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Brodmann's drawing. In addition, in this atlas are found only the approximate positions of
cytoarchitectonic areas and not the exact borders. We have cytoarchitectonically mapped both areas in
10 human brains and marked their borders in corresponding computerized images. Borders were defined
on the basis of quantitative cytoarchitecture and multivariate statistics. In addition to borders of areas 17
and 18, subparcellations within both areas were found. The cytoarchitectonically defined areas were 3-D
reconstructed and transferred into the stereotaxic space of the standard reference brain. Surface
rendering of the brains revealed high individual variability in size and shape of the areas and in the
relationship to the free surface and sulci. Ranges and centers of gravity of both areas were calculated in
Talairach coordinates. The positions of areas 17 and 18 in the stereotaxic space differed between the
hemispheres. Both areas reached significantly more caudal and medial positions on the left than on the
right. Probability maps were created in which the degree of overlap in each stereotaxic position was
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examined several components of the human visual system to determine how the dimensions of the optic tract, lateral geniculate nucleus (LGN), and primary visual cortex (V1) vary within the same brain. Measurements were made of the cross-sectional area of the optic tract, the volumes of the magnocellular and parvocellular layers of the LGN, and the surface area and volume of V1 in one or both cerebral hemispheres of 15 neurologically normal human brains obtained at autopsy. Consistent with previous observations, there was a two- to threefold variation in the size of each of these visual components among the individuals studied. Importantly, this variation was coordinated within the visual system of any one individual. That is, a relatively large V1 was associated with a commensurately large LGN and optic tract, whereas a relatively small V1 was associated with a commensurately smaller LGN and optic tract. This relationship among the components of the human visual system indicates that the development of its different parts is interdependent. Such coordinated variation should generate substantial differences in visual ability among humans.

[Retinotopic organization of human ventral visual cortex](#)

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AbstractNote	Functional magnetic resonance imaging studies have shown that human ventral visual cortex anterior to human visual area V4 contains two visual field maps, VO-1 and VO-2, that together form the ventral occipital (VO) cluster (Brewer et al., 2005). This cluster is characterized by common functional response properties and responds preferentially to color and object stimuli. Here, we confirm the topographic and functional characteristics of the VO cluster and describe two new visual field maps that are located anterior to VO-2 extending across the collateral sulcus into the posterior parahippocampal cortex (PHC). We refer to these visual field maps as parahippocampal areas PHC-1 and PHC-2. Each PHC map contains a topographic representation of contralateral visual space. The polar angle representation in PHC-1 extends from regions near the lower vertical meridian (that is the shared border with VO-2) to those close to the upper vertical meridian (that is the shared border with PHC-2). The polar angle representation in PHC-2 is a mirror reversal of the PHC-1 representation. PHC-1 and PHC-2 share a foveal representation and show a strong bias toward representations of peripheral eccentricities. Both the foveal and peripheral representations of PHC-1 and PHC-2 respond more strongly to scenes than to objects or faces, with greater scene preference in PHC-2 than PHC-1. Importantly, both areas heavily overlap with the functionally defined parahippocampal place area. Our results suggest that ventral visual cortex can be subdivided on the basis of topographic criteria into a greater number of discrete maps than previously thought.

href="zotero:select/items/0_ZVM5KKHF">The retinotopic organization of striate cortex is well predicted by surface topology</h2><table><tbody><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Noah C Benson</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Omar H Butt</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Ritobrato Datta</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Petya D Radoeva</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>David H Brainard</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Geoffrey K Aguirre</td></tr><tr class="volume"><th class="volume">Volume</th><td>22</td></tr><tr class="issue"><th class="issue">Issue</th><td>21</td></tr><tr class="pages"><th class="pages">Pages</th><td>2081-2085</td></tr><tr class="publicationTitle"><th class="publicationTitle">Publication</th><td>Current biology: CB</td></tr><tr class="date"><th class="date">Date</th><td>Nov 6, 2012</td></tr><tr class="DOI"><th class="DOI">DOI</th><td>10.1016/j.cub.2012.09.014</td></tr><tr class="abstractNote"><th class="abstractNote">Abstract</th><td>In 1918, Gordon Holmes combined observations of visual-field scotomas across brain-lesioned soldiers to produce a schematic map of the projection of the visual field upon the striate cortex. One limit to the precision of his result, and the mapping of anatomy to retinotopy generally, is the substantial individual variation in the size, volumetric position, and cortical magnification of area V1. When viewed within the context of the curvature of the cortical surface, however, the boundaries of striate cortex fall at a consistent location across individuals. We asked whether the surface topology of the human brain can be used to accurately predict the internal, retinotopic function of striate cortex as well. We used fMRI to measure polar angle and eccentricity in 25 participants and combined their maps within a left-right, transform-symmetric representation of the cortical surface. These data were then fit using a deterministic, algebraic model of visual-field representation. We found that an anatomical image alone can be used to predict the retinotopic organization of striate cortex for an individual with accuracy equivalent to 10-25 min of functional mapping. This indicates tight developmental linkage of structure and function within a primary, sensory cortical area.</td></tr></tbody></table><li id="item-8594" class="item journalArticle"><h2>Spatial attention improves reliability of fMRI retinotopic mapping signals in occipital and parietal cortex</h2><table><tbody><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>David W Bressler</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Michael A Silver</td></tr><tr class="url"><th class="url">URL</th><td>http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20600961</td></tr><tr class="volume"><th class="volume">Volume</th><td>53</td></tr><tr class="issue"><th class="issue">Issue</th><td>2</td></tr><tr class="pages"><th class="pages">Pages</th><td>526-533</td></tr><tr class="publicationTitle"><th class="publicationTitle">Publication</th><td>NeuroImage</td></tr><tr class="date"><th class="date">Date</th><td>Nov 1, 2010</td></tr><tr class="DOI"><th class="DOI">DOI</th><td>10.1016/j.neuroimage.2010.06.063</td></tr><tr class="abstractNote"><th class="abstractNote">Abstract</th><td>Spatial attention improves visual perception and increases the amplitude of neural responses in visual cortex. In addition, spatial attention tasks and fMRI have been used to discover topographic visual field representations in regions outside visual cortex. We therefore hypothesized that requiring subjects to attend to a retinotopic mapping stimulus would facilitate the characterization of visual field representations in a number of cortical areas. In our study, subjects attended either a central fixation point or a wedge-shaped stimulus

