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<http://mybinder.org/repo/msarvestani/cni-jc>

# **Allen Brain Observatory Dataset**

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[Most slides are from Allen Institute's Marina Garrett, or the Observatory website  
[[observatory.brain-map.org/](http://observatory.brain-map.org/)]

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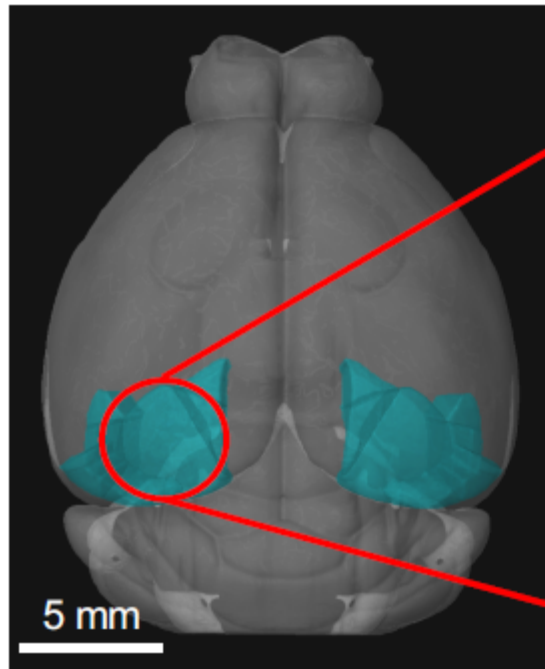


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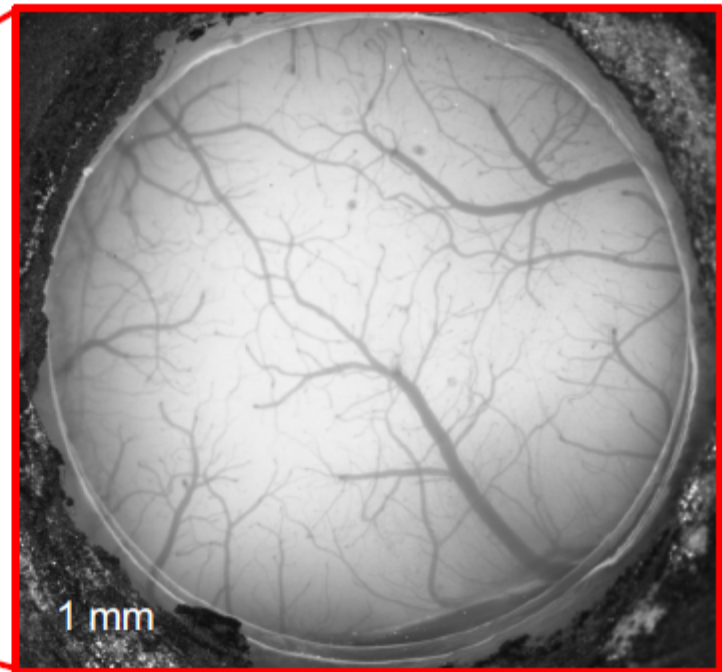
**+ many others**

