

# Retinotopy Tutorial

What defines a visual area?

Visual areas are defined by  
FACTs!

(F)unction  
(A)rchitectonics  
(C)onnections  
(T)opography

(F)unction

(A)rchitectonics

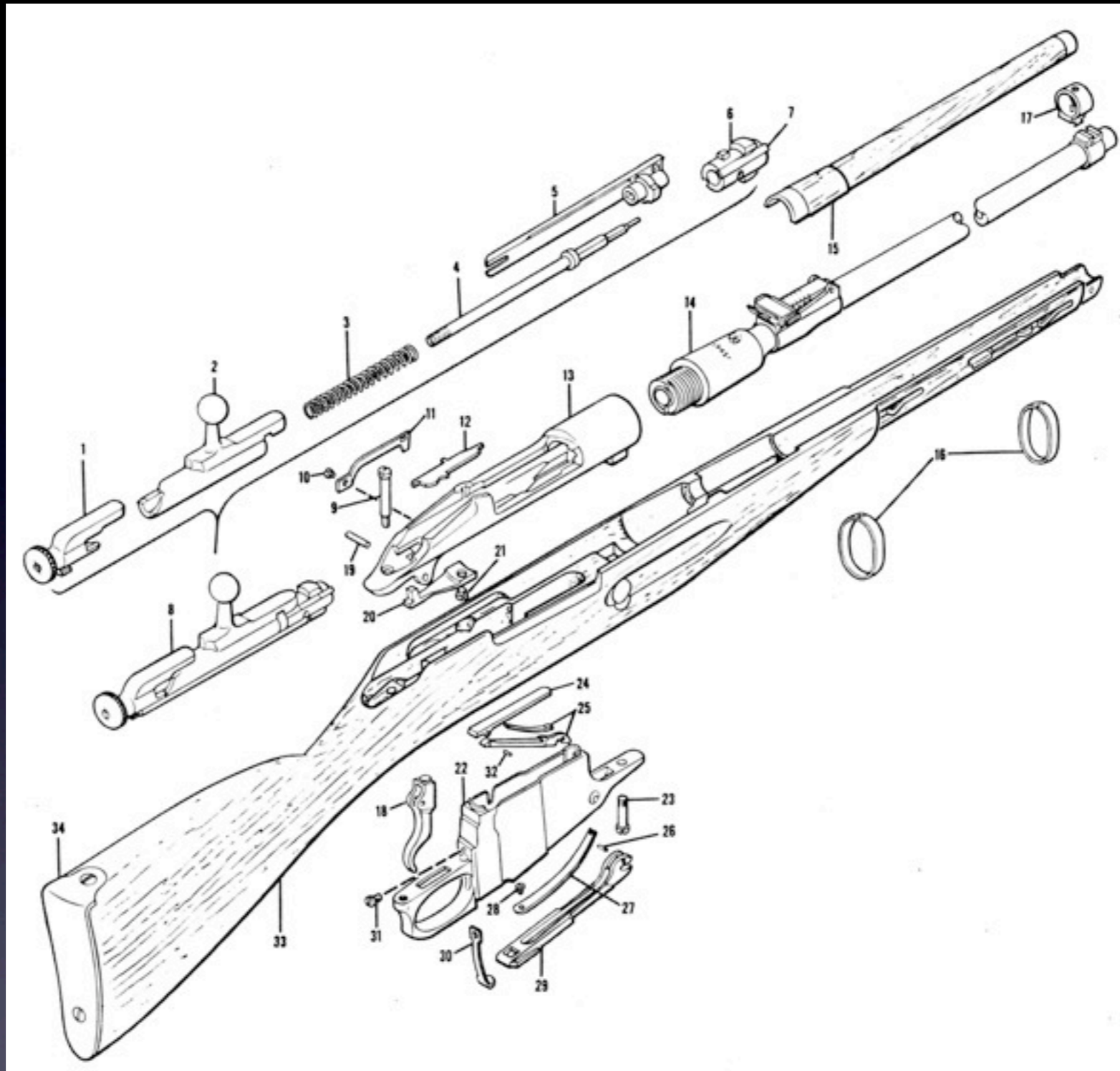
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What technical development allowed for the topographic mapping of primary visual cortex?



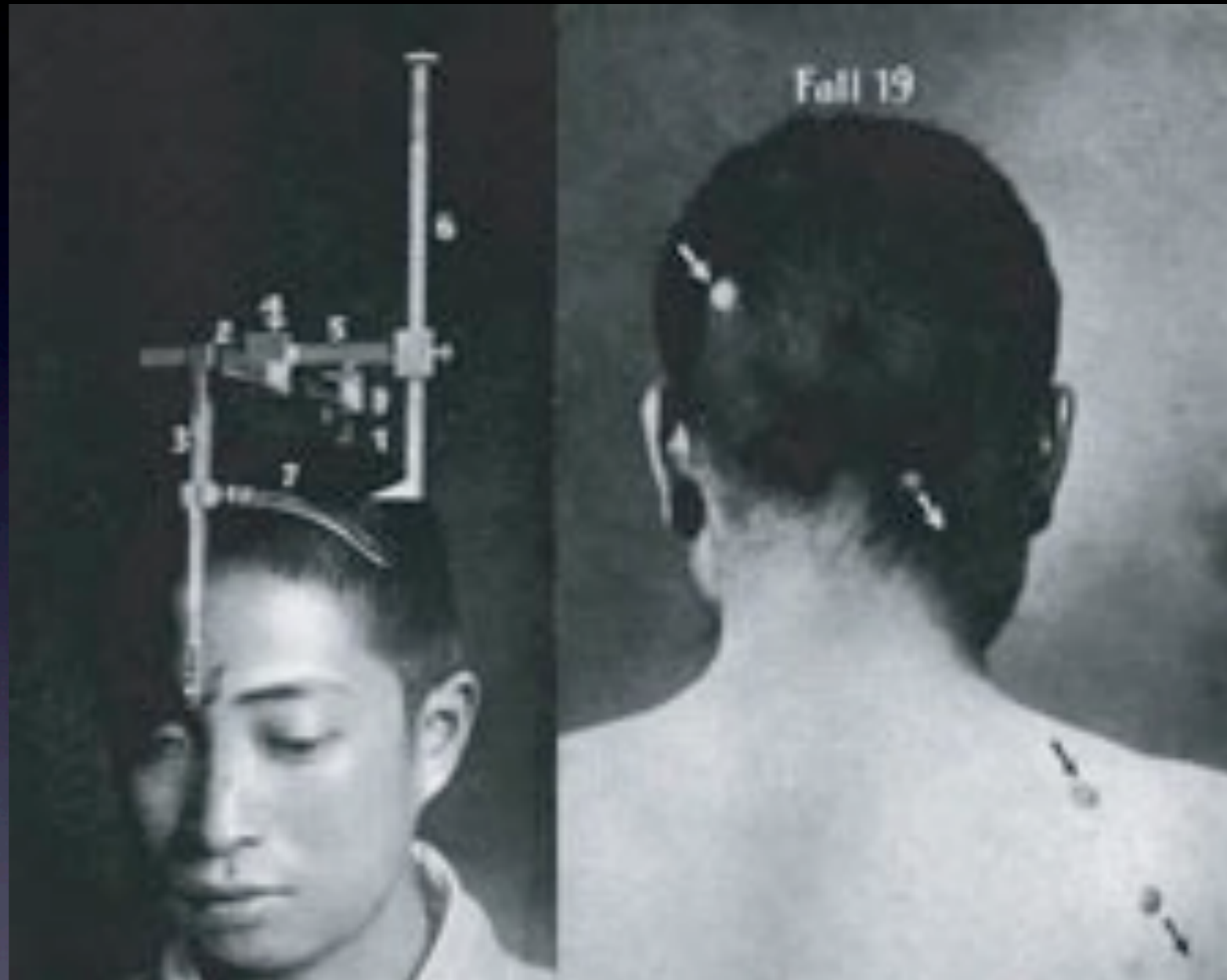
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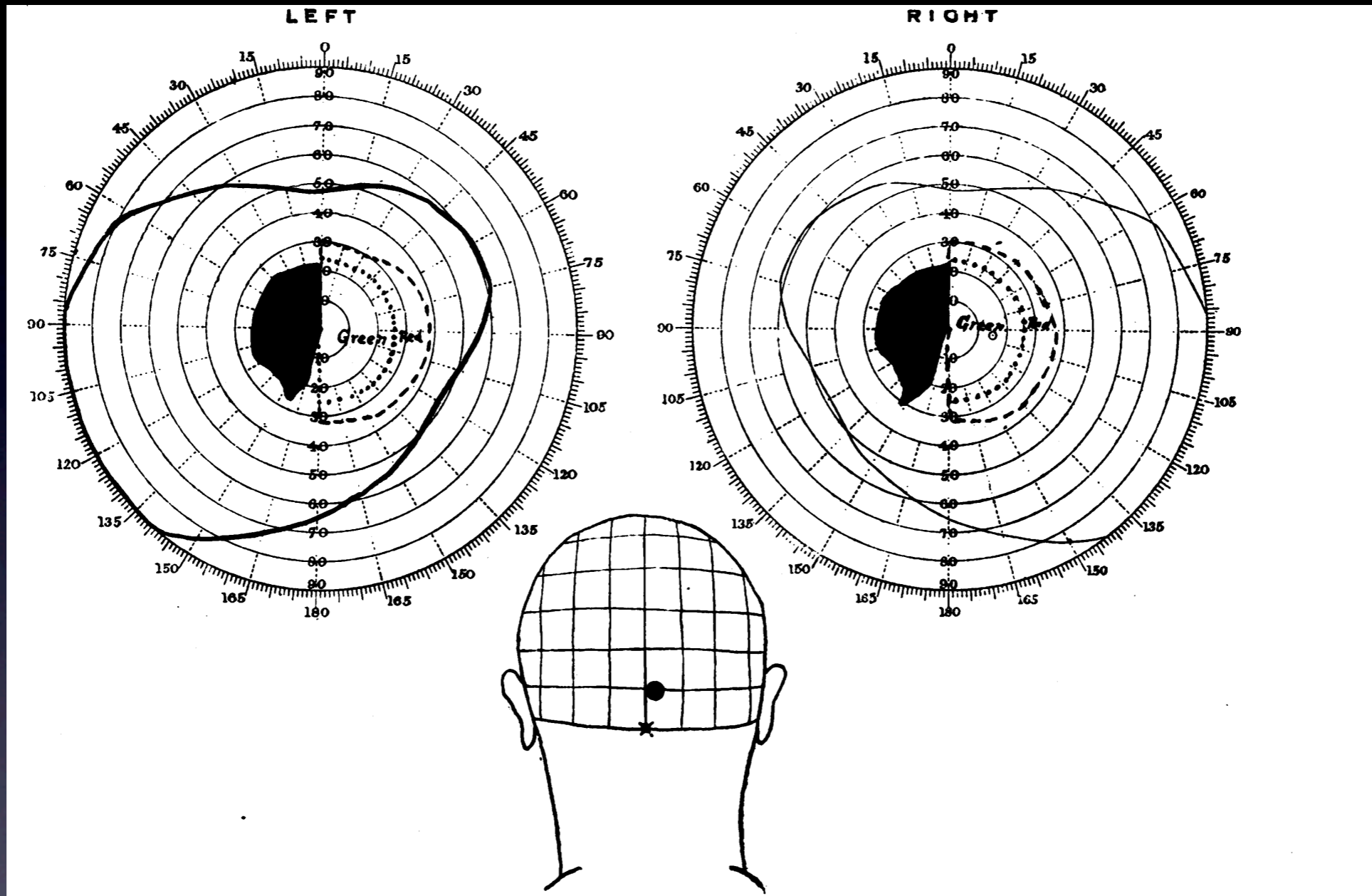
Mosin–Nagant Model 91 military rifle



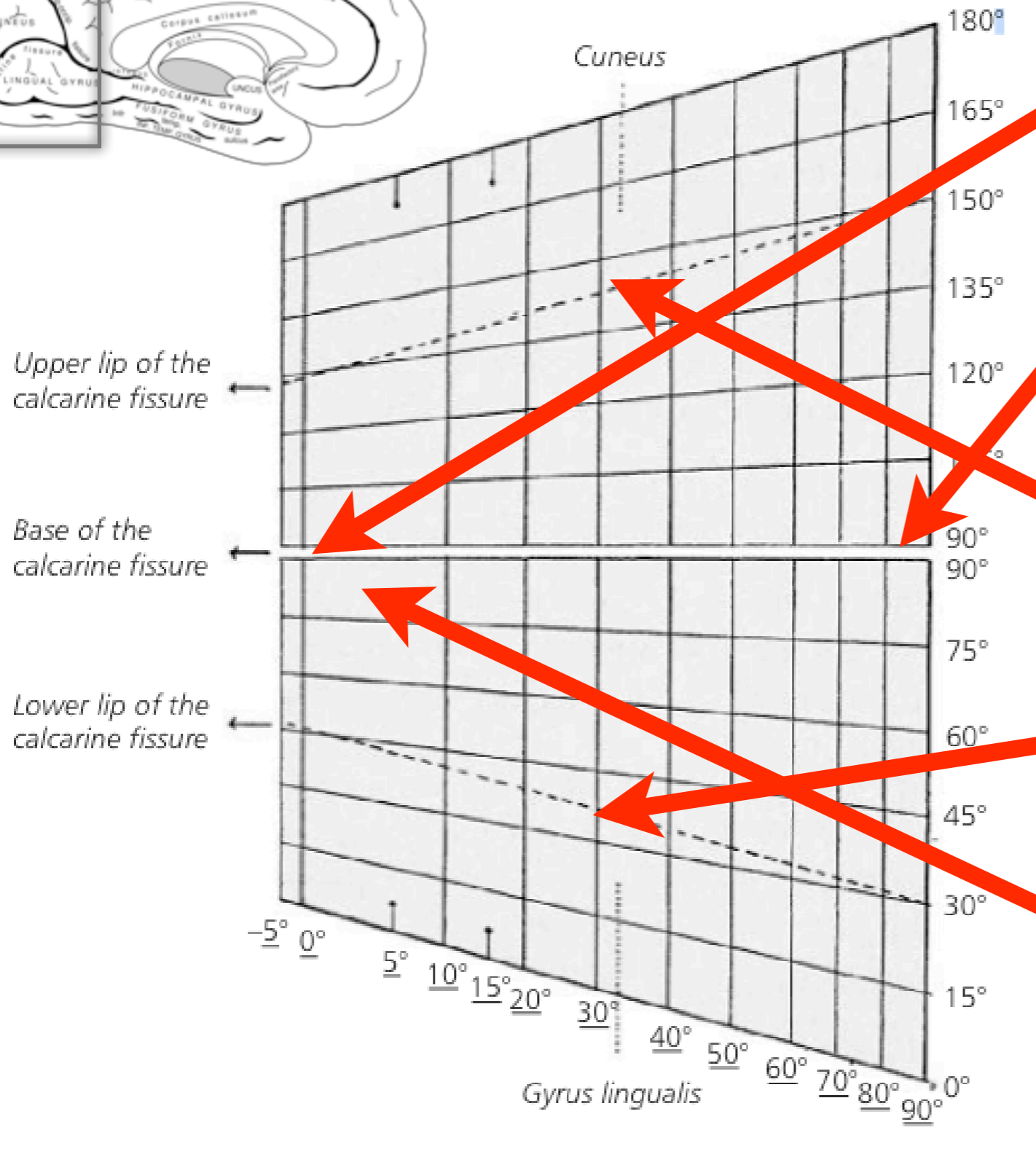
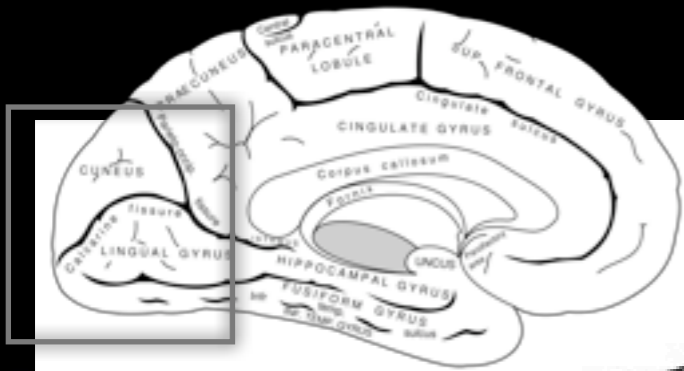
# Tatsuji Inouye



Tatsuji Inouye (1909) W. Engelmann (Translated from German by Glickstein and Fahle)



Holmes (1918) British Journal of Ophthalmology



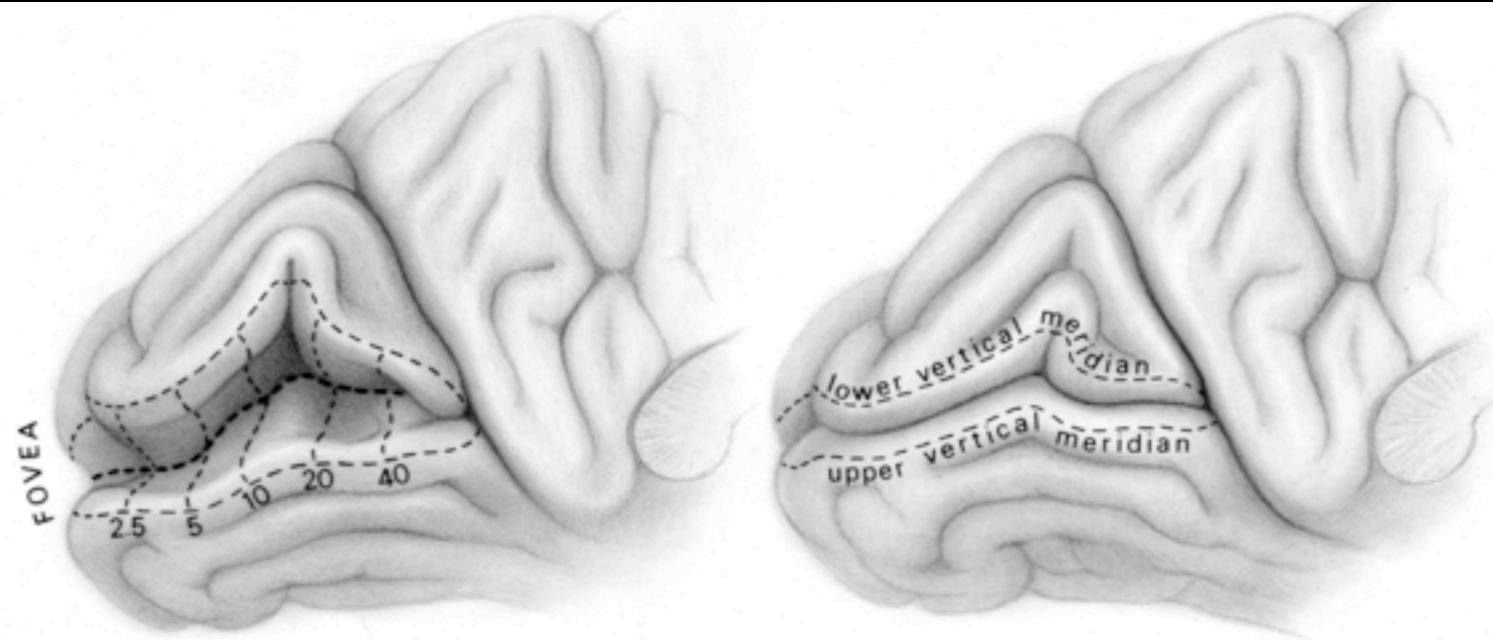
Fovea at occipital pole

Periphery at anterior end of calcarine

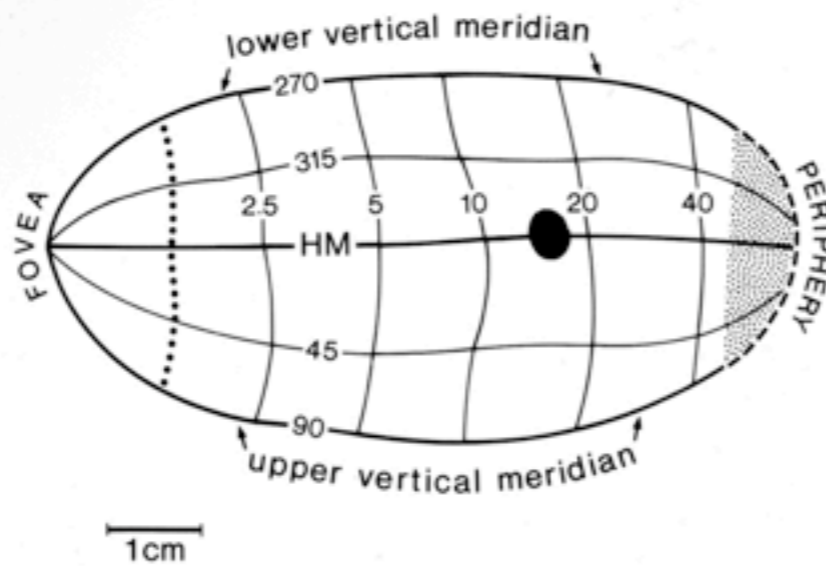
Lower visual field on the upper bank

Upper visual field on the lower bank

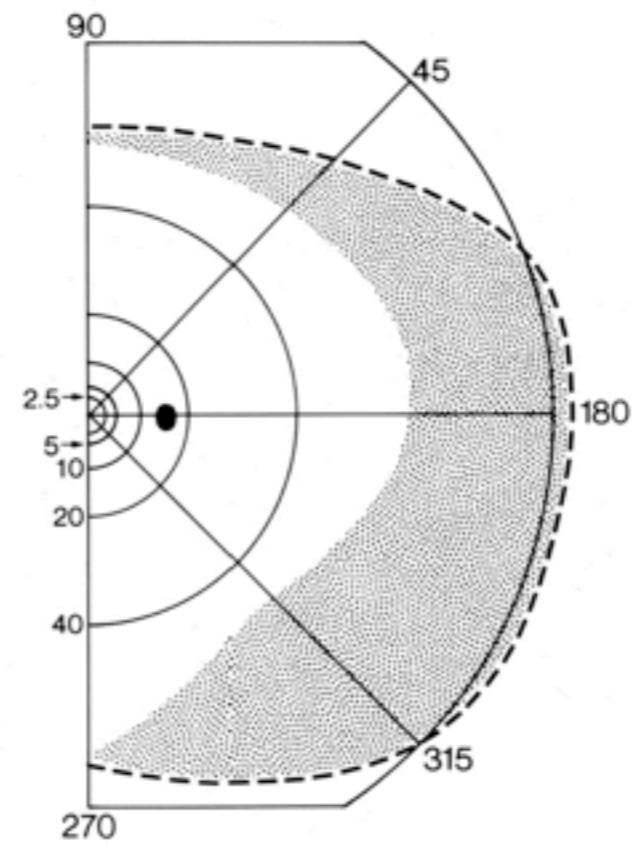
Foveal visual field magnified



LEFT VISUAL CORTEX



RIGHT VISUAL FIELD



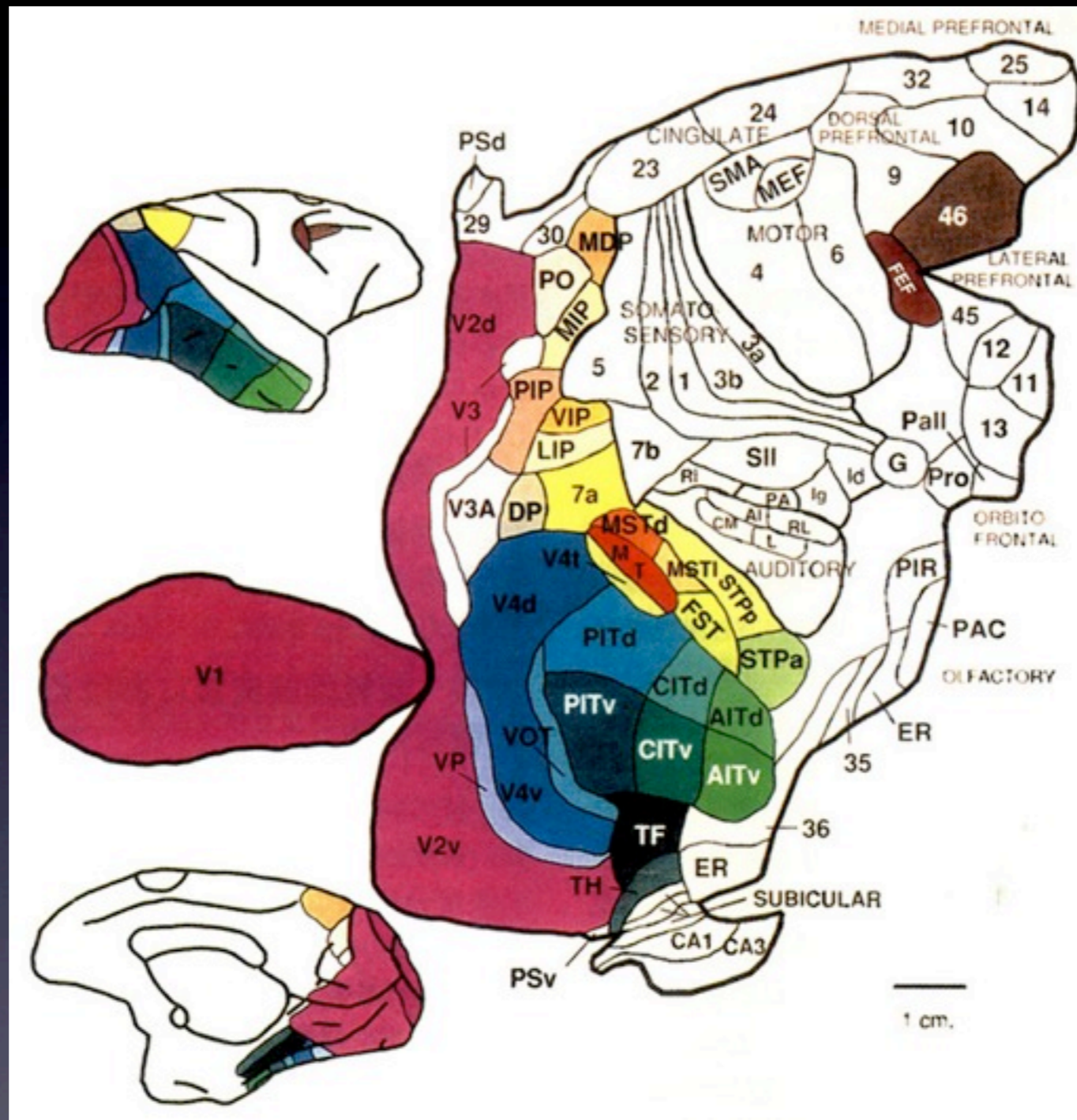
Modern reconstruction of Inouye's map by Jonathan Horton

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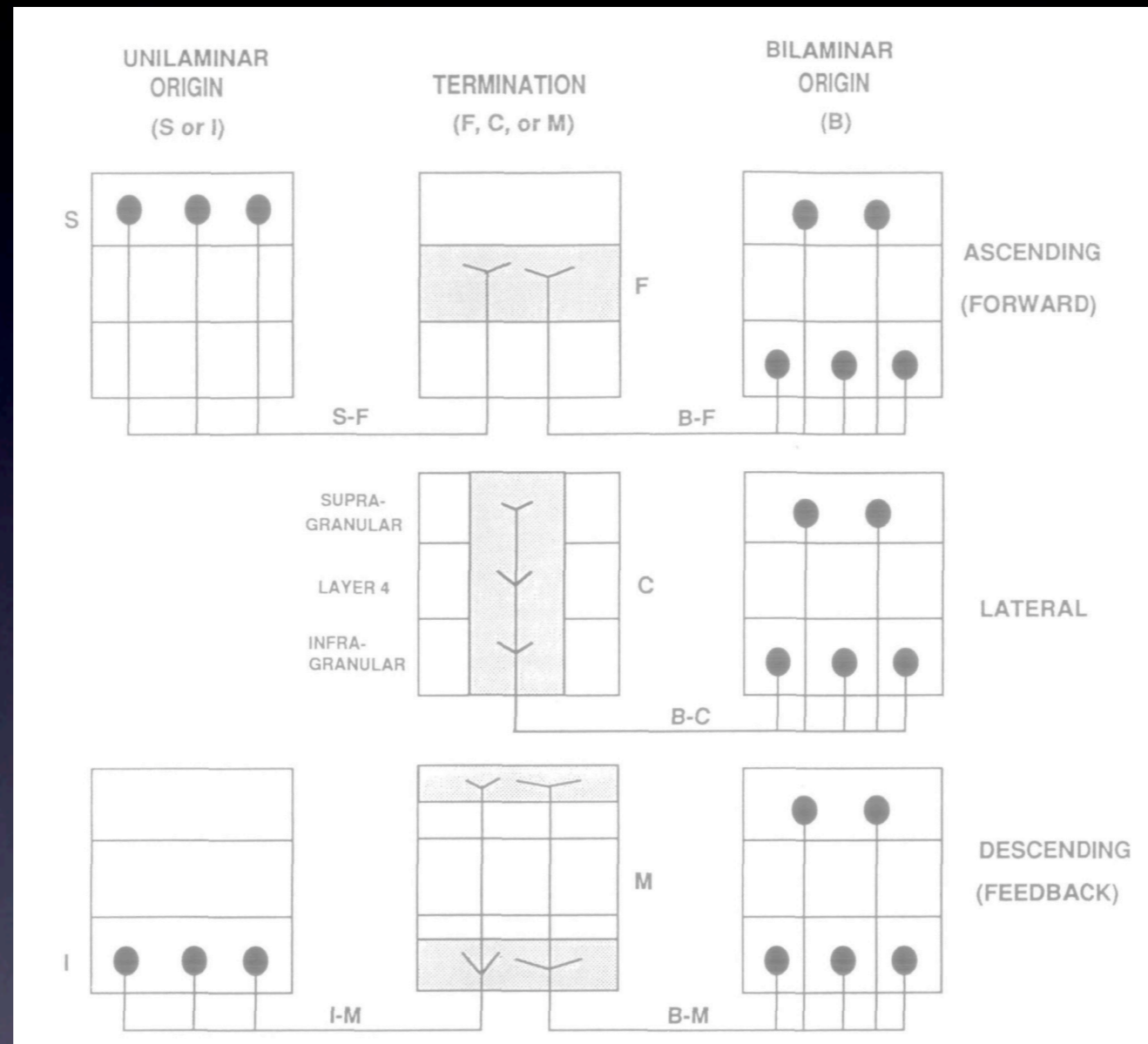
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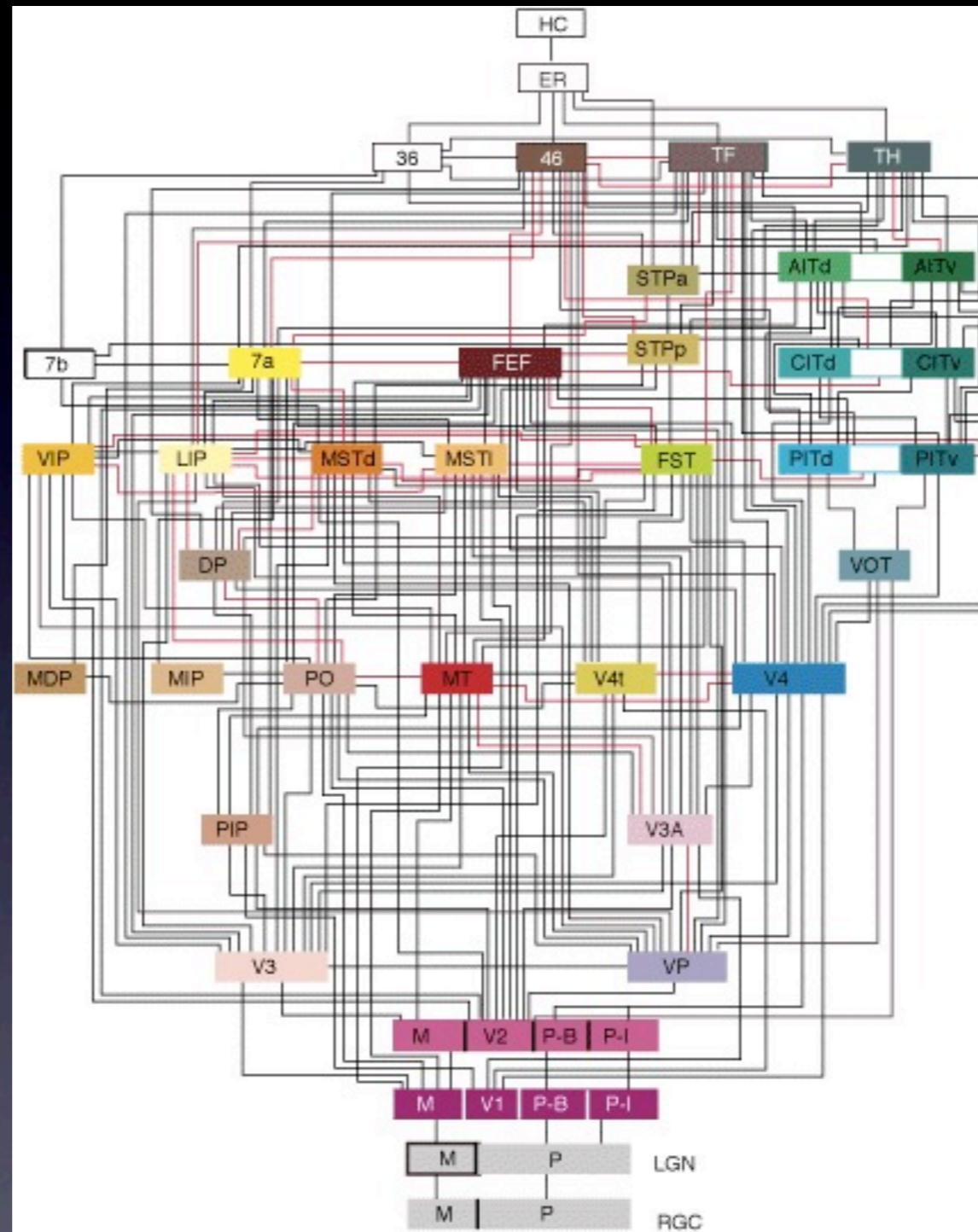


