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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
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properties of cortical tissue is complicated by intersubject variability in the relative locations of gyri and
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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
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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
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We employed a flashed and reversing stimulus paradigm where the latter stimulated twice the number of
receptive fields and with it doubled the neuronal metabolic load (CMRO2) compared to the former
stimulus. The blood flow increase to these stimuli was identical, so that differences in the BOLD response
are due to differences in the oxygen extraction fraction. By comparing the BOLD response in human
striate cortex (V1) and its neighbor, extra-striate area V2 to the two stimuli, we were able to determine
the influence of the higher vascular density of striate cortex on the BOLD response. In striate cortex, the
extent of activation, as measured by the number of activated voxels, was larger for the flashed than for
the reversing stimulus. In extra-striate area V2, no such difference in the extent of activation was noted.
Gauging the local concentration of HbR using deltaR2*, we found it to be significantly lower for the
flashed than for the reversing checkerboard. We estimated the HbR concentration in extra-striate area
V2 to be double that of striate cortex independent of the stimulus presented. A frequency distribution of
the deltaR2* values for the flashed and reversing checkerboard revealed a shift consistent with an
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dependent (BOLD) functional MRI experiments, contrast-to-noise ratio (CNR) increases with increasing
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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
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myelination, R1 decreased from deeper to superficial layers. R1 decreased passing from V1 and MT, to
immediately surrounding areas, then to the angular gyrus. High R1 was correlated across the cortex with
convex local curvature so the data was first "de-curved". By overlaying R1 and retinotopic maps, we
found that many visual area borders were associated with significant R1 increases including V1, V3A, MT,
V6, V6A, V8/VO1, FST, and VIP. Surprisingly, retinotopic MT occupied only the posterior portion of an oval-
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AbstractRecent studies have
demonstrated that multivariate machine learning algorithms applied to human functional MRI data can
decode information segregated in cortical columns, despite the voxel size being large relative to the
width of columns. The mechanism by which low spatial resolution imaging decodes information
represented in a fine-scale organization is not clear. To investigate mechanisms underlying decoding
signals we employed high-resolution gradient-echo BOLD functional MRI of visual area V1. We show that
in addition to the fine-scale ocular dominance columns, coarse-scale structures extending over several
millimeters also convey discriminative power for decoding the stimulated eye. Discriminative power is
conveyed by both macroscopic blood vessels and gray matter regions. We hypothesize that gray-matter
regions which drain into specific vessels may preferentially contain ocular-dominance columns biased
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polar angle in the visual field. Generally, phase estimations are assigned to a surface model of the cerebral cortex and borders between retinotopic areas are eventually determined following ad hoc phase analysis on the surface model. Assigning functional responses to a surface model of the cortex is particularly sensitive to geometric distortions of the 3D functional data due to static field inhomogeneity. Here, we assess and document the benefits gained from correcting the fMRI data for these effects, under standard experimental conditions (echo-planar imaging, 3.0-T field strength) and with well-chosen acquisition parameters (regarding slice orientation and phase-encoding direction). While it appears that, in the absence of correction, errors in the estimates of the borders between low-order visual areas do not then significantly exceed the variance of statistical origin, about half of the functional responses in a retinotopic experiment are misassigned to neighboring functional areas. Therefore, correction of the effects due to geometric distortions is important in any retinotopic mapping experiment and by extension in any fMRI experiment on the visual system.

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