Cortico-cortical projections in mouse visual cortex are functionally target specific

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Neurons in V1 are functionally diverse but higher visual areas are specialized





Glickfeld et al. 2013

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Functional specificity of axonal projections from V1 to higher visual areas



- Are projections from V1 to LM, AL and PM functionally distinct?
- If so, what are the mechanisms underlying such specificity?

Functional imaging of boutons in higher visual areas



TF (Hz)

SF (c.p.d.) 90°

V1 axons projecting to LM, AL and PM are functionally distinct





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Bias in the number of boutons with target-specific preferences





Functional specificity of LM projections to AL and PM



Summary

• Projections from V1 to LM, AL and PM are functionally distinct, in terms of spatial and temporal frequency tuning.

 Response properties of individual presynaptic boutons match the response of neurons in each target area.

 Suggest that functionally specific connections are important in determining receptive field preferences of neurons in higher visual areas.

Bias in the amplitude of responses at different speeds