that rotated about the fixation point. Response reliability was assessed by computing coherence between the fMRI time series and a sinusoid with the same frequency as the rotating wedge stimulus. When subjects attended to the rotating wedge instead of ignoring it, the reliability of retinotopic mapping signals increased by approximately 50% in early visual cortical areas (V1, V2, V3, V3A/B, V4) and ventral occipital cortex (VO1) and by approximately 75% in lateral occipital (LO1, LO2) and posterior parietal (IPS0, IPS1, IPS2) cortical areas. Additionally, one 5-min run of retinotopic mapping in the attention-to-wedge condition produced responses as reliable as the average of three to five (early visual cortex) or more than five (lateral occipital, ventral occipital, and posterior parietal cortex) attention-to-fixation runs. These results demonstrate that allocating attention to the retinotopic mapping stimulus substantially reduces the amount of scanning time needed to determine the visual field representations in occipital and parietal topographic cortical areas. Attention significantly increased response reliability in every cortical area we examined and may therefore be a general mechanism for improving the fidelity of neural representations of sensory stimuli at multiple levels of the cortical processing hierarchy.

[Visual field maps and stimulus selectivity in human ventral occipital cortex](#)

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Abstract
Human visual cortex is organized into distinct visual field maps whose locations and properties provide important information about visual computations. There are two conflicting models of the organization and computational role of ventral occipital visual field maps. We report new functional MRI measurements that test these models. We also present the first coordinated measurements of visual field maps and stimulus responsivity to color, objects and faces in ventral occipital cortex. These measurements support a model that includes a hemifield map, hV4, adjacent to the central field representation of ventral V3. In addition, the measurements demonstrate a cluster of visual field maps in ventral occipital cortex (VO cluster) anterior to hV4. We describe the organization and stimulus responsivity of two new hemifield maps, VO-1 and VO-2, within this cluster. The maps and stimulus responsivity support a general organization of visual cortex based on clusters of maps that serve distinct computational functions.

[Auditory Attention Activates Peripheral Visual Cortex](#)

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[AbstractNote](#) Recent neuroimaging studies have revealed that putatively unimodal regions of visual cortex can be activated during auditory tasks in sighted as well as in blind subjects. However, the task determinants and functional significance of auditory occipital activations (AOAs) remains unclear. We examined AOAs in an intermodal selective attention task to distinguish whether they were stimulus-bound or recruited by higher-level cognitive operations associated with auditory attention. Cortical surface mapping showed that auditory occipital activations were localized to retinotopic visual cortex subserving the far peripheral visual field. AOAs depended strictly on the sustained engagement of auditory attention and were enhanced in more difficult listening conditions. In contrast, unattended sounds produced no AOAs regardless of their intensity, spatial location, or frequency. Auditory attention, but not passive exposure to sounds, routinely activated peripheral regions of visual cortex when subjects attended to sound sources outside the visual field. Functional connections between auditory cortex and visual cortex subserving the peripheral visual field appear to underlie the generation of AOAs, which may reflect the priming of visual regions to process soon-to-appear objects associated with unseen sound sources.

[Visual field representations and locations of visual areas V1/2/3 in human visual cortex](#)

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[AbstractNote](#) The position, surface area and visual field representation of human visual areas V1, V2 and V3 were measured using fMRI in 7 subjects (14 hemispheres). Cortical visual field maps of the central 12 deg were measured using rotating wedge and expanding ring stimuli. The boundaries between areas were identified using an automated procedure to fit an atlas of the expected visual field map to the data. All position and surface area measurements were made along the

boundary between white matter and gray matter. The representation of the central 2 deg of visual field in areas V1, V2, V3 and hV4 spans about 2100 mm² and is centered on the lateral-ventral aspect of the occipital lobes at Talairach coordinates -29, -78, -11 and 25, -80, -9. The mean area between the 2-deg and 12-deg eccentricities for the primary visual areas was: V1: 1470 mm²; V2: 1115 mm²; and V3: 819 mm². The sizes of areas V1, V2 and V3 varied by about a factor of 2.5 across individuals; the sizes of V1 and V2 are significantly correlated within individuals, but there is a very low correlation between V1 and V3. These in vivo measurements of normal human retinotopic visual areas can be used as a reference for comparison to unusual cases involving developmental plasticity, recovery from injury, identifying homology with animal models, or analyzing the computational resources available within the visual pathways.

