1 Title:
2 **Cortical granularity shapes the organization of afferent paths to the amygdala and**
3 **its striatal targets in nonhuman primate**
4
5 **Abbreviated Title: Cortical granularity shapes afferent paths**
6

7 McHale, AC[1]; Cho, YT[3], *Fudge, JL[1, 2]
8 University of Rochester, School of Medicine and Dentistry, Departments of
9 Neuroscience[1] and Psychiatry[2], Rochester NY 14642; Yale University, Child Study
10 Center and Department of Psychiatry, New Haven CT 06511[3]
11
*Correspondence to:
Julie L. Fudge, M.D.
Departments of Neuroscience, and Psychiatry
The Del Monte Institute for Neuroscience
University of Rochester Medical Center
julie_fudge@urmc.rochester.edu

18
Number of pages: 54
Number of figures: 12
Number of tables: 2
Number of Extended Data Figures: 1
Number of words for abstract: 250 words
Number of words for introduction: 649 words
Number of words for discussion: 1499 words

Conflict of interest statement: The authors declare no competing financial interests.
Acknowledgements: This work was funded through the support of the National
Institutes of Mental Health R01MH63291 (J.L.F.), and the Schmitt Program on
Integrative Neuroscience (SPIN) GR504304 (J.L.F.). We thank Nanette Alcock for
assistance with histology and immunocytochemistry. We also thank Keshov Sharma for
R code advice and helpful discussions about data analysis.

Abstract

The prefrontal cortex (PFC) and insula, amygdala, and striatum form interconnected

networks that drive motivated behaviors.   We previously found a connectional trend in

which granularity of the ventromedial and orbital PFC/insula predicted connections to the

amygdala, and also the breadth of amygdalo-striatal efferents, including projections

beyond the 'classic' ventral striatum.   To further interrogate connectional relationships

among the cortex, amygdala, and striatum, and to further define the 'limbic (amygdala-

recipient) striatum', we conducted tract tracing studies in two cohorts of *Macaques* (Male

n = 14, Female n = 1).   We focused on the cortico-amygdalo-striatal (indirect) and cortico-

'limbic' striatal (direct) paths originating in the entire PFC and insula.   Larger data sets

and a quantitative approach revealed 'cortical rules' in which cortical granularity predicts

the complexity and location of projections to *both* the basal nucleus of the amygdala and

striatum.   Remarkably, projections from 'cortical-like' basal nucleus to the striatum

followed similar patterns.   In both 'direct' and 'indirect' paths to the 'limbic' striatum,

agranular cortices formed a 'foundational', broad projection, and were joined by inputs

from progressively more differentiated cortices.   In amygdalo-striatal paths, the ventral

basal nucleus was the 'foundational' input, with progressively more dorsal basal nucleus

regions gradually adding inputs as the 'limbic striatum' extended caudally.   Together, the

'indirect' and 'direct' paths followed consistent principles in which cortical granularity

dictated the strength and complexity of projections at their targets.   Cluster analyses

independently confirmed these connectional trends, and also highlighted connectional

features that predicted termination in specific subregions of the basal nucleus and 'limbic'

striatum.

Significance Statement

The 'limbic system' broadly refers to brain circuits that coordinate emotional responses.

Here, we investigate circuits of the amygdala, which are involved in coding the emotional

value of external cues, and their influence on the striatum. Regions of prefrontal cortex

and insula form gradients of overlapping inputs to the amygdala's basal nucleus, which

feed forward to the striatum. Direct cortical inputs to these 'amygdala-recipient' striatal

areas are surprisingly organized according to similar principles, but subtly shift from the

classic ventral striatum to the caudal ventral striatum. Together, these distinct

subsystems—cortico-amygdala-striatal circuits and direct cortico-striatal circuits—

provide substantial opportunity for different levels of internal, sensory, and external

experiences to be integrated within the striatum, a major motor-behavioral interface.

Introduction

The prefrontal cortex (PFC) and insula, amygdala, and striatum form interconnected

networks that drive motivated behaviors (Van Hoesen et al., 1981; Yeterian et al., 2012).

Specific cortical regions project to the amygdala, modulating amygdala neural responses

(Klavir et al., 2013; Likhtik et al., 2014). At the same time, these cortical regions and the

amygdala form uni-directional inputs to the striatum to mediate goal-directed responses

(Haber and Knutson, 2010). This 'triadic' circuitry is implicated in human neuropsychiatric

diseases (Akil et al., 2018; Ressler, 2020). Yet, organizational principles of this classic

'limbic' triad are still not completely understood at the cellular level in the nonhuman

primate brain.

Although they are separate lobes of cortex, the PFC and insula share a progressive

change in cortical laminar differentiation (Mesulam and Mufson, 1982; Barbas and

Pandya, 1989). The degree of 'granularity' across the cortical mantle generally refers to

the relative presence or absence of 'granular cell' layer IV (Brodmann, 1909; Carmichael

and Price, 1994; Petrides and Pandya, 1999, 2002). "Agranular" cortex lacks a granular

layer IV, "dysgranular" cortex has an incompletely developed layer IV, and "granular"

cortex has a well-differentiated layer IV. Within these broad categories, incremental

changes in laminar organization exist, leading to gradual shifts from agranular to

dysgranular to granular across the cortical mantle. Classic subdivisions of the PFC and

the insula are therefore not independent regions, but rather reflect this continuous laminar

organization (Barbas and Garcia-Cabezas, 2016).

The basal nucleus of the amygdala is a key recipient of top-down inputs from the PFC

and insula, and is a major output to the striatum (Carmichael and Price, 1995; Ghashghaei

and Barbas, 2002; Cho et al., 2013). This nucleus is expanded in primates (Stephan et

al., 1987), and has an increased cytoarchitectural complexity along its dorsal-ventral axis.

In monkey and human, three large subdivisions of the basal nucleus are recognized: the

magnocellular (Bmc), intermediate (Bi,) and parvicellular (Bpc). As their names imply,

these dorsally-to-ventrally arranged basal nucleus subdivisions are distinguished by

pyramidal cell size and packing density (Braak and Braak, 1983).

Amygdala inputs, particularly from the basal nucleus, are a defining input to the 'classic'

ventral striatum, which is involved in forming goal-directed behaviors (Robbins et al.,

1989; Popescu et al., 2009). Prior work however has demonstrated basal nucleus

projections extend past the 'classic' ventral striatum into caudal aspects of the striatum,

which we term the 'caudal ventral striatum' (Russchen et al., 1985; Fudge et al., 2002;

Cho et al., 2013).

In a previous study examining 'cortico-amygdalo-striatal' paths limited to the ventromedial

and orbital PFC and insula, we found evidence that relatively higher levels of laminar

organization in cortico-amygdala projections governed the topography of cortico-

amygdala paths, and was also related to the extent of projections in the next limb of the

circuit, the amygdalo-striatal path (Cho et al., 2013). Findings from this study raised

subsequent questions around whether the most differentiated dorso-lateral regions of the

PFC and insula followed this topography of inputs, and how the topography of cortico-

amygdala-striatal circuits compared to the topography of direct cortico-striatal circuits in striatal regions receiving amygdala input.

Here, we took a systems-based approach to quantitatively compare the organization of 'indirect' cortico-amygdala-striatal circuits and 'direct' cortico-striatal circuits in striatal regions receiving amygdala inputs. We first examined the entire extent of the 'indirect' path, using multiple small injection sites of bi-directional tracer focused on the specific basal nucleus subregions. In the second set of experiments, we placed small injections of retrograde tracer into territories of 'limbic' (amygdala-recipient) striatum defined by the first cohort, and compared whether direct cortical-'limbic' striatal paths followed similar connectivity principles as indirect paths. Remarkably, we found that a recursive set of hierarchically organized connections, governed by cortical granularity, dictate both the direct and indirect cortical paths to the 'limbic' striatum. This organization resulted in unique connectional 'fingerprints' in subregions of the basal nucleus of the amygdala and the 'limbic' (amygdala-recipient) striatum, suggesting functional differences.

Materials and Methods

Study design. Two cohorts of *Macaca fascicularis* (n = 15 total; Male n = 14, Female n = 1, average weight: 4.46 kg, weight range = 3.3 kg - 9.3 kg, average age: 4.51 - 4.64 years, age range = 3 years – 7 years) were used for this study (Labs of Virginia, Three Springs Laboratories, and Worldwide Primates) (Table 1). In the first cohort (Cohort 1, n = 8 animals, all male; see Table 1), a bidirectional tracer injection was placed in various subdivisions of the basal nucleus of the amygdala (Fig. 1). Cohort 1 data includes new

analyses in animals used in a previous study (Cho et al., 2013), as well as new cases. To

examine the cortico-amygdalo-striatal circuit, we charted and analyzed the number of

retrogradely labeled cells in the entire PFC/insula, and the distribution of anterogradely

labeled fiber terminals in the striatum. In the second cohort (Cohort 2, n = 8 animals, 1

female, 7 males; Table 1), we used anterograde tracing maps from Cohort 1 to guide

placement of retrograde tracer injections into the 'limbic' striatum (defined as striatal

regions receiving amygdala input). Retrogradely labeled cells in the PFC/insula and in the

amygdala were then charted, quantified, and analyzed.

Surgical procedures and tissue preparation. All surgeries were approved by the University

of Rochester Committee on Animal Research and follow the National Institutes of Health

guidelines. To determine surgical coordinates, some animals had an individualized MRI

T2 scan prior to surgery; others had intra-operative electrophysiologic mapping (Fudge

et al., 2004; Fudge et al., 2005; Cho et al., 2013; Decampo and Fudge, 2013).

Monkeys that underwent individualized MRI T2 scans were first administered an

intramuscular injection of ketamine (10 mg/kg), then intubated with isofluorane gas during

the scanning process. Three days prior to stereotactic surgery, the animals received daily

prophylactic pain control with gabapentin (oral dose), which was maintained for 3 days

post-operatively. On the day of surgery, monkeys were administered an intramuscular

injection of ketamine (10 mg/kg), intubated, and then administered either intravenous

pentobarbital (initial dose, 20 mg/kg, i.v.) (for animals undergoing electrophysiologic

mapping) or isofluorane gas anesthesia. Once monkeys were placed in a stereotactic

head frame, a craniotomy was performed under sterile conditions. For some animals,

electrophysiological mapping was conducted first, and electrophysiological features of

cells were noted during several penetrations. Injection sites were then plotted for

subsequent tracer injections.

For Cohort 1, the basal nucleus was pressure-injected at various dorsoventral and

rostrocaudal sites with either 40 nl of the bidirectional tracers Lucifer yellow conjugated

to dextran amine (LY; Invitrogen), Fluorescein conjugated to dextran amine (FS;

Invitrogen), or Fluoro-Ruby (tetramethylrhodamine) conjugated to dextran amine (FR;

Invitrogen) (Table 1). Antibodies to these tracers do not cross-react, and have similar

retrograde and anterograde properties, making them suitable for simultaneous use within

the same animal, based on our previous work (Haber et al., 2000; Fudge et al., 2002).

For Cohort 2, one striatal site per animal was pressure-injected with 40 nl of wheat germ

agglutinin conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (WGA-HRP; Sigma) (Table 1). Following

all surgeries, the bone flap was replaced and the overlying tissue sutured. For both

cohorts, animals were deeply anesthetized and sacrificed via intracardiac perfusion 10 to

12 days after surgery [0.9% saline solution containing 0.5 ml of heparin sulfate followed

by cold 4% paraformaldehyde in 0.1M phosphate buffer (PB (0.1M PO_4 pH 7.2)) and 30%

sucrose solution for 1 hr)]. After overnight postfixation, brains were cryoprotected in

increasing concentrations of sucrose solution (10%, 20%, and 30%). Brains were

sectioned coronally on a freezing, sliding microtome at 40 µm, placed in 24 consecutive

compartments containing cold cryoprotectant solution (30% sucrose and 30% ethylene

glycol in PB), then stored at -20°C (Rosene et al., 1986).