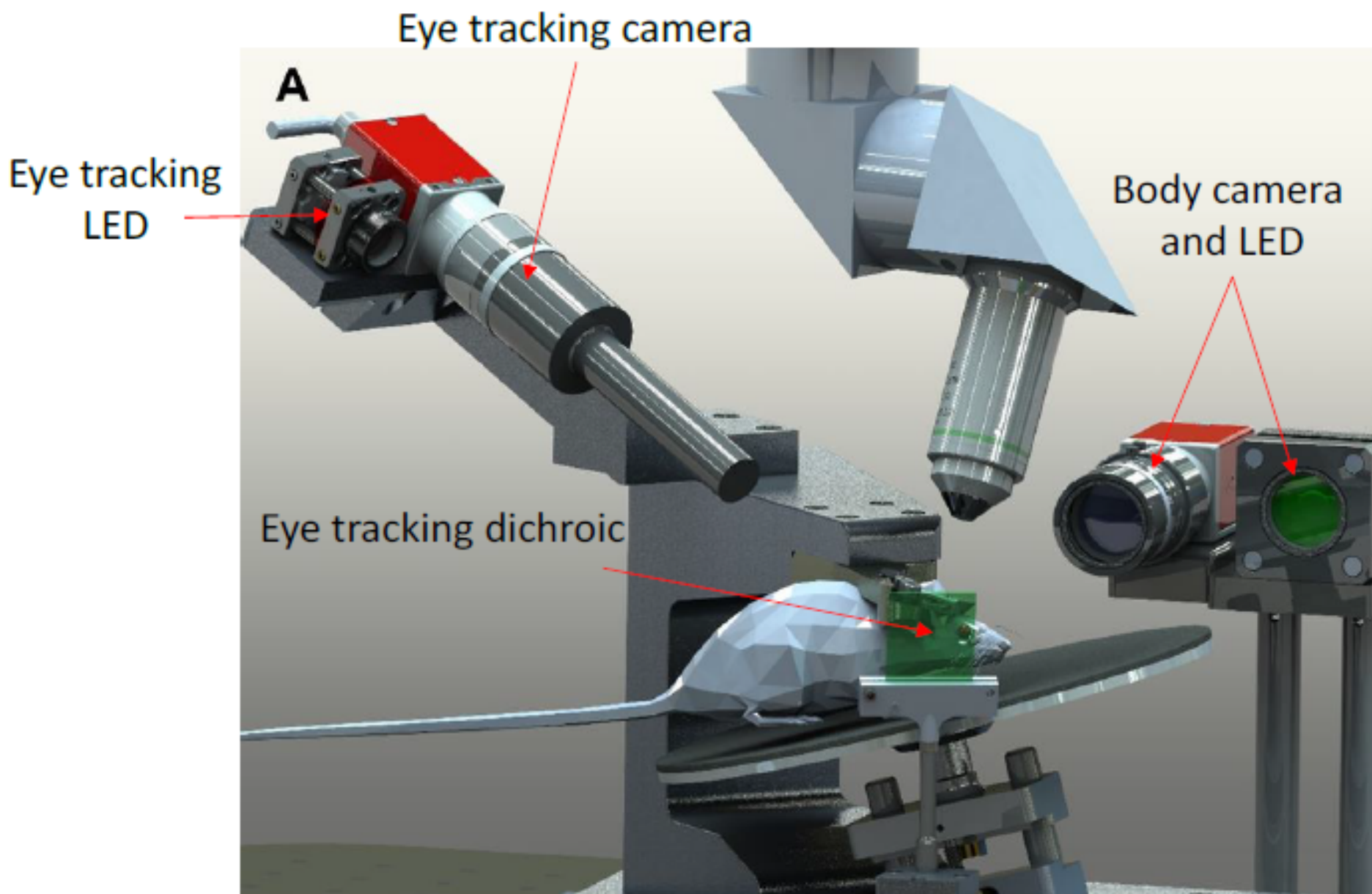
# A 'Window' into the Brain

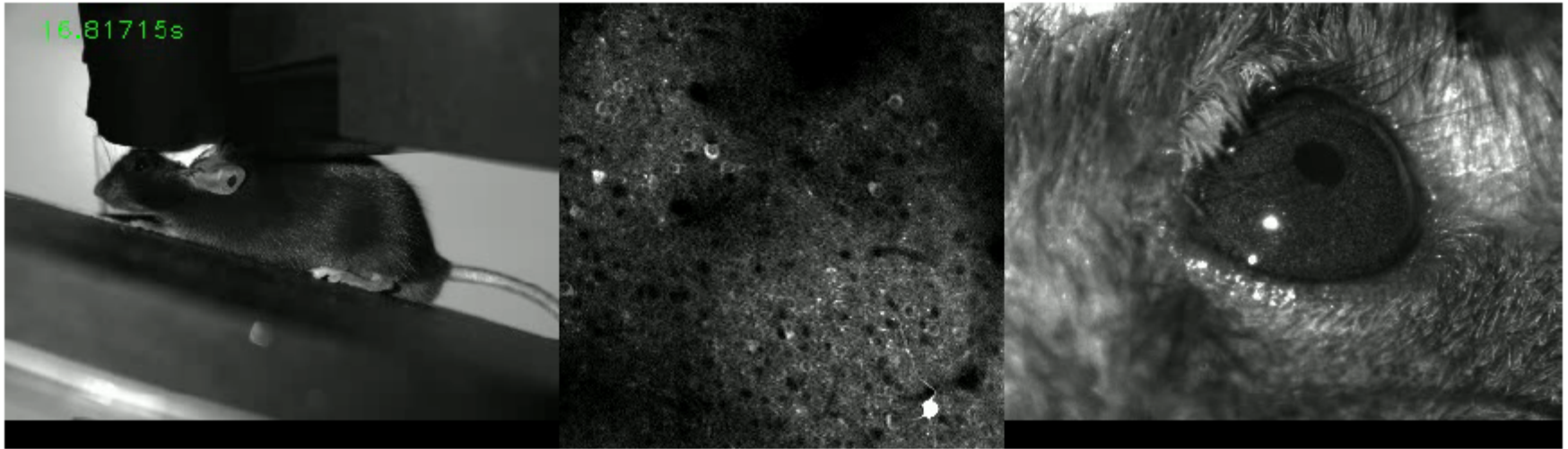
Mouse Brain



Cranial window







One experiment session - AL – Cux2 – Layer 2/3

**Awake, head-fixed  
mice, looking at  
visual stimuli.**

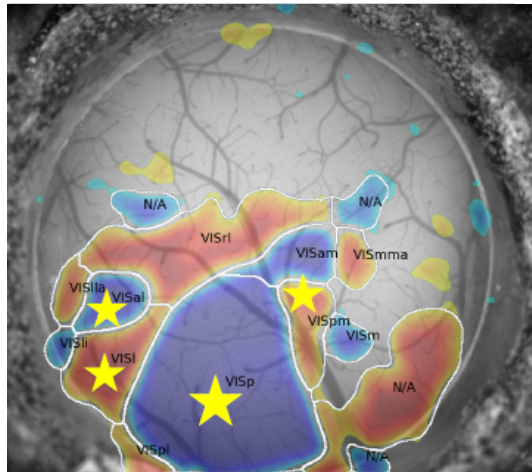
**2P calcium  
fluorescence  
responses of  
hundreds of  
neurons.**

**+ running speed  
Eye video  
Mouse behavior**

**Genetic tools (Cre-lines x GCamp) are used to make specific cell types glow. Observatory dataset uses mice from 4 cre-lines (all exc). 7 more (exc/inh) planned for release.**