[Parcellations and Hemispheric Asymmetries of Human Cerebral Cortex Analyzed on Surface-Based Atlases](#)

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We report on surface-based analyses that enhance our understanding of human cortical organization, including its convolutions and its parcellation into many distinct areas. The surface area of human neocortex averages 973 cm² per hemisphere, based on cortical midthickness surfaces of 2 cohorts of subjects. We implemented a method to register individual subjects to a hybrid version of the FreeSurfer "fsaverage" atlas whose left and right hemispheres are in precise geographic correspondence. Cortical folding patterns in the resultant population-average "fs_LR" midthickness surfaces are remarkably similar in the left and right hemispheres, even in regions showing significant asymmetry in 3D position. Both hemispheres are equal in average surface area, but hotspots of surface area asymmetry are present in the Sylvian Fissure and elsewhere, together with a broad pattern of asymmetries that are significant though small in magnitude. Multiple cortical parcellation schemes registered to the human atlas provide valuable reference data sets for comparisons with other studies. Identified cortical areas vary in size by more than 2 orders of magnitude. The total number of human neocortical areas is estimated to be ~150 to 200 areas per hemisphere, which is modestly larger than a recent estimate for the macaque.

[Cortical Folding Patterns and Predicting Cytoarchitecture](#)

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reference frame. Although there were patches of cortex in and around these visual areas that were ostensibly spatiotopic, none of these patches exhibited reliable stimulus-evoked responses. We conclude that the early, visuotopically organized visual cortical areas in the human brain (like their counterparts in the monkey brain) represent stimuli in a retinotopic reference

frame.

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- ## [Mapping Human Cortical Areas In Vivo Based on Myelin Content as Revealed by T1- and T2-Weighted MRI](zotero:select/items/0_D6RVEPIZ)

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Noninvasively mapping the layout of cortical areas in humans is a continuing challenge for neuroscience. We present a new method of mapping cortical areas based on myelin content as revealed by T1-weighted (T1w) and T2-weighted (T2w) MRI. The method is generalizable across different 3T scanners and pulse sequences. We use the ratio of T1w/T2w image intensities to eliminate the MR-related image intensity bias and enhance the contrast to noise ratio for myelin. Data from each subject were mapped to the cortical surface and aligned across individuals using surface-based registration. The spatial gradient of the group average myelin map provides an observer-independent measure of sharp transitions in myelin content across the surface—i.e., putative cortical areal borders. We found excellent agreement between the gradients of the myelin maps and the gradients of published probabilistic cytoarchitectonically defined cortical areas that were registered to the same surface-based atlas. For other cortical regions, we used published anatomical and functional information to make putative identifications of dozens of cortical areas or candidate areas. In general, primary and early unimodal association cortices are heavily myelinated and higher, multimodal, association cortices are more lightly myelinated, but there are notable exceptions in the literature that are confirmed by our results. The overall pattern in the myelin maps also has important correlations with the developmental onset of subcortical white matter myelination, evolutionary cortical areal expansion in humans compared with macaques, postnatal cortical expansion in humans, and maps of neuronal density in non-human primates.

- ## [The subparietal and parietooccipital sulci: An anatomical study](zotero:select/items/0_9T94UPXJ)

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and dorsal V4 meet in the foveal confluence shared by V1, V2, and V3. Ventral V4 and dorsal V4 represent complementary regions of the visual field, because ventral V4 represents the upper field and a subregion of the lower field, whereas dorsal V4 represents lower-field locations that are not represented by ventral V4. Finally, attentional modulation of spatial tuning is similar across dorsal and ventral V4, but attention has a smaller effect in V3d and V3v and a larger effect in a neighboring lateral occipital region.

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Abstract: The value of sulcal landmarks for predicting functional areas was quantitatively examined. Medial occipital sulci were identified using anatomical magnetic resonance images to create individual cortical-surface models. Functional visual areas were identified using retinotopically organized visual stimuli, and positron emission tomography subtraction imaging with intra-subject averaging. Functional areas were assigned labels by placement along the cortical surface from V1. Structure-function spatial covariances between sulci and functional areas, and spatial covariances among functional areas, were determined by projecting sulcal landmarks and functional areas into a standardized stereotaxic space and computing the 'r' statistics. A functional area was considered to spatially covary with a sulcus or another functional area if their geometric centers correlated significantly ($P < 0.05$) in two or more axes. Statistically significant spatial covariances were found for some, but not all comparisons. The finding of significant spatial covariances within a standardized stereotaxic space indicates that nine-parameter spatial normalization does not account for all the predictive value of structural or functional locations, and may be improved upon by using selected sulcal and functional landmarks. The present findings quantify for the first time the strength of structure-function spatial covariance and comment directly on developmental theories addressing the etiology of structure-function correspondence.

