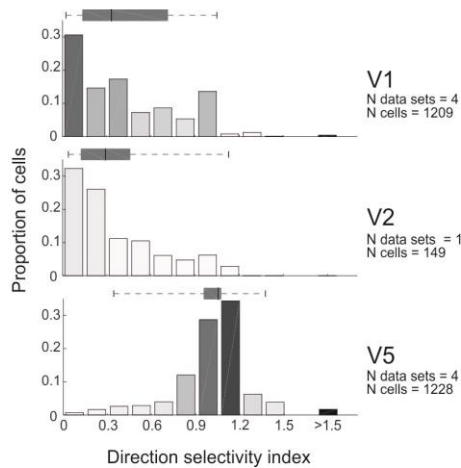
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$$1525 \quad DSI = 1 - \frac{r_{null\ direction}}{r_{preferred\ direction}} \quad \text{Eq. 5}$$

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1527 A DSI = 0 indicates a non-direction selective cell and a DSI =1 a highly directionally
 1528 selective cell. Values >1 appear when the minimal response to stimuli moving in the non-
 1529 preferred direction is below the spontaneous firing rate. One study (De Valois, Yund, et al.

1530 1982) reported V1 DSI as null/preferred response; in this case were recalculated the DSI
 1531 values according to Eq. 5. De Valois et al. did not report values when the null response
 1532 was below baseline, leading to a max DSI value of 1. However, a similar secondary peak
 1533 at 1 in V1 was observed in two other data sets. The distribution in Figure 9 did not change
 1534 much with the De Valois et al. dataset removed (222 cells).
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Figure 9. Direction selectivity index. Conventions are as in Figure 5. Data for V1 are from (De Valois, Yund, et al. 1982; Albright 1984; Movshon and Newsome 1996; Wang and Movshon 2016), for V2 from (Levitt, Kiper, et al. 1994), and for V5 from (Maunsell and Van Essen 1983c; Albright 1984; Movshon and Newsome 1996; Wang and Movshon 2016).

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1538 Direction selectivity clearly differs in different areas. Most cells in V1 and V2 are
 1539 poorly or moderately directionally selective, and the two areas show overlapping
 1540 distribution, whereas most cells in V5 are strongly directionally selective.

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1542 Spatial frequency selectivity

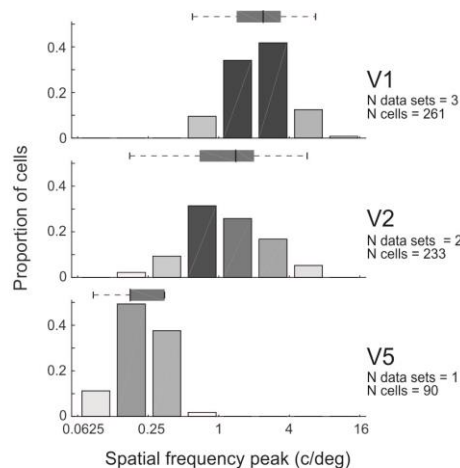
1543 In contrast to the retinogeniculate pathway, where most cells show low-pass
 1544 characteristics, in visual cortex the majority of cells are band-pass tuned (De Valois,
 1545 Albrecht, et al. 1982). Spatial frequency (SF) has typically been described by two

1546 parameters, the optimal response (peak) and the bandwidth.

1547 Figure 10 shows the distribution of peak SFs in the three cortical areas. The
 1548 eccentricities of the recorded neurons varied a little between studies, but the range was
 1549 similar: 2-5° in V1, 0-5° in V2, and 0-8° in V5. The large variability in peak SF precluded
 1550 setting the outlier threshold at the same cutoff value for all areas, because the low outlier
 1551 cutoff in V1 (<0.5, De Valois et al., 1982a) encompassed most data in V5. The number of
 1552 outliers in the original data were low, 4 cells (1.5%) in V1, 22 (9.4%) in V2, and none in
 1553 V5, thus they could only minimally skew the data in Figure 10.