Histology

Immunohistochemistry (ICC). In both Cohorts, every eighth section through the entire brain was processed using ICC for the relevant tracer. In Cohort 1, adjacent sections through the striatum were processed for calbindin-D28k protein (CaBP) in order to localize the position of anterogradely labeled fibers in striatal subregions (see *Amygdalo-striatal path* section in *Cortico-amygdalo-striatal analyses*; **Cohort 1**). In Cohort 2, CaBP-immunoreactivity (IR) in adjacent sections was used to localize tracer injections within striatal subregions (see *Injection site placement;* **Cohort 2**). For all experiments, tissue was rinsed in phosphate buffer with 0.3% Triton-X (PB-TX) overnight. The next day, brain slices were treated with an endogenous peroxidase inhibitor for 5 minutes, and then underwent more rinses in PB-TX. Sections were then pre-incubated for 30 minutes in 10% normal goat serum blocking solution with PB-TX (NGS-PB-TX). All sections were then incubated in primary antisera to LY (1:2000; Invitrogen, rabbit), FS (1:2000; Invitrogen, rabbit), FR (1:1000; Invitrogen, rabbit), WGA (1:2500-1:7500 depending on dilution curve; Sigma, rabbit), or CaBP (1:10000; Millipore Bioscience Research Reagents, mouse) at 4°C for four nights. Sections were then thoroughly rinsed, again blocked with 10% NGS-PB-TX, and incubated for 40 minutes in the appropriate biotinylated secondary antibody. After more rinses, sections with bound anti-LY, anti-FR, anti-FS, anti-WGA, or anti-CaBP antibodies were incubated in an avidin-biotin complex (Vectastain ABC kit; Vector Laboratories), and visualized with 3,3'- Diaminobenzidine (DAB), activated with 0.3% hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2).

Cresyl Violet. In order to localize cortical cytoarchitectonic boundaries for each animal

(both Cohorts 1 and 2), we stained 1:24 adjacent or near-adjacent sections for each case

with cresyl violet (Chroma-Gesellschaft, West Germany).

Acetylcholinesterase (AChE). In Cohort 1, AChE staining in adjacent sections was used

to identify injection site location in the basal nucleus, while in Cohort 2, AChE staining

was used to localize tracer-labeled neurons in specific basal nucleus subdivisions. For

both, we stained 1:24 adjacent or near-adjacent sections for AChE, using the Geneser-

Jensen technique (Geneser-Jensen and Blackstad, 1971).

Analysis:

Cytoarchitectural criteria for the PFC and insula (Fig. 2)

The PFC is defined as the frontal lobe anterior to the arcuate sulcus. Within the PFC, we

define the ventromedial and orbital subdivisions according to the nomenclature of

Carmichael and Price (Carmichael and Price, 1994), and the dorsomedial (dmPFC),

dorsolateral (dlPFC), and ventrolateral (vlPFC) subdivisions according to Petrides et al.

(Petrides and Pandya, 1999, 2002). Agranular insula subdivisions were defined

according to Carmichael and Price (Carmichael and Price, 1994), and dysgranular and

granular insula subdivisions were defined according to Mesulam & Mufson (Mesulam and

Mufson, 1982). Regardless of nomenclature, all cytoarchitectural maps of the PFC

recognize the gradual transition from agranular to granular laminar organization in the

basoventral and mediodorsal direction, based on laminar complexity and the relative

development of layer IV (Brodmann, 1909; Preuss and Goldman-Rakic, 1991; Barbas,

2007; Nieuwenhuys et al., 2007). The insula similarly progresses from agranular to

granular, but in a rostroventral to caudodorsal direction (Mesulam and Mufson, 1982).

See Table 2 for descriptions of laminar characteristics of our cytoarchitectural divisions.

Categorization of cortical regions by architecture

For quantitative analysis, we categorized cortical areas into either 3 (general) or 9

(refined) categories of cortical hierarchy, based on examining layer IV thickness (for 3

category granularity) and the extent of layer V sublamination (for 9 category granularity)

under Nissl stain (Carmichael and Price, 1994) (Table 2). For 3 category granularity,

cortical regions were categorized as agranular cortex if they did not have layer IV,

dysgranular if they had incompletely developed layer IV, and granular if they had

completely developed layer IV.

Cohort 1.

Injection site placement. Relative injection site placement within the Bmc, Bi, and Bpc

was determined using adjacent AChE sections for each animal. Throughout the

rostrocaudal extent of the basal nucleus, the Bmc is darkly stained with AChE, the Bi has

intermediate AChE staining, and the Bpc is lightly stained with AChE, corresponding to

the cytoarchitectural gradients in the nucleus (Amaral and Bassett, 1989). All nuclei, and

specifically basal nucleus subdivisions, were traced along with landmarks, such as blood

vessels across sections, and aligned over tracer-labeled sections in Adobe Illustrator

Creative Suite (CS).

Cases with tracer leakage into overlying structures or white matter tracts were not

included in the analysis. To confirm our assessment of injection site placement, we also

examined the pattern of retrograde labeling in brain regions known to be a source of

afferents to each subdivision. For example, the Bmc receives inputs from the

inferotemporal cortex (Herzog and Van Hoesen, 1976), while the Bpc does not; the Bpc

receives inputs from the hippocampus in contrast to the Bi and Bmc (Saunders et al.,

1988; Fudge et al., 2012).

Cortico-amygdalo-striatal analyses

Cortico-amygdala path. Retrogradely labeled cells in 1:24 sections were charted through

the entire rostral-caudal extent of the PFC and insula using an Olympus AX70 microscope

interfaced with Neurolucida via a video CCD (Microbrightfield, Williston, VT). We

determined cytoarchitectural boundaries of cortex on adjacent Cresyl violet-stained

sections under the microscope, based on criteria described above. These labeled charts

were then aligned onto maps of retrogradely labeled cells in Adobe Illustrator CS. The

number of retrogradely labeled cells in each cortical subdivision was counted using the

Adobe Illustrator "objects" count feature. Cortical subregions were then categorized into

3- and 9-category "agranular", "dysgranular", and "granular" groupings as described

above (Table 2).

After assignment of each cortical area to a cortical granularity category, we used the

"_circlize_" package in R (R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria) to

generate chord diagrams of our retrograde cortical data, using our 3 and 9 category

classifications of cortical granularity (Gu et al., 2014). Chord diagrams are an effective

way to visualize the directionality and connectivity between different nodes of a large data

set. 'Fragments', which represent each node, are found along the entire perimeter of the

chord diagram. The small tic marks and numbers for each 'fragment' indicate number of

labeled cells. Chord diagrams are organized such that regions containing retrogradely

labeled cells (i.e. 'agranular' cortex, 'dysgranular' cortex, etc.) are located at the top of the

diagram as individual 'fragments', and injection site locations (i.e. 'J12LY', 'J15LY', etc.)

are located at the bottom of the diagram as individual 'fragments'. This organization thus

reflects the number of retrogradely labeled cells (top axis) associated with specific

retrograde injection sites (bottom axis), and the quantitative relationships between the

'strength' of the pathway (number of labeled cells) across cases.

Amygdalo-striatal path. Anterogradely labeled terminal fibers were hand-charted through

the rostro-caudal extent of the striatum with the aid of a drawing tube under dark-field

illumination. Labeled thick fibers that did not contain boutons were considered fibers of

passage and were therefore not included. All hand-drawn charts were then scanned at

high resolution and converted in Adobe Illustrator CS for formatting. Striatal boundaries

were then determined through comparison to adjacent or near-adjacent CaBP-labeled

sections. CaBP-labeled sections were projected onto paper maps of anterogradely

labeled fibers in the striatum. Landmarks including blood vessels and fiber tracts were

carefully aligned, and CaBP-positive and CaBP-negative areas of the striatum were

drawn in. Maps were then scanned into digital format at high resolution, and converted

in Adobe Illustrator CS.

Cohort 2.

Injection site placement. Injection sites were targeted to the rostral ventral striatum, and also to regions of the ventromedial striatum posterior to the anterior commissure, based on anterograde maps from Cohort 1. Injection site position was determined with reference to adjacent CaBP-labeled sections. In rostral ventral striatal regions, CaBP-poor regions were used to identify the 'shell', while CaBP-rich regions in the rostral ventral striatum were used to identify the 'core' (Meredith et al., 1996; Fudge and Haber, 2002). Collectively, we classify the 'shell' and 'core' as 'classic' ventral striatum. All ventral striatal regions caudal to the level of the 'shell' and 'core' are referred to as 'extended' caudal ventral striatum (Fudge and Haber, 2002). All injection sites that resulted in retrogradely labeled cells in the amygdala were used for cortico-'limbic' striatum and amygdalo-striatal analyses.

Amygdalo-striatal path. The location and quantification of retrogradely labeled cells in basal nucleus subdivisions was mapped in 1:24 sections, with reference to adjacent AChE stained sections. All retrogradely labeled cells in the amygdala were subsequently sorted by subdivision (Bmc, Bi, and Bpc) based on levels of AChE activity and cellular features, and analyzed with respect to position of the injection within the striatum.

Cortico-'limbic' striatal path. Only injection sites resulting in significant numbers of labeled cells in the basal nucleus (>10 cells) were used for these analyses. We quantified retrogradely labeled cells in the entire PFC and insula, and applied the same criteria for

classification, analysis, and visualization described for Cohort 1.

Comparing cortico-amygdala-striatal and cortico-striatal pathways. As a way of estimating

whether amygdala neuronal populations projecting to different striatal regions received a

similar balance of agranular, dysgranular, and granular cortical inputs, we used a 'ratio of

ratios' approach to examine data across Cohort 1 (cortico-amygdala) and Cohort 2

(amygdala-striatal). While this analysis does not directly examine cortical inputs to

amygdala-striatal projections in the same animal, our goal was to examine the proportions

of cortical inputs associated with each basal nucleus subdivision. We first pooled the sum

of all agranular, dysgranular, and granular labeled cell counts resulting from Bmc, Bi, and

Bpc injection sites (i.e. cortico-amygdala data), and converted these sums into

percentages. Only basal nucleus injection sites that were wholly confined to one of these

subdivisions were used. Once the proportion of labeled neurons in the agranular,

dysgranular, and granular cortex were determined for Bmc, Bi, and Bpc injection

groupings, we multiplied these percentage values by the number of retrogradely labeled

cells in Bmc, Bi, and Bpc resulting from each striatal injection site in Cohort 2. We then

converted this sum into a final percentage value to assess the balance of agranular,

dysgranular, and granular cortical inputs to amygdalo-striatal projecting cells for each

striatal site. We conducted bootstrap analysis to check the 'stability' of our final

percentage values in 'indirect' pathway calculations. We did 4 replicates of the data, and

found that the average difference of full versus bootstrap data was = 1.4%, the median

was 1.0%, the standard deviation was 0.01198, the maximum was 5.6%, and the

minimum was 0.1%. This was deemed acceptable. The proportion of labeled cells in the

agranular, dysgranular, and granular cortices for the indirect pathway (conjunction of

Cohort 1 cortico-amygdala data and Cohort 2 amygdalo-striatal data) were then

compared to the proportion of labeled cells in agranular, dysgranular, and granular

cortices for each injection site associated with the direct cortico-striatal pathway (Cohort

2). Results were expressed as the proportion of labeled neurons in the agranular,

dysgranular, and granular cortex associated with each path for each striatal injection site.

Sample variance for each granularity grouping and both pathway types was collected and

compared.