[Retinotopic maps, spatial tuning, and locations of human visual areas in surface coordinates characterized with multifocal and blocked fMRI designs](#)
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href="http://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0036859">10.1371/journal.pone.0036859</td></tr><tr class="abstractNote"><th class="abstractNote">Abstract</th><td>The localization of visual areas in the human cortex is typically based on mapping the retinotopic organization with functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI). The most common approach is to encode the response phase for a slowly moving visual stimulus and to present the result on an individual's reconstructed cortical surface. The main aims of this study were to develop complementary general linear model (GLM)-based retinotopic mapping methods and to characterize the inter-individual variability of the visual area positions on the cortical surface. We studied 15 subjects with two methods: a 24-region multifocal checkerboard stimulus and a blocked presentation of object stimuli at different visual field locations. The retinotopic maps were based on weighted averaging of the GLM parameter estimates for the stimulus regions. In addition to localizing visual areas, both methods could be used to localize multiple retinotopic regions-of-interest. The two methods yielded consistent retinotopic maps in the visual areas V1, V2, V3, hV4, and V3AB. In the higher-level areas IPS0, VO1, LO1, LO2, TO1, and TO2, retinotopy could only be mapped with the blocked stimulus presentation. The gradual widening of spatial tuning and an increase in the responses to stimuli in the ipsilateral visual field along the hierarchy of visual areas likely reflected the increase in the average receptive field size. Finally, after registration to Freesurfer's surface-based atlas of the human cerebral cortex, we calculated the mean and variability of the visual area positions in the spherical surface-based coordinate system and generated probability maps of the visual areas on the average cortical surface. The inter-individual variability in the area locations decreased when the midpoints were calculated along the spherical cortical surface compared with volumetric coordinates. These results can facilitate both analysis of individual functional anatomy and comparisons of visual cortex topology across studies.</td></tr></tbody></table><li id="item-2966" class="item journalArticle"><h2>Accurate prediction of V1 location from cortical folds in a surface coordinate system</h2><table><tbody><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Oliver P Hinds</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Niranjini Rajendran</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Jonathan R Polimeni</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Jean C Augustinack</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Graham Wiggins</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Lawrence L Wald</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>H Diana Rosas</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Andreas Potthast</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Eric L Schwartz</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Bruce Fischl</td></tr><tr class="volume"><th class="volume">Volume</th><td>39</td></tr><tr class="issue"><th class="issue">Issue</th><td>4</td></tr><tr class="pages"><th class="pages">Pages</th><td>1585-1599</td></tr><tr class="publicationTitle"><th class="publicationTitle">Publication</th><td>NeuroImage</td></tr><tr class="date"><th class="date">Date</th><td>Feb 15, 2008</td></tr><tr class="DOI"><th class="DOI">DOI</th><td>10.1016/j.neuroimage.2007.10.033</td></tr><tr class="abstractNote"><th class="abstractNote">Abstract</th><td>Previous studies demonstrated substantial variability of the location of primary visual cortex (V1) in stereotaxic coordinates when linear volume-based registration is used to match volumetric image intensities [Amunts, K., Malikovic, A., Mohlberg, H., Schormann, T., and Zilles, K. (2000). Brodmann's areas 17 and 18 brought into stereotaxic space-where and how variable? *Neuroimage*, 11(1):66-84]. However, other qualitative reports of V1 location [Smith, G. (1904). *The morphology of the occipital region of the cerebral hemisphere in man and the apes*. *Anatomischer Anzeiger*, 24:436-451; Stensaas, S.S., Eddington, D.K.,

and Dobelle, W.H. (1974). *The topography and variability of the primary visual cortex in man*. *J Neurosurg*, 40(6):747-755; Rademacher, J., Caviness, V.S., Steinmetz, H., and Galaburda, A.M. (1993). *Topographical variation of the human primary cortices: implications for neuroimaging, brain mapping, and neurobiology*. *Cereb Cortex*, 3(4):313-329] suggested a consistent relationship between V1 and the surrounding cortical folds. Here, the relationship between folds and the location of V1 is quantified using surface-based analysis to generate a probabilistic atlas of human V1. High-resolution (about 200 microm) magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) at 7 T of ex vivo human cerebral hemispheres allowed identification of the full area via the stria of Gennari: a myeloarchitectonic feature specific to V1. Separate, whole-brain scans were acquired using MRI at 1.5 T to allow segmentation and mesh reconstruction of the cortical gray matter. For each individual, V1 was manually identified in the high-resolution volume and projected onto the cortical surface. Surface-based intersubject registration [Fischl, B., Sereno, M.I., Tootell, R.B., and Dale, A.M. (1999b). *High-resolution intersubject averaging and a coordinate system for the cortical surface*. *Hum Brain Mapp*, 8(4):272-84] was performed to align the primary cortical folds of individual hemispheres to those of a reference template representing the average folding pattern. An atlas of V1 location was constructed by computing the probability of V1 inclusion for each cortical location in the template space. This probabilistic atlas of V1 exhibits low prediction error compared to previous V1 probabilistic atlases built in volumetric coordinates. The increased predictability observed under surface-based registration suggests that the location of V1 is more accurately predicted by the cortical folds than by the shape of the brain embedded in the volume of the skull. In addition, the high quality of this atlas provides direct evidence that surface-based intersubject registration methods are superior to volume-based methods at superimposing functional areas of cortex and therefore are better suited to support multisubject averaging for functional imaging experiments targeting the cerebral cortex.

Locating the functional and anatomical boundaries of human primary visual cortex

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Abstract	The primary visual cortex (V1) can be delineated both functionally by its topographic map of the visual field and anatomically by its

distinct pattern of laminar myelination. Although it is commonly assumed that the specialized anatomy V1 exhibits corresponds in location with functionally defined V1, demonstrating this in human has not been possible thus far due to the difficulty of determining the location of V1 both functionally and anatomically in the same individual. In this study we use MRI to measure the anatomical and functional V1 boundaries in the same individual and demonstrate close agreement between them. Functional V1 location was measured by parcellating occipital cortex of 10 living humans into visual cortical areas based on the topographic map of the visual field measured using functional MRI. Anatomical V1 location was estimated for these same subjects using a surface-based probabilistic atlas derived from high-resolution structural MRI of the stria of Gennari in 10 intact ex vivo human hemispheres. To ensure that the atlas prediction was correct, it was validated against V1 location measured using an observer-independent cortical parcellation based on the laminar pattern of cell density in serial brain sections from 10 separate individuals. The close agreement between the independent anatomically and functionally derived V1 boundaries indicates that the whole extent of V1 can be accurately predicted based on cortical surface reconstructions computed from structural MRI scans, eliminating the need for functional localizers of V1. In addition, that the primary cortical folds predict the location of functional V1 suggests that the mechanism giving rise to V1 location is tied to the development of the cortical folds.

