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**Shared roles of dorsal and subgenual
anterior cingulate cortices in economic decisions**

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ABSTRACT

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Theories of dorsal anterior cingulate cortex (dACC) function generally emphasize its cognitive and regulatory functions while theories of subgenual ACC (sgACC) emphasize its emotional, limbic, and arousal-related roles. But how different are these areas when compared in the same task? We recorded neuronal responses in both regions in macaques in a task with cognitive and limbic aspects, a token gambling task. Using tokens allowed us to compare responses to wins and losses. Both regions phasically encoded several important economic variables in similar ways; these included offered values, remembered values, attended values, and obtained values, and number of current tokens. Signal-to-noise ratio in sgACC was substantially lower than in dACC, and sgACC neurons responded more strongly to losses and in anticipation of large rewards. These results highlight the common economic functions of the anterior cingulum and suggest different functional emphases between regions, rather than a strict cognitive vs. emotional division.

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INTRODUCTION

41 The cingulum is a large structure on the medial wall encircling the corpus
42 callosum in the saggital plane. The portion rostral to the central sulcus, the anterior
43 cingulate cortex (ACC), is important for almost every aspect of cognition and its
44 malfunction is associated with several psychiatric diseases (Bush et al., 1999;
45 Heilbronner & Hayden, 2016; Paus, 2001; Rushworth et al., 2012; Shenhav et al., 2013).
46 A great deal of evidence indicates that the ACC can be functionally subdivided into at
47 least two portions, a dorsal (dACC) and subgenual (sgACC) one. These portions are
48 associated with different cytoarchitectonics, connectivity patterns, patterns of
49 hemodynamic activation, and lesion effects (Bush et al., 2000; Vogt et al., 1995).
50 Nonetheless, a direct comparison of their function at the single-neuron level has never
51 been made.

52 Theories of dACC generally emphasize its cognitive and regulatory roles rather
53 than limbic and emotional ones. Cognitive functions associated with dACC include error-
54 and conflict-monitoring, allocation of control, task-switching and regulation of strategy
55 (Allman et al., 2001; Amiez et al., 2005; Carter et al., 2007; Kerns et al., 2004; Neubert et
56 al., 2015; Procyk et al., 2000; Quilodran et al., 2008; Rushworth et al., 2002; Shenhav et
57 al., 2013). In contrast, theories of sgACC emphasize its limbic, emotional, and arousal-
58 related roles and not its cognitive function. These functions include emotional processing,
59 mood-changes, sleep, and potentially a role in depression (Botteron et al., 2002; Coryell
60 et al., 2005; Drevets et al., 1997; George et al., 2006; Johansen-Berg et al., 2008; Rolls et
61 al., 2003). Some evidence suggests that these regions have negatively correlated activity
62 patterns (Bush et al., 2000), consistent with the idea they inhibit each other. These

63 differences have led to the theory that these two regions play antagonistic roles in
64 cognition (Bush et al., 2000).

65 Nonetheless, there are reasons to believe that dACC and sgACC play overlapping
66 roles in cognition. Both are associated with monitoring and anticipation of reward (which
67 itself has both cognitive and limbic aspects.) The role of the dorsal portion of ACC in
68 reward representation is well-established (Heilbronner and Hayden, 2016). Although
69 single-unit studies in the subgenual portion have been relatively few, some of these
70 studies also implicate this region in reward processing and representation (Monosov &
71 Hikosaka, 2012; Rudebeck et al., 2014; similar findings were reported in Amemori &
72 Graybiel, 2012, who recorded in the adjacent pregenual cingulate). More broadly, both
73 regions have been implicated in pain processing (Derbyshire et al., 1998; Vogt et al.,
74 1992), depression (Cotter et al., 2001; Mayberg et al., 1997), addiction (Forman et al.,
75 2004; Goldstein et al., 2007), OCD (Graybiel & Rauch, 2000), and other psychiatric
76 disorders (Blumberg et al., 2000; Bouras et al., 2001; Drevets et al., 1997; Drevets et al.,
77 2008; Ongur, Drevets & Price, 1998). Nonetheless, our ability to compare these regions
78 is limited by the paucity of direct comparisons of their function.

79 Here we compared the responses of these two regions in a single gambling task.
80 We sought to understand their relative contributions within a single task that was
81 complex and engaging, and had both limbic and cognitive aspects. Among economic
82 choice tasks, gambling is particularly useful because it is well-characterized
83 mathematically, preferences are stable, and it involves both reward and
84 monitoring/adjustment processes (Heilbronner and Hayden, 2013; Heilbronner &
85 Hayden, 2015). Furthermore, we have a foundational understanding of the neuroscience

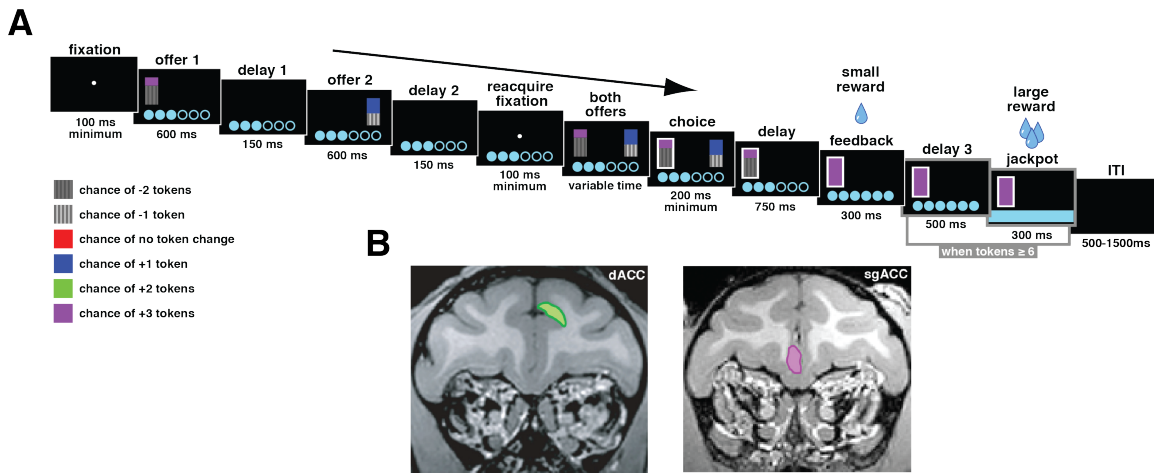
86 of risky choice, including recordings in dACC, although not in sgACC (Blanchard and
87 Hayden, 2014; Hayden et al., 2011; Hosokawa et al., 2013; Kennerley et al., 2009;
88 Procyk et al., 2000). To directly compare coding of gain and loss, we added a new feature
89 to our task. On each trial, monkeys gambled for gain or loss of tokens; collection of 6
90 tokens produced a jackpot reward (cf. Seo & Lee, 2007). This feature allowed for direct
91 comparison of two reward signs in a single modality (thus controlling for sensory
92 features that, say, an air puff or hypertonic solution would not). This manipulation also
93 allowed us to explore responses to secondary reinforcers—which has not been done in
94 sgACC.

95 These two cingulate regions exhibited strikingly similar patterns of activity in our
96 study. Both encoded several economic variables and did so in similar ways. Specifically,
97 we found encoding of the values of offers (attended and remembered), outcomes, and
98 number of tokens accumulated. Both regions used an attentionally-aligned, as opposed to
99 labeled line, coding scheme for values. We also confirmed earlier results showing
100 encoding of positions of offered and chosen options (Strait et al., 2016). We found no
101 measurable differences in response latency. This is not to say the regions were identical:
102 two major differences stood out. First, task-relevant coding was more frequent in dACC
103 and signal-to-noise was roughly three times greater. Second, neurons in dACC were
104 biased towards higher firing for gamble wins, while neurons in sgACC were biased
105 towards higher firing for losses. There was also a positive bias at the single neuron level
106 in anticipation of large, primary rewards in sgACC; no corresponding bias occurred in
107 dACC. These data suggest that dACC and sgACC play overlapping roles in economic

108 decisions albeit with different emphases, but do not have antagonistic roles or strong
109 cognitive / emotional specialization.

