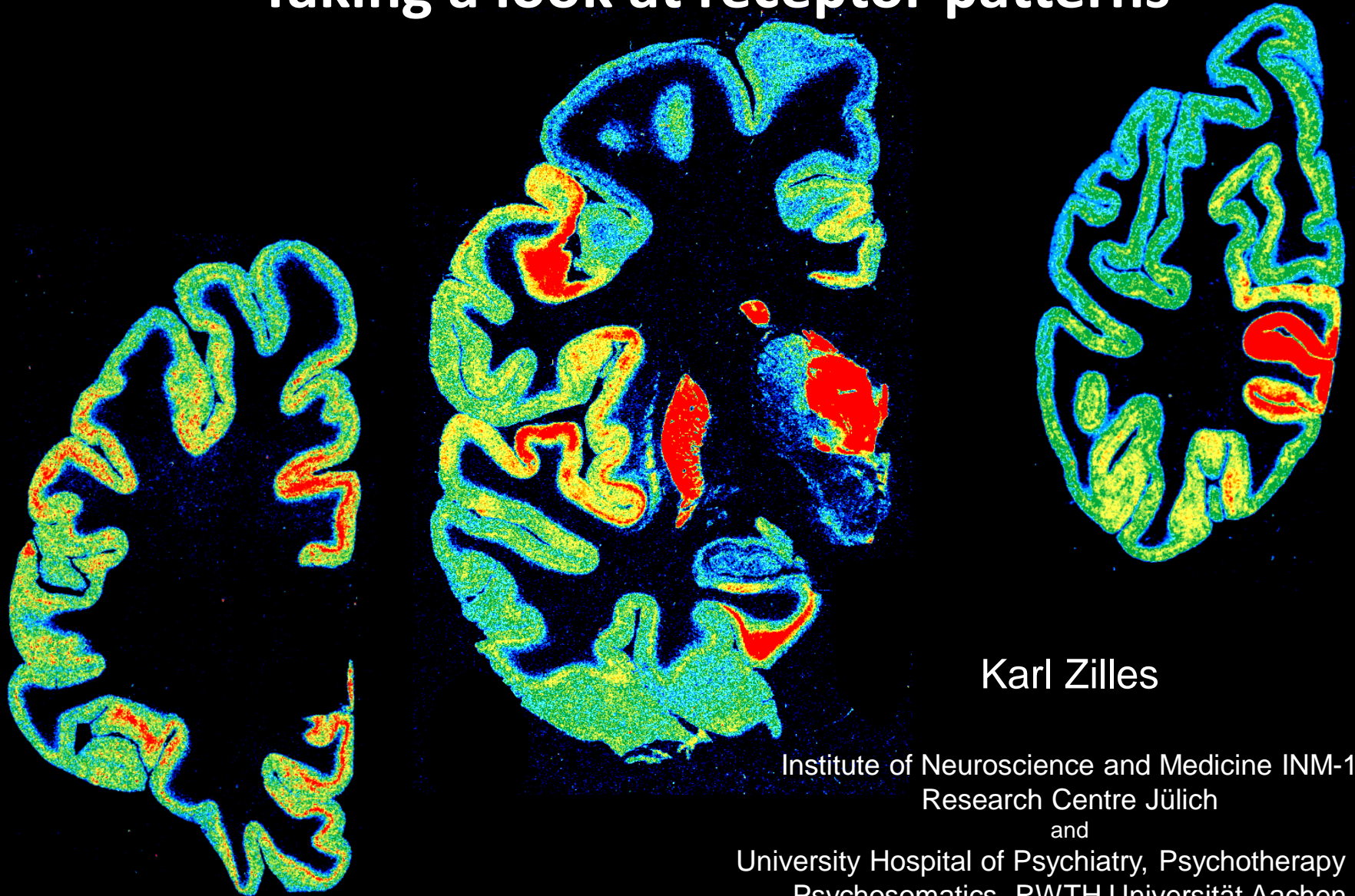


# Anatomy in the resting state? Taking a look at receptor patterns



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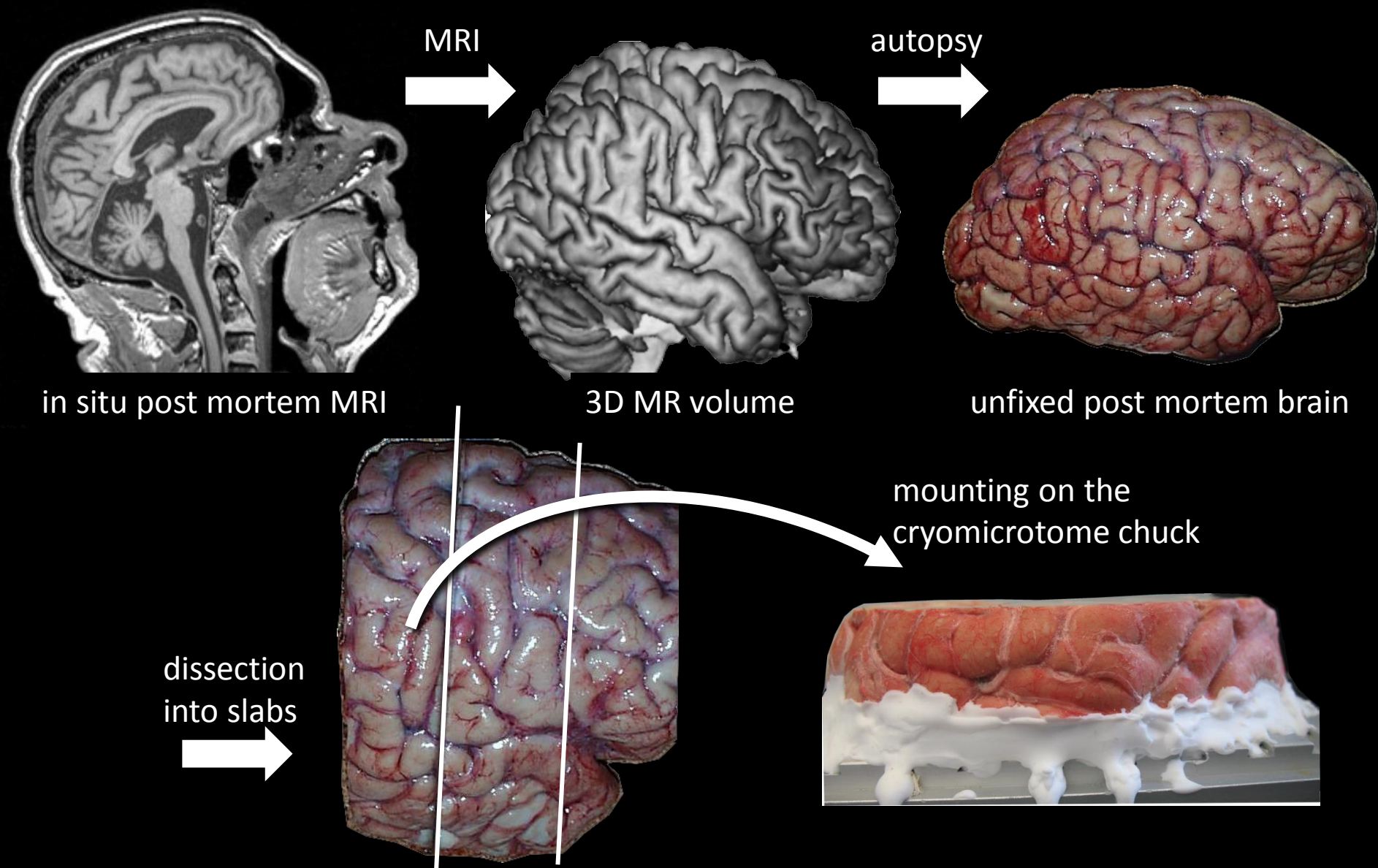
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# Regionally and functionally specific endowment of the brain with neurotransmitter receptors

1. How to visualize receptors at high spatial resolution throughout the entire brain

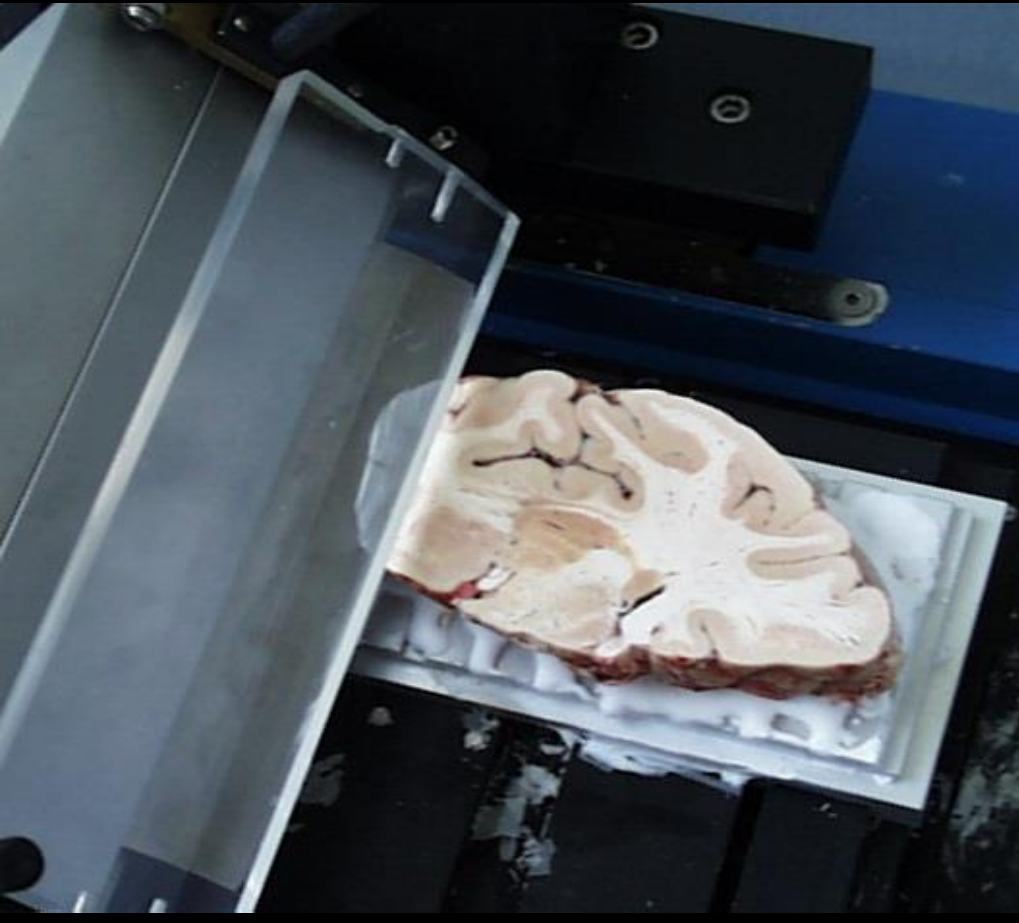
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# Quantitative *in vitro* Receptor Autoradiography: Method (1)





# Serial sections (20 $\mu\text{m}$ ) mounted onto glass slides



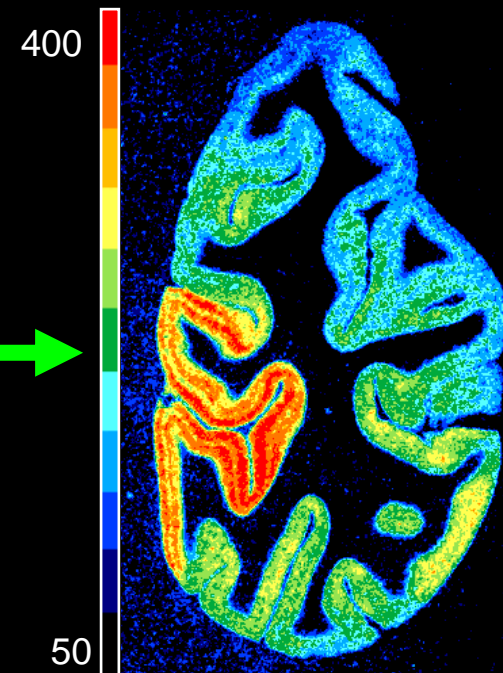
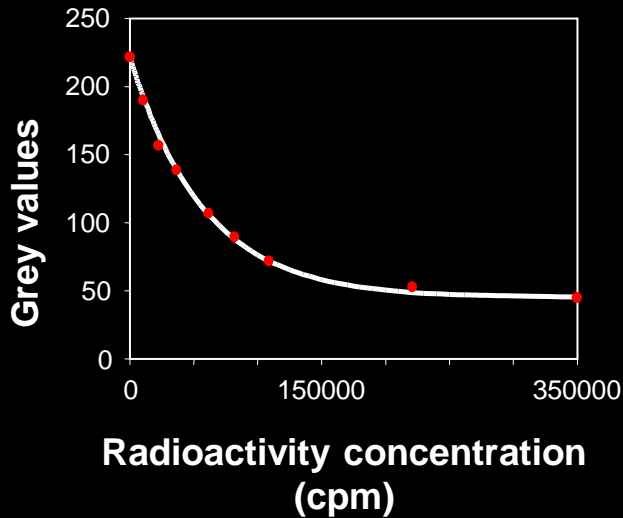
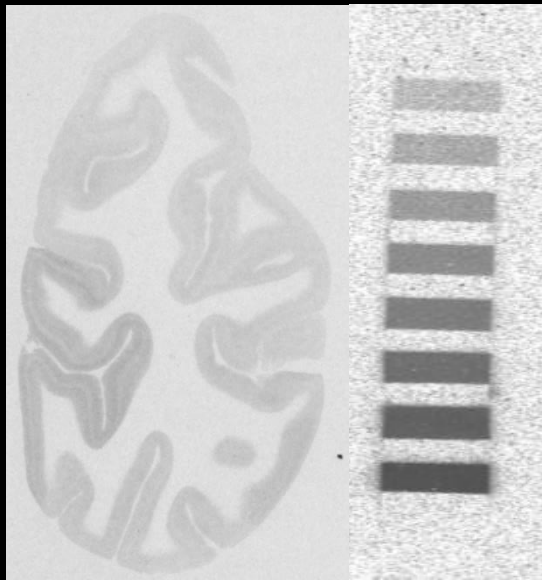
- Preincubation: re-hydrate sections. Remove endogenous substances
- Main incubation: buffer solution with [<sup>3</sup>H]-ligands which specifically bind to a given receptor type
- Washing step: terminate binding procedure and eliminate surplus [<sup>3</sup>H]-ligand and buffer salts
- Exposition of labeled sections and scales of known radioactivity concentrations to tritium-sensitive film
- Digitization of the films, measurement of receptor densities in fmol/mg protein, and color coding
- Histological staining of alternating sections for cell bodies and myelinated fibers

## Examined receptor binding sites

Neurotransmitter	Receptor	[ <sup>3</sup> H] Ligand
Glutamate	AMPA	AMPA
	Kainate	kainate
	NMDA	MK-801
GABA	GABA <sub>A</sub>	muscimol,
	GABA <sub>B</sub>	CGP 54626
	GABA <sub>A</sub> BZ	Flumazenil
Acetylcholine	M <sub>1</sub>	pirenzepine
	M <sub>2</sub>	oxotremorine-M, AF-DX 384
	M <sub>3</sub>	4-DAMP
	nicotinic $\alpha_4\beta_2$	epibatidine
Noradrenaline	$\alpha_1$	prazosin
	$\alpha_2$	UK 14,304 RX-821002
Serotonin	5-HT <sub>1A</sub>	8-OH-DPAT
	5-HT <sub>2</sub>	ketanserin
Dopamine	D <sub>1</sub>	SCH 23390

# Image processing

$$C = \frac{1}{S_a} \cdot \frac{K_D + L}{L} \quad [\text{fmol/mg protein}]$$

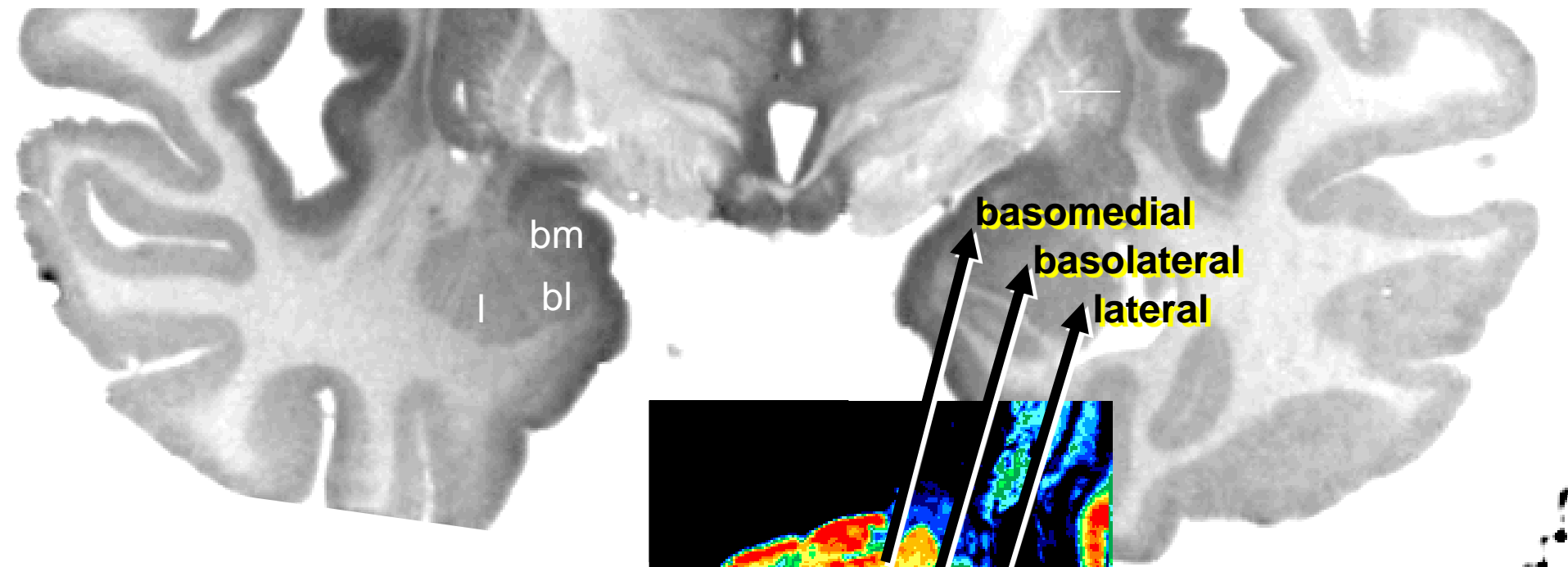


**Linearised and color-coded  
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*grey values or colors  
encode  
receptor densities*