Felleman & Van Essen (1991) Cerebral Cortex 1:1-47

# Ascending, descending and lateral connections



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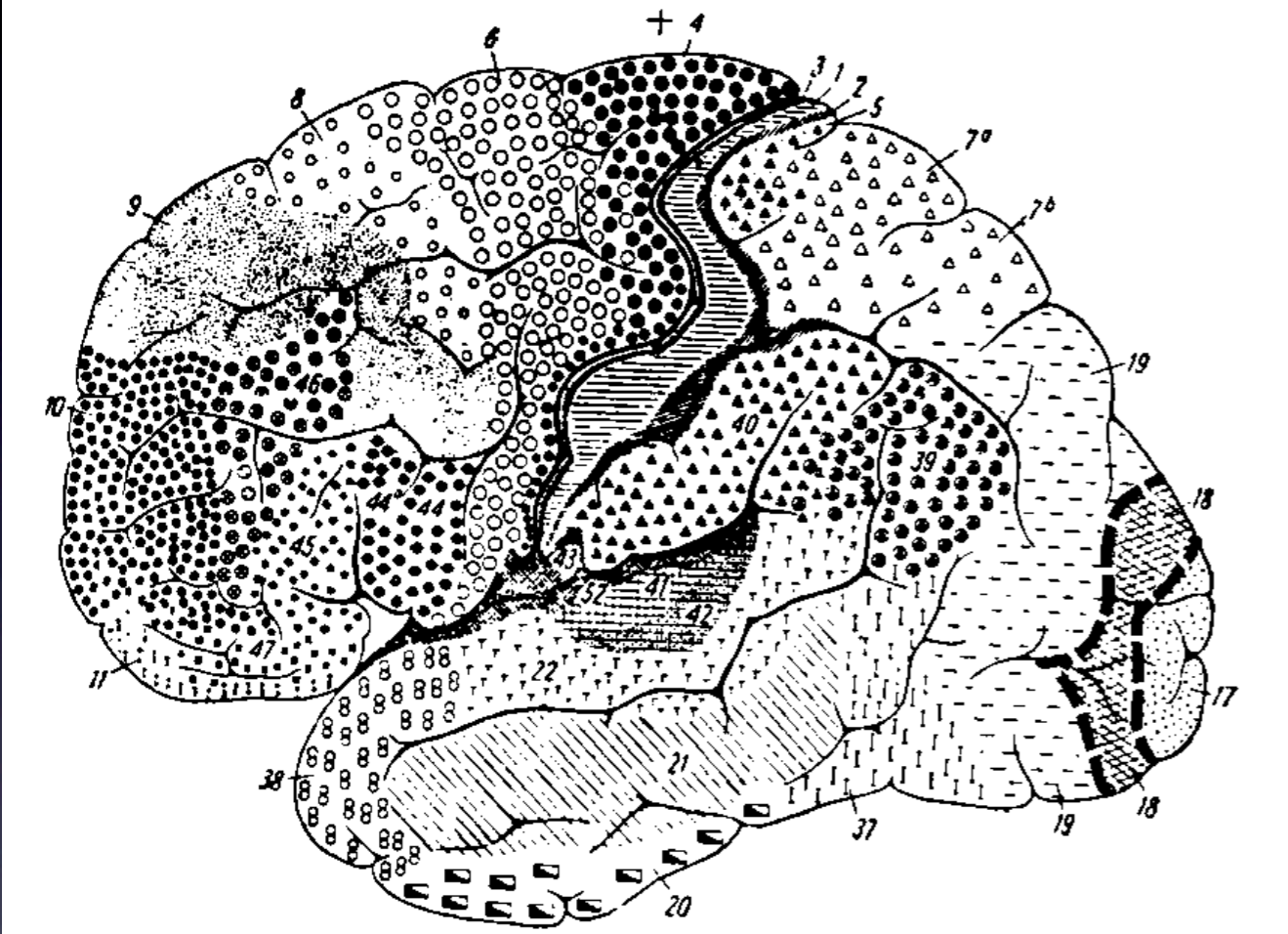
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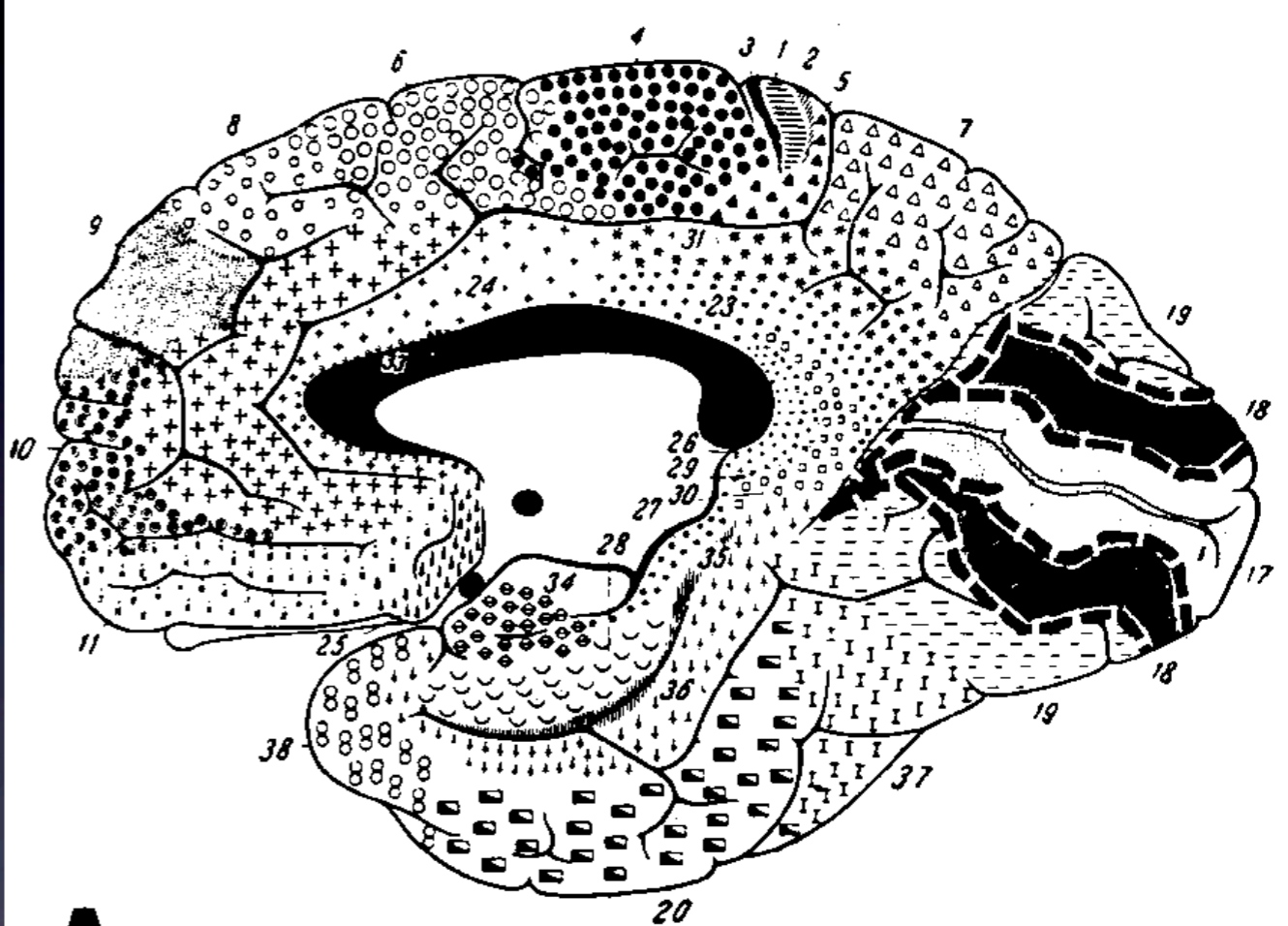
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# Lateral

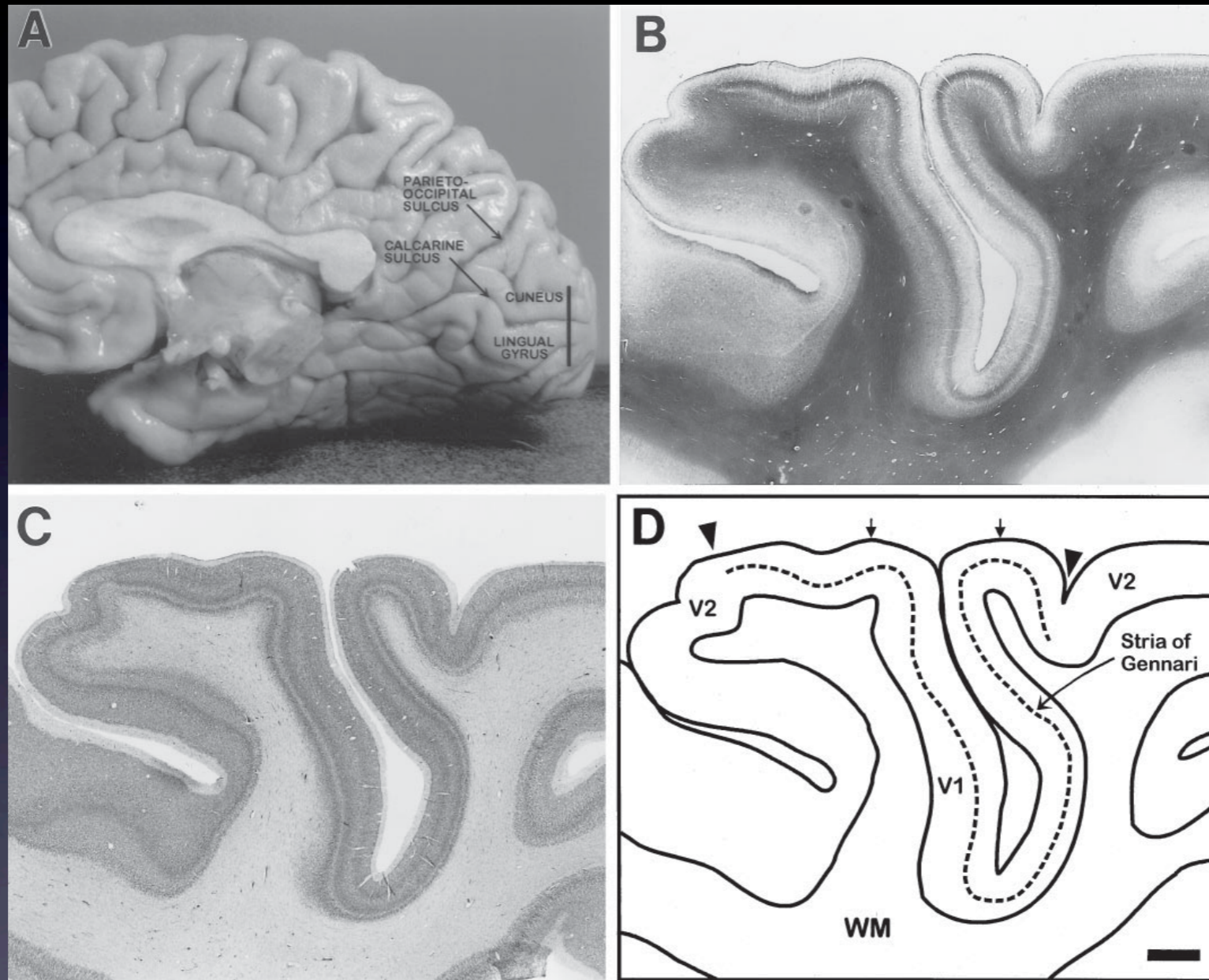


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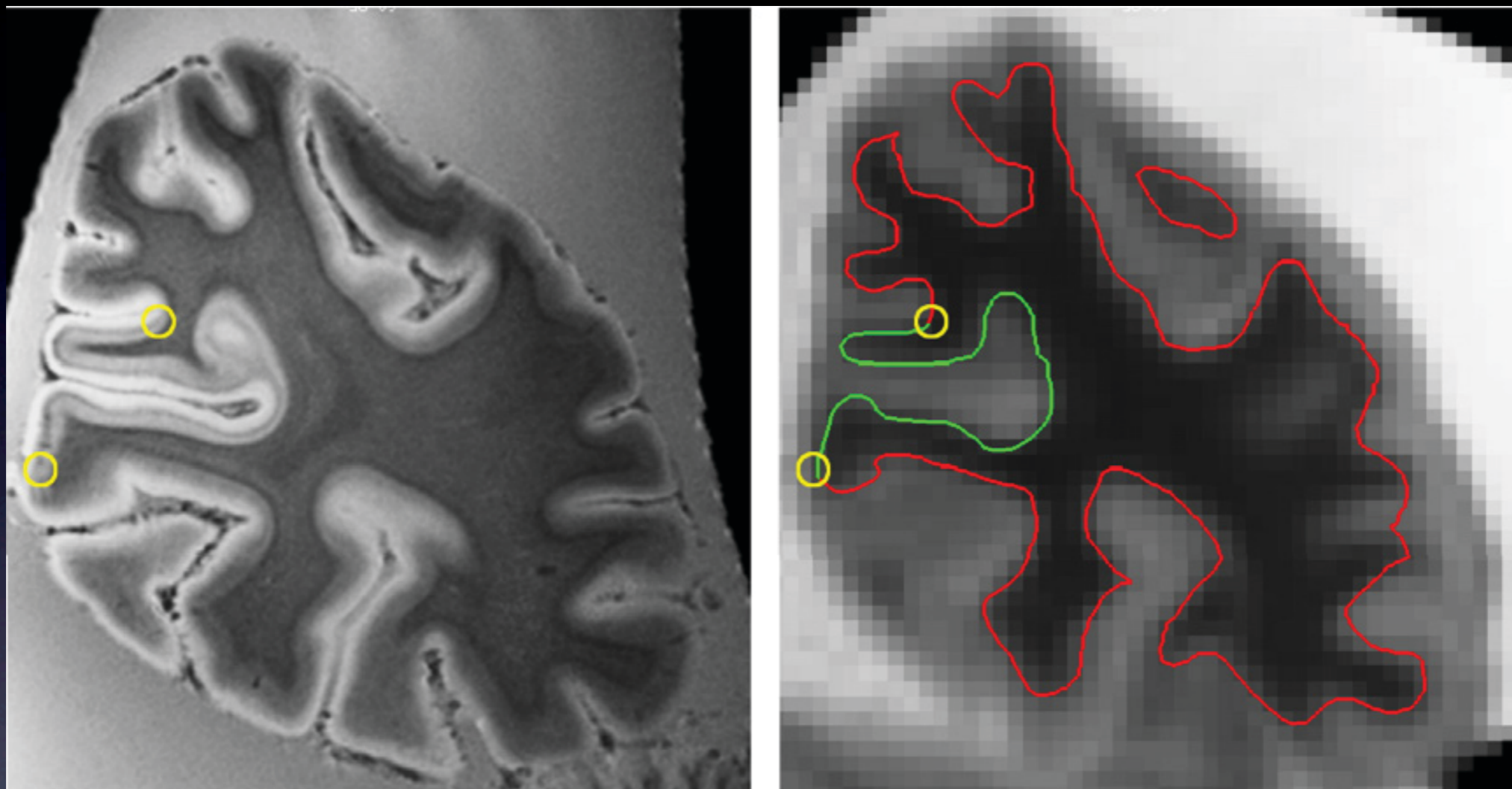


Brodman 1909

# Stria of Gennari (1782)



Andrews, Halpren & Purves (1997) JN 17:2859



Hinds, Rajendran, Polimeni, Augustinack, Wiggins, Wald, Rosas, Potthast, Schwartz, Fischl (2008) Neuroimage 1585-99

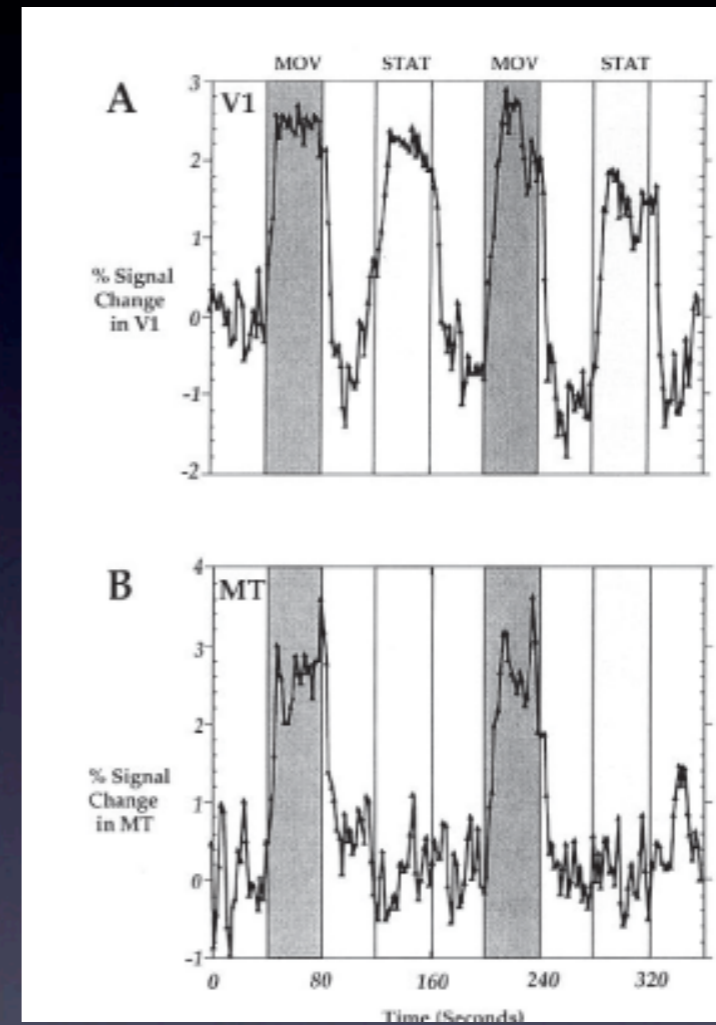
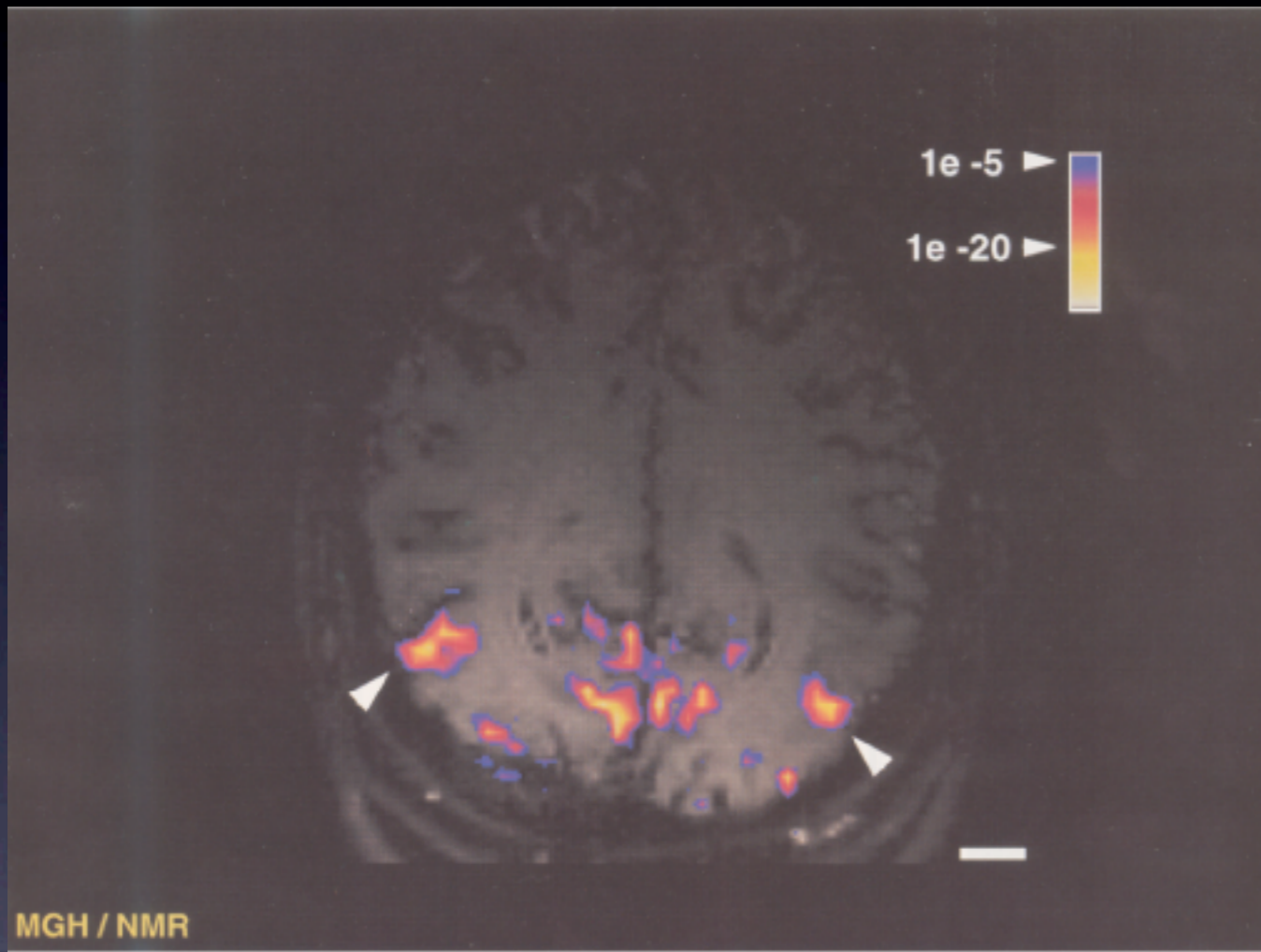
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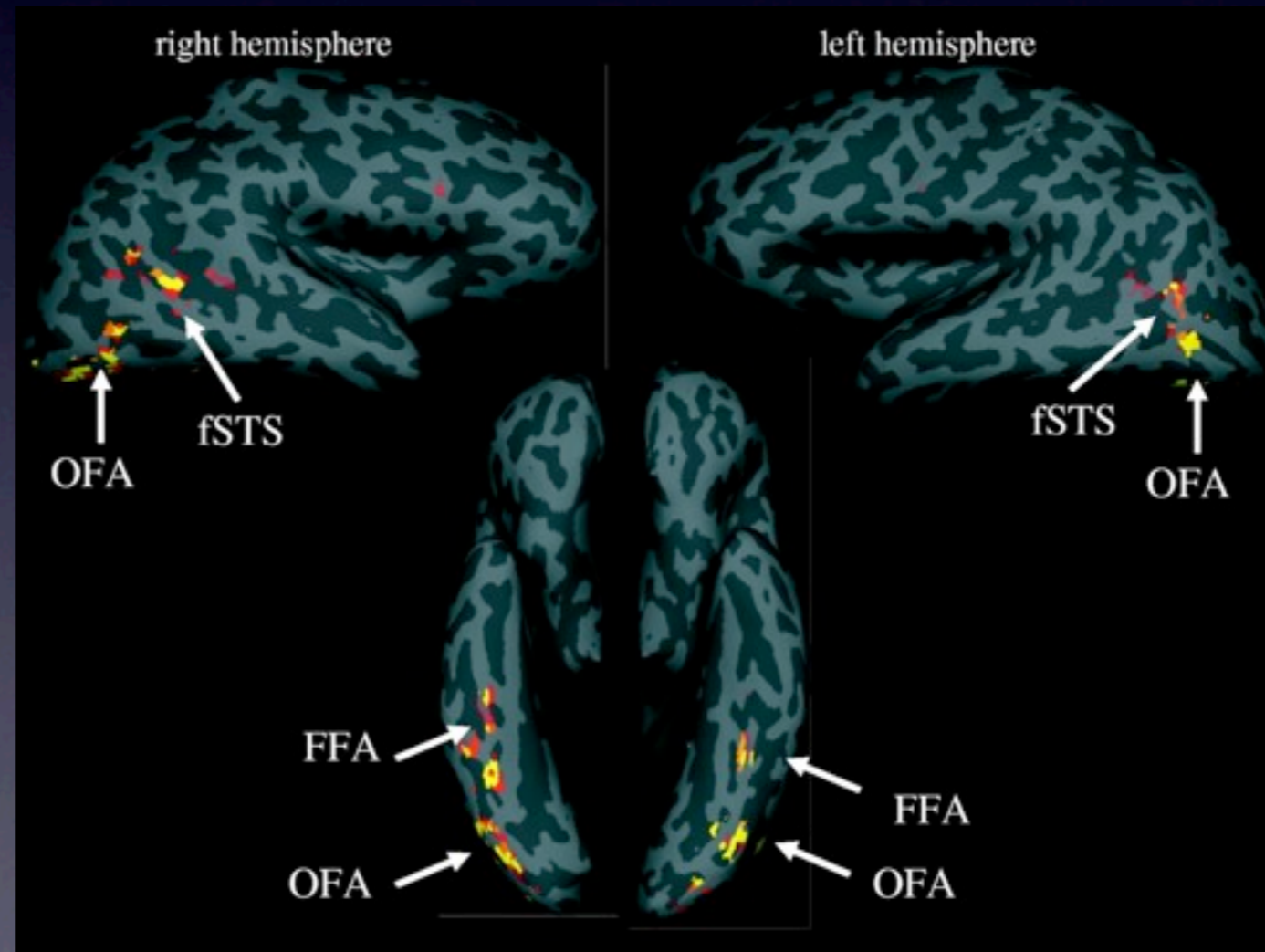
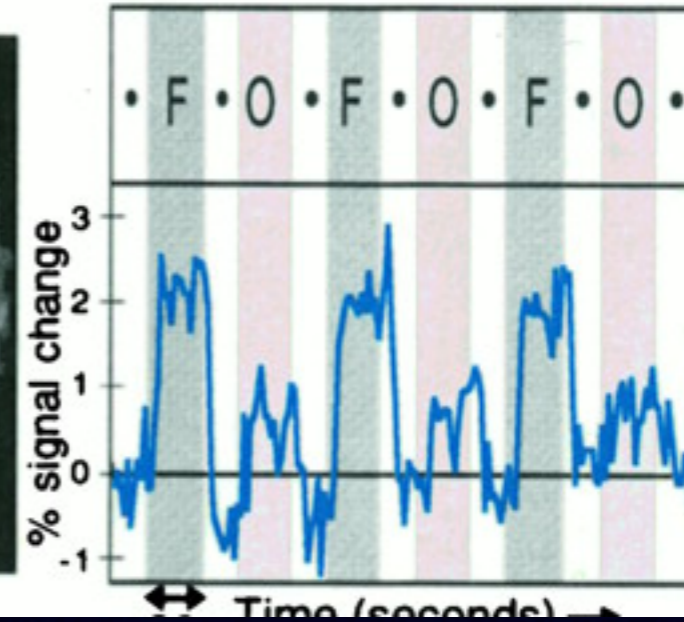
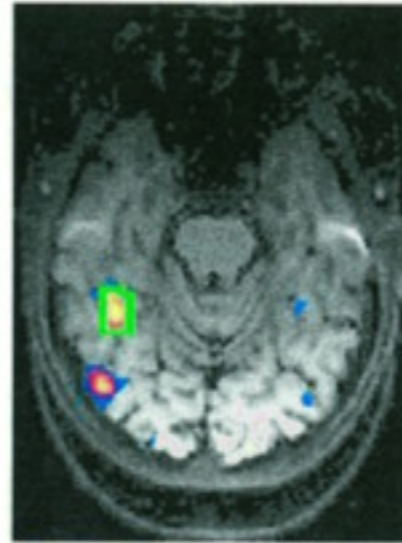
(T)opography