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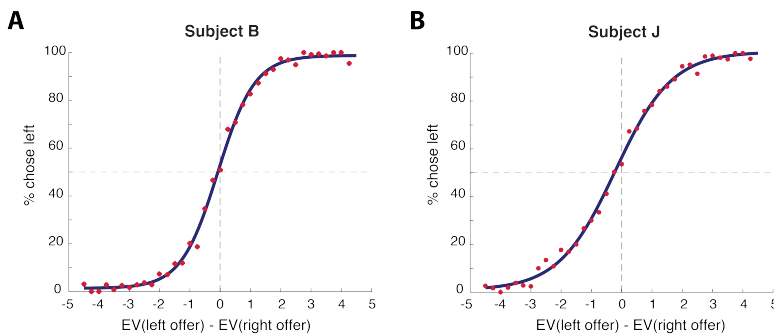
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113 **Figure 1: A:** Example trial from token-gambling task. Offers were presented
114 asynchronously, and the side the first offer appeared on was counterbalanced across
115 trials. Each gamble offered one of two outcomes (indicated by the colors of the bars) at a
116 certain probability (indicated by their heights). **B:** Regions of interest (for exact
117 coordinates, see Methods).

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120 **Figure 2:** Behavior for each subject, fit to a sigmoid function. Subjects choose the left
121 option more often as its value increases. EV: expected value of gamble.

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RESULTS

Behavior

126 Two monkeys performed a token-gambling task. On each trial, monkeys chose
127 between two options presented asynchronously that differed in three dimensions: win
128 amount, loss amount, and probability of win (Figure 1A). Both monkeys showed
129 behavior consistent with task understanding (Figure 2). Specifically, both subjects
130 preferred the option with the greater expected value (subject B: 80.3%; subject J: 75.1%;
131 both $P < 0.0001$; two-sided binomial test), and were sensitive to the three parameters that
132 defined each gamble (See Table 1). Subjects were more sensitive to win amount than to
133 loss amount, consistent with the idea that they focus on the win (Hayden & Platt, 2007;
134 Hayden et al., 2008). Monkeys showed weak side and order biases (rightward choice:
135 51.0% in subject B; 47.4% in subject J; chose second: 52.5% in subject B; 55.6% in
136 subject J.)

137 Monkeys were risk-seeking, consistent with earlier studies (Hayden et al., 2008;
138 Hayden & Platt, 2007; McCoy & Platt, 2005). To assess risk-seeking, we fit a utility
139 curve distortion parameter to subjects' behavior in each session (Lak et al., 2014;
140 Yamada et al., 2013). This parameter, α , was always greater than 1 in both subjects (B: α
141 = 1.61 ($n = 66$ sessions); subject J: 1.81 ($n = 74$ sessions); both greater than 1 at $P <$
142 0.0001; one-sample t-test over sessions). Subjects' behavior was modestly influenced by
143 the number of current tokens: accuracy improved as tokens increased (subject B: $\beta =$
144 0.027, $P = 0.0012$; subject J: $\beta = 0.078$, $P < 0.0001$; logistic regression of accuracy
145 against tokens acquired).

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Regressor	Subject B	Subject J
Win amount, left offer	1.2302 (P < 0.0001)	1.0097 (P < 0.0001)
Loss amount, left offer	0.4063 (P < 0.0001)	0.2451 (P < 0.0001)
Probability of win, left offer	3.3828 (P < 0.0001)	3.1745 (P < 0.0001)
Win amount, right offer	-1.1577 (P < 0.0001)	-1.1390 (P < 0.0001)
Loss amount, right offer	-0.3449 (P < 0.0001)	-0.1937 (P < 0.0001)
Probability of loss, right-offer	-4.1934 (P < 0.0001)	-3.5026 (P < 0.0001)
Intercept	-0.2893 (P < 0.0001)	0.6177 (P < 0.0001)

147 **Table 1:** Regression coefficients from a logistic regression model of choice (left = 1,
148 right = 0) against the variables in the regressor column. A 'loss' within a gamble was
149 always less than or equal to the win outcome of that gamble. Note that losses included
150 negative outcomes. Overall, the expected value of the win-portion of a gamble influenced
151 behavior more than the value of a loss did in both subjects.
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153 Variance explained by task variables is higher in dACC than in sgACC

154 Responses to task variables were attenuated in sgACC neurons compared to
155 dACC neurons. To quantify this difference, we regressed average firing rate in a sliding
156 500 ms window against eight task-relevant variables (see Methods). We then computed
157 the average fraction of variance in firing rates explained by this model for each neuron in
158 each brain region over the entire trial. We next compared these measures across regions,
159 where neurons were the unit of analysis. Task-relevant variables explained over three
160 times as much variance in dACC than in sgACC neurons (average adjusted R^2 over all
161 neurons: dACC: 0.0093; sgACC: 0.0025; $T = 4.94$, $P < 0.0001$; two-sample t-test). Thus,
162 variance explained was between 3 and 4 times greater in dACC than in sgACC.

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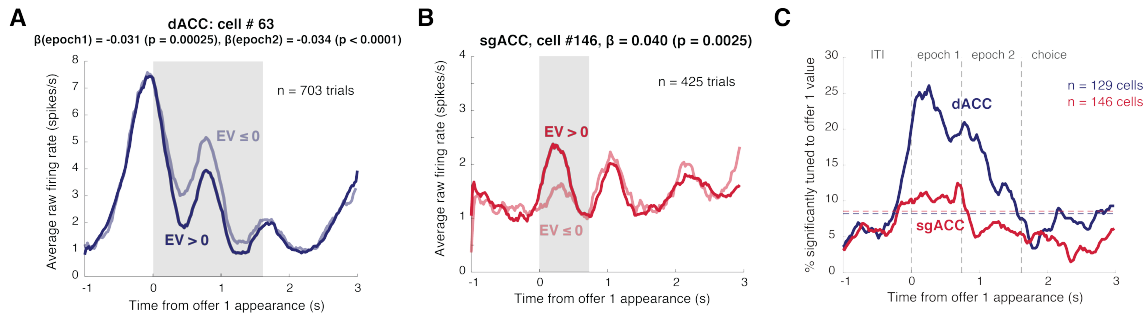
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Variable	dACC (t-statistic)	sgACC (t-statistic)
Offer 1 value (attended)	0.64 (P = 0.53)	1.67 (P = 0.098)
Offer 1 value (remembered)	-0.26 (P = 0.79)	-0.47 (P = 0.64)
Offer 2 value (attended)	0.95 (P = 0.34)	0.97 (P = 0.33)
Chosen value	-1.47 (P = 0.14)	-2.31 (P = 0.022)
Unchosen value	2.70 (P = 0.0078)	1.73 (P = 0.085)
Outcome	2.35 (P = 0.02)	-2.85 (P = 0.0050)
Number of tokens	1.42 (P = 0.16)	0.15 (P = 0.88)
Jackpot	0.092 (P = 0.93)	4.47 (P < 0.0001)

167 **Table 2:** Assessment of biases in tuning in the overall population. We performed this
 168 analysis running a one-sample t-test on the regression coefficients corresponding to each
 169 variable obtained from a multiple linear regression (see Methods).
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Variable	dACC (% positive)	sgACC (% positive)
Offer 1 value (attended)	57.6% (n = 19/33, P = 0.49)	66.7% (n = 12/18, P = 0.24)
Offer 1 value (remembered)	56.0% (n = 14/25, P = 0.69)	41.7% (n = 5/12, P = 0.77)
Offer 2 value (attended)	50.0% (n = 9/18, P = 1)	57.1% (n = 8/14, P = 0.79)
Chosen value	20% (n = 4/20, P = 0.012)	22.2% (n = 2/9, P = 0.18)
Unchosen value	100% (n = 12/12, P = 0.0005)	50.0% (n = 3/6, P = 1.0)
Outcome	71.0% (n = 22/36, P = 0.029)	31.6% (n = 6/19, P = 0.17)
Number of tokens	60.0% (n = 27/49, P = 0.23)	58.3% (n = 14/31, P = 0.54)
Jackpot	54.3% (n = 19/35, P = 0.74)	70.6% (n = 12/17, P = 0.14)

171 **Table 3:** Assessment of biases in frequency of coding in the tuned population. We
 172 determine whether the fraction of positively tuned neurons (of the tuned population only)
 173 is significantly larger than chance (50%), using a two-sided binomial test.
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176 **Figure 3:** Neural responses to the value of offer 1. **A:** Responses of one dACC neuron
177 with increasing firing rate in response to smaller values of offer 1 in both the first and
178 second epochs. Shaded regions are epochs of interest with significant modulation. **B:**
179 Responses of one sgACC neuron with increasing firing rates in response to larger values
180 of offer 1 in the first epoch. **C:** Proportion of neurons selective for the value of offer 1 in
181 both regions throughout the course of the trial. This fraction was computed by regressing
182 firing rate over a 500 ms sliding window against the expected value of the first offer,
183 along with other task-relevant variables (see Methods). The blue and red horizontal lines
184 indicate the percentage of neurons we would expect to see by chance (as determined by a
185 two-sided binomial test, according to the number of neurons in each area) for dACC and
186 sgACC, respectively.