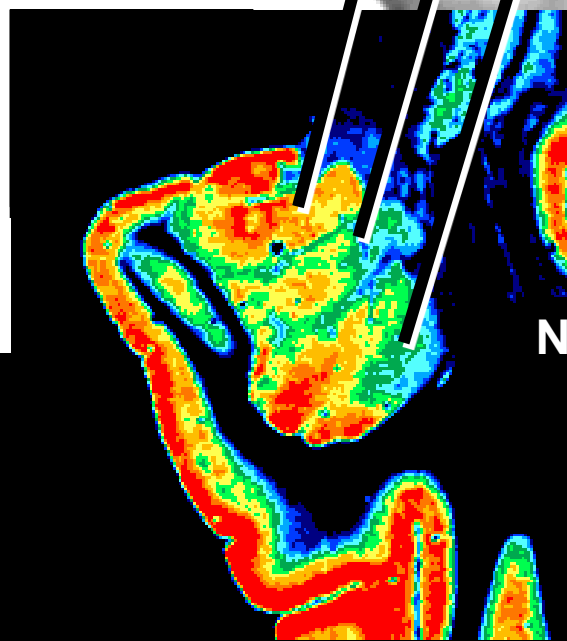
# Regionally and functionally specific endowment of the brain with neurotransmitter receptors

2. Regional and laminar distribution of *single receptor types* in the cerebral cortex

# The amygdala must be further subdivided based on its distinct and heterogenous receptor distribution



**basomedial**  
**basolateral**  
**lateral**



**NMDA receptor**

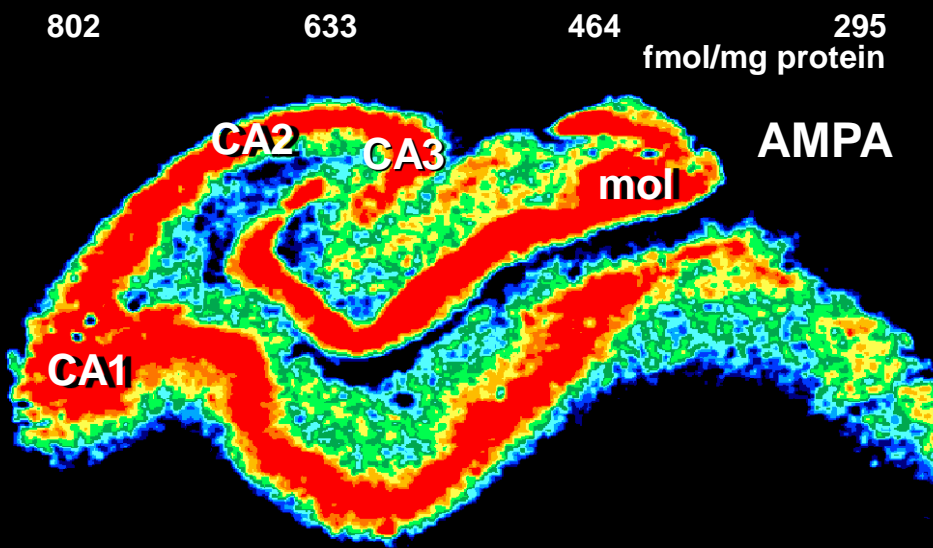
Receptor autoradiography

Structural MRI at 4 Tesla:  
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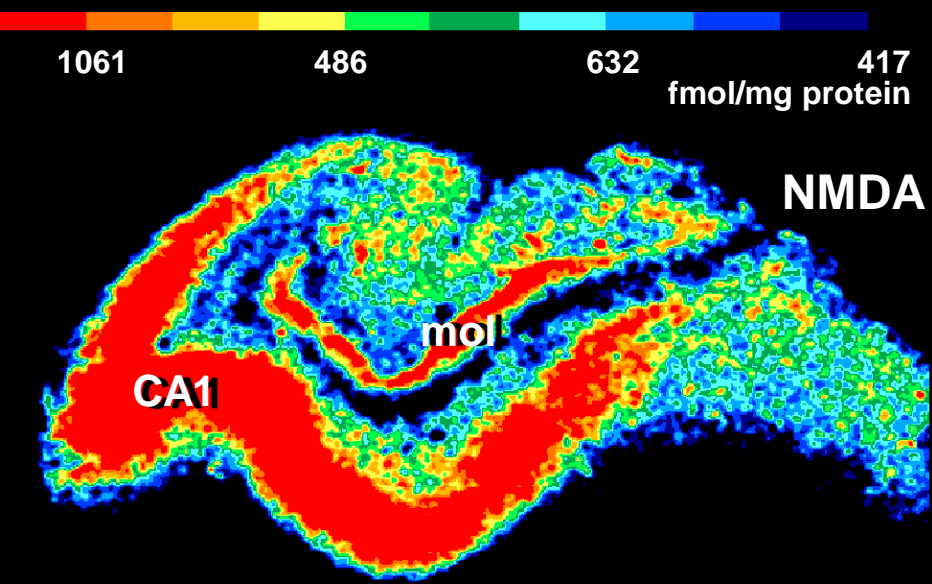


The termination fields of *the trisynaptic pathway in the hippocampus* show distinct regional and laminar expression patterns of different glutamatergic receptors

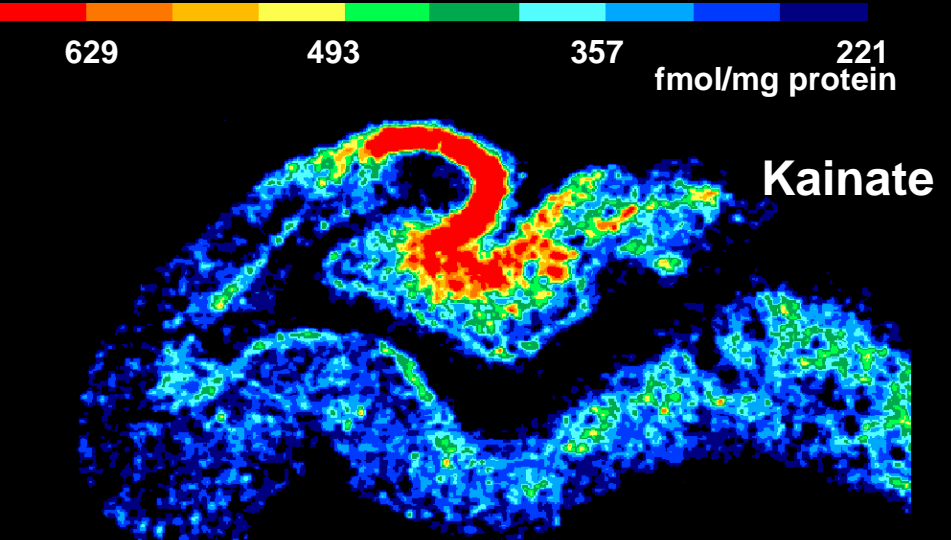
- *Perforant path* to CA and molecular layer of DG
- *Mossy fibers* from DG to CA3
- *Schaffer collaterals* from CA3 to CA1



Glutamatergic terminals of the *perforant path* and the *Schaffer collaterals*



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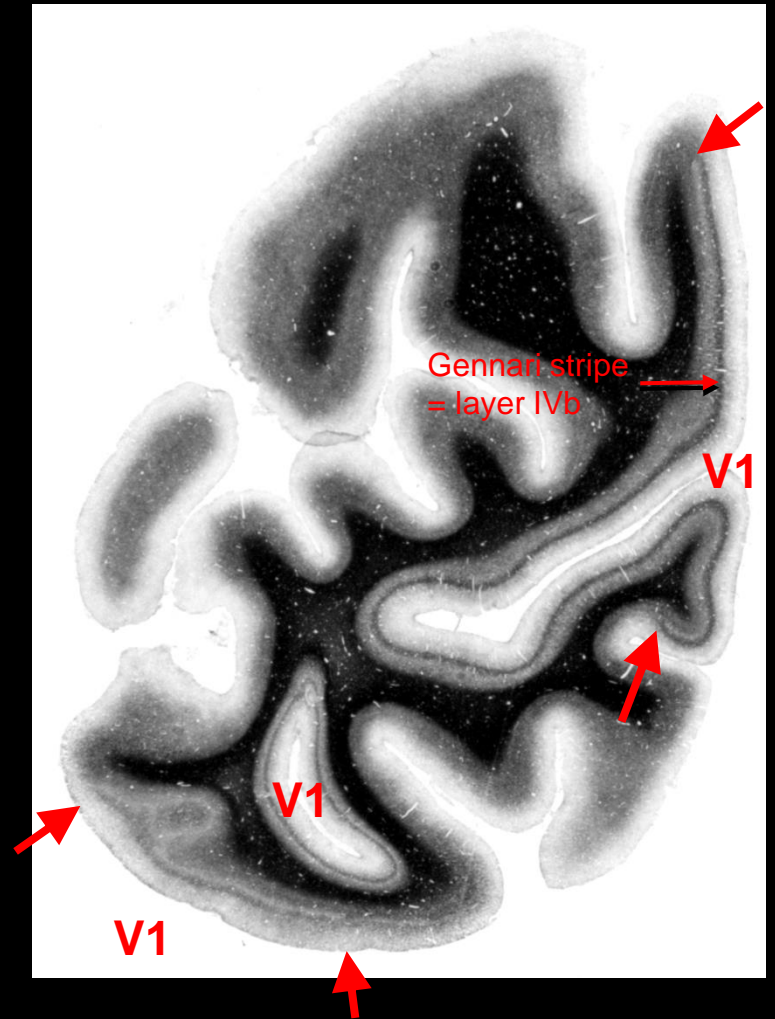
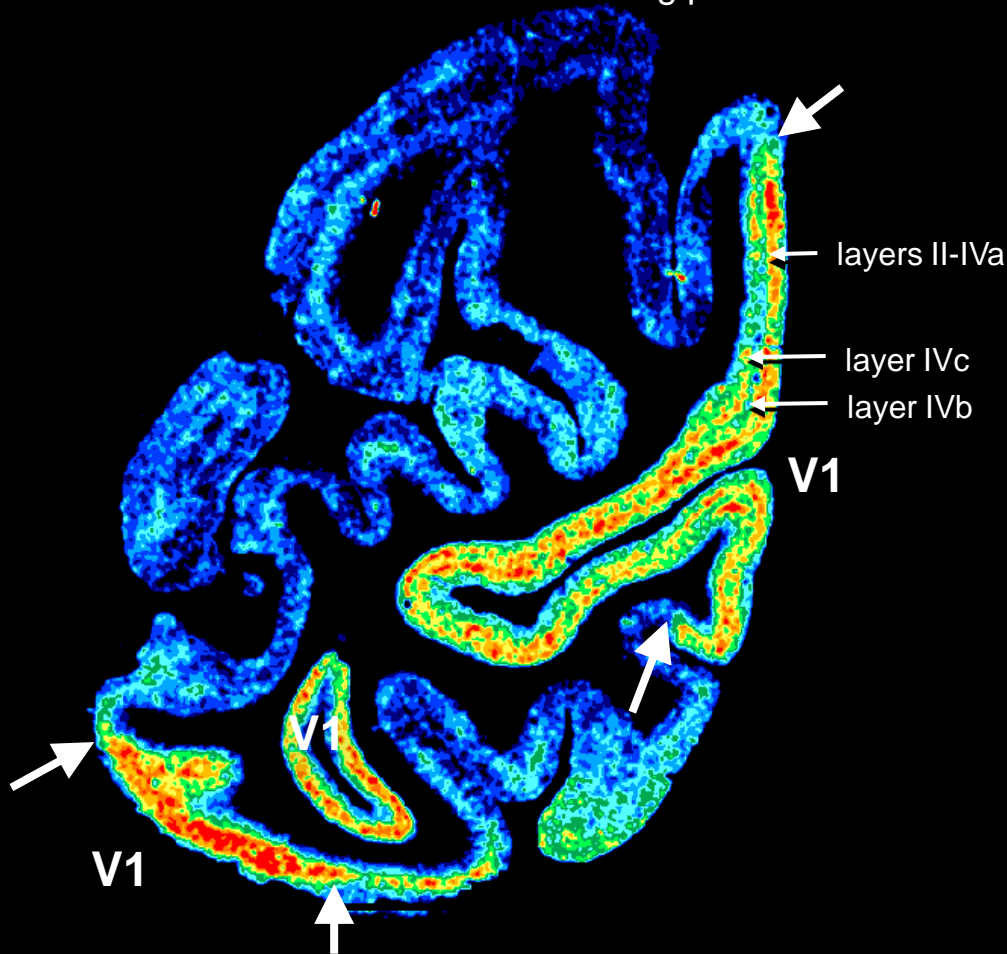
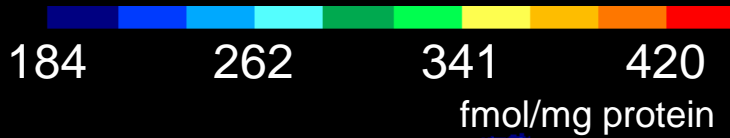


Glutamatergic terminals of the *mossy fibers*

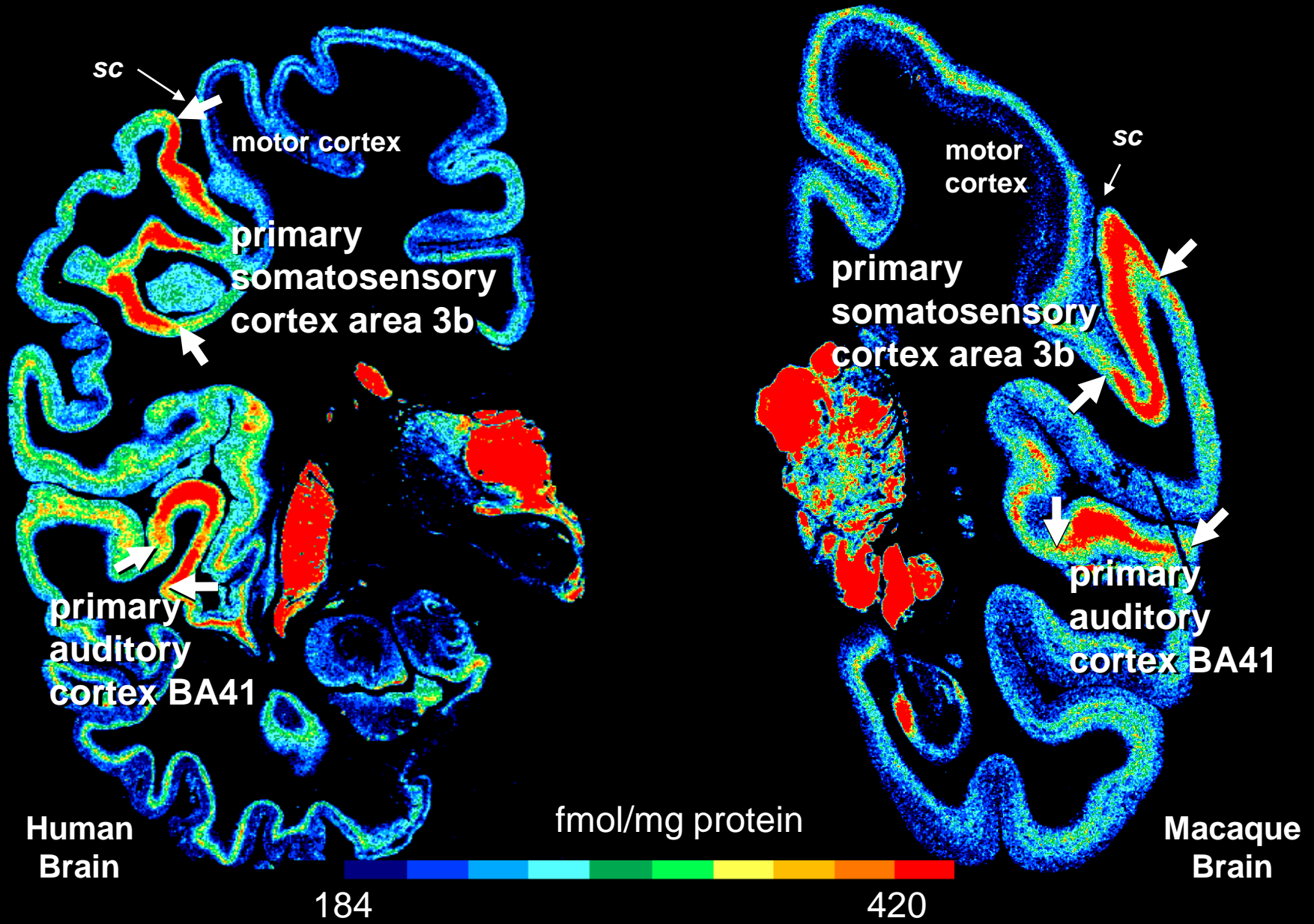
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Receptor autoradiography