Cluster analysis for cortico-amygdala and cortico-striatal data: In order to identify cortical

subregion connectivity 'fingerprints' of specific basal nucleus and striatal subregions in a

quantitative way, we also used k-means cluster analysis on whole cortico-amygdala and

whole cortico-striatal retrograde data. K-means cluster analysis is an unsupervised

machine learning technique that classifies variables (i.e. retrogradely labeled cells in

cortical subregions) into 'k' groups such that variables with similar characteristics cluster

together, while dissimilar variables are clustered in non-overlapping, separate groups

(MacQueen, 1967; Kaufman and Rousseeuw, 2009).

We organized the data matrix rows as we did our chord diagram data, i.e. by ascending

granularity grouping (see Table 2) and with cortico-amygdala data matrix columns

organized from caudo-ventral to rostro-dorsal injection site location, and cortico-striatal

data matrix columns from rostral to caudal injection site location. Cell counts in cortical

areas for each injection site were z-scored (using the formula $(x - \mu) / \sigma$ for each injection

site, where x is the number of cells in a specific cortical subregion, μ is the mean cell

count of all cortical subregions examined for a specific injection site, and σ is the cell

count sample standard deviation of all cortical subregions examined for a specific

injection site). Z-scoring (or scaling in general) normalizes the data, which accounts for

differences in variance across data points, ensures that cluster plots are not biased by

either very high or very low cell count totals, and allows all variables to be considered with

equal importance.

In order to approach our clustering in an unbiased manner, and to ensure we were not

under- or over-clustering data, we used the 'silhouette method' as a guide to determine

the optimal number of 'k'-clusters to use per data set (Rousseeuw, 1987). The average

silhouette width measures how well each variable fits within a cluster; whichever value of

k is closest to a value of 1 average silhouette width represents high intra-group similarity

and high inter-group difference, and was selected as the 'k' value for that data set. We

selected the largest value of k that was greater than a 0.5 average silhouette width score.

For all of these analyses, we used the 'tidyverse', 'cluster', and 'factoextra' packages in

R Studio. We used the 'set.seed' function to ensure stability and repeatability of our

data simulations. We also set 'n.start' to 25, meaning that 25 iterations of our code are

run, and the best cluster formatting that results in the lowest within-cluster variation is

selected. Datasets and coding information for all data on are deposited on

https://figshare.com/s/2ad6809dccb896995407.

In order to interpret each cluster, we inspected the patterns of z-scores for each cortical

area associated with each cluster. Z-scores were ranked 'high' (mean z-score between

1.5001 – 5.5000), 'mean/above mean' (mean z-score between 0.0000 – 1.5000), 'slightly

below mean' (mean z-score between -0.0999 - -0.0001), or 'largely below mean' (mean

z-score between -0.6000 - -0.1000), based on the distribution of z scores for all cortical

regions around the mean. This was done for each pathway. Descriptive names were

created for each cluster according to its unique identity.

Results

Cortico-amygdalo-striatal paths (Cohort 1)

Basal nucleus injection site placement (Fig. 3). In the Bmc, there were three injections

placed at slightly different levels—cases J12LY, J16LY, J12FR—as well as five injections

at different levels of the Bpc—cases J20LY, J15LY, and J14FR in rostral Bpc, and cases

J15FS and J14FS in caudal Bpc, all reported previously (Cho et al., 2013). Three new

injections at slightly different levels of the Bi—cases J47FS, J44FR, and J52LY were

made and assessed for a more complete survey of the basal nucleus subdivisions. The

Bi injection in J47FS was the most ventral, the injection in J52LY extended slightly more

dorsally, and the injection in J44FR was most dorsal and lateral, straddling the border

with the lateral Bmc.

Cortical inputs along basal nucleus subdivisions (Fig. 4). After all injections in the basal

nucleus, a general pattern emerged in which injection sites placed in the Bpc resulted in

many labeled cells in the PFC and insula, restricted to the agranular PFC and insula,

while increasingly dorsal and rostral injections in the Bpc, Bi, and Bmc resulted in labeled

cells in broader cortical regions, as detailed below.

Bpc. Injection sites in the Bpc (cases J15FS, J14FS, J14FR, J20LY, J15LY) resulted in

labeled cells largely confined to agranular PFC, i.e. area 25c, 14c, and agranular insula

areas (Fig. 4A). J15FS and J15LY had the most labeled cells in agranular insula

subdivisions Iapm and Ial, J14FS had most labeling in Iai and Iapl, J14FR had most

labeling in Iapl, and J20LY had most labeling in Ial and Iapl. Across Bpc cases, the

majority of labeled cells was in the agranular insula rather than PFC, however, the

proportion of labeled cells in the agranular PFC increased gradually as the injection sites

were positioned more laterally. Case J15LY, which is an injection in the 'transition'

between the Bpc and Bi, had additional labeling in agranular area 24a. J20LY had

relatively more labeled cells in dysgranular insula compared to other Bpc sites.

Bi. Bi injections sites (cases J47FS, J52LY, and J44FR) resulted in the majority of labeled

cells in agranular cortices, but with a relatively greater contribution of labeled cells in

dysgranular and granular cortices compared to Bpc (Fig. 4A). Similar to Bpc, high

numbers of labeled cells were found in 25c, 14c, and agranular insula. Case J47FS had

the most labeled cells in Iapm and Iai, case J52LY had the majority of labeled cells in Iai

and Ial, and case J44FR had the most labeled cells in Iapl. In contrast to Bpc sites, a

broader distribution of labeled cells occupied relatively more differentiated agranular

areas, including 32c, 24a, 24b, and 13a, as well as labeled cells in dysgranular regions

such as area 13b. J44FR, located in a 'transition' region between Bi and Bmc, had

relatively more labeled cells in agranular area 24c, dysgranular insula, and 8B, in addition

to labeled cells specifically in granular areas 12l and 8Ad.

Bmc. While the majority of labeled cells remained in the agranular regions of PFC and

insula, injections in Bmc cases (J12FR, J16LY, and J12LY) had the broadest distribution

of labeled cells. Similar to Bpc and Bi, Bmc had many labeled cells in agranular areas

25c, 14c, and agranular insula.   Similar to Bi cases, Bmc cases had high levels of labeled

cells in agranular areas 24a, 24b, and 24c, but in contrast, also had moderate numbers

of labeled cells in dysgranular areas 14r, 8B, 13m, and 12o, and some labeled cells in

granular areas 45, 9, 8Ad, 8Av, and 46.

Quantitative analyses revealed that cortical granularity subtype, rather than association

with the insula or PFC, predicted inputs across, and even within, basal nucleus

subdivisions (Fig. 4B). The agranular cortices in both PFC and insula contained labeled

cells after all basal nucleus injections, but were the sole contributor when injection sites

were placed in the caudomedial Bpc. Labeled cells in dysgranular cortices appeared and

increased in numbers following injections along the rostro-dorsal axis, from the rostro-

medial Bpc to Bi to Bmc. Labeled cells in the granular cortices of the insula and PFC

formed a relatively smaller contribution, seen only after injections in dorsal Bi and Bmc.

The pattern of inputs was nested such that labeled cells in incrementally higher levels of

cortical organization only appeared in conjunction with labeled cells in less differentiated

cortical areas. Analyses using the more refined (9 category) granularity classification

showed a similar, nested pattern (Fig. 4C). In these, subcategories of differentiation

within a general granularity 'level' were themselves overlapping in a hierarchical manner.

Basal nucleus-striatal path. The distribution and relative density of anterogradely

labeled fibers in the striatum from each basal nucleus injection site were mapped (Fig. 5).

While all injections sites in the basal nucleus subdivisions resulted in labeled fibers in the

shell of the nucleus accumbens, the distribution of labeled fibers varied predictably,

expanding its distribution in the striatum as injection site position moved from the

caudomedial to rostro-dorsal basal nucleus.

Bpc. Caudomedial Bpc injections (Cases J15FS, J14FS) had labeled fibers largely

confined to the dorsomedial shell of the ventral striatum, while more rostral and lateral

Bpc injections (J14FR, J20LY, J15LY) resulted in additional labeled fibers in the medial

and lateral shell of the ventral striatum, interstitial nucleus of the anterior commissure

(IPAC, or fundus striatii), and a small region of the caudomedial putamen caudal to the

anterior commissure.

Bi. Bi injection sites (cases J47FS, J52LY, and J44FR) resulted in labeled fibers in the

same regions as Bpc inputs, except for the dorsomedial shell (Fig. 5). Compared to Bpc

cases, Bi injection sites had additional light distributions of labeled fibers in the central

rostral 'core' of the ventral striatum, and moderate to heavy labeled fibers in the ventral

body of the caudate nucleus, amygdalostriatal area, ventral putamen posterior to the

anterior commissure, and tail of the caudate nucleus. Anterogradely labeled fibers

continued caudally to fill the genu of the caudate nucleus.

Bmc. The broad pattern of labeled fibers (cases J12FR, J16LY, and J12LY) resembled

those in the Bi, including high densities of labeled fibers in the ventral body of the caudate

nucleus, amygdalostriatal area, ventral putamen posterior to the anterior commissure,

and tail of the caudate nucleus. Labeled fibers in the rostral ventral striatum were mainly

found in the lateral shell, and Bmc injections had more labeled fibers in central domains

of the caudate head compared with Bi injections.

Cortico-striatal and amygdalo-striatal paths (Cohort 2)

Injection site placement. 8 injections were placed into a range of rostral-caudal striatal

regions that received amygdala input based on Cohort 1 anterograde data (Fig. 6). 6

sites had large numbers of retrogradely labeled cells in the basal nucleus, and were used

for analysis. Of these, 2 injections are located in the rostral ventral striatum; J24WGA

was placed in the CABP-negative dorsomedial shell, and J13WGA was placed in the

CaBP-positive ventral striatal core. 4 injections are located in more caudal ventral striatal

regions; J8WGA, J12WGA, and J11WGA were all placed at different levels of the

caudoventral putamen. J41WGA was placed in the ventromedial body of the caudate

nucleus posterior to the anterior commissure. 2 injections had relatively few labeled cells,

and were classified as control cases (J35FR and J42WGA).

Amygdala inputs delineate 'limbic' striatum regions.   The basal nucleus had many

labeled cells after all injections (Figs. 7A). (Other amygdala nuclei, such as the accessory

basal nucleus, had labeled cells in some cases (data not shown), in line with findings from

previously published work (Fudge et al., 2002; Cho et al., 2013; Sharma et al., 2020).) In

general, the total number of labeled cells in the basal nucleus was highest following rostral

ventral striatal injections, decreasing with injections in progressively caudal sites (Fig 7B).

With increasingly caudal injection sites, labeled cells also were found in the Bi and Bmc.

The pattern of inputs from the basal nucleus subdivisions resembled the hierarchical

layering of cortical inputs to the basal nucleus found in Cohort 1. The Bpc formed

ubiquitous input to all striatal regions, with additional inputs sequentially added from Bi

and Bmc, respectively, in increasingly caudal ventral striatal regions. We termed these

caudal regions 'extended' caudal ventral striatum.

Direct cortical inputs to 'limbic' striatum regions.   All 6 striatal cases contained

labeled cells in both the PFC and insula (Fig. 8A). There were labeled cells in the

agranular cortex after all injection sites. The injection site in the dorsomedial shell of the

striatum resulted in labeled cells almost exclusively in the agranular cortices, while the

injection site in the ventral striatal 'core' resulted in additional labeled cells in dysgranular

cortices. Injections in more caudal sites of the ventral striatum led to more labeled cells

in dysgranular and granular cortices. Overall, the greatest number of labeled cells from

the PFC and insula were seen following injections into the rostral ventral striatum, with

numbers tapering off following injections in more 'caudal limbic striatum'.

'Classic' ventral striatum. Agranular cortices had many labeled cells in cases J24WGA

and J13WGA, particularly areas 25c, 25r, 32c, 32r, and agranular insula (Fig. 8A). Both

J24WGA and J13WGA had many labeled cells specifically in areas 25 and Iai, but

J13WGA, placed in the ventral striatal core, had many additional labeled cells in Ial, as

well as many labeled cells in agranular areas 14c and 24b, and dysgranular area 13b.

