

1 A frontosensory circuit for visual context processing is synchronous in the theta/alpha band

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Abstract

Visual processing is strongly influenced by context. Stimuli that deviate from contextual regularities elicit augmented responses in primary visual cortex (V1). These heightened responses, known as “deviance detection,” require both inhibition local to V1 and top-down modulation from higher areas of cortex. Here we investigated the spatiotemporal mechanisms by which these circuit elements interact to support deviance detection. Local field potential recordings in mice in anterior cingulate area (ACa) and V1 during a visual oddball paradigm showed that interregional synchrony peaks in the theta/alpha band (6-12 Hz). Two-photon imaging in V1 revealed that mainly pyramidal neurons exhibited deviance detection, while vasointestinal peptide-positive interneurons (VIPs) increased activity and somatostatin-positive interneurons (SSTs) decreased activity (adapted) to redundant stimuli (prior to deviants). Optogenetic drive of ACa-V1 inputs at 6-12 Hz activated V1-VIPs but inhibited V1-SSTs, mirroring the dynamics present during the oddball paradigm. Chemogenetic inhibition of VIP interneurons disrupted ACa-V1 synchrony and deviance detection responses in V1. These results outline spatiotemporal and interneuron-specific mechanisms of top-down modulation that support visual context processing.

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Introduction

46 The brain uses context when processing sensory information to support perception and
47 guide behavior. Context can include perceived patterns about the environment – both spatial and
48 temporal information – along with any assumed regularities about which stimuli may be
49 predictable versus unexpected. In early cortical regions, contextual modulation of sensory evoked
50 responses serves to sharpen perception and streamlines information processing to guide learning
51 and behavior. Understanding how these neuronal circuits incorporate and process contextual
52 information is therefore paramount.

53 One popular generalized framework for understanding and studying context processing in
54 mammalian neocortex is “predictive processing”^{1–3}. Herein, the inferred causes of sensory inputs
55 – or predictive models of the environment – are encoded in cortical areas hierarchically upstream
56 from primary sensory cortices, such as secondary/tertiary visual, parietal, or pre-frontal cortices^{2,4}.
57 Such higher areas of cortex send inputs to lower areas representing that include “predictions” about
58 future sensory input. These inputs can effectively modulate sensory processing, suppressing
59 cortical responses to stimuli which are expected by the predictive model encoded in the higher
60 brain area. Stimuli which deviate from this model elicit “prediction errors” in sensory cortex –
61 typically large neuronal responses to the stimuli in a subset of neurons – which then propagate to
62 higher areas to update the predictive model of the environment (and beliefs about the underlying
63 causes of sensory input)^{5–7}.

64 Evidence in support of this predictive coding model of sensory processing in the cortex
65 spans various sensory modalities in multiple mammalian species, from humans to non-human
66 primates^{8,9}, cats, and rodents¹⁰. Furthermore, recent studies have employed mice to study the cell
67 and circuit mechanisms of predictive processing^{8,11–14}, often using primary visual cortex (V1)

68 during a visual “oddball” paradigm as a model^{11,14}. Oddball paradigms are simple and widely used
69 sensory stimulation paradigms for studying basic predictive processing. An oddball sequence
70 involves a repeated stimulus (the “redundant”) presented rapidly (≈ 1.1 Hz) and interspersed by a
71 rare “deviant” stimulus (the “oddball”). In V1, evoked neuronal responses to the redundant
72 stimulus are attenuated, while responses to the deviant stimuli are augmented^{11,14,15}. This
73 augmented activity, termed “deviance detection (DD)”, may represent a basic form of cortical
74 “prediction error,” indexing a deviation of current sensory data from the expected input. Our recent
75 study showed that only a subset of pyramidal neurons (PYRs) in V1 exhibit DD and that these
76 neurons are enriched in layer 2/3 of cortex¹⁴ (L2/3), consistent with theoretical models of
77 “prediction error” signal generation in cortical microcircuits⁷ and empirical reports of visuomotor
78 prediction errors¹².

79 Additionally, this work showed that top-down input to V1 from a prefrontal region, the
80 anterior cingulate area (ACa), is necessary for the production of DD responses (i.e., prediction
81 errors) during the oddball paradigm¹⁴. Interestingly, the axon terminals of ACa neurons projecting
82 to V1 did not themselves exhibit DD responses, but rather were active during all phases of the
83 oddball paradigm. This suggests that DD responses present in V1 are not simply inherited from
84 top-down ACa drive but, rather, that they arise indirectly from ACa modulation of V1. This
85 modulation could comprise part of the neural basis of the steady “prediction” sent from higher to
86 lower areas in the predictive coding framework (i.e., rather than the prediction error, which, in
87 theory, is sent in a bottom-up fashion).

88 The current study sought to both replicate and extend this finding to further describe the
89 circuit mechanisms which integrate this top-down modulation and give rise to DD responses, the
90 putative prediction error signals in the oddball paradigm. It is well known that heterogeneous

91 classes of cortical inhibitory interneurons play a crucial role in cortical circuit dynamics^{13,16}.
92 Inhibitory interneurons dictate the gain of PYRs, modulating feature selectivity and precision in
93 neuronal computations¹⁷⁻²². Although it has not been verified, distinct interneurons could interact
94 to modulate V1 processing to support predictive processing, regulating local gain in accord with
95 past and present contextual regularities²³ – decreasing excitability among ensembles coding for
96 predictable stimuli and indirectly increasing excitability among ensembles coding for non-
97 predicted stimuli (i.e., deviants). Our recent study showed that local somatostatin-positive
98 interneurons (SSTs) in V1 of mice are necessary for the generation of prediction error responses
99 to deviant stimuli (DD) in sensory oddball paradigms¹¹. Exactly how SSTs enabled DD is
100 unknown, and it is particularly unclear given that they heavily inhibit L2/3 PYRs in V1, where DD
101 is enriched. Another class of interneurons, the vasoactive intestinal peptide-expressing
102 interneurons (VIPs) in V1 could also be critical for the generation of prediction errors considering
103 their well-established mediation of top-down inputs from Aca^{24,25} and their mutually inhibitory
104 interactions with local SSTs^{26,27}. As mentioned above, both Aca inputs to V1 and local V1 SSTs
105 were deemed necessary for DD in PYRs. In this paper, we sought to elucidate how VIP activity
106 relates to Aca inputs and V1 SSTs during the oddball paradigm and, further, to test whether VIPs
107 are also critical for DD in V1. We hypothesized that VIPs could serve as a mediator in top-down
108 modulation of V1 during the oddball paradigm, and that this could serve to disinhibit subsets of
109 PYRs by inhibition of SSTs, enabling DD via an Aca to VIP to SST to PYR disinhibitory circuit.

110 Interneurons, besides serving to spatially modulate the gain of PYRs, can also enhance the
111 generation and maintenance of cortical oscillations²⁸. The study of these oscillatory rhythms, either
112 in intracranial local field potential (LFP) or scalp EEG recordings, affords a distinct window into
113 the circuit dynamics that affect perception, underlie cognition, and are altered in disease²⁹⁻³⁶.

114 Through the emergence of rhythmic synchronized activity in distinct bandwidths (e.g. theta, alpha,
115 beta, gamma), neuronal networks optimize information processing and, importantly, provide
116 temporal windows that gate or route long-range inputs, structuring their influence on ongoing local
117 processing³⁷. For example, during active attentional tasks in non-human primates, top-down or
118 feed-back connections in the visual system exhibit activity in the high alpha or beta domain (9-
119 25Hz), while feed forward and local connections exhibit oscillatory signatures in the delta/theta
120 (3-8Hz) and gamma bands (25-10 Hz)^{10,38}. In primary sensory regions, DD signals appear to
121 occupy mainly delta/theta frequencies (3-8 Hz) in both visual¹¹ and auditory oddball paradigms³⁹,
122 supporting the notion that DD signals are prediction errors that are “fed-forward” in cortical
123 networks. However, the frequency band that the top-down modulatory circuit from ACa to V1
124 occupies in the oddball paradigm has not been established. Guided by recent work on inter-cortical
125 interactions in top-down and bottom-up directions in primates⁴⁰, we hypothesized that this
126 connection would be expected to show maximal synchrony in the alpha-beta bands.

127 Here we tested these frequency and cell-type specific hypotheses of predictive processing
128 in V1 during the oddball paradigm. We first replicated the finding that V1 exhibits bona-fide DD-
129 like responses in the LFP, which are most prominent in the lower theta-band (3-8 Hz). We then go
130 on to show that interregional synchrony between ACa and V1 is strongest in the higher-
131 theta/alpha-band, peaking around 10 Hz. This interaction was directional during redundant
132 (predictable) stimuli, with larger granger causality flowing from ACa to V1 than V1 to ACa (i.e.,
133 top-down). Further, with two-photon imaging during the oddball paradigm, we show that L2/3
134 PYRs exhibit deviance detection in V1 (replicating past work), but VIPs, SSTs, and ACa-inputs
135 do not, showing similar response magnitudes to both the deviant and context-neutral stimuli. On
136 the other hand, with redundant stimuli (i.e., prior to the deviant stimulus) theVIP and SST activity

137 patterns diverged: VIPs show sensitization (increased responses) to redundant stimuli, while SSTs
138 show enhanced adaptation (decreased responses). Also, artificial excitation of the ACa inputs to
139 V1 with optogenetic activation at 6 or 10-Hz (the peak synchrony during this paradigm) drove
140 these interneuron populations differentially, with VIPs excited and SSTs inhibited, suggesting that
141 the ACa to V1 directional synchrony we observed in the LFP experiments served to selectively
142 modulate VIPs and SST responses to redundant stimuli. Finally, we demonstrate that
143 chemicogenetic suppression of VIPs eliminates this ACA-V1 synchrony as well as DD. Thus, our
144 results suggest that top-down modulation of V1 during predictive processing is frequency specific
145 and indirectly enables prediction-error-like responses (DD) in PYRs via a VIP-to-SST
146 disinhibitory circuit.

147 **Results**

148 **Deviance detection in visual cortex occurs in low theta-band power and phase locking.**

149 We recorded local field potentials (LFP) simultaneously from frontal and visual cortices of
150 mice while the animal observed a classic visual oddball paradigm. Two bipolar electrodes
151 (contacts separated by $<400\ \mu\text{m}$) were implanted in the anterior cingulate cortex (ACa) and in the
152 primary visual cortex (V1). ACa was chosen because i) it is higher in the cortical hierarchy than
153 V1, ii) it is known to send dense top-down projections to V1⁴¹, and ii) our past work has shown
154 that suppressing these projections eliminates deviance detection in V1 during a visual oddball
155 paradigm⁴². Electrode locations were confirmed postmortem as previously described^{11,42} (Fig S1
156 A,B). Visual stimuli consisted of black and white, full-field square-wave gratings at approximately
157 0.8 cycles per degree, drifting at 2 cycles per second, each presented for 500 ms and separated
158 from one another by 500-600 ms of medium luminance gray screen. As previously described, we
159 presented identical stimuli in three different contexts: when the stimulus was equiprobable

160 (p=.125), redundant (p=.875), or deviant (p=.125; Fig 1C). During recordings, the animals were
161 awake and responsive, head-fixed on a small treadmill so that they were walk in place (Fig 1 A-
162 C). While locomotion is known to impact V1 activity⁴³, mice did not show differences in
163 locomotion across the trial types (deviant, redundant, control), suggesting that locomotion could
164 not likely explain differences in stimulus processing across contexts in the oddball paradigm (Fig
165 S1 C,D), in line with past work^{11,42}.

166 Although many studies include an active behavioral task during sensory processing
167 paradigms as a strategy for ensuring attention to the stimuli and engaging prefrontal regions, we
168 specifically excluded it and overt behavior, instead employing passive paradigms, for multiple
169 reasons. First, animals should, in theory, be able to detect unexpected stimuli even in the absence
170 of reward anticipation or an explicit goal. Studying this function was an aim of our work. Second,
171 recent work has shown that processing rewards or punishments activates VIP activity cortex
172 wide⁴⁴. This could confound our results, as we aim to study the role of VIPs in modulating sensory
173 processing *purely with respect to sensory expectation*, which requires that any explicit rewards or
174 punishments *not* be a part of the paradigm.

175 The trial averaged evoked LFP responses for a given stimulus during the control, redundant
176 and deviant trials were generated for each mouse and averaged over mice (Fig 1D). Individual trial
177 activity (top) and trial-averaged activity (bottom) shows that ACa does not elicit a strong visually-
178 evoked response, while V1 does, as expected. V1 exhibited deviance detection (DD; increased
179 activity to deviant stimulus) specifically in the lower theta band (3-8 Hz) during the oddball
180 paradigm (Fig 1E). Stimulus-induced theta power in V1 was higher during the deviant and
181 decreased during the redundant stimuli (Fig 1, F, main effect of STIMTYPE, control vs deviant;
182 $F(1,6)=8.66, p<.05$). In addition, intertrial phase-locking in the low theta band in V1 was also

183 higher for deviant trials (Fig 1, G-H, main effect of STIMTYPE, control vs deviant; $F(1,6)=10.65$,
184 $p<.005$). These results are in accord with previous findings on V1 activity during context
185 processing^{11,45}, and demonstrates that sensory processing, even in canonically “early” areas like
186 V1, depends on context of the stimuli.