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188 Neurons in both regions encode offered values

189 Responses of two neurons (one in dACC and one in sgACC) are shown in Figure
190 3. Both of these neurons' firing rates were correlated with the expected value of the first
191 offer while it was displayed on the screen (epoch 1). The firing rate of the dACC neuron
192 was also affected by the expected value of the first offer when the second offer appeared
193 (epoch 2). This was not the case for the sgACC neuron.

194 Significant proportions of neurons in both regions encoded the value of the first
195 offer in the 500 ms epoch starting 100 ms after that offer appeared. Note that we chose
196 this epoch for another study and use it here to allow comparability across datasets (Strait
197 et al., 2014; Strait et al., 2015).

198 We found that responses of 25.6% ($n = 33/129$) of neurons in dACC and 12.3% (n
199 $= 18/146$) in sgACC were affected by the value of offer 1 during epoch 1. Both
200 proportions are greater than chance (dACC: $P < 0.0001$; sgACC: $P = 0.0004$; two-sided
201 binomial test). Figure 3C shows the fraction of neurons whose firing rates were
202 modulated by offer 1 value through time. There was no measured bias towards a positive
203 direction in either area (see Table 3). The average regression weight across all neurons,
204 another measure of directionality of effect, was not different from zero in either area,
205 indicating no bias in the overall populations (see Table 2).

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207 **Neurons in both regions integrate gamble probability and stakes**

208 The mathematical expected value of a gamble in our task – and its subjective
209 value – depend on three factors: the probability of the win, the win amount, and the loss
210 amount. We wanted to know whether the individual components of a gamble are
211 integrated into a single general value signal, or represented as separate attributes.

212 We explored whether probability and stakes were integrated in the first epoch of
213 the trial, when only the first gamble had been displayed. We compared regression
214 weights for neuronal responses to the first offer against the magnitude and probability of
215 a win and the magnitude of loss, in one multivariate regression, while controlling for
216 other variables that significantly explained firing rate for this neuron in this epoch (see
217 Methods for further detail).

218 Regression coefficients corresponding to win-magnitude and win-probability
219 were positively correlated, supporting the hypothesis that these parameters are integrated
220 This correlation is observed in both cingulate regions (dACC: $r = 0.63$, $P < 0.0001$;

221 sgACC: $r = 0.31$, $P = 0.0001$; Pearson correlation coefficient of signed regression
222 coefficients). The absolute values of these coefficients were also positively correlated,
223 indicating that these variables were encoded by a single population of neurons rather than
224 two distinct ones — further supporting the integration hypothesis (dACC: $r = 0.59$, $P <$
225 0.0001 ; sgACC: $r = 0.56$, $P < 0.0001$). We previously reported similar findings in the
226 ventromedial prefrontal cortex (vmPFC) and the ventral striatum (VS, Strait et al., 2015).
227 These results suggest that all four regions carry integrated value signals.

228 Win and loss magnitudes were also integrated in both areas (dACC: $r = 0.34$, $P =$
229 0.0001 ; sgACC: $r = 0.36$, $P < 0.0001$; Pearson correlation coefficient of signed regression
230 coefficients). While these variables were represented in overlapping populations in
231 sgACC ($r = 0.30$, $P = 0.0003$; Pearson correlation coefficient of unsigned regression
232 coefficients), this relationship does not achieve significance in dACC ($r = 0.17$, $P =$
233 0.053).

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235 **Neurons in both regions encode remembered values**

236 We examined whether firing rates reflected the value of the first offer while the
237 second offer was presented (epoch 2, 500 ms epoch starting 100 ms after the second offer
238 appeared,). We saw encoding of offer 1 in this epoch in dACC (19.4% of neurons, $n =$
239 $25/129$, $P < 0.0001$; two-sided binomial test), but it failed to reach significance in sgACC
240 (8.22%, $n = 12/146$, $P = 0.084$). Since task-relevant signals were generally attenuated in
241 sgACC, and the percentage of tuned neurons we saw failed to reach significance by one
242 neuron, we repeated this analysis in an earlier 500 ms epoch, starting immediately when
243 the second offer appeared. The fraction of neurons tuned to the value of offer 1 in this

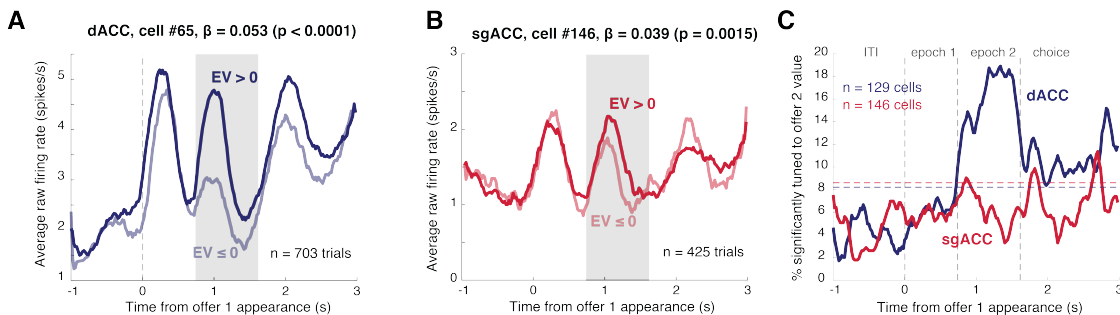
244 epoch does achieve significance (11.0%, $n = 16/146$, $P = 0.0028$; two-sided binomial
245 test). This proportion is still significant when correcting for multiple comparisons (i.e. at
246 $P < 0.025$). This finding suggests that sgACC may, in fact, carry a memory signal,
247 although one that is more attenuated and less reliable than that in dACC. There was no
248 bias in tuning in either brain region (see Table 3), nor was there any bias in the regression
249 coefficients of the overall populations (see Table 2).

250 We next investigated the relationship between the pattern of tuning for attended
251 and remembered offers. Was offer 1 encoded in similar tuning formats as it moved from
252 the retina to working memory? And were the putative working memory neurons, which
253 carried the value of offer 1 in the second epoch, the same ones that encoded it when it
254 was first presented—in the first epoch? The answers to both questions is yes for dACC,
255 but we cannot draw conclusions from our results in sgACC. We computed regression
256 weights for the expected value of offer 1 in epoch 1 (when it was present on the screen)
257 and for the same option in epoch 2 (when it was remembered), while controlling for other
258 task variables that best explained each neuron's response (see Methods). These values
259 were positively correlated in dACC ($r = 0.32$, $P = 0.0002$; Pearson correlation coefficient
260 of signed regression coefficients), indicating a preservation of coding format as
261 information was transferred from an active to a remembered storage buffer. The absolute
262 regression coefficients were also positively correlated ($r = 0.44$, $P < 0.0001$), suggesting
263 these variables were encoded by a single task-sensitive population, rather than memory
264 and active-buffer neurons (consistent with vmPFC and VS; Strait et al., 2015).