Caudal ventral striatum. Injections into the caudoventral putamen (J8WGA, J11WGA,

and J12WGA) and the ventral body of the caudate head (J41WGA) resulted in labeled

cells in the agranular cortices, as did our rostral ventral striatal site (Fig. 8A). The number

of labeled cells from agranular cortices decreased along the rostrocaudal axis overall,

balanced by increasingly more labeled cells appearing in the dysgranular and granular

cortices. For example, cases J8WGA and J12WGA had a majority of cell labeling in

agranular insula, but in cases J11WGA and J41WGA agranular insula labeling was more

modest, with relatively more labeling in dysgranular insula. Similarly, the number of

labeled neurons in agranular area 25 declined along the rostrocaudal axis. All caudal

injection sites had many labeled cells in dysgranular insula, and moderate cell labeling in

granular insula.

Quantitative analyses revealed hierarchical, nested projections based on basic levels of

cortical differentiation (Fig. 8B). This pattern was similar to that observed in cortico-

amygdala retrograde data, with agranular regions containing retrogradely labeled cells

for all injection sites, and increasingly caudal regions containing labeled cells in

dysgranular and granular cortices of both the insula and PFC. Analyses using a more

refined (9 category) granularity classification showed similar patterns (Fig. 8C).

Comparing granularity index for cortico-amygdala-striatal and cortico-striatal

pathways. We used a 'ratio of ratios' approach to estimate how cortical granularity

influenced amygdala projections to specific striatal regions in the 'indirect' pathway (see

Methods) and compared these results with results for the direct pathway (Fig. 9). For all

striatal injection sites, agranular cortical sources dominated in both pathways, followed

by a smaller contribution from dysgranular cortices, and the smallest from granular

cortices (Fig. 9A). For the indirect pathway, input from each type of cortex remained

relatively stable across the rostro-caudal extent of striatal injection sites. In contrast, in

the direct pathway there was a shift in the relative contribution from agranular,

dysgranular, and granular cortices along the rostrocaudal axis of the amygdala-recipient

('limbic') striatum. In this path, the contribution from agranular cortical regions was

progressively reduced, with increasing input from more differentiated cortices. (Fig. 9B &

C). Consistent with these trends, there was relatively small variance in the percentage of

labeled cells in agranular (29.602), dysgranular (9.975), and granular (5.403) cortex for

the 'indirect' path, in contrast to large variances in percentage of labeled cells in the

agranular (627.216), dysgranular (300.639), and granular (127.727) cortices depending

on the location of the injection site in the striatum (Fig. 9C).

Cortical granularity maps: translating to traditional cortical divisions

After analyzing data using cortical granularity criteria, we were interested in

understanding how the combinations of traditional cortical regions comprised these

patterns. It has long been known that 'agranular' cortices are associated with the 'limbic'

system, while dysgranular cortices are considered 'paralimbic' and the most granular

cortices are associated with higher cognitive functions (Badre and D'Esposito, 2009;

Barbas, 2015). Since functional studies are typically based on cortical atlas designations,

we 'back-translated' the granularity index findings by converting the data according into

its original atlas designation (Table 2)(Fig. 10).

In the cortico-amygdala path, the greatest contribution to the 'agranular' cortex was from

agranular insula, where the numbers of labeled cells were greater than in all regions of

the agranular cortex of the PFC combined (anterior cingulate areas 25, 24, and 32) (Fig

10A, blue). The agranular insula was associated with all basal nucleus subdivisions. In

the Bpc, agranular insula was surprisingly dominant compared to area 25, especially in

more caudomedial regions, based on cell count criteria. Labeled cells in area 25 resulted

mainly from injection sites in the rostro-dorsal Bpc as well as the ventral Bi. In a similar

manner, the number of labeled cells in areas 24 and 32 increased mainly from Bi and

Bmc injection sites, having little association with Bpc injection sites.

Contributions from dysgranular cortices were mainly from dysgranular area 13,

dysgranular area 8 (i.e. area 8B), dysgranular area 12 (i.e. 12o), and the dysgranular

insula (Fig. 10A, aqua, green). Area 13 was associated mostly with Bmc injection sites,

area 8 associated mostly with dorsal Bi and Bmc injection sites, area 12 associated mostly

with dorsal Bi and Bmc injection sites, and dysgranular insula associated with rostral Bpc,

dorsal Bi, and Bmc injection sites. In the granular cortices there were modest numbers

of labeled cells in regions of the dorsal and lateral PFC (areas 9, 46, 45) and frontal pole

(area 10). The granular insula (Ig) had the fewest labeled cells. All of these regions were

associated mainly with the dorsal Bi and Bmc.

In the cortico-striatal path, the agranular cortex as a whole had its largest contribution

from the agranular insula, followed by area 25. Labeled cells in the agranular insula were

associated with all striatal sites, while labeled cells in area 25 were associated mainly

with rostral ventral striatal injection sites. Areas 24 and 32 contained labeled cells in all

striatal injection sites, which were prominent in the rostral striatum, but persisted in

association with every caudal ventral striatal site. Contributions from the dysgranular

component of area 13 (i.e. area 13b) (aqua) and dysgranular insula (light green) were

first seen in the core of the rostral ventral striatum, and were present through the caudal

ventral striatum. The dysgranular insula (light green) was a key contributor following all

caudal ventral striatal injection sites. The number of labeled cells in combined

dysgranular/granular (orange/red) cortices was most prominent in area 12 (specifically

area 12o), with lesser contributions from other combined dysgranular/granular and fully

granular cortices. These findings are consistent with previous work in monkey (Selemon

and Goldman-Rakic, 1985; Yeterian and Pandya, 1991; Choi et al., 2017a; Choi et al.,

2017b). Labeled cells in all these regions were associated with the core of the rostro-

ventral striatum, and caudal ventral striatal sites. The 'core' of the rostral ventral striatum

had the most labeled cells overall, compared to other injection sites. Labeled cells from

the PFC and insula generally declined in 'extended' caudal ventral striatal regions. These

regions receive additional massive inputs from sensory association cortices not examined

in this study (Saint-Cyr et al., 1990; Yeterian and Pandya, 1995, 1998) (see Discussion).

Cortico-amygdala k-means cluster analysis. We then took a machine learning approach

to examine how granularity-specific cortical subregions project to discrete regions of the

basal nucleus and striatum (Fig. 11A-F). For cortico-amygdala retrograde data, we found

differences in how cortical regions cluster across the caudal-ventral and rostral-dorsal

extent of the basal nucleus, and were able to further examine cluster identities by

inspecting tables containing the z-scores of all cortical regions per cluster (Fig. 11A-C,

Fig. 11-1.) Four clusters were selected, based on criteria for silhouette analysis. Three

different clusters were composed of distinct agranular cortices, and one cluster comprised

of multiple agranular, dysgranular, and granular cortices (Fig. 11B & C). The 'Agranular

mosaic' cluster (Fig. 11B, green) is an exclusively agranular cluster that contains areas

Iapm, 25c, Iai, and Ial. Large z-scores characterized all cortical regions in this cluster

(reflecting many retrogradely labeled cells greater than the mean), all of which are

associated with all basal nucleus subdivisions. There was a preponderance of 'high' and

'mean/above mean' z-scores for retrogradely labeled cells in cortical areas associated

with the Bpc and Bi, and some 'mean/above mean' z-scores existing in the Bmc.

There were two small clusters best defined as 'Basal nucleus topography' clusters (Fig.

11B, blue and red). One consisted exclusively of agranular area 24a ('Basal nucleus

topography I', teal) and identified the relative dorsal position of the injection in the basal

nucleus. The 'Basal nucleus topography I' cluster had labeled cells with increasingly high

z-scores ranging from 'largely below mean' z-scores in Bpc sites, to values of 'high' z-

scores and 'mean/above mean' z-scores (i.e. z-scores between 0.0000 - 1.5000) for Bi

sites, and 'high' z-scores for Bmc sites and the Bi site (J44FR) nearest the Bmc (i.e. z-

scores between 1.5001 - 5.5000) (Fig. 11C). In contrast, the 'Basal nucleus topography

II' cluster (Fig. 11B, red-orange) was exclusively composed of agranular cortical region

Iapl, and was associated with a basal nucleus injection location in the opposite direction,

from ventral to dorsal. This small cluster reflected retrogradely labeled cells with 'high'

and 'mean/above mean' z-scores for Bpc sites, 'mean/above mean' z-scores and 'slightly

below mean' z-scores (i.e. z-scores between 0.0999 - -0.0001) for Bi sites, and 'largely

below mean' z-scores for Bmc sites. Together, 'Basal nucleus topography clusters I and

II' are inversely related, and gradually increase in their contributions along the ventral-

dorsal and dorsal-ventral extent of the basal nucleus, respectively (Fig. 11C).

The 'Low-level modulator' cluster (Fig. 11B, lavender) comprised many agranular,

dysgranular, and granular cortical areas which had 'largely below mean' z-scores across

all basal nucleus injection sites. This cluster describes multiple, low to modest,

contributions from labeled neurons in specific cortical projections, the combinations of

which define specific basal nucleus subdivisions (Fig. 11C). While all basal nucleus

subdivisions received multiple 'low level' inputs, the dysgranular and granular cortices had

relatively greater numbers of labeled cells (reflected by z-scores above the mean)

associated with the Bi and Bmc compared to the Bpc.

Cortico-striatal k-means cluster analysis (Fig. 11D-F, Fig. 11-1). Using the silhouette

method as a guide for selecting an optimal *k*, cortical connectivity with the striatum was

best represented through four clusters (Fig. 11D). Similar to cortico-amygdala data,

clusters are described after analyzing the z-scores of retrogradely labeled cells in all

cortical regions within a cluster, and their relationship to connections with the striatum

(Fig. 11E & F). In this dataset, there were two agranular clusters, one

agranular/dysgranular cluster, and one cluster containing agranular, dysgranular, and

granular inputs (Fig. 11E & F).

The 'Agranular mosaic' cluster consisted of agranular cortical areas Iai, 32c, 25c, and 25r

(Fig. 11E, teal). This cluster revealed key differences between the 'classic' rostral ventral

striatum (revealing retrogradely labeled cells in these cortical regions with 'high' and

'mean/above mean' z-scores) and the 'extended' caudal ventral striatum, (where the

numbers of retrogradely labeled cells were relatively lower, reflected in z-scores 'largely

below mean') (Fig. 11F). In the classic ventral striatum shell (J24WGA), area 25c was a

strong, defining input, revealed by an exceptionally 'high' z-score for retrogradely labeled

neurons, compared to all other regions. Notably, area 25c had weaker input to the core

(J13WGA). In sum, the 'Agranular mosaic' cluster differentiated the 'classic' ventral

striatum from the 'extended' caudal ventral striatum.

Inspection of z-scores for a cluster containing the Iai (agranular) and Id (dysgranular),

revealed a topographic distribution, leading to its description as a 'Limbic striatal

topography' cluster (Fig. 11E, red-orange). Iai projections had 'high' z-scores (i.e. z-

scores between 1.5001 - 5.5000) in the classic ventral striatum 'shell', which dropped

progressively across more caudal ventral striatal sites (Fig 11F).   The opposite

relationship occurred for Id, where projections associated with caudal 'extended' striatal

sites (J8WGA, J12WGA, and J11WGA) have 'high' z-scores, and progressively drop as

injections moved to the ventral caudate (J41WGA) and to classic ventral striatal sites.

This inverse rostral-caudal shift from 'high-low' Ial influence to 'low-high' Id influence

occurs posterior to the anterior commissure in the ventral putamen (J8WGA and

J12WGA).