Myelin staining

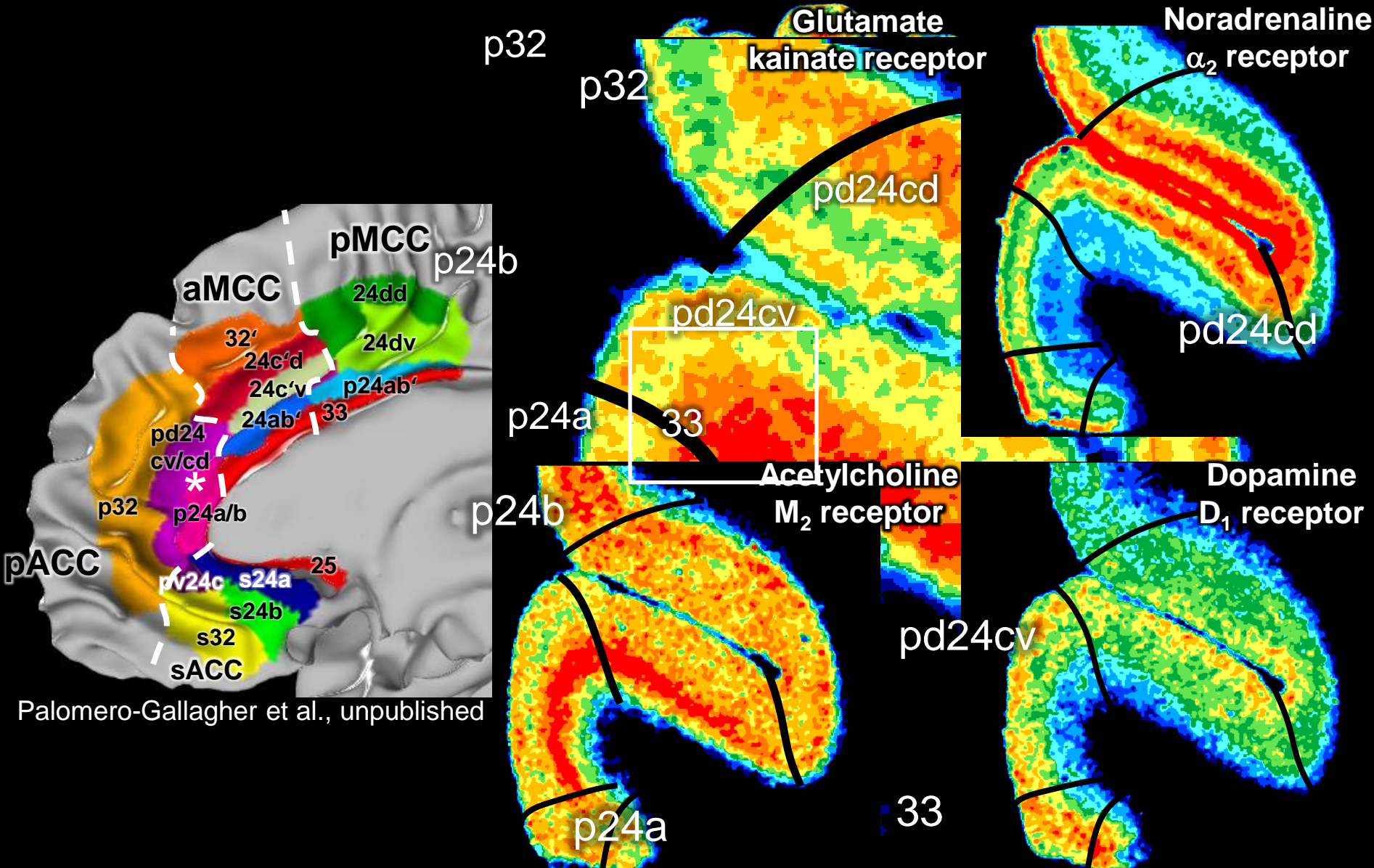


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# Multiple receptors and anterior cingulate cortex



Palomero-Gallagher et al., unpublished

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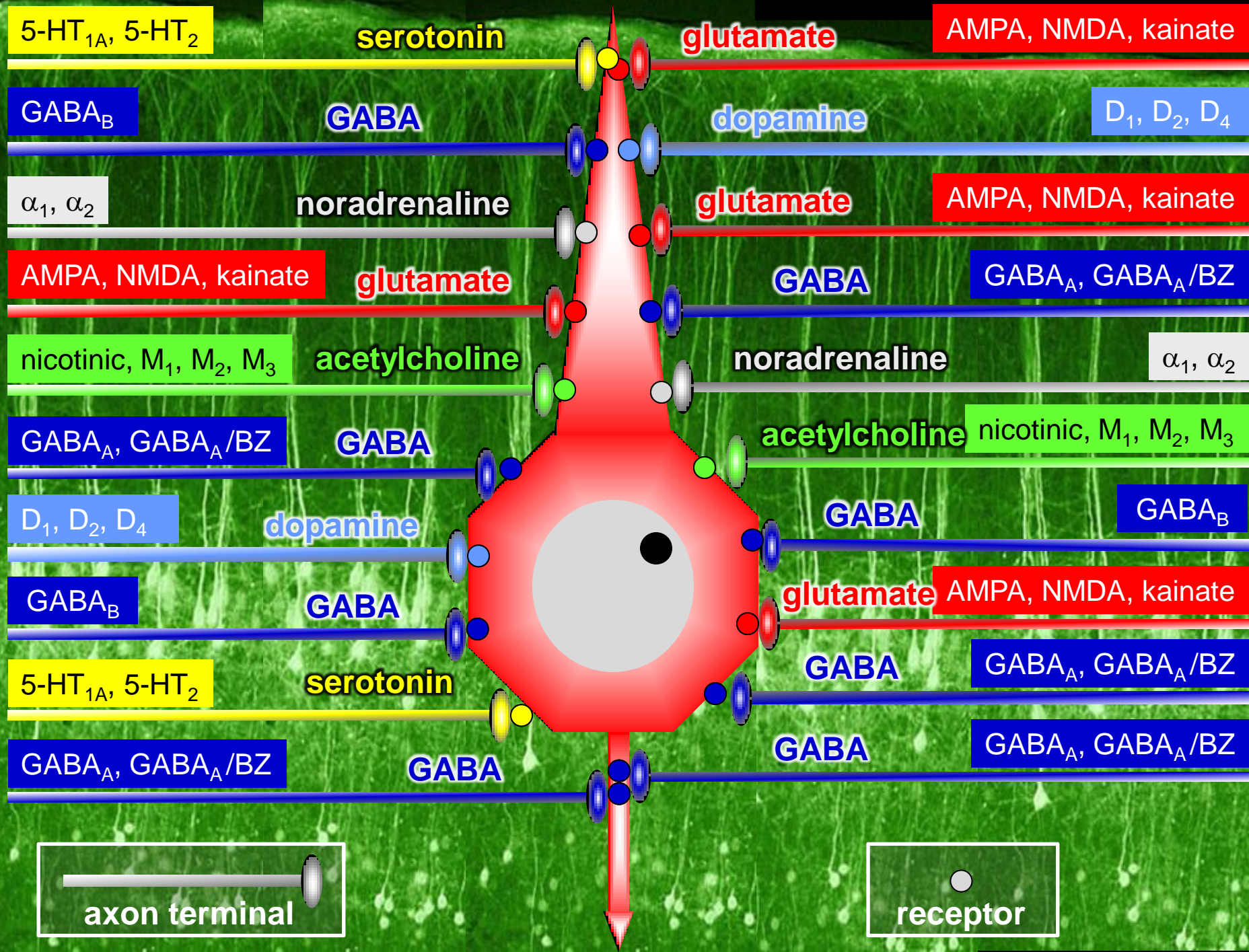
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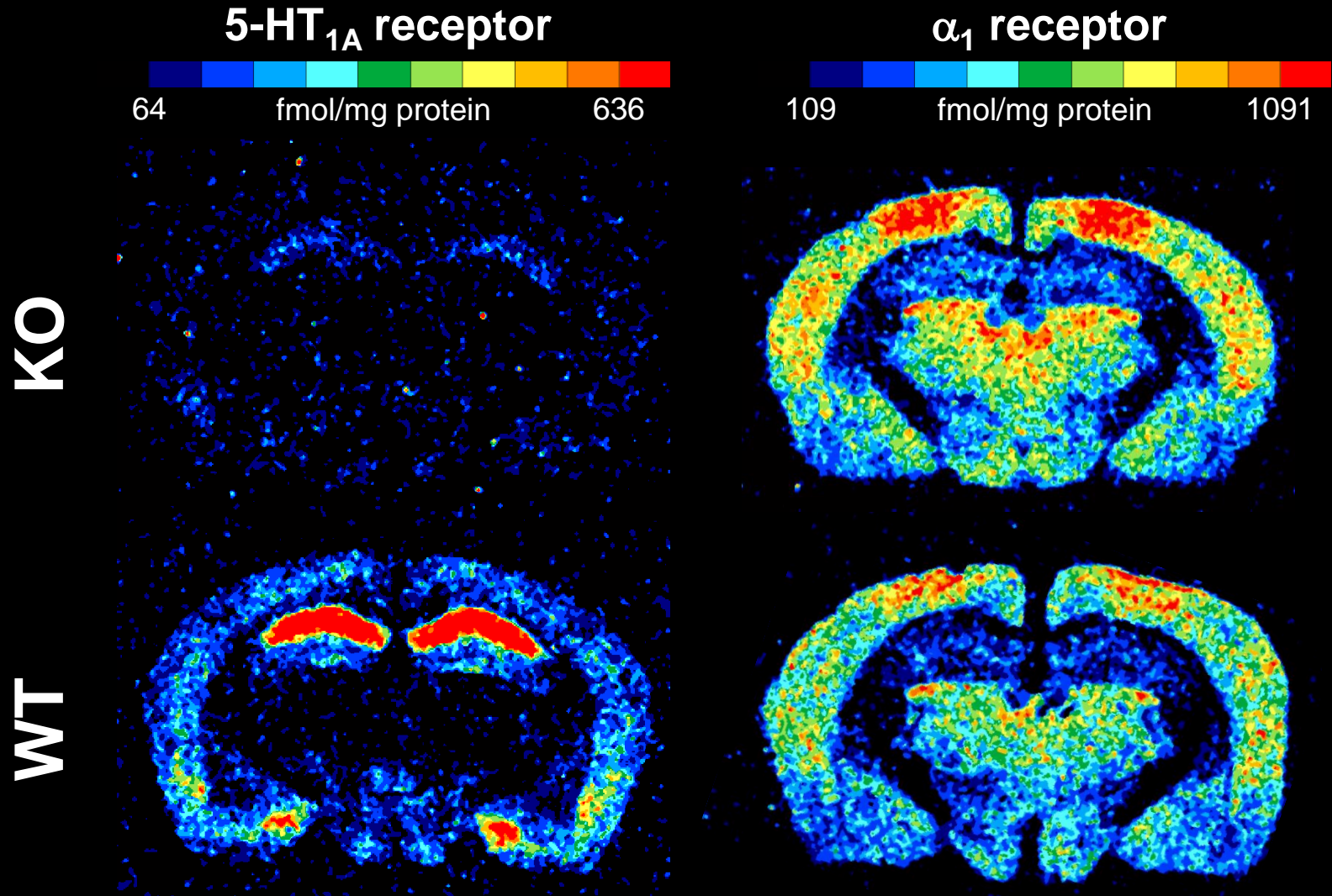
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**- RECEPTOR FINGERPRINTS -**





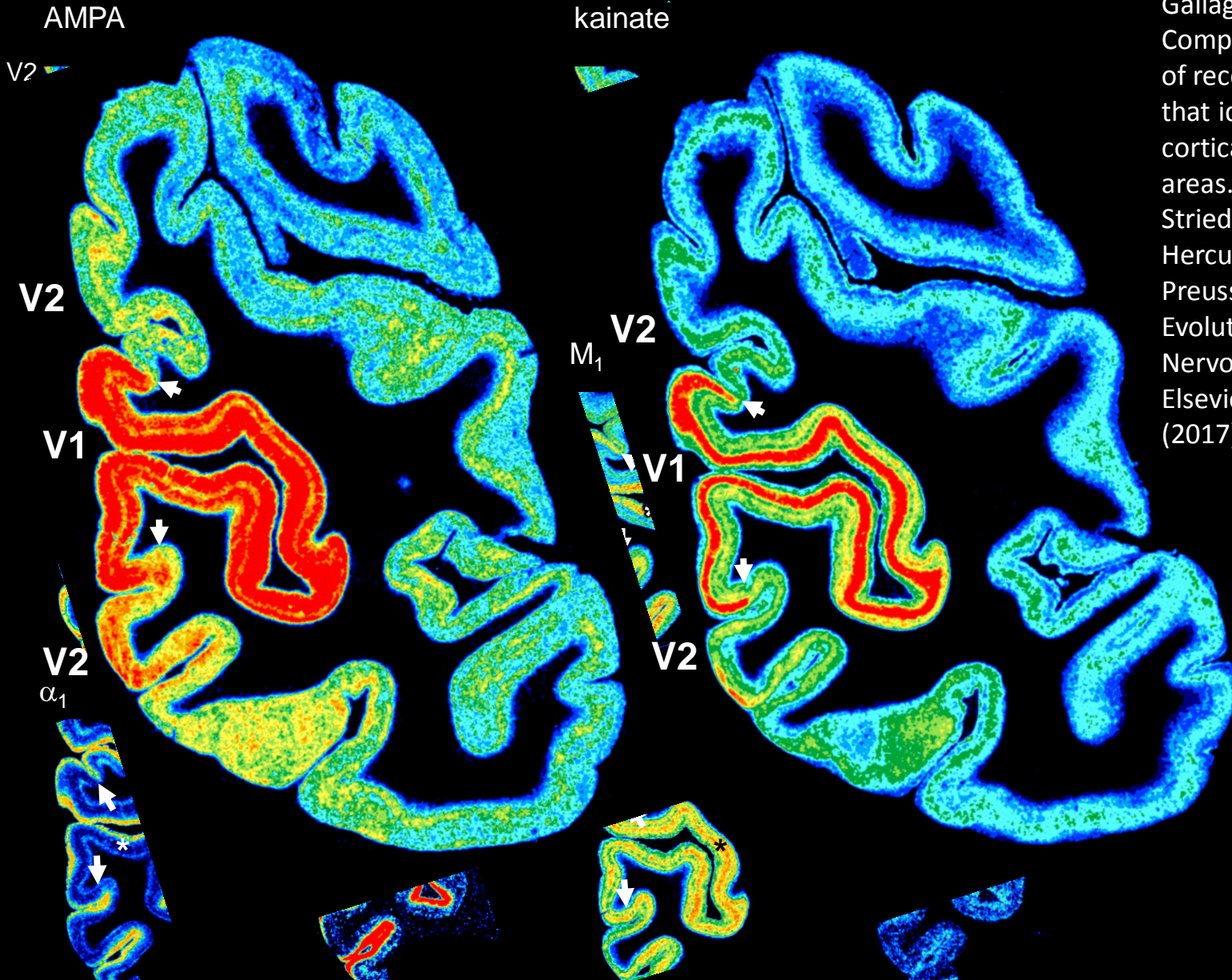
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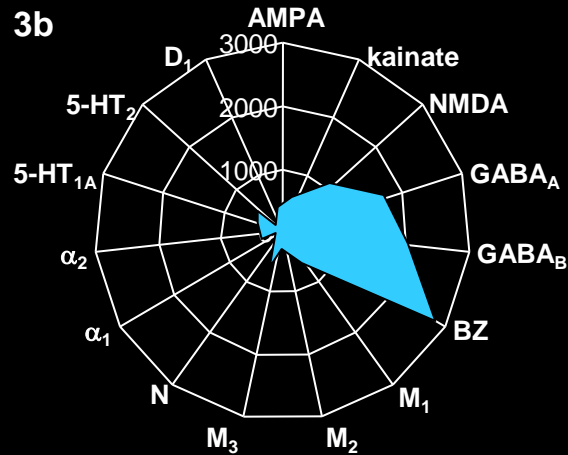
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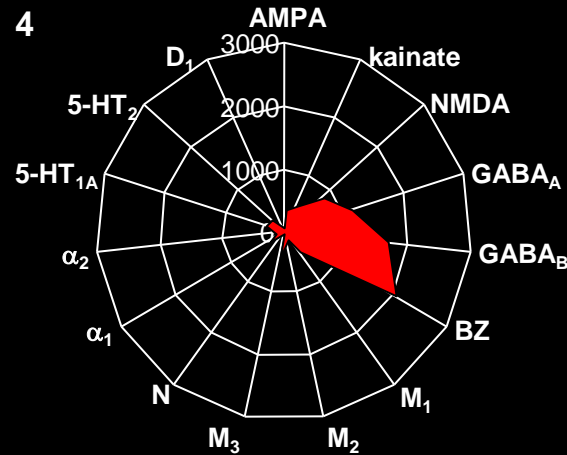
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# Fingerprints: functional specificity