265 We cannot draw any strong conclusions from results in sgACC. There was no
266 significant correlation between these variables: neither one indicating preservation of

267 format ($r = 0.090$, $P = 0.28$; Pearson correlation of signed regression coefficients), nor
268 one indicating that this signal was carried by the same population ($r = 0.0380$, $P = 0.65$;
269 Pearson correlation of unsigned regression coefficients). Results were similar in the
270 slightly earlier 500 ms epoch we used earlier (preservation of format: $r = 0.15$, $P = 0.079$;
271 overlapping populations: $r = 0.063$, $P = 0.45$). It is difficult to draw conclusions from the
272 absence of this correlation, as it could be due to weaker signal-to-noise ratio in this
273 region. We therefore performed a cross-validation procedure similar to that in Blanchard
274 et al. (2015), and found that our signal in the epochs of interest was not strong enough to
275 detect correlations (see Methods). The failure of this procedure suggests that we could
276 not detect this effect with our data, even if it existed. We therefore draw no conclusions
277 from this null result.

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280 **Figure 4:** *Neural responses to the value of offer 2. A:* Responses of one dACC neuron
281 whose firing rate increased in response to larger values of offer 2. **B:** Responses of one
282 sgACC neuron whose firing rate increased in response to larger values of offer 2. **C:**
283 Percentage of neurons tuned to the value of the second offer in both regions over the
284 course of the trial. A 500 ms sliding window was used to compute these values at each
285 point of the trial. The blue and red horizontal lines indicate the percentage of neurons we
286 would expect to see tuned by chance (as determined by a two-sided binomial test,
287 according to the number of neurons in each area) for dACC and sgACC, respectively.

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290 **Simultaneous encoding of both offer values**

291 We next explored the effects of the second offer value on firing rates during
292 epoch 2. Figure 4 shows two example neurons, one from dACC and one from sgACC,
293 whose firing rates increased in response to the second offer. A significant proportion of
294 neurons in both regions encoded the value of the second offer when it appeared (dACC:
295 14.0%, $n = 18/129$; sgACC: 9.59%, $n = 14/146$). Both proportions exceed what we would
296 predict by chance (dACC: $P = 0.0001$; sgACC: $P = 0.016$; two-sided binomial test).
297 There was no significant bias in tuning in either area (Table 3), and the average
298 coefficient of offer 2 value over the entire population was also not biased in either brain
299 region (Table 2). Figure 4C shows how the fraction of neurons responsive to offer 2
300 changed over the course of the trial.

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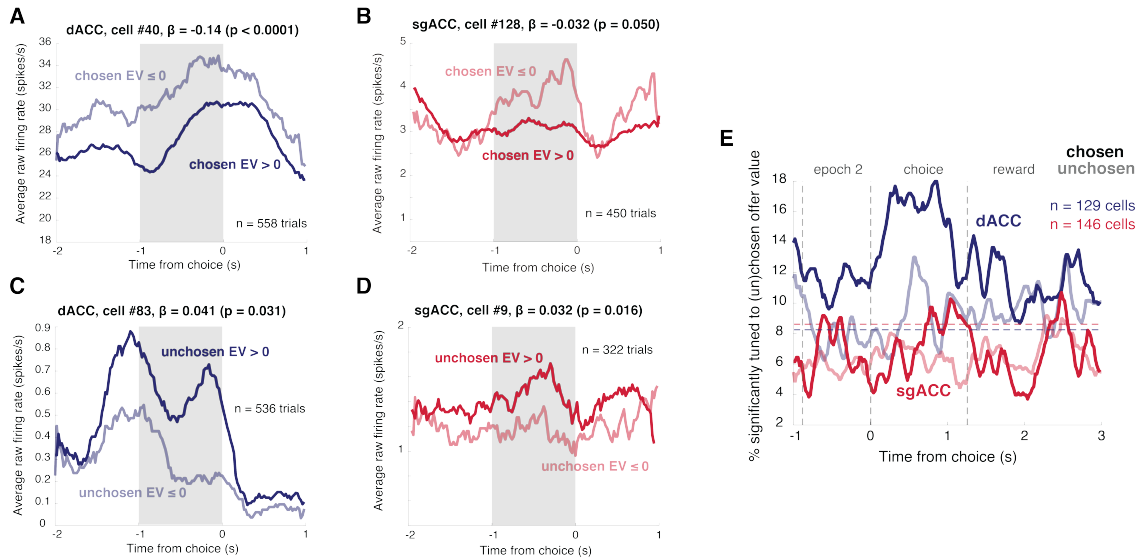
302 **Attentionally-aligned coding scheme for offer values**

303 Do cingulate regions encode all attended offers similarly, using the same
304 population? Our previous studies of vmPFC and VS indicate that value coding in these
305 regions is attentionally-aligned – that is, they encode the value of the attended offer in a
306 conserved attended format (by format, we mean tuning strength and sign, and identity of
307 neurons; Strait et al., 2015; Akaishi & Hayden, 2016; Rich & Wallis, 2016).). This
308 framework differs from a labeled-line format, in which a specialized set of neurons
309 encodes the value of each offer respectively (e.g. Hunt et al., 2015). To test this, we
310 compared the regression coefficients associated with the first offer in the first epoch to
311 those associated with the second offer in the second epoch.

312 Our data support the attentional alignment hypothesis. Specifically, coding
313 direction for both offers was consistent in both areas (dACC: $r = 0.51$, $P < 0.0001$;
314 sgACC: $r = 0.26$, $P = 0.0013$; Pearson correlation test of signed coefficients). Second,
315 both regions made use of a consistent set of neurons for the two offers (dACC: $r = 0.45$, P
316 < 0.0001 ; sgACC: $r = 0.32$, $P = 0.0001$; Pearson correlation test of unsigned coefficients).
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318 **Beta anti-correlation in dACC: a putative signature of comparison through mutual**
319 **inhibition**

320 One putative neural signature of the comparative process is an anti-correlation
321 between regression coefficients for the values of the two offers while they are being
322 compared (Strait et al., 2014). This anti-correlation indicates that the two offers modulate
323 neuronal activity in opposing directions, and that the ensemble of neurons effectively
324 subtracts their values. We observed this pattern in dACC during the second epoch—when
325 both offers had been presented ($r = -0.17$, $P = 0.050$; Pearson correlation coefficient of
326 signed regression coefficients), suggesting that this area is involved in comparing the two
327 offers. We found no significant correlation in sgACC ($r = -0.077$, $P = 0.35$). It is difficult
328 to interpret the lack of a significant correlation as the absence of a comparison signal in
329 light of our weak signal-to-noise ratio, and due to the failure of the cross-validation
330 procedure (see Methods).
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333 **Figure 5:** Neural responses to the values of the chosen and unchosen offers. **A:**
334 Responses of dACC neuron whose firing rate was negatively modulated by the value of
335 the chosen offer. This pattern is typical of neurons in this region (see text and Tables 2
336 and 3). **B:** Responses of sgACC neuron whose firing rate was negatively modulated by
337 the value of the chosen offer. **C:** Responses of dACC neuron whose firing rate was
338 positively modulated by the value of the unchosen offer. This pattern is typical of neurons
339 in this region (see text and Tables 2 and 3). **D:** Responses of sgACC neuron whose firing
340 rate was positively modulated by the value of the unchosen offer. **E:** Percentage of
341 neurons tuned to the values of the chosen and unchosen offer values in both cingulate
342 regions throughout the course of the trial. Percentages were computed using a 500 ms
343 sliding window, using a regression analysis (see Methods for details). The blue and red
344 horizontal lines indicate the percentage of neurons we would expect to see tuned by
345 chance (as determined by a two-sided binomial test, according to the number of neurons
346 in each area) for dACC and sgACC, respectively.

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348 Encoding of chosen and unchosen value signals in both regions

349 We examined selectivity for chosen and unchosen offer values in the 1-second
350 epoch ending with the saccade that indicated the subject's choice. We chose this epoch to
351 capture any correlates of the choice process that arose when the second offer was
352 presented (presumably when the comparison was made), and when the subject had to
353 indicate his choice.