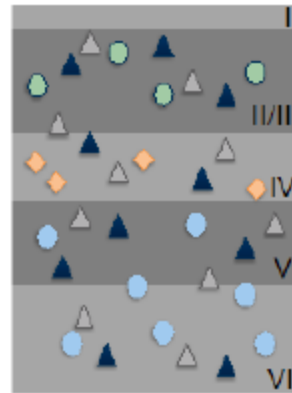
# A Rich Dataset

Cortical Visual Areas



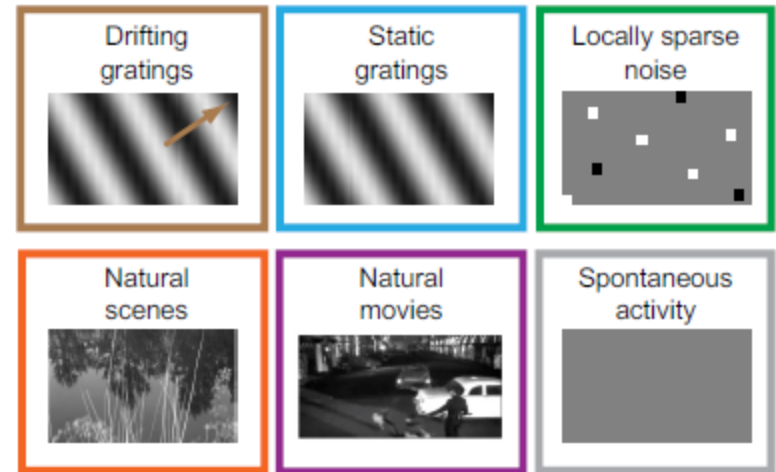
**4 Visual areas**

Cortical Layers  
Cre Lines



**4 cre-lines**

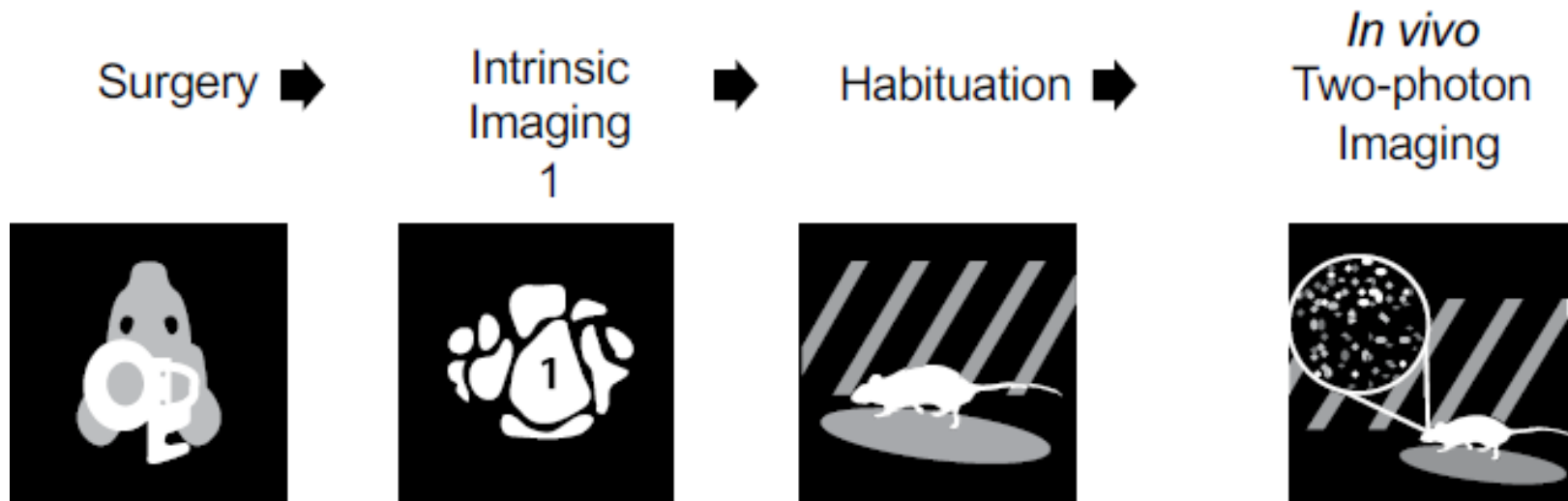
Visual Stimuli



**Hypothesis-free**

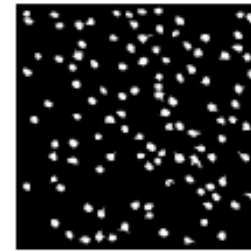
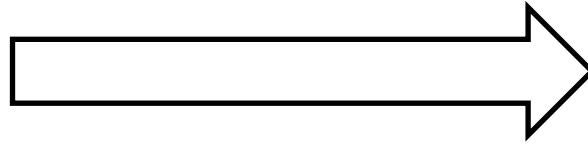
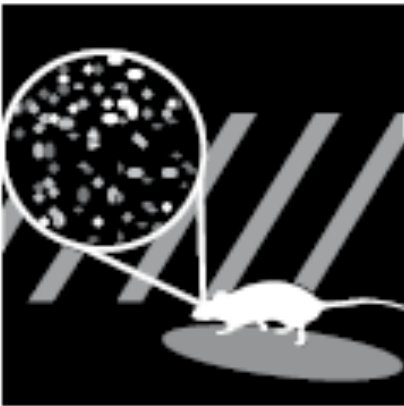


# A Rich, Standardized, Dataset



**Quality control throws out bad data**

# 2P Data Generation



**All raw (pre-processed) data also available.**

- Motion correction
- Segmentation (find cells)
- Registration (match cells)
- Fluorescence extraction
- Background subtraction
- Data pre-processing (temporal alignment, etc)
- **Compute  $df/f$**
- **Compute stimulus-specific response features**

# Pre-calculated Response Features

- [Stimuli](#), shown in three 1 hour sessions
- Receptive field
- Response reliability for each stimulus type
- Orientation/direction selectivity
- Preferred: tf, sf, orientation, natural image frame
- Modulating by running

**You can access some of the data (meta-data and extracted features) from the web. The rest (raw, post-processed, features) are accessible through a python package.**

# Accessing the Data (Web)

- Web: [observatory.brain-map.org](http://observatory.brain-map.org)

# Accessing the Data (Python)

- AllenSDK python package (toolbox) for downloading raw and processed data
- Start with this [example](#) jupyter notebook

**A Jupyter/Python notebook  
is just a web app that lets  
you interactively run  
python code, and look at  
the output.**