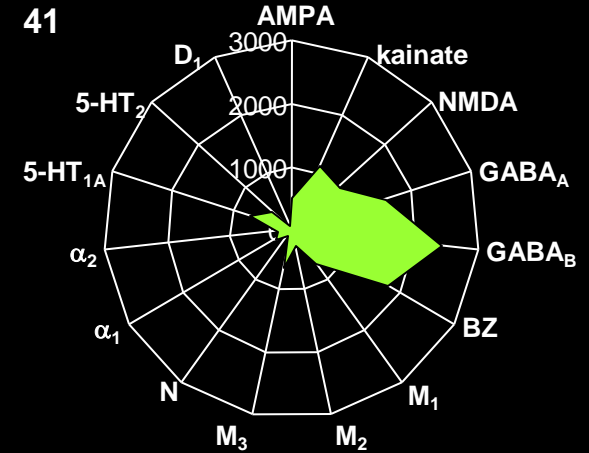
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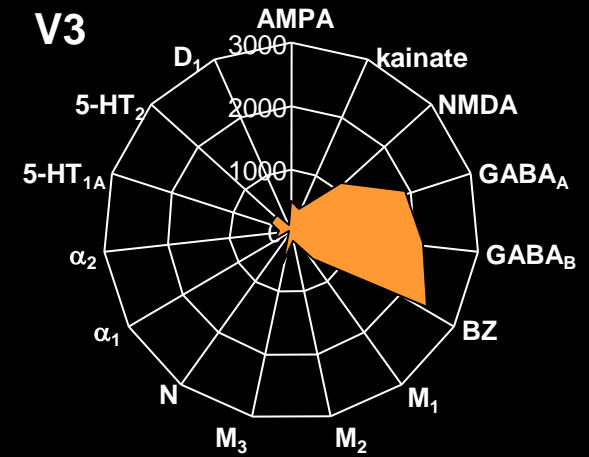
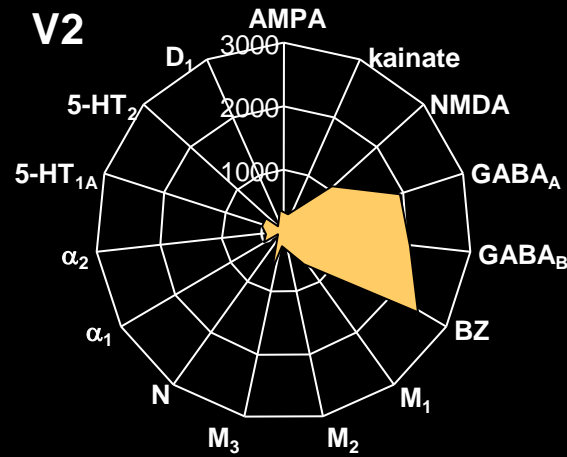
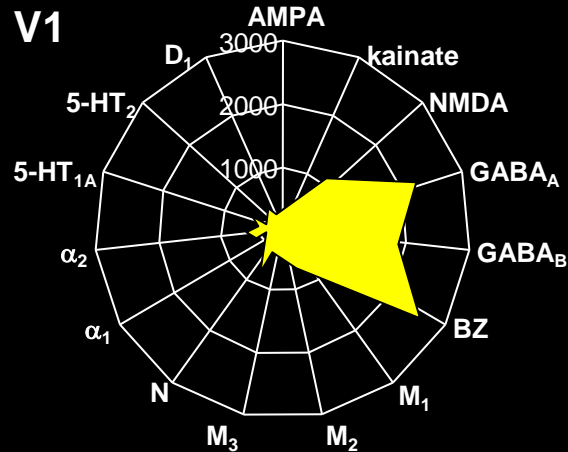
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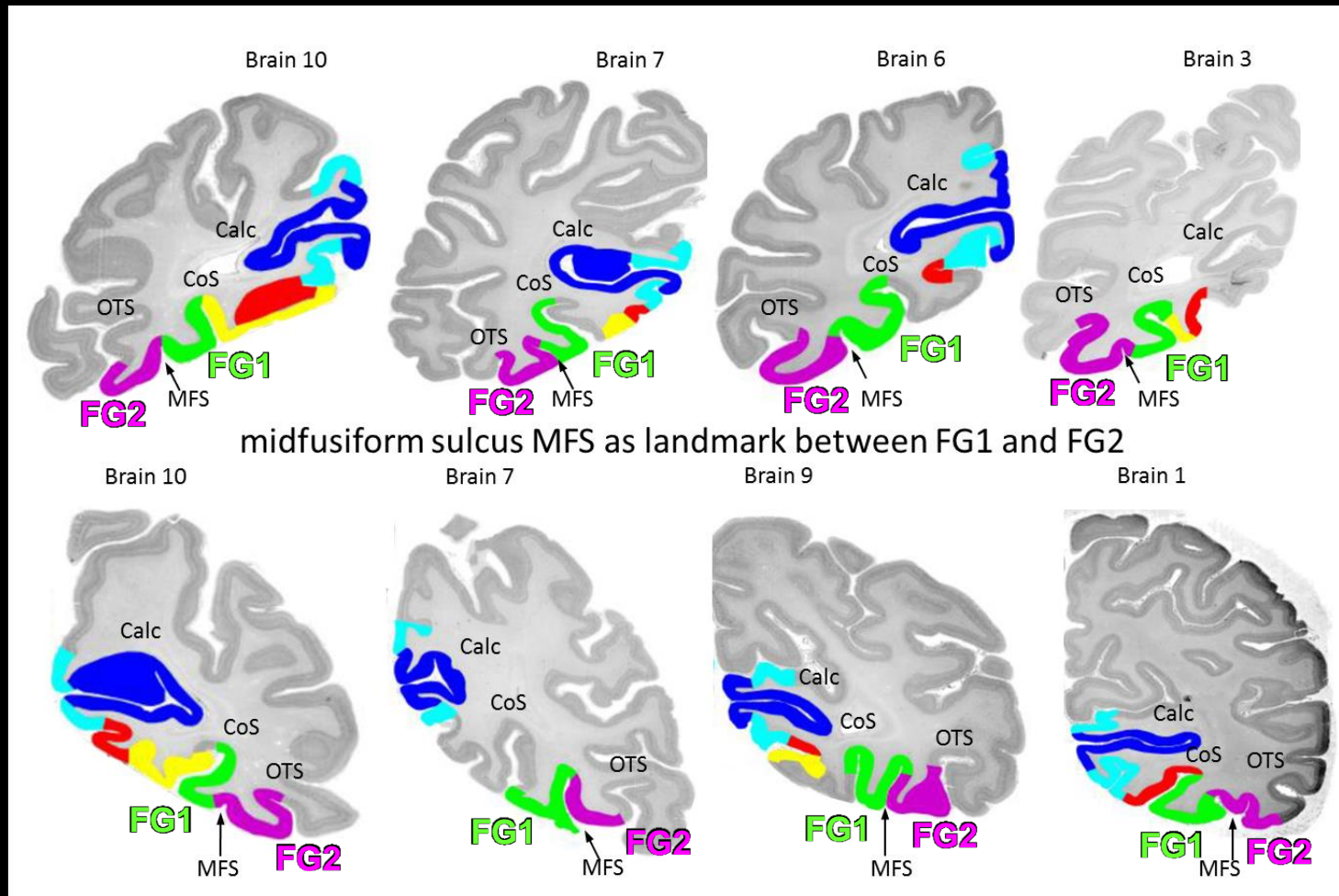
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primary (V1), and higher (V2, V3) visual areas



# Ventral visual areas in human extrastriate cortex (FG2, FG2)



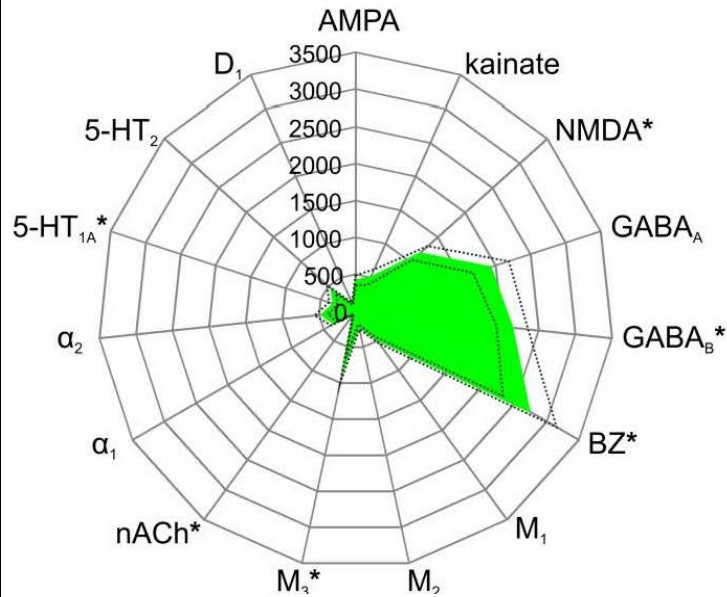
■ hOc1   ■ hOc2   ■ hOc3v   ■ hOc4v   ■ FG1   ■ FG2 (pFus)

Weiner, K., Golarai, G., Caspers, J., Mohlberg, H., Zilles, K., Amunts, K., Grill-Spector, K.: The mid-fusiform sulcus: A landmark identifying both cytoarchitectonic and functional divisions of the human fusiform gyrus. *Neuroimage* 84: 453-465 (2014)

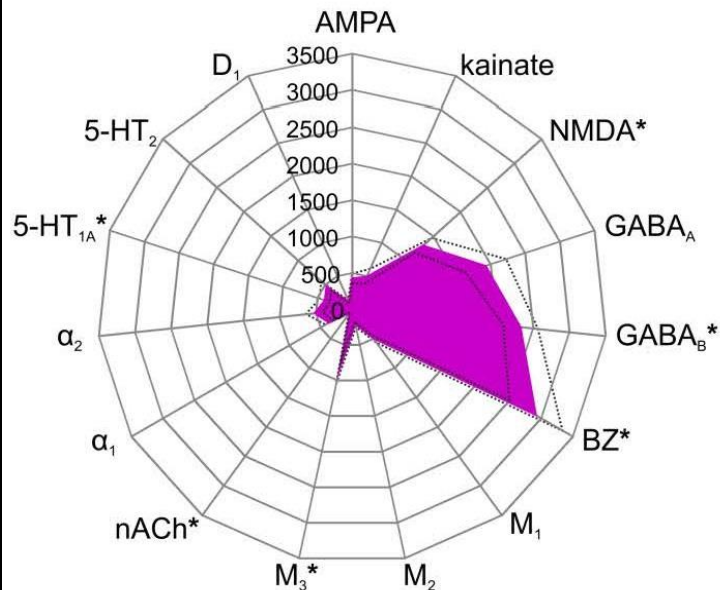
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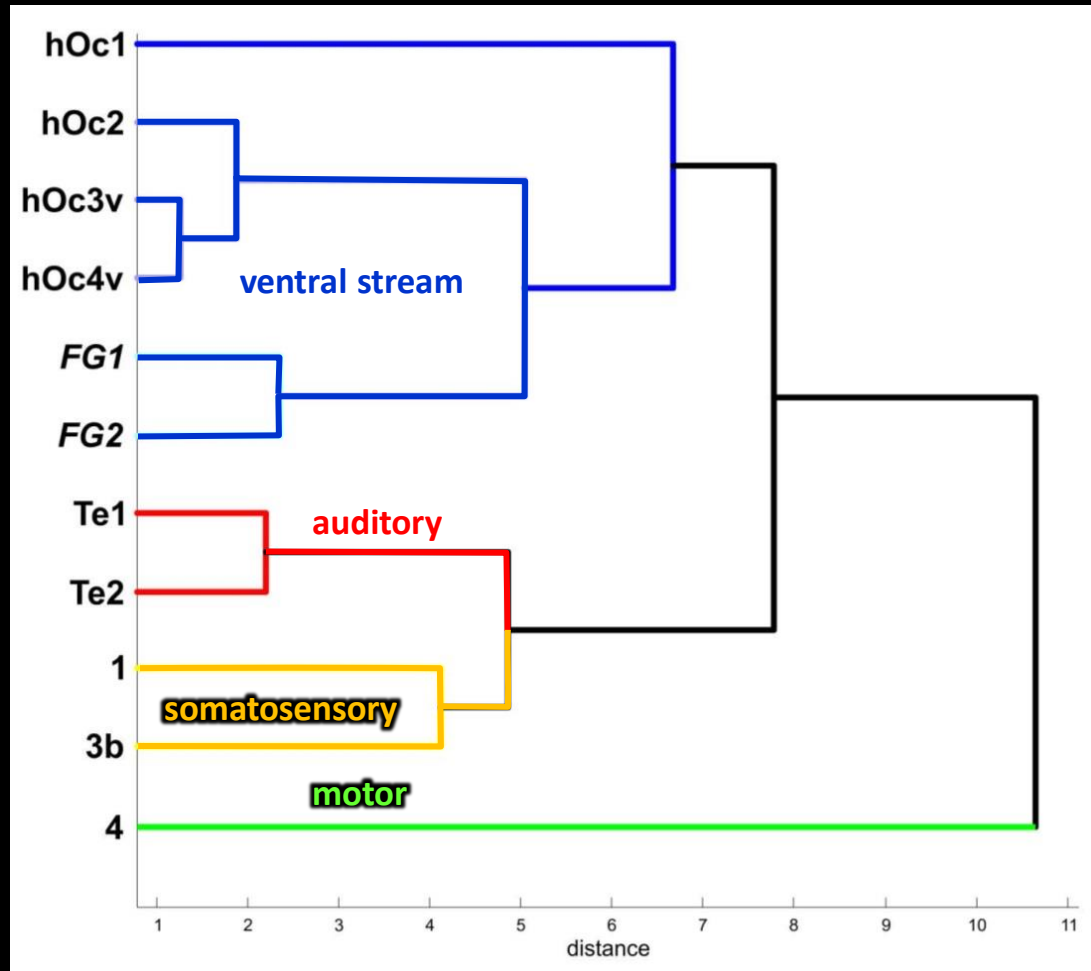
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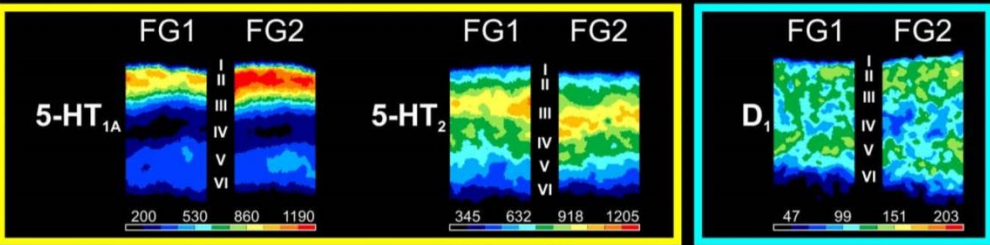
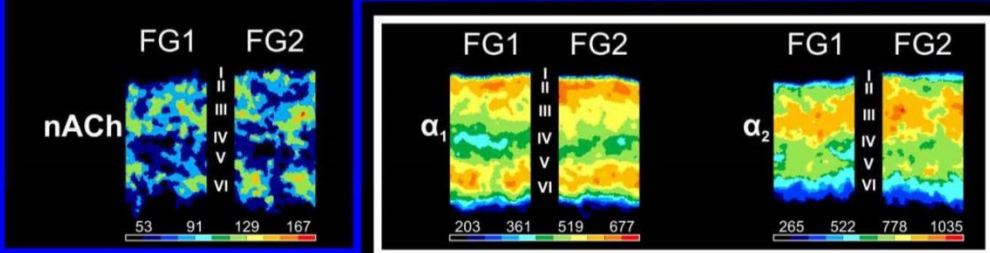
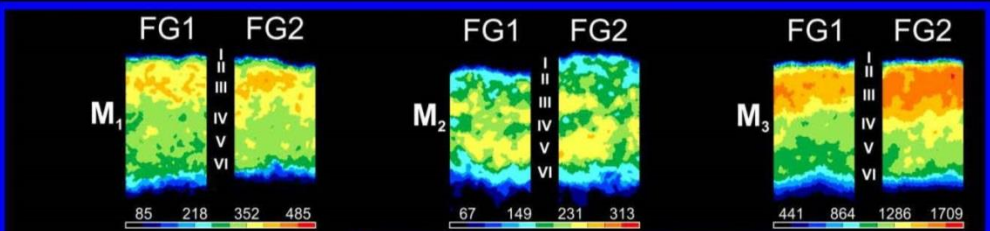
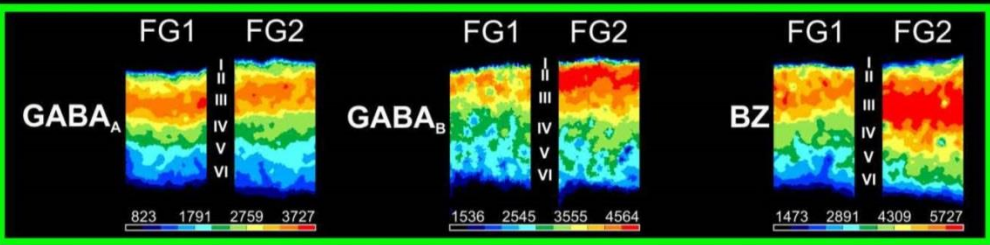
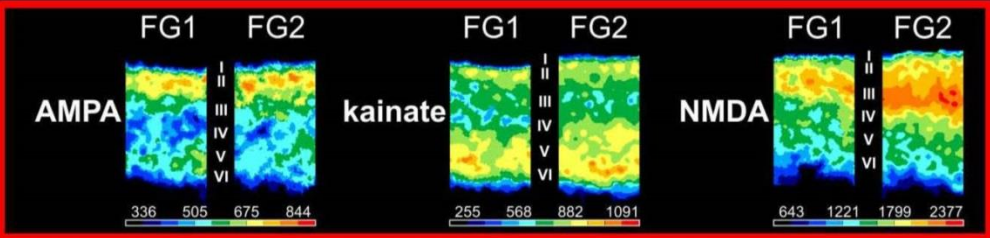
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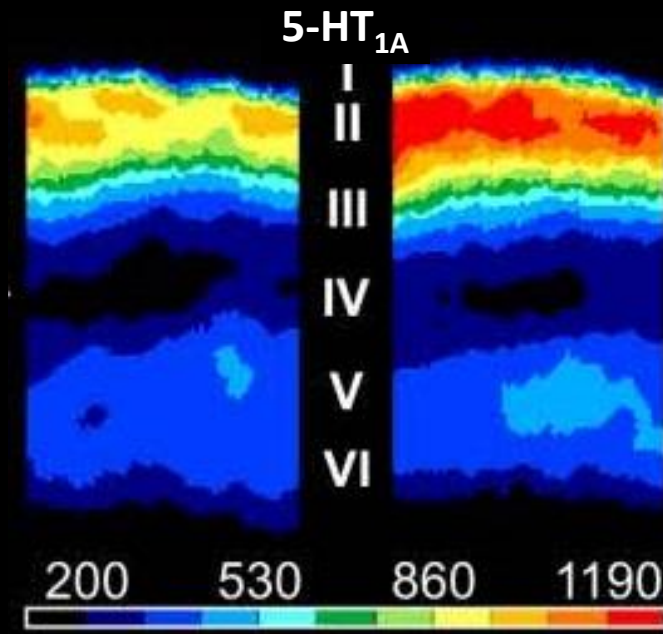
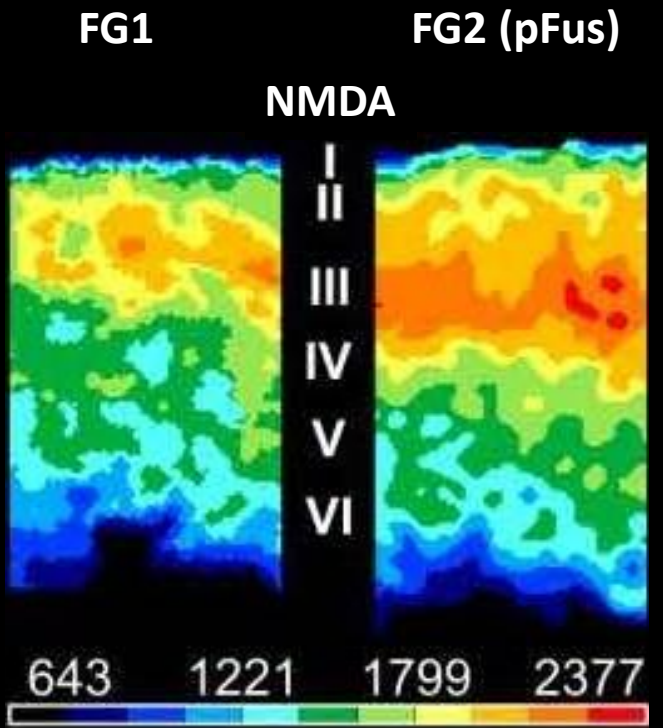
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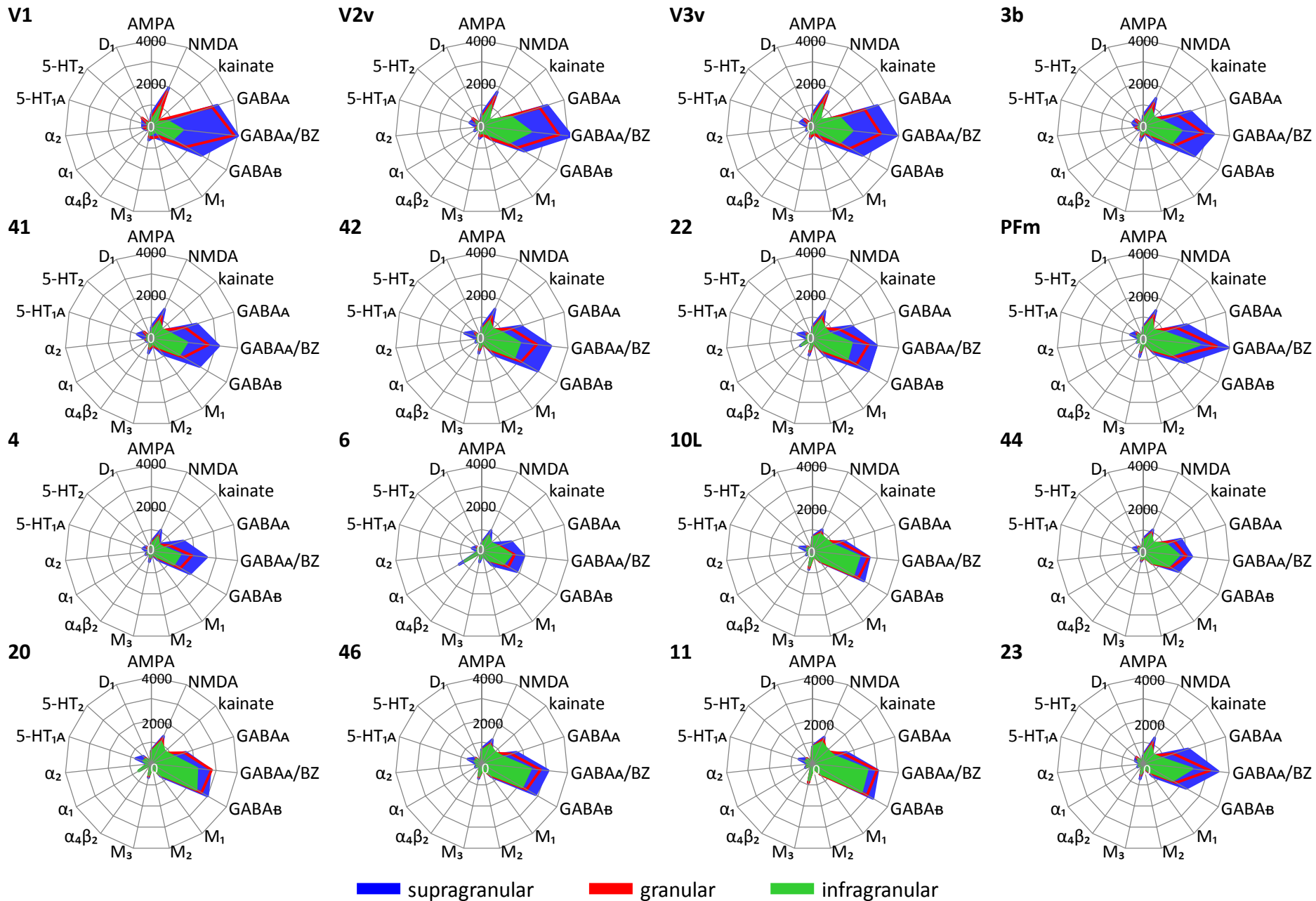