[Two temporal channels in human V1 identified using fMRI](#)

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Abstract

Human visual sensitivity to a fairly broad class of dynamic stimuli can be modeled accurately using two temporal channels. Here, we analyze fMRI measurements of the temporal step response to spatially uniform stimuli to estimate these channels in human primary visual cortex (V1). In agreement with the psychophysical literature, the V1 fMRI temporal responses are modeled accurately as a mixture of two (transient and sustained) channels. We derive estimates of the relative contributions from these two channels at a range of eccentricities. We find that all portions of V1 contain a significant transient response. The central visual field representation includes a significant sustained response, but the amplitude of the sustained channel signal declines with eccentricity. The sustained signals may reflect the emphasis on pattern recognition and color in the central visual field; the dominant transient response in the visual periphery may reflect responses in the human visual attention system.

[Occipital sulci of the human brain: variability and probability maps](#)

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Diffusion properties of cortical and pericortical tissue: regional variations, reliability and methodological issues

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Abstract

Characterizing the diffusion properties of cortical tissue is complicated by intersubject variability in the relative locations of gyri and sulci. Here we extend methods of measuring the average diffusion properties of gyral and sulcal structures after they have been aligned to a common template of cortical surface anatomy. Diffusion tensor image (DTI) data were gathered from 82 young subjects and co-registered with high-resolution T1 images that had been inflated and co-registered to a hemispherically unified spherical coordinate system based on FreeSurfer. We analyzed fractional anisotropy (FA), mean diffusivity (MD) and the novel quantity of cortical primary diffusion direction (cPDD) at five surfaces parallel to the white/gray junction, spanning approximately 5 mm from the pial surface into white matter. FA increased with increasing depth, whereas MD and cPDD were reduced. There were highly significant and reliable regional differences in FA, MD and cPDD as well as systematic differences between cortical lobes and between the two hemispheres. The influence of nearby cortical spinal fluid (CSF), local cortical curvature and thickness, and sulcal depth was also investigated. We found that FA correlated significantly with cortical curvature and sulcal depth, while MD was strongly influenced by nearby CSF. The measurement of FA, MD and cPDD near the cortical surface clarifies the organization of fiber projections to and from the cortex.

A Two-Stage Cascade Model of BOLD Responses in Human Visual Cortex

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Abstract

Author Summary Much has been

learned about how stimuli are represented in the visual system from measuring responses to carefully designed stimuli. Typically, different studies focus on different types of stimuli. Making sense of the large array of findings requires integrated models that explain responses to a wide range of stimuli. In this study, we measure functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) responses in early visual cortex to a wide range of band-pass filtered images, and construct a computational model that takes the stimuli as input and predicts the fMRI responses as output. The model has a cascade architecture, consisting of two stages of linear and nonlinear operations. A novel component of the model is a nonlinear operation that generates selectivity for second-order contrast, that is, variations in contrast-energy across the visual field. We find that this nonlinearity is stronger in extrastriate areas V2 and V3 than in primary visual cortex V1. Our results provide insight into how stimuli are encoded and transformed in the visual system.

Two Retinotopic Visual Areas in Human Lateral Occipital Cortex

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Abstract
We describe two visual field maps, lateral occipital areas 1 (LO1) and 2 (LO2), in the human lateral occipital cortex between the dorsal part of visual area V3 and visual area V5/MT+. Each map contained a topographic representation of the contralateral visual hemifield. The eccentricity representations were shared with V1/V2/V3. The polar angle representation in LO1 extended from the lower vertical meridian (at the boundary with dorsal V3) through the horizontal to the upper vertical meridian (at the boundary with LO2). The polar angle representation in LO2 was the mirror-reversal of that in LO1. LO1 and LO2 overlapped with the posterior part of the object-selective lateral occipital complex and the kinetic occipital region (KO). The retinotopy and functional properties of LO1 and LO2 suggest that they correspond to two new human visual areas, which lack exact homologues in macaque visual cortex. The topography, stimulus selectivity, and anatomical location of LO1 and LO2 indicate that they integrate shape information from multiple visual submodalities in retinotopic coordinates.

Occipital sulci of the human brain: variability and morphometry

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BOLD signal amplitude, was larger for the flashed than to the reversing checkerboard. An assessment of the local deoxyhemoglobin (HbR) concentration indicated that the neuronal activity was lower during the flashed checkerboard than the reversing checkerboard. Because the checkerboard associated with the lower neuronal activity yielded the larger number of activated voxels and the larger BOLD signal, our results run contrary to the predictions of the 'Linear Transfer Model' and for this reason we refer to them as paradoxical. Stimuli defined by luminance contrast or a chromatic contrast yielded identical results. We conclude that the 'LTM' may apply to stimuli that modulate the electrical discharge activity but not to stimuli that modulate the size of the activated neuronal population.

[Retinotopic mapping with spin echo BOLD at 7T](#)
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For blood oxygenation level-dependent (BOLD) functional MRI experiments, contrast-to-noise ratio (CNR) increases with increasing field strength for both gradient echo (GE) and spin echo (SE) BOLD techniques. However, susceptibility artifacts and nonuniform coil sensitivity profiles complicate large field-of-view fMRI experiments (e.g., experiments covering multiple visual areas instead of focusing on a single cortical region). Here, we use SE BOLD to acquire retinotopic mapping data in early visual areas, testing the feasibility of SE BOLD experiments spanning multiple cortical areas at 7T. We also use a recently developed method for normalizing signal intensity in T(1)-weighted anatomical images to enable automated segmentation of the cortical gray matter for scans acquired at 7T with either surface or volume coils. We find that the CNR of the 7T GE data (average single-voxel, single-scan stimulus coherence: 0.41) is almost twice that of the 3T GE BOLD data (average coherence: 0.25), with the CNR of the SE BOLD data (average coherence: 0.23) comparable to that of the 3T GE data. Repeated measurements in individual subjects find that maps acquired with 1.8-mm resolution at 3T and 7T with GE BOLD and at 7T with SE BOLD show no systematic differences in either the area or the boundary locations for V1, V2 and V3, demonstrating the feasibility of high-resolution SE BOLD experiments with good sensitivity throughout multiple visual areas.