<http://jupyter.org/>

# Accessing the Data (Python)

- Run the notebook interactively ([binder](#))

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# Data Format

- Neurodata Without Borders (NWB).
  - HDF5 file
  - Includes stimulus data and metadata
- Used for CRCNS ephys data sets:
  - <https://crcns.org/>
- This [paper](#) has code snippets for reading;writing NWB data into matlab or python

# **What to do with all this data?**

## **You could:**

- 1) benchmark various motion correction/  
spike-extraction algorithms**
- 2) Validate previous work on bigger dataset**
- 3) Test new theories (running?)**
- 4) Use it for teaching**

# Observatory Data *Not* Good for:

- High temporal resolution (Calcium imaging)
  - Imaging frame rate is 30 Hz
- For now: anything requiring precise spatial position on retina
  - Eye movement ( $1/4$  RF width) not controlled for, until future release

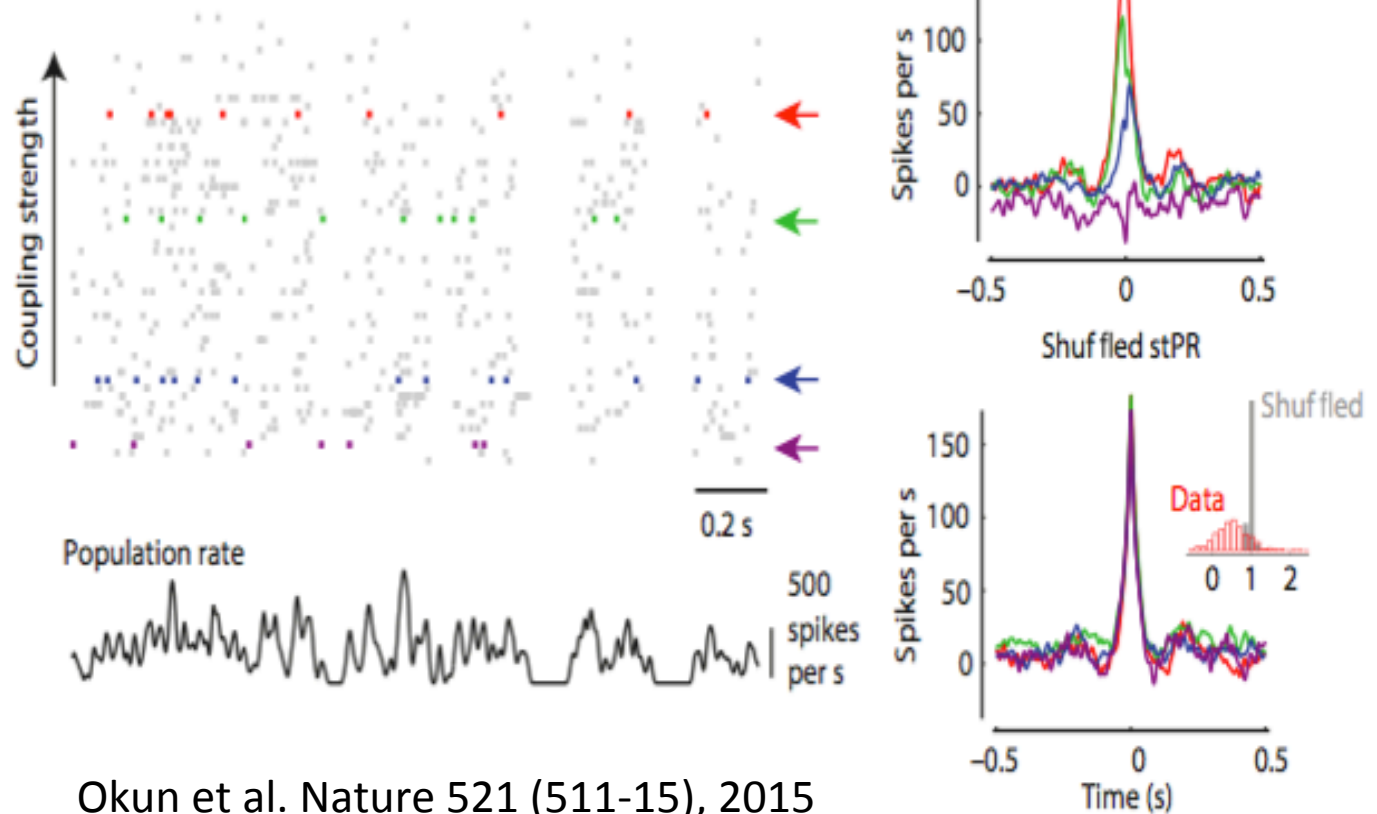
# Observatory Data Good for:

- Response variability with: areas, cre-lines, layers, running, pupil diameter (extract)
- Modeling signal and noise variability with brain state (Scholvinck 2015+)
- Encoding with correlations (Pillow 2008+)
  - Also as a function of tuning similarity (sign-rule?)
- Decoding with correlations
  - Does shuffling trials reduce performance?