187 **Long-range synchrony in the theta/alpha band during the oddball paradigm suggests top-**
188 **down modulation of V1.**

189 We analyzed the relationship between activity in V1 and ACa during the oddball paradigm.
190 We probed the phase-coherence between these regions as a marker of their communication
191 throughout the task (Fig 2A). Interregional synchrony was quantified as 1-circ variance (R-
192 statistic) between ACa and V1 from 100 ms pre-stimulus onset to 100 ms post-stimulus offset.
193 ACa-V1 phase-locking was statistically significant ($p<.05$) for frequencies between 1-22 Hz and
194 peaked at 10 Hz (Fig 2B). Interregional phase coherence was strong and ongoing throughout the
195 paradigm and significant even after subtracting the rest period synchrony (Fig 2B -inset). Further,
196 this ACa-V1 coherence was strongest in layer 1 in visual cortex, consistent with this reflecting
197 top-down inputs from ACa to V1 (Fig 2C). Further, this layer distribution is evidence against the
198 notion that this ACa-V1 synchrony reflects simple volume conduction of hippocampal theta.

199 Interestingly, the magnitude of this coherence did not differ as a function of stimulus
200 context (Fig 2D), bringing into question how this apparent synchrony relates to predictive
201 processing during the oddball paradigm. One possibility is that this interregional coherence
202 reflects a bidirectional modulation, with top-down inputs conveying “predictions” and bottom-up
203 outputs conveying “prediction errors”, and the relative strength or influence varying from bottom-
204 up to top-down depending on how the current stimulus fits with the internal model of the
205 environment (i.e. which stimuli are and are not likely). To test this, we carried out granger

206 causality analysis to determine how theta-phase in one region predicted the gamma power in the
207 other at $1/8^{\text{th}}$ of a theta cycle in the future (similar to other work in cortico-cortical circuits³⁸).
208 Previous research has demonstrated that high-gamma power in neocortex reflects synchronous
209 local neuronal activity⁴⁶ (and also correlates strongly and directly with the fMRI BOLD
210 signal^{28,47}). Granger coefficients were quantified bidirectionally (ACa to V1 [“top-down”] and V1
211 to ACa [“bottom-up”]) and scaled as percentage of top-down minus bottom up divided by average
212 of both, from 100ms pre to 100ms post-stimulus. In general, ACa theta granger-caused V1 gamma
213 power at much higher levels than the reverse direction, and the strongest ACa to V1 causation for
214 each recording’s “peak” theta (ranging from 4 to 12 Hz) was in the high gamma-power (80-120
215 Hz; Fig 2E). Bar plots and individual mouse (points) data from the peak region in Fig 2E quantified
216 for control, redundant, and deviant stimulus conditions, show a stimulus-type by direction
217 interaction ($F(3, 24)=10.0$, $p<.01$). The phase of PFC-theta significantly Granger caused V1-
218 gamma during redundant trials (Fig 2F, $t(6)=2.57$, $p<.05$), and this effect is enhanced for later
219 redundants in the sequence (Fig 2G, $t(6)=3.30$, $p<.05$ vs $t(6)=0.97$, $p=.36$), suggesting that it scales
220 with how well the current stimulus matches predictions (which are presumably built on
221 accumulated evidence from preceding trials²).

222 To summarize, ACa and V1 synchronize in the theta/alpha band. During the most
223 predictable stimuli, the direction of theta/alpha modulation is strongest from ACa to V1 (rather
224 than V1 to ACa). That is, when the bottom-up information about the visual stimulus, in V1 is most
225 consistent with the contextual regularities (i.e. redundant), the ACa-to-V1 influence is maximal.
226 This suggests that ACa inputs convey predictive information about current stimuli to V1,
227 consistent with past theories.

228 **Heterogenous cell-type and top-down dynamics in ACa-V1 circuits during the oddball**
229 **paradigm.**

230 We next investigated how ACa projections to V1, as well as how specific layer 2/3 V1
231 neurons (VIPs, SSTs, and PYRs), are active during the oddball paradigm to further test this model
232 of top-down predictive processing from ACa to V1. Our past work showed that while layer 2/3
233 PYRs in V1 show deviance detection (DD; i.e. increased responses to deviant stimuli relative to
234 controls) and stimulus specific adaption (SSA; i.e. reduced responses to redundant stimuli relative
235 to controls), the ACa terminals in layer 1 (L1) of V1 show *neither* DD nor SSA⁴². In line with our
236 LFP results (Fig 1D, 2F), this suggests that these top-down inputs are not responding to the current
237 stimulus, but, perhaps instead, could be sending information about the currently “predicted”
238 stimulus.

239 Our past work shows that SSTs are necessary for V1 DD¹¹, but it remains unclear exactly
240 what role SSTs play during the oddball paradigm. In theory, SSTs could i) passively mediate a
241 tonic disinhibition (of L2/3 PYRs which exhibit DD) during the highly predictable stimulus train
242 (and thus immediately prior to the deviant stimulus) or ii) carry out a more “active” disinhibition,
243 selectively releasing DD-exhibiting PYRs from inhibition from other interneurons by directly
244 inhibiting other interneurons the presentation of a deviant stimulus. Recording SSTs during the
245 oddball paradigm would help clarify their role. If the mechanism is passive (i), they should show
246 increased adaptation during redundant phase, indirectly disinhibiting the PYRs they target. If their
247 role is active (ii), they should show increased activity during the deviant stimulus (i.e., they should
248 show a form of DD as well), temporally prior or concurrent with PYRs exhibiting DD to the
249 deviant stimulus.

250 Fast two-photon microscopy (28 Hz resonant scanning) was employed to record neuronal
251 activity from cortical layers 1-2/3 in V1 (50-300 μm below the brain surface) as awake, head-fixed
252 mice viewed the oddball and many-standards control sequences (described above). We imaged the
253 activity of layer 2/3 PYRs (n=4 mice, 323 neurons), SSTs (n=8 mice, 328 neurons), VIPs (n=9
254 mice, 284 neurons) ,and ACa axons in V1 (n=4 mice, 100 synaptic boutons and axonal segments
255 which were deemed functionally uncorrelated [see methods]). Transgenic mice expressing cre-
256 dependent GCaMP6s crossed with tm1.1-VGluT-, SST- and VIP-cre- lines were used (Fig 3A-C)
257 except in experiments recording ACa axons in V1, where AAV1-Syn/Cag-GCaMP6s was virally
258 expressed in ACa (Fig 3D) and imaged in L1 of V1 as previously described⁴². Visual stimulation
259 was the same as reported in Fig 1 and 2. For analysis, only “visually responsive” neurons or
260 boutons/axon-segments (showing >1 standard deviation from average response over baseline to at
261 least one stimulus [out of 4 orientations: 0, 90, 45, 135 deg] under at least one condition [control,
262 redundant, deviant]) were considered (89% of neurons recorded for PYRs; 98% for SSTs; 93% for
263 VIPs; 89% for ACa axons). If a neuron/axonal-segment showed significant activity to more than
264 one oriented stimulus, we plotted and used only one (the strongest after averaging across contexts)
265 for statistical tests (Fig 3 A-D)¹⁴.

266 As previously reported⁴², the PYRs showed DD (responses to deviant vs control: paired
267 $t(320)=3.17$, $p<.005$), and SSA (redundant vs control; paired $t(320)=-3.5$, $p<.001$) (Fig 3A,E-F).
268 Interestingly, SSTs did not show DD (paired $t(326)=0.53$, $p=0.60$), but showed strong SSA (Fig
269 3B,E-F, paired $t(326)=-6.95$, $p<.001$). VIPs also did not show DD (Fig 3C, deviant vs control:
270 paired $t(282)=1.2$, $p=0.233$) but, surprisingly, were more during active to redundant stimuli
271 (redundant vs control; paired $t(282)=2.82$, $p<.005$), suggesting that VIPs exhibit a form of
272 repetition sensitization or reverse adaptation. Consistent with our past work⁴², stimulus responsive

273 Aca axons showed neither DD or SSA. That is, Aca axons in V1 showed stimulus induced activity
274 which did not vary as a function of stimulus-type (Fig 3D-F redundant vs control; paired $t(87)=-$
275 0.17 , $p=.87$, deviant vs control: paired $t(87)=-0.56$, $p=0.58$). A closer analysis of Aca axon
276 activity, however, evinced greater variance across the population of inputs during the oddball
277 paradigm compared to the during the many-standards control (Fig S2H,I; Bartlett's test
278 statistic^{ctrl_vs_rdnt}=4.60, $p<.05$; BTS^{ctrl_vs_dev}=11.6, $p<.001$; BTS^{dev_vs_rdnt}=1.70, $p=.20$). This
279 suggests a wider spread of input magnitudes, including more highly active and more silent inputs
280 during the oddball, when the putative predictive model is simpler (one orientation expected -- i.e.
281 more precise priors). During the control paradigm, when the putative predictive model is more
282 general (8 possible orientations), there was a more gaussian spread of Aca-V1 input magnitudes
283 across the population of axons.

284 Only PYRs showed marked DD. Interestingly though, DD was not present in all PYRs.
285 We estimated that approximately 11.5% of PYRs showed reliable DD across recordings (by
286 splitting early and later trials; consistent with our past estimate⁴²). This heterogeneity of DD
287 responses across PYRs was not simply explained by differences in stimulus feature selectivity, as
288 PYRs selective for any orientation (O.S.I.>0.20) showed deviance detection to both their preferred
289 orientation and to their non-preferred orientations, and non-selective PYRs also showed DD (Fig
290 S2A,E). However, the magnitude of the deviant vs control difference, (Fig S2A) and the degree to
291 which a given PYR showed DD (Fig S2E) was positively related to the cell's orientation
292 selectivity, suggesting that DD may reflect a non-specific gain modulation in V1.

293 Aca axons, SSTs, and VIPs did not differ in their activations to deviant stimuli (relative to
294 control; Fig 3F). These cell types did, however, differ in their activations to redundant stimuli
295 (either in magnitude for VIPs and SSTs, or in their directional synchrony, as for Aca). It is

296 therefore possible that the causal role that SSTs and ACa-inputs play in supporting DD (shown
297 previously^{11,14}) involve activity during the redundant stimulus train, prior to the deviant stimulus.
298 Specifically, the fact that SSTs in our data do not show strong responses to the deviant stimulus
299 (i.e., no DD) suggests that SST's role in DD is not one of active disinhibition of PYRs *during* the
300 deviant stimulus (hypothesis (ii) above), but, rather, by strongly adapting during the redundant
301 stimulus, one of indirect disinhibition of PYRs in the buildup to the deviant, contextually
302 unexpected stimulus (hypothesis (i)). Conversely, VIP neurons showed augmented responses to
303 redundant stimuli (Fig 3E). Given known mutual inhibition between VIPs and SSTs, this
304 sensitization of VIPs may essentially give rise to the SST inhibition, or vice versa, or both.

305 Interestingly, ACa inputs to V1 did not reduce the overall magnitude of their activity during
306 the redundant stimuli either (i.e., no SSA), but, instead, exerted a stronger causal influence V1
307 during redundant stimuli (when predictions match sensory data; Fig 2F,G). Further, ACa inputs
308 appeared to convey different information to V1 during mostly-predictable vs less-predictable
309 contexts (i.e. different population variance in oddball vs control runs; Fig S2H,I), but not during
310 predicted vs unexpected stimuli *per se* (redundants vs deviants), suggesting that ACa inputs to V1
311 convey *a priori* “predictions” about the current sensory data to V1. It is possible that this top-down
312 input from ACa is modulatory and serves to amplify VIP neuron responses to predictable stimuli.
313 This advantage that VIPs could have over SSTs would cause them to “win out” in highly
314 predictable contexts, effectively disinhibiting subsets of PYRs during the redundant phase of the
315 paradigm, priming them for DD responses to an unexpected stimulus. On the whole this suggests
316 the presence of a disynaptic inhibitory circuit of ACa-to-VIPs-to-SSTs explaining the causal role
317 of ACa and SSTs in V1 DD⁴² (Fig S6).

318 **Top-down drive of V1 from ACa in the theta/alpha band activates VIPs and suppresses SSTs.**

319 To further test this putative ACa modulation of VIP-SST circuits, we optogenetically
320 activated ACa inputs to V1 during rest. We drove these inputs at a range of frequencies informed
321 by our LFP experiments. Based on our two-photon results (Fig 3), we predicted that that driving
322 these axons at frequencies relevant to this circuit and paradigm (see Fig 2) – namely theta/alpha
323 frequencies –should increase activity of V1 VIPs and PYRs while decreasing activity of V1 SSTs.
324 An AAV transducing an excitatory channelrhodopsin (ChR2) under the CaMKIIa promoter
325 (AAV9-CaMKIIa-hChR2(H134R)-mCherry) was injected into ACa (Fig S3A,B) of mice
326 expressing GCaMP6S in PYR, VIP, or SST interneurons. Rhythmic wide-field optogenetic
327 stimulation was performed through a craniotomy placed at the mouse V1. Activity of PYRs, VIPs,
328 or SSTs was imaged in V1 while 1 second bursts of 473 nm light illuminated the imaging column
329 to activate ACa axons at 2-, 6-, 10-, 20-, or 40-Hz (20% duty cycle, squarewave pulses; .5mm
330 radius; 12 mW per mm²), a power-normalized “weak” block stimulation, and a full-power block
331 stimulation (Fig 4, A-B).

332 The activity of V1 cells during frequency-specific driving of ACa-inputs significantly
333 differed among VIPs, SSTs, and PYRs (Fig 4C, $F(10,4035)=9.60$, $p<.001$). Follow-up analyses
334 showed that during 6 and 10-Hz stimulation, PYR and VIP responses differed from SST
335 interneurons, with VIPs and PYRs increasing their activation while SST decreasing below baseline
336 (all $p<.001$). Consistent with our hypothesis, the cell-specific responses after top-down theta/alpha
337 activation (6- and 10-Hz) point to a possible VIP to SST to PYR top-down disynaptic disinhibitory
338 motif that is preferably engaged through ACa-to-V1 modulation during the oddball paradigm. This
339 motif can be found in other areas of the cortex^{18,48}, although some direct activation of PYRs during
340 our optogenetic stimulation could result from direct synapses of ACa on PYRs²⁴.