# Area MT



Tootell, Reppas, Kwong, Malach, Born, Brady, Rosen, Belliveau (1995) JN 15:3215-3230

### 3a. Faces > Objects

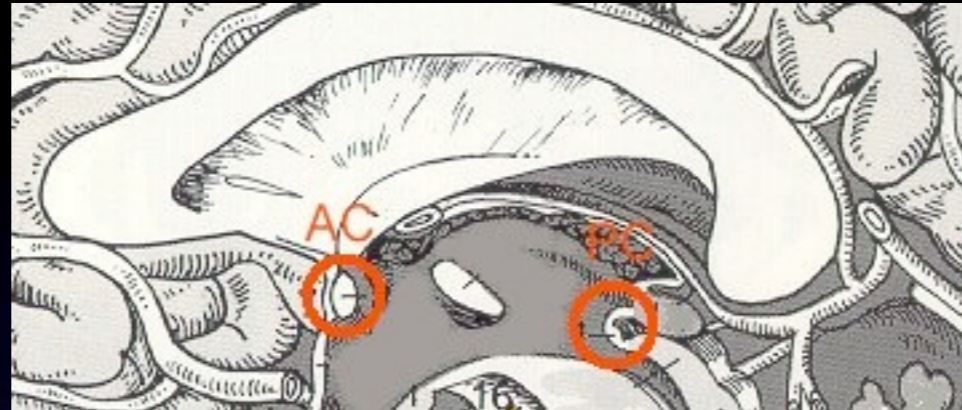


Kanwisher, McDermott & Chun (1997) JN 17:4302-11

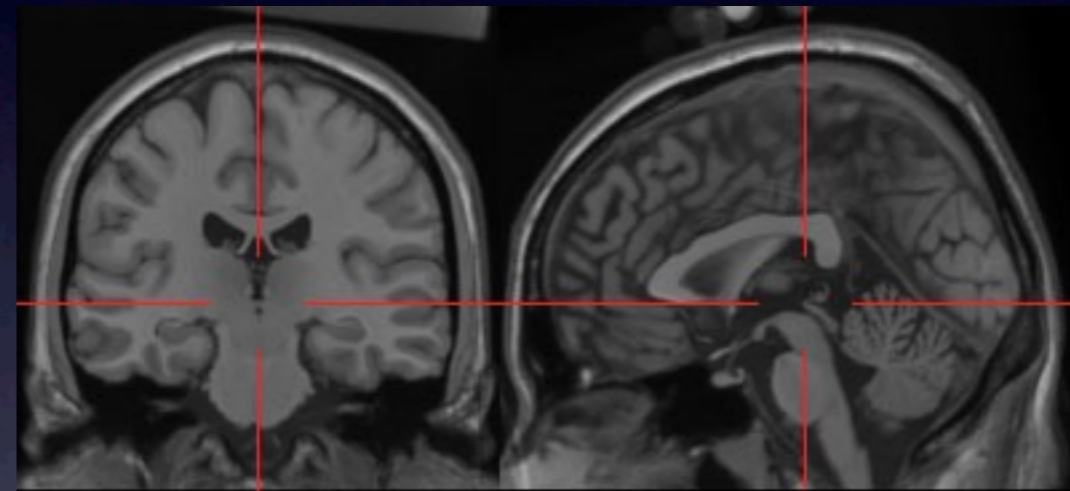
# Anatomical versus physiological localization of visual areas



# Talairach coordinates - AC/PC

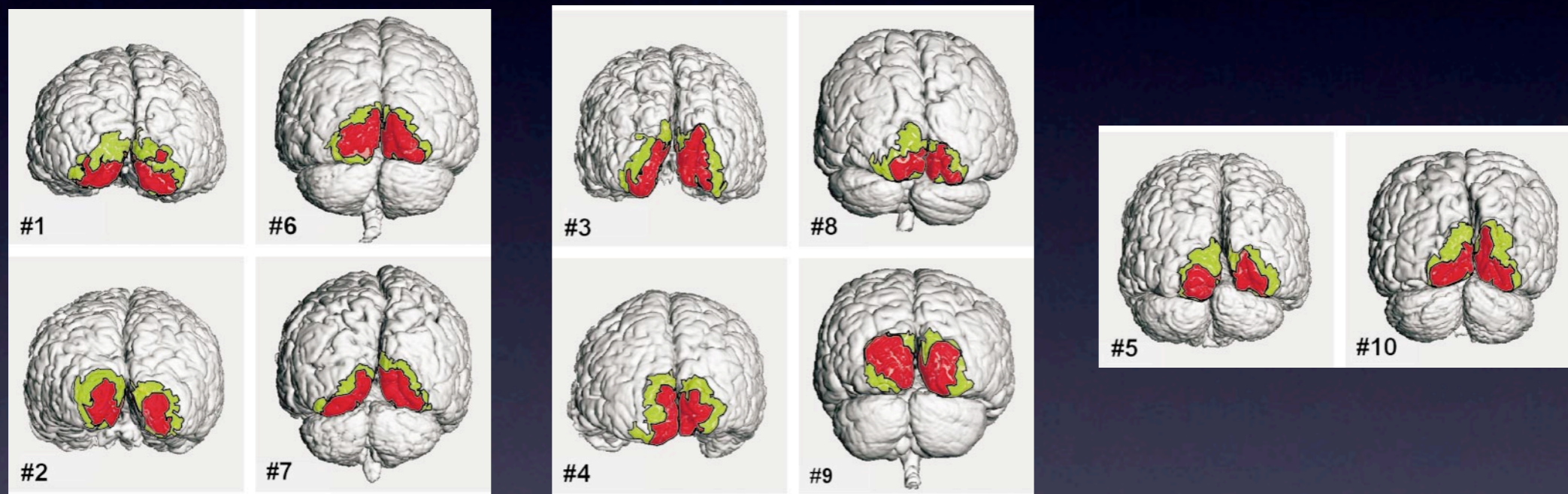


Anterior commissure



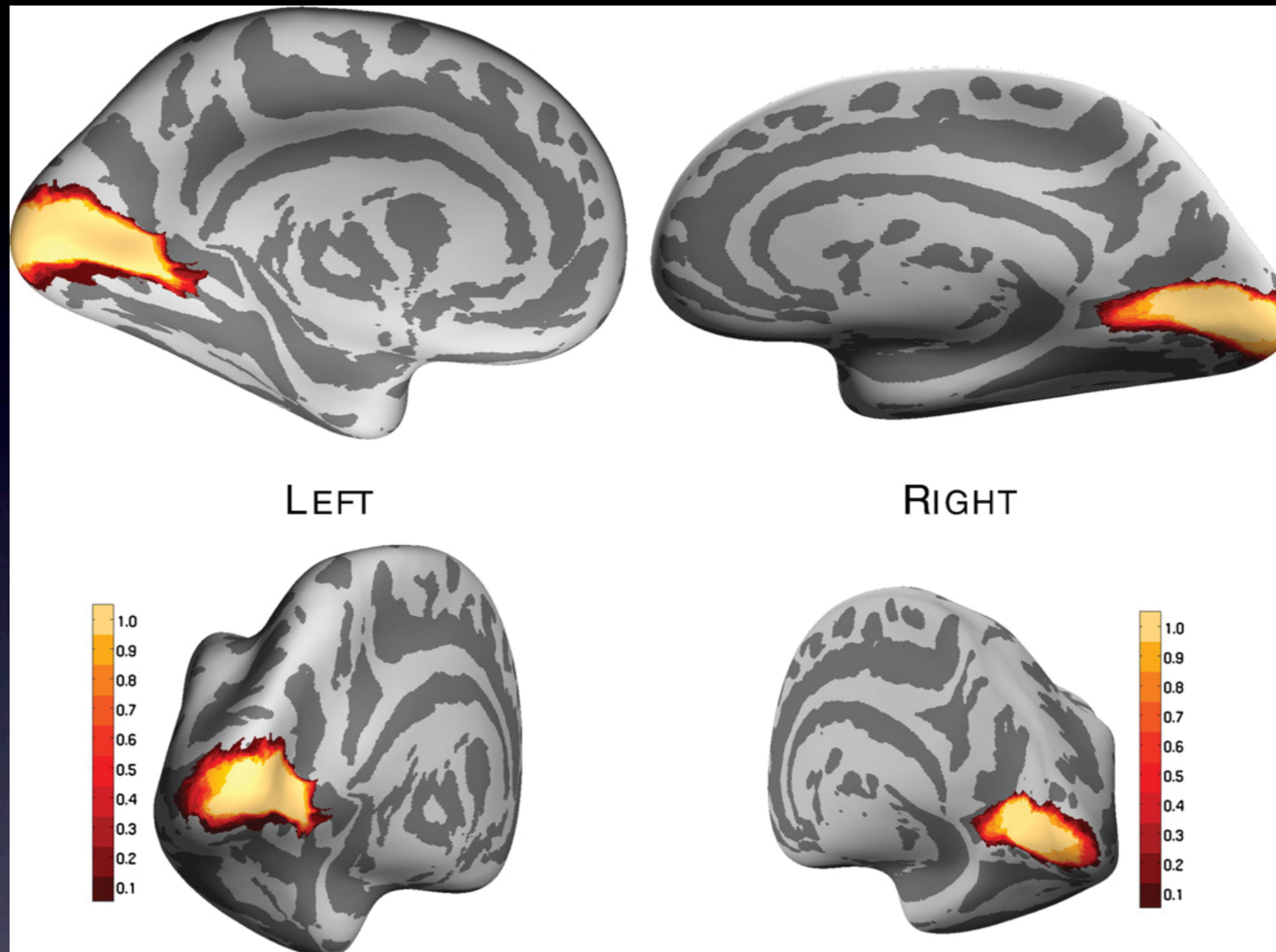
Posterior commissure

# Location of VI in stereotaxic coordinates is extremely variable



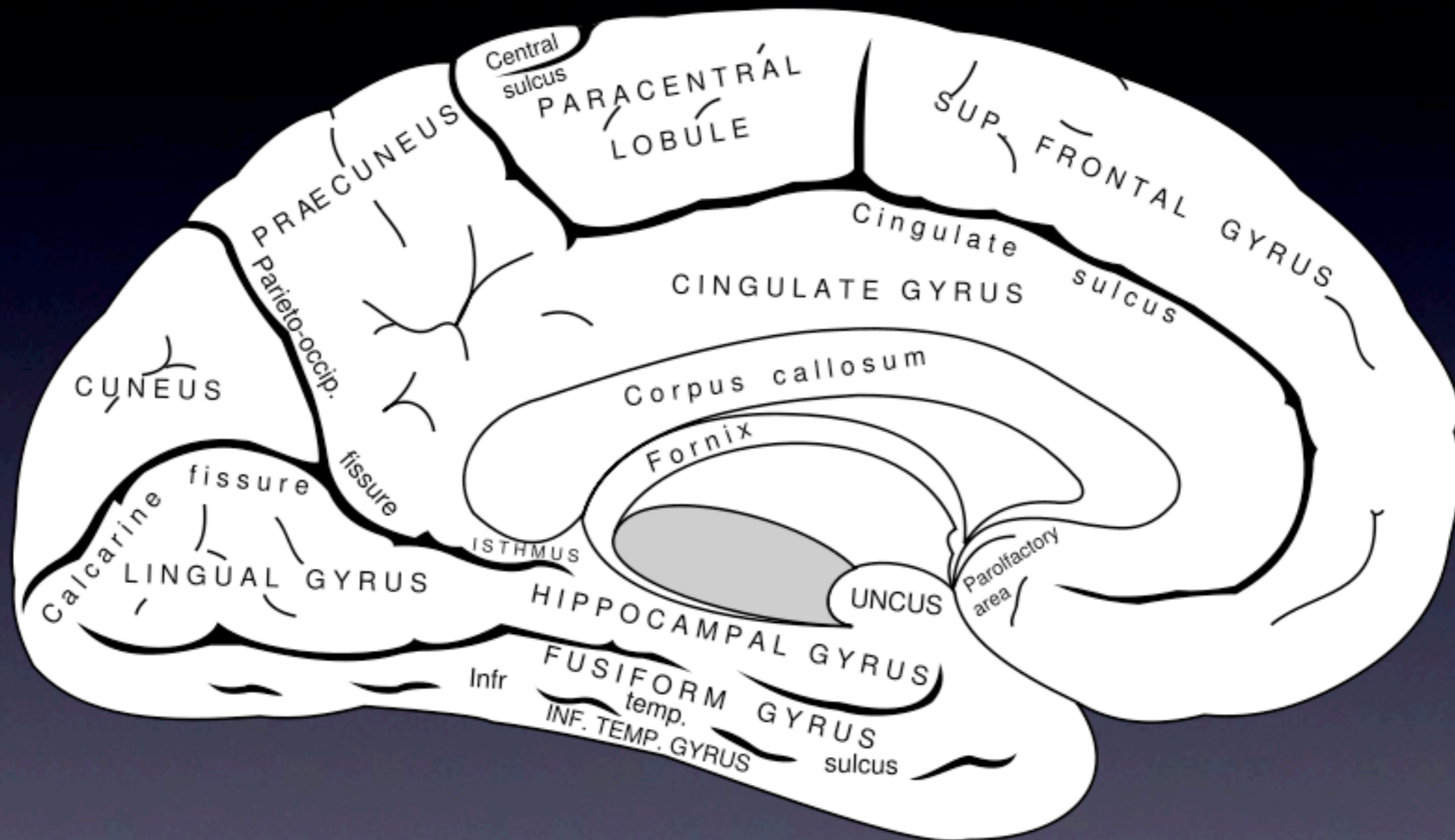
Amunts, Malikovic, Mholberg, Schormann & Zilles (2000) Neuroimage 11:66-84

# “Surface based alignment” may help

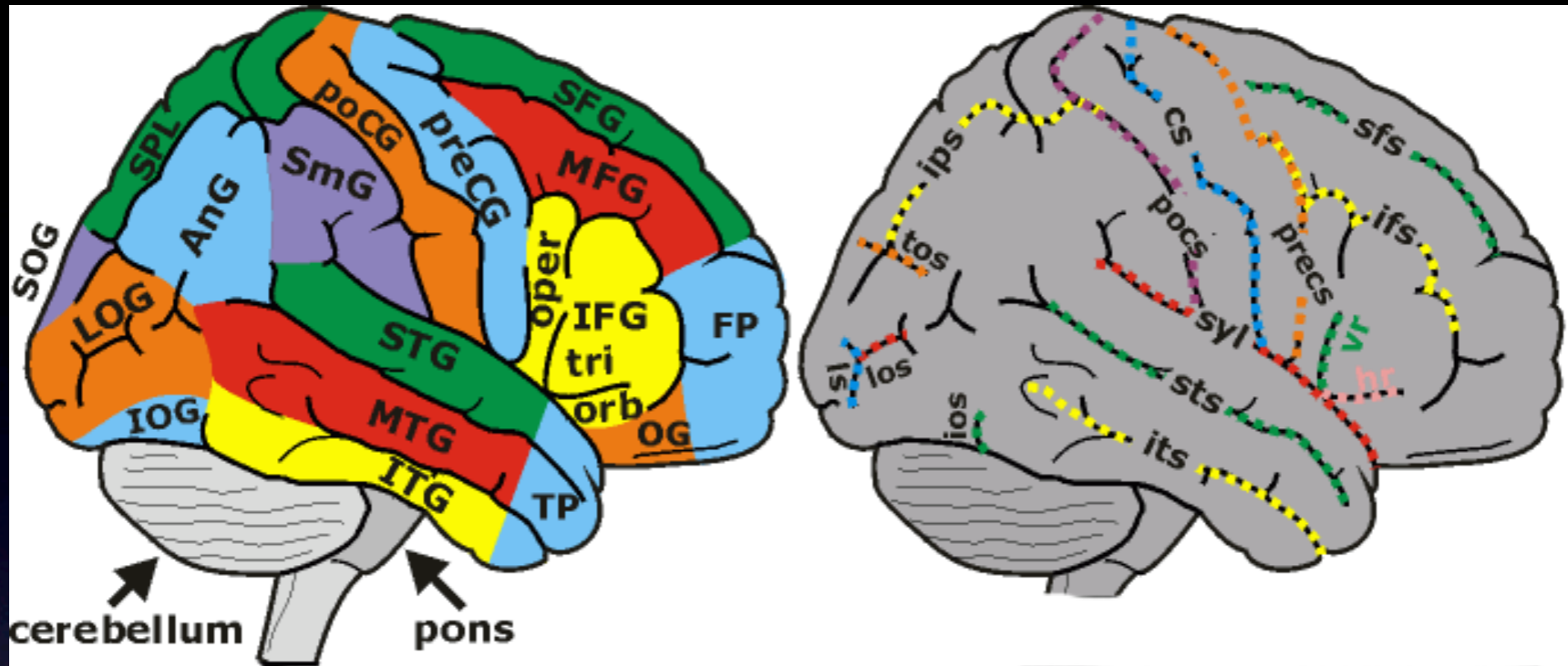


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# Sulci/gyri on the medial surface of the brain

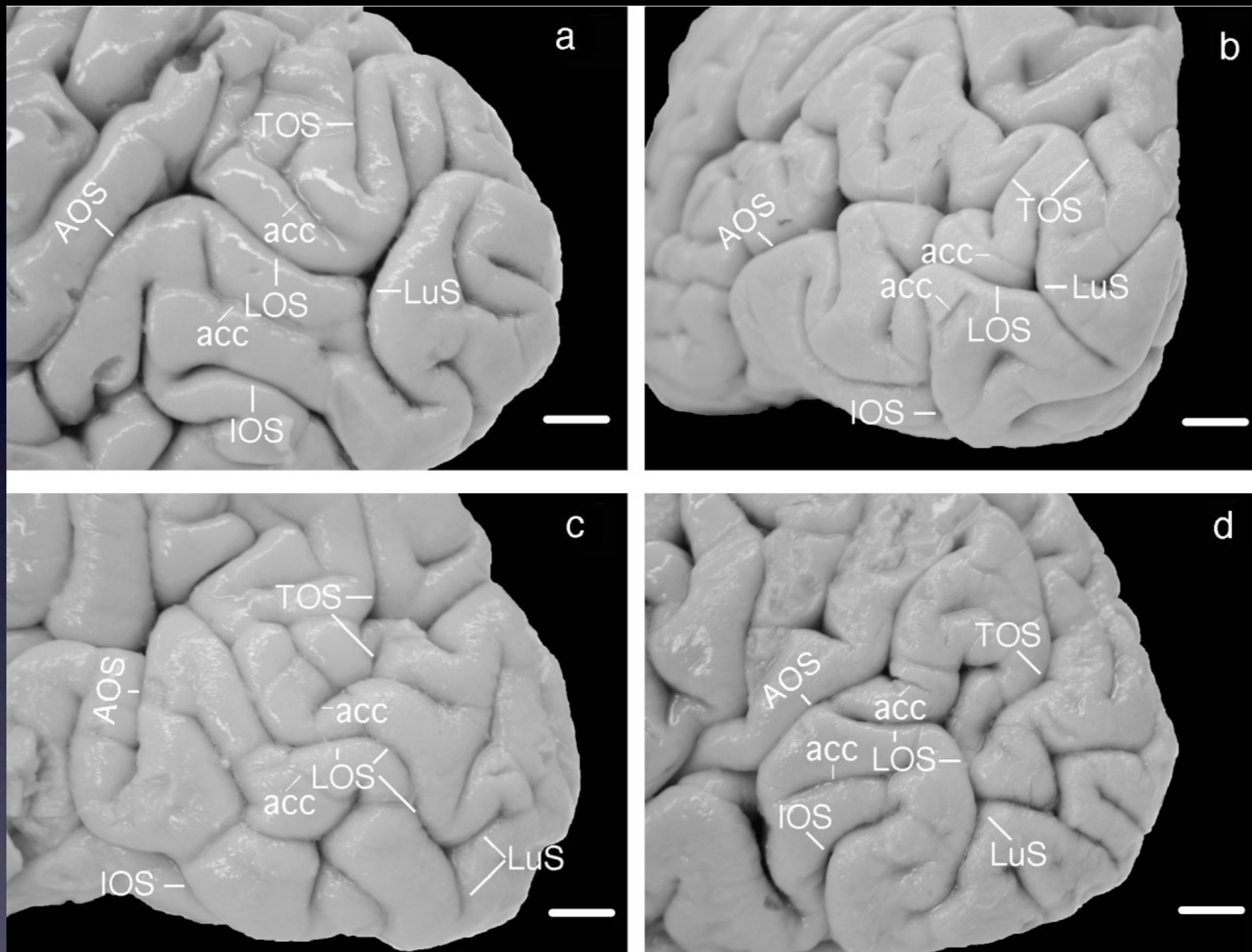


# Sulci/gyri on the lateral surface



Nickname:	Lateral Gyri	Nickname:	Lateral Sulci	Nickname:	Medial Landmarks
AnG	angular gyrus	cs	central sulcus (Rolandic)	ac	anterior commissure
	cerebellum	hr	horizontal ramus	cals	calcarine sulcus
FP	frontal pole	ifs	inferior frontal sulcus	cings	cingulate sulcus
IFG	inferior frontal gyrus	ios	inferior occipital sulcus	CingG	cingulate gyrus
IOG	inferior occipital gyrus	ips	intraparietal sulcus	ccb	corpus callosum (body)
ITG	inferior temporal gyrus	syl	lateral fissure (Sylvian)	ccg	corpus callosum (genu)
LOG	lateral occipital gyrus	los	lateral occipital sulcus	ccs	corpus callosum (splenium)
MFG	middle frontal gyrus	ls	lunate sulcus		cuneus
MTG	middle temporal gyrus	pof	parieto-occipital fissure		fornix
OG	orbital gyrus	pocs	postcentral sulcus	lingual	lingual gyrus
	pons	precS	precentral sulcus	mb	mamillary bodies
oper	pars opercularis (IFG)	sfs	superior frontal sulcus	PL	paracentral lobule
orb	pars orbitalis (IFG)	tos	transoccipital sulcus		precuneus
tri	pars triangularis (IFG)	vr	vertical ramus	q	quadrigeminal plate
poCG	postcentral gyrus				
preCG	precentral gyrus				
SFG	superior frontal gyrus				
SOG	superior occipital gyrus				
SPL	superior parietal lobe				
STG	superior temporal gyrus				
SmG	supramarginal gyrus				
TP	temporal pole				

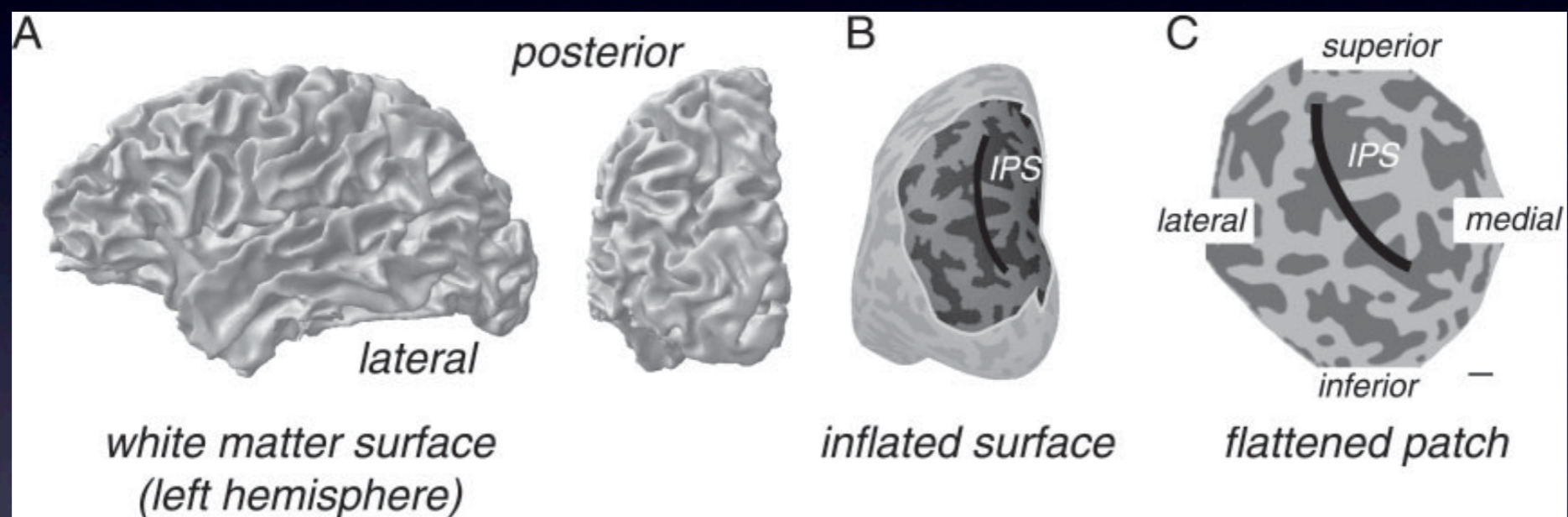
# Sulci can be variable!!



**Lateral surface of occipital lobe**  
acc accessory lateral occipital sulci AOS  
Anterior occipital sulcus  
IOS Inferior occipital sulcus  
LOS Lateral occipital sulcus  
LuS Lunate sulcus  
TOS Transverse occipital sulcus

Iaria & Petrides (2007) JCN 501:243-59

# Flat maps



Schluppeck, Glimcher & Heeger (2005) JNP 94:1372-84



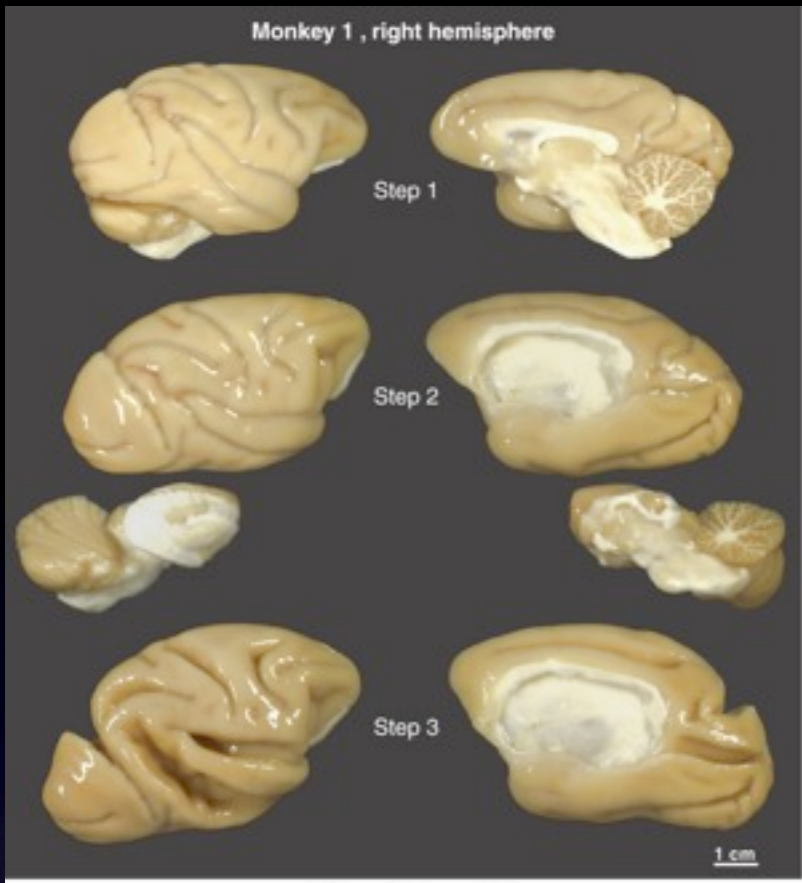


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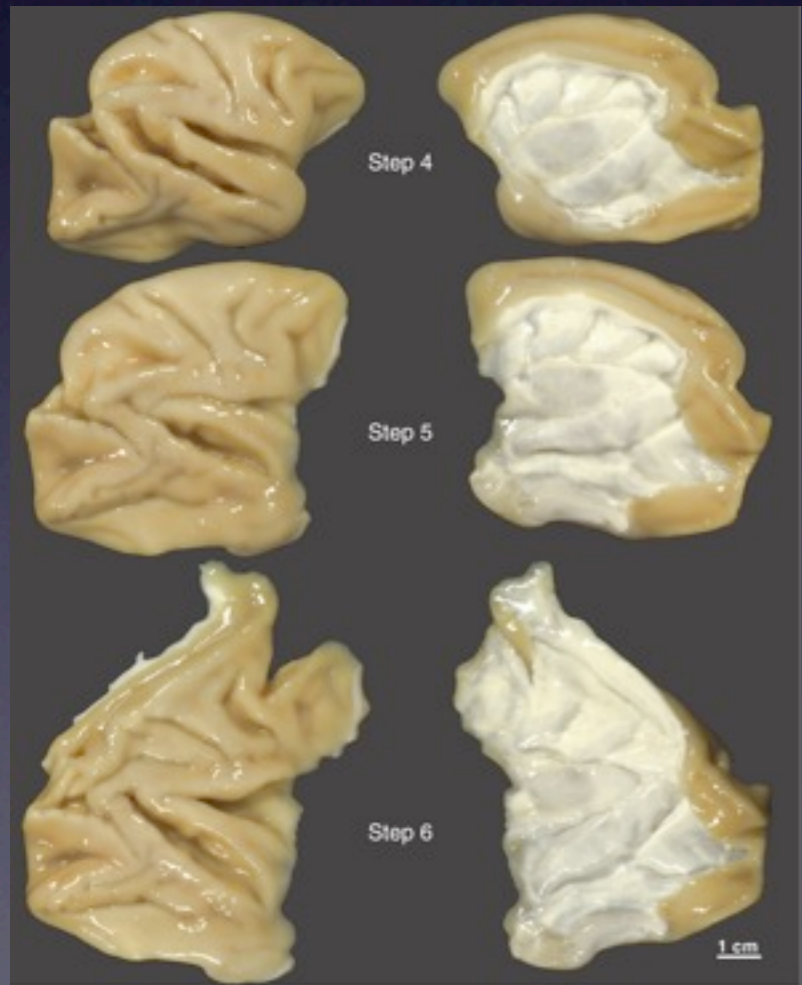