1554 The peak SF differed significantly between areas, with the highest values in V1, and
 1555 progressively lower values in V2 and V5 (Suppl. Fig. 1). Functionally this suggests that
 1556 the three areas co-operate to detect a wide range of SFs. Because the low SFs would be
 1557 lost after band-pass filtering in V1, these data in addition suggest either that V2 and V5
 1558 have direct access to visual information from LGN (as, indeed, reported in the anatomy
 1559 section above) or that the few units in V1 tuned to low SFs have high response gain.

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Figure 10. Spatial frequency peak. Conventions are as in Figure 5. Data for V1 are from (De Valois, Albrecht, et al. 1982; Foster et al. 1985), for V2 from (Levitt, Kiper, et al. 1994), and for V5 from (Yuan et al. 2014).

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1563 Datasets on the SF bandwidth are limited, due to different metrics used to report it in
 1564 different studies (Fig. 11). The bandwidth in Fig. 11 is reported as full width at half-
 1565 height, on a logarithmic scale (octaves, *i.e.* \log_2):

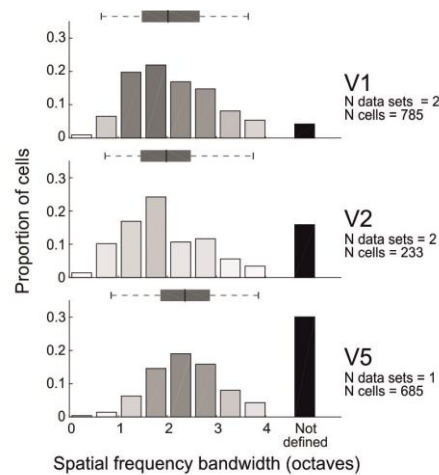
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$$1567 \quad BW_{SF} = SF_{r_{1/2max}} - SF_{r_{1/2min}} \quad \text{Eq. 6}$$

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1569 V5 has significantly wider SF bandwidth compared to V1 and V2 (Suppl. Fig. 1). In
 1570 addition, higher areas showed increasingly higher numbers of cells whose SF bandwidth
 1571 could not be defined (black bars), as their response did not drop to half of the maximum
 1572 response on either side of the peak. Cells with such wide-band tuning could be sensitive
 1573 to sharp edges.

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Figure 11. Spatial frequency bandwidth. Conventions are as in Figure 5. Data for V1 are from (Foster et al. 1985; Wang and Movshon 2016), for V2 from (Foster et al. 1985; Levitt, Kiper, et al. 1994), and for V5 from (Wang and Movshon 2016).

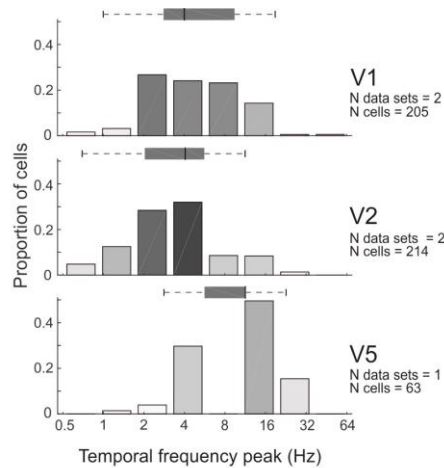
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1578 Temporal frequency selectivity

