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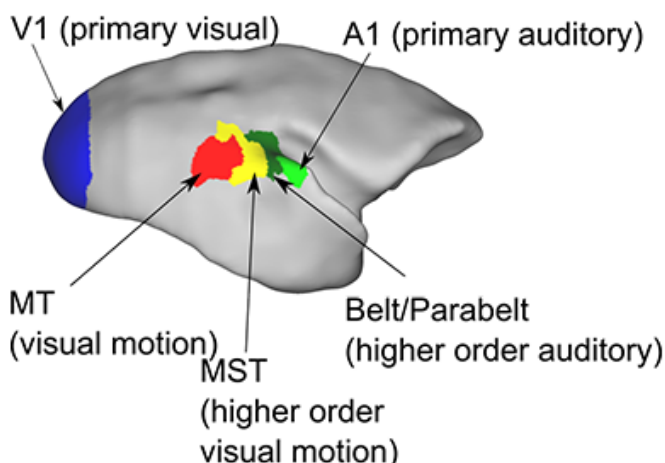
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Sensory systems have historically provided some of the most robust insights into brain function. These experiments have been used as a tool to study higher-order function; our work extends this to multi-sensory (audiovisual) integration and neural plasticity. Different parts of the brain initially represent information from the different senses (see brain below), however very little is known about how these areas interact to give a unified percept. We also study how the activity of different parts of the brain (MT) changes after damage to another (V1), and we will extend this to the neural basis of how training with simple perceptual tasks can improve sensory function after damage. We believe uncovering these processes will provide insights into mechanisms of higher-order brain function. Our laboratory operates within the Sensory and Cognitive Neuroscience Group in the Department of Physiology.

Research Projects

1. Neural mechanisms of audiovisual integration
2. Neural plasticity underlying visual motion perception after damage to the primary visual cortex (V1)
3. Representations of complex motion in the primate brain



Selected significant publications:

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