One small cluster consisting of agranular area 24b, was uniquely associated with the

injections in the body of the caudate nucleus; we termed it the 'Ventral caudate identity'

cluster (Fig 11E, lavender). This cortical region had an exceptionally 'high' z-score in

case J41WGA (5.4591), which was substantially lower for all remaining sites (Fig. 11F).

This strongly suggests that area 24b is a defining input to the ventral body of the caudate

nucleus, relative to other 'limbic striatal' sites.

Similar to the cortico-amygdala path, there was a 'Low-level modulator' cluster for the

cortico-striatal path (Fig. 11E, green, 11F). Similar to the cortico-amygdala path, z-scores

of retrogradely labeled cells showed relatively modest to weak contribution across

agranular, dysgranular and granular cortices for all striatal sites. Also similar to the

cortico-amygdala path, while all striatal subdivisions received multiple 'low level' inputs,

the dysgranular and granular cortices inputs were shifted, and were associated with

relatively greater numbers of labeled cells (reflected by z scores above the mean, purple)

associated with the 'extended' caudal ventral striatum compared to the 'classic' ventral

striatum.

Discussion

Several important findings emerged from these studies. The first is that a 'cortical logic'

governed by laminar structure shapes information flow in both the 'indirect' and 'direct'

paths to the 'limbic' striatum (Fig. 12). Agranular cortical inputs to the basal nucleus of

the amygdala and striatum were foundational, as evidenced by the presence of agranular

cortical inputs throughout both the cortico-amygdala and cortico-striatal paths. These

agranular cortical areas undergird inputs, first from more dysgranular cortex, and then

from more granular cortices. In addition, while not a laminar structure, the basal nucleus

is cortical-like (Carlsen and Heimer, 1988), and appears to follow hierarchical rules found

in cortical projections to the striatum.

Another key result was that cortico-amygdala-striatal paths were generally influenced by

a consistent proportion of agranular/dysgranular/granular cortices, overwhelmingly

dominated by agranular cortex, regardless of whether the final target was the rostral-

ventral or caudal-ventral striatum. In contrast, the ratio of agranular/dysgranular/granular

cortical input in the direct cortico-amygdala projection was more variable, and gradually

tipped to favor fewer agranular, and more differentiated inputs in the caudal ventral

striatum. These results were supported using machine learning approaches in cluster

analyses.

Finally, we concluded that the 'limbic' striatum, as defined by amygdala inputs, extends

beyond the 'classic' ventral striatum (nucleus accumbens), as has been previously noted

(Russchen et al., 1985; Fudge et al., 2004; Choi et al., 2017a). Different rostrocaudal

levels of the 'limbic' striatum receive shifting combinations of cortical inputs, making for

unique 'connectional fingerprints' in each region.

Cortical logic. Many individual studies have examined cortico-amygdala, amygdalo-

striatal, and cortical-striatal pathways, using anterograde tracer injections (Mufson et al.,

1981; Russchen et al., 1985; Goldman-Rakic and Selemon, 1986; Carmichael and Price,

1995; Ferry et al., 2000; Ghashghaei and Barbas, 2002; Fudge et al., 2004).   Our work

builds on these studies by taking a 'connectomics'-type approach, examining the

relationship of multiple pathways within and across animals, and assessing rules by which

top-down cortex modulates down-stream targets. This approach is based on a basic

tenet that functional specificity is determined by ensembles of afferent projections, and

that the strength of any one connection depends on features of the afferents that arrive

with it.

The principles that guide the 'logic' of cortical afferents are based in the granular

complexity of the cortical afferent source. The least differentiated cortical regions

examined form a 'foundational' base across the basal nucleus and 'limbic' (amygdala-

recipient) striatum, while inputs from more differentiated cortical regions are additive and

are always seen as co-projections with these less differentiated cortical regions. Cluster

analyses for both the cortico-amygdala and cortico-striatal paths support this overarching

principle, and also highlighted subtle differences between the pathways. For example, in

the cortico-amygdala path, an 'agranular mosaic' cluster revealed strong inputs to all of

the basal nucleus. In contrast, in the cortico-striatal path, while agranular cortex projected

throughout the striatum, two clusters divided it. The 'agranular mosaic' was high only in

the 'classic ventral striatum' while the 'Limbic striatal topography', consisting of agranular

and dysgranular inputs, predicted the location of injection sites along the rostro-caudal

axis. In accord with general 'cortical logic', an overlay of multiple dysgranular and granular

inputs ('low-level modulator' clusters) was a specific feature of each pathway, added only

in relatively dorsal (Bmc) or caudal ('extended' ventral striatum) sectors.

"Connectivity Fingerprints" and functional anatomic implications

Due to the 'logic' of cortical afferents, a predictable, yet unique set of inputs are found in

specific subregions of both the basal nucleus and the striatum.   Unique connectivity

profiles ('fingerprints') are found in ventral-dorsal (basal nucleus) and rostral-caudal

(striatum) locations, and shift in a predictable, topographical manner.

Basal nucleus 'fingerprints'. Against a backdrop of broad-based agranular cortical inputs,

projections from increasingly dysgranular and granular cortical regions are added, and

overlapped in incrementally dorsal and rostral aspects of the basal nucleus. The

'agranular mosaic' cluster common to all basal nucleus regions (Iapm, 25c, Iai, Ial)

suggests that interoceptive information and autonomic functions modulate the basal

nucleus as a whole (Craig, 2002; Wallis et al., 2017). Interestingly, agranular areas 24a

and Iapl increase and decrease, respectively, along the Bpc-Bi-Bmc axes, providing a

connectional marker of this gradient (Basal nucleus topography I and II clusters). Areas

24b, 12o, 13b, 8B, 45 (found in the 'low level modulator' cluster) contribute increasingly

dysgranular and granular cortical inputs in the Bi and Bmc; these connections are

implicated in updating the value of rewards during decision-making (Murray and

Rudebeck, 2018).

'Limbic' striatal 'fingerprints' The general connectional rules found are also obeyed in the

'limbic' striatum, but with sharper shifts in cortical inputs, suggesting clear functional

changes along the rostrocaudal axis. The classic ventral striatum (also known as the

nucleus accumbens) is well-known to mediate reward-driven behaviors (Haber and

Knutson, 2010) based in part on amygdala inputs (Popescu et al., 2007; Dallerac et al.,

2017). The 'classic' ventral striatum also received massive inputs from 25c, 32c, 25r, Iai

(captured in the 'agranular mosaic' cluster), which tapered sharply in the 'extended'

ventral striatal sites. Within this agranular cluster, the dorsomedial shell of the nucleus

accumbens has a restricted, high input from area 25c, consistent with previous work

(Kunishio and Haber, 1994; Chikama et al., 1997). Together, these data inputs from a

tight, interconnected cortical network associated with interoceptive processing

(Carmichael and Price, 1996) that is important for reward-driven responses.

Agranular cortical inputs found in the classic ventral striatum persist through the caudal

ventral ('extended') striatum but decline, as dysgranular and granular cortical inputs are

increasingly added. This pattern is captured in the 'Limbic striatal topography' cluster,

which shows an increasing input from Id (important for social responses (Jezzini et al.,

2012)), review (Evrard, 2019)) with a decreasing input from Iapl, demarcating a gradual

connectional boundary between the rostral and caudal ventral striatum. Notably, basal

amygdala inputs to the striatum follow similar cortical rules. Bpc projects broadly

throughout the 'limbic' striatum, maintaining inputs to the caudal ventral striatum, which

are reduced as additional inputs from Bi, and particularly, Bmc enter. Bmc, which itself

receives the most differentiated cortical inputs from the orbital and ventrolateral prefrontal

cortex (Fig. 12), exclusively projects to the caudal ventral striatum, a recipient of these

direct cortical inputs (i.e. areas 24c, 12l, 12o, 45, Id/Ig) (Selemon and Goldman-Rakic,

1985; Saint-Cyr et al., 1990; Yeterian and Pandya, 1991; Fudge et al., 2005; Amita et al.,

2019). The caudal ventral striatum has long been known as the 'sensory' striatum due to

prominent inputs from auditory and visual association cortices in the temporal lobe

(Yeterian and Pandya, 1995, 1998). Here we show that these caudal ventral striatal areas

also receive inputs from specific cortical areas involved in awareness of bodily

movements (Ig, 24c) (Morecraft and Van Hoesen, 1992; Karnath and Baier, 2010; Jezzini

et al., 2012) see review (Evrard, 2019) object identification (area 12) (Wilson et al., 1993),

and social communication (areas 12l, 45) (Romanski, 2012) via 'indirect' and 'direct'

paths. Taken together with established caudal-ventral striatal visual/auditory inputs in

primate species, this connectional fingerprint suggests a role in motivated multisensory

responses, including complex social interactions.

Driver/modulators. One way to view the broad 'foundational' influence of agranular

cortices versus the relatively more restricted influence of differentiated cortices is by

applying emerging ideas about differential functions of cortical afferent systems (Sherman

and Guillery, 1998). This concept is based on Sherman and Guillery's 'driver-modulator'

theory of excitatory afferents, in which a 'driver pathway' provides the main path for

information flow and a co-projecting 'modulator pathway' regulates the output from 'driver'

systems (Sherman and Guillery, 1998). Applied to our work here, we hypothesize that

the agranular cortices comprise driver systems in 'indirect' cortico-amygdala-striatal and

'direct' paths due their widespread presence in these target structures. In the 'indirect

path', the basal nucleus—itself a 'cortical-like' structure without lamination—projects

strongly throughout the 'classic' and 'caudal ventral' striatum, and may be an important

'driver'. The other cortical inputs composed of varying combinations of dysgranular and

granular cortices point to specific micro-targets along the ventral-dorsal and rostro-caudal

axis in both the amygdala and striatum, respectively. These most differentiated cortical

regions may be 'modulator' pathways, based on their generally lighter inputs, and the fact

that they are always present with denser inputs from less differentiated cortical areas.

Specific anatomic and electrophysiologic properties that define 'driver/modulator' paths

can be further probed in these systems at the physiologic and anatomic levels (Sherman

and Guillery, 1996; Lee and Sherman, 2009; Kelly et al., In Press).

Conclusion

Cortical granularity rules were elucidated in a well-known triad of connections through the

'limbic' brain in monkeys. Using a connectomics-type approach, we found that the basal

nucleus and 'limbic' striatum are not homogeneous entities, and have unique, predictable,

sets of 'connectivity fingerprints' within them. These general connectivity patterns have

implications for the ways in which the emotional brain can code increasingly complex

levels of social and cognitive information in a flexible manner, such as predicting actions

and choices of others (Saez et al., 2015; Grabenhorst et al., 2019), and may help us to

better understand dynamics in complex neuroanatomic circuits associated with human

psychiatric disease.

Bibliography

Akil H, Gordon J, Hen R, Javitch J, Mayberg H, McEwen B, Meaney MJ, Nestler EJ (2018)

Treatment resistant depression: A multi-scale, systems biology approach.

Neurosci Biobehav Rev 84:272-288.

Amaral DG, Bassett JL (1989) Cholinergic innervation of the monkey amygdala: An

immunohistochemical analysis with antisera to choline acetyltransferase. J Comp

Neurol 281:337-361.

Amita H, Kim HF, Smith MK, Gopal A, Hikosaka O (2019) Neuronal connections of direct

and indirect pathways for stable value memory in caudal basal ganglia. Eur J

Neurosci 49:712-725.

Badre D, D'Esposito M (2009) Is the rostro-caudal axis of the frontal lobe hierarchical?

Nat Rev Neurosci 10:659-669.

Barbas H (2007) Specialized elements of orbitofrontal cortex in primates. Ann NY Acad

Sci 1121:10-32.

Barbas H (2015) General cortical and special prefrontal connections: principles from

structure to function. Ann Rev Neurosci 38:269-289.

Barbas H, Pandya DN (1989) Architecture and intrinsic connections of the prefrontal

cortex in the rhesus monkey. J Comp Neurol 286:353-375.