[Quantitative multifocal fMRI shows active suppression in human V1](#)
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 resonance imaging has recently been introduced as an alternative method for retinotopic mapping, and it
 enables effective functional localization of multiple regions-of-interest in the visual cortex. In this study
 we characterized interactions in V1 with spatially and temporally identical stimuli presented alone, or as
 a part of a nine-region multifocal stimulus. We compared stimuli at different contrasts, collinear and
 orthogonal orientations and spatial frequencies one octave apart. Results show clear attenuation of BOLD
 signal from the central region in the multifocal condition. The observed modulation in BOLD signal could
 be produced either by neural suppression resulting from stimulation of adjacent regions of visual field, or
 alternatively by hemodynamic saturation or stealing effects in V1. However, we find that attenuation of
 the central response persists through a range of contrasts, and that its strength varies with relative
 orientation and spatial frequency of the central and surrounding stimulus regions, indicating active
 suppression mechanisms of neural origin. Our results also demonstrate that the extent of the signal
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 V6A is a visuomotor area located in the anterior bank of the POs, dorsal and anterior to retinotopically-
 organized extrastriate area V6 (Galletti et al., 1996). Unlike V6, V6A represents both contra- and
 ipsilateral visual fields and is broadly retinotopically organized (Galletti et al., 1999b). The contralateral
 lower visual field is over-represented in V6A. The central 20°-30° of the visual field is mainly represented
 dorsally (V6Ad) and the periphery ventrally (V6Av), at the border with V6. Both sectors of area V6A
 contain arm movement-related cells, active during spatially-directed reaching movements (Gamberini et
 al., 2011). In humans, we previously mapped the retinotopic organization of area V6 (Pitzalis et al.,
 2006). Here, using phase-encoded fMRI, cortical surface-based analysis and wide-field retinotopic
 mapping, we define a new cortical region that borders V6 anteriorly and shows a clear over-
 representation of the contralateral lower visual field and the periphery. As with macaque V6A, the
 eccentricity increases moving ventrally within the area. The new region contains a non-mirror-image

representation of the visual field. Functional mapping reveals that, as in macaque V6A, the new region, but not the nearby area V6, responds during finger pointing and reaching movements. Based on similarity in position, retinotopic properties, functional organization and relationship with the neighboring extrastriate visual areas, we propose that the new cortical region is the human homologue of macaque area V6A.

Visual areas and spatial summation in human visual cortex

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Abstract	Functional MRI measurements can securely partition the human posterior occipital lobe into retinotopically organized visual areas (V1, V2 and V3) with experiments that last only 30 min. Methods for identifying functional areas in the dorsal and ventral aspect of the human occipital cortex, however, have not achieved this level of precision; in fact, different laboratories have produced inconsistent reports concerning the visual areas in dorsal and ventral occipital lobe. We report four findings concerning the visual representation in dorsal regions of occipital cortex. First, cortex near area V3A contains a central field representation that is distinct from the foveal representation at the confluence of areas V1, V2 and V3. Second, adjacent to V3A there is a second visual area, V3B, which represents both the upper and lower quadrants. The central representation in V3B appears to merge with that of V3A, much as the central representations of V1/2/3 come together on the lateral margin of the posterior pole. Third, there is yet another dorsal representation of the central visual field. This representation falls in area V7, which includes a representation of both the upper and lower quadrants of the visual field. Fourth, based on visual field and spatial summation measurements, it appears that the receptive field properties of neurons in area V7 differ from those in areas V3A and V3B.

Topographical variation of the human primary cortices: implications for neuroimaging, brain mapping, and neurobiology

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Abstract	The relationships of the "primary" cytoarchitectonic neocortical fields, 17, 41, 3b, and 4 (Brodmann areas), to salient topographic landmarks have been reconstructed from serial histological sections in 20 human cerebral hemispheres (10 brains). Each of

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Correspondence of human visual areas identified using functional and anatomical MRI in vivo at 7 T

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Abstract
Purpose: To study the correspondence of anatomically and functionally defined visual areas (primary visual cortex, V1, and motion selective area V5/human MT+) by using structural magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and functional MRI (fMRI) in vivo at 7 T. Materials and Methods: Four subjects participated in this study. High-resolution (≈ 0.4 mm isotropic) anatomical MRI was used to identify cortical regions based on their distinct cortical lamination. The optimal contrast for identifying heavily myelinated layers within gray matter was quantitatively assessed by comparing T1-weighted magnetization-prepared rapid gradient echo (MPRAGE) and T2*-weighted, 3D fast-low angle shot (FLASH) imaging. Retinotopic mapping was performed using GE-based fMRI at 1.5 mm isotropic resolution to identify functional areas. Results: T2*-weighted FLASH imaging was found to provide a significantly higher contrast-to-noise ratio, allowing visualization of the stria of Gennari in every slice of a volume covering the occipital cortex in each of the four subjects in this study. The independently derived boundary of V1, identified in the same subjects using retinotopic mapping by fMRI, closely matched the border of anatomically defined striate cortex in the human brain. Evidence of banding was also found within the functionally defined V5 area; however, we did not find a good correlation of this area, or the functionally identified subregion (MT), with the banded area. Conclusion: High-resolution T2*-weighted images acquired at 7 T can be used to identify myelinated bands within cortical gray matter in reasonable measurement times. Regions where a myelinated band was identified show a high degree of overlap with the functionally defined V1 area. *J. Magn. Reson. Imaging* 2012;287-299. © 2011 Wiley Periodicals, Inc.