341 It was also apparent that 40-Hz stimulation strongly activated VIPs. Past work on Aca-V1
342 circuitry showed that top-down gamma-band drive of Aca projections to V1 promotes post-error
343 performance during an active visual attention task²⁵. As we did not observe strong Aca-V1 gamma
344 synchrony during our task-free paradigm, it is possible that the theta/alpha recruitment of V1 and
345 the gamma recruitment of V1 represent separate mechanisms. Indeed, the heterogeneity of VIP
346 responses to Aca drive supported this interpretation. Examining the responses of individual SSTs,
347 VIPs, and PYRs to top-down drive, within-group heterogeneity across frequencies is apparent (Fig
348 S4). To determine whether there were specific ensembles of cells, reaching across cell-classes, that
349 activate to different types of top-down drive, we carried out a k-means clustering analysis on the
350 standardized opto-evoked responses, collapsing across VIPs, SSTs, and PYRs (see Methods).
351 Shuffling procedures and a scree-approach supports the presence of 6 stimulation clusters (Figure
352 4D). We took the averages centroid locations across these 6 clusters (on the non-standardized, raw
353 data) and computed their average responses to each Aca-stimulation condition (Figure 4E). This
354 included a non-stimulated cluster (accounting for approximately half of the V1 cells) and 5
355 stimulation clusters. Two of these stimulation clusters included <2% of the imaged cells (likely
356 outliers). The remaining three major stimulation clusters all comprised greater than 12% of imaged
357 neurons each. We plotted for each cluster the proportion of SSTs, VIPs, and PYRs relative to the
358 overall proportion of these cells in the overall dataset. This revealed differences in proportion
359 across SSTs, VIPs, and PYRs (Figure 4E). Clusters 1 and 2, which showed strong responses to
360 gamma-stimulation and theta/alpha stimulation, respectively, contained very few SSTs. The
361 former was primarily VIPs, and the latter included both VIPs and PYRs. Both clusters 1 and 2
362 showed significant responses to 10 Hz stimulation. Cluster 3 was a broad suppression cluster which
363 included mostly SSTs. Interestingly, this did not show a specific effect at 10 Hz, suggesting that

364 top-down drive inhibits SSTs regardless of frequency, but that it drives VIPs best at 10 Hz or 40
365 Hz.

366 **VIP interneurons mediate ACa modulation of V1 and support deviance detection.**

367 These results suggest that VIPs mediate the ACa to V1 10 Hz modulation (Fig 2) and are
368 critical for DD in V1⁴². To directly test this mediating role, inhibitory cre-dependent DREADDS
369 (AAV8-hSyn-DIO-hM4Di) were used to selectively suppress VIPs in V1 during LFP recordings
370 during the oddball paradigm. Animals were separated in two groups: control group (no
371 DREADDS, CNO-only) and experimental group (with DREADDS). CNO was administered
372 intraperitoneally (IP, 5 mg/kg) to both groups after the first set of recordings. Thirty minutes after
373 CNO administration, activity from ACa and V1 was recorded again from both groups.

374 In the experimental group, but not the CNO-only control, VIP suppression via CNO led to
375 an increase in baseline power (inter-stimulus intervals) in V1 (Fig 5B, left; CNOxCONDITION
376 interaction effect $F(1,11)=5.08$, $p<.05$), confirming a basic disinhibition of V1 by removing a
377 source of inhibition. Consistent with our hypothesis that VIPs mediate the ACa-V1 modulation,
378 interregional synchrony between ACa and V1 in the 6 to 12 Hz range decreased after VIP-
379 suppression (Fig 4C, left; CNOxCONDITION interaction effect $F(1,11)=5.02$, $p<.05$). Again, DD
380 was present in stimulus induced power in V1 in the low theta-band (3-8Hz); following
381 chemicogenetic VIP suppression, this DD was eliminated (Fig 5 C-F; Fig S5; CNO x CONDITION
382 x STIMTYPE interaction effect, $F(1,11)=7.10$, $p<.05$). Altogether these results point to VIP as an
383 important mediator of top-down predictive processing in the visual system.

384 **Discussion:**

385 In summary, these results support a top-down circuit for contextual processing in the visual
386 cortex (Fig S6). During a simple visual oddball paradigm, ACa and V1 are synchronous mainly in
387 the theta/alpha band, engaging a mutually inhibitory VIP-SST circuit in V1. As both VIPs and
388 SSTs are known to inhibit PYRs, engaging this circuit may effectively inhibit and disinhibit
389 subsets of V1 PYRs to modulate responses to predictable stimuli while potentiating responses to
390 future non-predicted stimuli (e.g., DD in the oddball paradigm). This model is supported by the
391 facts i) that ACa and V1 synchronized at 10 Hz during the oddball paradigm, ii) that this synchrony
392 showed a strong ACa to V1 directionality during highly predictable stimuli, iii) that SSTs showed
393 strong response suppression *both* during redundant stimuli and 10 Hz stimulation of ACa inputs,
394 while iv) VIPs, in contrast, showed *response facilitation* during redundant stimuli and 10-Hz
395 stimulation of ACa inputs, and v) that suppressing VIPs disrupted ACa-V1 synchrony and V1
396 deviance detection. We discuss how these results fit within a predictive processing framework
397 below.

398 **Top-down modulation influences local cell activity through a distinct frequency channel**

399 The predictive coding framework posits a spatially distributed hierarchical network in the
400 cortex involving feedforward and feedback connections which continuously modulate sensory
401 processing (in lower areas) and prediction (in higher areas)^{2,49}. This requires that information be
402 integrated within local circuits and across distal regions. While the spatial organization of physical
403 connections within and between different brain regions certainly play a role, the temporal
404 dynamics within these connections may serve to further segregate or route interregional signals to
405 activate or suppress specific ensembles^{40,50}.

406 Our results suggest that, during a highly predictable sequence of visual stimuli, this can
407 occur through ACa and V1 phase-locking in the theta/alpha band. Interestingly, this synchrony

408 may serve to potentiate responses in specific neural populations in V1 to elicit different responses
409 at the cell-specific level. Our optogenetic driving experiments support this notion, showing that
410 Aca inputs to V1 driven at 6- or 10 Hz elicit distinct and opposite responses in interneuron
411 populations (SST and VIPs). This same pattern of increased VIP activity and decreased SST
412 activity was observed during the redundant phase of the oddball paradigm, when top-down
413 theta/alpha influence was strongest, suggesting that theta/alpha band is critical for engaging the
414 VIP-SST mutually antagonistic circuit necessary for visual spatial¹³ and temporal (Fig 5, and ¹¹)
415 context processing in V1.

416 Past work in this circuit has shown that Aca may naturally send beta-band signals during
417 a behavioral error²⁵, and that Aca-to-V1 projections target multiple interneuron types to mediate
418 disynaptic inhibition and support visual attention²⁴. Our study complements this by identifying a
419 theta/alpha-band oscillation during non-goal-directed visual processing and its effect on V1
420 interneuron types. The precise frequency ranges involved in feedback and feedforward signals may
421 nevertheless differ between specific regions and animal models. As previously mentioned, in
422 directed attention tasks with non-human primates (NHPs), feedback activity in the visual system
423 is driven at the alpha/beta bands, while theta and gamma bands are associated with feedforward
424 signals^{40,51}. It is possible, however, that our theta/alpha range (6-12 Hz) could be functionally
425 similar to this studies alpha/beta range (10-20 Hz). The exact discrepancy could be due to simple
426 differences in brain size between mice and NHPs, or due to the nature of the task itself (active vs
427 passive paradigms; as directed tasks involve a larger information load that require multi-region
428 integration) or due to the exact brain regions chose (as past work shows slightly varying
429 bandwidths for the “top-down beta” modulation across cortical regions^{40,51}). Nevertheless, our
430 results are consistent with the core idea of frequency channels being a routing mechanism for

431 feedback modulation and feedforward information⁴⁰, with new evidence provided here that these
432 temporal dynamics serve to engage specific cell populations.

433 **VIPs modulate prediction in the absence of active report**

434 We found that VIP interneurons are more active during predictable stimuli, suggesting
435 response facilitation during the redundant phases of the oddball paradigm. VIPs did not exhibit a
436 DD response (i.e., they are not differentially more active to a deviant stimulus compared to a
437 control/neutral stimulus; figure 3). Further, chemogenetic inhibition of VIPs both altered
438 interregional synchrony between prefrontal and visual cortices and altered context-dependent
439 modulation of V1 responses to visual stimuli (i.e., DD; figure 5). Thus, we propose that VIP
440 activity, through top-down modulation, mediates the ability of V1 to generate differential
441 responses to predictable-vs-unexpected stimuli (i.e., deviance detection), not just by direct
442 inhibition of PYRs coding for the predictable stimuli, but by an indirect disinhibition of PYRs
443 selective for stimuli other than the predictable stimulus (Fig S2). In other words, VIPs distribute
444 the “predictions” of a sensory context through a pattern of inhibition and disinhibition. In figure
445 S6, we have provided a schematic based on current and past observations (with some testable
446 assumptions about connectivity) to facilitate future work into deviance detection circuits. Future
447 work is necessary to more comprehensively test this $ACa^{long-range-VIP^{V1}}-SST^{V1}-PYR^{V1}$ deviance
448 detection circuit, including studies which selectively inhibit each element while imaging the other,
449 during different phases of the paradigm. Results here make significant strides to formulating a
450 working model of this deviance detection circuit (Fig 6). Further, more work is needed to better
451 understand the heterogeneity present in adaptation vs facilitation vs deviance detection in VIP,
452 SST, and PYR populations (Fig 3G,H and Fig S2), as well as the roles of other cell types within
453 V1, including parvalbumin positive interneurons (PVs) and neurogliform cells in layer 1.

454 These findings and interpretations are largely consistent with past work in VIPs in
455 neocortex. During locomotion, VIP interneurons are responsible for enhancing responses of weak
456 sensory signals through the same VIP-SST disinhibitory motif that allows for a subset of cells to
457 be highly excitable, responding promptly and strongly to stimuli⁵². Importantly, we did not find
458 that mice showed any differential locomotion to deviant vs control vs redundant stimuli, so the
459 modulatory role of VIPs in our paradigm cannot be simply explained by this function. In general,
460 VIP+ interneurons are known to modulate neural activity throughout the cortex across brain-states
461 and behaviors via a number of circuit motifs⁵³. For example, VIPs play a disinhibitory role in
462 modulating PYR neuron activity by inhibiting other interneuron types, PV and SST neurons^{48,54}.
463 The fact that VIPs are localized in superficial cortical areas, which receive the majority of top-
464 down inputs from higher regions, suggests that they may mediate a form of disynaptic inhibition
465 and disynaptic dis-inhibition of multiple cell types⁵⁵. Evidence for such motifs have been found in
466 multiple regions of the mouse cortex^{26,43,48,54-56}, and serve to elicit differential responses in brain
467 networks depending on the task and context.

468 Much of the past research done on the role of cortical VIPs during visual novelty
469 processing has involved mice and the presence of a trained behavior output, often conditioned
470 through reward and punishment, and involving locomotion as a part of the behavior^{43,44,52,57}. In
471 this study, we sought to understand the functional dynamics of VIP interneurons in a passive
472 oddball paradigm in the absence of an active report and an anticipated reward. Notwithstanding
473 the fact that passive, untrained, or non-goal driven behavior makes up a large part of any animal's
474 natural life, the value of a strictly passive oddball paradigm is clear from the clinical
475 neurophysiology literature. One of the best replicated biomarkers of schizophrenia – the mismatch
476 negativity (an EEG index of DD) – involves a purely passive sensory sequence (i.e. the oddball

477 sequence)^{15,58,59}. Interestingly, our finding that VIPs are more strongly active to predictable – but
478 not unexpected– stimuli contrasts some findings in which VIPs were shown to have higher
479 activation to novel images in comparison to familiar ones⁵⁷. A key difference here may be the
480 nature of the paradigm; Garret et al (2020) used a go/no-go task in which the mice had to report
481 the changes in their visual perception by licking, and by doing so, receiving a reward. This task
482 involves both locomotion and reward, and recent work has shown that both modulate cortical
483 activity. In particular, reward and punishment lead to VIP activation^{44,57}. Therefore, it is unclear
484 whether past findings of VIP activation to novel stimuli are associated with the novel stimulus
485 itself, or with the reward administration, or both.

486 It is possible that a wide range of VIPs functionality is a testament to its flexible and yet
487 standard response in brain systems: VIPs are active to enhance the difference between neuronal
488 populations engaged in processing different inputs, regardless of the main driver of VIP activity.
489 Distal cortical and subcortical inputs modulate VIP responses to stimuli to create leverage in
490 stimulus evoked responses that through disinhibition may generate an excitability gradient in local
491 circuits that allow for different ensembles of cells to have a distinct response given the input. This
492 is a circuit mechanism that allows for gain modulation in neuronal populations in accord with the
493 needs of the task at hand (passive exploration or reward seeking).

494 **Top-down modulation is necessary yet not specific to redundant trials**

495 Our past work has shown that top-down inputs from ACa to V1 are necessary for visual
496 DD⁴², which is consistent with previously identified roles of prefrontal and/or top-down
497 modulation from hierarchically higher areas in the cortex in supporting basic sensory mismatch
498 processing in humans.^{60,61} Our results here show steady activity in ACa axons in V1, time-locked
499 to stimulus presentation, which do not show differential responses during the redundant vs control

500 vs deviant phases of the paradigm. This is also consistent with our past findings⁴². This is
501 potentially perplexing: how can top-down inputs contextually modulate responses to a visual
502 stimulus in V1 if those top-down inputs themselves appear indifferent to context?