Barbas H, Garcia-Cabezas MA (2016) How the prefrontal executive got its stripes. Curr

Opin Neurobiol 40:125-134.

Braak H, Braak E (1983) Neuronal types in the basolateral amygdaloid nuclei of man.

Brain Res Bull 11:349-365.

Brodmann K (1909) "Vergleichende Lokalisationslehre der Grosshirnrinde" (Comparitive

Localization Theory of the Cerebral Cortex: Illustrated in its Principles on the Basis

of Cell Construction). Leipzig: J.A. Barth.

Carlsen J, Heimer L (1988) The basolateral amygdaloid complex as a cortical-like

structure. Brain Res 441:377-380.

Carmichael ST, Price JL (1994) Architectonic subdivision of the orbital and medial

prefrontal cortex in the macaque monkey. J Comp Neurol 346:366-402.

Carmichael ST, Price JL (1995) Limbic connections of the orbital and medial prefrontal

cortex in macaque monkeys. J Comp Neurol 363:615-641.

Carmichael ST, Price JL (1996) Connectional networks within the orbital and medial

prefrontal cortex of Macaque monkeys. J Comp Neurol 371:179-207.

Chikama M, McFarland N, Amaral DG, Haber SN (1997) Insular cortical projections to

functional regions of the striatum correlate with cortical cytoarchitectonic

organization in the primate. J Neurosci 17(24):9686-9705.

Cho YT, Ernst M, Fudge JL (2013) Cortico-Amygdala-Striatal Circuits Are Organized as

Hierarchical Subsystems through the Primate Amygdala. J Neurosci 33:14017-

14030.

Choi EY, Ding SL, Haber SN (2017a) Combinatorial Inputs to the Ventral Striatum from

the Temporal Cortex, Frontal Cortex, and Amygdala: Implications for Segmenting

the Striatum. eNeuro 4.

Choi EY, Tanimura Y, Vage PR, Yates EH, Haber SN (2017b) Convergence of prefrontal

and parietal anatomical projections in a connectional hub in the striatum.

NeuroImage 146:821-832.

Craig AD (2002) How do you feel? Interoception: the sense of the physiological condition

of the body. Nat Rev Neurosci 3:655-666.

Dallerac G, Graupner M, Knippenberg J, Martinez RC, Tavares TF, Tallot L, El Massioui

N, Verschueren A, Hohn S, Bertolus JB, Reyes A, LeDoux JE, Schafe GE, Diaz-

Mataix L, Doyere V (2017) Updating temporal expectancy of an aversive event

engages striatal plasticity under amygdala control. Nat Comm 8:13920.

Decampo DM, Fudge JL (2013) Amygdala projections to the lateral bed nucleus of the

stria terminalis in the macaque: Comparison with ventral striatal afferents. J Comp

Neurol 521:3191-3216.

Evrard HC (2019) The Organization of the Primate Insular Cortex. Front Neuroanat 13:43.

Ferry AT, Ongur D, An X, Price JL (2000) Prefrontal cortical projections to the striatum in

macaque monkeys: evidence for an organization related to prefrontal networks. J

Comp Neurol 425:447-470.

Fudge JL, Haber SN (2002) Defining the caudoventral striatum in primates:

cytoarchitectural and histochemical features. J Neurosci 22:10078-10082.

Fudge JL, Breitbart MA, McClain C (2004) Amygdaloid inputs define a caudal component

of the ventral striatum in primates. J Comp Neurol 476:330-347.

Fudge JL, deCampo DM, Becoats KT (2012) Revisiting the hippocampal-amygdala

pathway in primates: association with immature-appearing neurons. Neuroscience

212:104-119.

Fudge JL, Breitbart MA, Danish M, Pannoni V (2005) Insular and gustatory inputs to the

caudal ventral striatum in primates. J Comp Neurol 490:101-118.

Fudge JL, Kunishio K, Walsh P, Richard C, Haber SN (2002) Amygdaloid projections to

ventromedial striatal subterritories in the primate. Neuroscience 110:257-275.

Geneser-Jensen FA, Blackstad TW (1971) Distribution of acetyl cholinesterase in the

hippocampal region of the guinea pig. Z Zellforsch 114:460-481.

Ghashghaei HT, Barbas H (2002) Pathways for emotion: interactions of prefrontal and

anterior temporal pathways in the amygdala of the rhesus monkey. Neuroscience

115:1261-1279.

Goldman-Rakic PS, Selemon LD (1986) Topography of corticostriatal projections in

nonhuman primates and implications for functional parcellation of the neostriatum.

In: Cerebral Cortex Vol. 5 (Jones EG, Peters A, eds), pp 447-466. New York:

Plenum Publishing Corporation.

Grabenhorst F, Baez-Mendoza R, Genest W, Deco G, Schultz W (2019) Primate

Amygdala Neurons Simulate Decision Processes of Social Partners. Cell 177:986-

998 e915.

Gu Z, Gu L, Eils R, Schlesner M, Brors B (2014) circlize Implements and enhances

circular visualization in R. Bioinformatics 30:2811-2812.

Haber SN, Knutson B (2010) The reward circuit: linking primate anatomy and human

imaging. Neuropsychopharmacology 35:4-26.

Haber SN, Fudge JL, McFarland N (2000) Striatonigrostriatal pathways in primates form

an ascending spiral from the shell to the dorsolateral striatum. J Neurosci

20(6):2369-2382.

Herzog AG, Van Hoesen GW (1976) Temporal neocortical afferent connections to the

amygdala in the rhesus monkey. Brain Res 115:57-69.

Jezzini A, Caruana F, Stoianov I, Gallese V, Rizzolatti G (2012) Functional organization

of the insula and inner perisylvian regions. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 109:10077-

10082.

Karnath HO, Baier B (2010) Right insula for our sense of limb ownership and self-

awareness of actions. Brain Structure & Function 214:411-417.

Kaufman L, Rousseeuw PJ (2009) Finding groups in data: An introduction to cluster

analysis, 99 Edition: John Wiley & Sons.

Kelly EA, Thomas VK, Indraghanty A, Fudge JL (In Press) Perigenual and subgenual

anterior cingulate afferents converge on common pyramidal cells in amygdala

subregions of the macaque. J Neurosci.

Klavir O, Genud-Gabai R, Paz R (2013) Functional connectivity between amygdala and

cingulate cortex for adaptive aversive learning. Neuron 80:1290-1300.

Kunishio K, Haber SN (1994) Primate cingulostriatal projection: Limbic striatal versus

sensorimotor striatal input. J Comp Neurol 350:337-356.

Lee CC, Sherman SM (2009) Modulator property of the intrinsic cortical projection from

layer 6 to layer 4. Front Syst Neurosci 3:3.

Likhtik E, Stujenske JM, Topiwala MA, Harris AZ, Gordon JA (2014) Prefrontal

entrainment of amygdala activity signals safety in learned fear and innate anxiety.

Nat Neurosci 17:106-113.

MacQueen J (1967) Some methods for classification and analysis of multivariate

observations. In: Proceedings of the Fifth Berkeley Symposium on Mathematical

Statistics and Probability, pp 281-297. Berkeley, California: University of California

Press.

Meredith GE, Pattiselanno A, Groenewegen HJ, Haber SN (1996) Shell and core in

monkey and human nucleus accumbens identified with antibodies to calbindin-

D28k. J Comp Neurol 365:628-639.

Mesulam M-M, Mufson EJ (1982) Insula of the Old World Monkey. I: Architectonics in the

insulo-orbito-temporal component of the paralimbic brain. J Comp Neurol 212:1-

22.

Morecraft RJ, Van Hoesen GW (1992) Cingulate input to the primary and supplementary

motor cortices in the rhesus monkey: evidence for somatotopy in areas 24c and

23c. J Comp Neurol 322:471-489.

Mufson EJ, Mesulam MM, Pandya DN (1981) Insular interconnections with the amygdala

in the rhesus monkey. Neuroscience 6:1231-1248.

Murray EA, Rudebeck PH (2018) Specializations for reward-guided decision-making in

the primate ventral prefrontal cortex. Nat Rev Neurosci 19:404-417.

Nieuwenhuys R, Voogd J, Huijzen CV (2007) Th Human Central Nervous System: A

Synopsis and Atlas, 4 Edition: Springer.

Petrides M, Pandya DN (1999) Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex: comparative

cytoarchitectonic analysis in the human and the macaque brain and corticocortical

connection patterns. Eur J Neurosci 11:1011-1036.

Petrides M, Pandya DN (2002) Comparative cytoarchitectonic analysis of the human and

the macaque ventrolateral prefrontal cortex and corticocortical connection patterns

in the monkey. Eur J Neurosci 16:291-310.

Popescu AT, Saghyan AA, Pare D (2007) NMDA-dependent facilitation of corticostriatal

plasticity by the amygdala. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 104:341-346.

Popescu AT, Popa D, Pare D (2009) Coherent gamma oscillations couple the amygdala

and striatum during learning. Nature Neurosci 12: 801-807.

Preuss TM, Goldman-Rakic PS (1991) Myelo-and cytoarchitecture of the granular frontal

cortex and surrounding regions in the strepsirhine primate galago and the

anthropoid primate macaca. J Comp Neurol 310:429-474.

Ressler KJ (2020) Translating Across Circuits and Genetics Toward Progress in Fear-

and Anxiety-Related Disorders. Amer J Psych 177:214-222.

Robbins TW, Cador M, Taylor JR, Everitt BJ (1989) Limbic-striatal interactions in reward-

related processes. Neurosci Biobehav Rev 13:155-162.

Romanski LM (2012) Integration of faces and vocalizations in ventral prefrontal cortex:

implications for the evolution of audiovisual speech. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 109

Suppl 1:10717-10724.

Rosene DL, Roy NJ, Davis BJ (1986) A cryoprotection method that facilitates cutting

frozen sections of whole monkey brains for histological and histochemical

1001   processing without freezing artifact. J Histochem Cytochem Vol. 34, No. 10:1301-

1002   1315.

1003 Rousseeuw PJ (1987) Silhouettes: a graphical aid to the interpretation and validation of

1004   cluster analysis. J Comput Appl Math 20:53-65.

1005 Russchen FT, Bakst I, Amaral DG, Price JL (1985) The amygdalostriatal projections in

1006   the monkey. An anterograde tracing study. Brain Res 329:241-257.

1007 Saez A, Rigotti M, Ostojic S, Fusi S, Salzman CD (2015) Abstract Context

1008   Representations in Primate Amygdala and Prefrontal Cortex. Neuron 87:869-881.

1009 Saint-Cyr JA, Ungerleider LG, Desimone R (1990) Organization of visual cortical inputs

1010   to the striatum and subsequent outputs to the pallido-nigral complex in the monkey.

1011   J Comp Neurol 298:129-156.

1012 Saunders RC, Rosene DL, Van Hoesen GW (1988) Comparison of the efferents of the

1013   amygdala and the hippocampal formation in the rhesus monkey: II. Reciprocal and

1014   non-reciprocal connections. J Comp Neurol 271:185-207.

1015 Selemon LD, Goldman-Rakic PS (1985) Longitudinal topography and interdigitation of

1016   corticostriatal projections in the rhesus monkey. J Neurosci 5:776-794.

1017 Sharma KK, Kelly EA, Pfeifer CW, Fudge JL (2020) Translating fear circuitry: Amygdala

1018   projections to subgenual and perigenual anterior cingulate in the Macaque. Cereb

1019   Cortex 30:550-562.

1020 Sherman SM, Guillery RW (1996) Functional organization of thalamocortical relays. J

1021   Neurophysiol 76:1367-1395.

1022 Sherman SM, Guillery RW (1998) On the actions that one nerve cell can have on another:

1023   Distinguishing "drivers" from "modulators". Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 95:7121-7126.

Stephan H, Frahm HD, Baron G (1987) Comparison of brain structure volumes in

insectivora and primates VII. Amygdaloid components. J Hirnforsch 5:571-584.