Retinotopy and Attention in Human Occipital, Temporal, Parietal, and Frontal Cortex

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previous human fMRI reports. Because striking differences were found between the retinotopy and functional properties of the human homologues of 'V4v' and 'V4d', it is unlikely that these two cortical regions are subdivisions of a singular human area 'V4'.

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Functional anatomy of macaque striate cortex. II. Retinotopic organization

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Abstract	Macaque monkeys were shown retinotopically-specific visual stimuli during 14C-2-deoxy-d-glucose (DG) infusion in a study of the retinotopic organization of primary visual cortex (V1). In the central half of V1, the cortical magnification was found to be greater along the vertical than along the horizontal meridian, and overall magnification factors appeared to be scaled proportionate to brain size across different species. The cortical magnification factor (CMF) was found to reach a maximum of about 15 mm/deg at the representation of the fovea, at a point of acute curvature in the V1-V2 border. We find neither a duplication nor an overrepresentation of the vertical meridian. The magnification factor did not appear to be doubled in a direction perpendicular to the ocular dominance strips; it may not be increased at all. The DG borders in parvocortical layer 4Cb were found to be as sharp as 140 micron (half-amplitude, half width), corresponding to a visual angle of less than 2' of arc at the eccentricity measured. In other layers (including magnocortical layer 4Ca), the retinotopic borders are broader. The retinotopic spread of activity is greater when produced by a low-spatial-frequency grating than when produced by a high-spatial-frequency grating. Orientation-specific stimuli produced a pattern of activation that spread further than 1 mm across cortex in some layers. Some DG evidence suggests that the spread of functional activity is greater near the foveal representation than near 5 degrees eccentricity.

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Extended Concepts of Occipital Retinotopy

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Abstract	Retinotopic mapping is a key property of organization of occipital cortex, predominantly on the medial surface but increasingly being

identified in lateral and ventral regions. The retinotopic organization of early visual areas V1-3 is well established, although anatomical landmarks can help to resolve ambiguities in poorly-defined functional maps. New morphing techniques are now available to define the metric mappings quantitatively within each retinotopic area. In the dorsal occipital regions, there is fair agreement that area V3A should be split into separate V3A and V3B maps, and that beyond them lies a further area, V7. We specify the eccentricity mapping of both V3B and V7 for the first time, showing how the latter is roughly parallel to the meridional mapping and offering formal accounts of such paradoxical behavior. In ventral occipital cortex, we support the analysis of Zeki and Bartels [1] and Wade et al. [2] that V4 maps the full hemifield, and show the existence of two more areas, a ventromedial map of the lower quadrant, emphasizing the upper vertical meridian, and an adjacent area with a dominant foveal representation. In lateral cortex, the motion area defined by a motion localizer shows pronounced retinotopy, particularly in the eccentricity parameter. A dorsolateral map between the motion area and V3B, which represents the lower quadrant with an emphasis the foveal part of the lower vertical meridian, may be a counterpart to the ventromedial map.

[Consequences of large interindividual variability for human brain atlases: converging macroscopical imaging and microscopical neuroanatomy](#)

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In human brain imaging studies, it is common practice to use the Talairach stereotaxic reference system for signifying the convergence of brain function and structure. In nearly all neuroimaging reports, the studied cortical areas are specified further with a Brodmann Area (BA) number. This specification is based upon macroscopic extrapolation from Brodmann's projection maps into the Talairach atlas rather than upon a real microscopic cytoarchitectonic study. In this review we argue that such a specification of Brodmann area(s) via the Talairach atlas is not appropriate. Cytoarchitectonic studies reviewed in this paper show large interindividual differences in 3-D location of primary sensory cortical areas (visual cortex) as well as heteromodal associational areas (prefrontal cortical areas), even after correction for differences in brain size and shape. Thus, the simple use of Brodmann cortical areas derived from the Talairach atlas can lead to erroneous results in the specification of pertinent BA. This in turn can further lead to wrong hypotheses on brain system(s) involved in normal functions or in specific brain disorders. In addition, we will briefly discuss the different 'Brodmann' nomenclatures which are in use for the cerebral cortex.

[Functional measurements of human ventral occipital cortex: retinotopy and colour](#)

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A quarter-century ago visual neuroscientists had little information about the number and organization of retinotopic maps in human visual cortex. The advent of functional magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), a non-invasive, spatially-resolved technique for measuring brain activity, provided a wealth of data about human retinotopic maps. Just as there are differences amongst non-human primate maps, the human maps have their own unique properties. Many human maps can be measured reliably in individual subjects during experimental sessions lasting less than an hour. The efficiency of the measurements and the relatively large amplitude of functional MRI signals in visual cortex make it possible to develop*