503 One possible explanation is that the top-down inputs are carrying predictive information
504 that is not evoked by the current stimulus, but is signaling what internal models would hold that
505 the current stimulus could be. When the bottom-up signals – i.e., the inputs from thalamus/layer-
506 4– concord with the top-down predictions from ACa, responses to the current stimulus may be
507 attenuated. Our Granger analyses of LFP data are consistent with this interpretation, as ACa-to-
508 V1 causal influence is strongest during redundant trials (when top-down and bottom-up are in
509 concordance). On the other hand, when bottom-up and top-down do not match, as they would
510 during the deviant stimulus, responses to the current stimulus are enhanced, leading to most of the
511 V1 activity to be driven locally or in the bottom-up direction. Past work in primates suggests that
512 bottom-up processing streams occupy lower theta-band frequencies, consistent with our finding
513 (and others^{59,81,82}) that theta (3-8Hz) power is strongest to the deviant stimulus. What follows
514 from our hypothesis would be that during deviant stimuli, the direction of LFP causation should
515 go from thalamus to V1, or from layer 4 to layer 2/3. Future work could test this with
516 multielectrode recordings.

517 In further support of the interpretation that ACa axons are sending predictive information
518 to V1 is that while the average of the magnitudes of input from ACa to V1 do not differ across
519 contexts (oddball vs many-standards control Fig 3), the variance of activity across that population
520 was wider during the oddball compared to the many standards control (Fig S2H,I). This suggests
521 that activity of top-down inputs was more specific – including more clearly active and more clearly
522 non-active ACa-V1 inputs – when the probability of the next stimulus was more certain (i.e. very

523 likely the redundant stimulus) compared to when the next stimulus could be one of 8 orientations
524 (i.e. during the control paradigm). In the latter case, the activity of ACa-V1 inputs appeared to
525 aggregate around more intermediate values. Interestingly, the variance of axonal activations did
526 not differ between the redundant and the deviant stimuli during the oddball paradigm, further
527 suggesting ACa-V1 inputs do not convey stimulus evoked activity (Fig 1D) back to V1, but, rather,
528 they comprise anticipatory inputs containing the predictive information.

529 **Clinical implications**

530 Predictive processing and deviance detection hold significance in both basic and clinical
531 neuroscience, as such functions are hypothesized to be disrupted in schizophrenia (SZ) and other
532 psychotic disorders⁶². In human EEG recordings during a basic visual or auditory oddball
533 paradigm, deviant stimuli elicit a pre-attentive mismatch negativity (MMN) event-related potential
534 at mid-latencies (100-200ms) after the onset of a contextually deviant stimulus that, like the LFP
535 DD signal we identify in this study, strongly correlates with increased oscillatory power in the
536 theta band. People with SZ show reduced MMN and stimulus induced theta power to deviant
537 stimuli⁵⁹, and this biomarker is strongly correlated with cognitive symptoms in the disease^{58,63},
538 suggesting that DD dysfunction could index core information processing deficits in SZ.

539 SZ involves neuropathological dysfunctions of prefrontal cortex (PFC)⁶⁴⁻⁶⁶, which weigh
540 heavily in many leading theories of SZ pathophysiology⁶⁷⁻⁶⁹. However, neuropathology in basic
541 sensory cortices^{64,70} and deficits in sensory cortical processing – including auditory and visual
542 domains – are also reliably present in the disease and are notably independent of cognitive or
543 attentional modulation⁷¹⁻⁷³. Such deficits could be just as crucial for explaining disease pathology
544 and predictive processing deficits as prefrontal pathology⁷⁴. By studying the dynamics of the
545 homologous murine ACa-V1 circuit (ACa is a visually-projecting PFC region in mice), our results

546 might tie together these two lines of evidence to show how erroneous sensory processing can affect
547 -- and be affected by-- dysfunction in regions higher in the cortical hierarchy like PFC, tertiary
548 sensory regions, or parietal cortices. This prefrontal dysfunction then fails to provide the
549 appropriate context to sensory areas, creating a disrupted loop of information processing and
550 generating a schism between an internal model of the world and sensory inputs from the world.
551 Specifically, our results suggest how top-down circuitry, alpha-band oscillatory disruptions, and
552 cortical interneuron subpopulations could all contribute and relate to these core phenomenological
553 features of the disorder.

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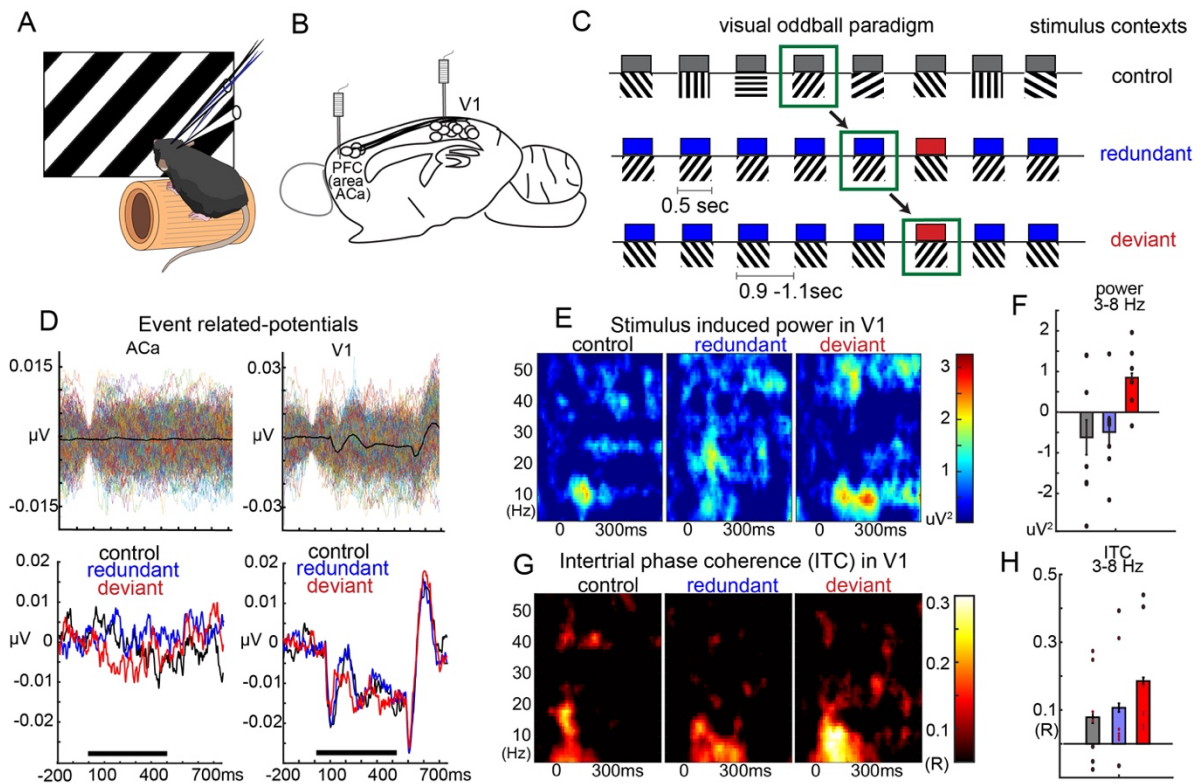
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563 The authors declare no competing interests.

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565 **Figures and legends**

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567 **Figure 1: Deviance detection in V1 power and phase dynamics during a visual oddball**

568 **paradigm.** A) Awake mice viewed full-field visual gratings during local field potential recordings

569 in B) V1 cortex and a prefrontal region that projects to V1: anterior cingulate area (ACa). C) Mice

570 viewed visual stimuli in a standard oddball, oddball flip, and many-standards control paradigm.

571 Visual responses to the same stimulus was tracked across three different contexts in which it was

572 redundant, deviant, and neutral (equiprobable). D) (top) individual trial-activity and trial-averaged

573 activity in ACa and V1 from a single mouse and (bottom) averaged over mice within each stimulus

574 context show that only V1 displayed clear visually evoked responses to the stimuli. E-F) Stimulus

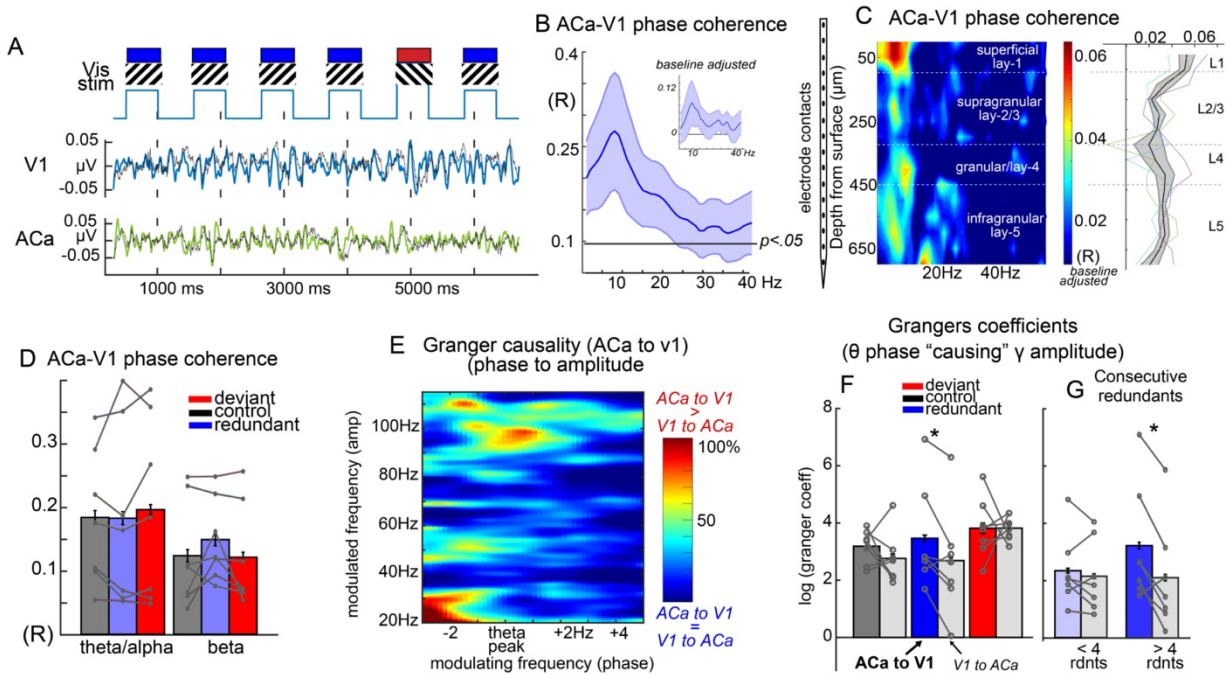
575 induced power to the onset of the stimuli in control, redundant, and deviant contexts evince an

576 increase in theta-band power to the deviant stimulus. G-H) Stimulus elicited inter-trial phase

577 locking (ITC) to the onset of stimuli evince an early latency increase in theta-band ITC (main

578 effect of STIMTYPE, control vs deviant; $F(1,6)=10.65$, $p<.005$).

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580 **Figure 2: Long range fronto-visual synchrony in the theta-alpha band during the oddball**

581 **paradigm.** A) Bipolar electrical recordings in V1 cortex and anterior cingulate area (ACa; in

582 mouse prefrontal cortex) displayed as ongoing unfiltered (black) and filtered local field potentials

583 in the theta/alpha band (8-13 Hz). B) Interregional phase synchrony quantified as 1-circ variance

584 (R-statistic) averaged across 7 mice and compared to randomized values at $p < .05$. Inset is

585 subtracting pre-run (prior to the start of visual stimuli) phase synchrony. Peak is at 9Hz and extends

586 to 20Hz. C) Recordings of a single ACa electrode combined with a multielectrode probe (16-

587 channels) in $n=3$ mice, showing that Aca-V1 theta/alpha synchrony is strongest in layer 1, where

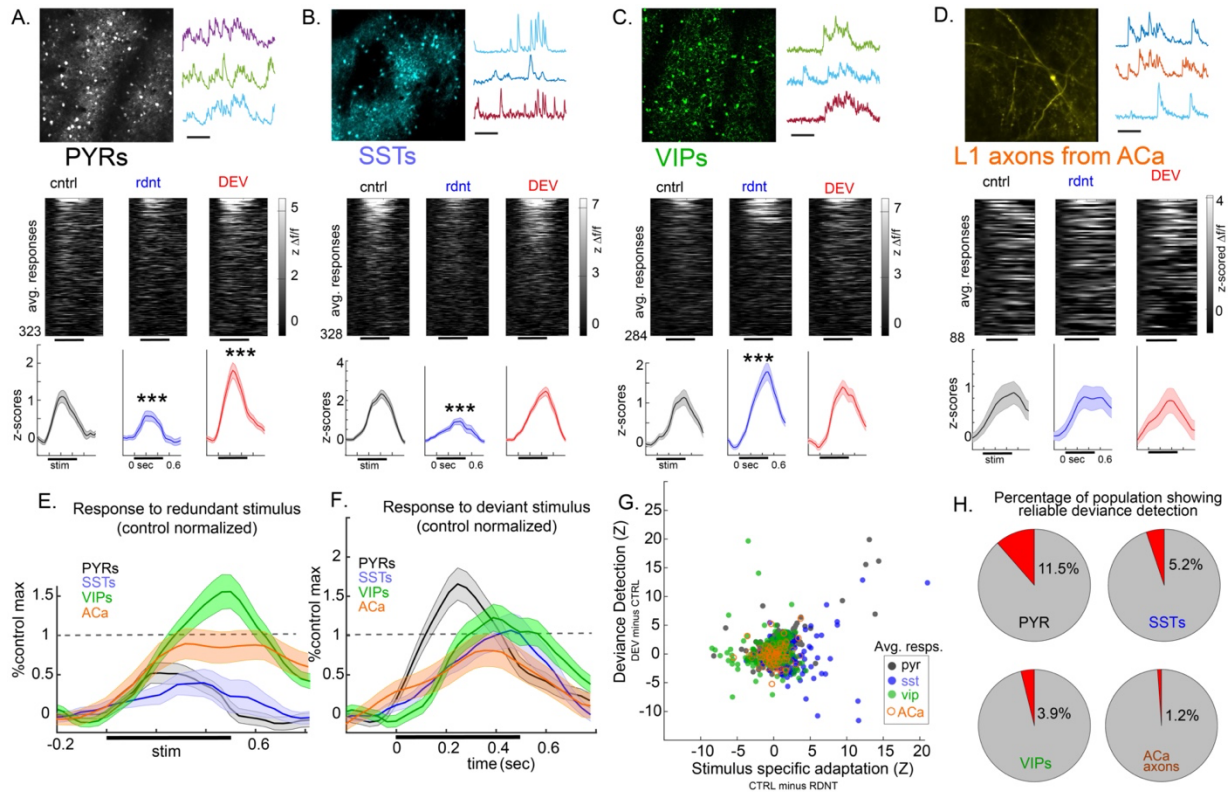
588 Aca-axons terminate in V1. D) Magnitude of interregional phase synchrony did not differ as a