Van Hoesen GW, Yeterian EH, Lavizzo-Mourney R (1981) Widespread corticostriate

projections from temporal cortex of the rhesus monkey. J Comp Neurol 1981:205-

219.

Wallis CU, Cardinal RN, Alexander L, Roberts AC, Clarke HF (2017) Opposing roles of

primate areas 25 and 32 and their putative rodent homologs in the regulation of

negative emotion. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 114:E4075-E4084.

Wilson FA, Scalaidhe SP, Goldman-Rakic PS (1993) Dissociation of object and spatial

processing domains in primate prefrontal cortex. Science 260:1955-1958.

Yeterian EH, Pandya DN (1991) Prefrontostriatal connections in relation to cortical

architectonic organization in Rhesus monkeys. J Comp Neurol 312:43-67.

Yeterian EH, Pandya DN (1995) Corticostriatal connections of extrastriate visual areas in

rhesus monkeys. J Comp Neurol 352:436-457.

Yeterian EH, Pandya DN (1998) Corticostriatal connections of the superior temporal

region in rhesus monkeys. J Comp Neurol 399:384-402.

Yeterian EH, Pandya DN, Tomaiuolo F, Petrides M (2012) The cortical connectivity of the

prefrontal cortex in the monkey brain. Cortex 48:58-81.

1042

1043 **Figure legends**

1044 **Table 1:** Injection site summary and monkey characteristics.

1045

Figure 1: Study design. Cohort 1 animals (bi-directional tracer studies, purple) had a series of

injections placed in different subdivisions of the basal nucleus of the amygdala. Resulting retrogradely

labeled cells in the PFC and Insula were quantified; anterogradely labeled fibers in the striatum were

mapped to guide injections in Cohort 2. Cohort 2 animals (retrograde studies, orange) had a series

of injections placed in different regions of the striatum that were 'amygdala-recipient' (i.e. striatal

regions with labeled fibers in Cohort 1 animals). Retrogradely labeled cells in the amygdala, and the

PFC and Insula, were quantified.

1053

Figure 2: Relative levels of cortical lamination in the PFC and Insula in the Macaque. **A**. Ventral

view **B**. Sagittal view from the midline **C**. Lateral view, with lateral fissure 'opened' for **C'.** view of

insula. Image adapted from Carmichael & Price, 1994 and Saleem & Price, 2008. The key

illustrates the range of cortical differentiation; shades of blue indicate agranular cortex, shades of

green indicate dysgranular cortex, and shades of red indicate granular cortex. The darker the

shade within each granularity grouping indicates increased development of layer IV, layer II,

and/or layer V of cortex. Insets are from cresyl violet stained sections that give examples of

laminar regions in agranular, dysgranular and granular cortices. Bar = 500 um.

Abbreviations: 6, area 6 (premotor/supplementary motor area); 8Ad, dorsal area 8A; 8Av,

ventral area 8A; 8B, area 8B; 9d, dorsal area 9; 9m, medial area 9; 9/46d, dorsal area 9/46;

9/46v, ventral area 9/46; 10m, medial area 10; 10o, orbital area 10; 11l, lateral area 11; 11m,

medial area 11; 12l, lateral area 12; 12m, medial area 12; 12o, orbital area 12; 12r, rostral area

12; 13a, area 13a; 13b, area 13b; 13l, lateral area 13; 13m, medial area 13; 14c, caudal area

14; 14r, rostral area 14; 24a, area 24a; 24b, area 24b; 24c, area 24c; 25c, caudal area 25; 25r,

rostral area 25; 32c, caudal area 32; 32r, rostral area 32, 45, area 45; 46, area 46; 9/46d,

dorsal area 9/46; area 9/46v, ventral area 9/46; cc, corpus callosum; G, gustatory cortex; Iai,

intermediate agranular insula area; Ial, lateral agranular insula area; Iam, medial agranular

insula area; Iapl, posterolateral agranular insula area; Iapm, posteromedial agranular insula

area; Id, dysgranular insula; Ig, granular insula; ob, olfactory bulb; oc, optic chiasm; PrCO,

precentral opercular area.

1074

Table 2: Laminar characteristics of the PFC and insula subdivisions, and 3- and 9-group

granularity assignments. Each column indicates the main granularity grouping of every cortical

area examined (i.e. the relative thickness of layer IV of cortex). The darker the shade within

each sub-section within each column (i.e. 'Agranular 1' vs. 'Agranular 2') represents the

increasing degree of layer V sublamination and/or layer IV development within each granularity

assignment.

1081

Figure 3: Schematic of injection site locations in basal nucleus. *A*. Injection site locations (gray)

in rostro-central Bmc, Bi, and Bpc. *B*. Injection site locations (gray) in caudal Bpc. *C*. Dark-field

photomicrograph of injection site location for J16LY, indicated with a white arrow. *D*. Adjacent

AChE-stained section matched to *C.* to localize injection to basal nucleus subdivision (Bmc). *E*.

Dark-field photomicrograph of the injection site location for J47FS, indicated with a white arrow.

F. Adjacent AChE-stained section matched to *E.* to localize injection site within basal nucleus

subdivision (Bi). *G.* Dark-field photomicrograph of the injection site location for J15FS, indicated

with a white arrow. *H.* Adjacent AChE-stained section matched to *H.* to localize injection site

within basal nucleus subdivision (Bpc). Photos taken at 2x magnification. Scale bars = 500 μm.

Abbreviations: AB, accessory basal nucleus; Bi, intermediate basal nucleus; Bmc, magnocellular

basal nucleus; Bpc, parvicellular basal nucleus; L, lateral nucleus; P, putamen; V, ventricle.

1093

Figure 4: Cortico-amygdala path. *A.* Representative charts showing the pattern of retrogradely

labeled cells in the PFC and insula resulting from 6 non-overlapping injection sites along the

dorsal-ventral extent of the basal nucleus. *a'.* The photomicrograph inset shows an example of

densely concentrated retrogradely labeled cells in the Ial of J15FS. Scale bar = 100 μm   *B.*

Chord diagram showing 3-group quantitative analysis of all retrogradely labeled cells (1:24

sections) through PFC and insula, classified by laminar differentiation.   The top axis of this

diagram shows the total number of labeled cells in agranular (blue), dysgranular (green), and

granular (red) cortical areas across all cases examined. The bottom axis shows the number of

labeled cells in agranular, dysgranular, and granular cortices resulting from each basal nucleus

injection site. Injection sites are arranged counter-clockwise from the most caudal-ventral (left)

to most rostral-dorsal injection site location (right).   1 tick mark= 180 cells. *C.* Chord diagram

showing 9-group granularity analysis. The top axis shows the total number of labeled cells in

agranular (3 shades of blue), dysgranular (3 shades of green), and granular (3 shades of red)

cortical areas across all cases examined. The darker the shade within each granularity grouping

indicates increased development of layer IV and/or layer V per Table 2. 1 tick mark represents

180 cells.

Abbreviations: AC, anterior commissure; C, caudate; cc, corpus callosum; GP, globus pallidus;

IC, internal capsule; oc, optic chiasm; P, putamen, V, ventricle. For cortical abbreviations, see

"Abbreviations" in Figure 2 legend.

1113

Figure 5: Representative charts showing distribution of anterogradely labeled fibers resulting

from the same 6 non-overlapping injection sites shown in Fig. 4, along the dorsal-ventral extent

of the basal nucleus. Injection sites arranged from caudo-medial (Bpc) to rostro-dorsal (Bmc)

across the top. Striatal sections are organized from rostral to caudal levels under each injection

site. Photomicrograph inset shows high density patch of labeled fibers in the caudal ventral

putamen (darkfield).   Bar = 500 μm.

Abbreviations: AC, anterior commissure; C, caudate; C(g), genu of the caudate nucleus; C(t),

tail of the caudate nucleus; GP, globus pallidus; GPe; external globus pallidus; GPi, internal

 globus pallidus; IC, internal capsule; lAstr, lateral amygdalostriatal area; LGN, lateral geniculate

 nucleus; lIPAC, lateral interstitial nucleus of the posterior limb of the anterior commissure; mAstr,

 medial amygdalostriatal area; mIPAC, medial interstitial nucleus of the posterior limb of the

 anterior commissure; OT, optic tract; P, putamen; V, ventricle.

1126

Figure 6: Striatal Injection sites in Cohort 2. ***A. - D.*** Schematics of retrograde injection site

locations from rostral (A) to progressively caudal regions (B-D). Medium gray sites (solid lines)

depict injections with significant labeled cells in amygdala, included for analysis; light gray sites

(dotted lines) resulted in few labeled cells in the amygdala. ***E-F.*** Brightfield photomicrographs in

the classic ventral striatum. ***E.*** Injection site location in dorsomedial shell, with adjacent CaBP-

stained section (***E'.***) showing injection alignment in CaBP-negative shell**.** ***F.*** Injection site in the

rostral 'core', with adjacent CaBP-stained section (**F'.**) showing shell/core boundary. ***G-J.***

Caudal 'limbic' striatum injection sites.   ***G.*** caudoventral putamen at the level of the anterior

commissure,   ***H.*** caudoventral putamen posterior to the anterior commissure. ***I.*** ventral body

of caudate nucleus**.**   ***J.*** Injection site location in caudomedial putamen at the level of the

hippocampus. Scale bars = 1mm.

Abbreviations: AC, anterior commissure; C, caudate; Co, ventral striatum core; GPe; external

globus pallidus; GPi, internal globus pallidus; IC, internal capsule; P, putamen; Sh, ventral

striatum shell.

1141

Figure 7: Amygdalo-striatal path. ***A.*** Charts of retrogradely labeled cells through the

rostrocaudal basal nucleus following striatal injections in Cohort 2. Injection sites arranged from

rostral (top) to caudal (bottom). All 6 cases resulted in many retrogradely labeled cells in the

basal nucleus. Cell labeling in other nuclei (shaded in gray) is not shown for clarity. ***B.*** Chord

diagram showing numbers of labeled cells in the Bpc, Bi, and Bpc by injection site placement.

The top axis of this diagram shows the total number of labeled cells in Bpc (cyan), Bi (fuchsia),

and Bmc (purple) across all cases examined. The bottom axis shows the number of labeled cells

in each basal nucleus subdivision resulting from each striatal injection site, and is arranged

counter-clockwise from the most rostral (left) to most caudal (right) injection site location. Each

tick mark for both the top and bottom axes = 60 cells.

1152

Figure 8: Cortico-'limbic' striatal path. *A.* Representative charts depicting retrogradely labeled

cells in the PFC and insula after injections in various striatal regions along the rostral-caudal

extent of the 'limbic' striatum. Cases J24WGA and J13WGA had injections in shell and core of

the 'classic' ventral striatum, respectively. Injection sites in J8WGA, J12WGA, J41WGA, and

J11WGA were placed in different parts of the 'extended' ventral striatum. *B.* Chord diagram

showing the number of retrogradely labeled cells (1:24 sections) in agranular (blue), dysgranular

(green), and granular (red) cortical areas across all cases examined (top axis). The bottom axis

shows the number of labeled cells found in agranular, dysgranular, and granular cortices after

each striatal injection site. The bottom axis is arranged counter-clockwise from the most rostral

(left) to the most caudal (right) injection site location. Each tick mark represents 400 cells. *C.*

Chord diagram using 9-group granularity analysis. following the same color schema in **Figure**

4C. Each tic mark for both the top and bottom axes represents 400 cells.