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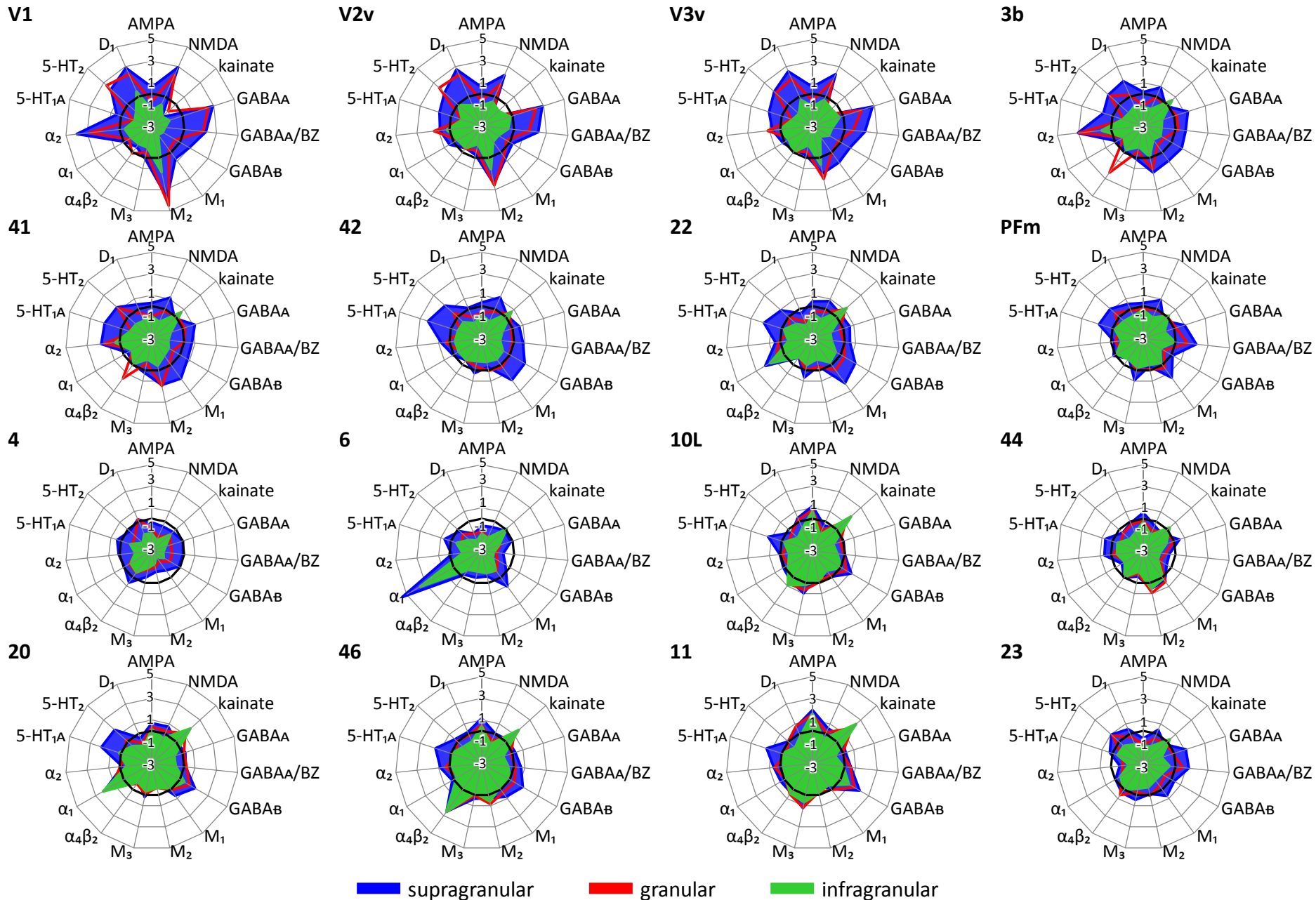
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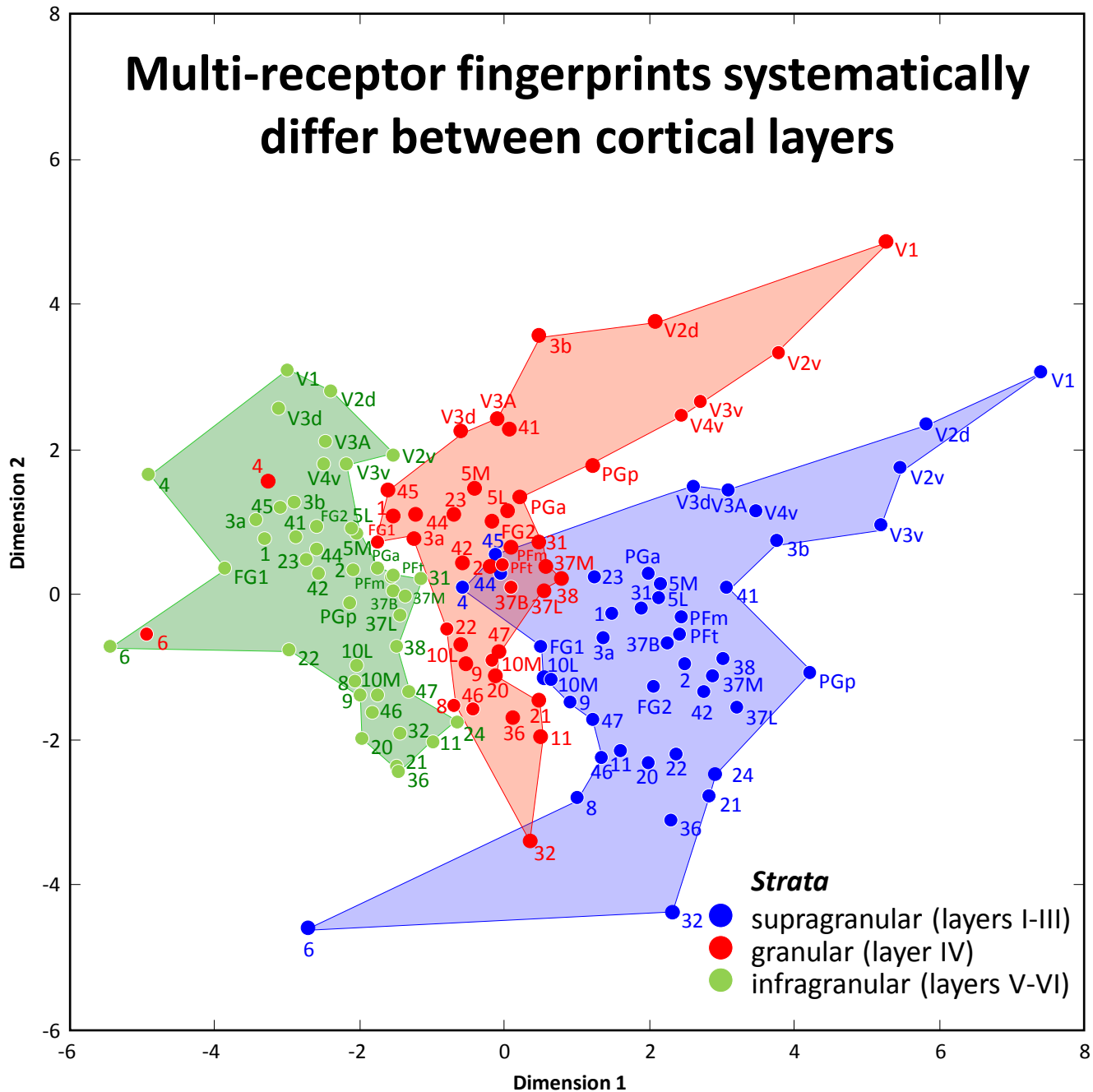
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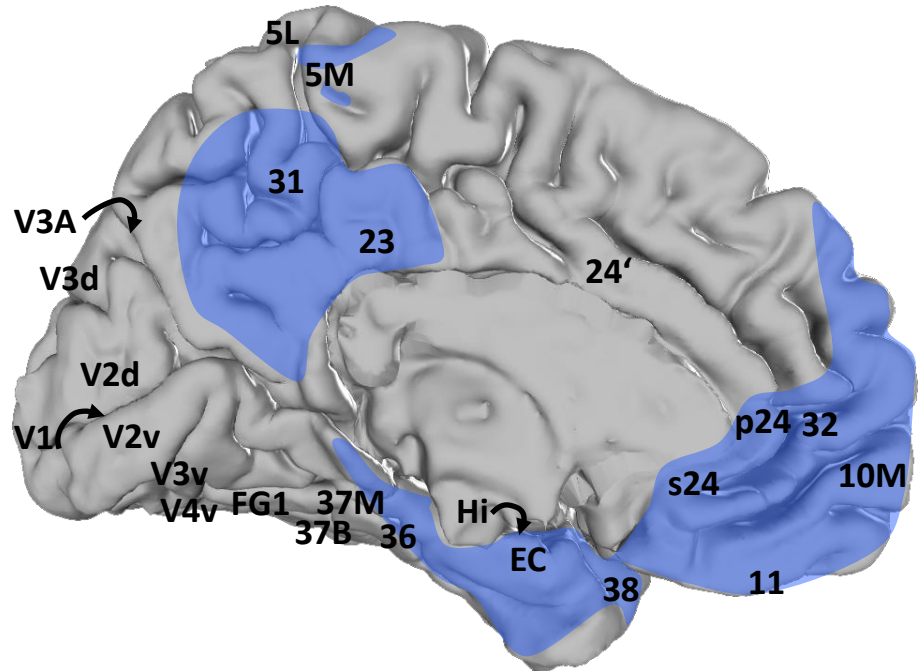
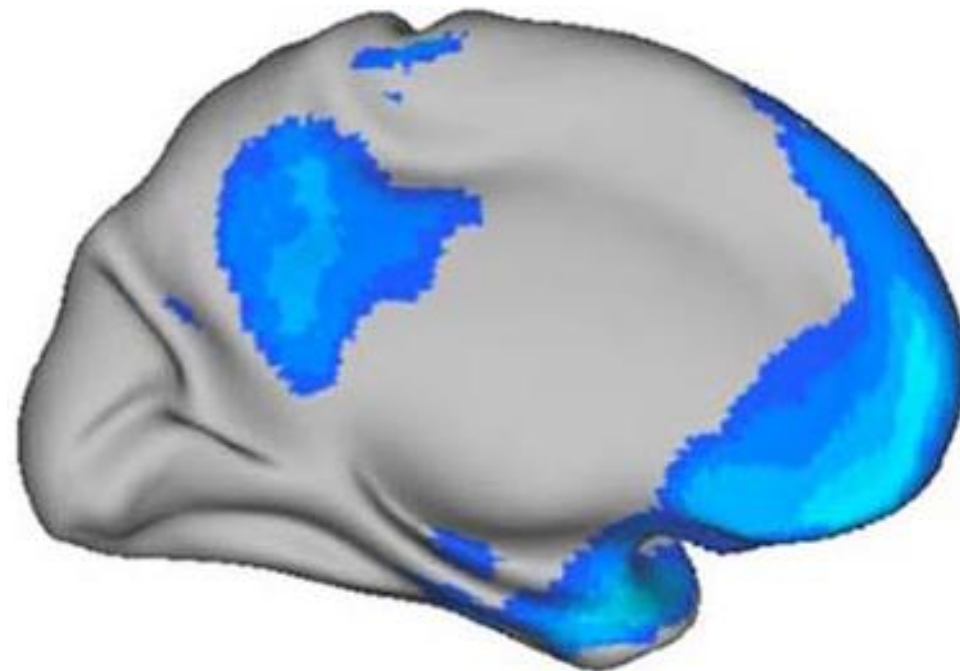
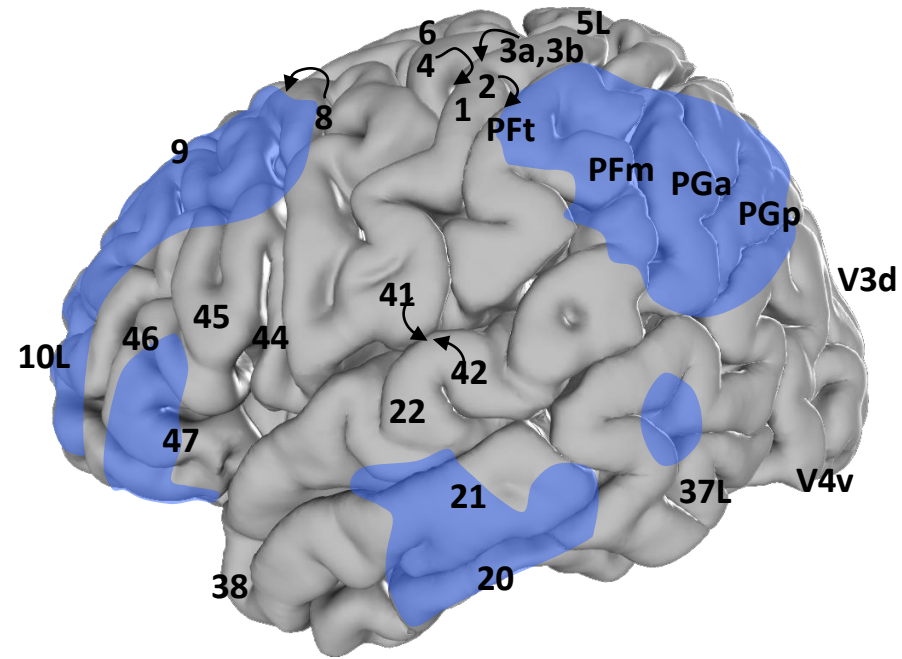
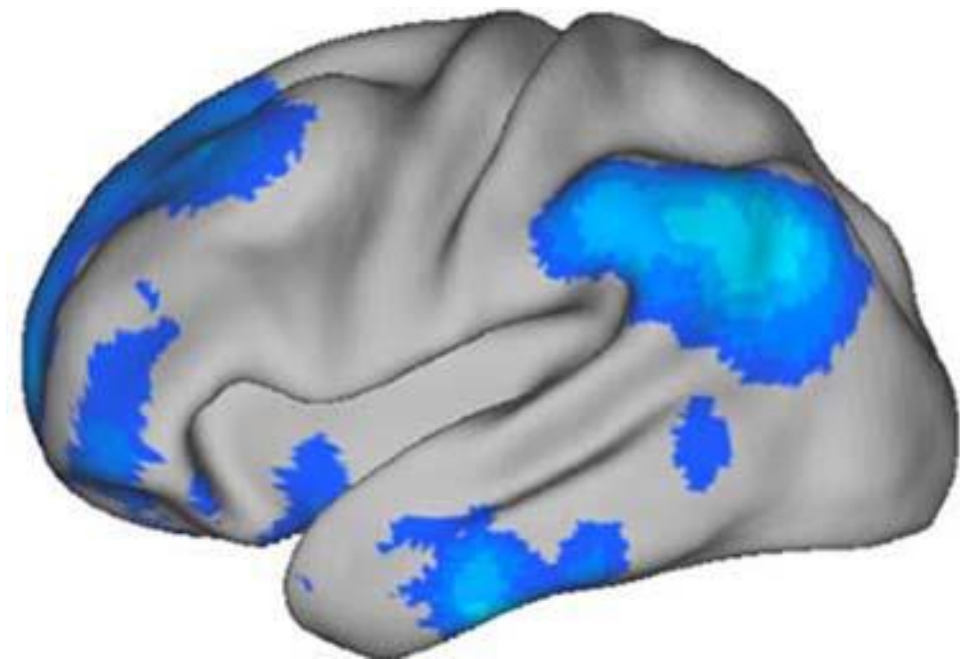
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# Multi-receptor fingerprints systematically differ between cortical layers