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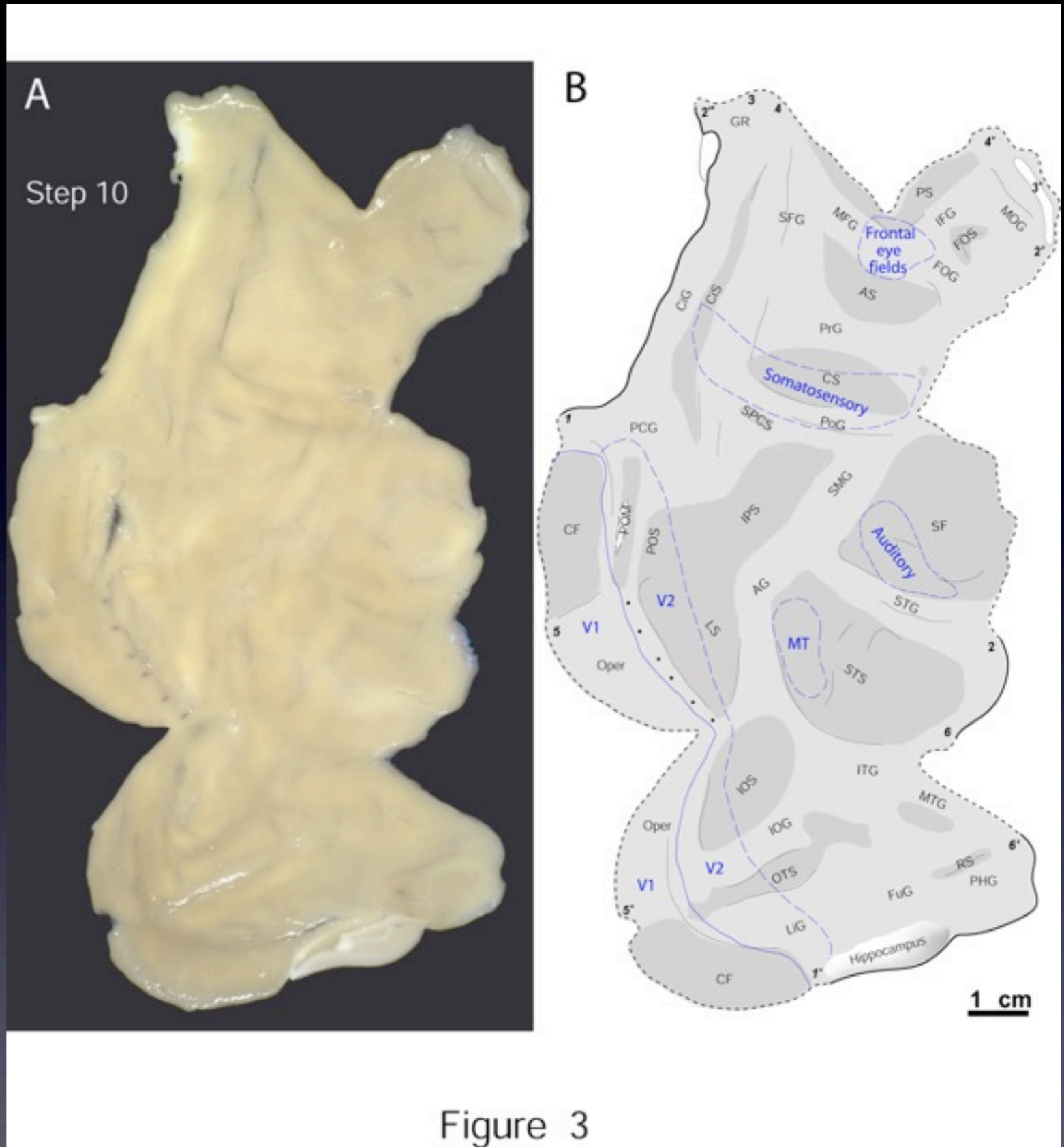
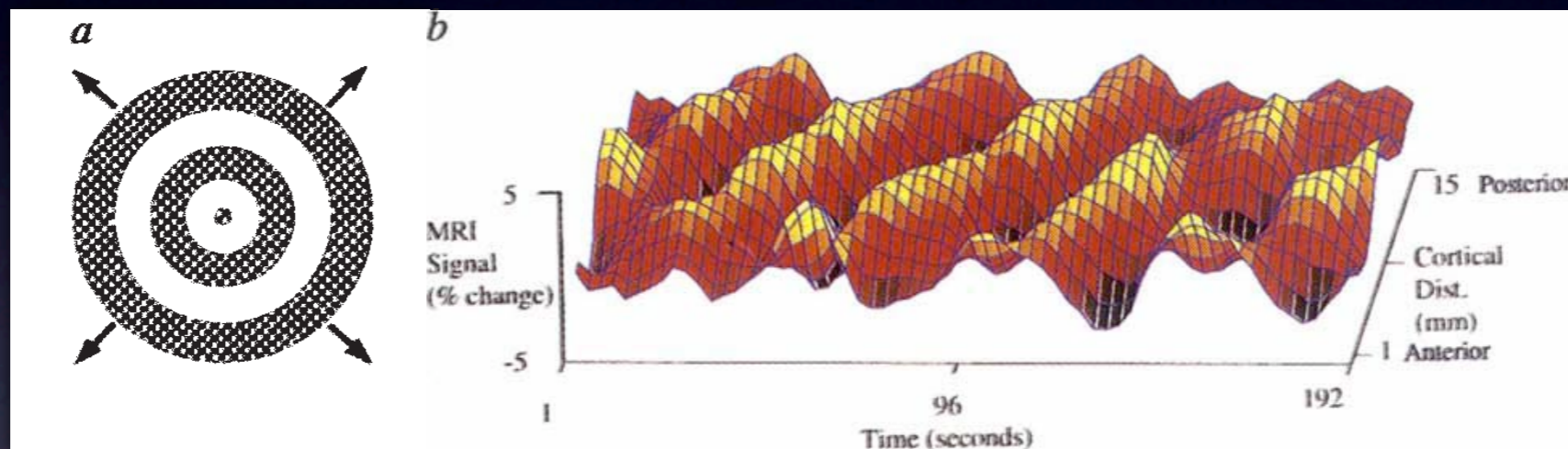


Figure 3

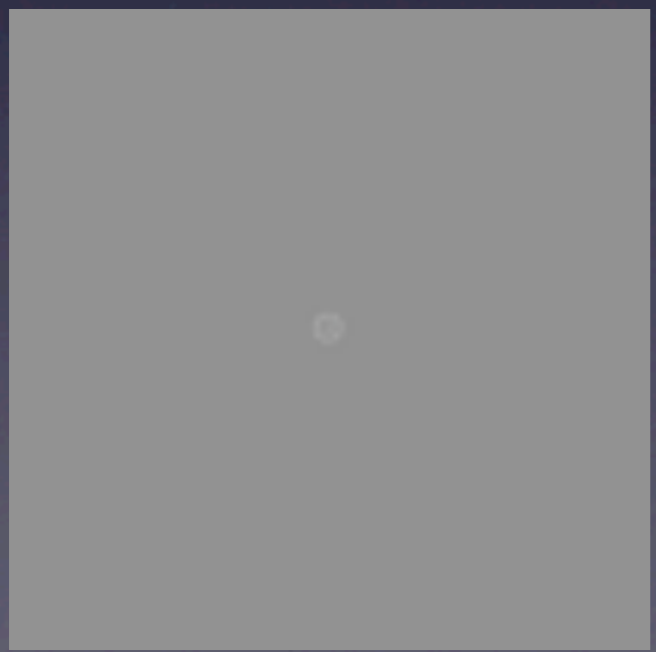
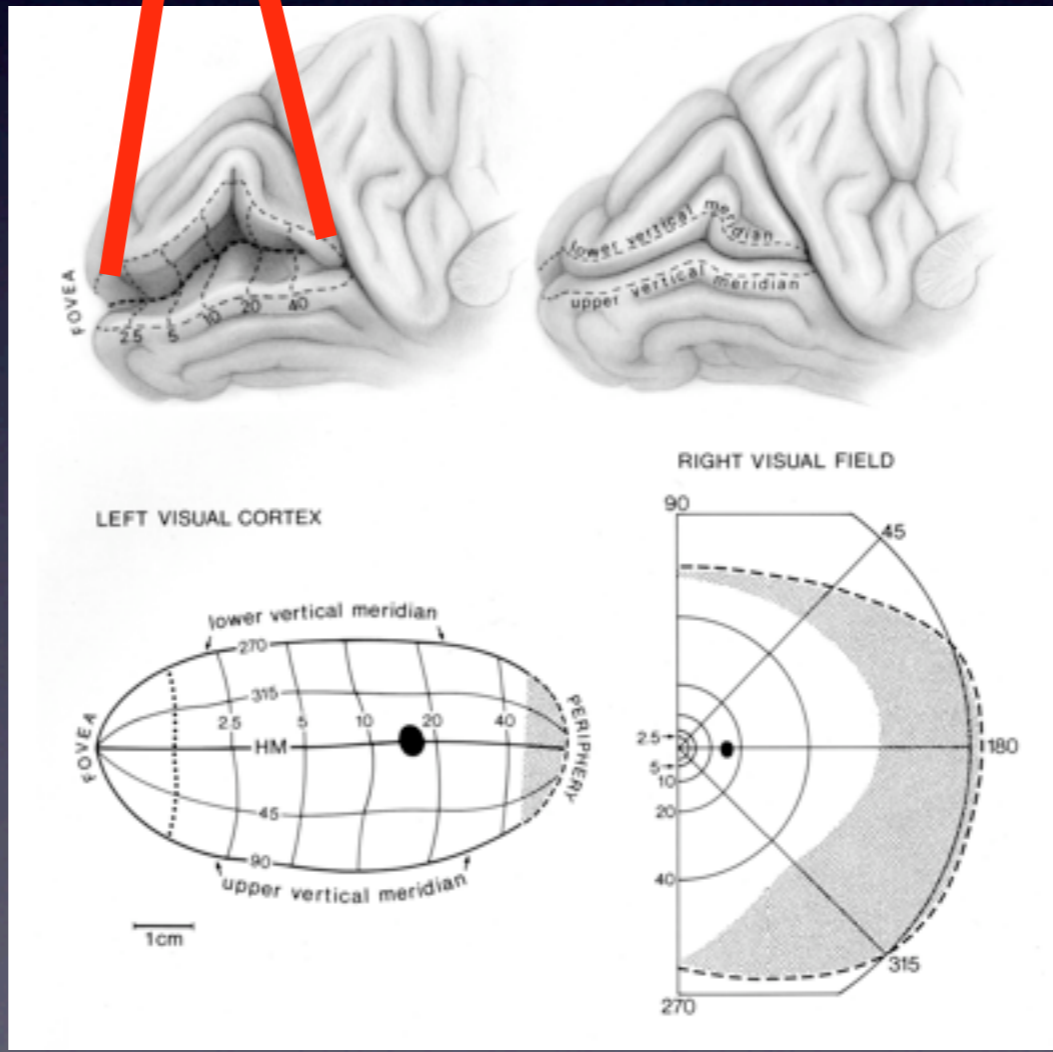
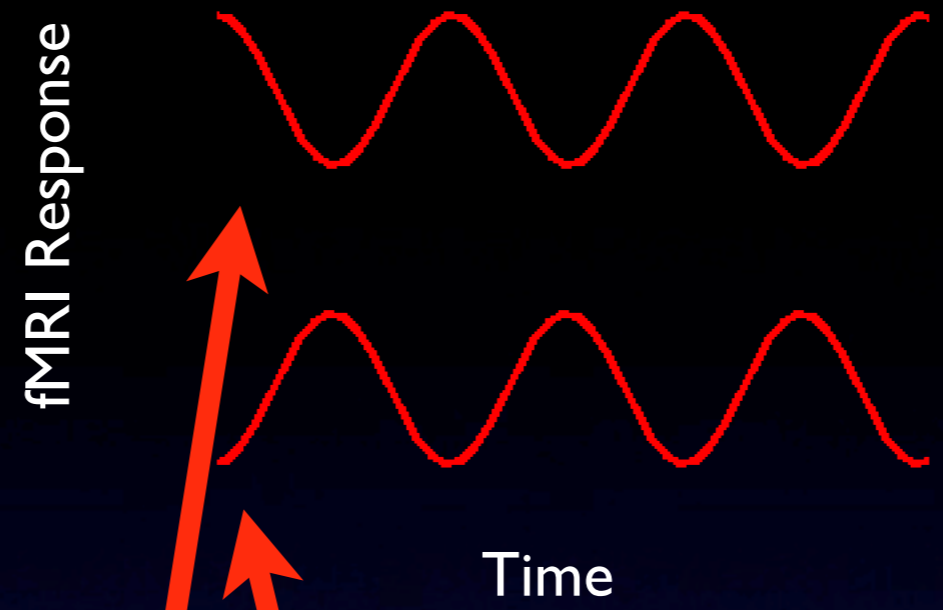
Sincich, Adams & Horton (2003) *Vis Neurosci* 20: 663-86

# Measuring topography with fMRI

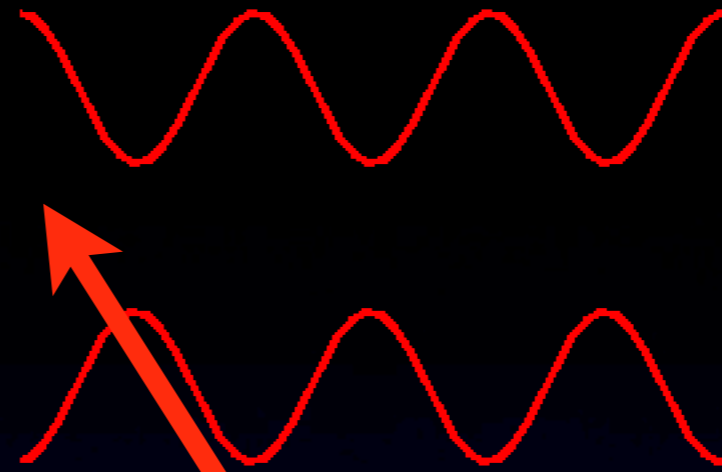
# Travelling wave stimulus



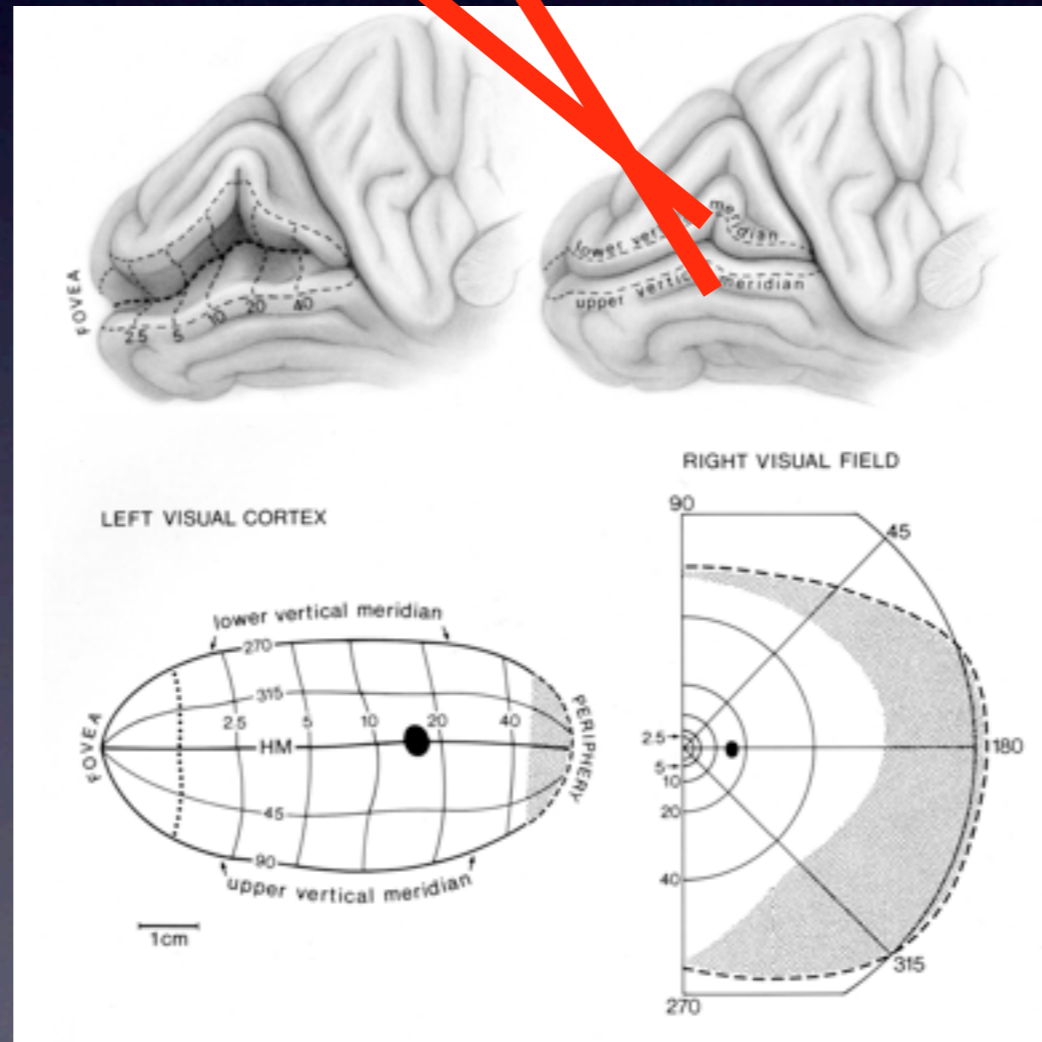
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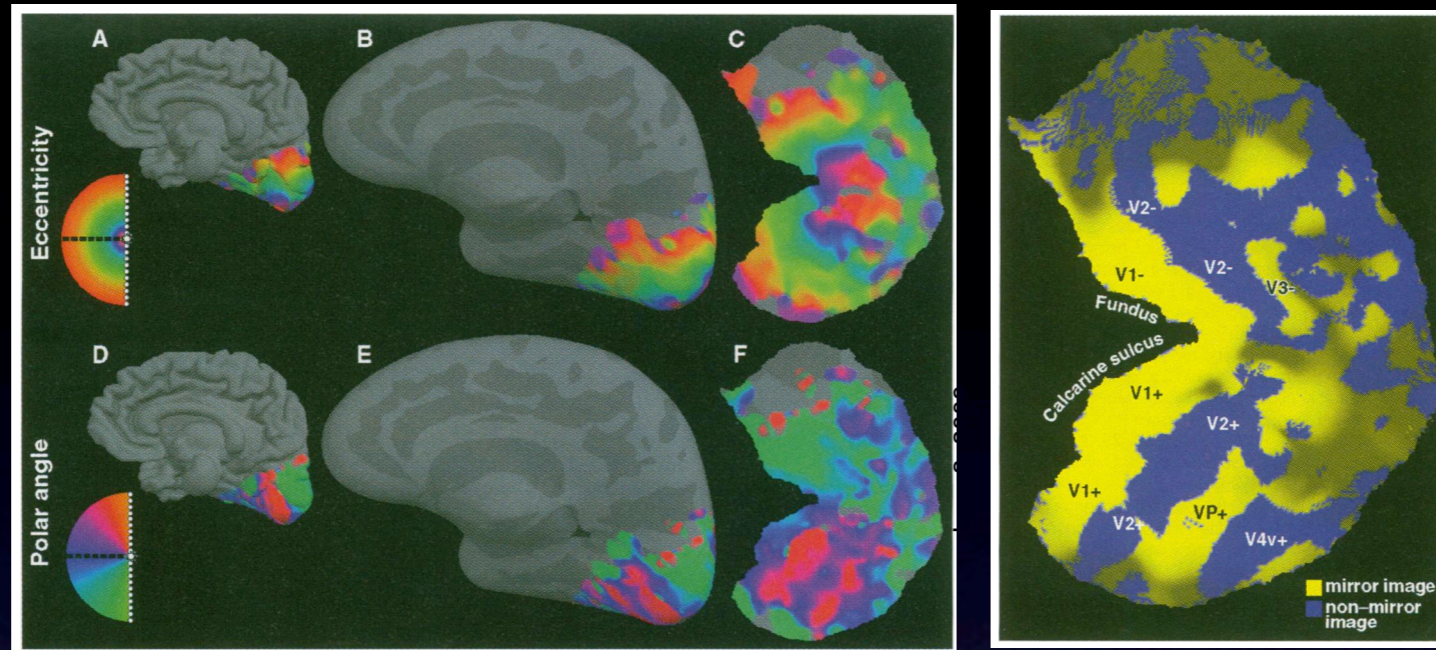


fMRI Response



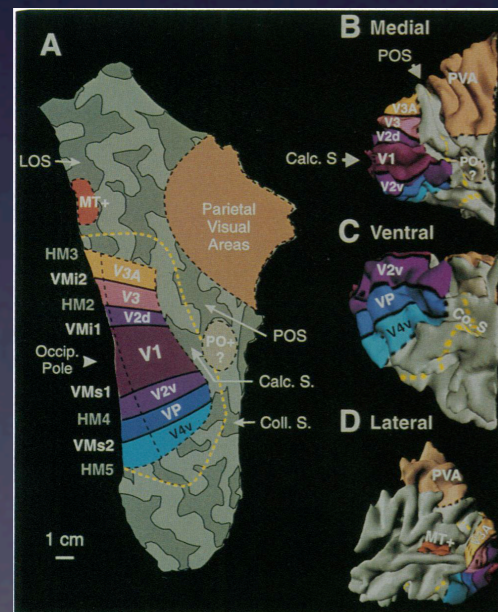
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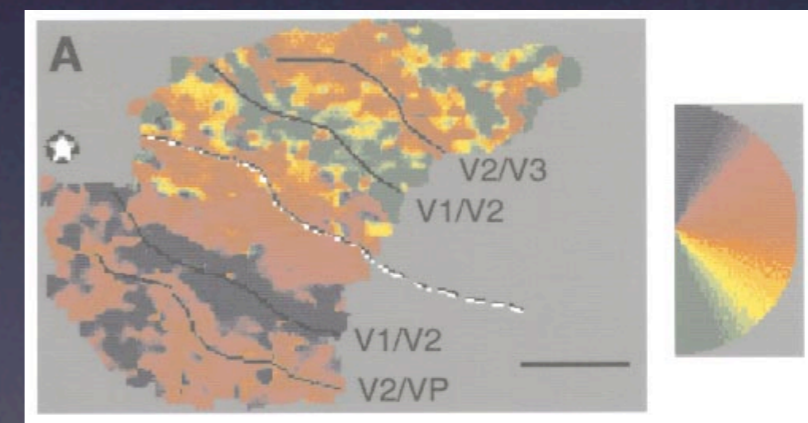


Note:  
VP is V3v

Sereno, Dale, Reppas, Kwong, Belliveau,  
Brady, Rosen & Tootell (1995) Science  
268:889-93

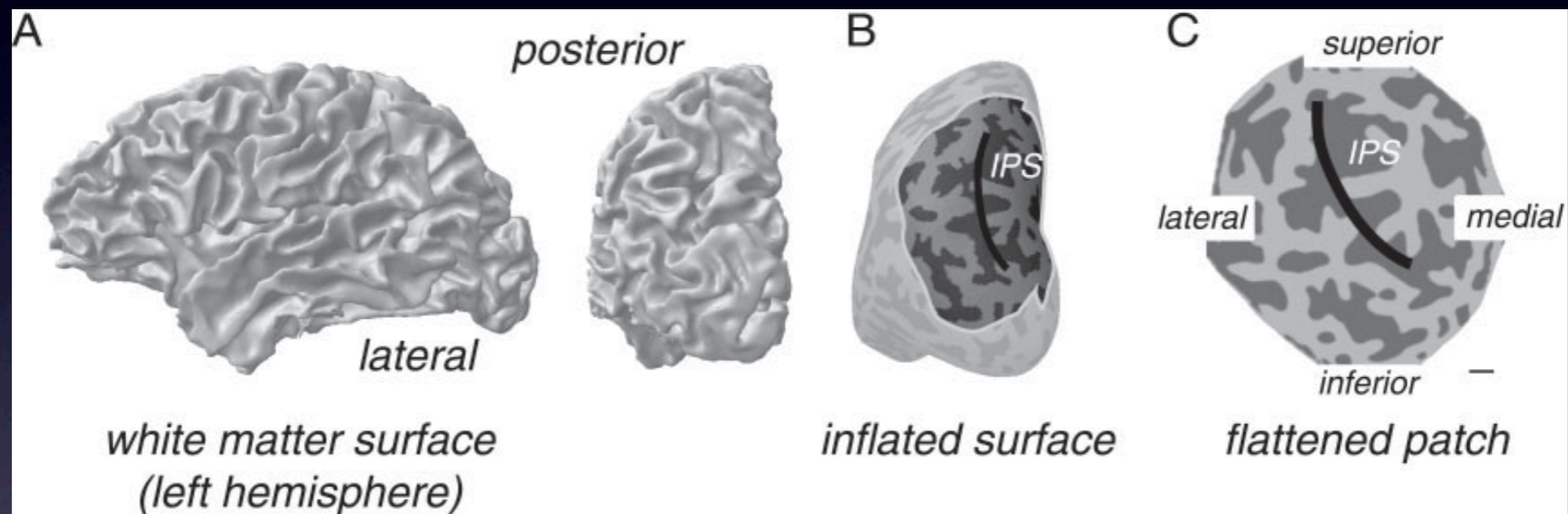


DeYoe, Carman, Bandettini,  
Glickman, Wieser, Cox, Miller & Neitz  
(1996) PNAS 92:2382-86

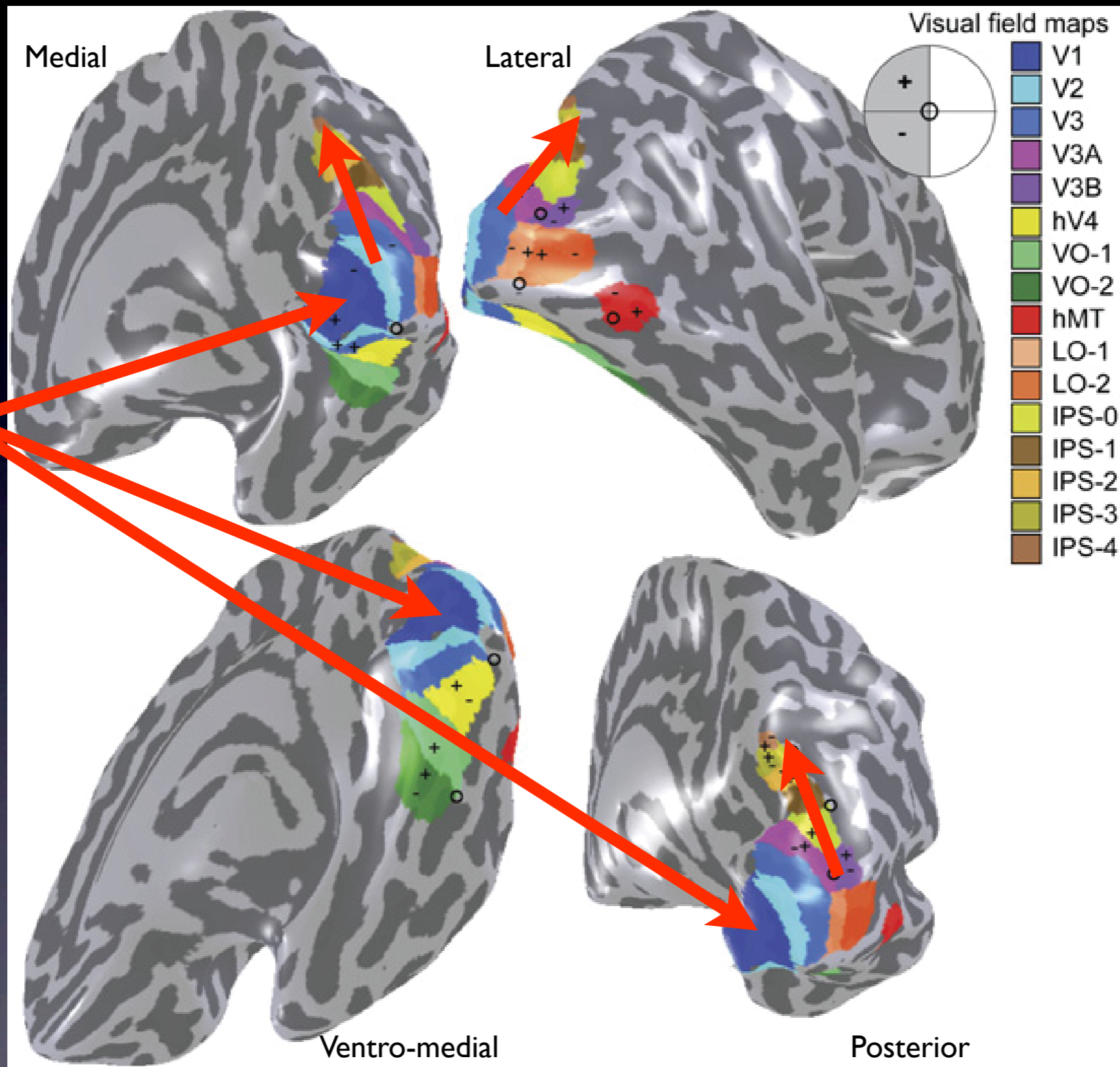


Engel, Glover & Wandell (1997) Cereb  
Cortex 7: 181-192

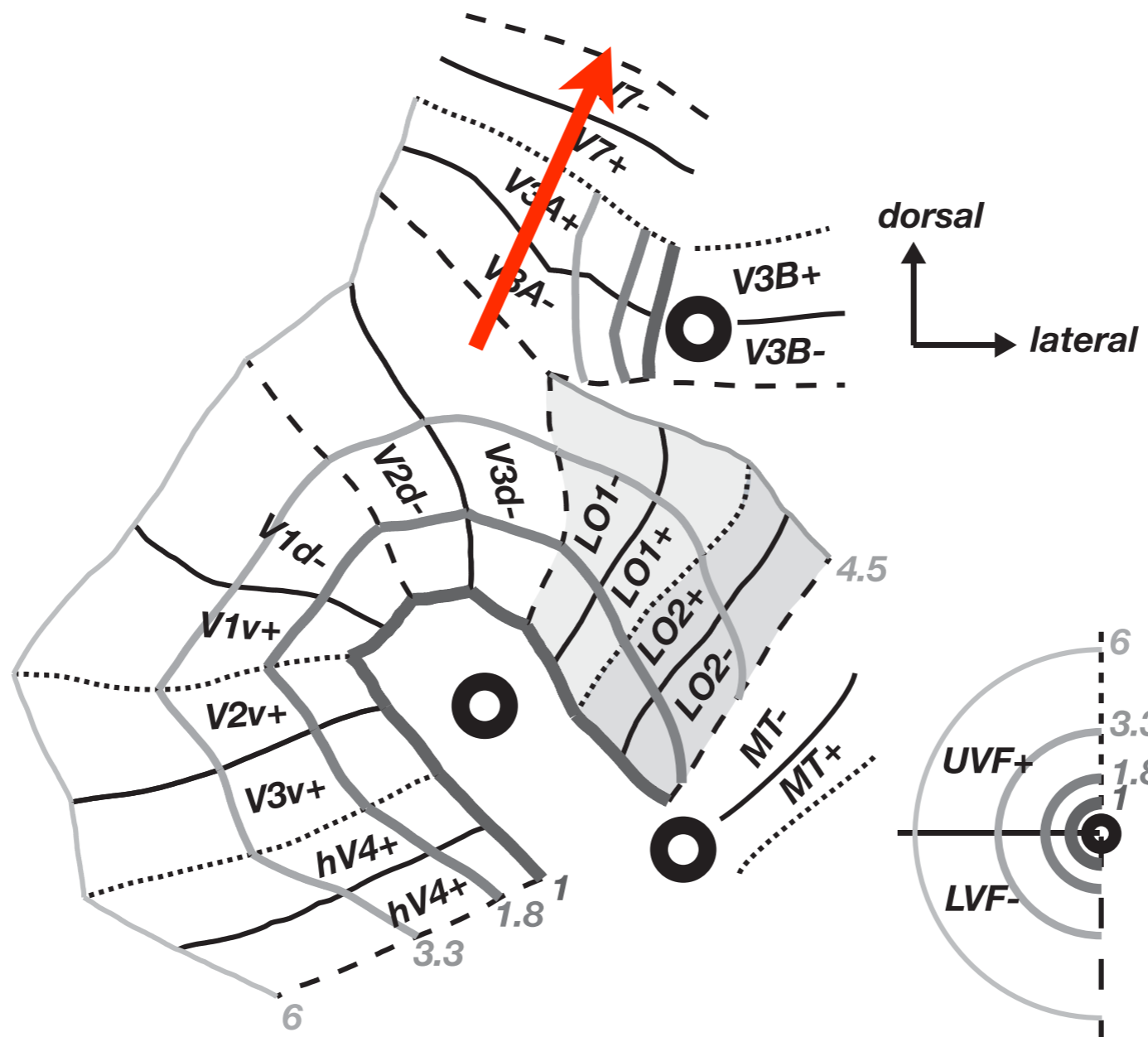
# Topographic areas in the intraparietal sulcus