589 function of stimulus type in theta/alpha (8-13 Hz) or beta (15-25 Hz) bands. (E) Granger

590 coefficients of how phase of peak theta in one brain region predicted gamma power in the other

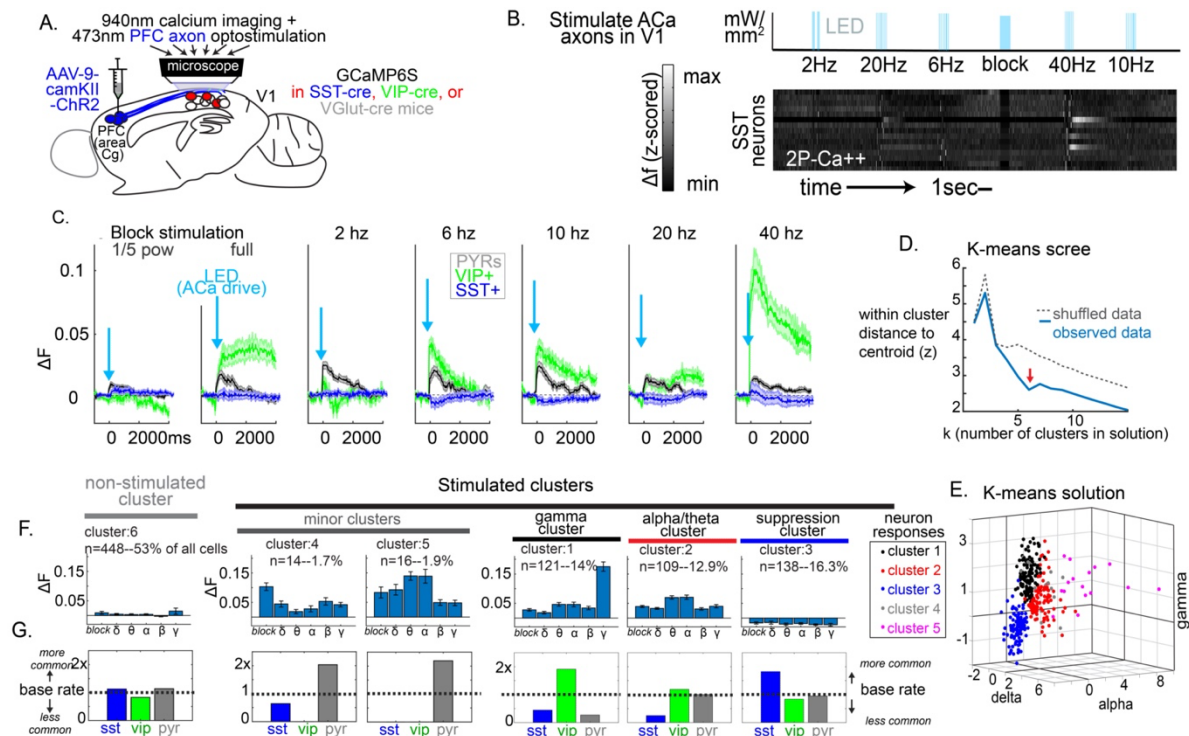
591 region, indicating a power peak in the high-gamma frequency range, centered around peak-theta

592 phase. F) Bar plots and individual mouse (points) data from the peak region in (D) quantified for
 593 control, redundant, and deviant stimulus conditions evince a stimulus type by direction interaction
 594 ($F(3, 24)=10.0, p<.01$). Only the redundant condition exhibited significantly stronger top-down vs
 595 bottom-up granger causation ($t(6)=2.57, p<.05$). (G) This directional difference was stronger after
 596 4 redundant stimuli post deviant stimuli ($t(6)=3.30, p<.05$ vs $t(6)=0.97, p=.36$).



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 598 **Figure 3. Cell-type specific dynamics in the V1-ACa circuit during the oddball paradigm. A.**
 599 Two-photon calcium imaging carried out in pyramidal neurons (PYRs; n=4 mice, scale bar= 15
 600 sec) during a visual oddball paradigm; (middle) rasterplot of average responses to the same
 601 stimulus when it is the control, the redundant (4th in sequence), and the deviant stimulus in context
 602 (over 10 trials for each). Plotted are 323 “visually responsive” neurons; (bottom) averages across
 603 neurons show significant stimulus specific adaptation (redundant vs control) and significant
 604 deviance detection (deviant vs control). B) Same as A but for somatostatin positive neurons (SSTs;

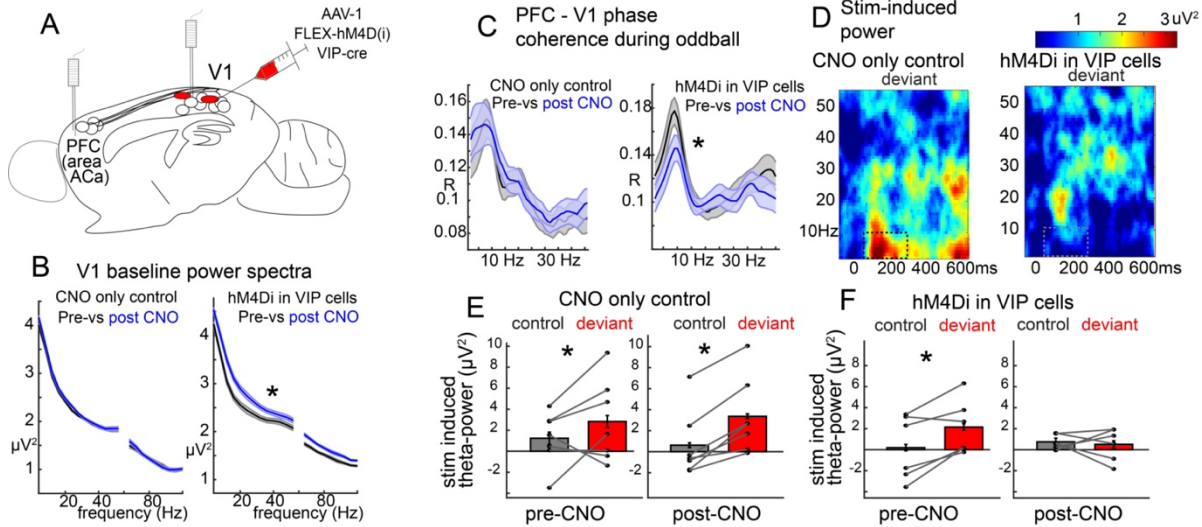
605 n=8 mice; 328 neurons, 98% of recorded); (bottom) averages across SSTs show significant
606 stimulus specific adaptation (redundant vs control) but not deviance detection (deviant vs control).
607 C) Same as A, but for vasoactive intestinal peptidergic neurons (VIPs; n=9 mice; 284 neurons,
608 93% of recorded); (bottom) averages across VIPS show significant *INVERSE* stimulus specific
609 adaptation (redundant vs control) but not deviance detection (deviant vs control). D) Same as A,
610 but for axon segments and boutons (regions of interest; ROIs) in layer 1 of V1 from putative ACa
611 projection neurons (ACa; n=4 mice; 89 neurons, 89% of recorded); (bottom) averages across ACa
612 ROIs show neither significant stimulus specific adaptation (redundant vs control) nor significant
613 deviance detection (deviant vs control). E) Average responses to the redundant stimulus for each
614 cell/ROI scaled relative to the maximum of the average response to the control stimulus within
615 each cell/ROI-type. F) same as (E) but to the deviant stimulus. G) Scatterplot showing computed
616 “DD” and “SSA” for each neuron. Different colors represent cell/ROI types. H) Percentage of each
617 cell/ROI-type showing “true deviance detection”: i.e. response to deviant is largest and is more
618 than 1.67 standard deviations larger than response to control stimulus in two separate sets of trials
619 (5 even vs 5 odd trials). The estimate for PYRs is consistent with our past work⁴². ***p<.005
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621 **Figure 4. V1 activation by Aca is frequency and cell-type specific.** A) a cre-dependent
 622 AAV transducing excitatory ChR2 was injected into Aca (a prefrontal area projecting to V1) of
 623 mice expressing GCaMP6S in PYR, VIP, or SST interneurons. Activity of PYRs, VIPs, or SSTs
 624 was imaged in V1 while B) 1 second bursts of 473 nm light illuminated the imaging column to
 625 activate Aca axons at 2-, 6-, 10-, 20-, or 40-Hz, a power-normalized “weak” block stimulation,
 626 and a full-power block stimulation. C). The activity of V1 cells during frequency-specific driving
 627 of Aca-inputs differed among VIPs, SSTs, and PYRs ($F(10,4035)=9.60$, $p<.001$). During 6 and
 628 10-Hz stimulation (theta and alpha), SSTs and PYRs differed from VIP interneurons, with VIPs
 629 increasing and SSTs decreasing below baseline (all $p<.001$). During gamma stimulation, SSTs and
 630 PYRs also differed from VIPs, with VIPs showing dramatic responses on average and PYRs and
 631 SSTs showing moderate positive responses (all $p<.001$). D) Cell responses for all stimulation
 632 conditions (except weak) were standardized and had their dimensions reduced to 5 (PCA); a 1000
 633 k-means analyses was carried out on real and shuffled data (shuffled within cells, across PC

634 dimensions). At each iteration, we quantified the median “within cluster distance from centroids”
635 to determine the quality of the clustering solution. Our data supports the presence of 6 stimulation
636 clusters. E) We plotted this as a scatterplot for delta (2 Hz), alpha (10 Hz), and gamma (40 Hz),
637 excluding the cluster with no strong Aca-drive (about half of the cells). F) We took the average
638 centroid locations across these 6 clusters and computed their average responses to each Aca-
639 stimulation condition. This included a non-stimulated cluster and 5 stimulation clusters. All 5
640 stimulation clusters showed significantly different activity to 10 Hz drive compared to block (non-
641 oscillatory) stimulation ($p < .01$) except the suppression cluster. G) We plotted for each cluster the
642 proportion of SSTs, VIPs, and PYRs relative to the overall proportion of these cells in the overall
643 dataset. The three major stimulation clusters all comprised greater than 12% of imaged neurons
644 each, and showed marked differences in proportion across SSTs, VIPs, and PYRs, with a gamma
645 stimulation cluster including VIPs (which also showed significant alpha-drive) and a suppression
646 cluster including mostly SSTs.

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648 **Figure 5. Chemicogenetic suppression of VIP-neuron activity in V1 eliminates fronto-**
 649 **visual synchrony and visual deviance detection.** A) a cre-dependent AAV transducing inhibitory
 650 DREADDs into VIP-positive interneurons in V1 in a VIP-cre mouse. Local field potentials were
 651 recorded in Aca and V1. B) VIP interneuron suppression increased broadband power at baseline
 652 (inter-stimulus intervals). The same effect was not seen in a CNO-only condition (left;
 653 CNOxCONDITION interaction effect $F(1,11)=5.08, p<.05$). C) VIP interneuron suppression
 654 decreased interregional phase-synchrony during the stimulus period of the oddball paradigm. The
 655 same effect was not seen in a CNO-only condition (left; CNOxCONDITION interaction effect
 656 $F(1,11)=5.02, p<.05$). D) Stimulus induced power spectra to the deviant stimuli post-CNO for the
 657 CNO-only control (left) and the VIP suppression condition (hM4D(i) in VIP interneurons; right).
 658 E,F) Stimulus induced theta-band (3-8 Hz) power from boxes in (D), points represent mice
 659 (CNOxCONDITIONxSTIMTYPE interaction effect $F(1,11)=7.10, p<.05$).

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662 **Methods**

663 Animals, Surgery, and Training

664 Experiments were carried out under the guidance and supervision of the Georgia State
665 University (GSU) Division of Animal Resources and were approved via Institutional Animal Care
666 and Use Committee (IACUC) at GSU. Adult C57BL/6 mice (n=47, P60 to P120, from Jackson
667 Laboratories) were used. Transgenic lines were made using mice expressing cre-dependent
668 GCaMP6s (tm162(tetO-GCaMP6s, CAG-tTA2)) crossed with tm1.1-(VGluT-), SST- and VIP-cre
669 lines.

670 For experiments involving calcium imaging, head-plate fixation and craniotomy surgeries
671 were carried out together as previously described⁷⁵. A hole with diameter of 3 mm was drilled in
672 the mouse skull in left V1 (coordinates from bregma: X =2 mm, Y = -2.92 mm), followed by the
673 removal of the skull and exposure of brain surface; dura matter was conserved. A cover glass was
674 placed and sealed at the hole location. Then a titanium head-plate was attached to the mouse head
675 to allow for their fixation on the microscope. For calcium imaging or optogenetic manipulation of
676 Aca axons, virus injections were done 2 to 3 weeks prior to head-plate fixation and craniotomies.
677 a small hole was drilled in the mouse left Aca (coordinates from bregma: X =0.35 mm, Y = 1.98
678 mm , Z = 0.9 mm from brain surface); a micro-syringe attached to a stereotaxic apparatus was used
679 to inject 0.75 ul of a 1:1 solution of PBS and channelrhodopsin (pAAV9-CaMKIIa-
680 hChR2(H134R)-mCherry) or GCaMP6s (pAAV.Syn/Cag.GCaMP6s.WPRE.SV40) over a 10
681 minute period (0.075 μ l/min) to each mouse.