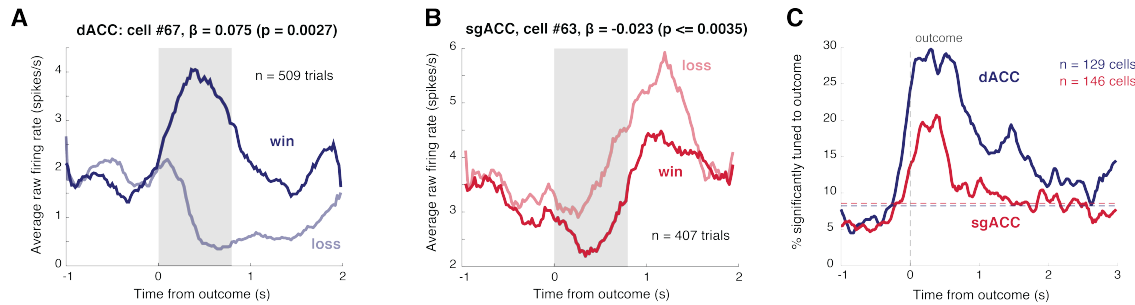
354 Figure 5 shows four neurons whose firing rates were affected by the values of the
355 chosen and unchosen offer values in both brain regions. Significant proportions of such
356 neurons were found in dACC, but not in sgACC. 15.5% ($n = 20/129$) of dACC responded
357 to the chosen value (two-sided binomial test: $P < 0.0001$), and 9.30% ($n = 12/129$)
358 responded to the unchosen value ($P = 0.030$). The proportion of neurons encoding chosen
359 value was greater than the proportion encoding unchosen value ($P = 0.018$; two-sided
360 binomial test). However, encoding of chosen value was not stronger than encoding of
361 unchosen value when the tuning coefficients of all neurons in the population were
362 compared ($T = 1.67$, $P = 0.097$; unpaired two-sample t-test of absolute regression
363 coefficients). There was more overlap than expected by chance between these
364 populations ($r = 0.22$, $P = 0.013$; Pearson correlation of unsigned regression coefficients).
365 Figure 5E shows the change in these fractions as the choice was made.

366 There was a bias towards negative tuning for the chosen value in the tuned
367 population ($n = 16/20$ negatively tuned, $P = 0.012$; two-sided binomial test), but not in
368 the regression coefficients of the overall population (Table 2). We found a bias towards
369 positive tuning for the unchosen value: both in the tuned population ($n = 12/12$ positively
370 tuned; $P = 0.0005$; two-sided binomial test), and in the overall population ($T = 2.70$, $P =$
371 0.0078 ; one-sample t-test).

372 No significant proportion of neurons encoding chosen (6.16%, $n = 9/146$, $P =$
373 0.57 ; two-sided binomial test) or unchosen (4.11%, $n = 6/146$, $P = 0.71$) offer values was
374 found in sgACC. However, the overall population was negatively biased towards
375 encoding of the chosen value ($T = -2.31$, $P = 0.022$; one-sample t-test), and exhibited a

376 positive trend in encoding the unchosen value (Table 2), echoing the patterns we see in
377 dACC, albeit attenuated.

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380 **Figure 6:** *Neural responses to outcomes in both regions. A:* Responses of dACC neuron
381 with increasing firing rate in response to wins. There was a bias towards this pattern in
382 the dACC population (see text and Table 2). **B:** sgACC neuron with increasing firing rate
383 in response to losses. There was a bias towards this pattern in the sgACC population (see
384 text and Table 2). **C:** Percentage of neurons in both regions tuned to the outcome of a
385 trial throughout the course of a trial, using a 500 ms sliding window. The blue and red
386 horizontal lines indicate the percentage of neurons we would expect to see tuned by
387 chance (as determined by a two-sided binomial test, according to the number of neurons
388 in each area) for dACC and sgACC, respectively.

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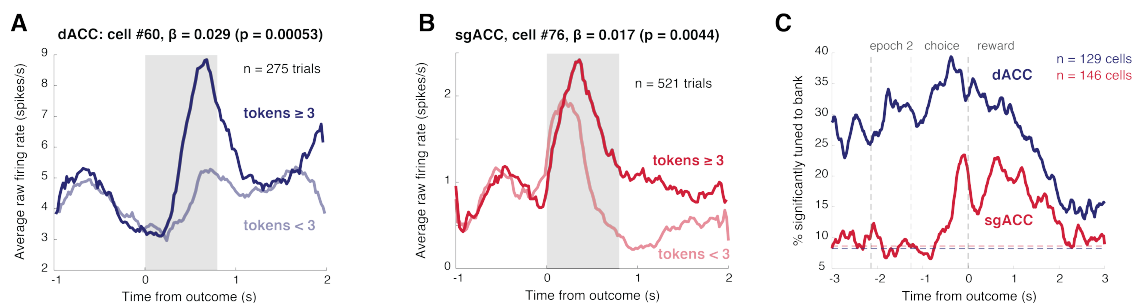
390 Encoding of gamble outcomes

391 We examined selectivity for gamble outcomes during the 800 ms reward epoch
392 that began with the reveal of the outcome and extended into the intertrial interval (see
393 Figure 1). Recall that outcomes in this task were tokens, not juice rewards. Figure 6
394 shows responses of two example neurons, one from each region, selective for outcome
395 amount. We excluded jackpot trials from this analysis so that liquid reward was matched
396 in all cases; the only difference was tokens given or taken. 24.03% (n = 31/129) of
397 neurons in dACC and 13.0% (n = 19/146) of neurons in sgACC encoded the outcome of
398 a trial. Both of these proportions are significant (P < 0.0001 in dACC and P = 0.0001 in
399 sgACC; two-sided binomial test). Figure 6C shows the peak of these fractions in the

400 outcome epoch. These are the first demonstration of sgACC selectivity to gains or losses
401 of secondary reinforcers.

402 Neurons in dACC showed a positive bias in outcome encoding. Specifically, the
403 majority of tuned neurons were positively tuned for outcome (71.0% positively tuned, $n =$
404 22/36, $P = 0.029$; two-sided binomial test). There was also a positive bias in regression
405 coefficients in the overall population ($T = 2.35$, $P = 0.02$; one-sample t-test). In sgACC,
406 neurons in the overall population were negatively tuned to outcomes ($T = -2.85$, $P =$
407 0.0050; one-sample t-test), although this bias in the overall population's regression
408 weights was not significant in the tuned population (Table 3).

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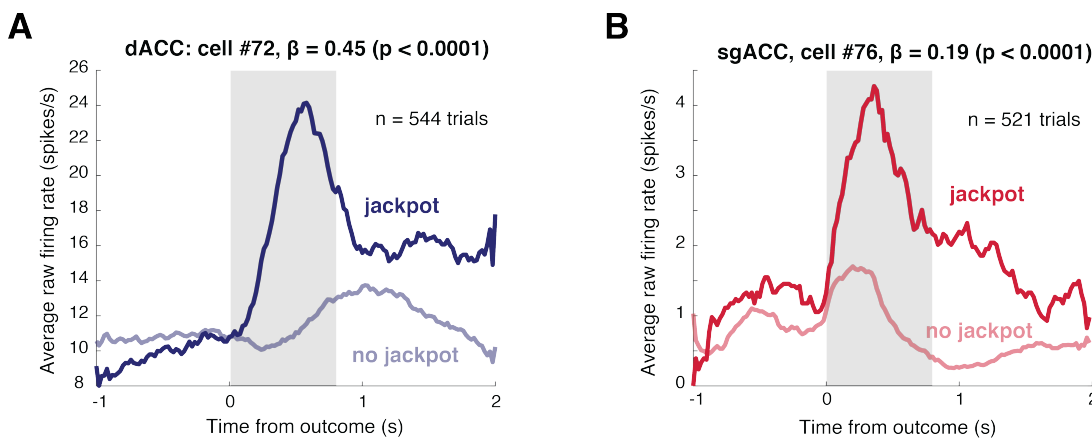
411 **Figure 7:** Neural responses to the number of tokens accumulated at the beginning of the
412 trial. **A:** Responses of dACC neuron that increased its firing rate as subjects accumulated
413 more tokens. **B:** Responses of sgACC neuron that increased its firing rate as subjects
414 accumulated more tokens. **C:** Percentage of neurons in each area tuned to the number of
415 tokens accumulated throughout the course of the trial. All percentages were computed
416 using a 500 ms window (see Methods). The blue and red lines indicate the percentage of
417 neurons we would expect to see tuned by chance (as determined by a two-sided binomial
418 test, according to the number of neurons in each area) for dACC and sgACC,
419 respectively.