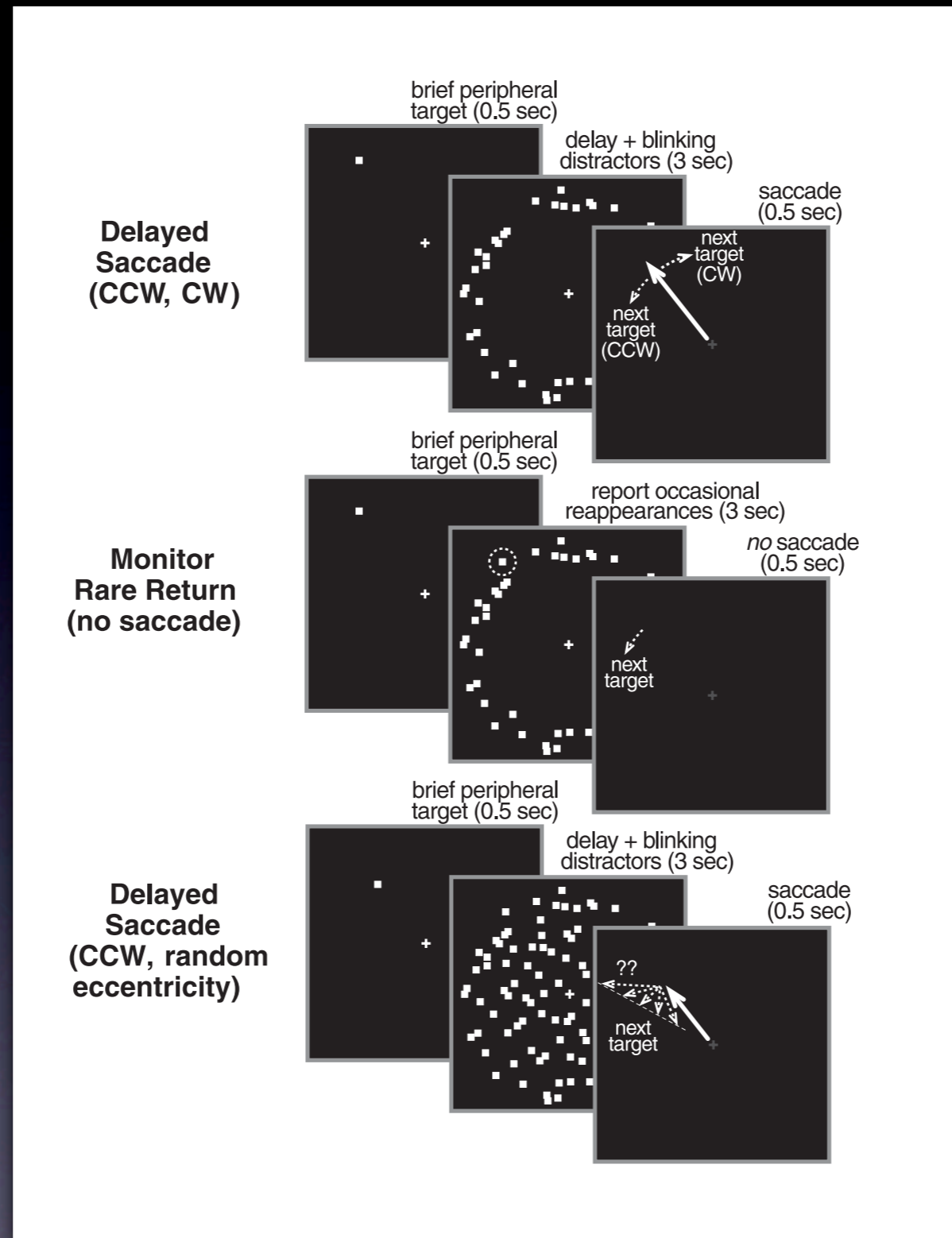
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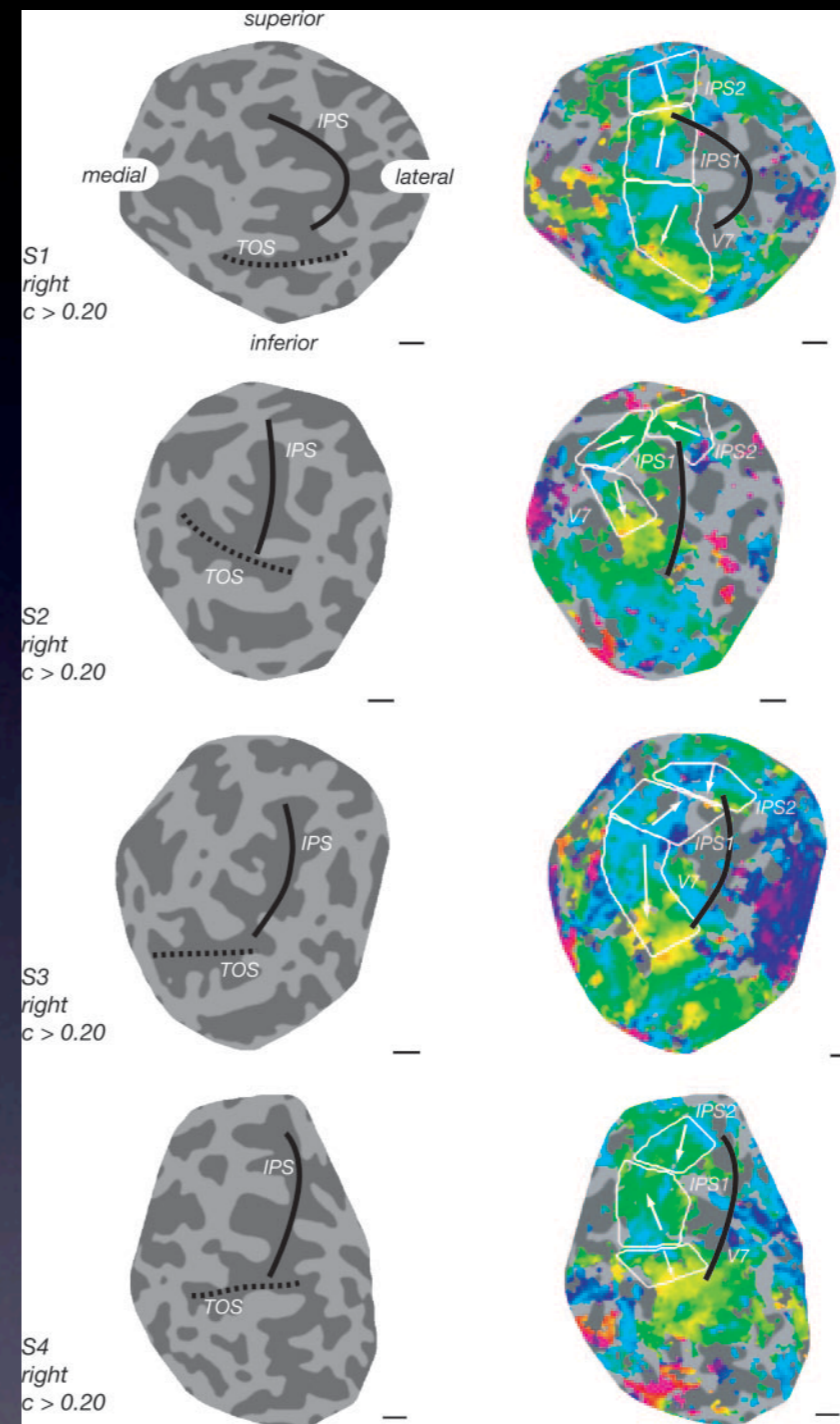
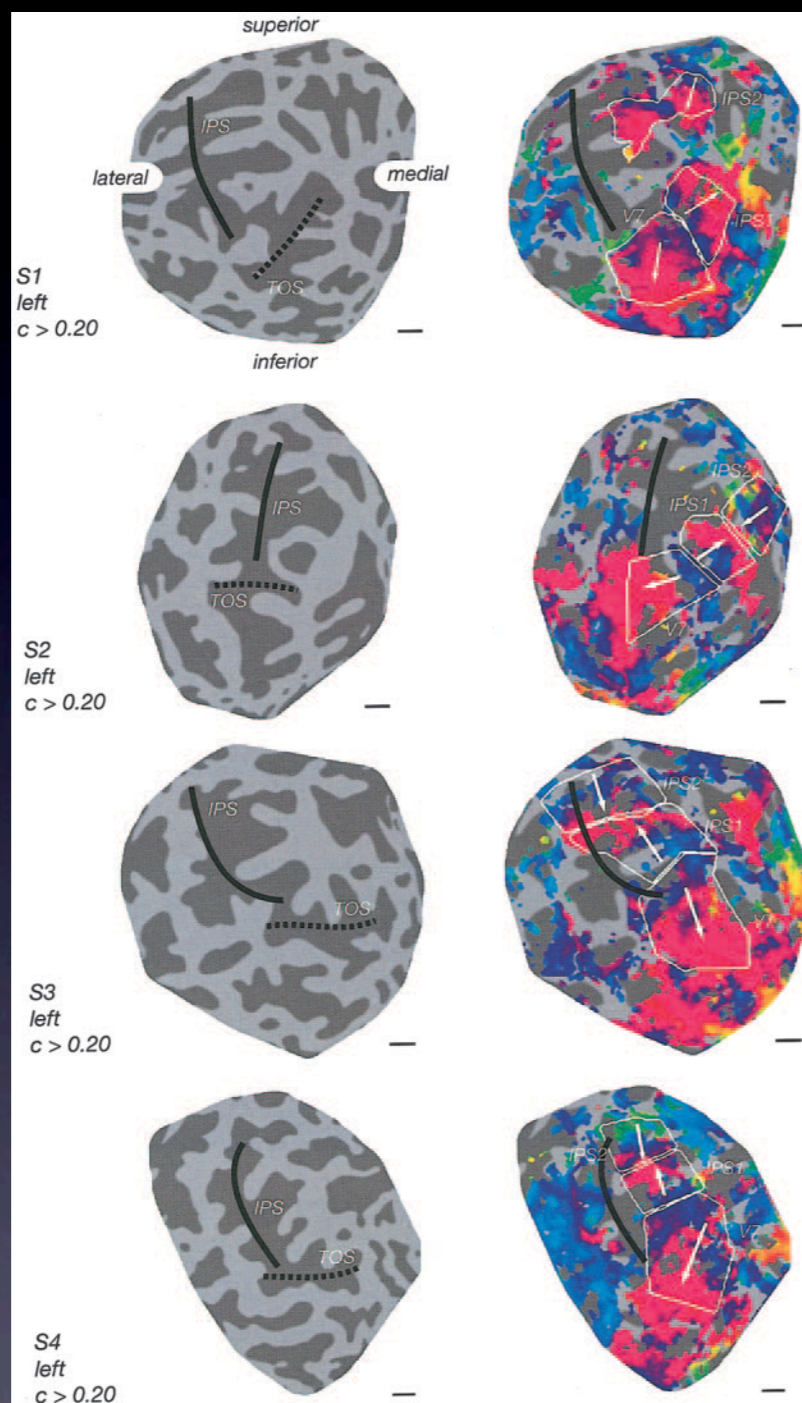


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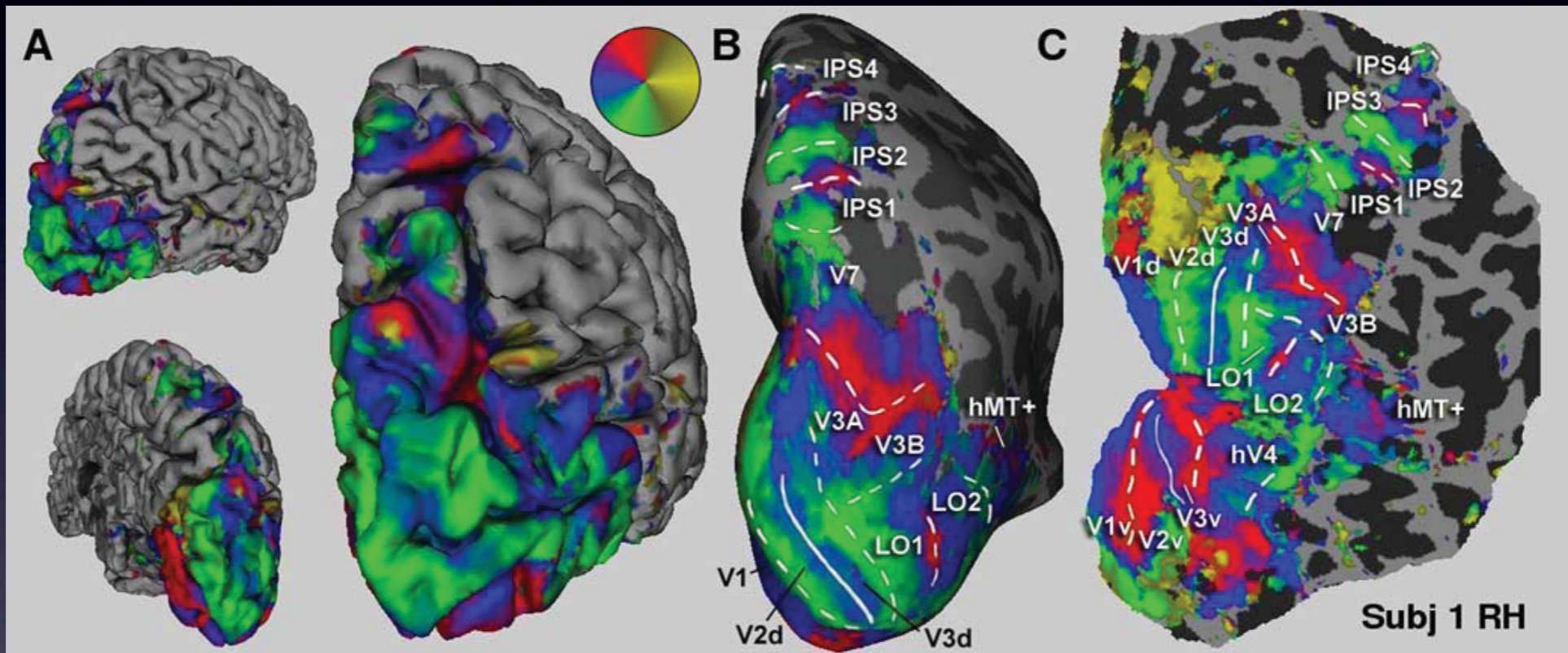


Sereno, Pitzalis & Martinez (2001) Science 294:1350-4

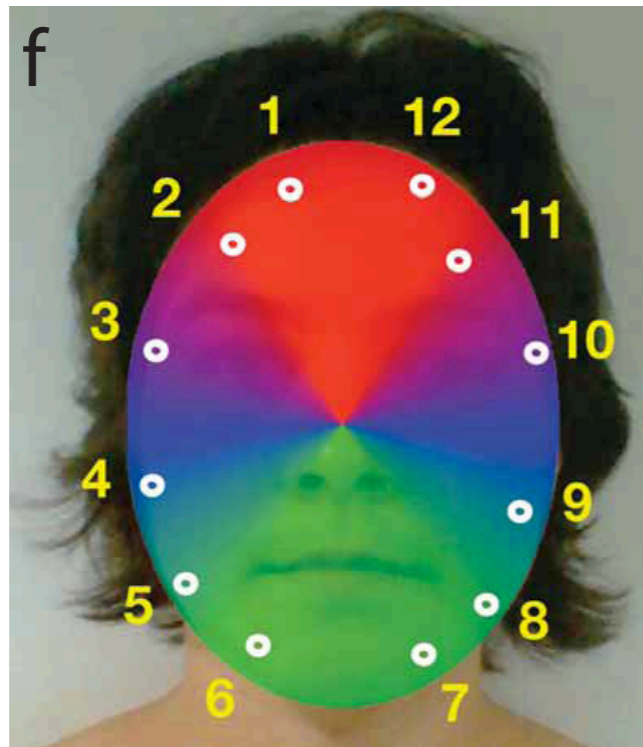
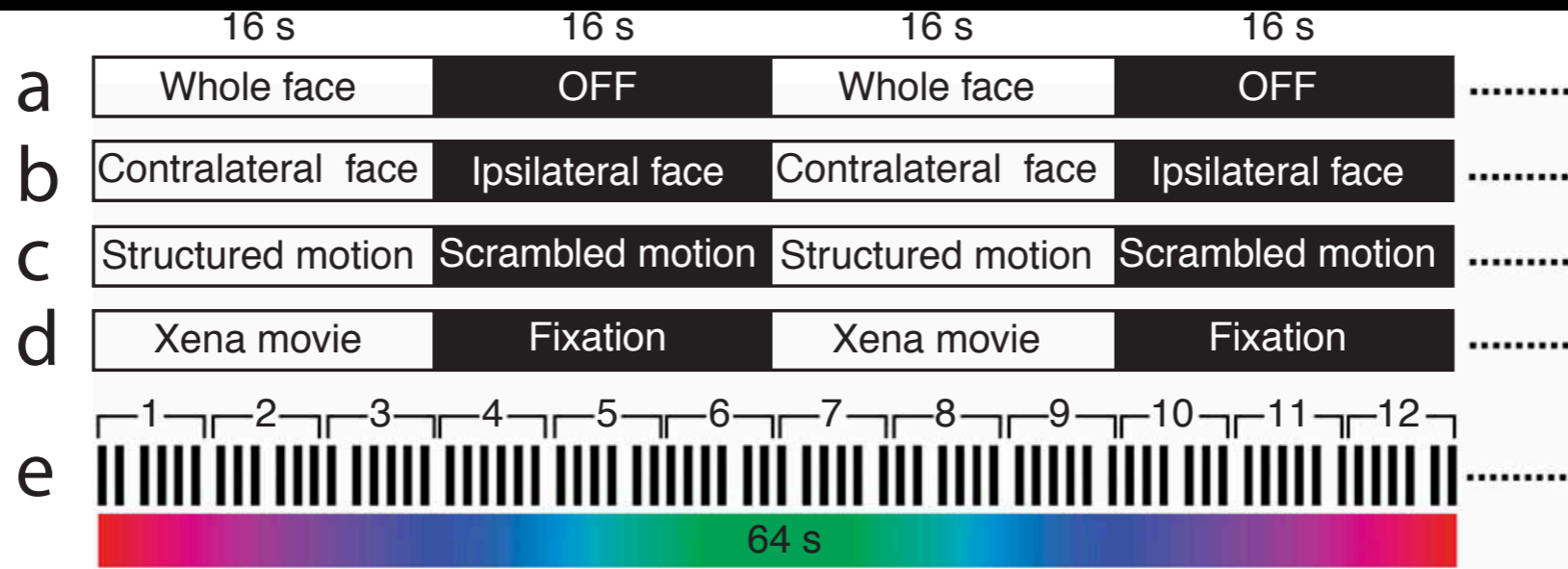




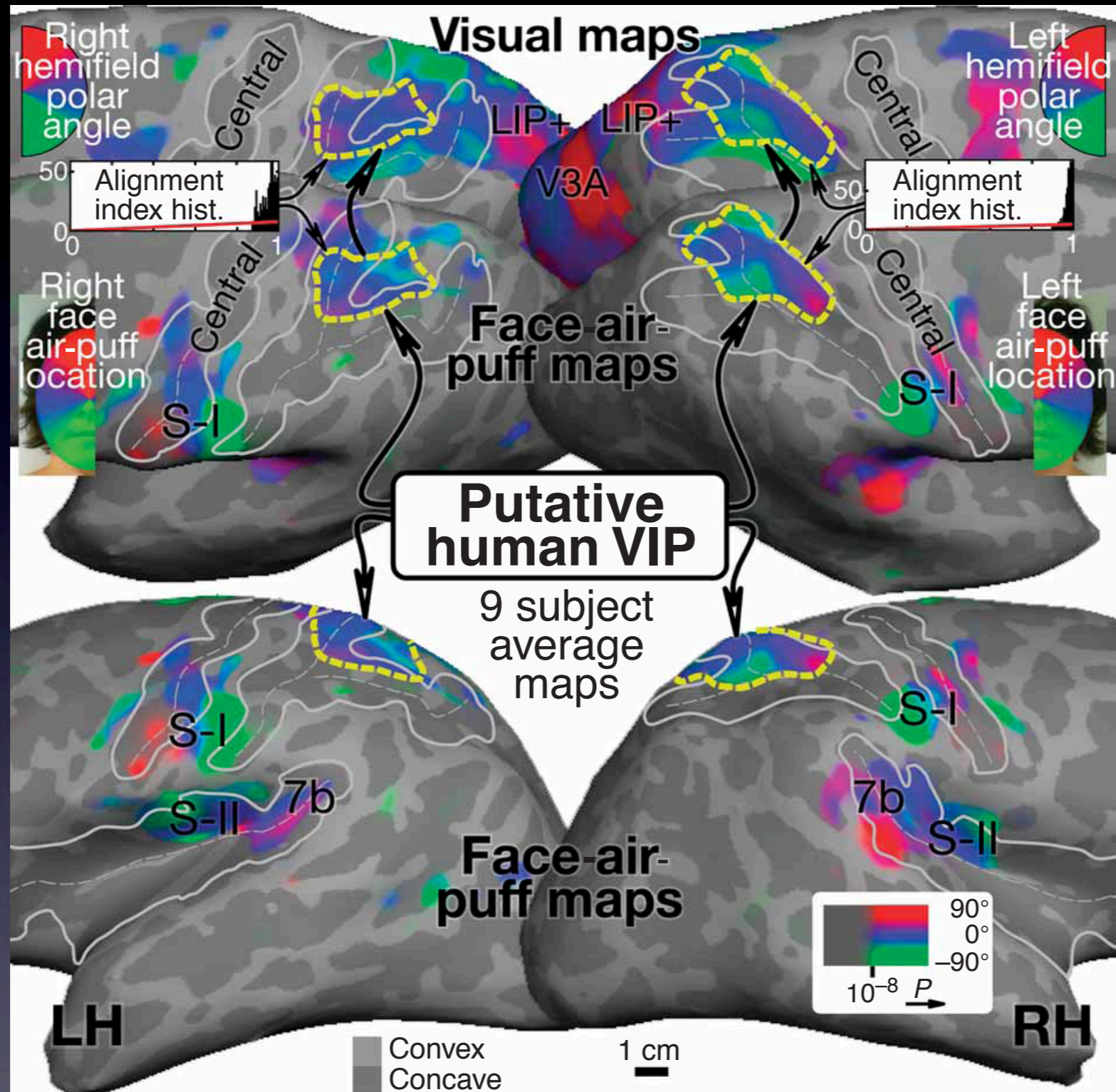
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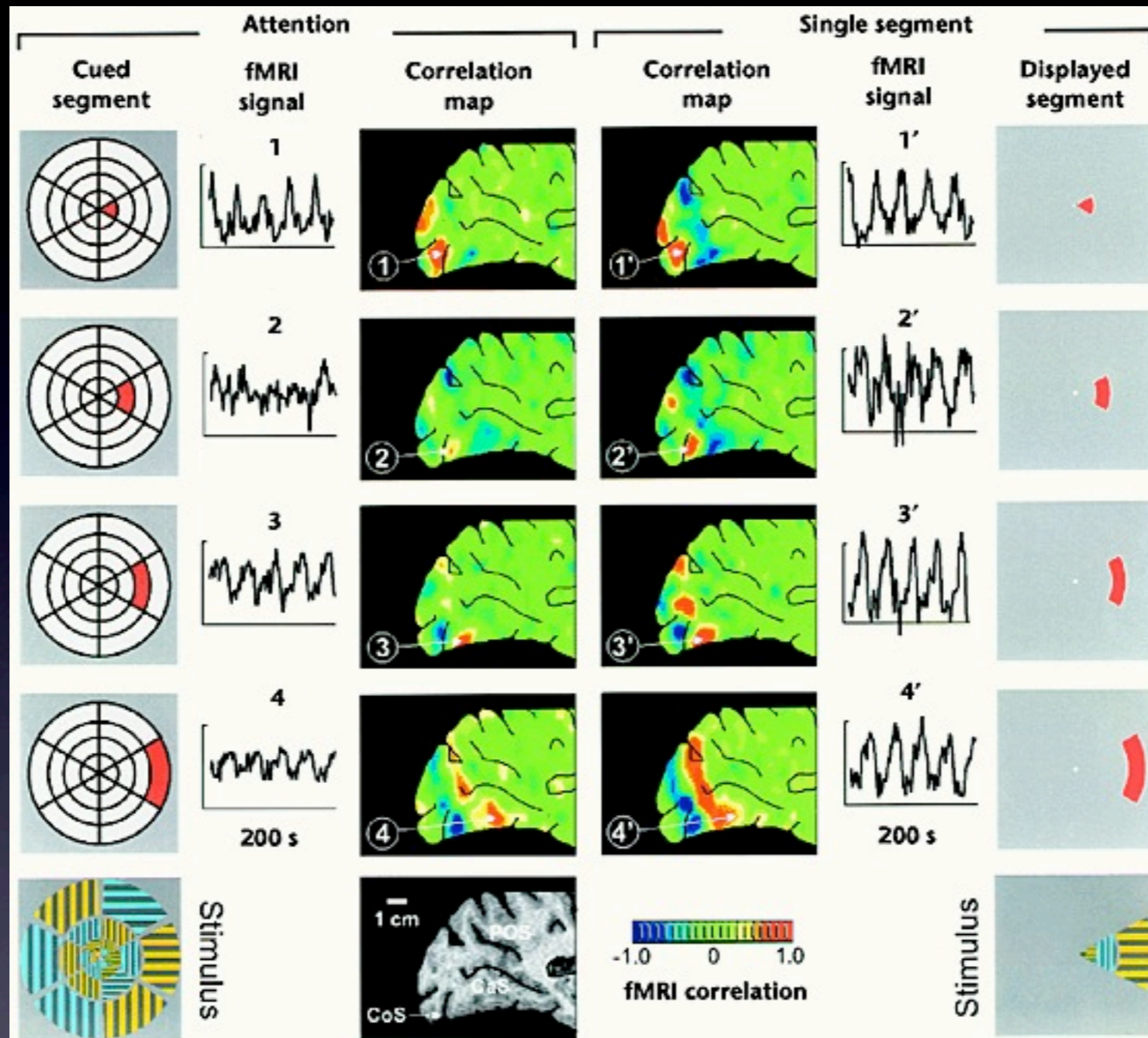
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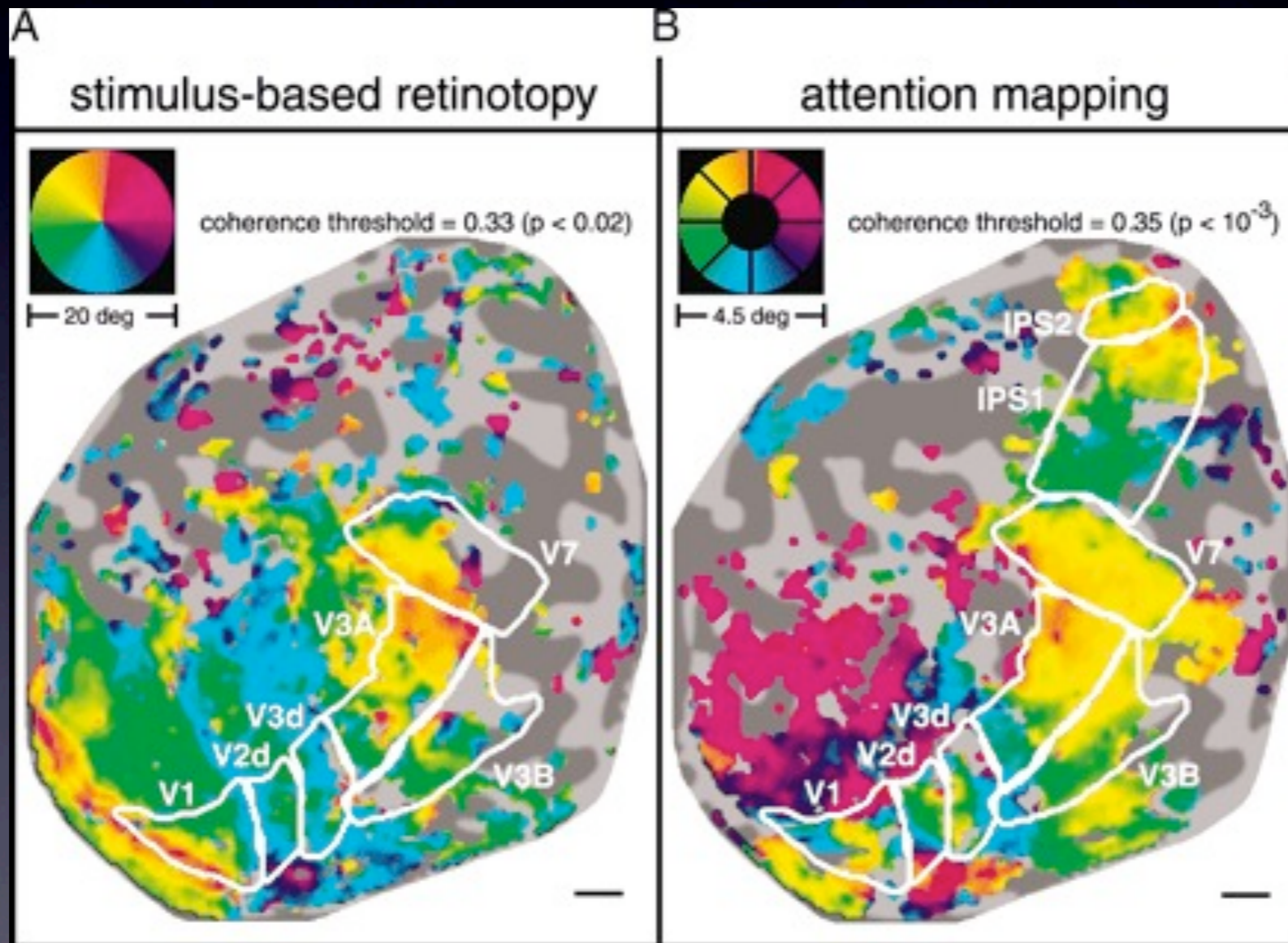
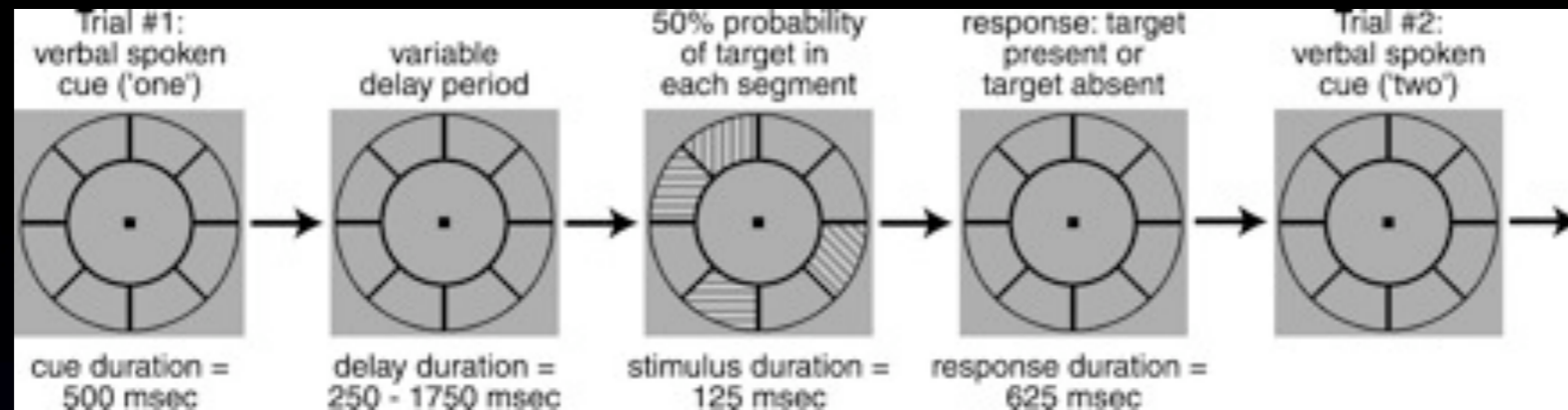
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Spatially allocating attention alone  
is enough to make topographic maps