682 For local field potential experiments, head-plate attachment was carried out prior to
683 electrode implantation. During the latter, two bipolar electrodes twisted together (with contacts
684 spaced approximately 200 μ m apart) were inserted 0.5 mm below the dura in stereotaxically
685 defined Aca and V1 (coordinates from bregma: Aca, X =0.35 mm, Y = 1.98 mm; V1, X =2 mm,
686 Y = -2.92 mm), and grounded on the skull contralateral to the target areas, totaling 4 contacts for

687 each region (two at target, two grounded). For experiments with LFP and VIP chemicogenetic
688 suppression, 0.75 μ l of 1:1 diluted AAV8-hSyn-DIO-hM4Di-mCherry was injected in V1 starting
689 at 0.9 mm deep and moving up to 0.5 mm from the brain surface continuously during the whole
690 injection period (at a rate of 0.04 mm/min) to assure an even and widespread expression of the
691 virus. Injections were done in VIP-cre mice at the same time as head-plate fixation. All animals
692 that went through surgery were anesthetized using 3% isoflurane and received pre and post care
693 medication appropriately (5 mg/kg carprofen, IP). Prior to recordings, mice underwent at least 3
694 training sessions to acclimate them to head-fixation and the visual stimuli, as previously described
695 ⁷⁶.

696 Visual Stimulation

697 Visual stimulation was presented on a flat TV screen at a 45° angle from the animal axis,
698 approximately 15 cm from the eye, using Psychophysics Toolbox on MATLAB (Mathworks).
699 Full-field, black and white, sinusoidal moving gratings were presented at 100% contrast, 0.08
700 cycles per degree, two cycles per second, at 8 possible orientations (30°, 45°, 60°, 90°, 120°, 135°,
701 150°, and 180°). Stimuli were presented for 500 ms, with an inter-stimulus interval of 500 ms of
702 black screen. A “many standards control” (equally rare, randomly presented stimuli at all 8
703 possible orientations) was presented before each oddball trial to establish baseline activity. The
704 oddball trials consisted of a repetitive sequence of one stimulus (“redundant”, either 30°, 45°, or
705 60° degree angles, presented 87.5% of the time), followed by a stimulus of a different orientation
706 (“deviant”, 120°, 135°, or 180° degree angles, presented 12.5% of the time). At the latter half of
707 the trial, the redundant stimulus is “flipped” to become the deviant, and vice versa (“oddball flip”);
708 this way we can assess responses to the stimulus context -i.e. when in the paradigm it is shown-
709 rather than stimulus features -i.e. what orientation it is.

710 Optogenetics experiments.

711 One second bursts of 473 nm light delivered through an LED (Bruker optogenetics module)
712 was focused to 100 μm below V1 to activate Aca axons at 2-, 6-, 10-, 20-, or 40 Hz (20% duty
713 cycle, squarewave pulses; .5 mm radius; 12 mW per mm^2 at the surface), a power-normalized
714 “weak” block stimulation (delivering the same overall power per second as the rhythmic
715 stimulations – 2.4 mW per mm^2), and a full-power block stimulation (1 second of 12 mW per
716 mm^2). These seven conditions were carried out in random order and interspersed with 9 seconds
717 of rest between them, and each condition was repeated 10 times. No visual stimulus was shown in
718 this run. A black tape was placed around the objective to prevent spillage of the blue light into the
719 animal’s eyes. Virus expression and stable drive of these neurons were confirmed via histology
720 (Fig S3A,B) and LFP recordings in Aca during V1 drive (Fig S3E-H).

721 Recordings

722 Two-photon microscopy (28 Hz framerate; Bruker Investigator laser scanning microscope;
723 Bruker Corporation, Billerica, MA, USA) excited by a laser (Chameleon Ultra II, Coherent Inc,
724 Santa Clara, CA, USA) at 920nm wavelength were used to image the fluorescent calcium sensor
725 GcAMP6s expressed in PYRS, VIPS, SST cells and Aca axons at the visual cortex of mice. The
726 laser beam was modulated with a Pockels cell (Conoptics 350-105, with 302 RM driver) and
727 scanned with galvanometers through a water immersion objective (16X/0.80W, Nikon, Tokyo, JP).
728 The objective lens were place on top of the animals head while a small volume of Aquasonic
729 ultrasound gel (Parker Laboratories Inc) was placed at the site of the cranial window to bridge the
730 objective with the imaging area and allow stability over long-duration sessions. The animals were
731 awake, head-fixed to the microscope by their headplate, while sitting on top of a wheel free to

732 move forward and backwards. All recordings were carried out in a dark room with the researcher
733 present to monitor mouse wakefulness and check for signs of discomfort. Each run had a duration
734 between 6-7 minutes. Scanning and imaging were done through Prairie View (Prairie
735 Technologies) software (resonant galvo, downsampled to 28 frames per second, for 256x256
736 pixels, 3.136 μm pixel size, 802.9 x 802.9 μm field of view). A time series was recorded using
737 Prairie View software as the mice observed visual stimuli or received opto-drive. Visual stimulus
738 was transmitted to the monitor through an HDMI cable. The visual stimulus was converted to
739 voltage traces and connected to the computer for stimulus recording through the Voltage
740 Recording tool on Prairie View. Time series and stimulus voltage traces were synchronized at the
741 onset of recording for proper alignment of neuronal activity and stimulus presentation. Optogenetic
742 drive waveforms were converted to voltage traces and recorded at Prairie view in a similar fashion,
743 with the signal being transmitted both to the light-stimulation driver and the computer. For PYRS,
744 VIPs and SST recordings, images were taken 100 μm to 350 μm deep, aiming at layer 2/3 of the
745 mouse cortex. For Aca axons, recordings took place at 50-100 μm deep, aiming at layer 1 of
746 mouse cortex.

747 For the LFP experiments, the mouse was fixed to the recording apparatus through their
748 head-plate and free to move back and forth. Insulated cables were connected to the electrodes on
749 the top of the head of the animal and plugged into a differential amplifier (Warner instruments,
750 DP-304A, high-pass: 0 Hz, low-pass: 500 Hz, gain: 1K, Holliston, MA, USA). Amplified signals
751 were passed through a 60 Hz noise cancellation machine (Digitimer, D400, Mains Noise
752 Eliminator, Letchworth Garden City, UK), which, instead of filtering, creates an adaptive
753 subtraction of repeating signals which avoids phase delays or other forms of waveform distortion.
754 Multielectrode probe LFPs (Fig 2C) were recorded from a custom designed 16-channel

755 NeuroNexus probe (750 μm length, 50 μm inter-contact distance; A1 \times 16–3 mm 50–177; Ann
756 Arbor, MI) inserted perpendicularly into left V1 at 100 $\mu\text{m}/\text{min}$ until the dorsal-most electrode was
757 just below the dura (deduced from real-time signals). Prior to insertion, probes were submerged in
758 DiI dye for post-hoc anatomical validation. These LFP data were acquired from 0.1–7500 Hz upper
759 and lower bandwidths, sampled at 10 kHz, and then low-pass filtered at 150 Hz and resampled at
760 1 kHz for preprocessing. Electrophysiology activity was recorded using the Prairie View software
761 or with an Intan Recording system (multielectrode recordings). Visual stimulus timings were
762 recorded as voltage traces at the same time as the LFPs signals for proper alignment, and the timing
763 of these stimuli relative to LFP recording was confirmed with photodiodes placed on the video
764 monitor. For VIP suppression, as soon as the first recordings were done, the animals were injected
765 with CNO (IP, 5 mg/kg)¹¹ and recorded again after 30 min of downtime.

766 Two photon image processing.

767 Videos were corrected for motion using the “moco” plugin on ImageJ⁷⁷. Cellular activity
768 was semi-manually scored using an in-house built script on MATLAB, as previously described⁷⁶.
769 Mean and standard deviation were calculated for all image frames and plotted for reference;
770 rectangular sessions were manually selected around cell bodies/axon segments through a GUI in
771 MATLAB. A PCA analysis was performed within the selected regions of interest (ROIs) to select
772 the pixels with weights at least 80% of the maximum of the first PCA component as the final ROI,
773 then plotted as an average fluorescence across pixels. The fluorescence time courses were
774 displayed after each selection to verify stability across imaging experiments and healthy calcium
775 transients. Halo subtraction was performed in the selected ROIs to exclude excess fluorescence
776 from nearby cells. For scoring axonal/bouton ROIs, datasets were first downsampled to 9.4 frames
777 per second to aid in scoring and detection. This is consistent with our past analysis⁴² and was

778 necessary due to the fact that such small ROIs have faster transients and smaller signal to noise
779 ratios. For analysis, time-courses were re-interpolated to 28 frames per second for comparison with
780 other cell types (PYRs, VIPs, SSTs). Effectively this was equivalent to a 3 sample gaussian
781 smooth. For axon segments and boutons, we attempted to exclude ROIs originating from the same
782 cell (i.e. i.e. we focused those which were apparently functionally independent). That is,
783 segment/bouton pairs showing highly similar ($r > .7$) activity were assumed to originate from the
784 same cell, and thus were combined or not included (if one was less stable than the other over the
785 imaging period).

786 The fluorescence traces from the resulting ROIs of soma (PYRs, VIPs, SSTs) or axons
787 (from Aca) were converted to ΔF through a regression based smoothing approach (3-second
788 lowess envelope)⁷⁶. The first discrete derivative was calculated as a proxy for neuronal activity.
789 Δf was z-scored within each neuron using the bottom 8% of signals across each run and then
790 averaged across trials for each stimulus type. Only stimulus-driven cells (cells with $> +1$ standard
791 deviation above pre stimulus baseline on at least one stimulus type) were considered for analysis.

792 For imaging cells during optostimulation, a slightly different quantification was used after
793 the ROI extraction. Frames during which the opto-stimulus was delivered were identified by the
794 presence of saturation artifacts in the imaging dataset. These frames and 1 frame before and after
795 were discarded from further analyses (1.07 seconds). In contrast to the scoring of neural activity
796 during the oddball paradigm (above), we were unable to quantify fast transient onsets in these
797 experiments (because they started during opto-artifact). We utilized the slower decay time of the
798 GCaMP6s calcium transients in the time period immediately following the opto-stimulation train.
799 We quantified the average fluorescence value in the 1-second after stimulation and subtracted the
800 eighth percentile of fluorescence in the 5 seconds occurring prior to the opto-stimulus (the

801 baseline), and then divided the result by this baseline $(\Delta F/F)^{78,79}$. These responses of V1
802 neurons were averaged across 7-10 trials within each stimulation condition.

803 Local field potential signal processing and analysis.

804 Trials with excessive signal ($>\approx 5$ std devs) in either V1 and Aca were manually excluded
805 (between 0 and 20). All analyses were limited to the last 10 control trials and the first 10 deviants
806 of each orientation (two per mouse). We used the 4th redundant in each sequence after each deviant
807 (also 10 total for each orientation). Analyses were combined across both orientations, as local field
808 potential responses in mouse V1 are known to not exhibit significant orientation selectivity⁸⁰. Trial
809 averaged evoked responses to a given stimulus in the control, redundant, and deviant contexts were
810 generated for each mouse and averaged over mice (Fig 1) for descriptive purposes only. Ongoing
811 data were converted to the time-frequency domain with a modified morelet wavelet approach with
812 100 evenly spaced wavelets from 1 to 120 Hz, linearly increasing in length from 1 to 20 cycles per
813 wavelet, applied every 10 ms from 300 ms pre- to 700 ms post stimulus onset (200ms post-stimulus
814 offset) as previously described¹¹. Stimulus induced power spectra (1-120 Hz) were computed for
815 all three conditions (control, redundant, deviant) for each mouse and baseline corrected by
816 subtracting the average for each frequency in the 100 ms prior to stimulus onset. Statistical
817 analyses focused on identifying signatures of deviance detection (deviant vs control) in the low-
818 theta band induced power and phase locking during the stimulus period, as this band has been
819 previously shown to track deviance detection in rodents and humans^{11,59,81,82}.

820 Interregional phase synchrony was quantified by taking the phase difference for each
821 frequency (1-40 Hz) between Aca and V1 for all measurements from 100 ms pre- to 100ms post-
822 stimulus offset (separately for control, redundant, and deviant trials) and calculating the 1-circ

823 variance (R-statistic) of these lags. We averaged these values compared to the random distribution
824 at $p < .05$ ^{83,84}.

825 To determine the directionality of the peak phase synchrony between regions ACa and V1,
826 granger causality analyses was employed to focus on how theta-phase in one region predicted high
827 gamma-power in the other region at $1/8^{\text{th}}$ of a theta-cycle in the future⁸⁵. We focused on each
828 recording's "peak" theta (the theta frequency with the greatest ACa-V1 synchrony – ranging from
829 4 to 12 Hz) and high gamma-power (80-120 Hz) as this reflects synchronous, highly local neuronal
830 activity^{28,47}. Briefly, gamma-power in region A at timepoint "t" is treated as a criterion variable X,
831 and is first regressed on gamma-power in region A at timepoint "t minus lag". Then, theta-phase
832 in region B at timepoint "t minus lag" is added to the model, and the change in R^2 is quantified as
833 an F-value – the so-called "Granger coefficient". These "Granger coefficients" were log-
834 transformed and quantified for both directions (ACa to V1 ["top-down"] and V1 to ACa ["bottom-
835 up"]) for all timepoints and trials from 100 pre- stimulus to 100ms post stimulus offset for all mice,
836 and averaged within conditions (control, redundant, deviant).