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421 **Both regions encode current number of tokens**

422 In our task, the number of tokens provided a measure of progress towards the
423 jackpot reward. As noted, performance improved modestly with number of tokens. We

424 hypothesized that this variable would affect neuronal responses in both cingulate areas.
425 Figure 7 shows two neurons (one in dACC, the other in sgACC) whose responses were
426 modulated by the number of tokens acquired during the 800 ms reward epoch. 34.9% (n
427 = 45/129) in dACC and 16.4% in sgACC (n = 24/146) significantly represented this
428 variable in that epoch. Both of these fractions are significant ($P < 0.0001$ in both regions;
429 two-sided binomial test). Figure 7C shows the change in this fraction throughout the trial.
430 There was no bias in tuning in either brain region: neither within the tuned population
431 (Table 3), nor in the overall population's regression coefficients (Table 2).
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434 **Figure 8:** Neural responses to the anticipation of a large liquid reward (jackpot). **A:**
435 Responses of dACC neuron with increasing firing rate before jackpot rewards. **B:**
436 Responses of sgACC neuron with increasing firing rate before jackpot rewards. There
437 was a bias towards this response profile in the sgACC population (see text and Table 2).
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439 Neurons in both regions carry reward anticipation signals

440 We quantified neural responses to anticipation of jackpots by comparing them to
441 responses on standard trials. Figure 8 shows two example neurons—one from each
442 region—with activity that varied with anticipation of a jackpot reward. Significant
443 proportions of such neurons were found in both regions (27.3% in dACC, n = 35/129, $P <$

444 0.0001; 11.6% in sgACC, $n = 17/146$, $P = 0.0011$; two-sided binomial test). We saw no
445 bias in positive or negative tuning in dACC: neither in the tuned population (Table 3), nor
446 in the population overall (Table 2). However, there was a positive bias in sgACC in the
447 overall population ($T = 4.47$, $P < 0.0001$; one-sample t-test), although not significantly in
448 the tuned population (Table 3).

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450 **Neurons in both regions carry spatial signals**

451 We previously showed coding for two task variables, spatial position of offer and
452 chosen option, in both dACC and sgACC (Strait et al., 2016). The sgACC data used in
453 that study ($n = 112$ neurons) were augmented with additional neurons collected in the
454 same animals in the same task ($n = 34$ additional neurons; total of 146 neurons). We still
455 find these effects in the larger dataset. (Note that for consistency with the other analyses
456 in this manuscript, we used a *multiple* linear regression analysis, see Methods).
457 Specifically, sgACC encoded the position of the offer during the first offer epoch ($n =$
458 $14/146$ neurons, $P = 0.016$; two-sided binomial test), and the position of the chosen
459 option during the post-choice epoch ($n = 20/146$ neurons, $P < 0.0001$). Results remained
460 qualitatively similar in dACC with our new analyses. We see a significant proportion of
461 neurons tuned to the side of the first offer in the first epoch ($n = 20/129$ neurons, $P <$
462 0.0001), and to the side of the chosen offer in the post-choice epoch ($n = 30/129$ neurons,
463 $P < 0.0001$).

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467 **No significant difference in latency of encoding chosen side between regions**

468 We investigated latency differences between dACC and sgACC. We were
469 particularly interested in encoding of the chosen side, since this variable defined the
470 action ultimately taken to indicate the subject's decision. Conventional latency analyses
471 may be confounded due to the difference in signal-to-noise ratio between regions. This
472 problem is especially acute when these differences are large, as they are in our sgACC
473 and dACC datasets. In our data, signals are likely to achieve significance sooner in
474 dACC, simply because they are stronger than in sgACC.

475 To avoid this confound, we developed a new procedure to control for signal-to-
476 noise differences. We added Poisson distributed noise to our dACC dataset (mean =
477 mean firing rate of each cell), and tested the proportion of variance explained in this new
478 whitened dataset. If signal-to-noise in the reward epoch (when both regions were most
479 responsive) was within 1.5% of that in sgACC, we included this dataset in our analyses.
480 We generated 500 datasets in this manner, then performed a latency analysis the same as
481 in Strait et al. (2015), with the slight modification that we used a multiple regression
482 model instead of a t-test to determine when neurons first responded significantly to
483 chosen side (this analysis takes into account neuronal responses to other variables, and is
484 therefore more robust). We used this manipulation to account for the variance explained
485 by other task-variables (listed in Methods). Even using this more sensitive measure and
486 better-controlled analysis, we failed to see a significant difference between latencies
487 across regions (t-test across regions significant for 1/500 datasets, $P = 0.998$).

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DISCUSSION

491 We examined responses of neurons in two cingulate regions, dACC and sgACC,
492 in a token gambling task. Both areas encoded several task variables, including values of
493 attended and remembered offers, outcomes, current token number, and, confirming an
494 earlier study, position of offered and chosen options. Neuronal response latencies were
495 similar in both areas. We observed two major differences between the regions: first, the
496 task-related signal-to-noise was consistently greater in dACC than in sgACC. Second, we
497 observed some differences in the average direction of value tuning: sgACC shows a
498 negative bias to outcomes while dACC shows a positive one, and, prior to jackpots,
499 sgACC shows a positive bias in activation, while dACC shows no consistent pattern.
500 Overall, these results point to a broad functional overlap between dACC and sgACC,
501 with differences more in emphasis than in major functional role.

502 Studies of functional neuroanatomy often focus on identifying each area's unique
503 specialization, but there are other important questions about brain regions—such as:
504 which regions subserve a given brain function? One mental operation may be
505 implemented by similar computations occurring simultaneously in multiple brain areas
506 (Behrmann & Plaut, 2013; Cisek & Kalaska, 2010; Cisek, 2012; Farah, 1994; McClelland
507 & Rumelhart, 1986). Our data suggest that risky economic choice may be mediated by
508 computations occurring in both dACC and sgACC, and, given our earlier data, across
509 vmPFC and VS as well (Strait et al., 2014; Strait et al., 2015). While these regions may,
510 in principle, compute similar variables for distinct purposes, it is more parsimonious to
511 assume, without strong evidence to the contrary, that they play similar roles.

512 By way of analogy, an earlier generation of scholars proposed that early and mid-
513 level visual areas are specialized for specific aspects of form (Zeki, 1978), and that V4 is
514 specialized for color (Essen & Zeki, 1978; Zeki, 1977; Zeki, 1980). Subsequent work
515 disproved this idea and demonstrated that its role in color processing is not very different
516 from those of adjacent areas (Schein et al., 1982; Motter, 1994; Van Essen & Maunsell,
517 1983). Its properties are similar to (but slightly more complex than) its afferent V2 and
518 similar to (but slightly less complex than) its efferent PIT (Desimone & Schein, 1987;
519 Desimone et al., 1985; Desimone & Duncan, 1995; Hayden & Gallant, 2013; Mirabella et
520 al., 2007). It would be a mistake to look for color vision in any one brain region: it
521 depends on the distributed and coordinated action of several brain regions, all of which
522 perform many other computations unrelated to color (Desimone & Duncan, 1995;
523 Lennie, 1998). We suspect that the same principles apply to economic choice; it reflects
524 qualitatively similar, although quantitatively different, repeated simple computations
525 occurring in parallel across multiple prefrontal and striatal regions (and possibly others as
526 well). These results thus argue against a strong functional dichotomy between the two
527 regions. For example, Bush et al. (2000) argue that the dorsal cognitive region is
528 functionally distinct from the subgenual affective region and they may even inhibit each
529 other. We see no evidence for a cognitive/limbic split, nor of mutual inhibition between
530 these two regions. Clearly, other studies, using other methods, do see evidence for such a
531 split; further work will be required to reconcile these contradictions.