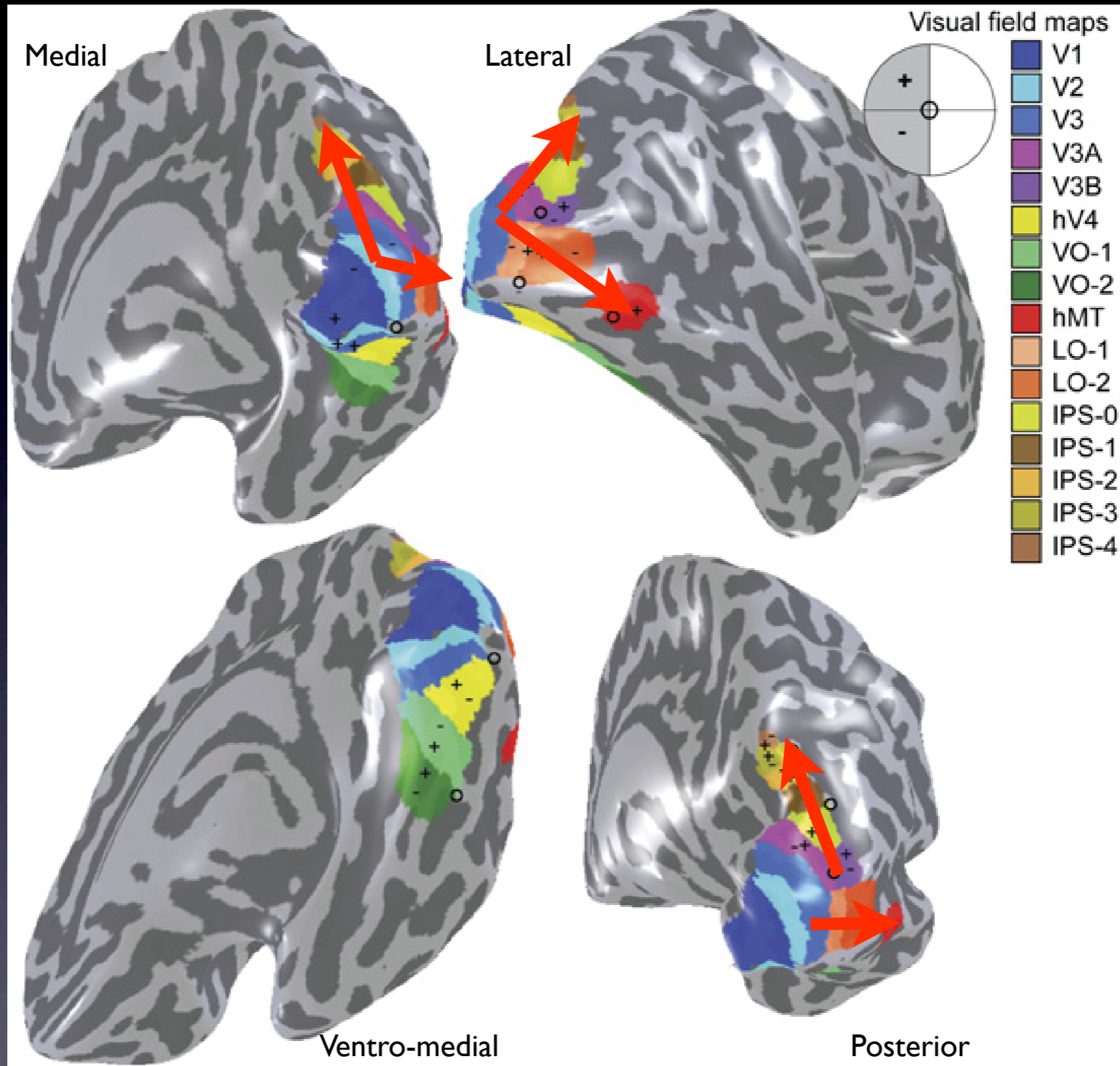


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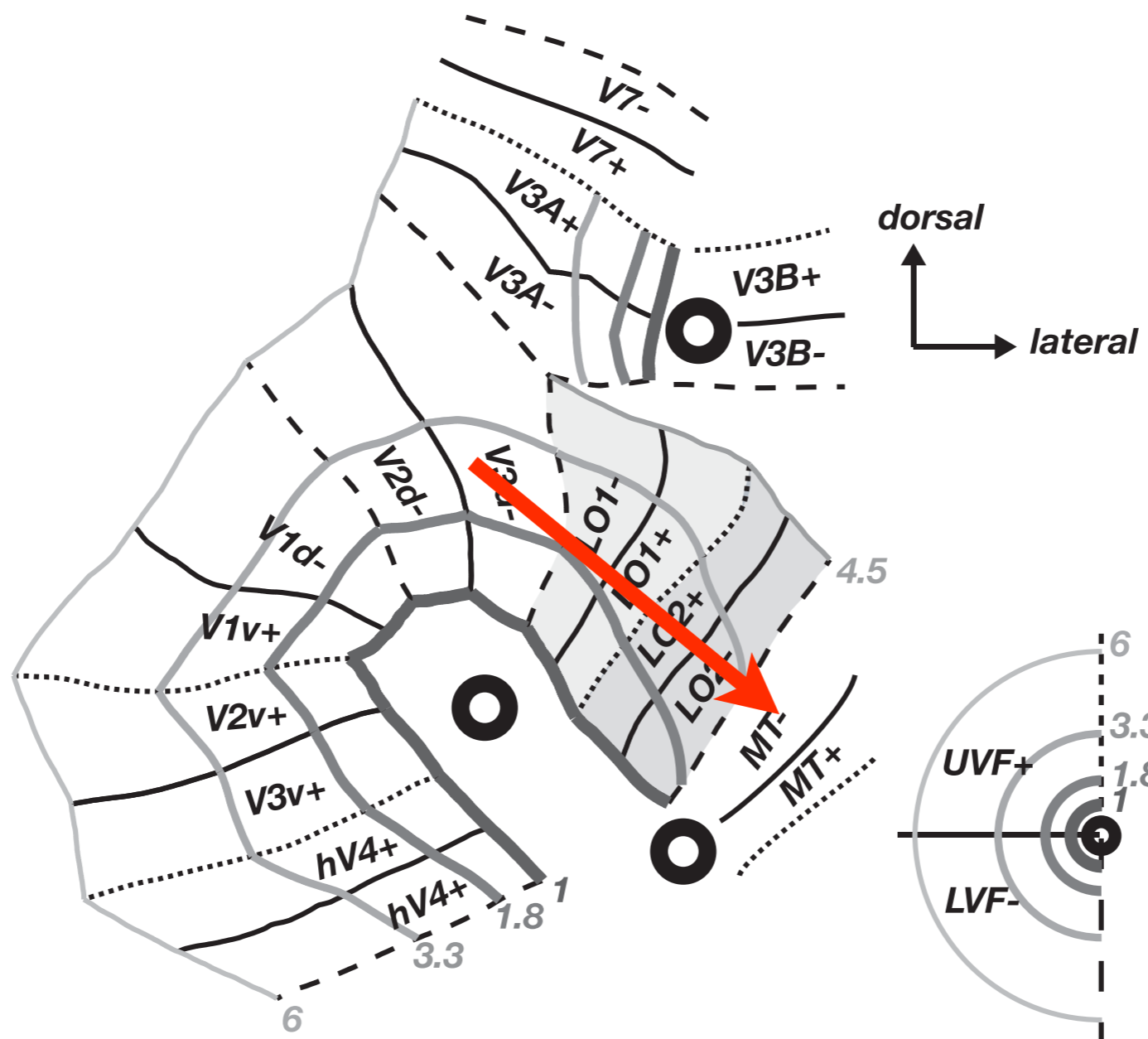


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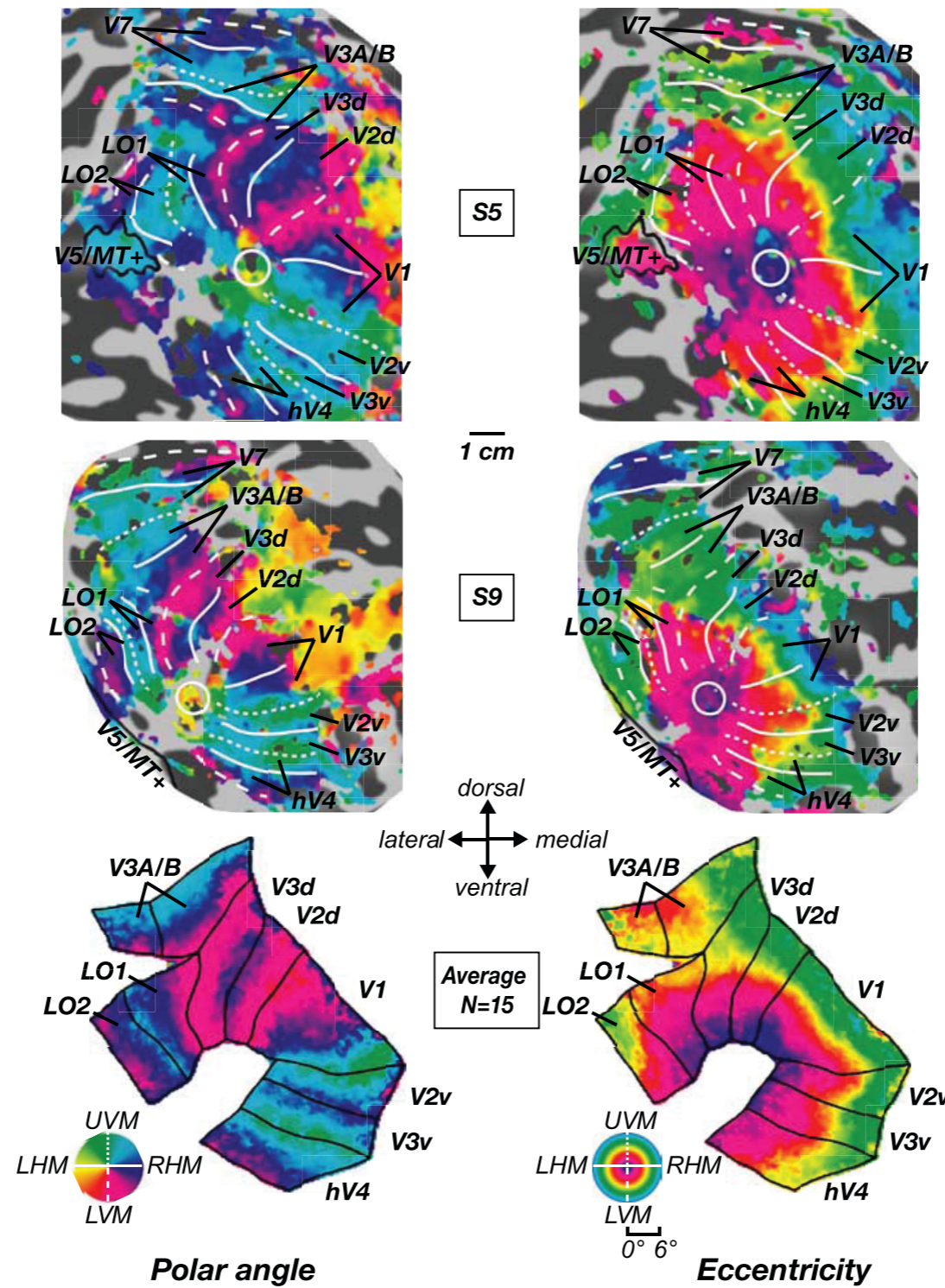
# Lateral occipital areas



Right cortex



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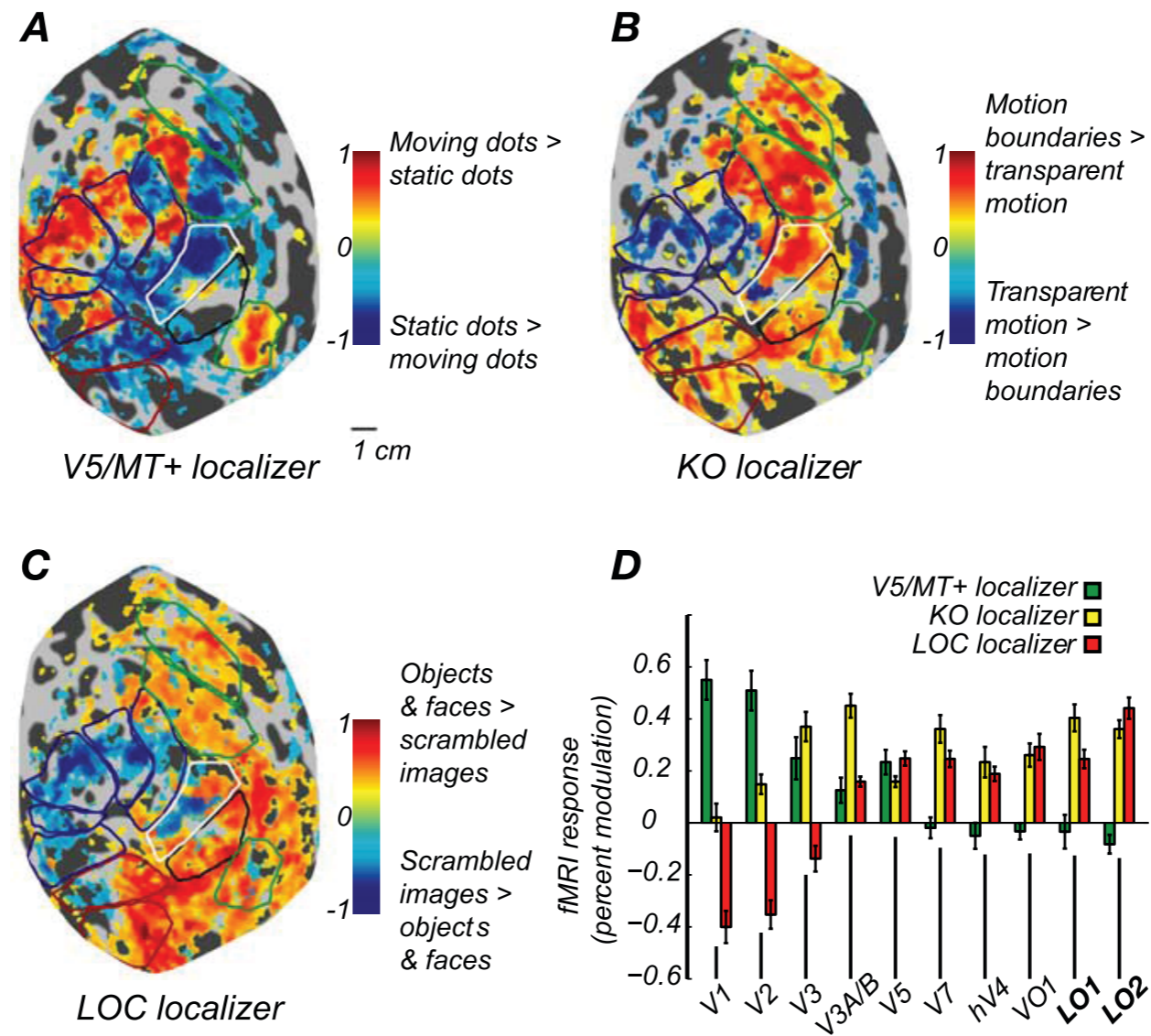


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# Relationship to function

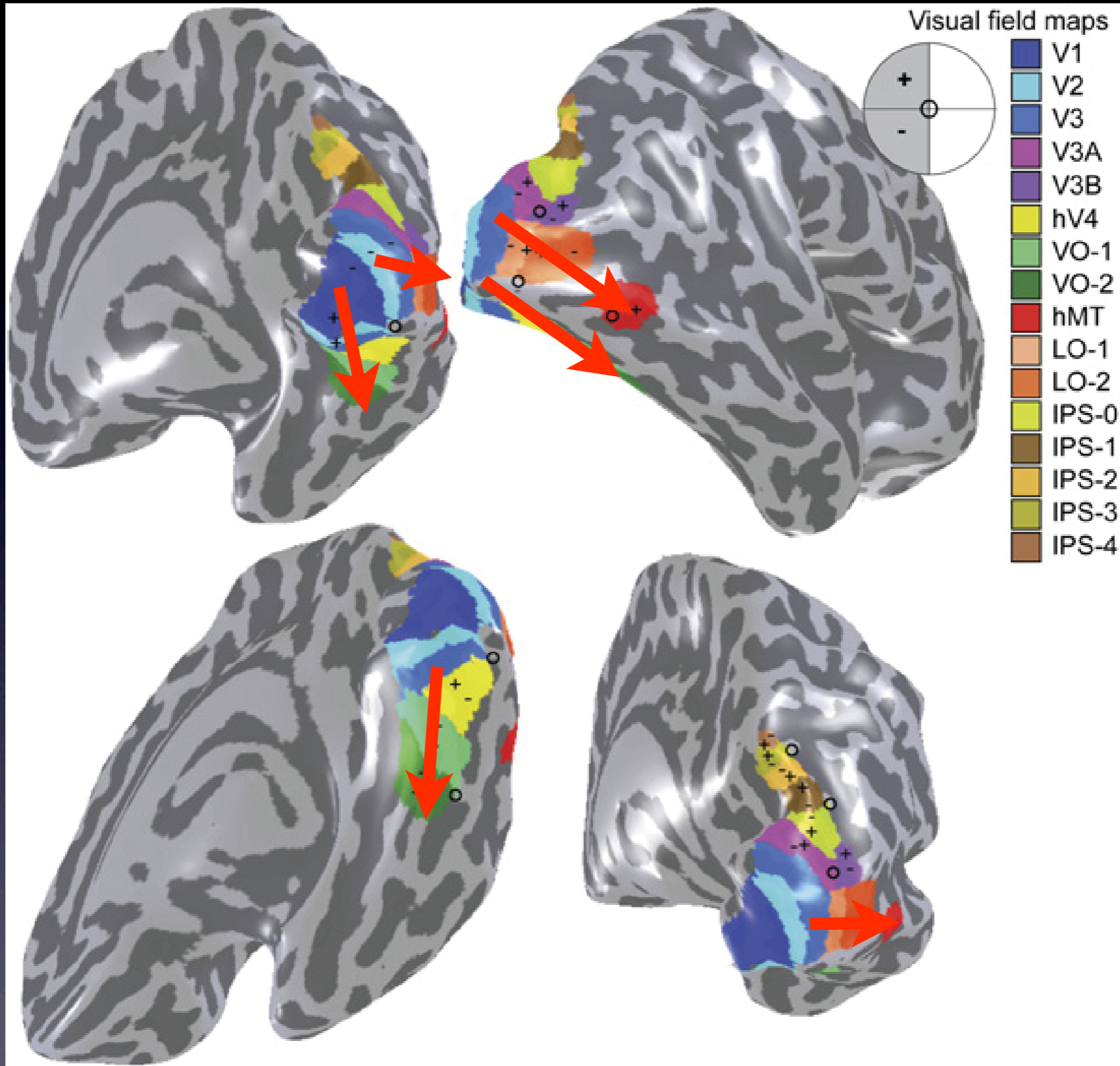
Instead of “visual areas” we should say  
“visual field maps”

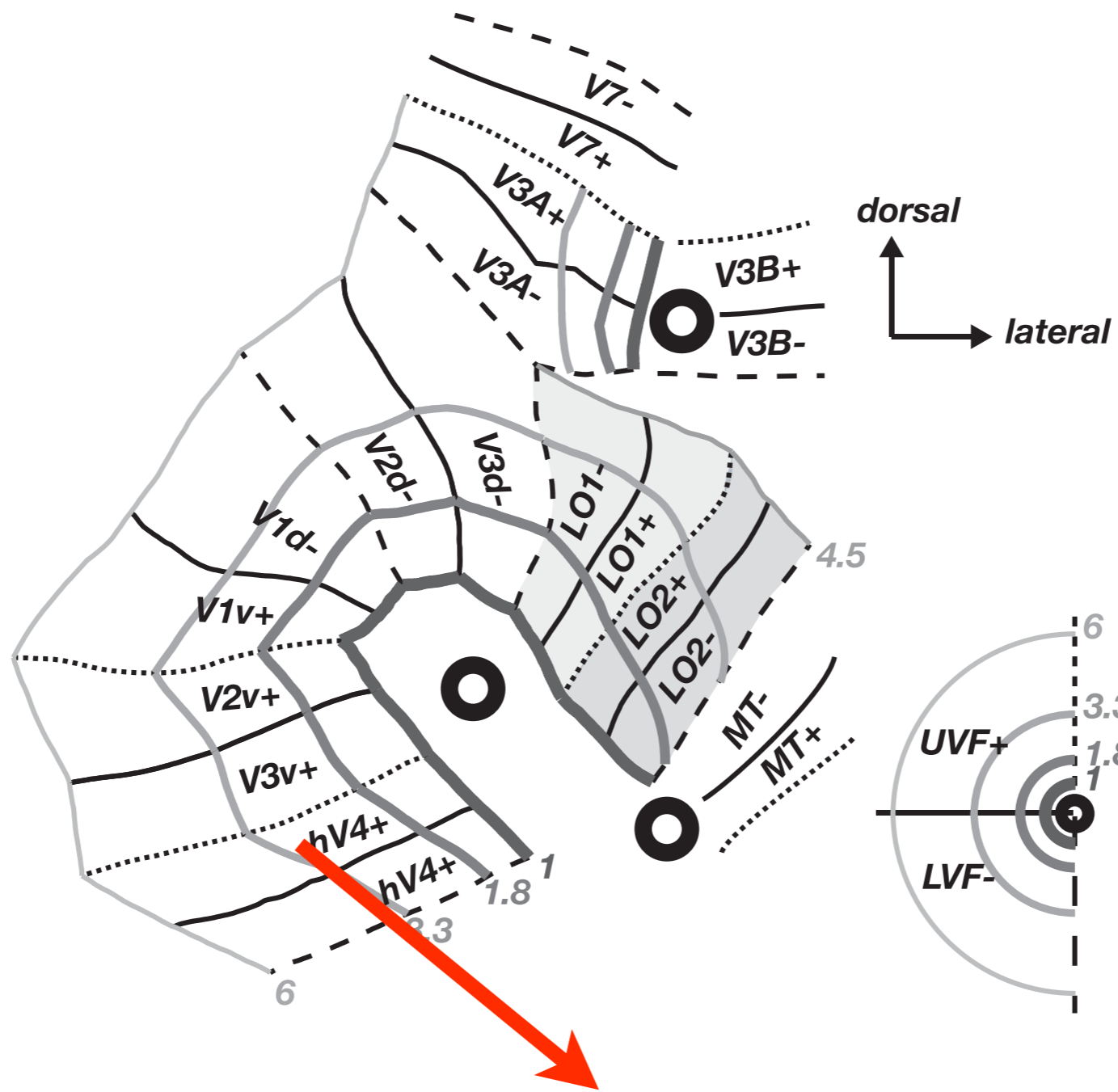




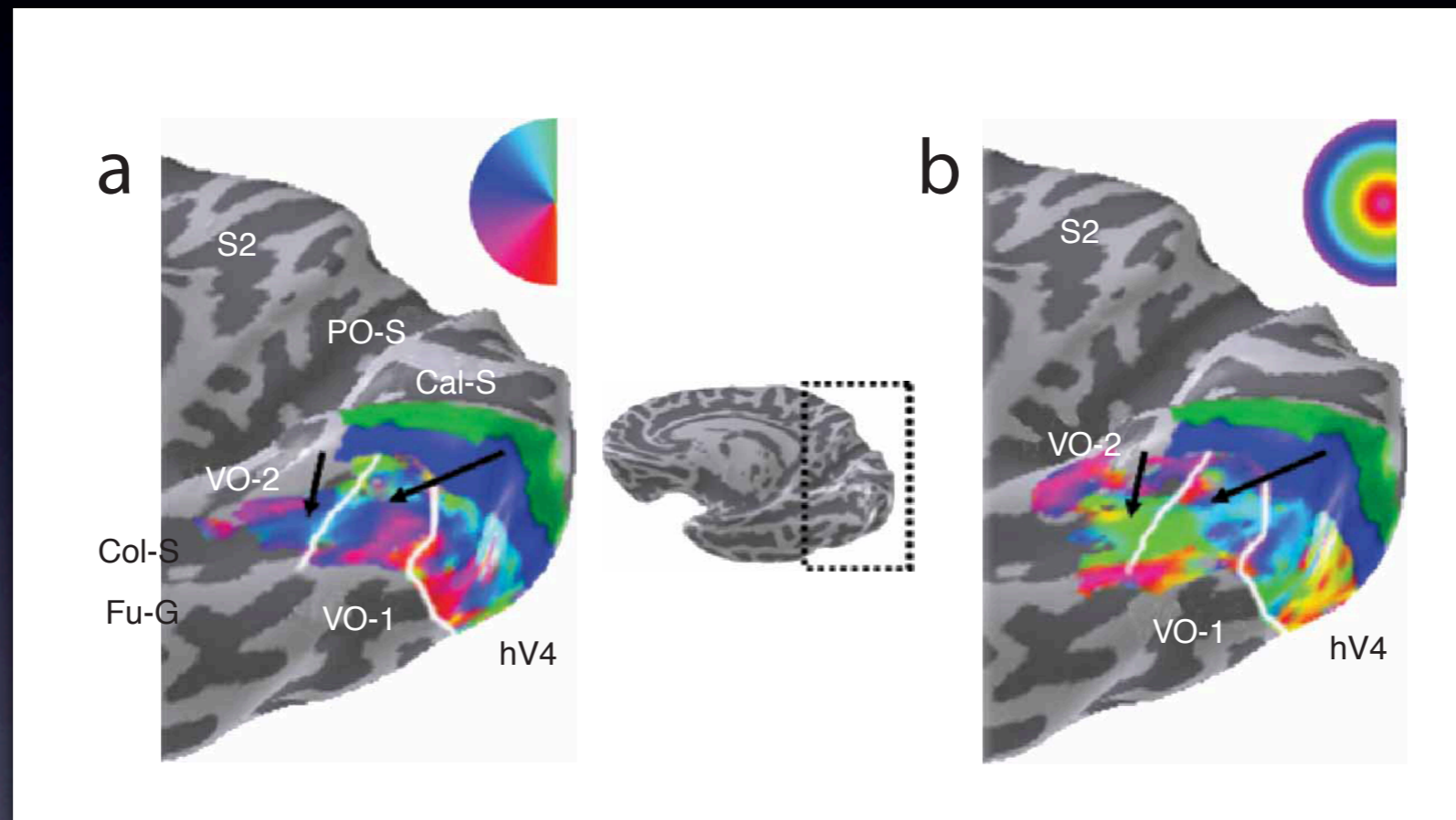
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# Ventral occipital areas