837 Calcium imaging data analysis.

838 For analyzing cell-level responses during the oddball paradigm, calcium imaging analyses
839 were limited to the 10 trials in each condition (control, redundant, deviant) as described above (due
840 to locomotion and field-of-view drift artifacts). We generated stimulus triggered averages for each
841 neuron recorded for each of the three conditions. If a given neuron responded greater than 1.67
842 standard deviations above the pre-stimulus baseline activity for any one condition and any one of
843 the orientations, we included it in subsequent analyses (between 80% and 98% of neurons imaged).
844 Responses to only 1 oriented stimulus for each neuron (the strongest after averaging across
845 contexts) were analyzed. We determined significant stimulus specific adaptation and deviance

846 detection at the population level within each cell class (PYRs, VIPs, SSTs, Aca-axons) statistically
847 as described below. Further, for each cell class, we calculated the proportion of cells showing “true
848 deviance detection”: i.e. response to deviant is largest and is more than 1.67 standard deviations
849 larger than response to control stimulus in two separate sets of trials (5 even vs 5 odd trials). For
850 analyzing DD and SSA as a function of a cell’s orientation selectivity index (OSI) and selectivity
851 relative to the orientation of the test stimulus, we quantified OSI as 1-circular variance^{86,87} on the
852 control trials not used for the main analysis (i.e. the 10-15 trials for each of 8 orientations prior to
853 the final 10). Cells with greater than 0.2 OSI were considered selective. Preferred orientation for
854 each cell was estimated as the phase of the average vector, generated by averaging all responses
855 to the 8 different orientations.

856 For the optostimulation experiments, we used only runs without significant
857 locomotion/movement artifact, including 7 to 10 trials per stimulation condition (weak, strong-
858 block, 2-Hz, 6-Hz, 10-Hz, 20-Hz, 40-Hz). Average delta-f in the 1 second period after the LED
859 was turned off, averaged across trials within each condition, was used for statistical analyses (see
860 below). Each cell was an observation, and PYRs, VIPs, and SSTs were included as separate groups
861 in a frequencyXcell-class ANOVA to determine whether significant effects of Aca stimulation
862 frequency were present that differed across cell class.

863 K-means clustering analysis of optostimulation responses.

864 Responses of V1 neurons were averaged across 7-10 trials within each stimulation
865 condition and combined regardless of cell class into a cells by stim stimulation condition matrix
866 (except weak, which showed very low responses for most cells and was excluded from the k-means
867 analysis). This 845 X 6 matrix was reduced to 845 X 5 with a principle components analysis (based
868 on a scree-plot). We then carried out 1000 k-means analyses on real data and on shuffled data

869 (shuffled within cells, across PC dimensions) for $k=2-15$ (k =number of clusters). At each iteration,
870 we quantified the median “within cluster distance from centroids” to determine the quality of the
871 clustering solution. We averaged these values for each value of k , creating a “scree” plot which
872 shows how much each additional cluster adds to the solution. The point at which this curve
873 becomes linear and parallel with the shuffled data suggests that additional clusters are no-longer
874 necessary. This analysis suggested that our data supports the presence of 6 stimulation clusters.
875 We took the average centroid locations across these 6 clusters (on the non-standardized, raw data)
876 and computed their average responses to each ACa-stimulation condition. We plotted for each
877 cluster the proportion of SSTs, VIPs, and PYRs relative to the overall proportion of these cells in
878 the overall dataset. We specifically tested whether the 10 Hz condition differed from the block
879 stimulation for each cluster with a paired t-test on the cells in the cluster of interest (two-tails).

880 Locomotion Detection

881 Videos of mice during experiments were recorded at 30 fps during each experiment via a
882 Logitech C920 HD Pro webcam mounted ≈ 20 cm away from the mouse’s face, illuminated by a
883 dim 617 nm LED. Wheel motion, a surrogate of mouse locomotion, was calculated on a frame by
884 frame basis post-hoc by singular value decomposition of manually selected ROIs using the open-
885 source Facemap software⁸⁸. Locomotion was binarized and analyzed similarly to LFP data, as
886 stimulus-triggered averages C, R, and D (figure S1).

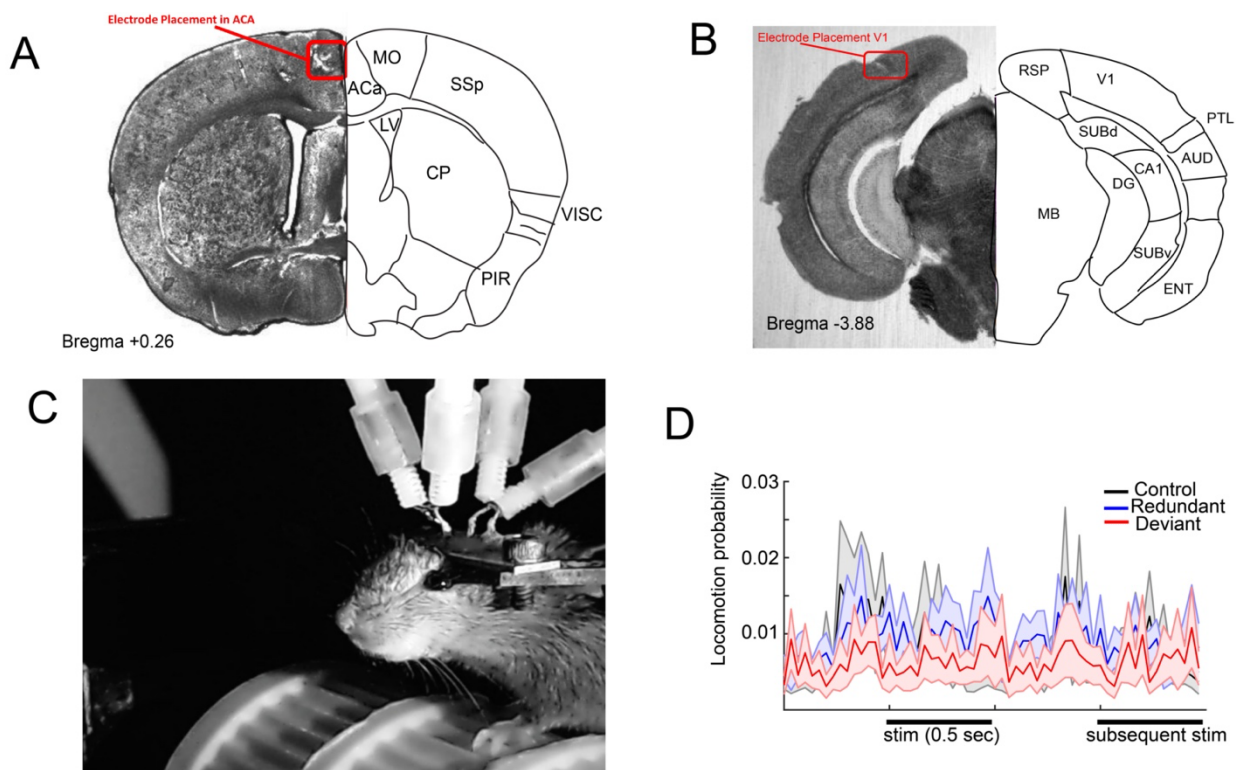
887 Statistics

888 For LFP experiments, we carried out mixed-ANOVAs on the measures of interest at the
889 mouse level (one measurement per mouse) with stimulus type (CONTROL, REDUNDANT,
890 DEVIANT) and/or CNO- (PRE, POST) as within subjects factors and GROUP (hM4D(i),
891 CONTROLS) as a between subjects factor. Significant interactions were carried out with t-tests

892 (two-tailed). For calcium imaging experiments, we carried out repeated-measures or factorial
893 ANOVAs on the measures of interest at the cell level with stimulus type (CONTROL,
894 REDUNDANT, DEVIANT) or STIMULATION FREQUENCY (block, 2-, 6-, 10-, 20-, or 40-Hz)
895 as within subjects factors. Significant effects were carried out with t-tests (two-tailed), focusing
896 on planned contrasts between i) control and redundants (which tests for “stimulus specific
897 adaptation”) and ii) controls and deviants (which tests for “deviance detection”) as previously
898 described.

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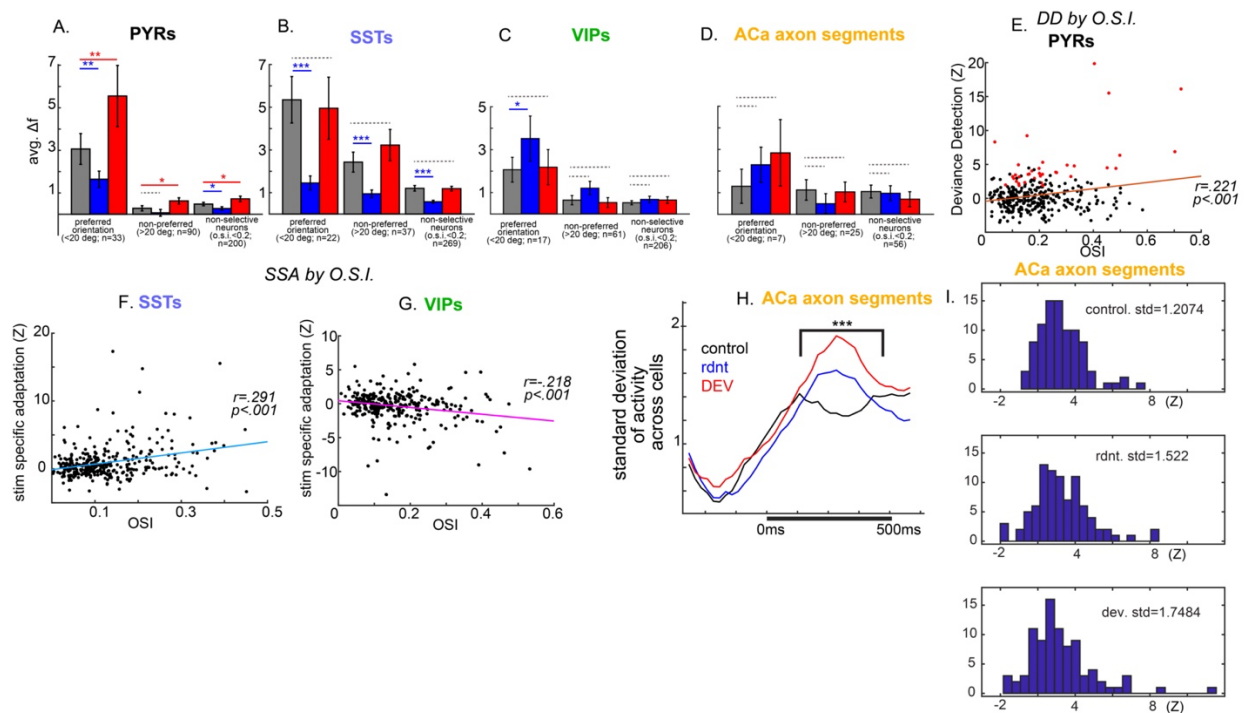


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902 **Figure S1. Neither deviant nor redundant stimuli evoke changes in locomotion.** A)

903 Example of anatomical confirmation of electrode placements in ACA and B) V1 was completed

904 after recordings. C) Videos of mice during recordings were used to ensure the mouse was alert and
 905 electrodes/objectives were stable during the length of the recording, and were also used to quantify
 906 locomotion by selecting an ROI over the mouse treadmill and binarizing frames with locomotion
 907 in a subset of mice (n=14). D) Locomotion probability across trials was not different between
 908 stimulus contexts in the pre-stimulus period ($F(2,12)=0.73$, $p=.49$) or during the stimulus
 909 ($F(2,12)=0.37$, $p=.69$), nor were any t-tests between individual stimulus contexts (e.g. deviant vs
 910 control) significant in post-hoc analyses (all $p>.45$).