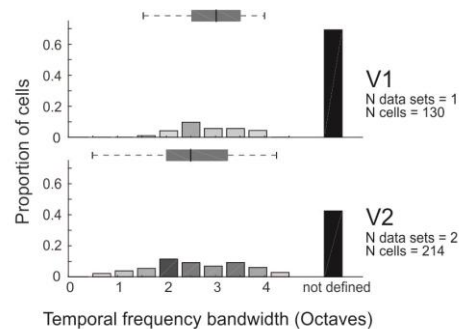
1579 Peak temporal frequency (TF) was characterized in five studies (Fig. 12). The original
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1580 data have sparse bins, and small numbers of cells, hampering comparison between areas.
 1581 V5 significantly prefers higher optimal TFs compared to V1 and V2, whereas V2 shows a
 1582 distribution with somewhat lower TF values than V1 (Suppl. Fig. 1).
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1584 **Figure 12. Temporal frequency peak.** Conventions are as in Figure 5. Data for V1 are from (Foster et al.
 1985; Hawken et al. 1996), for V2 from (Foster et al. 1985; Levitt, Kiper, et al. 1994), and for V5 from (Yuan
 et al. 2014).

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 1586 The TF bandwidth (Fig. 13) was characterized in the literature only for a minority of
 1587 cells, most not reaching the threshold of 50% response strength, and most of them having
 1588 low-pass temporal response function. The TF bandwidth was significantly wider in V1
 1589 than in V2 (Suppl. Fig. 1). We found no published data for V5.



1590 **Figure 13. Temporal frequency bandwidth.** Conventions are as in Figure 5. Data for V1 are from (Foster
 et al. 1985), and for V2 from (Foster et al. 1985; Levitt, Kiper, et al. 1994).

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1594 **Contrast response function**

1595 The contrast response function is quantified using the following equation

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$$R = b + \frac{c^\gamma}{c^\gamma + c_{50}^\gamma} \quad \text{Eq. 7}$$

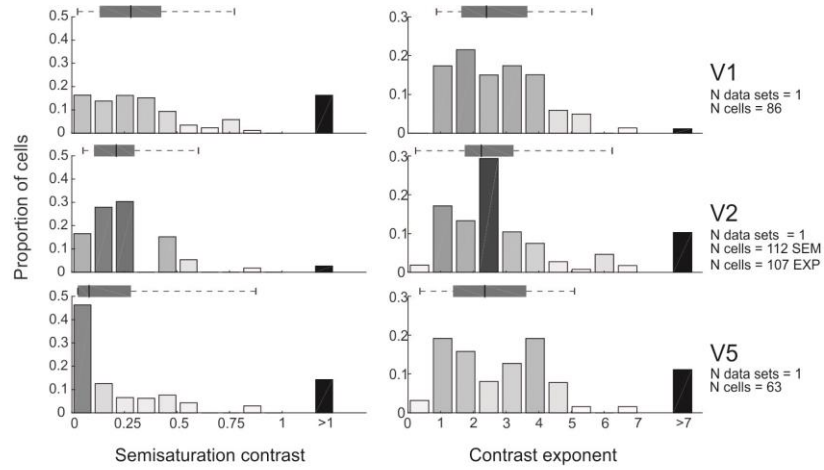
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1599 where R is response, b baseline firing rate and C contrast (independent variable). The
1600 fitted variables are γ , the exponent, and C_{50} , the semisaturation contrast, i.e. the contrast
1601 value at which the response curve reaches 50% of its maximum value.

1602 Figure 14 shows the distributions of semisaturation contrast and contrast exponent for
1603 areas V1, V2 and V5. For each study we reviewed both parameters. The only logarithmic
1604 semisaturation contrast plot (V2) in (Levitt, Kiper, et al. 1994) was turned into a linear
1605 scale, for comparison.

1606 Figure 15 visualizes the normalized contrast response functions attainable with the
1607 median exponent and semisaturation contrast for each area. Figures 14 and 15 as well as
1608 Suppl. Fig 1 demonstrate that V5 has significantly higher contrast sensitivity than the two
1609 other areas, followed by V2 and V1. This is due to the varying semisaturation contrast,
1610 whereas the median exponents are similar in the three areas.