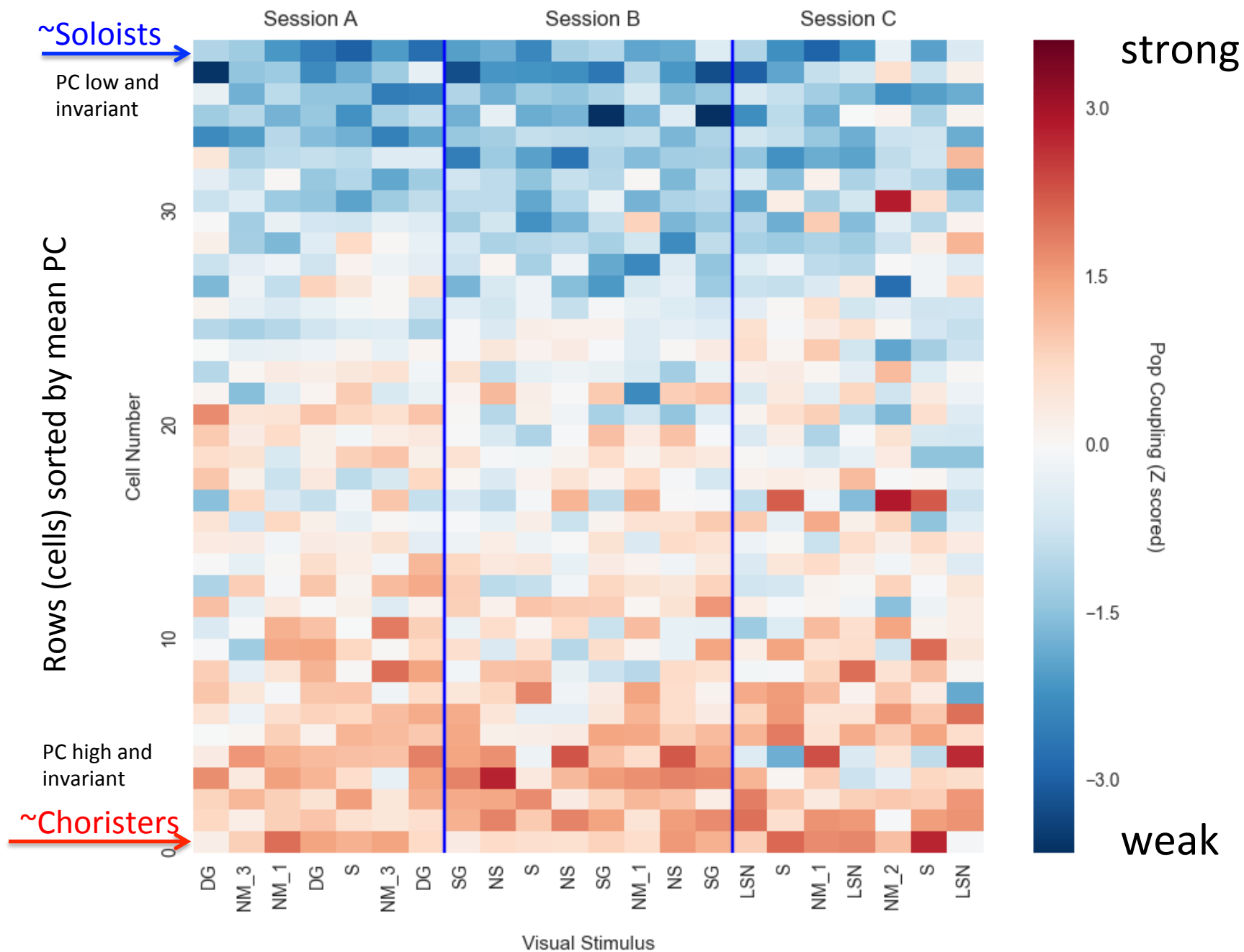
# Population Coupling: an invariant neuronal property?