# Receptors and the Default Mode Network

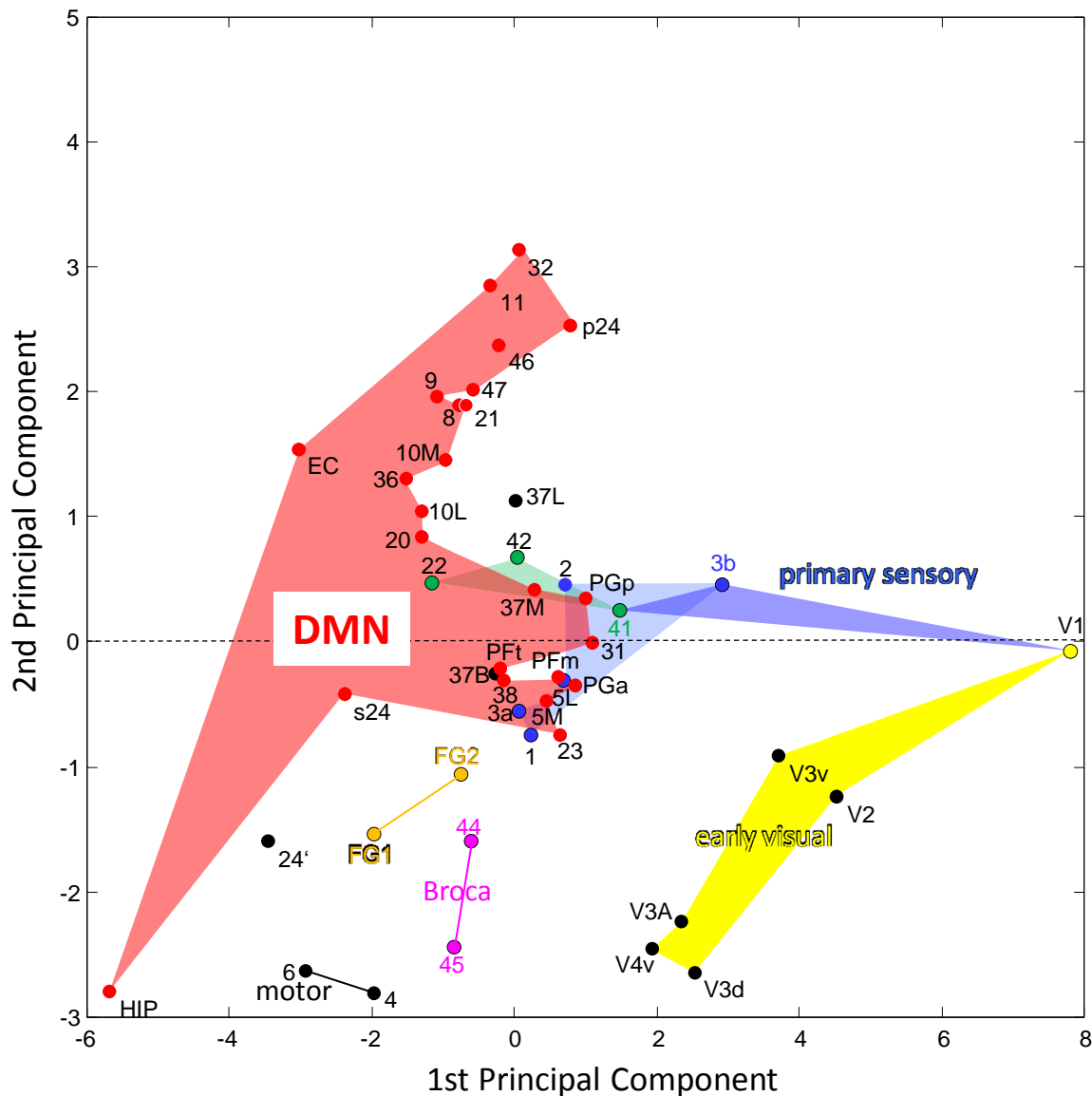


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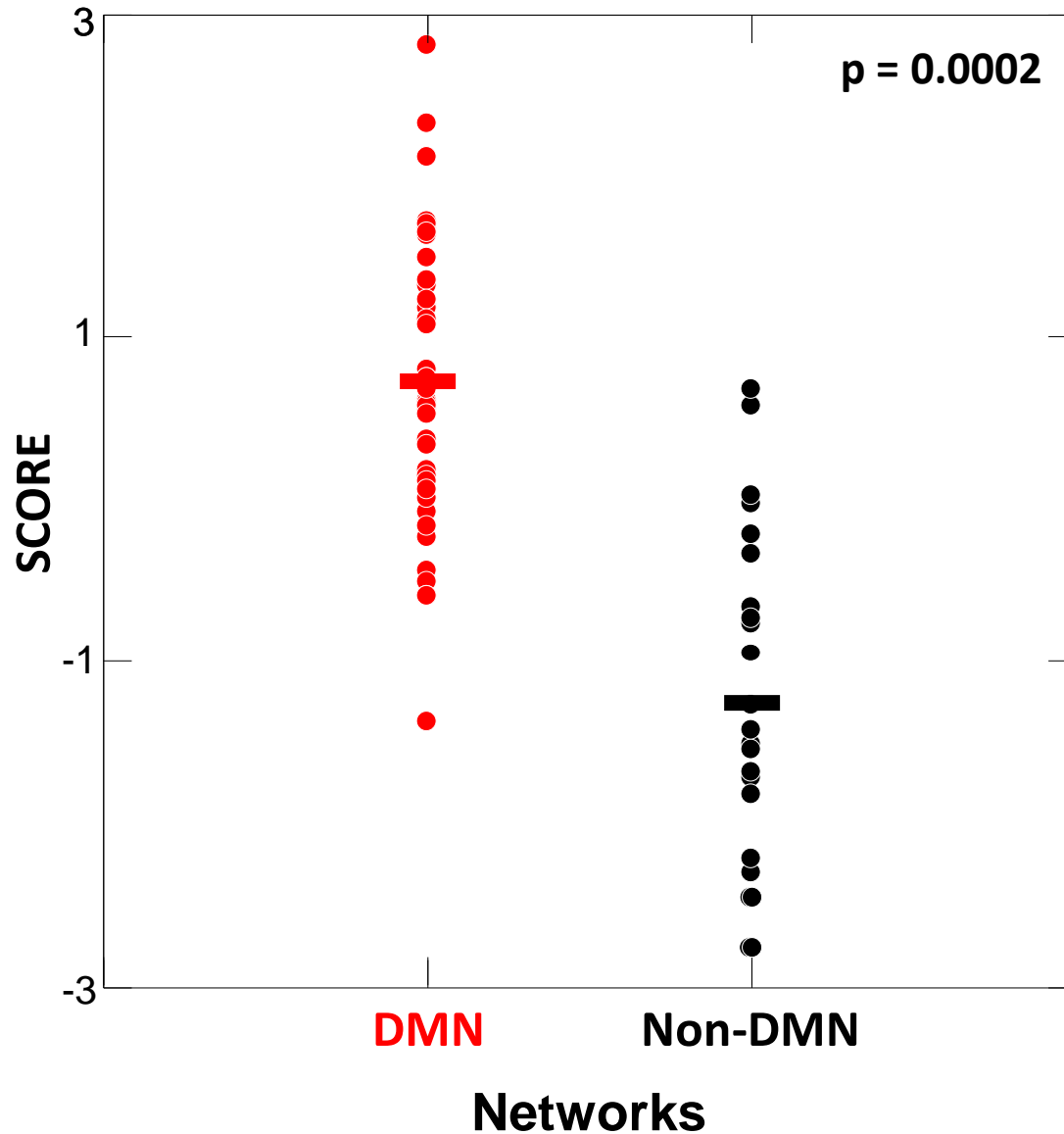
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# Principal component analysis of receptor densities (averaged over all cortical layers) and default mode network DMN

- posterior cingulate cortex (BA23)
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- anterior cingulate cortex (p24, s24)
- ventral medial prefrontal cortex (10m, BA32, BA11)
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**Discriminance analysis of the densities** (averaged over all cortical layers) **of all receptor types between default mode network DMN areas and Non-DMN areas**

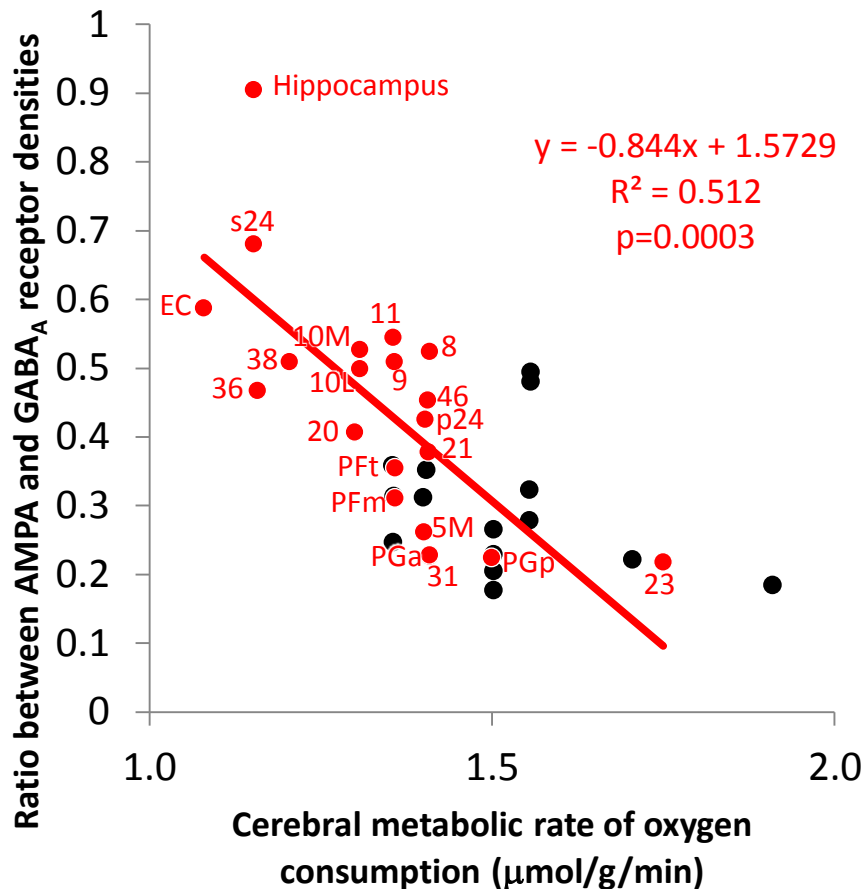


**Contribution of each receptor type to the segregation between DMN and Non-DMN areas**

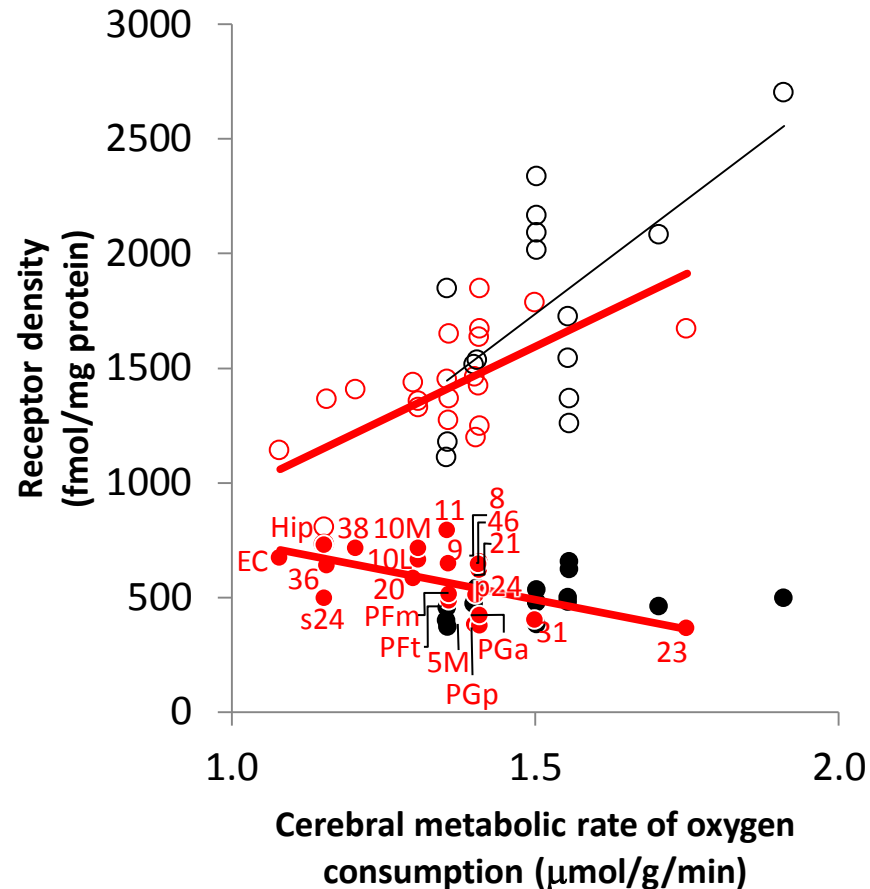
Receptor	Standardized score
M <sub>2</sub>	-1.6384
Kainate	-1.2543
α <sub>2</sub>	1.2023
AMPA	1.1607
5-HT <sub>2</sub>	1.1296
NMDA	-0.9699
M <sub>3</sub>	0.7538
GABA <sub>B</sub>	0.6951
D <sub>1</sub>	-0.3707
α <sub>4</sub> β <sub>2</sub>	0.3540
5-HT <sub>1A</sub>	-0.2558
α <sub>1</sub>	-0.2137
GABA <sub>A</sub> /BZ	-0.0288
GABA <sub>A</sub>	0.0235
M <sub>1</sub>	-0.0221