1611 Figure 16 shows that there is a similar distribution of maximum firing rates across the
1612 cell population in V1 and V5. The original data were binned at 10 spikes/s and peaked
1613 between 10 and 20 Hz in both V1 and V5, with about 50% drop in the 0-10 Hz bin (Sclar
1614 et al. 1990).

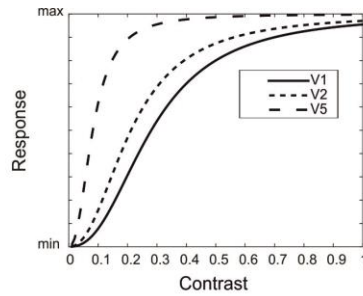


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Figure 14. Semisaturation contrast and contrast exponent of the contrast response function.

Conventions are as in Figure 5. Data for V1 are from (Sclar et al. 1990), for V2 from (Levitt, Kiper, et al. 1994), and for V5 from (Sclar et al. 1990).

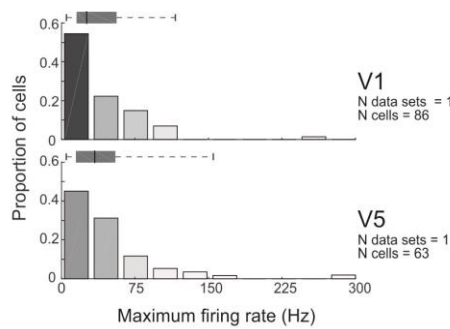
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Figure 15. Contrast response function. Based on the median parameters of the data reported in Figure 14.

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Figure 16. Maximum firing rate. Stimuli were sinusoidal gratings at 120 cd/m² luminance and saturating contrast; the grating orientation, spatial frequency, motion direction and speed were optimized for each cell. Conventions are as in Figure 5. Data for V1 and V5 are from (Sclar et al. 1990).

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1621 Higher-order feature selectivity in V2 and V5

1622 In addition to the low-level feature selectivity, neurons in V2 and V5 become selective
1623 to more complex RF features. These higher-order features are related presumably to
1624 pattern, object, speed and depth computations in V2 and V5.

1625 About one third of V2 cells are selective for complex gratings or forms (Hegd  and
1626 Van Essen 2000). These responses are dependent on anisotropic orientation sensitivity in
1627 the classical RF and its surroundings (Ito 2004; Anzai et al. 2007). Most V2 cells (63%)
1628 are sensitive to natural texture statistics, i.e. in the higher order correlation of image
1629 features across spatial frequencies, orientations and positions. This is in sharp contrast to
1630 V1, where only 15% show such selectivity (Freeman et al. 2013). Interestingly, this
1631 increased sensitivity in V2 derives from stronger surround suppression from non-natural
1632 (gratings, noise) than from natural texture stimuli (Ziomba et al. 2018).

1633 Stereoscopic depth perception is dependent on relative disparity between the retinal
1634 images of the two eyes. While V1, V2 and V5 all have cells which are tuned for retinal
1635 disparity, only the cells in V2 and V5 contribute to depth perception (Maunsell and Van
1636 Essen 1983a; DeAngelis et al. 1998; Nienborg 2006). Another depth cue, motion parallax,
1637 arises from self-motion in stationary surroundings. Eighteen percent of V5 cells
1638 contribute significantly to behavioral judgments based on motion parallax (Kim et al.
1639 2015).

1640 The V2 cells assign contrast edges to particular object, or code “border ownership”,
1641 more often than V1 cells (59% in V2 vs 18% in V1; Zhou et al. 2000). This may be
1642 related to emergent segregation of objects from background in V2.

1643 Many V5 cells become more sensitive to motion of a whole pattern than motion of the
1644 components of the pattern. Estimates for the proportion of cells which prefer pattern
1645 motion in macaque V5 range from 23-25%, whereas such cells are rare in V1 (Movshon

1646 et al. 1985; Wang and Movshon 2016).

