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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
important correlations with the developmental onset of subcortical white matter myelination,
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*cortex V1. Our results provide insight into how stimuli are encoded and transformed in the visual system.*

**How much luxury is there in 'luxury perfusion'? An analysis of the BOLD response in the visual areas V1 and V2**

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**Abstract**

We re-analyzed the functional magnetic resonance imaging data from a study involving awake, adult, human volunteers in order to examine the influence of vascular density on the blood oxygenation level-dependent (BOLD) response. 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 (CMRO<sub>2</sub>) 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 deltaR<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>, 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 deltaR<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup> values for the flashed and reversing checkerboard revealed a shift consistent with an increase in the HbR concentration between areas V1 and V2. The metabolically most demanding stimulus, the reversing checkerboard was associated with the highest HbR concentration and with the largest number of voxels with a negative BOLD response.

**Retinotopic mapping with spin echo BOLD at 7T**

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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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