## AMPA/GABA<sub>A</sub>



## AMPA (●) and GABA<sub>A</sub> (○)



**Metabolic data** from: Hyder F, Herman P, Bailey CJ, Møller A, Globinsky R, Fulbright RK, Rothman DL, Gjedde A (2016) Uniform distributions of glucose oxidation and oxygen extraction in gray matter of normal human brain: No evidence of regional differences of aerobic glycolysis. *J Cerebral Blood Flow & Metabolism* 36(5): 903–916

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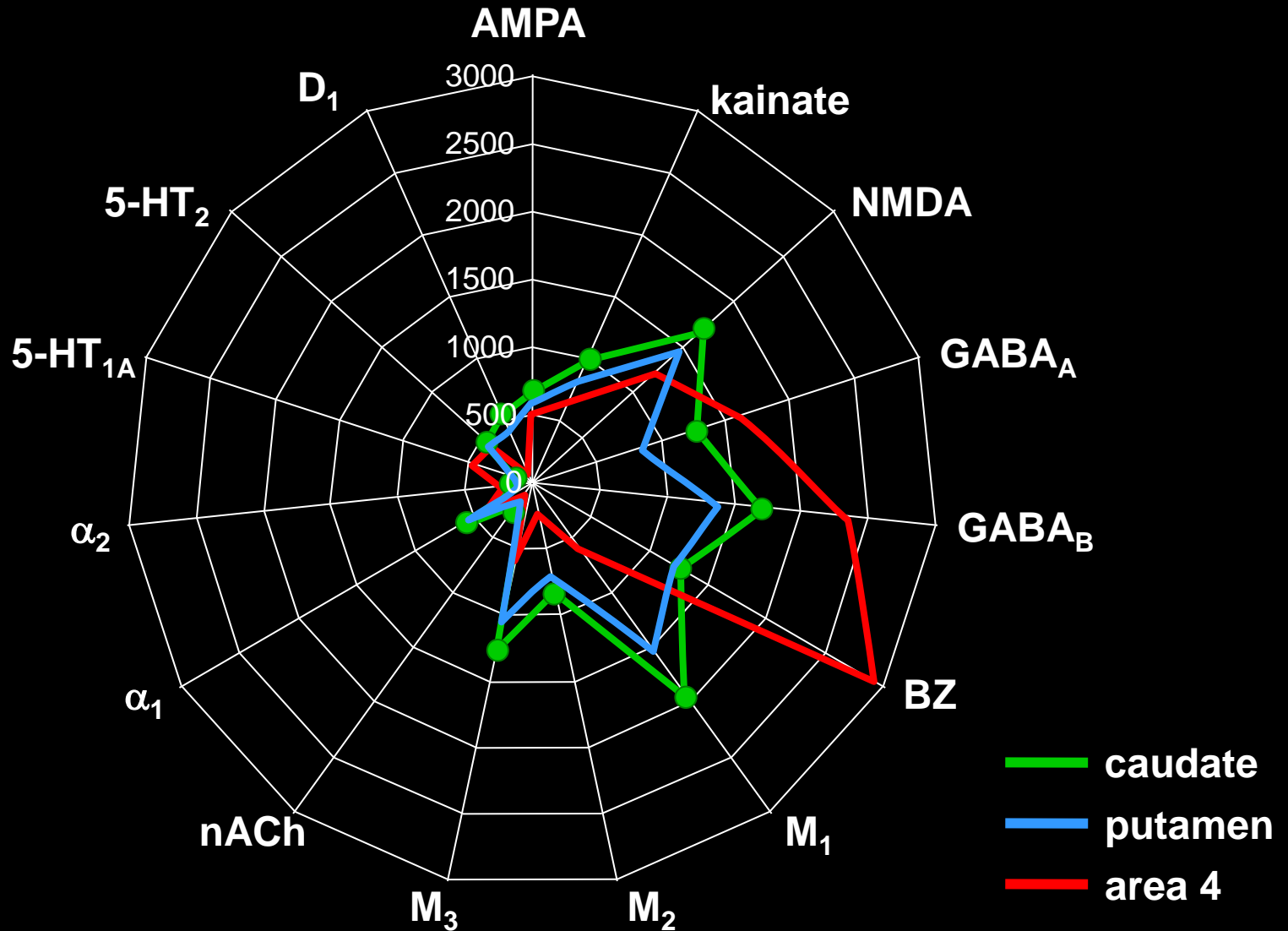
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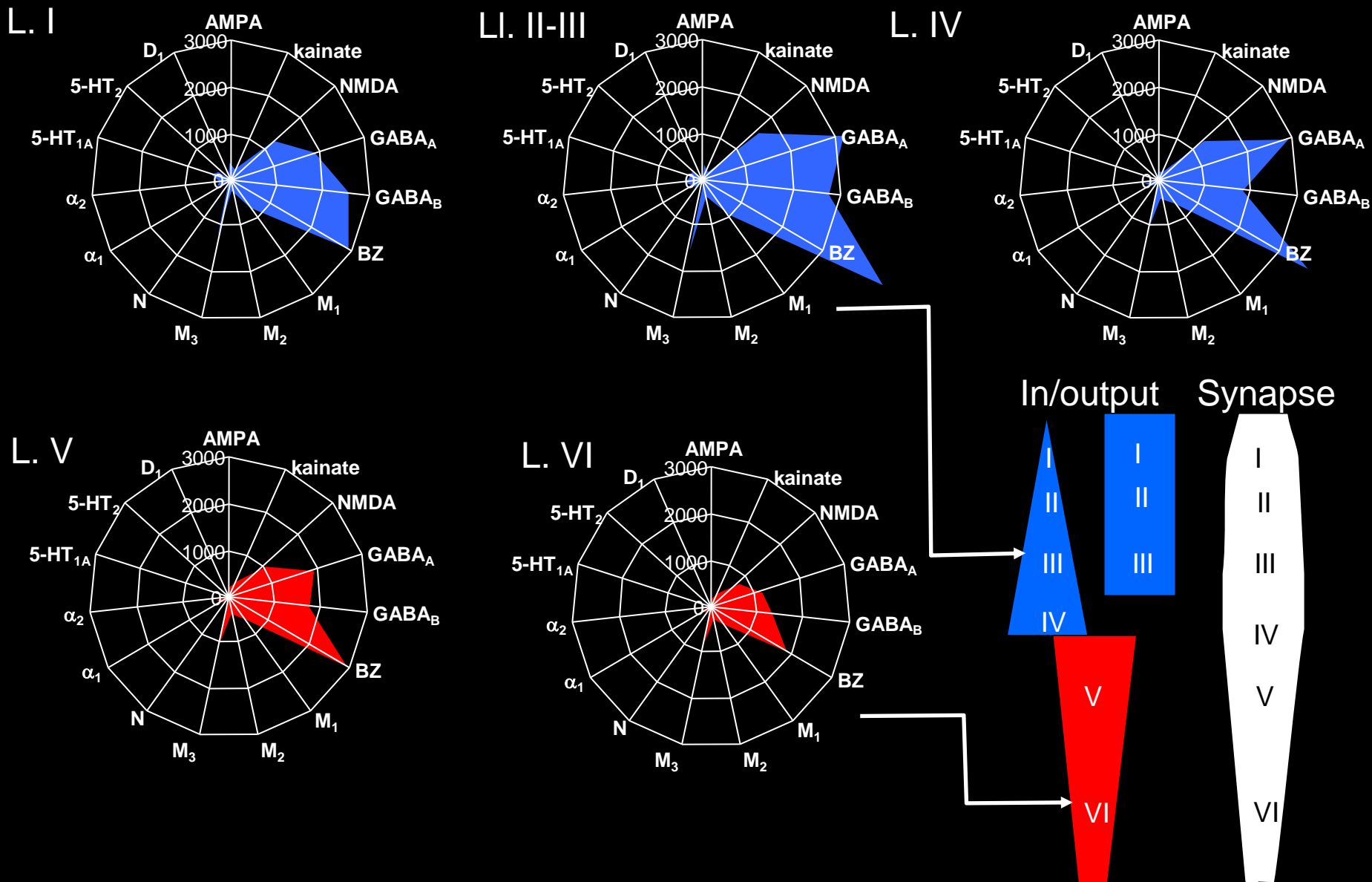
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# A receptor fingerprint is...

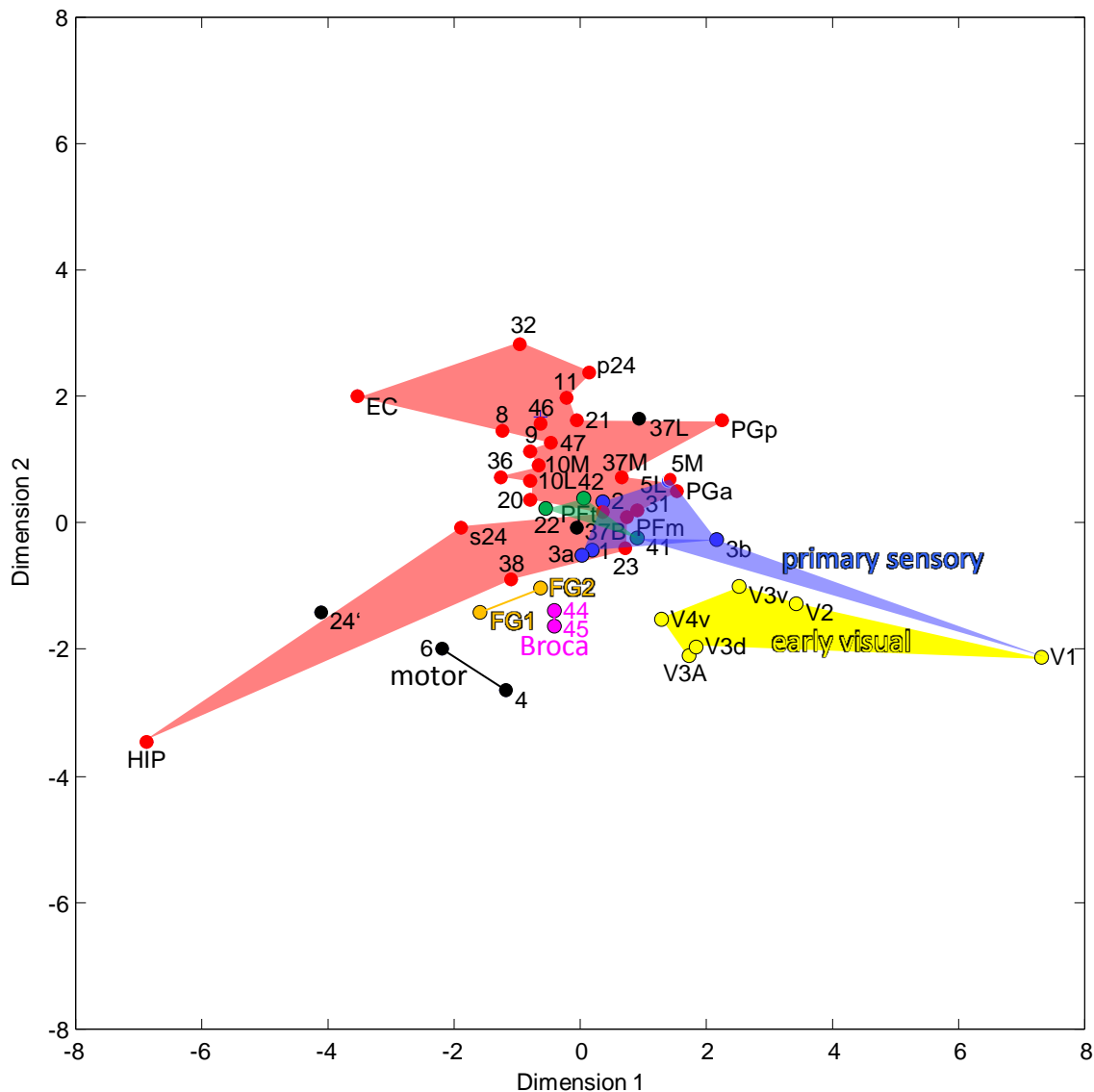


# Receptor Fingerprints of the primary visual cortex: layer specificity

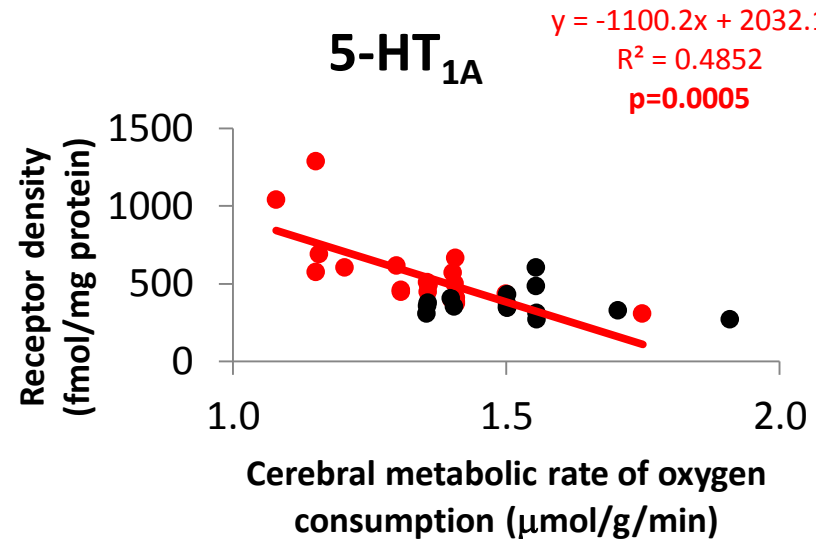
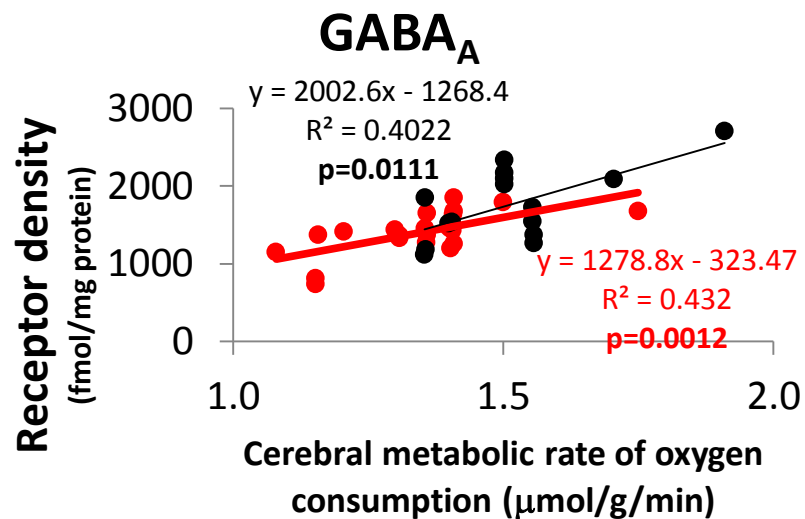
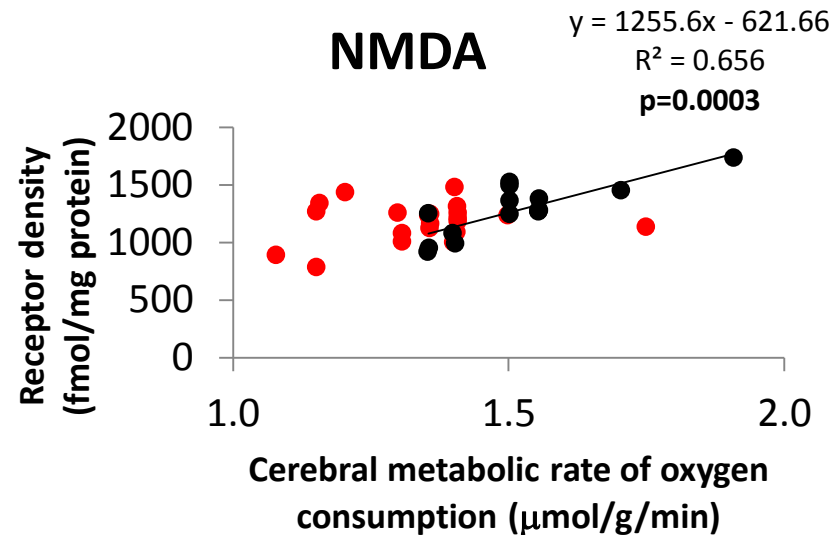
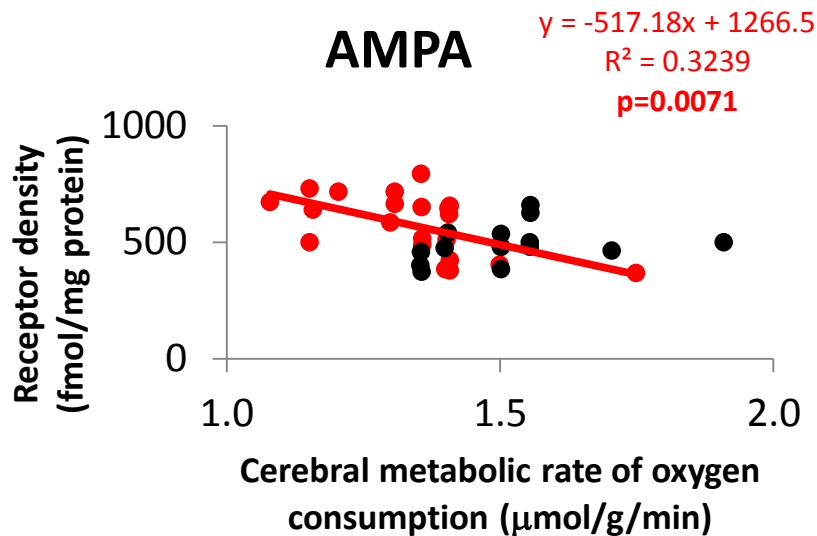