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1648 Neuronal membrane physiology

1649 The neuronal membrane physiology has not been systemically studied in macaque
1650 visual cortex. Some parameters have been extracted from prefrontal cortex, but given the
1651 structural differences of neurons in different areas (Elston 2003; Luebke 2017) it is
1652 unclear whether such values are relevant for the visual areas considered in this review,
1653 therefore, those data were excluded. In visual cortices, some biophysical parameters are
1654 available for V1 L3 pyramidal neurons (Table 6, Amatrudo et al., 2012; Luebke et al.,
1655 2015; Gilman et al., 2017). While all neurons have tonic regular spiking patterns, many
1656 also show phasic activity. Amatrudo et al. (2012) tuned a model neuron to the structure of
1657 a single pyramidal cell providing an example table of biophysical model parameters (their
1658 Table 1).

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Table 6. Biophysical parameters for area V1 L3 pyramidal neurons. Data from Amatrudo et al., 2012; Luebke et al., 2015; Gilman et al., 2017). sEPSC, sIPSC= spontaneous EPSP, IPSP. Mean (range) across studies.

Membrane time constant (ms)	23 (19– 28)
Input resistance (<u>Mohm</u>)	238 (205– 285)
Resting membrane potential (mV)	-66 (-66.4 – -65.8)
Action potential threshold (mV)	-42 (-42.8 – -41.8)
Rheobase (pA)	82 (79– 87)
<u>sEPSC freq</u> (Hz)	1.4 (1.2 – 1.5)
rise (ms)	1.1 (1.0 – 1.2)
decay (ms)	4.7 (4.2 – 5.4)
amplitude (pA)	6.7 (6.4 – 7.3)
<u>sIPSC_freq</u> (Hz)	0.33
rise (ms)	2.8
decay (ms)	7.6
amplitude (pA)	20

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1662 In V1 L3 pyramidal cells, a depolarizing current step of 80 pA evokes on average (SD)
 1663 a 14.9 (1.8) Hz response, and a 180 pA current step evokes a 19.6 (2.4) Hz response,
 1664 clearly higher than in prefrontal cortex (Gilman et al. 2017). This is likely due to the
 1665 smaller cell size, and thus membrane capacitance, in visual than prefrontal cortex,
 1666 resulting in more responsive neurons to the same input current.

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1668 **The need for future quantitative studies**

1669 We have reviewed the literature and summarized quantitative data about the structure
1670 and function of, and interactions between macaque visual areas V1, V2 and V5. Although
1671 available data are insufficient to support a complete quantitative microcircuit diagram, it,
1672 however, allows to construct a binary diagram, including partial data on relative
1673 connection strength, which allows to identify dominant and sparse connections in a
1674 microcircuit, helping to constrain the parameter search spaces for numerical simulations.

1675 This review omits several areas in the occipital lobe, such as V3, V3A, V6/PO and V4.
1676 These areas lack either a unique definition (Angelucci and Rosa 2015; Angelucci et al.
1677 2015; Gamberini et al. 2015; Zhu and Vanduffel 2019), clear homologues between
1678 humans and macaques (Kaas 1992; Tootell et al. 1997; Hadjikhani et al. 1998), thus
1679 precluding prospective generalization of the model system to humans, or have not been
1680 sufficiently studied to justify their inclusion into a quantitative review. The exclusion of
1681 these visual areas naturally limits the type of visual analysis that can be expected from a
1682 model and may also lead to inaccuracies in the model receptive fields, if the latter are
1683 shaped by feedback in the real biological system.

1684 In the early nineties, Felleman and Van Essen (1991) provided a binary diagram of
1685 connections between macaque visual cortical areas and studied their mutual hierarchy.
1686 The CoCoMac database (Stephan et al. 2001; Kötter 2004; Bakker et al. 2012) later
1687 provided online access to interareal anatomical tract tracing data. Later these connections
1688 were studied quantitatively, revealing the dense connectome between areas (Barone et al.
1689 2000; Markov et al. 2011; Markov, Ercsey-Ravasz, et al. 2014). The macroscopic scale is
1690 however insufficient for model simulations aiming to replicate single neuron function.
1691 Instead, we need a model at the microcircuit level.