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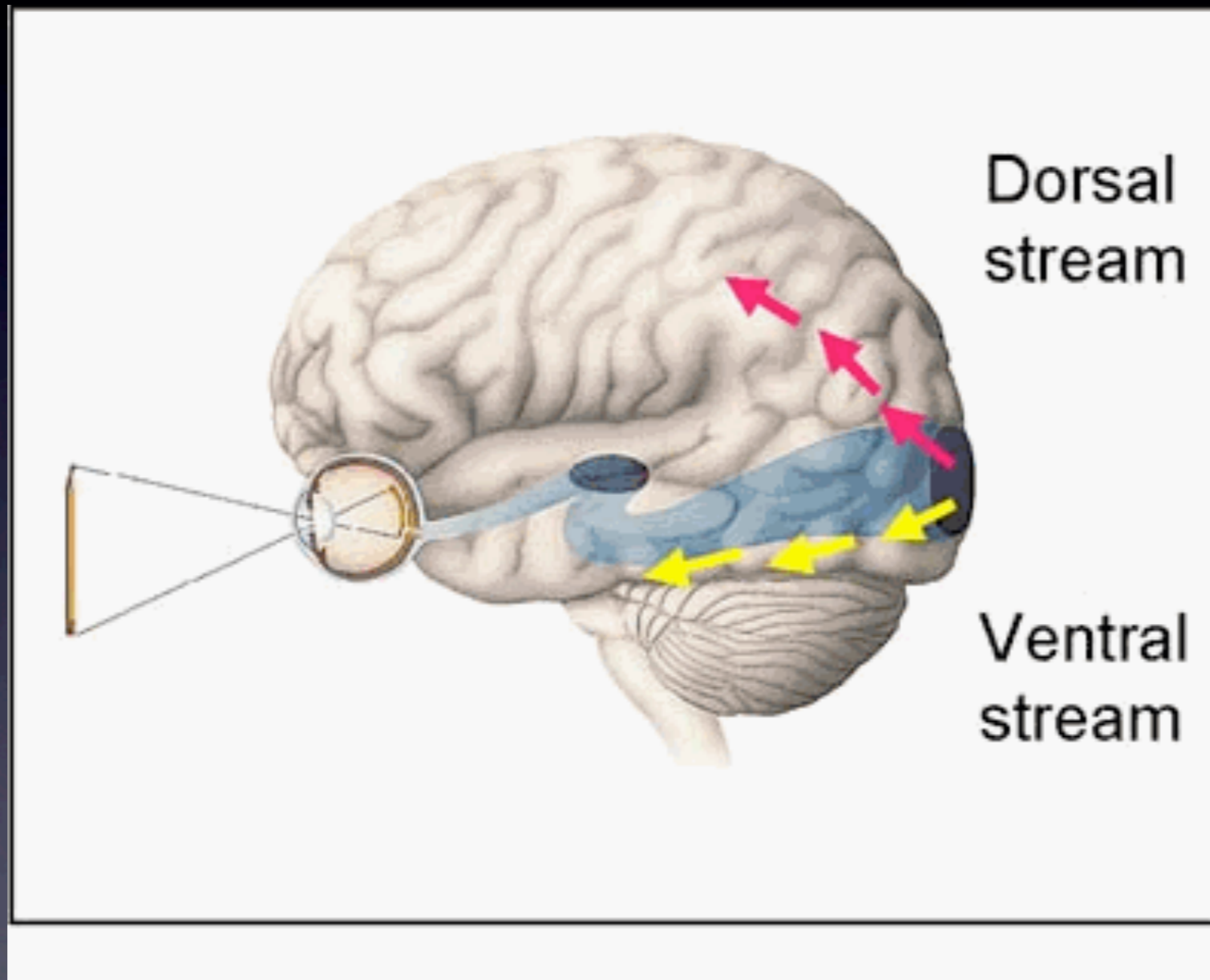
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# Meta-organization of visual areas

# Dorsal and ventral visual streams

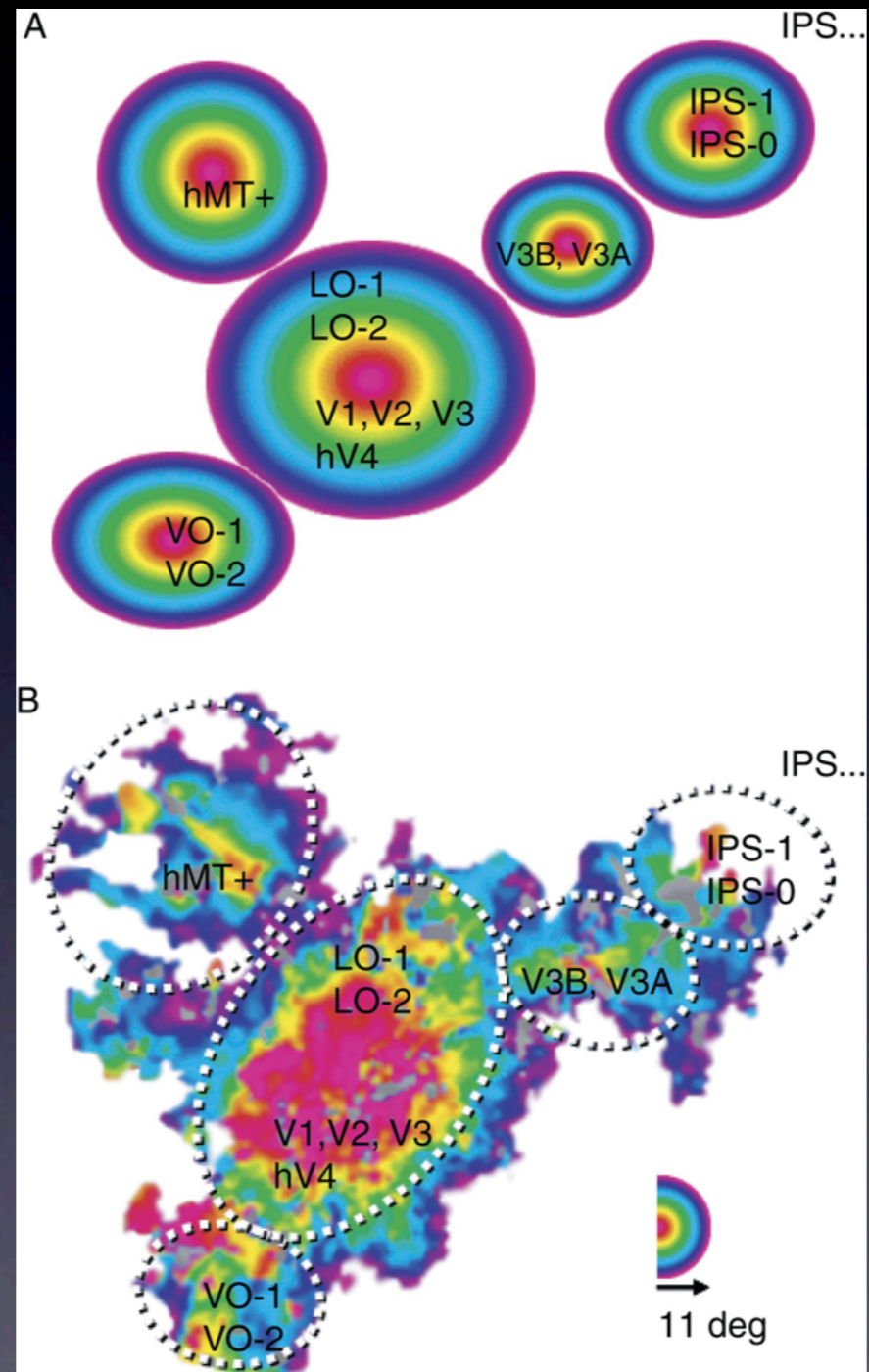
## What & where

## Action & perception



Ungerleider & Mishkin (1982)  
Goodale & Milner (1992) TINS 15:20-25

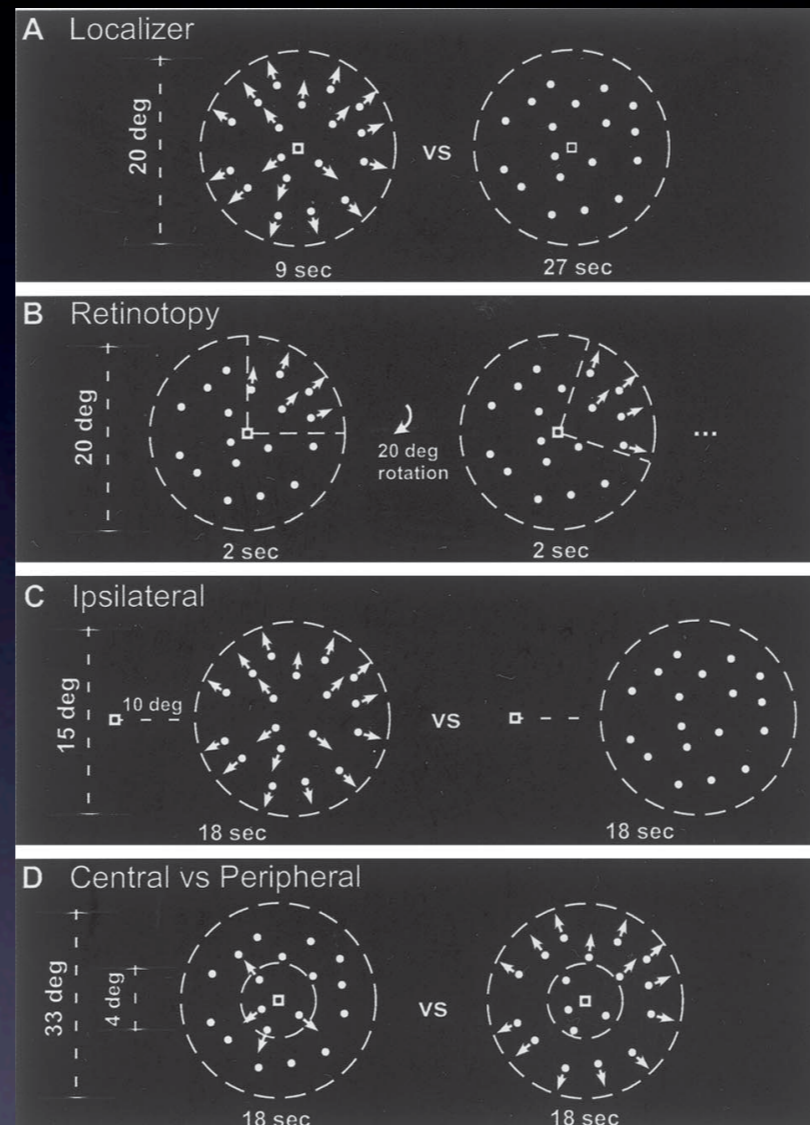
# Visual fields clustered around foveal representations



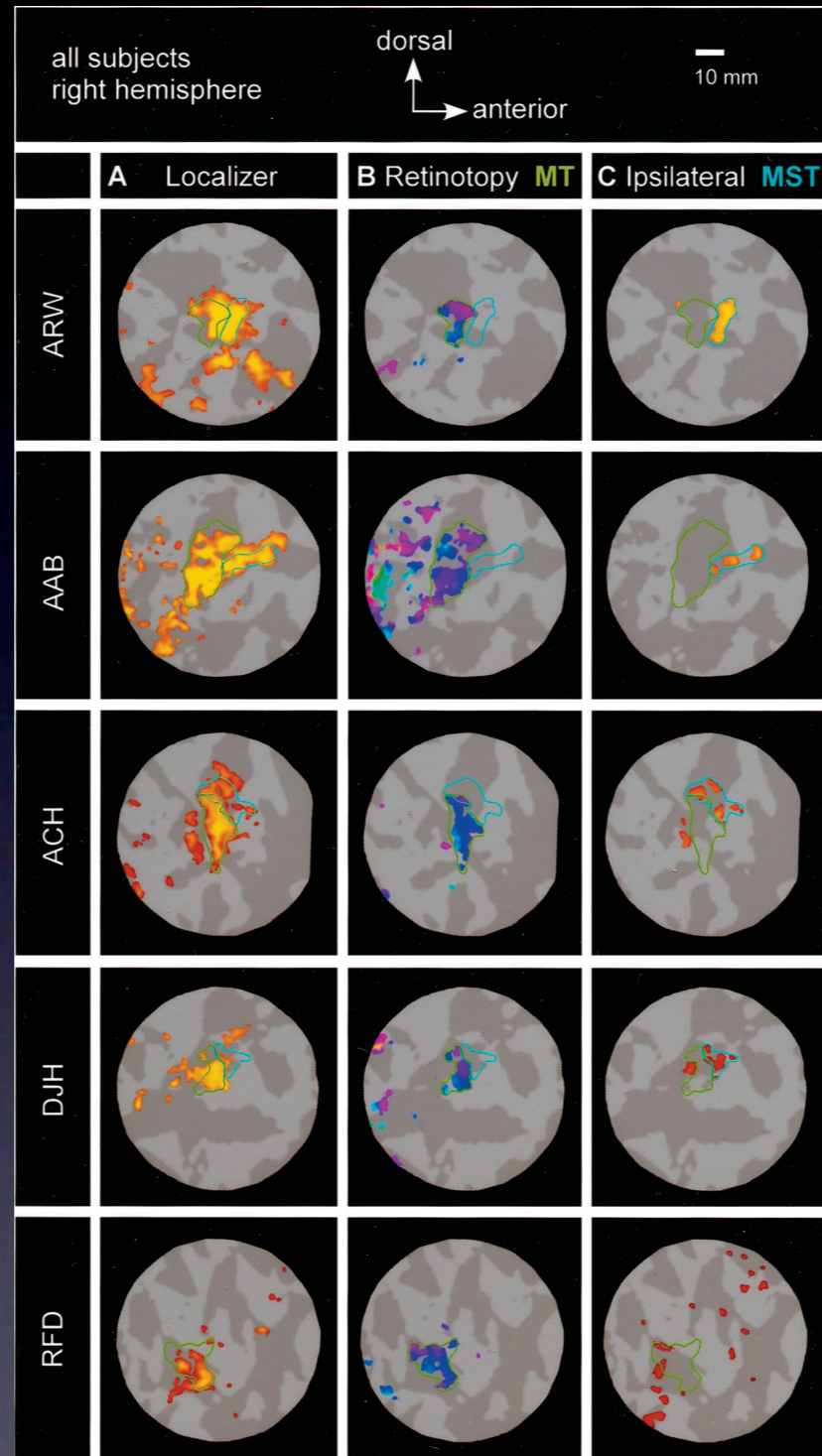
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# MT and MST

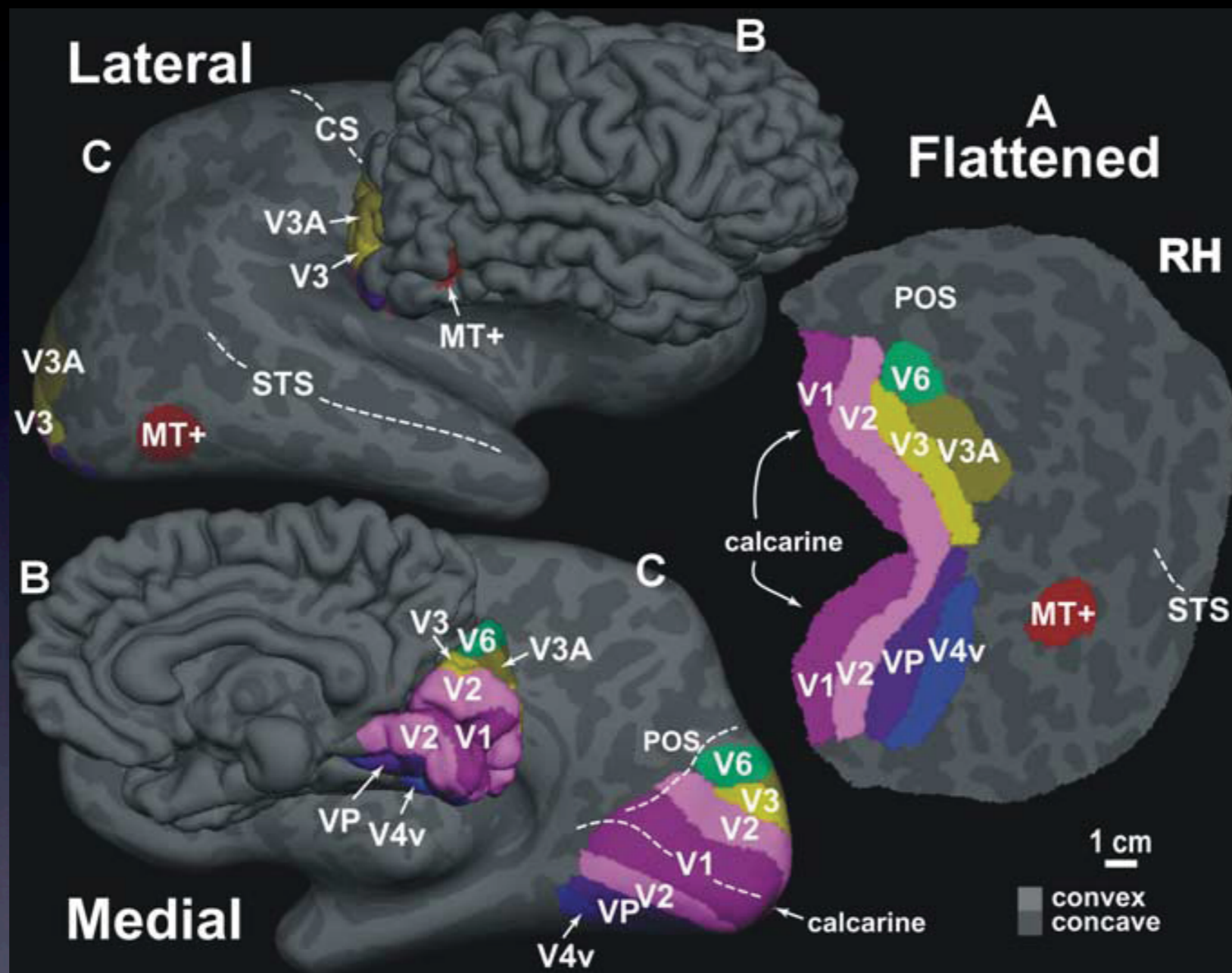


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# Area V6 (widefield retinotopy)

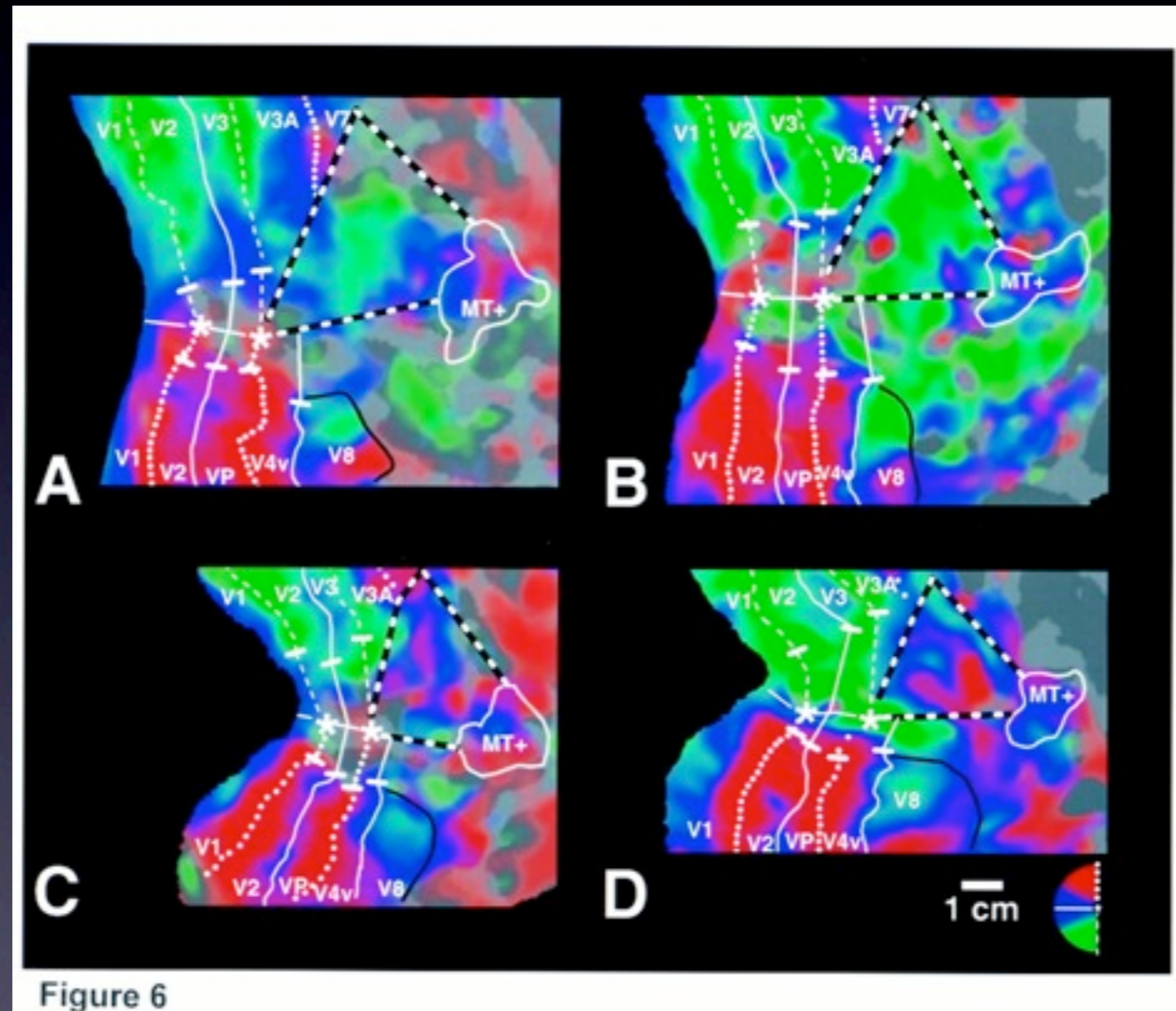


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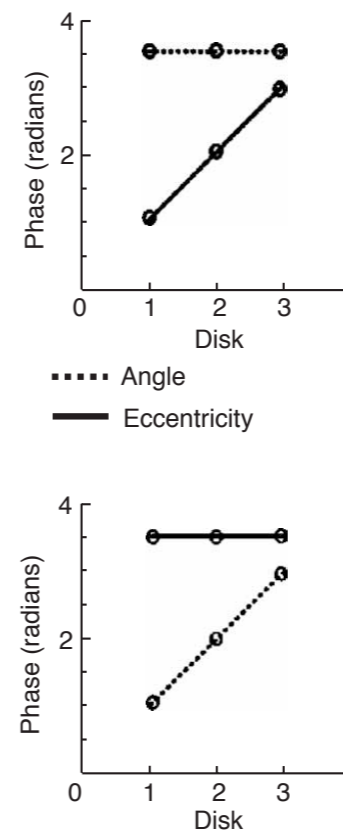
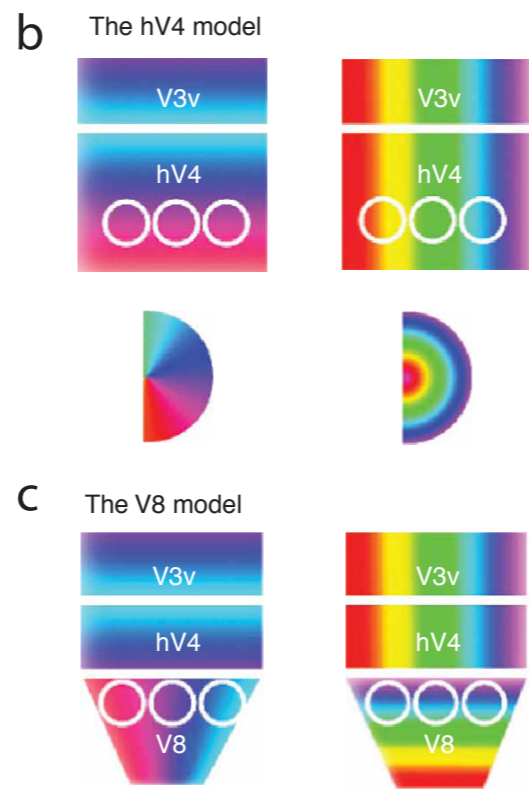
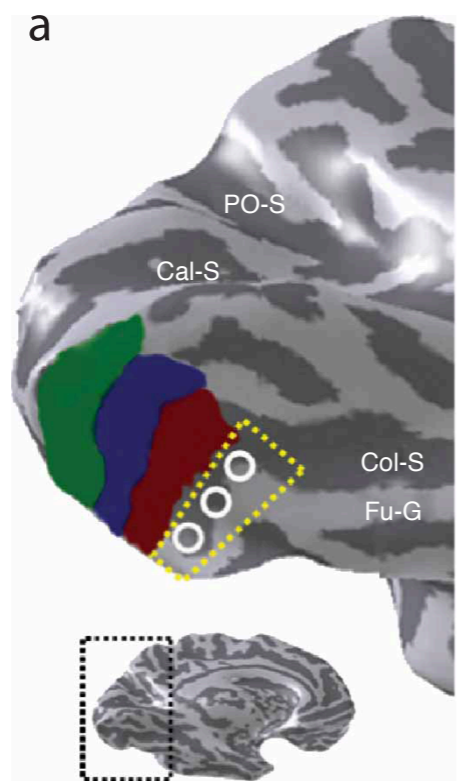
# Controversies!