1165

Figure 9: Indirect and direct pathway analysis**.** *A.* Composite diverging bar plots of each striatal

injection showing the proportion of labeled cells in agranular (blue), dysgranular (green) and

granular (red) cortices after calculating indirect pathway and direct pathway labeled cells. The

proportion of labeled cells associated with amygdala inputs to all striatal sites ('indirect' path) is

relatively consistent with a large percentage of cells categorized as agranular, and consistently

small percentages of labeled cells categorized as dysgranular and granular, respectively. In

contrast, the 'direct' cortico-'limbic' striatal path shows more variation with rostral ventral striatal

sites having the greatest proportion of labeled cells in agranular cortices, and relatively small

contributions from the dysgranular and granular cortices. This balance shifts at progressively

caudal ventral levels, with reductions in labeled cells in agranular cortices, and incrementally

more labeled cells in dysgranular cortices > granular cortices. *B.*   Individual cases plotted for

each path. *C.*   Boxplots of agranular (blue), dysgranular (green) and granular (red)   percentage

data for indirect (dark shades) and direct (light shades) pathway data, illustrating differences in

variance between granularity classes in the 'indirect' and 'direct' paths.

1180

Figure 10: *A.* Quantitative analysis of retrograde cortico-amygdala cell labeling in cortical areas

(see text). The top axis shows the total number of labeled cells in each cortical area examined.

Blue = agranular cortex only; blue-green = mix of agranular and dysgranular cortices, green =

dysgranular cortex only; orange = mix of dysgranular and granular cortices, and red = granular

cortex only. The top axis of this diagram shows the number of labeled cells from each cortical

area resulting from each basal nucleus injection site. The bottom axis shows the number of

labeled cells in each cortical region, per injection site. Each tic mark for both the top and bottom

axes represents 180 cells. *B.* Quantitative analysis of retrograde cortico-striatal cell labeling by

cortical area, indicated on the top axis, with the same color schema in *A.*. The bottom axis shows

the number of labeled cells in each cortical region, resulting from each striatal injection site.

Each tic mark for both the top and bottom axes represents 400 cells.

1192

Figure 11: K-means cluster analyses for cortico-amygdala (A-C) and cortico-striatal (D-F) data.

A. Silhouette plot for cortico-amygdala data. *B.* K-means cluster analysis plot for cortico-

amygdala data. Each axis represents the percentage of the data captured in the two dimensions

that account for the highest variance across the data. 4 clusters are named by descriptive labels,

based on which feature of the data they capture: 'Basal nucleus topography I' (teal), 'Agranular

mosaic' (green), 'Basal nucleus topography II' (red-orange), and 'Low-level modulator'

(lavender). *C.* Cortico-amygdala cluster identities, based on inspection of z-scores across each

cluster. Table columns are organized from caudal-ventral to rostral-dorsal injection site location.

Z-scores are grouped from 'high' to 'low' values: 'high' = mean z-score between 1.5001 – 5.5000

(dark purple), 'mean/above mean' = mean z-score between 0.0000 – 1.5000 (light purple),

'slightly below mean' = mean z-score between -0.0999 - -0.0001 (light orange), and 'largely

below mean' = mean z-score between -0.6000 - -0.1000 (dark orange). **D.** Silhouette plot for

cortico-striatal data. **E.** K-means cluster analysis plot for cortico-striatal data, with 4 clusters

identified by descriptive labels: 'Limbic striatal topography' (red-orange), 'Agranular mosaic'

(teal), 'Ventral caudate identity' (lavender), and 'Low-level modulator' (green). **F.** Cortico-striatal

cluster identities, based on inspection of the distribution of z-scores for each cluster. Extended

data Figure 11-1 shows a table listing the mean and standard deviation for cell counts for each

injection site for calculating z-scores.

1211

1212 **Figure 11-1:** Means and standard deviations of total labeled cortical cell counts found for each

1213 basal nucleus and striatal injection site.

1214

1215 **Figure 12:** Overview of 'cortical logic' in the 'indirect' pathway (PFC/Insula → amygdala

1216 connectivity, left + amygdala → 'limbic' striatum connectivity , bottom) and the 'direct' pathway

1217 (PFC/Insula → 'limbic' striatum connectivity, right).

Table 1: Injection site summary and monkey characteristics					
Monkey Identification	Number of injections	Injection type	Cohort Affiliation	Weight (kg)	Age (years)
J14	2	FR	Cohort 1	3.3	4
		FS	Cohort 1		
J15	2	LY	Cohort 1	3.3	3-4*
		FS	Cohort 1		
J16	1	LY	Cohort 1	3.6	3-4*
J20	1	LY	Cohort 1	9.3	7
J44	1	FR	Cohort 1	4.4	4.2
J47	1	FS	Cohort 1	4.6	5.3
J52	1	LY	Cohort 1	4.1	3.5
J12	3	LY	Cohort 1	6	6.6
		FR	Cohort 1		
		WGA	Cohort 2		
J8+	1	WGA	Cohort 2	3.5	4.2
J11	1	WGA	Cohort 2	4.1	4.5
J13	1	WGA	Cohort 2	3.8	3.9
J24	1	WGA	Cohort 2	3.9	4.9
J35**	1	FR	Cohort 2	4.5	3.6
J41	1	WGA	Cohort 2	4.1	5.8
J42**	1	WGA	Cohort 2	4.4	4.1

"+" female monkey

"*" approximate age

"**"control injections

| Agranular (Iai) | Dysgranular (13m) | Granular (9/46d) |

Key

least differentiated — most differentiated

agranular

granular

dysgranular

Table 2: Rationale for 3- and 9-group granularity assignments

Agranular		Dysgranular		Granular	
Granularity Grouping	Reason for granularity grouping	Granularity Grouping	Reason for granularity grouping	Granularity Grouping	Reason for granularity grouping
Agranular 1		**Dysgranular 1**		**Granular 1**	
Iam	No layer IV, and no layer V sublamination. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	32r	Is more developed than 32c and 25r and is slightly dysgranular (Carmichael & Price, 1994). No layer V sublamination.	9d	Has a narrow layer IV. Layer Va has deeply pigmented cells and layer Vb blends with layer VI. (Petrides & Pandya, 1999)
Iapm	No layer IV, and no layer V sublamination. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	12o	Very weakly staining layer IV, no layer V sublamination. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	Ig	Layer II has moderately advanced granularity, and layer IV has prominent granularity. Layer V and VI are not fully differentiated from each other; (Layer III is bilaminate). (Mesulam & Mufson, 1982)
25c	No layer IV, less developed compared to 32c, 32r, and 25r. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	14r	Has distinct small cells in layer II, no horizontal or vertical striations in layer V. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	11m	Granular with bilaminate layer V. Layer V is thinner and more trilaminate than in 13m. Outer and inner sublaminae are broken into aggregates of neurons. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)
24a	Has only 4 cortical layers and rudimentary lamination. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	**Dysgranular 2**		11l	Granular with bilaminate layer V containing aggregates of pyramidal cells. Layer V is thinner and more trilaminate than in 13m. Does not have outer and inner sublaminae broken up into neuron aggregates. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)
14c	Has only 4 cortical layers. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	13b	Has horizontal and vertical striations in layer V. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	**Granular 2**	
Agranular 2		12r	Has vertical striations in layer V, but it is not sublaminated. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	10o	Is more granular than 11m and 11l, but layer IV not as clear. Layer V is thinner than in 11m or 11l; contains vertical and horizontal striations in layer V, and layer V is thinner than 11l and 11m. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)
32c	No layer IV; Caudal 32 resembles 25r; has horizontal striations of pyramidal cells in layer V. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	13m	Has a sparse granular layer. Has no/less distinct sublamination of layer V (and layer III). (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	10m	Has completely developed II and IV; has horizontal and vertical striations in layer V. Layer IV is more granular than 11m and 11l but not well demarcated, thin layer V with radial striations. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)
25r	No layer IV; caudal 32 resembles 25r. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	Id	Has thin layer IV with clusters of granular cells interrupted by pyramidal cells. No layer II. Almost identical in appearance to dysgranular component of caudal OFC. (Mesulam & Mufson, 1982)	12m	Has completely developed II and IV; has clearly sublaminated layer V. Is more granular than 12r, 13l, and 12o. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)
24b	No layer IV; has more prominent vertical striations in layer V compared to 24c. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	**Dysgranular 3**		12l	Has completely developed layers II and IV; has prominent/sharp sublamination of layer V. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)
Iai	No layer IV; has partially sublaminated layer V; superficial layer V has row of large pyramidal cells. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	13l	Has poorly developed layer IV and has clearly sublaminated layer V. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	45	Well developed layer IV (also has distinct and uniquely thick layer III). (Petrides & Pandya, 2001)
Agranular 3		8B	Layer II is well defined; Layer IV is poorly developed and layer V blends with layer VI, but layer V is sublaminated (it has a few darkly stained cells in layer Va). (Petrides & Pandya, 1999)	**Granular 3**	
Ial	No layer IV; layer V is sublaminated. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)	9m	Has a more narrow and cell sparse layer IV than 9. (Petrides & Pandya, 1999)	8Av	Layer IV is broad and densely packed with small neurons (Layer II is also developed and densely packed). Layer V is less dense, but is bilaminate. Resembles 8Ad, but layer IV is broader, and layer III pyramidal neurons are more densely packed. (Petrides & Pandya, 1999)
Iapl	No layer IV; layer V is sublaminated. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)			8Ad	Layer IV is broad and densely packed with small neurons (Layer II is also developed and densely packed). Layer V is less broad, but is bilaminate. Resembles 8Av, but layer IV is less broad, and layer III pyramidal neurons are less densely packed. (Petrides & Pandya, 1999)
13a	No layer IV; layer V is sublaminated. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)			46	Layer IV is well developed; layer V is sublaminated (layer Va has small number of deeply stained cells and layer Vb blends with layer VI). (Petrides & Pandya, 1999)
24c	No layer IV; Has pyramidal cell aggregates in layer V. (Carmichael & Price, 1994)			9/46d	Similar features as 46, but layer III has large and darkly stained pyramidal neurons; Located dorsally. (Petrides & Pandya, 1999)
				9/46v	Similar features as 46, but layer III has large and darkly stained pyramidal neurons; Located ventrally. (Petrides & Pandya, 1999)

Bpc   Bi   Bmc

J15FS   J20LY   J15LY   J52LY   J44FR   J12LY

rostral

caudal

A.

"Classic" ventral striatum

"Extended" caudal ventral striatum

rostral ⟶ caudal

J24WGA

J13WGA

J8WGA

J12WGA

J41WGA

J11WGA

B.

"Classic" caudal striatum

"Extended" caudal ventral striatum

A.

"Classic" ventral striatum

J24WGA

J13WGA

J8WGA

"Extended" caudal ventral striatum

J12WGA

J41WGA

J11WGA

rostral → caudal

B.

C.

"Classic" ventral striatum

"Extended" caudal ventral striatum

"Classic" ventral striatum

"Extended" caudal ventral striatum

Total cell count per injection site data for Z-scoring

Injection site ID	Retrograde path	Mean	Standard Deviation
J15FS	Cortico-amygdala	22.73	62.07
J14FS	Cortico-amygdala	3.68	9.50
J14FR	Cortico-amygdala	1.86	3.34
J20LY	Cortico-amygdala	47.81	158.19
J15LY	Cortico-amygdala	53.16	113.44
J47FS	Cortico-amygdala	62.41	116.17
J52LY	Cortico-amygdala	31.03	46.75
J44FR	Cortico-amygdala	35.65	49.49
J12FR	Cortico-amygdala	41.73	63.14
J16LY	Cortico-amygdala	44.86	52.63
J12LY	Cortico-amygdala	50.59	62.75
J24WGA	Cortico-striatal	176.14	549.28
J13WGA	Cortico-striatal	372.68	683.32
J8WGA	Cortico-striatal	148.65	347.53
J12WGA	Cortico-striatal	68.08	144.50
J41WGA	Cortico-striatal	61.43	133.09
J11WGA	Cortico-striatal	20.19	34.09