532 At the same time, the differences we observe between dACC and sgACC argue
533 against a mass action view of brain function. The differences we see are consistent with
534 results of both neuroimaging and lesion studies supporting some functional difference

535 between the areas, and with the neuroanatomy, which shows different patterns of
536 connectivity (Heilbronner & Haber, 2014 Vogt et al., 1995). The difference in signal-to-
537 noise is particularly intriguing. It may reflect a greater selectivity for choice tasks in the
538 dorsal region; presumably there are other tasks that would drive sgACC more effectively
539 than dACC (however, we would expect these differences to be quantitative, not
540 qualitative). Another possibility is that economic decision-making, while distributed, has
541 a fan-in structure and that dACC, which is presumably later in the hierarchy, has a more
542 concentrated and thus stronger set of task signals.

543 Our findings generally confirm and extend the existing literature on sgACC.
544 Monosov & Hikosaka (2012), like us, find a bias towards encoding of negative outcomes
545 in area 25. We show that this finding extends to secondary (token) reinforcers. They
546 report no encoding of probability, and thus of integrated value; our finding of integrated
547 value encoding thus suggests that sgACC may play a more direct economic role,
548 especially in decision-making tasks. Amemori & Graybiel (2012) recorded in pregenual
549 cingulum, in a region that is rostral to our region, but has a small overlap (see Methods).
550 They found a subzone, which may overlap with our subgenual recording site, biased
551 towards negative encodings. Our high fraction of subgenual neurons encoding upcoming
552 large rewards (jackpots) provide confirmation for the idea, proposed by Rudebeck and
553 colleagues (2014), that sgACC serves to sustain autonomic arousal in anticipation of a
554 reward. The phasic, task-relevant signals in sgACC, and its direct role in reward-
555 processing and anticipation, suggest that the role for subgenual neurons extends beyond
556 the control of basic arousal functions like sleep (Rolls et al., 2003). Our findings also
557 cohere with the findings relating activity in sgACC to negative affect and depression.

558 Overactivity in this region correlates with depressive symptoms (Drevets, 2002; Mayberg
559 et al., 2000) and with transient sadness in healthy subjects (Mayberg et al., 1999); chronic
560 stimulation of sgACC can alleviate the symptoms of depression (Mayberg et al., 2005).
561 Negative mood inducing stimuli tend to activate sgACC (George et al., 1995; Mayberg et
562 al., 1997; Mayberg et al., 1999), and structural abnormalities in sgACC correlate with
563 mood disorders (Botteron et al., 2002; Coryell et al., 2005; Drevets et al., 1997).

564 These findings also have implications for our understanding of dACC as well.
565 The role of dACC in economic choice remains disputed. Some research indicates that it
566 serves as the site of choice (Rangel & Hare, 2010); our work confirms this idea but, in the
567 broader context of data from other studies, suggests it does not play a unique role. Other
568 research suggests that dACC plays a specifically post-decisional role, in part because it
569 preferentially encodes the value of unchosen options (Blanchard & Hayden, 2014;
570 Boorman et al., 2011; Rushworth et al., 2012; Hayden et al., 2009). Our results here
571 suggest that dACC may encode predecisional variables: the values of both chosen and
572 unchosen options – at least before the decision is made. Other work links dACC to
573 persistence – that is, in maintenance of value encoding until the time of reward to allow
574 stable behavior (Hillman & Bilkey, 2013, Chudasama et al., 2013; Picton et al., 2007;
575 Blanchard et al., 2015; Shidara and Richmond, 2002). While we did not use a persistence
576 task, our results do endorse the idea that dACC serves to encode prospective rewards,
577 suggesting that it does serve this function although not necessarily purely for the purpose
578 of persistence.

579 Overall, these results invite speculation on whether one can ascribe a single
580 integrated role for the cingulum (Hayden & Platt, 2009). On one hand, the broad overlap

581 between dACC and sgACC that we see suggests it may have a general economic role. On
582 the other, our findings in a similar task in vmPFC and VS suggest this role may not be
583 unique to the cingulate cortex (Strait et al., 2014; Strait et al., 2015). Our results also have
584 some similarity to findings from the posterior cingulate cortex. Neural responses in that
585 region are associated with several economic variables, including offer and outcome
586 variables, as well as learning and control variables (Dean & Platt, 2003; Hayden et al,
587 2009; Heilbronner & Platt, 2013; McCoy et al., 2003; Heilbronner et al., 2011). Neurons
588 in sgACC tend to have poorer signal-to-noise than dACC, much like neurons in PCC
589 (Hayden et al., 2008), suggesting they may have some affinity. Still, we consider the
590 question of whether there is a general and unique function for the cingulum to be
591 unanswered.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

605 Some of the data for both dACC and sgACC recordings were published (Strait et
606 al., 2016); all analyses presented here are new.

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Surgical Procedures

609 All procedures were approved by the University Committee on Animal Resources
610 at the University of Rochester and were designed and conducted in compliance with the
611 Public Health Service's Guide for the Care and Use of Animals. Two male rhesus
612 macaques (*Macaca mulatta*: subject B age 5y. 7mo.; subject J age 6y. 7mo.) served as
613 subjects. A small prosthesis for holding the head was used. Animals were habituated to
614 laboratory conditions and then trained to perform oculomotor tasks for liquid reward. A
615 Cilux recording chamber (Crist Instruments) was placed over the dACC. Position was
616 verified by magnetic resonance imaging with the aid of a Brainsight system (Rogue
617 Research Inc.). Animals received appropriate analgesics and antibiotics after all
618 procedures. Throughout both behavioral and physiological recording sessions, the
619 chamber was kept sterile with regular antibiotic washes and sealed with sterile caps. All
620 recordings were performed during the animals' light cycle between 8am and 5pm.

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Recording Site

623 We approached dACC through a standard recording grid (Crist Instruments). We
624 defined dACC according to the Paxinos atlas (Paxinos et al., 2000). Roughly, we
625 recorded from a ROI lying within the coronal planes situated between 29.50 and 34.50
626 mm rostral to interaural plane, the horizontal planes situated between 4.12 to 7.52 mm

627 from the brain's dorsal surface, and the sagittal planes between 0 and 5.24 mm from
628 medial wall. Our recordings were made from a central region within this zone. We
629 confirmed recording location before each recording session using our Brainsight system
630 with structural magnetic resonance images taken before the experiment. Neuroimaging
631 was performed at the Rochester Center for Brain Imaging, on a Siemens 3T
632 MAGNETOM Trio Tim using 0.5 mm voxels. We confirmed recording locations by
633 listening for characteristic sounds of white and gray matter during recording, which in all
634 cases matched the loci indicated by the Brainsight system.

635 We approached sgACC using similar equipment, in a similar manner. We defined
636 sgACC as lying within the coronal planes situated between 24 and 36 mm rostral to
637 interaural plane, the horizontal planes situated between 17.33 to 25.12 mm from the
638 brain's dorsal surface, and the sagittal planes between 0 and 5.38 mm from the medial
639 wall. Our recordings were made from a central region within this zone. We again confirm
640 recording locations using structural magnetic resonance images, Brainsight, and listening
641 to characteristic sounds of white and gray matter. These regions correspond to area 25 as
642 identified by Paxinos (n = 118 neurons) and also to the most caudal portion of area 32 (n
643 = 28 neurons).

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645 **Electrophysiological Techniques**

646 Single electrodes (Frederick Haer & Co., impedance range 0.8 to 4 MU) were
647 lowered using a microdrive (NAN Instruments) until waveforms of between one and
648 three neuron(s) were isolated. Individual action potentials were isolated on a Plexon
649 system (Plexon, Inc.). Neurons were selected for study solely on the basis of the quality

650 of isolation; we never pre-selected based on task-related response properties. All
651 collected neurons for which we managed to obtain at least 250 trials were analyzed.