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1693 Missing parts for a synthetic blueprint

1694 Much information is still missing in order to build a comprehensive model of the
1695 macaque visual cortex. First, we need information on which cell types contact which
1696 other cell types, making how many synapses, and the probability distribution of synapses
1697 along the dendritic tree. Unfortunately, the construction of such a detailed connectome
1698 directly from anatomical data is not technically possible, because no current method
1699 allows reading and visualizing massive anatomical volumes at synaptic resolution.

1700 Fortunately, partial data samples may allow us to extract statistical rules which could
1701 lead to the establishment of a representative connectome and synaptome of a neural
1702 system (DeFelipe 2010, 2015). Two studies, both in rat somatosensory cortex, have
1703 presented approaches to build a comprehensive model from sparse connectivity data. In
1704 the first study, Egger et al. (2014) combined experimental anatomical volumetric data,
1705 soma distributions, examples of neuron type specific morphologies (axonal and dendritic
1706 fields), relative frequency of neuron types, and subcellular structural connectivity data
1707 between cell types. This subcellular connectivity included neuron-type specific density of
1708 postsynaptic targets, separately for the soma and apical- and basal dendrites. Using these
1709 data, the software calculated dense instantiations of a microcircuit, which were available
1710 for numerical simulations (such as Landau et al., 2016). In the second study, Reimann et
1711 al. (2015) build microcircuit models based on five types of data. The first defines
1712 morphological neuron types, and their local density distributions. Then, they estimate the
1713 total length of axons, and the density of boutons on the axons for each type of neuron. For
1714 each connection between two neuron types, the approach requires connection probability
1715 and the mean and standard deviation of number of synapses per connection. This
1716 algorithm was later used to build a comprehensive microcircuit model of rat
1717 somatosensory cortex (Markram et al. 2015).

1718 Table 7 lists some of the key data that are still missing for macaque. In the literature
1719 there are many anatomical tracing studies of interareal connections. Unfortunately, there
1720 are only partial data on the densities of distinct morphological neuron types in different
1721 layers for V1 and none for V2 or V5. Moreover, inhibitory cell types have not been
1722 quantified by layer, and quantitative data of dendritic length and bouton or synapse
1723 numbers on different cell types, and in different layers, are missing.

1724 A recent cluster analysis of V1 L6 neurons provides a sense of the correlations
1725 between functional parameters (Hawken et al. 2019). The study reports six major clusters
1726 of RF properties, on the basis of simple/complex RFs (f0/f1 modulation;(Skottun et al.
1727 1991), direction selectivity, and temporal frequency tuning. Such cluster analyses for
1728 other layers could reveal the inter-parameter correlations, which may significantly limit a
1729 model's parameter search space.

1730 In addition, we are missing subcellular data on synaptic connection strengths, although
1731 it is likely that the latter are also dynamically adjusted by homeostasis (Turrigiano et al.
1732 1998; van Rossum et al. 2000; Turrigiano 2008). For state-of-the-art Hodgkin-Huxley
1733 membrane voltage dynamics, we would, additionally, need information on the relative
1734 density of distinct ion channels. For a comprehensive multicompartmental model, the
1735 detailed dendritic morphology of distinct cell types would be required in digital format.
1736 Some data are available at <http://neuromorpho.org/index.jsp> mainly for V1 L6 pyramidal
1737 and spiny stellate neurons (Briggs et al. 2016) and L3 pyramidal cells (Luebke et al.
1738 2015).

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Table 7. Missing data for macaque V1, V2, V5 needed for microcircuit reconstruction.