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journalArticle"><h2>Where Is Human V4? Predicting the Location of hV4 and VO1 from Cortical Folding</h2><table><tbody><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Nathan Witthoft</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Mai Lin Nguyen</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Golijeh Golarai</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Karen F Larocque</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Alina Liberman</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Mary E Smith</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Kalanit Grill-Spector</td></tr><tr class="publicationTitle"><th class="publicationTitle">Publication</th><td>Cerebral cortex (New York, N.Y.: 1991)</td></tr><tr class="date"><th class="date">Date</th><td>Apr 16, 2013</td></tr><tr class="DOI"><th class="DOI">DOI</th><td>10.1093/cercor/bht092</td></tr><tr class="abstractNote"><th class="abstractNote">Abstract</th><td>A strong relationship between cortical folding and the location of primary sensory areas in the human brain is well established. However, it is unknown if coupling between functional responses and gross anatomy is found at higher stages of sensory processing. We examined the relationship between cortical folding and the location of the retinotopic maps hV4 and VO1, which are intermediate stages in the human ventral visual processing stream. Our data show a consistent arrangement of the eccentricity maps within hV4 and VO1 with respect to anatomy, with the consequence that the hV4/VO1 boundary is found consistently in the posterior transverse collateral sulcus (ptCoS) despite individual variability in map size and cortical folding. Understanding this relationship allowed us to predict the location of visual areas hV4 and VO1 in a separate set of individuals, using only their anatomies, with >85% accuracy. These findings have important implications for understanding the relation between cortical folding and functional maps as well as for defining visual areas from anatomical landmarks alone.</td></tr></tbody></table><li id="item-3013" class="item journalArticle"><h2>Linking retinotopic fMRI mapping and anatomical probability maps of human occipital areas V1 and V2</h2><table><tbody><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>A.M. Wohlschläger</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>K. Specht</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>C. Lie</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>H. Mohlberg</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>A. Wohlschläger</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>K. Bente</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>U. Pietrzyk</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>T. Stöcker</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>K. Zilles</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>K. Amunts</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>G.R. Fink</td></tr><tr class="url"><th class="url">URL</th><td>http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1053811905000522</td></tr><tr class="volume"><th class="volume">Volume</th><td>26</td></tr><tr class="issue"><th class="issue">Issue</th><td>1</td></tr><tr class="pages"><th class="pages">Pages</th><td>73-82</td></tr><tr class="publicationTitle"><th class="publicationTitle">Publication</th><td>NeuroImage</td></tr><tr class="date"><th class="date">Date</th><td>May 15, 2005</td></tr><tr class="DOI"><th class="DOI">DOI</th><td>10.1006/nimg.2005.0252</td></tr></tbody></table></div></div>

class="DOI">DOI</th><td>10.1016/j.neuroimage.2005.01.021</td></tr><tr class="abstractNote"><th class="abstractNote">Abstract</th><td>Using functional MRI, we characterized field sign maps of the occipital cortex and created three-dimensional maps of these areas. By averaging the individual maps into group maps, probability maps of functionally defined V1 or V2 were determined and compared to anatomical probability maps of Brodmann areas BA17 and BA18 derived from cytoarchitectonic analysis (Amunts, K., Malikovic, A., Mohlberg, H., Schormann, T., Zilles, K., 2000. Brodmann's areas 17 and 18 brought into stereotaxic space—where and how variable? *NeuroImage* 11, 66–84). Comparison of areas BA17/V1 and BA18/V2 revealed good agreement of the anatomical and functional probability maps. Taking into account that our functional stimulation (due to constraints of the visual angle of stimulation achievable in the MR scanner) only identified parts of V1 and V2, for statistical evaluation of the spatial correlation of V1 and BA17, or V2 and BA18, respectively, the a priori measure κ was calculated testing the hypothesis that a region can only be part of functionally defined V1 or V2 if it is also in anatomically defined BA17 or BA18, respectively. $\kappa = 1$ means the hypothesis is fully true, $\kappa = 0$ means functionally and anatomically defined visual areas are independent. When applying this measure to the probability maps, κ was equal to 0.84 for both V1/BA17 and V2/BA18. The data thus show a good correspondence of functionally and anatomically derived segregations of early visual processing areas and serve as a basis for employing anatomical probability maps of V1 and V2 in group analyses to characterize functional activations of early visual processing areas.</td></tr></tbody></table><li id="item-25485" class="item journalArticle"><h2>Functional and anatomical properties of human visual cortical fields</h2><table><tbody><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Shouyu Zhang</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Anthony D. Cate</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Timothy J. Herron</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Xiaojian Kang</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>E. William Yund</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>Shanglian Bao</td></tr><tr class="creator author"><th class="author">Author</th><td>David L. Woods</td></tr><tr class="volume"><th class="volume">Volume</th><td>109</td></tr><tr class="issue"><th class="issue">Issue</th><td>Pt A</td></tr><tr class="pages"><th class="pages">Pages</th><td>107-121</td></tr><tr class="publicationTitle"><th class="publicationTitle">Publication</th><td>Vision Research</td></tr><tr class="date"><th class="date">Date</th><td>Apr 2015</td></tr><tr class="DOI"><th class="DOI">DOI</th><td>10.1016/j.visres.2015.01.015</td></tr><tr class="abstractNote"><th class="abstractNote">Abstract</th><td>Human visual cortical fields (VCFs) vary in size and anatomical location across individual subjects. Here, we used functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) with retinotopic stimulation to identify VCFs on the cortical surface. We found that aligning and averaging VCF activations across the two hemispheres provided clear delineation of multiple retinotopic fields in visual cortex. The results show that VCFs have consistent locations and extents in different subjects that provide stable and accurate landmarks for functional and anatomical mapping. Interhemispheric comparisons revealed minor differences in polar angle and eccentricity tuning in comparable VCFs in the left and right hemisphere, and somewhat greater intersubject variability in the right than left hemisphere. We then used the functional boundaries to characterize the anatomical properties of VCFs, including fractional anisotropy (FA), magnetization transfer ratio (MTR) and the ratio of T1W and T2W images and found significant anatomical differences between VCFs and between hemispheres.</td></tr></tbody></table></body></html> </html>

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