Long-range and local circuits for top-down modulation of visual processing

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Introduction

- Frontal areas modulate activity of sensory cortices
- In primates, FEF modulates perceptual decision tasks and eye saccades



What is the circuit mechanism of modulation of V1 in mice?

Which areas in mouse project to V1?

retrobead injection site: V1



 ${\approx}200$ cells in Cg section Cg is involved in emotion formation, learning and memory (in humans)

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Anterograde tracing

Injection in Cg of AAV-CaMK2 α -ChR2-EYFP



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Optogenetic Activation of Cg



Activation of Cg enhances V1 responses

gain modulation of response to visual stimulus



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Cg inactivation with halorhodopsin (light-gated Cl ion pump)

Activation of Cg enhances V1 responses



go no go task each dot is a day of 200-300 trials with interleaved laser trials

Spatial response profile of Pyr cells to axon stim

Cg activation enhances responses near the Cg axon stimulated, but inhibits cells recorded 200 um away from the Cg axon



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Spatial profile of EPSC/IPSC





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Cg-induced IPSC is disynaptic

- 1. latency of IPSC
- 2. CNQX (blocks glutamate receptors) eliminates IPSC



All 3 interneuron subtypes are activated, but especially VIP



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Use Cre line mice with halorhodopsin to selectively turn off subpopulations



Activate Cg axons (blue) and Cre virus (orange)

SOM produces surround suppression and VIP produces center facilitation



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Contribution of interneurons to Cg modulation



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Circuit Mechanism



Conclusions

- ► Cg innervates V1
- top-down modulation can produce gain modulation in pyramidal cells in V1
 - through center facilitation drive of VIP and surround drive of SOM

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- full-field stimulation produces overall disinhibition of cortex (as seen in running mice)
- how do Cg neurons fire and do their patterns correspond to the behavioral task?