PC: pyramidal cell

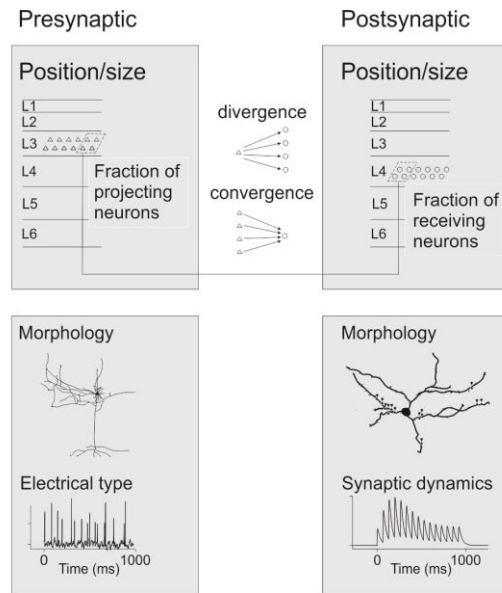
Parameter	Missing data
Total N neurons by layer	V2, V5
Excitatory cell type counts by layer	PC subtypes sparse for V1, missing for V2 and V5
Inhibitory cell type counts by layer	V1, V2, V5
Interlaminar cell type specific connectivity	Partial data for V1, sparse for V2, missing for V5
Horizontal distribution of local axons	Partial data for V1, V2 and V5
Axonal structure, incl. N boutons	Sparse data for V1, missing for V2 and V5
Dendritic structure	Partial data for V1, V2, missing for V5
Neural membrane electrophysiology	Sparse data for V1, missing for V2 and V5
Cell type specific neural structural model	V1, V2, V5

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1742 Fortunately, a complete microcircuit connectome is not necessary for simplified model
1743 simulations. Simplified models allow avoiding unnecessary complexity for some research
1744 questions and increase computational efficiency (Hokkanen et al. 2019). Figure 17
1745 presents two levels of connection detail that can be implemented in a model. If the neural
1746 model is point-like, with fixed synaptic dynamics and firing patterns, the required level of
1747 description of the system is the identification of pre- and postsynaptic neuron types, the
1748 fraction of pre- and postsynaptic neurons contacting each other, the number of synapses
1749 per connection, and the amount of divergence and convergence in interareal connectivity
1750 (Fig. 17 *top*). However, more detailed and biologically realistic models require additional
1751 details on the morphology and firing rate statistics of the presynaptic neuron, as well as
1752 synapse location and dynamics of the postsynaptic neurons (Fig. 17 *bottom*).

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Figure 17. Describing connections between two neuron groups in silico. A) A simple point-like phenomenological neural model with fixed synaptic dynamics only needs to incorporate data on position and population size as well as data on the divergence and convergence of connections. B) A more comprehensive, biophysically meaningful, multicompartmental model requires, in addition, data on the cellular morphology, distribution of synapses, and electrical types of neurons and synaptic dynamics.

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1756 Studies on anatomical tracer injections targeted to specific CO compartments of V1 or
 1757 V2, have typically reported the percentages of resulting labeled neurons in each
 1758 compartment. To calibrate such measures, we need data on the density of projecting
 1759 fibers/mm² of cortical surface area for each V2 compartment. For V1, where distinct
 1760 layers have unique projection patterns, such data should also indicate the amount of
 1761 projecting fibers/mm³ of cortex. Given the known layer thickness, one would thus be able
 1762 to estimate the amount of projecting fibers.

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1764 Filling in missing macaque data for numerical simulations

1765 For missing local connectivity data for macaque visual cortex, a theoretician is forced
 1766 to use available data from other mammalian species, such as cat, rat and mouse, whose

1767 local connections have been studied more extensively (Thomson and Lamy 2007;
1768 Markram et al. 2015). In addition, neural cell membrane electrophysiology has been
1769 studied more extensively in rodents (Markram et al. 1998; Thomson and Destexhe 1999;
1770 Gupta et al. 2000), and there is a clear underrepresentation of monkey data in the
1771 neuroinformatics databases, such as NeuroElectro at <http://neuroelectro.org/>.