Pop coupling:  
correlation  
between each  
cell's activity  
and total  
population  
activity.

Okun et al. Figure 1



Okun et al. Nature 521 (511-15), 2015



**Slides and Jupyter notebook:**

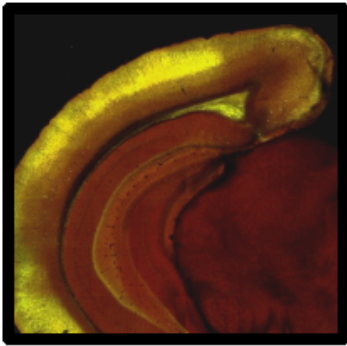
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**Much More info on Observatory:**

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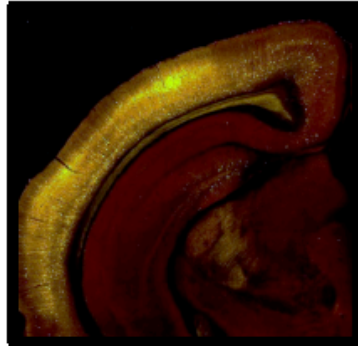
# Cre-lines

Cux2-CreERT2



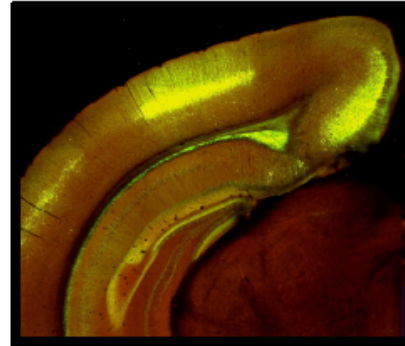
Layer 2/3 and 4

Rorb-IRES2-Cre



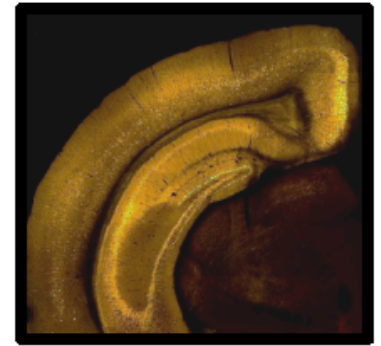
Layer 4

Scnn1a-Tg3-Cre



Layer 4

Rbp4-Cre



Layer 5

Cross with reporter lines that express the genetically encoded calcium indicator GCaMP6 in Cre positive cells



# Upcoming Data Dumps

| area   | V1  |   |   |   | LM  |   |   |   | AL  |   |   |   | PM  |   |   |   | AM? |   |   |   | RL? |   |   |   |
|--------|-----|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|
| layer  | 2/3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2/3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2/3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2/3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2/3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2/3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Cux2   | 8   | 6 |   |   | 6   | 6 |   |   | 6   | 6 |   |   | 8   | 6 |   |   | 6   | 6 |   |   | 6   | 6 |   |   |
| Emx1-S | 6   | 6 | 6 |   |     |   |   |   |     |   |   |   |     |   |   |   |     |   |   |   |     |   |   |   |
| Emx1-F | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   |
| Scnn1a |     | 6 |   |   |     |   |   |   |     |   |   |   |     |   |   |   |     |   |   |   |     |   |   |   |
| Nr5a1  |     | 6 |   |   |     | 6 |   |   |     | 6 |   |   |     | 6 |   |   |     | 6 |   |   |     | 6 |   |   |
| Rorb   |     | 6 |   |   |     | 6 |   |   |     | 6 |   |   |     | 6 |   |   |     | 6 |   |   |     | 6 |   |   |
| EXC    |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |
| EXC    |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |
| Rbp4   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |     |   | 6 |   |
| Ntsr1  |     |   |   | 6 |     |   |   | 6 |     |   |   | 6 |     |   |   | 6 |     |   |   | 6 |     |   |   | 6 |
| Pvalb  | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   |
| SST    | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   | 6   | 6 | 6 |   |

Green = June 2016  
Yellow = October 2016  
Orange = 2017

# GCaMP6f (Chen 2013)

Using the genetically encoded calcium indicator  
GCaMP6f to measure neural activity