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653 **Eye Tracking and Reward Delivery**

654 Eye position was sampled at 1,000 Hz by an infrared eye-monitoring camera
655 system (SR Research). Stimuli were controlled by a computer running Matlab
656 (Mathworks) with Psychtoolbox (Brainard, 1997) and Eyelink Toolbox (Cornelissen et
657 al., 2002). Visual stimuli were colored rectangles on a computer monitor placed 57 cm
658 from the animal and centered on its eyes (Figure 1A). A standard solenoid valve
659 controlled the duration of juice delivery. The relationship between solenoid open time
660 and juice volume was established and confirmed before, during, and after recording.

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662 **Behavioral Task**

663 Monkeys performed a two-option gambling task. The task was similar to one we
664 have used previously (Strait et al., 2014; Strait et al., 2015), with two major differences:
665 (1) monkeys gambled for virtual tokens—rather than liquid—rewards, and (2) outcomes
666 could be losses as well as wins.

667 Two offers were presented on each trial. Each offer was represented by a rectangle 300
668 pixels tall and 80 pixels wide (11.35° of visual angle tall and 4.08° of visual angle wide).
669 20% of options were safe (100% probability of either 0 or 1 token), while the remaining
670 80% were gambles. Safe offers were entirely red (0 tokens) or blue (1 token). The size of
671 each portion indicated the probability of the respective reward. Each gamble rectangle
672 was divided horizontally into a top and bottom portion, each colored according to the

673 token reward offered. Gamble offers were thus defined by three parameters: two possible
674 token outcomes, and probability of the top outcome (the probability of the bottom was
675 strictly determined by the probability of the top). The top outcome was 10%, 30%, 50%,
676 70% or 90% likely.

677 Six initially unfilled circles arranged horizontally at the bottom of the screen
678 indicated the number of tokens to be collected before the subject obtained a liquid
679 reward. These circles were filled appropriately at the end of each trial, according to the
680 outcome of that trial. When 6 or more tokens were collected, the tokens were covered
681 with a solid rectangle while a liquid reward was delivered. Tokens beyond 6 did not carry
682 over, nor could number of tokens fall below zero.

683 On each trial, one offer appeared on the left side of the screen and the other
684 appeared on the right. Offers were separated from the fixation point by 550 pixels (27.53°
685 of visual angle). The side of the first offer (left and right) was randomized by trial. Each
686 offer appeared for 600 ms and was followed by a 150 ms blank period. Monkeys were
687 free to fixate upon the offers when they appeared (and in our observations almost always
688 did so). After the offers were presented separately, a central fixation spot appeared and
689 the monkey fixated on it for 100 ms. Following this, both offers appeared simultaneously
690 and the animal indicated its choice by shifting gaze to its preferred offer and maintaining
691 fixation on it for 200 ms. Failure to maintain gaze for 200 ms did not lead to the end of
692 the trial, but instead returned the monkey to a choice state; thus, monkeys were free to
693 change their mind if they did so within 200 ms (although in our observations, they
694 seldom did so). A successful 200 ms fixation was followed by a 750 ms delay, after
695 which the gamble was resolved and a small reward (100 μ L) was delivered—regardless

696 of the outcome of the gamble—to sustain motivation. This small reward was delivered
697 within a 300 ms window. If 6 tokens were collected, a delay of 500 ms was followed by a
698 large liquid reward (300 μ L) within a 300 ms window, followed by a random inter-trial
699 interval (ITI) between 0.5 and 1.5 s. If 6 tokens were not collected, subjects proceeded
700 immediately to the ITI.

701 Each gamble included at least one positive or zero-outcome, ensuring that every
702 gamble carried the possibility of a win. This decreased the number of trivial choices
703 presented to subjects, and maintained motivation.

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705 **Statistical Methods**

706 **PSTHs** were constructed by aligning spike rasters to the task event of interest
707 (offer 1 appearance, choice or feedback) and averaging firing rates across multiple trials.
708 Firing rates were calculated in 20 ms bins but were generally analyzed in longer (500-
709 1000 ms) epochs. Plots were generated in Matlab, and use the Matlab function *smooth*
710 with a smoothing factor of 20.

711 Firing rates were **normalized** by subtracting the mean and dividing by the
712 standard deviation of the entire neuron's psth.

713 We test for significant tuning and assess variance explained using a **multiple**
714 **linear regression**, including the following task-relevant variables: expected value of
715 offers 1 and 2, the number of tokens collected as of the beginning of the trial, the side the
716 first offer appeared on, conflict between offer values (defined as the absolute difference
717 between them), the side of the chosen offer, the outcome of the trial (in tokens), and the
718 probability of that outcome (a measure of surprise).

719 **Analysis epochs** were chosen *a priori*, before data analysis began, to reduce the
720 likelihood of p-hacking. The first and second offer epochs were defined as the 500 ms
721 epoch beginning 100 ms after the offer was presented, to account for information
722 processing time. The choice epoch was the 1-second epoch before choice was indicated
723 using an express saccade. The reward epoch was defined as the 800 ms epoch following
724 the resolution of a gamble: this was when feedback and a small liquid reward were given
725 (regardless of trial outcome), followed by a 500 ms delay (this was part or all of the
726 intertrial interval on non-jackpot trials, and a pre-jackpot delay on jackpot trials).

727 All **fractions of tuned neurons** were tested for significance using a two-sided
728 binomial test. All binomial tests throughout the manuscript were two-sided.

729 All **sliding window plots** use a sliding 500 ms window, computing the fraction of
730 tuned neurons in the population every 20 ms. Points on the plot are aligned to the start of
731 this window. Significance is assessed using a multiple linear regression including all
732 task-variables (mentioned above). Plots were smoothed using the Matlab function *smooth*
733 and a smoothing factor of 20.

734 We use **beta correlation analyses using stepwise regression** to assess whether
735 neurons represent two variables (or the same variable at different time periods) using
736 similar / orthogonal / opposing formats, in overlapping / orthogonal / distinct populations.
737 In these analyses, we first find the regression coefficients associated with the variables in
738 question, then find the Pearson correlation coefficient between these.

739 We noticed that, depending on which variables we included in the regression, the
740 results of our beta correlation analyses sometimes differed. We therefore used a stepwise
741 regression model as an objective method of determining which variables should be

742 included in the final regression for each individual neuron. We first include all relevant
743 task variables, including the variables of interest, in this stepwise regression. We then
744 perform a (non-stepwise) multiple linear regression analysis again using only the
745 variables obtained from the previous step, as well as the variables of interest. We do this
746 to obtain a regression coefficient corresponding to the variable of interest for each
747 neuron, regardless of whether the coefficient for this variable achieved significance in the
748 previous step.

749 The Pearson correlation coefficient between signed regression coefficients
750 indicate whether variables were represented in a similar *format* i.e. directionality of
751 tuning across the population. A positive correlation indicates a preservation of
752 directionality, while a negative correlation indicates variables were represented in
753 opposing directionality of firing rate modulation. No correlation suggests orthogonal
754 formats, but we draw no strong conclusions from these.

755 Similarly, the Pearson correlation coefficient between unsigned regression
756 coefficients indicates whether similar neuronal populations tended to be involved in
757 encoding the two variables in question. A positive correlation indicates overlapping
758 populations, while a negative correlation indicates separate ones. A lack of correlation
759 suggests orthogonal populations (i.e. encoding one variable does not affect a neuron's
760 likelihood of encoding the other variable), but we again draw no strong conclusions from
761 this null result.

762 We performed a **cross-validation procedure** similar to that in Blanchard et al.
763 (Blanchard et al., 2015) on our sgACC dataset to determine whether our signal in the first
764 and second epochs was strong enough to detect correlations. We split trials into two

765 random sets (even and odd), and computed the regression coefficients for each individual
766 neuron in response to offer 1 value in both epochs 1 and 2. We then obtained the Pearson
767 correlation coefficient of these signed regression coefficients within each epoch. We see
768 no correlation in the epoch we analyzed for offer 1 memory signals (i.e. epoch 2: $r =$
769 0.16 , $P = 0.058$, Pearson correlation coefficient). The failure of this cross-validation
770 procedure to detect a significant correlation in sgACC indicates that we did not have
771 sufficient signal in our dataset to detect correlation effects, even if they existed. This
772 procedure prevents us from drawing strong conclusions regarding the *absence* of a signal
773 in this region.
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