1772 Binzegger et al. (2004) collected local structural data for cat primary visual cortex, and
1773 suggested a canonical microcircuit diagram based on those data and remaining
1774 assumptions. For this diagram one needs essentially three quantities: the number of each
1775 neuron type in each layer, each neuron type's average dendritic length in each layer, and
1776 the number of synapses formed by each cell type in each layer. Moreover, one needs to
1777 assume that synapses form between cell types with equal probability (Peters' rule,
1778 Braitenberg and Schuz, 1998). However, many parameters remain uncertain in such a
1779 diagram. For example, how synapses are distributed onto the postsynaptic cells' dendritic
1780 trees, the short-term synaptic dynamics and potential for long-term plasticity in distinct
1781 neuron types, potential local anatomical anisotropies, such as those of patchy local
1782 horizontal connections.

1783 Thomson et al (2002) provided local structural network data for rat and cat cortex,
1784 together with connection strength measured by dual or triple intracellular
1785 electrophysiological recordings in cortical slices. Most differences between species were
1786 just scale differences. Thomson et al (2002) reported apparent deviations from Peter's
1787 rule, particularly an asymmetry between interlaminar FF (e.g. L4 to 3 and L3 to 5) and
1788 FB projections (e.g. from L3 to L4, and from L5 to L3). The excitatory targets of FF
1789 connections were primarily the larger pyramidal neurons; the FB targets were horizontally
1790 more diffuse than the FF targets, and the FB-induced EPSPs were very small, below
1791 threshold. Moreover, FB connections were stronger onto inhibitory than onto excitatory

1792 neurons, the latter being generally very sparse. The authors suggested that this asymmetry
1793 prevents reverberating excitation within the local circuit.

1794 Interspecies differences may unfortunately hamper the ability to supplement a monkey
1795 model with rodent data (Luebke 2017). For example, the basket cells show lower input
1796 resistance and higher firing thresholds in rat compared to monkey, causing them to have
1797 lower excitability in rats than monkeys (Povysheva et al. 2008).

1798 Schmidt et al. (2017) estimated the quantitative anatomical connectivity of macaque
1799 visual areas by combining CoCoMac databases (Stephan et al. 2001; Bakker et al. 2012)
1800 with the fraction of supragranular presynaptic neurons in a source area (Barone et al.
1801 2000; Markov et al. 2011; Markov, Vezoli, et al. 2014) and an exponential distance rule
1802 (Ercsey-Ravasz et al. 2013). As local connectivity data from macaque were largely
1803 missing, the model of Schmidt et al. (2017) used Potjans and Diesmann's (2014) local
1804 microcircuit model, which was based on data from rats and cats. While Schmidt et al.
1805 (2017) provided a full graph of connections of macaque visual cortex, as well as explicit
1806 tables of the heuristics and assumptions included in their model, our reported anatomical
1807 data are different. We provide the details of published experimental data, including the
1808 rich substructure and layer-specific connectivity. Although we provide relative rather than
1809 absolute connection strengths, and there are uncertainties about the completeness of layer-
1810 specific connectivity graphs between two areas, our work goes one step forward
1811 compared to existing interareal connectivity graphs (Felleman and Van Essen 1991;
1812 Markov, Ercsey-Ravasz, et al. 2014).

1813 In conclusion, here we have collated data from the literature with the goal of
1814 facilitating construction of biophysically meaningful models of macaque visual cortex
1815 and validation of such models by numerical simulation of neuronal RF properties. In the
1816 short run, it will be challenging to establish how the model structure gives rise to RF

1817 properties that resemble those measured in the real cortex, because multiple unknown
1818 factors affect RF responses. In the long run, however, a comprehensive model could
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1820 signal processing in a neural population.
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