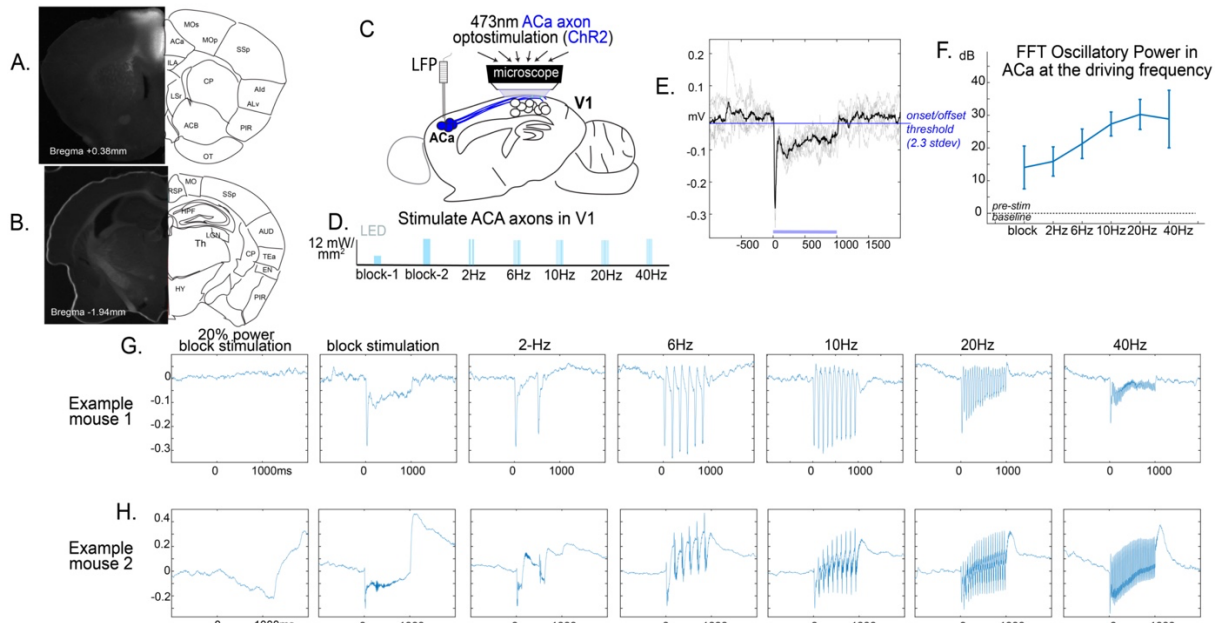
911 **Figure S2. Deviance detection and stimulus specific adaptation by feature selectivity**
 912 **by cell-type.**

913 **A)** Pyramidal neurons displayed statistically significant deviance detection (DD)
 914 regardless of the cells preference for the orientation of the stimulus (one-tailed paired t-test, t-
 915 preferred (31)=2.63, $p<.01$; t-non-preferred(88)=1.82, $p<.05$), and in cells with low/absent
 916 orientation selectivity (t-non-selective (198)=1.81, $p<.05$). For stimulus specific adaptation (SSA),
 917 PYR responses to their preferred orientation (one-tailed paired t-test, t-preferred (31)=-2.93, $p<.01$)
 918 or non-selective PYRs (t-non-selective (198)=-1.86, $p<.05$) showed significant SSA. The lack of

919 SSA to non-preferred stimulus in PYRs was likely due to floor effects, as responses to the control
920 stimuli were already quite low. B) Neither selective nor non-selective SSTs showed significant
921 DD, but all three groups showed significant SSA (one-tailed paired t-test, t-preferred (20)=-3.91,
922 $p<.001$; t-non-preferred(35)=-3.72, $p<.001$; t-non-selective (297)=-5.21, $p<.001$). C) Neither
923 selective nor non-selective VIPs showed significant DD or significant SSA. Interestingly, upon
924 examination, selective VIPs showed statistically significant inverse SSA to their preferred
925 orientation (two-tailed paired t-test, t-preferred (15)=2.19, $p<.05$) and trend-level inverse SSA to
926 their non-preferred orientation ($t(61)=1.62$, $p=.11$). D) Axonal segments from ACa neurons
927 projecting to V1, did not show significant DD or SSA, regardless of the cells selectivity or stimulus
928 preference. E) DD in PYRs was modestly but significantly correlated with orientation selectivity
929 (1-circ variance). Still, many cells showing low orientation selectivity showed reliable DD (red
930 cells in plot). DD was not correlated with orientation selectivity in SSAs, VIPs, or ACa axonal
931 segments. F) SSA in SSTs was modestly but significantly correlated with orientation selectivity
932 (a similar effect was observed in PYRs, not shown), while G) SSA in VIPs was inversely correlated
933 with orientation selectivity, suggesting that more selective VIP neurons actually produced stronger
934 responses to predictable stimuli. H,I) Although ACA axons in V1 do not show differences in
935 average activity levels between control and oddball paradigms (see Fig 3 in text), they do exhibit
936 increased standard deviation across population responses during the oddball paradigm, during both
937 redundant and deviant trials, relative to control. This suggests that the overall nature of information
938 being sent to V1 during the oddball paradigm is different than during the control.

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Figure S3. Electrophysiological confirmation of optogenetic driving. A) mCherry

943 signal indicating expression of ChR2 in ACA neurons and B) not in areas posterior to ACA which

944 project to V1. C) Axon terminals of long-range projecting neurons from ACA were stimulated in

945 V1 via optogenetics. Channel rhodopsin (ChR2) was expressed virally in ACA via AAV-9s through

946 the synapsin promoter. L.E.D. powered 473 nm light focused (.5mm radius; 12 mW per mm²) via

947 a 20x objective on a craniotomy was driven at D) 2-40 Hz (20% duty cycle) or block stimulation.

948 Overall average power per 1 second was held constant for all conditions except the full power

949 block stimulation. E) Local field potentials (LFP) were recorded in ACA to detect antidromic

950 driving. On average (thick line), our stimulation evoked LFP potentials crossing 2.31 standard

951 deviations above baseline ($p < .01$) at approximately 11.5 ms after light onset and returned to

952 baseline at approximately 24.5 ms. Given known onset kinetics of ≈ 1.5 ms and offset kinetics of

953 ≈ 13.5 ms (Lin, J.Y., Exp. Physiol 2012), we estimated a conduction speed of 10 ms from ACA to

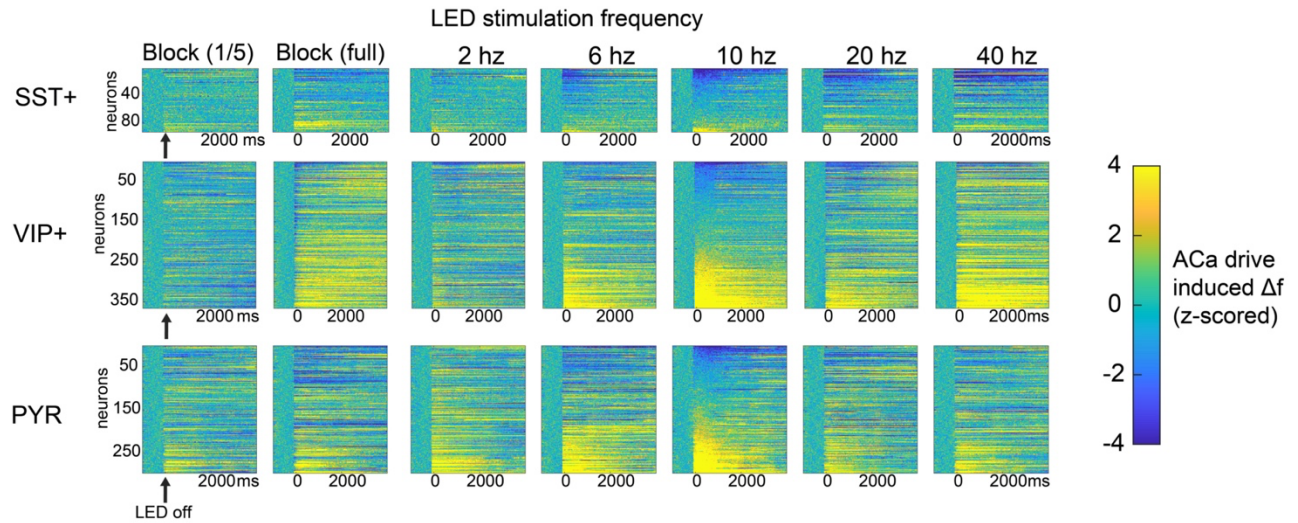
954 V1. F) Stimulus induced average power and standard deviations (across trials) display strong

955 activation of ACA at the driving frequencies via illumination of the terminals. Notably, frequencies

956 6-40Hz are within 1 stdev of each other ($n=2$ mice, 8-15 trials each frequency per mice). G-H)

957 Shows an averaged evoked LFP responses to each frequency for two representative mice. Notably,
958 the low-power block stimulation was insufficient to drive ACa neurons in both mice.
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Figure S4. Activation of individual SST, VIP, and PYR neurons while driving Aca-

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axons at different frequencies. Rasterplots of activity immediately before turning on the LED

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and immediately after turning off the LED (0ms onward). Image signal was saturated during the 1

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second of stimulation, so this data was excluded, and the 1 second post stimulation was used for

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analyses (figure 4). Activity of individual neurons was standardized by the standard deviation of

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the fluorescent signal in the 1-second of data prior to LED in order to allow for visual comparison

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across cells. Cells are sorted by their response to the 10-Hz condition. Cell identities are the same

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across all 7 conditions horizontally. Based on the large amount of variability across cells within

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each class, we carried out a cluster analysis to sort into functionally defined subclasses of neurons.

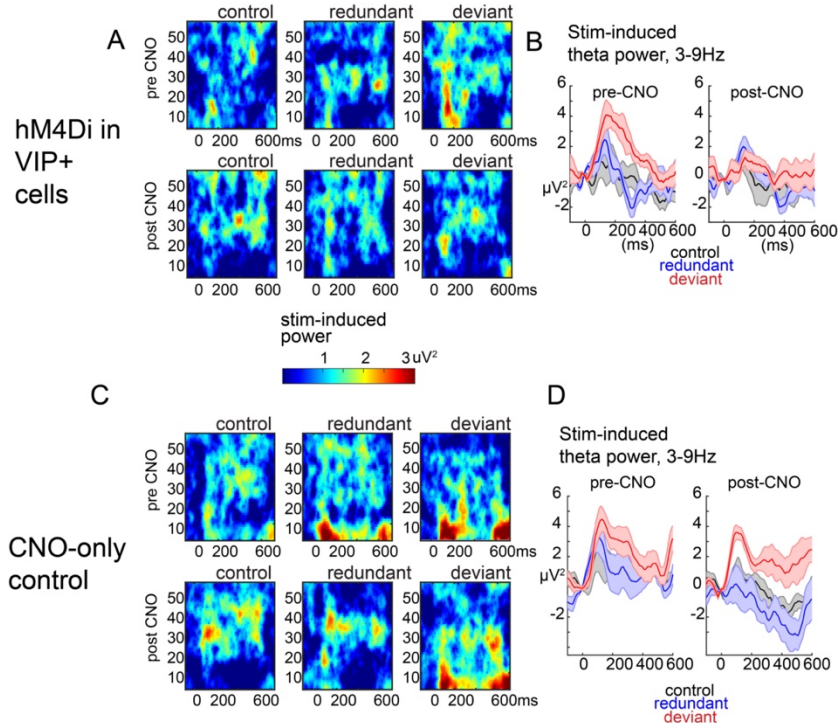
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976 **Figure S5. Chemicogenetic suppression of VIPs.** A) time-frequency and B) line plots of

977 induced power for pre- (above) and post-CNO treatment in mice with inhibitory DREADDs

978 (hM4D(i)) in VIP interneurons. C,D) same as A,B, but for the CNO-only condition (no-DREADDs

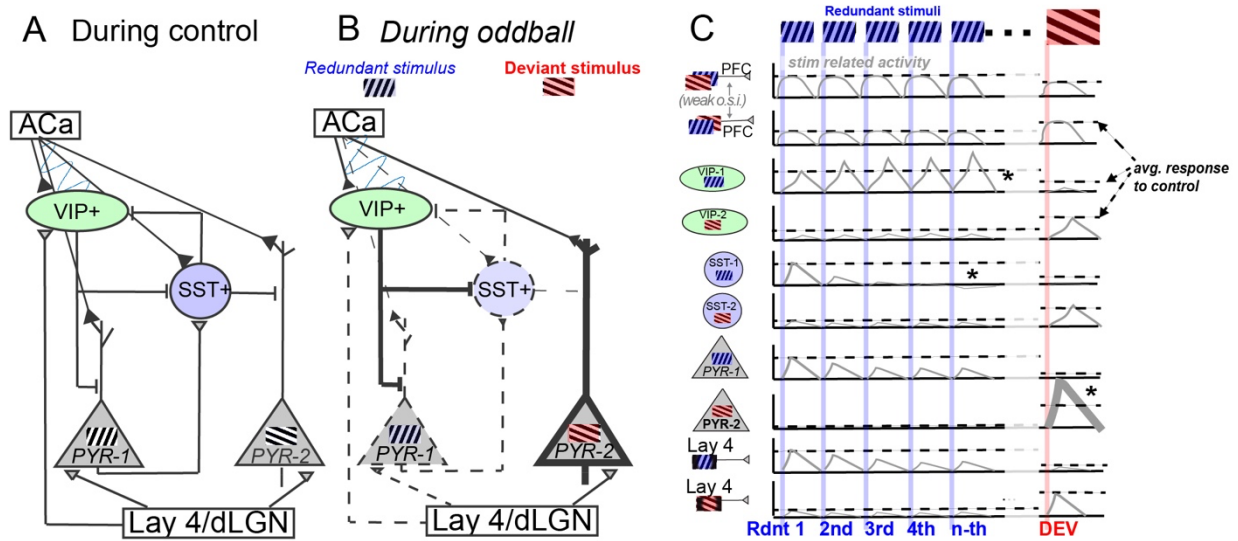
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984 **Figure S6. Proposed model of deviance detection in V1.** A schematic based on current
 985 and past observations (with some testable assumptions about connectivity) to facilitate future work
 986 into deviance detection circuits. (A) simplified V1 layer 2/3 circuitry. During control run, with
 987 stimuli of many orientations equally likely, responses to any given stimulus by the circuit is at a
 988 baseline, with Aca and V1 synchronous in the theta/alpha band. B) During the oddball paradigm,
 989 inputs from Aca to V1 become more influential (as evidenced by greater theta/alpha granger
 990 causality) and more varied, potentially dependent on postsynaptic target (VIPs vs SSTs vs PYRs
 991 selective for redundant or deviant). Line-thicknesses depict how a cell population's excitability is
 992 modulated during the oddball, relative to the many-standards control (thicker = greater response
 993 to its preferred stimulus over baseline). Top-down modulation at theta/alpha frequencies
 994 potentiates VIPs and suppresses SSTs, which, in turn, disinhibits PYRs which are not already
 995 adapted (i.e. PYRs selective for stimuli other than the redundant). (C) Activity dynamics during
 996 the oddball paradigm for each cell type, relative to its selectivity (based on figure S2). Horizontal
 997 dotted lines depict response of cell population to each stimulus orientation in the control context.

- 998 From top: *absent SSA in ACA, *enhanced SSA in SST-1s to the redundant stimulus, and *DD
999 in SST-2 and PYR-2. Layer 4 cell activity based on Hamm et al 2021⁴²
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