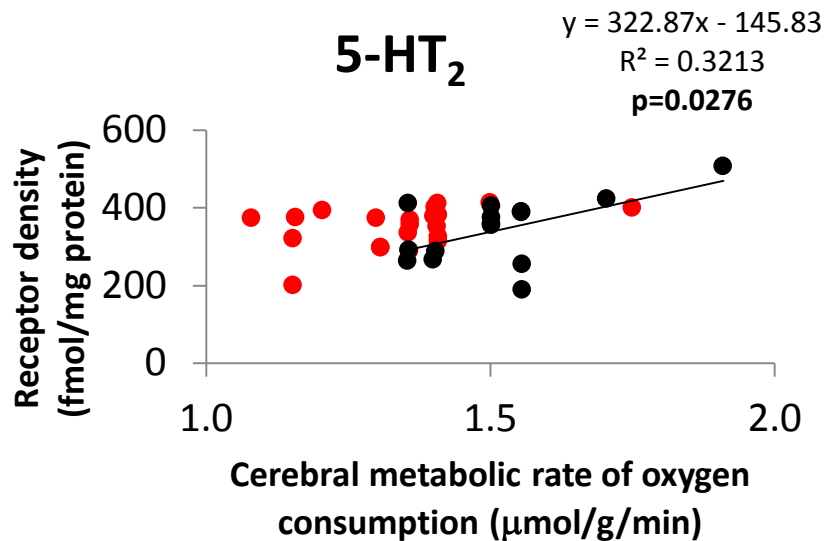
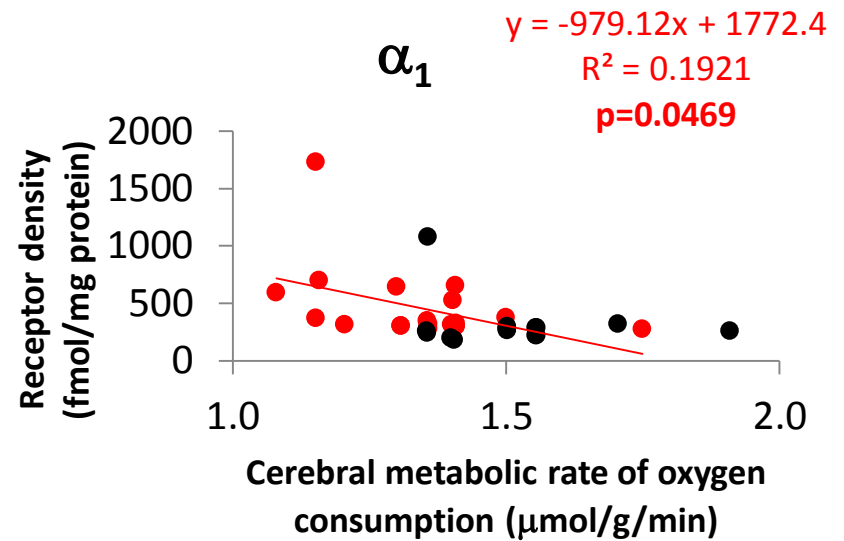
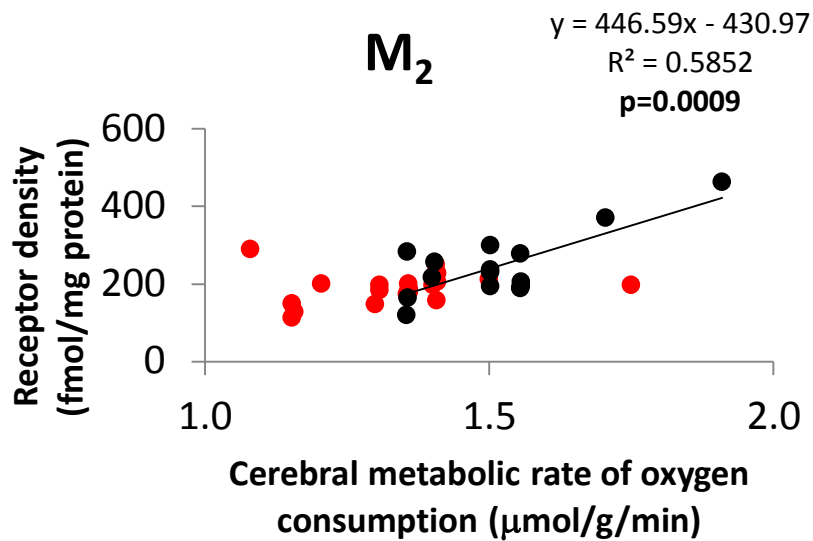
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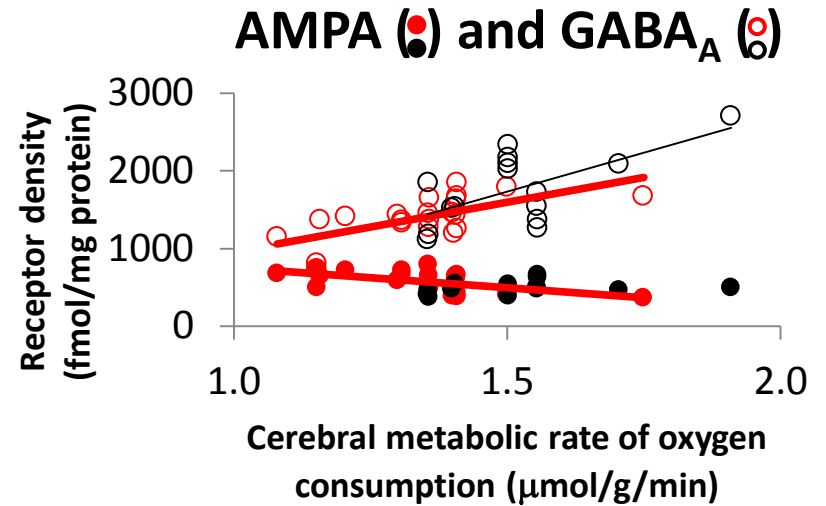
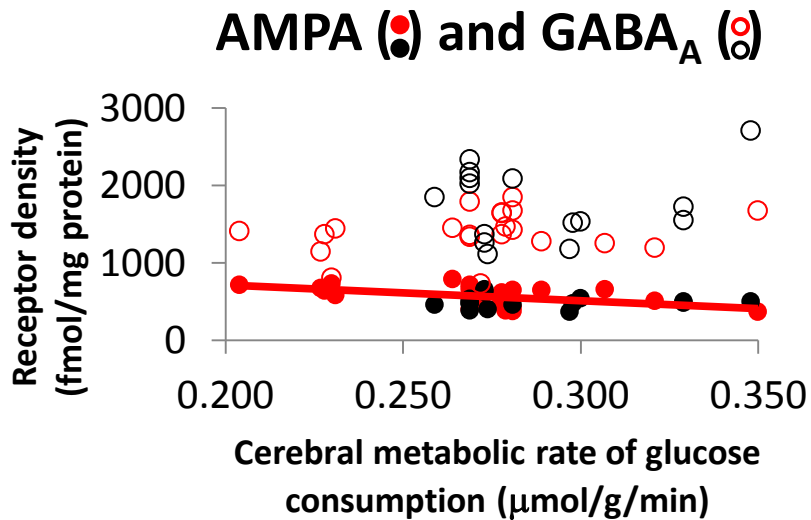
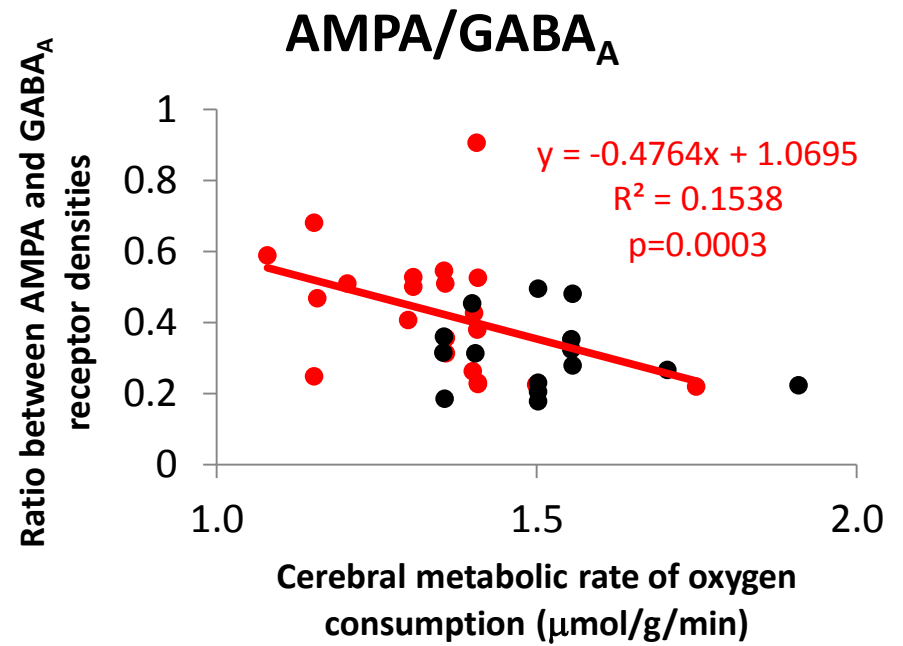
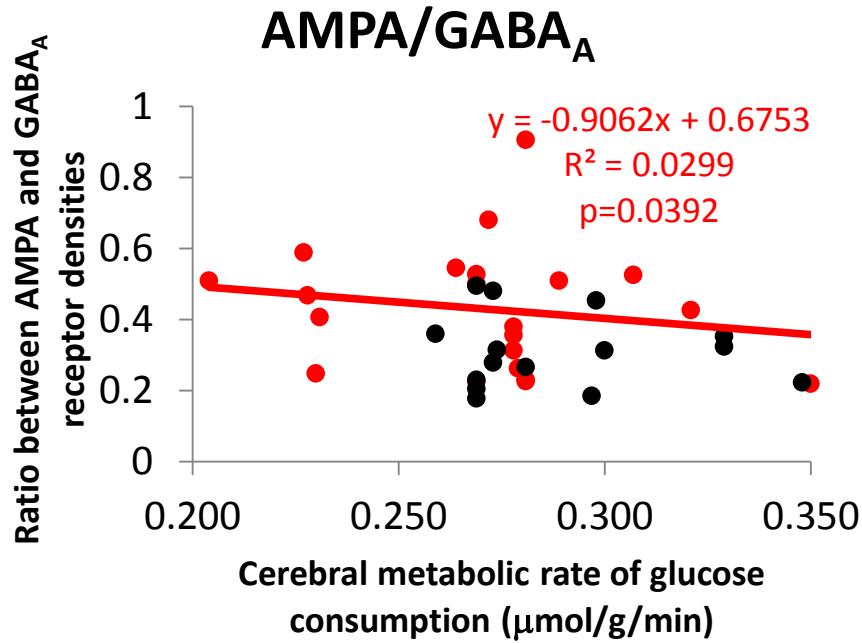
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DMN: cerebral metabolic rate of oxygen consumption *decreases* with increasing AMPA, 5-HT<sub>1A</sub> and  $\alpha_1$  receptor densities, but *increases* with increasing GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor densities

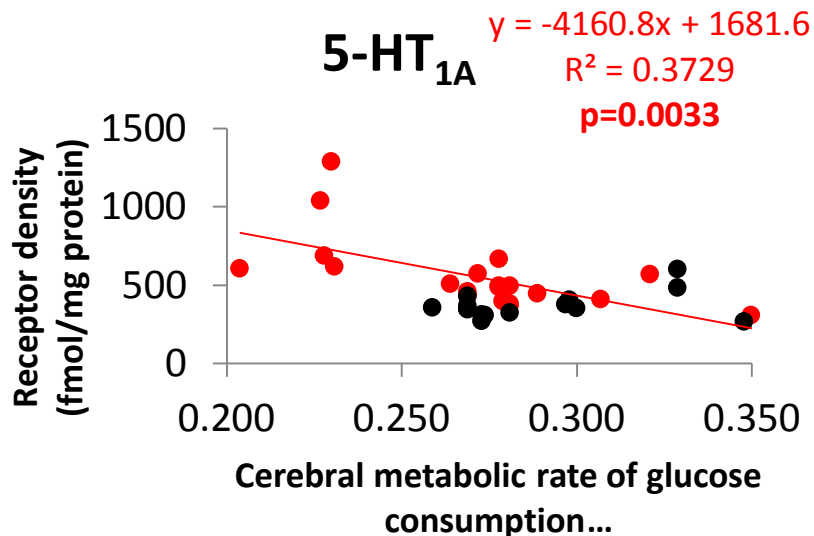
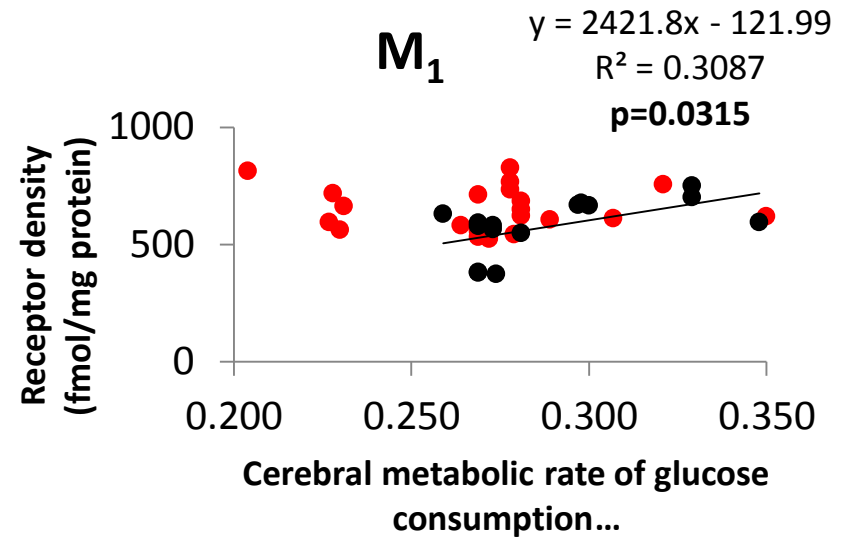
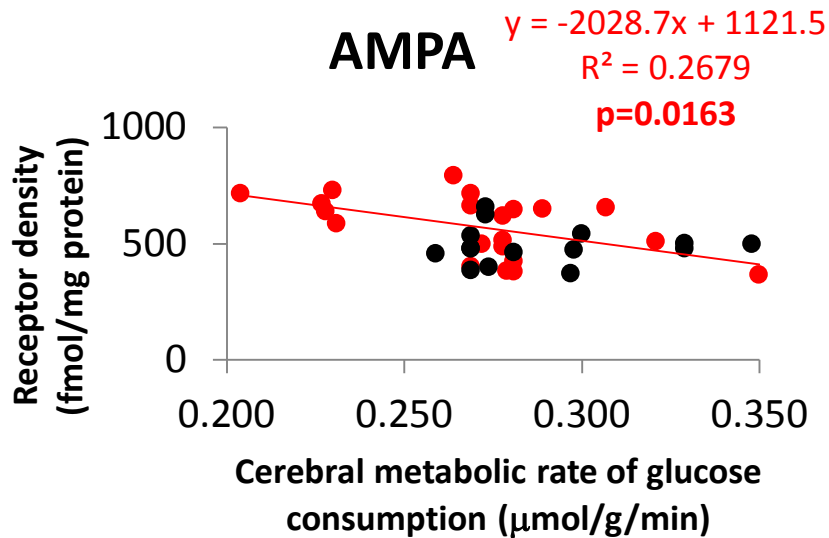
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DMN: cerebral metabolic rate of glucose consumption *decreases* with increasing AMPA and 5-HT<sub>1A</sub> receptor densities

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# Summary

**High** densities of receptors significantly correlate, or show a non-significant trend, with **low** cerebral metabolic rates of glucose or oxygen consumption in **DMN** areas. A notable exception is the positive correlation of the densities of inhibitory GABA<sub>A</sub> receptors with the cerebral metabolic rate of oxygen consumption.

**High** densities of receptors significantly correlate, or show a non-significant trend, with **high** cerebral metabolic rates of glucose or oxygen consumption in **non-DMN** areas (mainly primary and higher sensory areas, motor areas).