## Where is dorsal V4

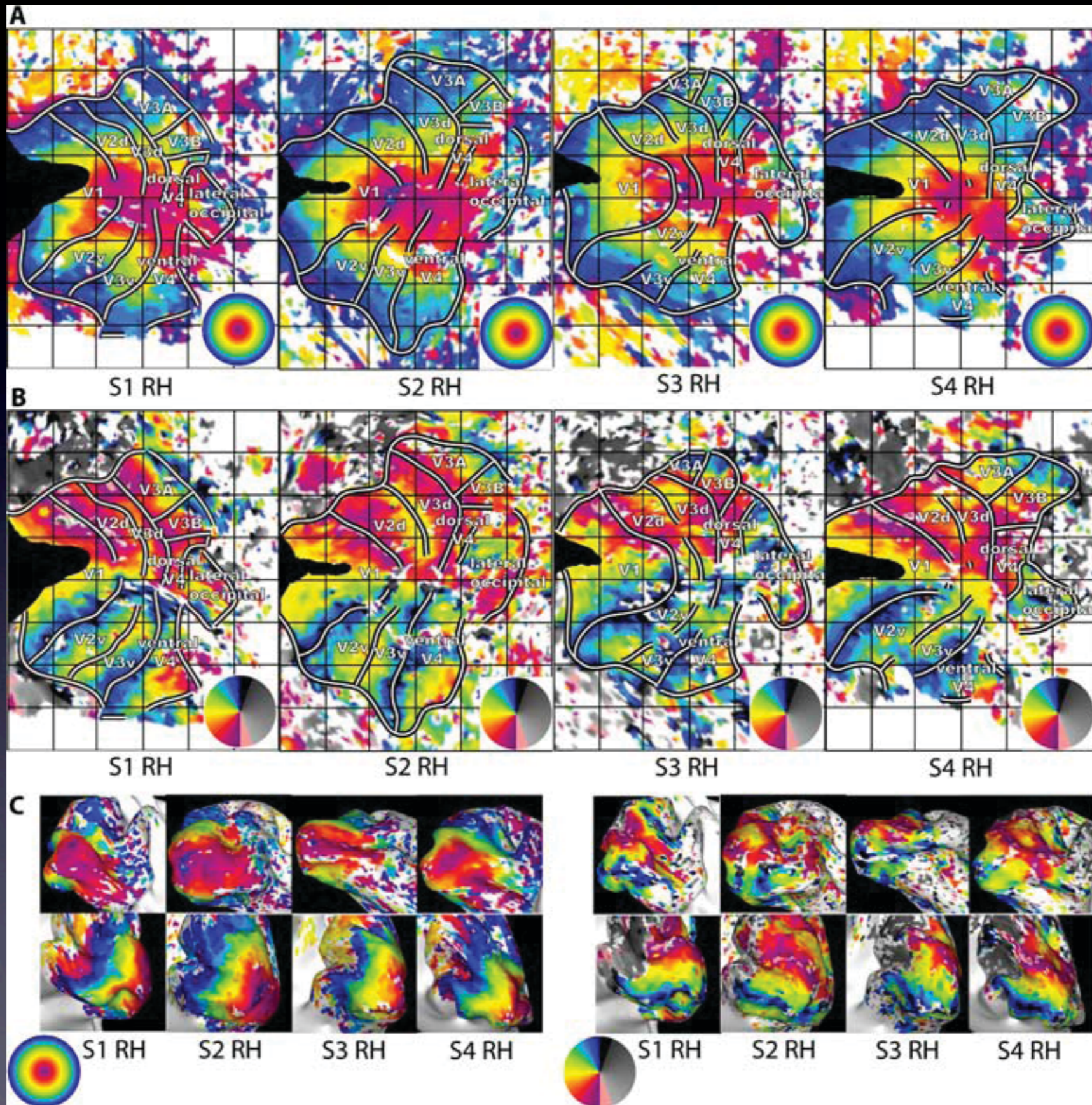
# V4d topologue



Tootell & Hadjikhani (2001) Cerebral Cortex 4:298-311

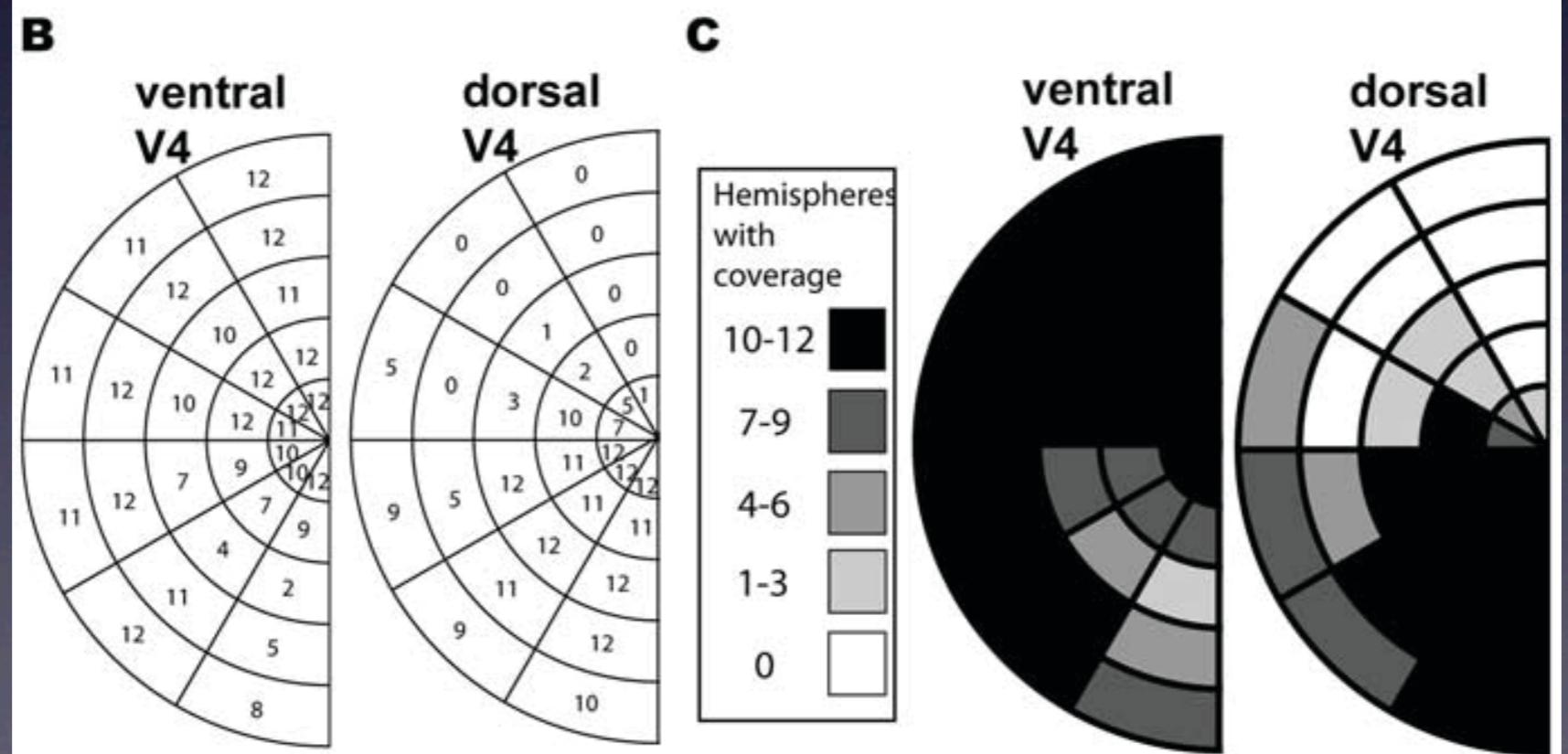
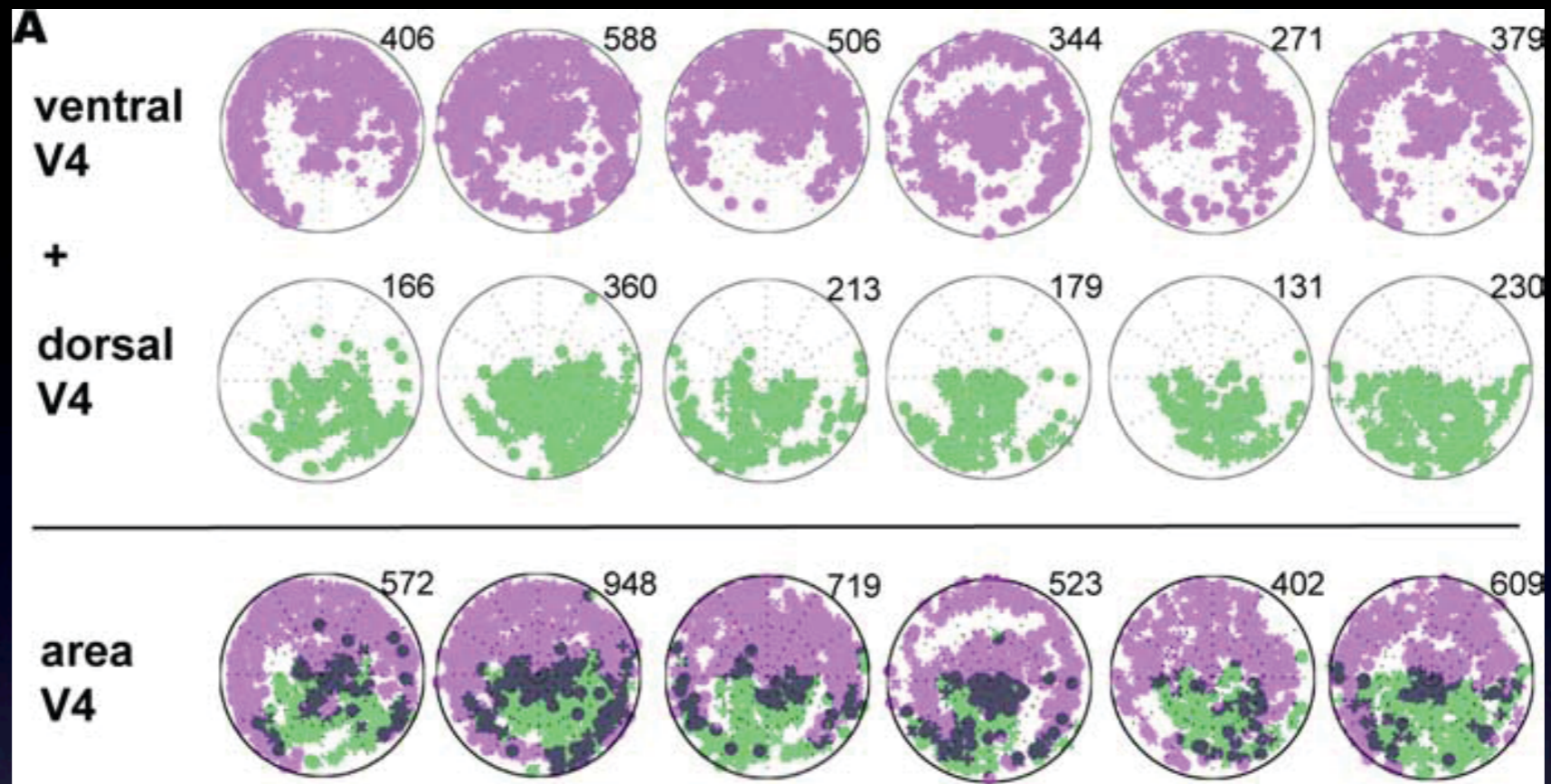


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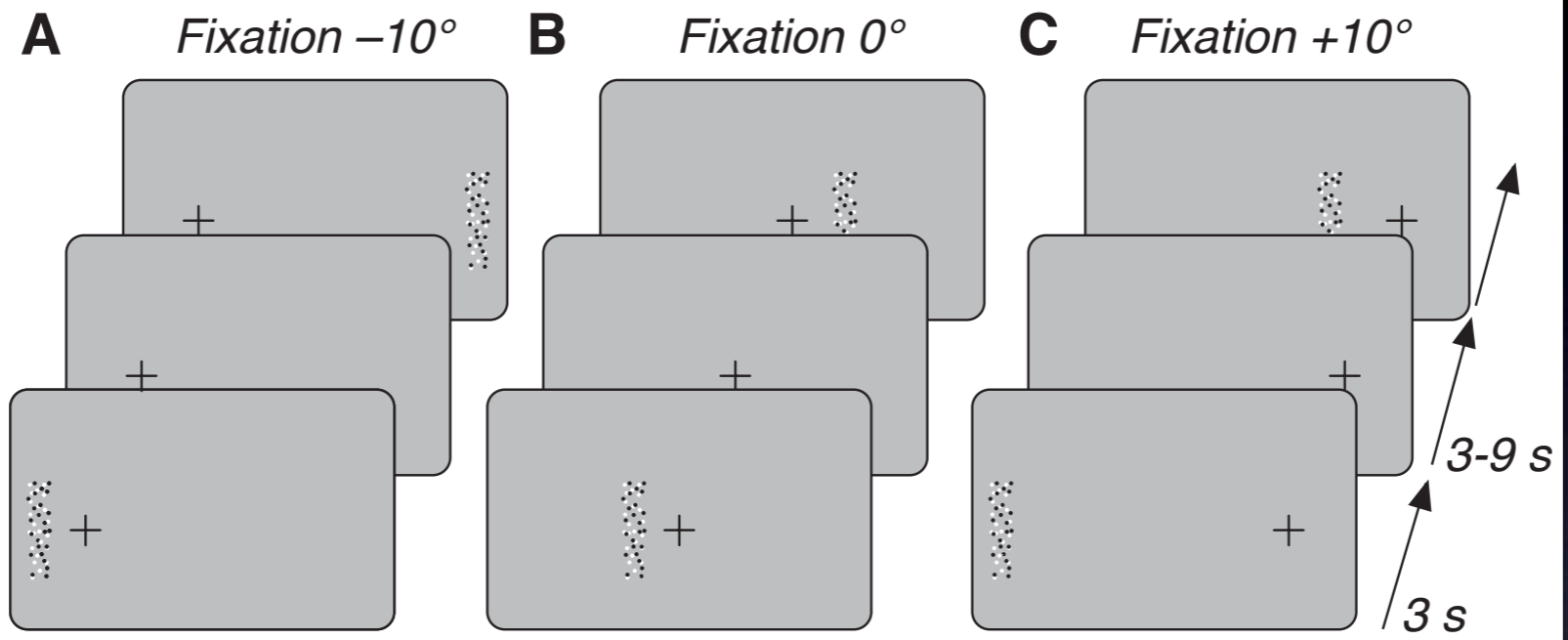
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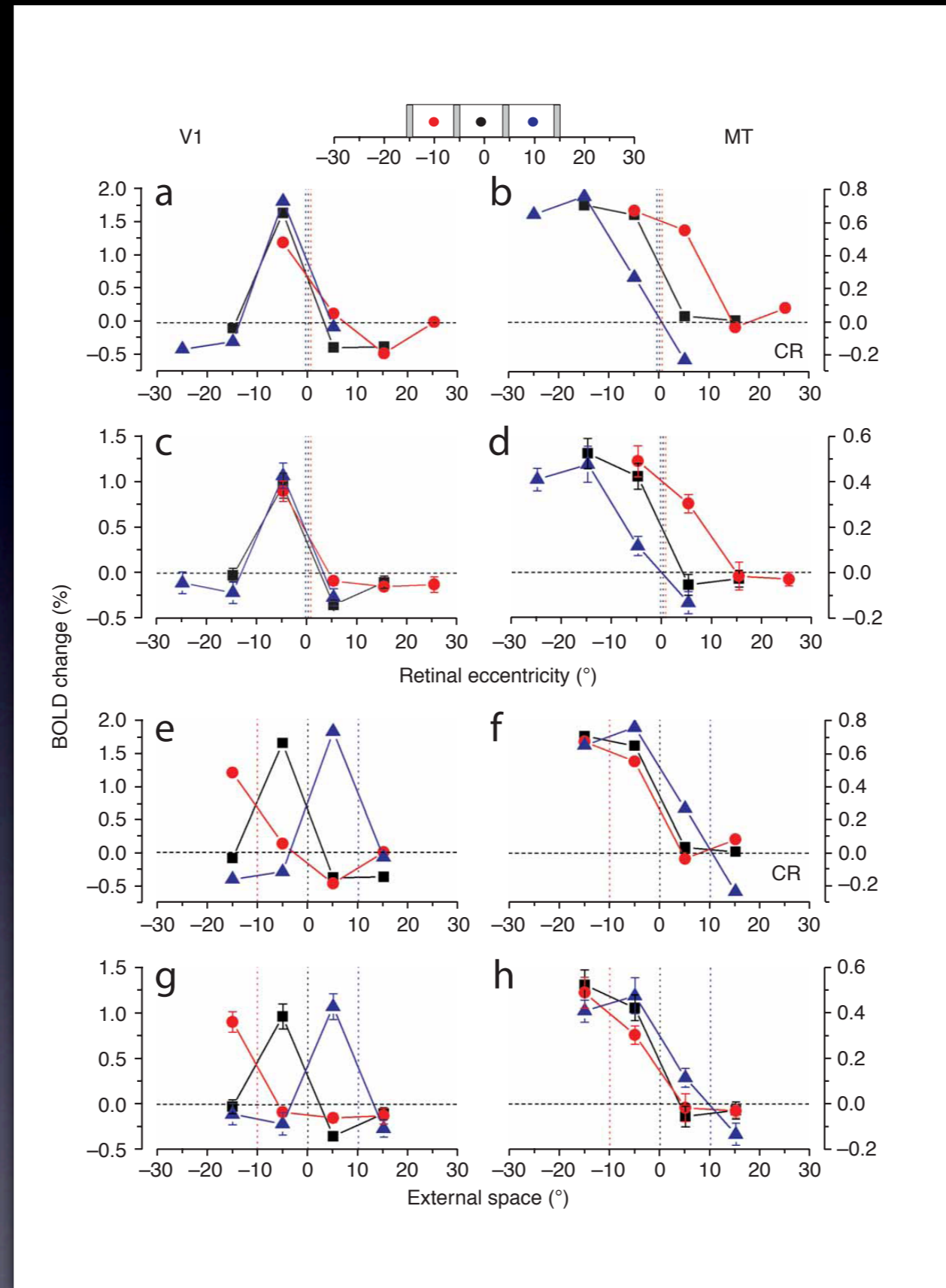




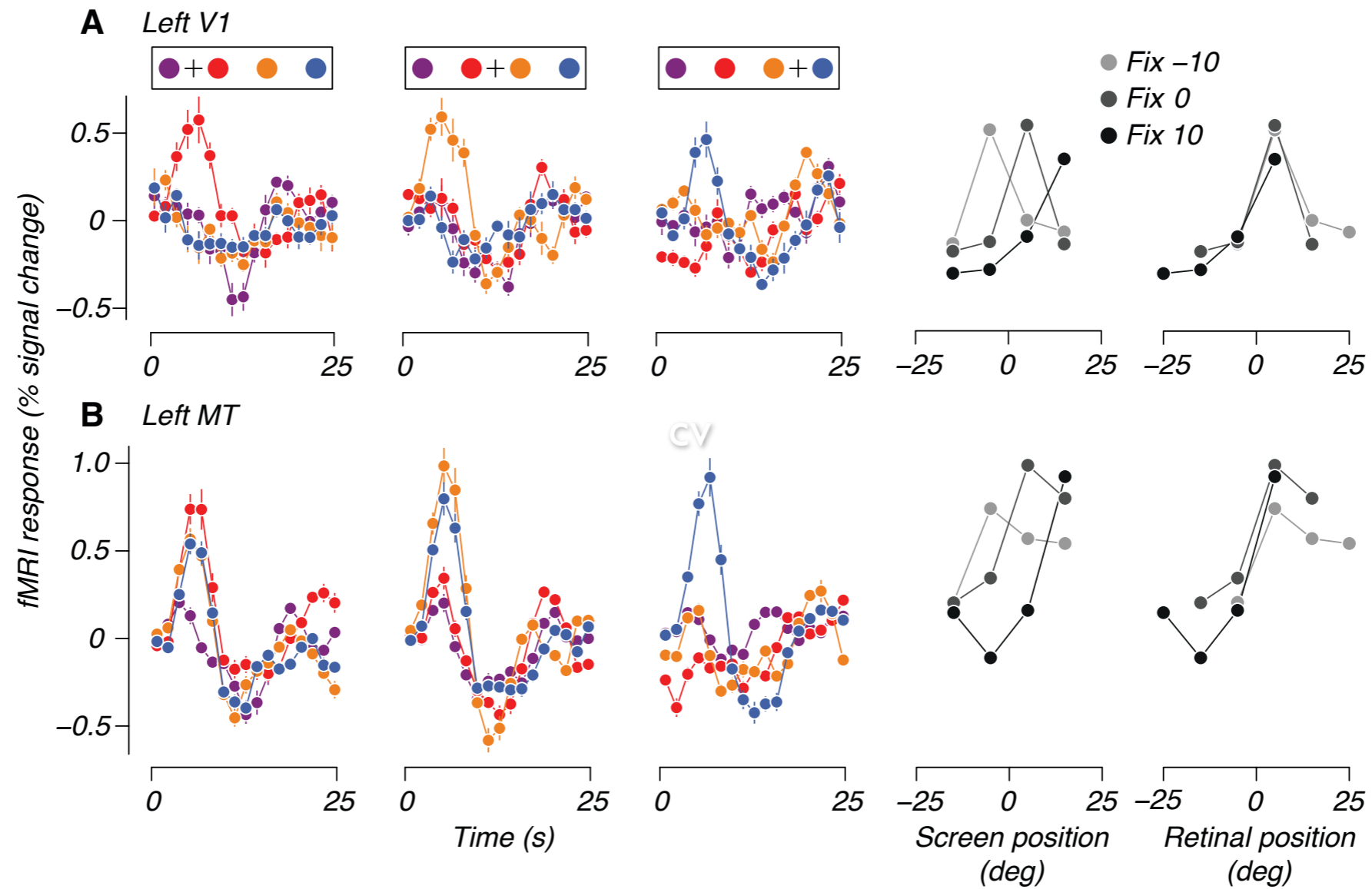
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Controversies!  
Reference frames of topographic maps  
Retinal or space centered?





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# Homology between human and monkey areas

“Homology” is the wrong word!!!!

## The concept of homology applied to extrastriate cortical areas

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One of the key findings of the paper by Larsson and Heeger is that the human lateral occipital cortex contains representation(s) of the central portion of the upper visual field in the dorsolateral cortex caudal to MT, and rostral to "dorsal V3". These representations would seem to occupy part of the region that corresponds to dorsal (lower quadrant) V4 in the macaque. Based on the fact that the visuotopic organization of this part of the brain appears to be different in humans and monkeys, the authors proceed to suggest the existence of two new visual areas of the human cortex (LO1 and LO2), which would have no simian homologues. This conclusion is unwarranted, as it reflects an erroneous expectation that homologue structures will look identical in different species.

Homologous structures in nature can, and often are, quite different. The concept of homology is based not on morphology or function, but rather on a common evolutionary origin (i.e., whether or not the structure in question was present in a common ancestor). This common origin is, in turn, often (if not always) reflected in a common embryological origin.

Larsson and Heeger report that the lateral occipital areas LO1 and LO2 show marked interindividual variability, with fewer than half of the examined hemispheres (14/ 30) showing a complete representation of polar angles in the upper quadrant, and a substantial proportion of the sample (7/ 30) showing no clear topographic order assessable via fMRI. This high degree of variability (which may also explain conflicting reports from other laboratories) is compatible with a developmental model based on activity-dependent formation of topographic maps, which would translate into multistable solutions for adult visual topography. We have proposed one such model, which specifically predicts a high degree of variability in topographic organization of the region of "fourth visual complex" as a result of its markedly delayed maturation relative to areas such as V1 and MT (Rosa and Tweedale, 2005). This variability is expected not only across primate species, but also between individuals of the same species. Critically, the final configuration of the maps is linked not only to phylogeny, but is the result of an epigenetic process that is strongly influenced by overall brain size (hence, length of corticogenesis). For example, New World and Old World monkeys of similar size have similar visual topographies in this region. Given that a pool of cells with similar embryological identity may form different maps in different individuals and/ or species, visuotopy alone constitutes a weak criterion for establishing homologies in high-order (or late-maturing) visual areas.

Whether the observed variability ultimately proves to be the result of variable visual topographies within areas, or variable topological relationships between areas, the rich data set and excellent analysis provided by Larsson and Heeger will provide a strong basis for further exploration of this question.

Reference: Rosa MGP, Tweedale R (2005) Brain maps, great and small: lessons from comparative studies of primate visual cortical organization. *Philos Trans R Soc Lond B Biol Sci.* 360: 665-691.



# homology

Pronunciation: \hō-'mä-lə-jē, hə-\

Function: noun

Inflected Form(s): *plural* ho·mol·o·gies

Date: circa 1656

**2 a:** likeness in structure between parts of different organisms (as the wing of a bat and the human arm) due to evolutionary differentiation from a corresponding part in a common ancestor — compare analogy

# analogy

Pronunciation: \ə-'na-lə-jē\

Function: noun

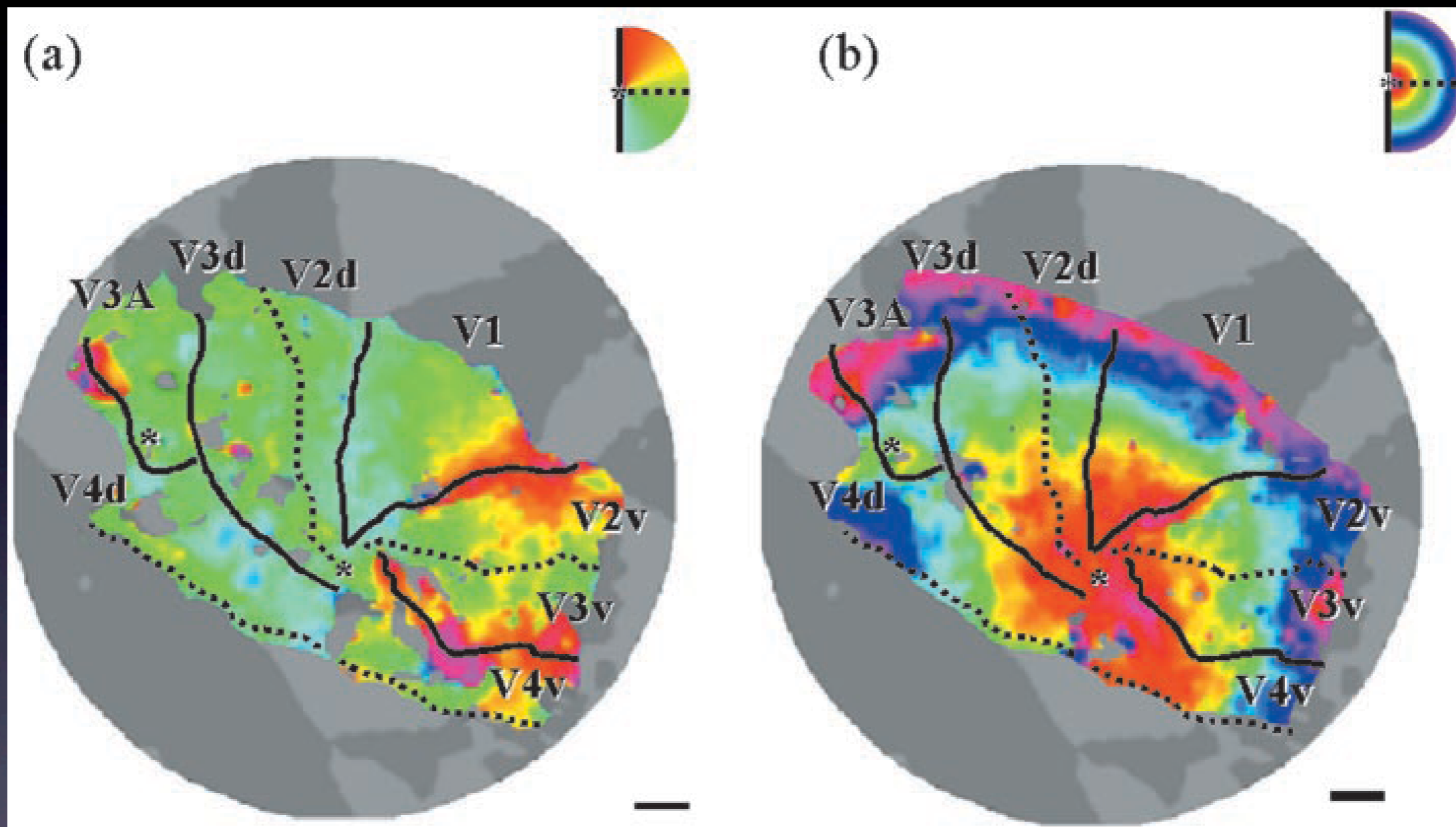
Inflected Form(s): *plural* anal·o·gies

Date: 15th century

**4:** correspondence in function between anatomical parts of different structure and origin — compare homology

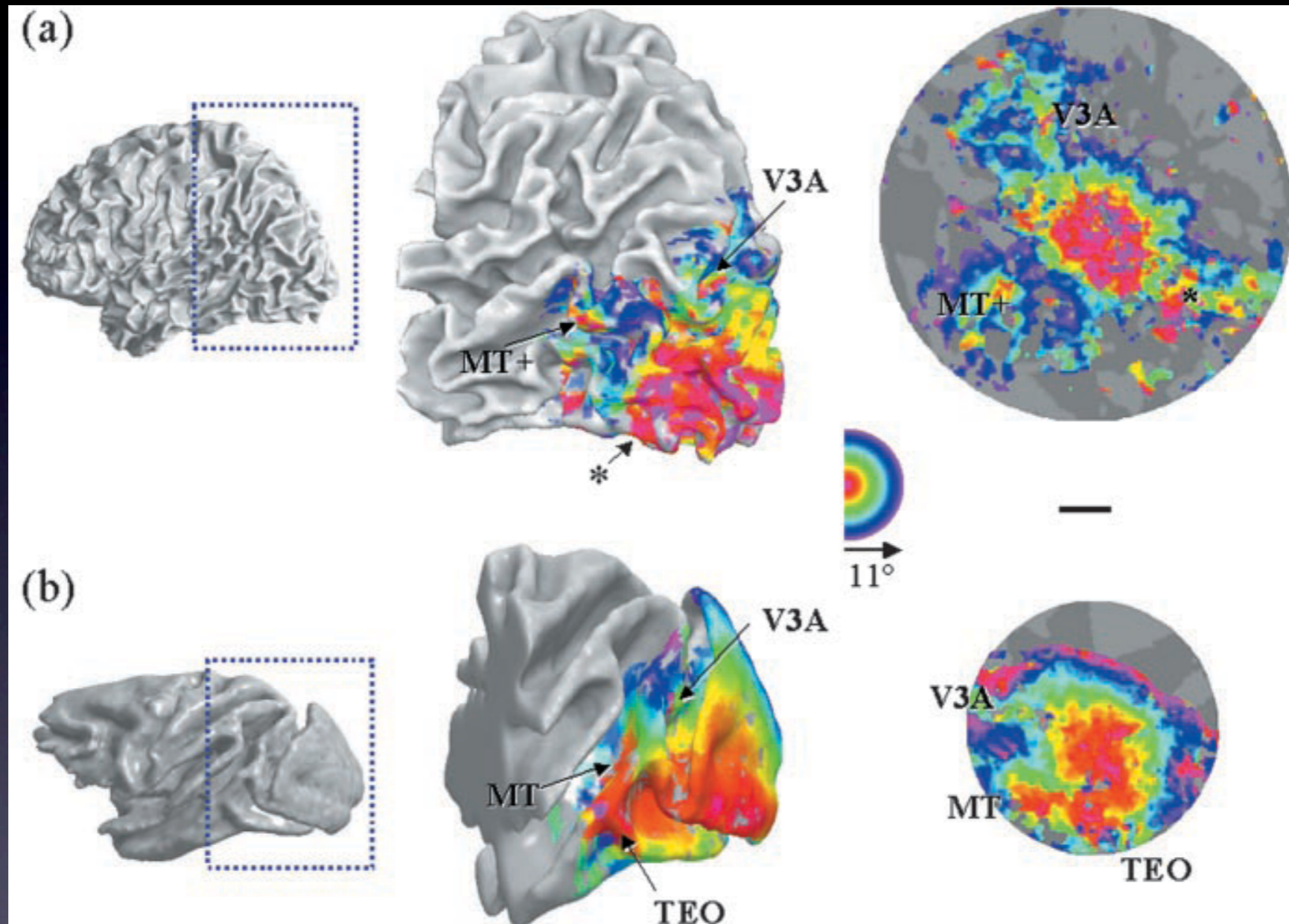
“Functionally corresponding”  
or “Functionally equivalent”  
areas???

# Monkey retinotopy

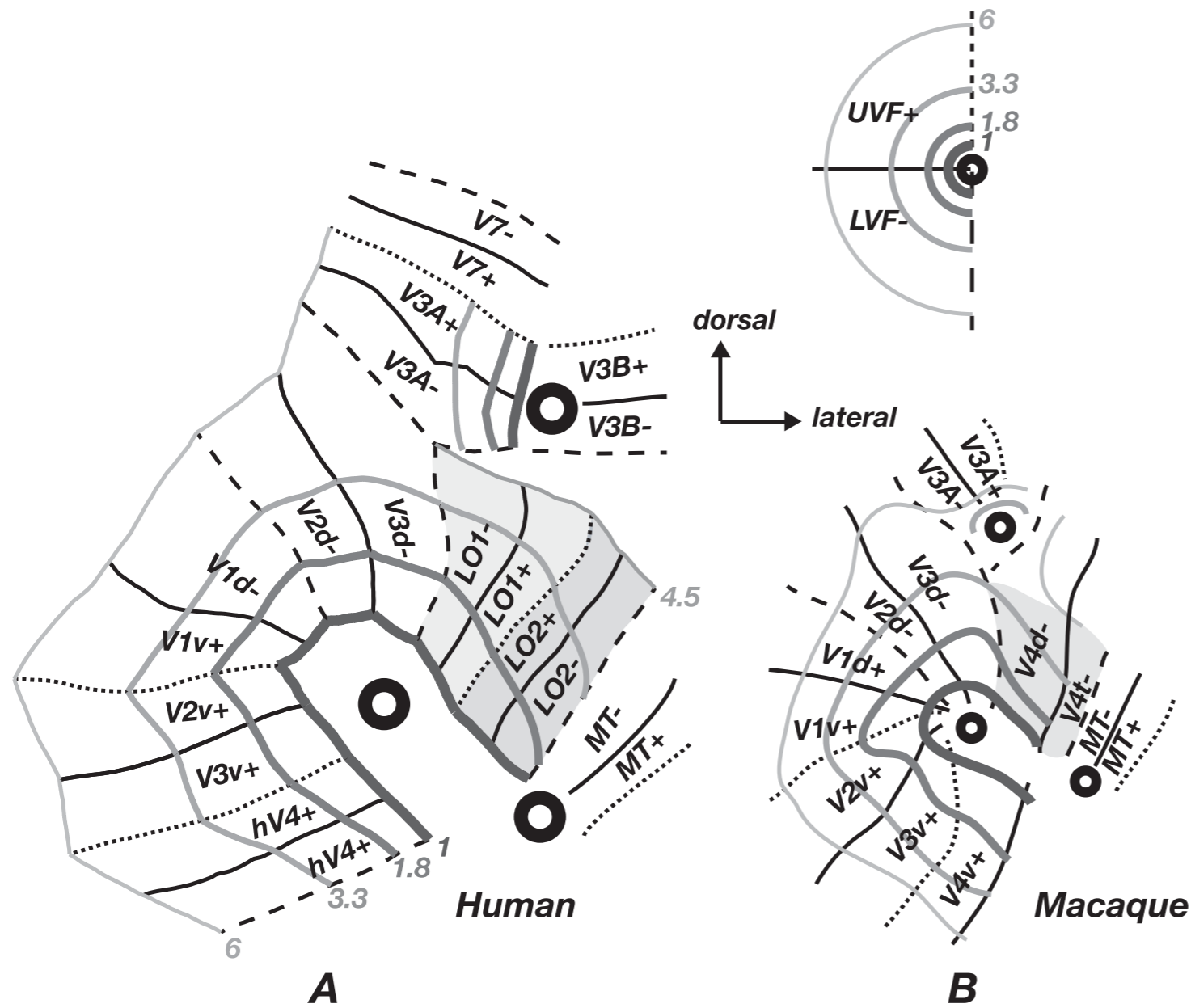


Brewer, Press, Logothetis, Wandell (2002) JN 22:10416-26

# Much similarity between monkey & human



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Some areas in the human have no topographical equivalent in the monkey (e.g. V7, LO1, LO2)

Some areas are in the same location but have very different function (e.g. V3a is very sensitive to motion only in humans)

Larsson & Heeger (2006) JN 26:13128-42

To really establish equivalencies between  
human and monkey, we need  
**FACTs!!!**

Critically, after establishing topography,  
we need to understand function!